



Town of Waynesville, NC

Board of Aldermen – Regular Meeting

Town Hall, 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, NC 28786

Date: January 24, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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A. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Gavin Brown

1. Welcome/Calendar/Announcements
2. Adoption of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 special called meeting and the January 10, 2017 regular meeting, as presented [or as corrected].

B. PRESENTATIONS/CALLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

3. Tuscola High School Air Force Junior ROTC – Annual Report
 - Steven W. Roberston, SMSgt
 - Kevin Sutton, Lt. Col.
 - Cadets
4. Recreation Master Plan presentation and call for public hearing
 - Derek Williams, VP & Senior Project Manager - Alfred Benesch & Company

Motion: To call for public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon there after as possible in the Board Room of Town Hall located at 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, to consider the approval of the Town of Waynesville Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

5. Call for Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone 1678 Brown Avenue, PIN 8605-70-6170 from Hyatt Creek Regional Center Commercial District (HCRC) to Hyatt Creek Regional Center Commercial District Conditional District (HCRC-CD)
 - Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director

Motion: To call for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Board Room of Town Hall located at 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, to consider a request to rezone 1678 Brown Avenue, PIN 8605-70-6170 from Hyatt Creek Regional Center Commercial District (HCRC) to Hyatt Creek Regional Center Commercial District Conditional District (HCRC-CD)

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C. PUBLIC HEARING

6. Public Hearing to consider a map and text amendment to rezone 59 Abel Lane, PIN 8616-42-9030; 48 Misti Lane, PIN 8616-51-0949; and 12 Misti Lane, PIN 8616-52-0138 from Howell Mill Road Medium Density Residential to Howell Mill Urban Residential

- Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director

Motion: *To find/not find the request consistent with the 2020 Land Development Plan, as presented.*

Motion: *To approve a map and text amendment to rezone 59 Abel Lane, PIN 8616-42-9030; 48 Misti Lane, PIN 8616-51-0949; and 12 Misti Lane, PIN 8616-52-0138 from Howell Mill Road Medium Density Residential to Howell Mill Road Urban Residential, as presented.*

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

7. Manager's Report –Town Manager Rob Hites

8. Attorney's Report – Town Attorney Woody Griffin

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD

G. CALL ON THE AUDIENCE

H. ADJOURN



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CALENDAR

January 24, 2017

2017	
Tues, Jan 24 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Wed, Feb 1 2:00 p.m. Town Hall Board Room	Historic Preservation Commission – PUBLIC COMMENT session to gain input on the nomination of Greenhill Cemetery to the National Register
Tues, Feb 14 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, Feb 28 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, March 14 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, March 28 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, April 11 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Fri, April 14	Good Friday Town Offices Closed
Tues, April 25 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, May 9 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, May 23 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day Town Offices Closed
Tues, June 13 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, June 27 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session

Tue, July 4	Independence Day Town Offices Closed
Tues, July 11 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, July 25 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, Aug 8 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, Aug 22 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Mon, Sept 4	Labor Day Town Offices Closed
Tues, Sept 12 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, Sept 26 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, Oct 10 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Tues, Oct 24 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Fri, Nov 10	Veteran's Day Town Offices Closed
Tues, Nov 14 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Thur & Fri, Nov 23-24	Thanksgiving Town Offices Closed
Tues, Dec 12 6:30 PM Town Hall Board Room	Board of Aldermen Meeting – Regular Session
Mon – Wed, Dec 25-27	Christmas Town Offices Closed

Board and Commission Meetings –February 2017

ABC Board	ABC Office – 52 Dayco Drive	February 21 3 rd Tuesdays 10:00 AM
Board of Adjustment	Town Hall – 9 S. Main Street	February 7 1 st Tuesdays 5:30 PM
Downtown Waynesville Association	UCB Board Room – 165 North Main	February 24 4 th Thursdays 12 Noon
Firefighters Relief Fund Board	Fire Station 1 – 1022 N. Main Street	Meets as needed; <i>No meeting currently scheduled</i>
Historic Preservation Commission	Town Hall – 9 S. Main Street	February 1 1 st Wednesdays 2:00 PM
Planning Board	Town Hall – 9 S. Main Street	February 20 3 rd Mondays 5:30 PM
Public Art Commission	Town Hall – 9 S. Main Street	February 9 2 nd Thursdays 4:00 PM
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission	Rec Center Office – 550 Vance Street	February 22 3 rd Wednesdays 5:30 PM
Waynesville Housing Authority	Waynesville Towers – 65 Church Street	February 22 3 rd Wednesdays 3:30 PM

BOARD/STAFF SCHEDULE

Wed – Fri, Feb 1 – 3, 2017	Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager	NC City and County Managers Association Winter Meeting Raleigh, NC
Tue – Fri, Feb 14 – 17, 2017	Assistant Town Manager	Municipal and County Administration Course Chapel Hill, NC
Tue – Fri, March 14 – 17, 2017	Assistant Town Manager	Municipal and County Administration Course Chapel Hill, NC
Tue – Fri, April 25 – 28, 2017	Assistant Town Manager	Municipal and County Administration Course Chapel Hill, NC

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2017
6:30 P. M.

THE WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN held a special meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board room of Town Hall, 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, NC.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gavin Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Gavin Brown
Alderman Gary Caldwell
Alderman Jon Feichter
Alderman Julia Freeman
Alderman LeRoy Roberson

The following staff members were present:

Rob Hites, Town Manager
Woody Griffin, Town Attorney
Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director
David Foster, Public Services Director
Phyllis Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting. This special meeting is to provide an opportunity for Board Members and the public to see the plans and ask technical questions regarding the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) U-5839 Russ Avenue Project. This workshop will serve as a learning session for the Board of Aldermen and for citizens of the Town of Waynesville, rather than an adversarial session. At a prior meeting the Board received comments from several individuals regarding Russ Avenue. In 2012 a proposal was presented to NCDOT regarding Russ Avenue. Mayor Brown said there are no good guys and bad guys at the meeting tonight, but rather about creating community awareness for the Board. Hopefully the Board can gather comments to present at their next regular meeting on January 10, 2017 for presentation to the NCDOT. Mayor Brown said it is very important for individuals to present their comments to the NCDOT, adding that citizen's voices and opinions are just as important as the Town of Waynesville. The Board of Aldermen has requested that JM Teague Engineering help with this process. Kristy Carter, Mark Teague and Reuben Moore with J. M. Teague Engineering, as well as representatives with the NCDOT, were in attendance, including Lyuba Zuba, Austin and Steve Williams. Representatives from CALYX were also in attendance.

Kristy Carter from JM Teague Engineering gave a presentation providing background/context on the project, the purpose of the meeting and the process to follow during the meeting. Ms. Carter has been working through a process with Development Services Director Elizabeth Teague regarding this project. Ms. Carter has been spending time working on what is needed from individuals at the meeting. The plan is to have a time check at 8:00 p.m. in order to get everyone out as soon as possible.

Ms. Carter explained the project purpose. Everyone has been on Russ Avenue and seen that it is congested, witnessed car crashes and interesting pedestrian situations. As NCDOT has been working through this process it is important to find solutions to these problems. Waynesville is changing and needs to become more pedestrian and bicyclist friendly. There is a gentleman in a wheelchair that is frequently seen traveling along Russ Avenue. The design to be evaluated and talked about tonight deals with those three things. There will be a time for everyone to review the maps and return to receive public comments. NCDOT took the time to draw out plans and what you see tonight is not the final answer. NCDOT can make adjustments and changes according to what they hear from the public comments. Engineers are in attendance and they are requesting public comments on experiences when traveling along Russ Avenue and what impacts businesses. The Russ Avenue corridor has been broken down in sections and time will be allowed for questions on each section.

1. Walnut - N. Main to Boundary (majority of people were interested in this section)
2. Boundary to Walnut
3. RR Bridge to Waynesville Plaza
4. Waynesville Plaza to Howell Mill Road
5. Howell Mill Road to Frazier Street
6. Frazier Street to Phillips Road

Each section will be discussed separately. The Walnut Street area, from North Main Street to Boundary Street, was of interest to the majority of the individuals in attendance. The Board of Aldermen is aware of this. In terms of time, Ms. Carter said when we come back into the public comment section if someone already has given the information you are giving please make that be known. At 6:45 p.m. everyone went to look at the maps. In fifteen minutes everyone will return to the Board Room for the public comment period. Color coding will be explained at the maps. The meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Carter said time will be spent on the Walnut Street portion of the corridor, but she asked that time be allowed to review other areas of the corridor as well. Time will be allowed to capture some of the items that have already been heard. As citizens were given an opportunity to speak their questions and comments were recorded. Answers to questions may not be available tonight, but Development Services Director Elizabeth Teague will get answers to the questions to put up on the Town of Waynesville website.

Section 1 – Walnut Street – N. Main Street to Boundary Street

Some comments already heard were concern on the project's impact on the Walnut Street historic district and the feeling behind that is that this designation was worked hard to receive and citizens would like to see it maintained. Traffic is different on this section of Walnut Street and there are specific concerns about the impact on the Presbyterian Church since they just made a large financial investment for improvements.

Development Services Director Elizabeth Teague said Waynesville's Historic Preservation Commission has asked if it could be possible to limit the project to end where Russ Avenue meets Walnut Street and to make improvements within the existing pavement only.

Mayor Brown said all the Board Members agree in theory with the historical aspect of Walnut Street that is foremost on people's minds tonight and has been made clear to all of them.

Charles McDarris lives and grew up at 28 Walnut Street and also owns the historic property at 52 Walnut Street. Both buildings are low impact office buildings. Mr. McDarris said he is emphatically opposed to the project as proposed by NCDOT in the Walnut Street area. None of the studies done by the Town have included this area. He asked for the Board's support to remove the historic district in the Walnut Street area from the project proposal and to present this request to NCDOT by resolution. Mr. McDarris said he has measured the pavement footprint which is 36 feet wide and the existing sidewalks which are 5 feet with one foot curb (48 feet total). There has been a lot of confusion on the existing footprint. In speaking with NCDOT they said they would stay within the footprint but the maps show that his historic wall, steps and tree would be removed. In speaking with NCDOT they said this project would be kept within the 45 feet but he asked about sidewalks which would then take out historic walls, trees (has counted at least 12) three lanes of traffic proposed on this section of Walnut Street is not necessary because they would only serve a few driveways and the more lanes you have the faster the traffic goes. It section of Walnut Street currently has two lanes. Main Street is two lanes and will always be two lanes. In keeping a 20 mph speed limit you could integrate bicycle lanes. A significant number of these homes have been occupied for at least 75 years. Everyone agreed when looking at the maps that this is a Russ Avenue plan, not a Walnut Street plan. Sidewalks there are sufficient. Easements throughout the neighborhood are permanent easements and take up 2/3 of his yard. Mr. McDarris requested traffic data, some of which is incorporated at Walnut/North Main St. In 2016 the average daily traffic is 5,400 cars per day. In 2040 they are proposing 6,000 per day. Rush hour traffic in 2016 is late afternoon (432 cars). 480 are predicted during rush hour in 2040. Cars move very well with the existing light and it is very easy to turn right on red, even during rush hour. There is no congestion. Every 1 minute and 15 seconds there will be one more car. Mr. McDarris asked for the Board's support to save the historic area of Walnut Street. The majority of the people in the room agreed with comments made by Mr. McDarris.

Russ Parker said Charles McDarris has been a good friend of his for years. Mr. Parker owns the property at 99 Walnut Street, on the corner of Branner Avenue and Walnut Street, and has spent thousands of dollars renovating the property to commercial standards. NCDOT's plan removes all the trees on his property. The trees along this street are beautiful and part of the community. When you

remove these trees it removes the barrier of trees that prevent cars from crashing into the houses. It removes the rock wall as well and basically puts them as a target to anyone coming up Russ Avenue. The easement comes within 12-14 inches of the front of his house and includes the steps coming into his house. Mr. Parker is very happy to see the Town of Waynesville creating ADA compliant sidewalks, but property owners are concerned about the physical protection of their property. Parking will be lost and the proposed sidewalk will take about 8 feet from the front steps. He felt that the proposed project is unnecessary in this area and appreciates the Board in their rejection. It is also important to the people that have invested money in their properties that this plan is not only squashed but removed. Just the plan being published has diminished the value of his property.

Philan Medford said she has looked at the sidewalks between Main Street and where Russ Avenue begins and the sidewalks need to be improved. She cannot use the sidewalks because they are not ADA compliant. The intersection needs behavior modifying by adding a slip turn lane similar to what has been done at Carolyn's Pointe.

Bo Prevost, a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church agrees with what has already been said. She called NCDOT when she saw the newspaper article and was told absolutely not that the church was not involved in this, that it was at Duvall's Restaurant. She would like to know when this proposal was made.

Linda Pearson, PO 1859 Maggie Valley, also attends Presbyterian Church. She supports NCDOT's proposal for making urban transportation improvements along Russ Avenue where shopping and restaurants are located. The proposal introduces the urban roadway into the historic district, but does not feel that it is warranted or wanted. The proposed right of way in this project would require removal of some of their AC Equipment. There is also the potential of introducing traffic noise and vibration which could result in damage to their foundation. Ms. Pearson suggested reducing improvements within right-of-way, and asked that funds be spent in other areas where improvements are needed.

Van Davis, 1941 Camp Branch, a cyclist feels that there is a misplacement or lack of need for bicycle lane on Walnut Street. As a cyclist he would choose to turn left on Walnut Street or right on Branner Avenue before cycling up the steep hill. A cyclist would not ride down Main Street and would take the less steep grade on Branner Avenue.

Section 4 – Waynesville Plaza to Howell Mill Road

No public comment on this section.

Section 5 – Howell Mill Road to Frazier Street

John Burgin, has been involved in several different projects in the Town of Waynesville. The pink cross section shown in the flyer is almost twice of what is there now. The increase in width of median will only increase the speed of traffic on the road. Feels that this goes against what was told 5 –

10 years ago regarding Russ Avenue. In Section 5 he is the trustee of the property where Arby's sits now. A turn in lane is shown and takes the front of Arby's and the Waffle House and would eliminate the drive thru and remove parking. He does not see the need for that turning lane.

Philan Medford said the landscaped median in the middle is very important. It provides landscape material when it is raining and you know where it is. It provides protection and an area to store vehicles in. Ms. Medford felt that the median is very important in Sections 3, 4, 5 & 6 (access management).

Section 6 – Frazier Street to Phillips Road

David Felmet asked What NCDOT plans to do in the area from Russ Avenue back to Walnut Street. He has heard some discussion about a round-about.

Brian Burch, NCDOT Engineer, responded to questions. He said NCDOT has a data driven process they use which is codified in the law that all projects must go through. Projects were done based on who had power. In 2009 a project was done through a process called SPOT. These projects were reviewed and released. This was part of SPOT 3.0, but would need to see who submitted a project, but was part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). That was put in the process, given scores and points from the Division 14. NCDOT takes the funding amounts according to how high the projects score. That is why it was included as part of this project. Mr. Burch explained MPO, Division, SPOT and STIP.

Alderman Roberson feels that NCDOT was looking at this project as US 276. Alderman Roberson is the Town of Waynesville's representative on the MPO. Mayor Brown not sure when the project was included. Mayor Brown thanked Alderman Roberson for serving on the MPO. The Town will also be talking about South Main Street.

Brian Burch said what NCDOT is looking at on the Walnut Street section is operational, bicyclists, and ADA compliance to make it better for Waynesville.

Russ Parker asked about a process to send comments to the specific people to get the Walnut Street area proposal reversed? Comment forms distributed at tonight's meeting have the contact information information. There is also a smaller comment form available with contact information.

Town Manager Rob Hites said the Board of Aldermen will submit comments to NCDOT and the public comments will be presented to NCDOT as well at the regular Board of Aldermen Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The public comment period for NCDOT closes January 13, 2017, Select study alternatives and 2nd public meeting will be mid-2017, right-of-way acquisition in 2020 and construction in 2022. The South Main Street process will be done at a separate time. Brian Burch said there is currently a conceptional

plan (feasibility study) for South Main Street which will be taken to lead it into the same process the Russ Avenue project is going through.

Time for the meeting on January 10 is 6:30 p.m.

David Felmet asked about the round-about project at the other part of Walnut Street. Brian Burch said sometime around summer a workshop will be held, but this is a different project. Each project stands on its own.

One question was how can the public stay up to date on these projects. Development Services Director Elizabeth Teague said the Metropolitan Planning Organization has the information and it is also posted on the Town's website. The Town of Waynesville has a sunshine list for those interested in receiving meeting agendas and other information. She asked anyone interested to provide their email address to Waynesville's Town Clerk. Agendas are posted on the Town's website and Waynesville is also in contact with the news media.

Provide email address to NCDOT if you want to stay informed about this project or give actual mailing address.

Mayor Brown asked about the cost of this project. Brian Burch said it is estimated at 518 million. Mayor Brown said the South Main Street project is 44 million.

Alderman Roberson asked if the Walnut Street Section of the project were removed would the project cost be reduced? Brian Burch said it could but these are estimates. He added that NCDOT has heard that the public wants the Walnut Street section removed. He added that this area has ADA Compliance issues and drainage that will not last forever, so you should at least consider bringing these maintenance issues up to compliance. These improvements are usually very expensive and usually go beyond what is estimated.

Charles McDarris did not feel that anyone has a problem with removing a 5 foot sidewalk and replacing it with a new 5 foot sidewalk and that the new sidewalk should be ADA compliant, but it should remain within the same footprint.

Citizens were thanked for their participation. Representatives stayed after the meeting dismissed to answer additional questions but the majority of people were satisfied with their questions that were answered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Gavin A. Brown, Mayor

Robert H. Hites, Jr.
Town Manager

Attest:

Phyllis R. Rogers, Administrative Assistant
Acting Town Clerk

Amanda W. Owens, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
January 10, 2017

THE WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN held its regular meeting on Tuesday January 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room of Town Hall, 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, NC.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Gavin Brown
Alderman Gary Caldwell
Alderman Julia Freeman
Alderman Jon Feichter
Alderman LeRoy Roberson

The following staff members were present:

Rob Hites, Town Manager
Woodrow Griffin, Town Attorney
Eddie Ward, Deputy Clerk
Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director
Joey Webb, Fire Chief
Bill Hollingsed, Police Chief

Representing the media:

Cory Vaillancourt, Smoky Mountain News
Allison Richmond, the Mountaineer

1. Welcome /Calendar/Announcements

Mayor Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the following calendar events including:

- Saturday January 14 – 11:00 am - MLK Weekend Activities – Pride March
- Sunday January 15 – 3:00 pm – MLK Weekend Activities – Commemorative Service – Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
- Monday January 16 – 8:00 am – MLK Prayer Breakfast – Lambuth Inn
- Monday January 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Town offices closed
- Altrusa Soup and Cornbread – January 17 – First United Methodist Church
- Monday January 23 – 5:00 pm – Haywood Chamber of Commerce Elected Officials Reception – Wells Event Center

2. Adoption of Minutes

Alderman Gary Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Alderman Julia Freeman, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING

3. Call for Public Hearing to consider a map and text amendment to rezone the following properties from Howell Mill Road Medium Density Residential to Howell Mill Urban Residential

- Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director

Ms. Teague explained to the Board that this property is owned by Mr. Thomas Moody. The properties consist of 1.65 acres adjacent to DC Plus Packaging warehouse, and convenient to the Town and the Town's Recreation Center. The request is to consider a map and text amendment to rezone the following properties from Howell Mill Road Medium Density Residential to Howell Mill Urban Residential;

59 Abel Lane PIN 8616-42-9030

48 Misti Lane PIN 8616-51-0949

12 Misti Lane PIN 8616-52-0138

The Howell Mill Urban Residential District was created in May 2016 in response to the need to create transitional zoning between the neighborhood along Howell Mill Road and the heavy commercial development along Russ Avenue. Mr. Moody brought his request before the Planning Board at the December 21, 2016 meeting and the Board voted to grant the request with seven Board members voting for the rezoning and one objection.

A motion was made by Alderman Jon Feichter, seconded by Alderman LeRoy Roberson, to call for a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday January 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. or as closely thereof as possible, in the Town Hall Board Room located at 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, to consider a map and text amendment to rezone 59 Abel Lane, PIN 8616-42-9030; 48 Misti Lane, PIN 8616-51-0949; and 12 Misti Lane, PIN 8616-52-0138 from Howell Mill Road Medium Density Residential to Howell Mill Road Urban Residential, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

C. NEW BUSINESS

4. Request approval of Letter of Commitment to uphold the Town's twenty percent (20%) match commitment for NCDOT Division 14 Needs Project to construct a pedestrian facility along Hazelwood and Plott Creek Road (TIP EB-5859, projected construction date 2023)

- Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director

Ms. Teague explained to the Board that the NCDOT project to construct a pedestrian facility along Hazelwood and Plott Creek Road has officially been placed on the Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) for construction in 2023. A letter of commitment to uphold twenty percent (20%) match of the cost to construct this pedestrian facility from Will Hyatt Road to Elysina Road is required. Ms. Teague said the estimated cost of construction is \$100,000.00. Therefore the Town would commit to approximately \$20,000.00 toward this project depending on actual costs at the time of construction. Ms. Teague added that this project was the highest scoring pedestrian project in Division 14.

A motion was made by Alderman Julia Freeman, seconded by Alderman LeRoy Roberson to authorize the Town Manager to sign a letter of commitment on behalf of the Town for the required match of 20% of the cost to construct this pedestrian facility from Will Hyatt Road to Elysina Road, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Request to Haywood County to obtain property and work with the Town to redevelop County property on Calvary Street as a new park

Ms. Teague told the Board that property located in the Pigeon Street Community was recently foreclosed on by Haywood County. It is located where Calvary and Craven Street meet in the Pigeon Street community. Together with other adjacent parcels owned by the county, this area could be cleaned up, a structure on the property that is a safety concern removed, and turned into a park that could be a community focal point. In pursuing this effort, the Town could gain control of the property and complete a park plan with neighborhood involvement. Ms. Teague said these park development efforts could be funded through a combination of grants and local investments.

Ms. Teague told the Board that since the time they had received their agendas, a private citizen has come forward to the County and expressed interest in purchasing the property.

Mayor Brown asked Police Chief Bill Hollingsed to speak to the Board concerning police calls involving this property. Chief Hollingsed stated that the police department had become involved with this area approximately 2 years ago. It has become an ongoing problem for the police department with about a dozen calls for service in the last year. This is where residents in the community have called the police department about suspicious activities, suspicious persons, and people hanging out and causing disturbances. Mr. Hollingsed said the property is a huge eyesore with overgrown grass and weeds, trash, and an unsafe structure. As a result of those complaints, the Police Department had asked residents what they would like to see in place of the eyesore it is now. Residents confirmed that they would like to have a park for the community that they could feel safe to take their family and children to.

Mayor Brown indicated he had spoken with Ms. Patsy Dowling of Mountain Projects, and she confirmed to the Mayor that having this park would benefit Mountain Projects because the site where they are now is very small. They would like to have an area where parents and children could gather comfortably.

Phillip Gibbs – Mr. Gibbs stated he was before the Board approximately one year ago asking to get recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The proposed park would uplift the community and get rid of the so called “rat hole” on this property. Mr. Gibbs said the property as it is now is a place where “druggies” hang out and is not a good place for the community. He asked the Board to consider pursuing buying this property. He suggested naming the park after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Michael Tate - Mr. Tate said he has interest in the property to form a new venture in the community. Mr. Tate said he agrees that the property needs to be cleaned up, and he said he is not opposed to a park. Mr. Tate’s idea for the area is an event center that would be a place for weddings, receptions, reunions private functions, parties, and community related events. Mr. Tate said he would clean up the property and obtain all permits and inspections that are required in opening this event center. He feels the event center would be a good project for the community.

Alfred Caldwell – Mr. Caldwell said that he is in favor of a park on the Calvary Street property. If a park is placed on the property, that would be something that could be accessed at no charge by residents. If an event center is placed on the property, more than likely there will be a charge for the use of the property, and not everyone can afford to pay.

Walter Bryson - Mr. Bryson stated he lives adjacent to the property on Calvary St. and he has had several problems with people who loiter on that property. He feels that if an event center is opened, it would cause more problems with alcohol and drugs. He also expressed concerns about noise that would be associated with gatherings. He does not want any problems that could be connected to an event center. Mr. Bryson encouraged the Board to purchase the property and put a park for the community there.

Alderman Jon Feichter expressed that he is very supportive of the option of a park on the property. He feels that there are several advantages to the Town, one being this would place a park in the general vicinity where there is not one now. Another advantage would be that the park will serve the entire community.

A motion was made by Alderman LeRoy Roberson, seconded by Alderman Jon Feichter, to direct staff to attempt to obtain property and work with Haywood County to redevelop lots on Calvary Street as a community park. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Resolution requesting the Haywood County Board of Commissioners to approve a fire district for the properties in and around the Junaluska Assembly

- Rob Hites, Town Manager
- Joey Webb, Fire Chief

Fire Chief Joey Webb gave a brief history of the Fire Districts within the Town of Waynesville. He said that when water lines were laid in the Town, a \$2.00 charge was added to the water bill for fire protection. In 2006 the County Fire Marshall proposed a fire district for each fire department within the county. This caused a problem because the city limits of the Town of Waynesville were not contiguous with the rural fire district that was currently in place. Seven areas were identified that were served by the Waynesville Fire Department, but were not in these districts. Since 2006, Chief Webb said that Ivy Hills, Howell Mill Road, and Eagles Nest have been included in the Waynesville Fire District. Chief Webb referred the Board to the Waynesville Fire District Map showing the properties that are not included in a fire district. He stated this will clean up four areas and place them in the rural tax district (Reinertson, Knollwood, Shingle Cove, and properties around Lake Junaluska). While reviewing the maps Chief Webb said that another property on Lloyd's Mountain had been discovered as not being in the fire district.

Chief Webb stated that the Town increased its ad valorem tax rate five cents per \$100 in assessed valuation to fund eight additional fire fighters. Due to the increase in the Fire Department's budget, the Town requests that the Haywood County Commissioners create a fire district that encompasses the properties that the Town has served for many years with six cents per \$100 tax rate. This will change the method and fairness of collections for fire service from a fee on the resident's utility bill to the customary method of collection, which is a fee on the ad valorem tax bill for fire service.

Manager Hites explained to the Board the next steps involved in the process of approving a new fire district. First, the County will set a Public Hearing and Chief Webb and the County Fire Marshall will present a statistical report, incident report, and the GIS map showing properties involved to the Commissioners. At that meeting the public will have the opportunity to express their opinion on the matter. The Commissioners will then vote to approve or disapprove the request. If approved, the request for the six cents per \$100 tax rate will be presented, possibly at another County Commissioner meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Julia Freeman, seconded by Alderman Gary Caldwell, to approve the resolution requesting the Haywood County Commissioners to adopt a fire district involving the area that the Town has continually served with fire and rescue services for many years. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Request approval of renewal of lease contract with Asheville Radio Group for radio transmitter located in the Municipal Building

Manager Hites told the Board that the Town had entered a one year lease on December 10, 2015 with SAGA Communication – dba Asheville Radio Group- to locate transmission equipment and use the radio tower at Town Hall. The reasoning behind this lease was to provide local programming on radio station 105.9 to the community. The equipment is currently located in an office space on the second floor, which makes the office space unusable for staff. North Carolina State Statutes states that in regards to leasing it has to be established that there is no need for the office space in order to lease to a private entity. Manager Hites expressed that the office space was needed to be used by the Town staff. The representative from Asheville Radio Group agreed to relocate the equipment to the top two shelves of a storage closet at the top of the stairs. Manager Hites stated that the monthly rent for the space is \$200.00 which will provide \$2400.00 per year in general revenue.

A motion was made by Alderman LeRoy Roberson, seconded by Alderman Gary Caldwell, to approve renewal of the lease contract with Asheville Radio Group for radio transmitter located in the Municipal Building effective February 1, 2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

D. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Manager's Report – Town Manager Rob Hites
a. Vehicle Purchases

Manager Hites said that in Section XI Special Authorization of the Budget ordinances allows the Budget Officer (Manager) to “affect transfers within the same fund. Notation of such transfers shall be made to the Board on the next Financial Report”. This broad authority has been used to purchase capital items when funds are freed up in both Capital and Operating budgets. Manager Hites explained to the Board that in the past if funds are found that have not been spent in Capital and Operating budgets, additional equipment has been purchased with these funds. A new Ford Explorer 4X4 has been purchased to patrol the Watershed by the Water Department and replace a vehicle that was transferred to the Police Department. The cost was \$26,842.87 including tax and tags. These funds came from unspent capital in the Water Department.

Another vehicle, a Nissan Leaf, was purchased for use in the Asset Management Division. This all electric vehicle is to be used for regional travel. The Division's Toyota Prius will be transferred to the Administrative Division to replace a vehicle that was wrecked several years ago and not replaced. The cost of this vehicle is \$23,302.54 including tax and tags. The funds for this car came from \$21,000.00 in savings derived from favorable purchasing in the Lease Purchase for vehicles funded in 2013. The Explorer has been ordered and the Leaf is in service.

Manager Hites said that he realized this has been a common practice when unspent funds can be used to purchase needed capital items, but he feels good budget discipline should be practiced, and

vehicle purchases should be approved in the annual budget. If additional capital purchases are needed, staff should return to the Board so the need can be evaluated and approved.

A motion was made by Alderman Julia Freeman, seconded by Alderman Jon Feichter, to approve a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to utilize the residual loan proceeds for the purchase of additional vehicles, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Attorney's Report – Town Attorney Woody Griffin

Town Attorney Griffin had nothing to report

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD

10. Town of Waynesville Resolution to NCDOT regarding Russ Avenue Project

Mayor Brown stated that the North Carolina Department of Transportation has presented their plans for the Russ Avenue Corridor Project. He said that a special Board meeting had been held, and the Board had heard many comments from the community concerning this project. He said Town Staff had formed a resolution from those public comments to be presented to the NCDOT as a result of that meeting. Mayor Brown read the resolution aloud and stated that he felt the resolution was consistent with the comments from the public, and with the Town's Land Design Standards.

Alderman Jon Feichter thanked Mayor Brown for his leadership in this project. He added special thanks to Mr. Charles McDarris and members of the public for their interest in not only the Historical District of the proposed plans, but the whole Russ Avenue project as well.

Manager Hites explained to the Board that the Resolution from the Board, along with the Resolution from the Historic Preservation Commission, and minutes from the comment sessions will be forwarded to NCDOT.

Alderman LeRoy Roberson brought up the fact that economically it would be a savings of money to the NCDOT if the project stayed within the current right of way.

Ms. Elizabeth Teague mentioned that the plans for the greenway that cross under Russ Avenue along Richland Creek have already been sent to NCDOT. She added that any comments that randomly came into the Town have been forwarded to NCDOT also. She said that the Town wanted to make sure that NCDOT get all the public comments before the January 13, 2017 deadline for comments. She encouraged anyone in the public who has concerns or wants to direct comments specifically to their property in this project to contact NCDOT by email or in writing.

Alderman Julia Freeman said that the Historic District of this project is a "no-brainer." She said this district has got to be protected. But she reminded everyone that this project will affect all of Russ Avenue. The property within Russ Avenue that is going to be lost when the NCDOT takes their right of way is tremendous. Some businesses will lose property and parking with the median in the center, and the seventeen foot right of way on each side of Russ Avenue. She said the tax base along Russ Avenue is the second largest tax base in the Town of Waynesville. The project will definitely impact the small businesses along the sides of Russ Avenue, and the tax base from those businesses. She said she would like to see more in the resolution referring to the small business and the impact the project will have on

them and the Town. Alderman Freeman said she wished that more effort could be placed on saving Russ Avenue.

Mayor Brown said in response to Alderman Freeman's statement that one of the items in the Resolution was the concept of reducing the size of the concrete median on Russ Avenue, so that less private property would be taken by the NCDOT. He told the Board that this will be a massive project, and it will go forward, so this is the opportunity to send comments to the NCDOT.

A motion was made by Alderman Gary Caldwell, seconded by Alderman LeRoy Roberson, to approve the resolution from the Town of Waynesville to the NC Department of Transportation regarding the Russ Avenue Project. The motion passed unanimously.

F. CALL ON THE AUDIENCE

No one addressed the Board

G. ADJOURN

With no further business, Alderman Gary Caldwell made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jon Feichter, to adjourn at 7:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST

Gavin A Brown, Mayor

Robert W. Hites, Jr., Town Manager

Eddie Ward, Deputy Clerk



Tuscola High School

Air Force Junior ROTC

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- **Goals & Measurements**
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CADET GOALS



- A. Increase number of cadets involved in extracurricular activities (*color guard, drill team, raider team, Kitty Hawk Air Society*) from 16 to 35.**
- B. Have all cadets attain a GPA of at least 2.5.**



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SCHOOL GOALS



- A. Complete at least four campus clean ups w/at least two per semester.**
- B. Organize one 'thanks to teachers' (faculty appreciation) event once a semester; during which all faculty members will have the opportunity to participate.**
- C. The cadet corps will coordinate and conduct six recruiting events during the school year (2016-2017) between all feeder schools.**



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COMMUNITY GOALS



A. Each cadet in the corps will average 18 hours or more of community service. (Achieve this goal through activities such as Relay for Life, blood drives, Adopt-a-Highway, and canned food drives.)

B. Send at least 160 letters of support and appreciation at least 15 care packages to deployed troops for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.



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Cadet Corps Wellness



83 Cadets Participating

- Last semester.
- Each cadet measured by (5) Physical Fitness Training (PFT) events.



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Community Service

- (As of 14 Dec 2016)
 - 143 community service events
 - or in other words...858.39 hours
 - Average number of hours per cadet is = 11.15



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Curriculum-In-Action (CIA) (a.k.a. Field Trips)



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Co-Curricular Activities

- Drill Team
- Color Guard
- Military Ball



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TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department Systemwide Parks Master Plan: 2017-2026 and the Site Specific Plan for Vance and Recreation Park by Derek Williams of Alfred Benesch of Charlotte, NC

AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Presentation/Call for Public Hearing
Item Number: 4-B
Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact: Rhett Langston, Parks and Recreation Director
Presenter: Derek Williams of Alfred Benesch

BRIEF SUMMARY:

The Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department Systemwide Parks Master Plan: 2017-2026 and the Site Specific Plan for Vance and Recreation Park were created through a public survey and three public meetings. Derek Williams presented the plan to the Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Commission on Monday, January 9. The commission voted to approve the plans.

As required, a public hearing will be held to gain citizen input on the presented Master Plan.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION: To call for public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Board Room of Town Hall located at 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, to consider the approval of the Town of Waynesville Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT:

The overall cost is \$9,820,000. This is a 10 year plan. The estimate for 2017 to 2021 is \$5,720,000 and for 2022 to 2026 is \$4,100,000. Funds would come from the general fund and any grants that are awarded to help in offsetting the costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Powerpoint presentation by Derek Williams
- Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department Systemwide Parks Master Plan: 2017-2026
- Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department Site Specific Plan for Vance and Recreation Park
- Minutes from Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department Advisory Commission approving the plans

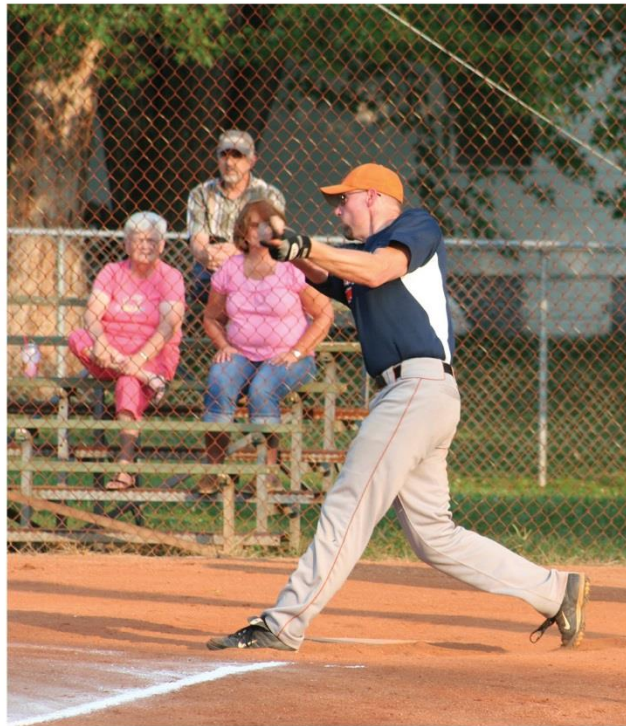
MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Action to be taken is to call for public hearing only – no additional action is required at this meeting.

Systemwide Parks Master Plan

Site Specific Master Plans: Vance Street Park & Recreation Park

Waynesville, North Carolina

January 24, 2017



Step One: Inventory



Skate Park



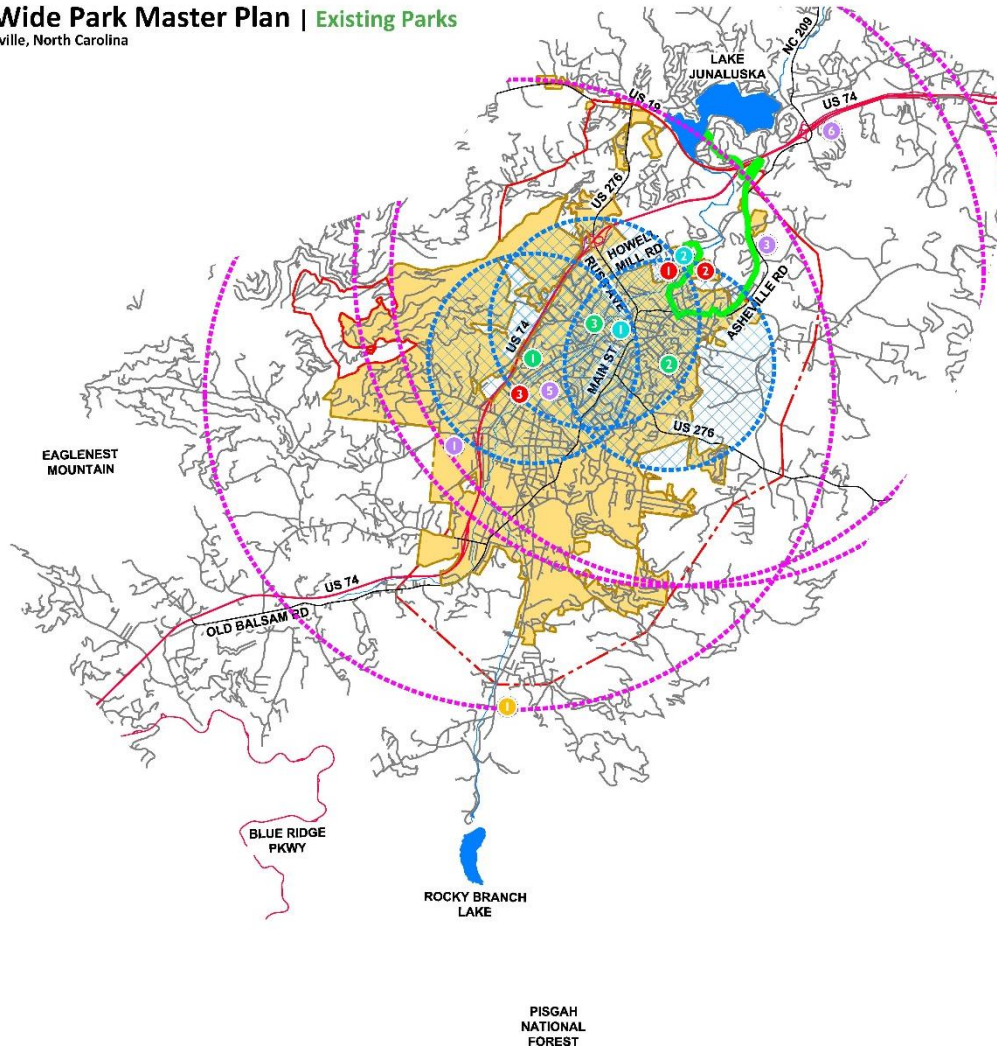
Waynesville Recreation Center

- Inventory of public parks and open space
 - Municipal Facilities
 - County Facilities
 - State/Federal Parks
- Review of existing school facilities

Step One: Inventory

System-Wide Park Master Plan | Existing Parks

Town of Waynesville, North Carolina



Town of Waynesville | 09.21.2016

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COMMUNITY PARKS

- 1 Recreation Park
- 2 Vance Street Park
- 3 Hazelwood Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- 1 Sulphur Springs Park
- 2 East Street Park
- 3 Chestnut Park

COUNTY PARKS

- 1 Allen's Creek Park

TOWN RECREATION CENTERS

- 1 Old Armory Recreation Center
- 2 Waynesville Recreation Center

SCHOOLS

- 1 Hazelwood Elementary School
- 2 Jonathan Valley Elementary School- outside limits
- 3 Junaluska Elementary School
- 4 Bethel Middle School-outside of limits
- 5 Waynesville Middle School
- 6 Tuscola High School

- Existing Community Park
(3 mi Service Radius)
- Existing Neighborhood Park
(1 mi Service Radius)

Greenway
Roads



Step One: Inventory

Review of current and projected population and demographic information

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Waynesville town, North Carolina

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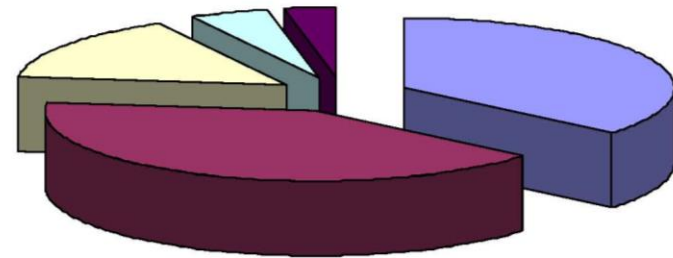
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PEOPLE		
Population		
Population estimates, July 1, 2016, (V2016)		NA
Population estimates, July 1, 2015, (V2015)		9,809
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2016)		NA
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2015)		9,863
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2016, (V2016)		NA
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2015, (V2015)		-0.5%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010		9,869
Age and Sex		
Persons under 5 years, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015)		X
Persons under 5 years, percent, April 1, 2010		5.5%
Persons under 18 years, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015)		X
Persons under 18 years, percent, April 1, 2010		17.8%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015)		X
Persons 65 years and over, percent, April 1, 2010		24.6%
Female persons, percent, July 1, 2015, (V2015)		X
Female persons, percent, April 1, 2010		53.4%

Step Two: Public Input

- Public Workshops
- Community Wide Survey
- Master Plan Steering Committee

2a. How would you rate the overall quality of Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities which you or members of your household have visited?



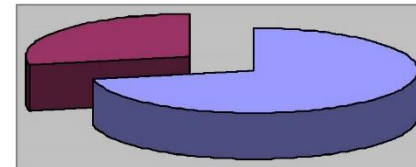
■ Excellent - 155 ■ Very Good - 174 ■ Good - 66 ■ Fair - 20 ■ Poor - 13

Step Two: Public Input

Key Findings

- Existing parks are heavily used and valued
- Waynesville Recreation Center and Recreation Park are the most used facilities
- Strong demand for expansion/ improvement of facilities; especially:
 - Skateboard Park
 - Tennis Courts
 - Waynesville Recreation Center
 - Dog Park
- Willingness to pay for improvements

Would you willing to pay additional taxes and / or higher user fees to support park and recreation facility improvements in Waynesville?

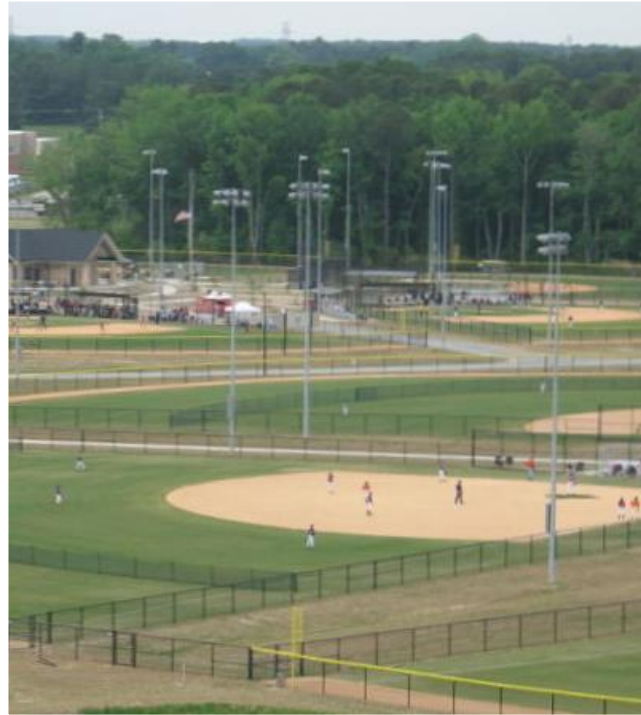


■ Yes - 280 ■ No - 111

Step Three: Development of Standards



Mini & Neighborhood
Parks



Community Parks &
Sports Complexes



Regional Parks &
Greenways

Special Use Facilities: Aquatics, Nature Preserves, Extreme Sports, Senior Citizens/Teen Centers

Step Three: Development of Standards

Parks by Classification

Park Types	NRPA Guidelines	Haywood County	Matthews	Mount Holly	Archdale	Belmont	Waynesville
Mini Parks	1-3 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-2 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-3 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-3 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-3 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-2 acres 0.5 acres/1,000	1-2 acres .25 acres/1,000
Neighborhood Parks	7-15 acres 2 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 1 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 2.5 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 2 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 2.5 acres/1,000	10-15 acres 2 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 2 acres/1,000
Community Parks	40-100 acres 5 acres/1,000	20-30 acres 2 acres/1,000	40-100 acres 5 acres/1,000	30-50 acres 4 acres/1,000	50-100 acres 5.0 acres/1,000	20-30 acres 2.5 acres/1,000	20-30 acres 5 acres/1,000
District Parks		200 acres 3 acres/1,000	± 200 acres 5 acres/1,000	200-400 acres 10 acres/1,000	± 200 acres 5 acres/1,000	200 acres 5 acres/1,000	200 acres 2.5 acres/1,000
Regional Parks*	100-250 acres 10 acres/1,000		100-250 acres 10 acres/1,000	+1,000 acres 10 acres/1,000	100-250 acres 10 acres/1,000	1,000 acres 10 acres/1,000	1,000 acres 10 acres/1,000

Park Type/Typical Acreage (Acres per 1,000 Population)

* Regional Parks are typically provided by state or federal agencies.

Step Five: Plan of Action

Park Needs

- Develop several mini parks
- Expand/Improve Neighborhood Parks
 - Add 1 or 2 Neighborhood Parks
 - Renovate East Street Park
 - Expand Facilities at Sulphur Springs and Chestnut Parks

Step Five: Plan of Action

Park Needs

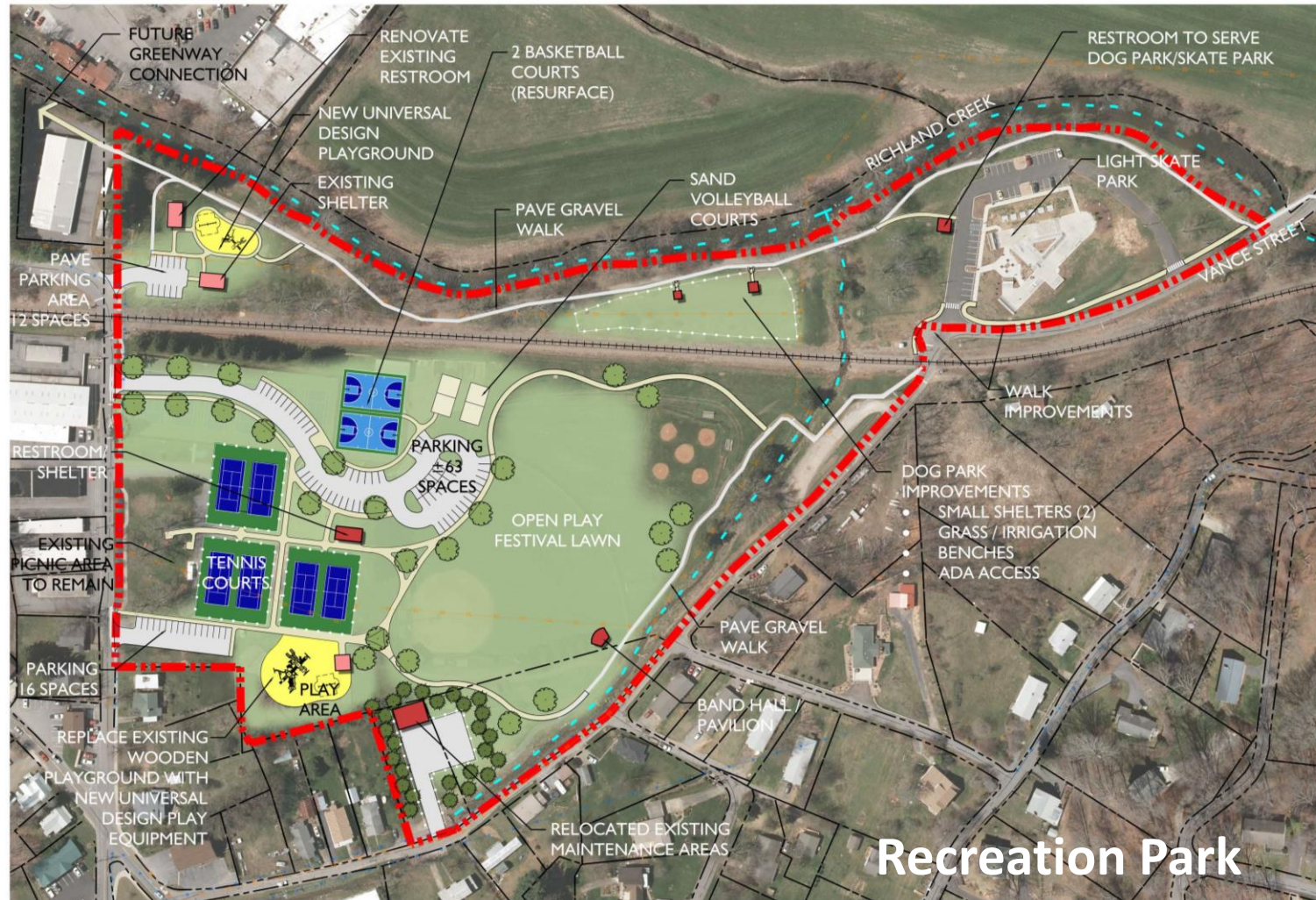
- Improve/Expand Existing Community Parks
 - Redevelop Recreation Park
 - Look for opportunities to expand existing Community Parks

Step Five: Plan of Action

Special Use Facilities

- Expand Waynesville Recreation Center
 - Expand Weight Room
 - Expand Aerobics Space
 - Add Therapy Pool
 - Add Outdoor Splash Pad
- Develop Greenway Master Plan/Expand Trails

Step Six: Site Specific Master Plans



Step Six: Site Specific Master Plans

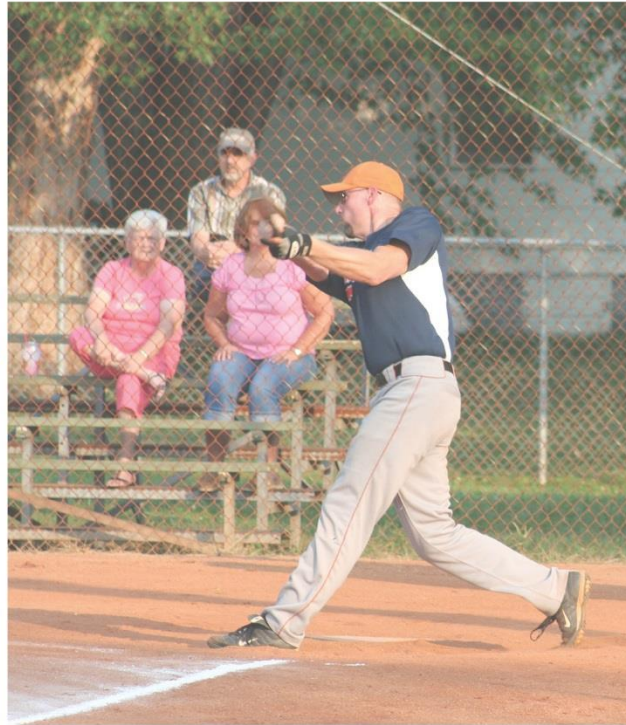


Step Seven: Project Cost

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Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Capital Improvement and Land Acquisition	10 Year Total	2017-2021	2022-2026
Existing Parks Renovation/Improvements			
Vance Street Park	\$750,000	\$750,000	
Recreation Park	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	
Hazelwood Park	\$250,000		250,000
Chestnut Park	\$500,000		500,000
East Street park	\$500,000		500,000
Sulpher Springs Park	\$250,000		250,000
Planning & Design (10%)	\$475,000	\$325,000	\$150,000
Renovation Total	\$5,225,000	\$3,575,000	\$1,650,000
Land Acquisition			
Mini Park			
Neighborhood & Community Park Expansion (20 Acres	\$250,000		\$250,000
Land Acquisition Total	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Park Development			
New Mini Park	\$250,000		\$250,000
New Neighborhood Park	\$750,000		\$750,000
Planning and Design (10%)	\$100,000		\$100,000
Park Development Total	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
Waynesville Recreation Center Improvements			
Weightroom/Aerobics Expansion	\$650,000	\$650,000	
Therapy pool	\$750,000	\$750,000	
Planning and Design (10%)	\$140,000	\$140,000	
Waynesville Recreation Center Total	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000	\$0
Special Use Facilities			
Greenway Trail Development	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Sprayground	\$550,000	\$550,000	
Planning & Design (10%)	\$155,000	\$55,000	\$100,000
Special Use Facilities Total	\$1,705,000	\$605,000	\$1,100,000
Total Capital Improvement Budget Cost	\$9,820,000	\$5,720,000	\$4,100,000

Questions?



SYSTEMWIDE PARKS MASTER PLAN: 2017-2026

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE



Final Draft
January 9, 2017

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



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APPENDIX C: CLASSIFICATIONS FOR PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAYS



Recreation programs and special events contribute to the quality of life for Waynesville residents

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Residents of Waynesville enjoy a wonderful quality of life. Abundant natural resources, scenic mountain landscapes, and friendly people make this area a wonderful place to live and visit. Parks and recreation facilities and programs are an important aspect of this quality lifestyle.

Recognizing the value that parks and recreation facilities play in the community, elected officials in Waynesville have historically supported the development and operations of parks. Throughout the years the Town has constructed several very nice parks and recreation facilities. In addition to its parks, the Town's indoor recreation facilities (Waynesville Recreation Center and Old Armory Recreation Center) provide a wide variety of indoor recreation programs.

In 2007, the County developed a Comprehensive System-wide Parks and Recreation Plan. This plan provided a number of recommendations for park improvements for the Town. Many changes have occurred in the area since the completion of the 2007 plan. The Town and County have accomplished some of the recommendations of the 2007 plan, but there are still improvements needed for parks and recreation facilities in the community.

The purpose of this master plan is to identify changes that have occurred in the years since the previous plan, work with citizens to develop a recreational needs analysis for the town and provide recommendations on park and recreation facility needs based on those needs.

The most important aspect of this planning study is identifying the public's desire for park and recreational facilities. The public was offered the opportunity to participate in the planning effort through:

- Three public workshops to discuss community recreational needs
- Interviews with park and recreation stakeholders
- Input from a Master Plan Steering Committee
- A community survey

Based on this input, standards for future park development, which were utilized in the 2007 plan, have been reviewed and updated.

With the public's desires for park and recreation facilities identified, demographic and population data is reviewed. Based on planning/census projections, the service area population for the Department has been determined to be 10,000, with a small increase in population over the next ten years (10,500).

By overlaying the standards for park development with the current and expected population growth, a needs assessment has been developed.

Park & Recreation Facility Needs

As described in Appendix C and discussed in *Section Four: Recreation Standards and Needs Assessment*, a park system is typically comprised of eight park types. These park types include:

- Mini Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- District Parks
- Regional Parks
- Greenways
- School Parks
- Unique/Special Facilities

Each of these park types provide recreation opportunities that are needed by residents. A variety of public and private agencies often play a role in providing a well-rounded compliment of park and recreation facilities.

As a small municipal Department, the Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department holds responsibility for providing Mini Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Community Parks.

Elected officials have significantly improved the facilities and programs offered by the Department over the past ten years. However, there are still improvements to be made; as identified in this study's needs assessment. These needs are identified based on the following park types:

Mini Parks

Mini Parks are the smallest of park types. They typically range in size from one-half to three acres and provide a limited range of activities (playgrounds, picnic shelters, benches, etc.). Mini Parks are usually found in municipal settings. Currently the Department does not provide any parks in this park classification. However, the Town does have several small civic spaces in the Downtown area that could be considered Mini Parks.

The national trend has moved away from the development of mini parks. Their small size and limited facilities often limit their recreational value. Likewise, their small size and geographic distribution often make maintenance expensive. Most agencies do not focus park development dollars on Mini Parks, but instead focus on the development of Neighborhood and Community Parks.

While the national trend has been away from development of these smaller parks, there are opportunities where Mini Parks could provide important civic space throughout the community. One opportunity for building a Mini Park would be the development of a small County owned property on Calvary Street. Other opportunities for development of Mini Parks could be achieved by requiring developers of residential communities to provide these small parks in new communities. The Town's Zoning Ordinance currently has provisions for park development as part of the permitting process.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks play an important role in providing both active and passive recreation in a community. Preferably in the 5-7 acre range, these parks are large enough to provide program space (ballfields, play courts, playgrounds, etc.) and still provide some areas for open space (wooded or open).



Sulphur Springs Park is one of the Town's Neighborhood Parks

Currently the Department provides three Neighborhood Parks (Chestnut Park, East Street Park, and Sulphur Springs Park). These existing parks are small by typical Neighborhood Park standards and two of these parks (Chestnut and Sulphur Springs) have very limited facilities.

In order to meet current and future demand, at least one additional neighborhood park should be constructed in the next ten years. Future parks should be located to serve residential neighborhoods that are not currently being served by a Neighborhood Park, and should be large enough (at least five acres) to allow a variety of park activities.

In addition to building new Neighborhood Parks, the Town should renovate East Street Park and add recreation facilities to Sulphur Springs Park and Chestnut Park. Any improvements planned for Sulphur Springs Park should take into consideration the unique historical aspects of this park.

Community Parks

Community Parks are the foundation of most park systems. With a desired size of thirty to fifty acres, Community Parks provide league play athletic facilities, while maintaining enough open space for passive recreation. Currently the Department offers three Community Parks (Hazelwood Park, Recreation Park and Vance Street Park). Hazelwood Park is extremely small for a Community Park and provides very limited recreation facilities. Vance Street Park and Recreation Park are much better examples of Community Parks; although, they are relatively small by Community Park standards.

Based on a standard of 5 acres of Community Park land for every 1,000 people, there is a need for an additional 8-12 acres of Community Park land in the town. This need for additional Community Park land does not indicate a need for a new Community Park, but does indicate the need to acquire additional property (if opportunities arise) to expand existing Community Parks.

In addition to potentially expanding existing Community Parks, there is a need to make renovations at all three of the Town's existing Community Parks. Site Specific Master Plans should be developed prior to making park improvements.

District Parks

District Parks are one of the largest park types. Typically in the 100 acre range, these parks provide a wide variety of both active and passive recreation opportunities. These parks are usually provided by large municipal agencies or county agencies. Haywood County developed a District Park just south of Waynesville several years ago. While the development of Allens Creek Park is a big step for the County and meets many recreational needs in the surrounding community, it is extremely small and has very

limited recreational facilities by District Park standards. The County also acquired property on Jonathan Creek Road for development of another District Park in the Waynesville area. While a master plan has been developed for the site, it is unclear when park development will occur.

It is highly unlikely the Town will develop a District Park on its own, but it should be open to future opportunities to partner with Haywood County to develop a District Park to serve Waynesville residents.

Regional Parks

Regional Parks are large parks that have a service area that cover an entire county or several counties. These large parks are predominately passive and are typically provided by large municipalities, counties, or state agencies.

Currently the State of North Carolina offers residents of Waynesville three state parks within an easy drive. These parks include:

- Gorges State Park
- Chimney Rock State Park
- Mount Mitchell State Park

In addition to these state parks, the U.S. Department of Interior offers visitor opportunities in the Nantahala National Forest. Recreation activities include hiking, biking, nature photography, wildlife observation, hunting, fishing, and boating. With the availability of these large Regional Parks, the Town should not focus their financial and administrative resources on the development of Regional Parks.

Special Use Facilities

In addition to these basic park types, well developed park systems also provide their constituents with a variety of specialized facilities. During the public input process, much attention was given to the importance (and need) of several special use facilities. These facilities include:

Greenways

Greenways are natural corridors often associated with stream ways that provide trails for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Town currently has a greenway trail that connects Vance Street Park with Lake Junaluska. This trail is a great start to a town wide greenway system. The community's desire for the development of walking trails, as well as the preservation of public open space, was expressed in the survey and at the public workshops. Based on this need for walking trails and greenways,

a greenway master plan should be developed and opportunities for greenway development should be sought.

Waynesville Recreation Center

Waynesville Recreation Center is an outstanding indoor recreation facility and is the Department's most heavily used recreation facility. While most everyone is pleased with the facilities and programs offered at the Center, the public engagement process identified several areas where citizens would like to see expansion of facilities. The following improvements were identified by the public:

- Expansion of the weight room
- Expansion of aerobics and exercise areas
- Development of an outdoor splash pad and sun decks
- Construction of a therapy pool

Renovations to Existing Parks

Many of the Department's parks are older facilities and need up fitting. Likewise, several of the Neighborhood Parks have very limited facilities. Each of the existing parks should be assessed to see how these facilities can be expanded and/or updated to maximize use. As noted above, the majority of the park sites are well developed and well maintained, but every park has some need for up-fit or expansion. There are some areas of infrastructure improvements (ADA improvements, playground improvements, etc.) that should be considered. As part of this planning process, Site Specific Master Plans were developed for Recreation Park and Vance Street Park. Similar plans should be developed for each of the Town's other existing parks in the future. The Capital Improvements Plan on Table 5-1 includes budgets for renovations to existing parks.

Community Partners

Haywood County Schools

While the Town has historically worked collaboratively with the school system, there is no joint use agreement in place to provide public use of school facilities outside of the school curriculum. In the future, if needed, the Town should consider working with the school system to develop joint use agreements to allow recreational use of the schools located throughout the service area.

Haywood County Recreation and Parks Department

Haywood County reinstated its Recreation and Parks Department in 2000 and currently works to provide parks and recreation service to all county resident. The two departments have historically worked together to

meet park and recreational needs for citizens. While each Department has its own mission in providing parks and services, they should continue to communicate and work cooperatively together; seeking partnership opportunities where feasible.

Role of the Private Sector

The private sector provides recreation facilities and programs that the Department and public sector are unable to offer. These facilities include golf courses, private swim clubs, tennis clubs, and private athletic associations and complexes. When supplied by the private sector, the demand for public development of these facilities is significantly reduced.

Land development is another area in which the private sector can assist in the provision of parks and recreation facilities. Land developers should be responsible for the dedication of open space as required by land development codes. The land development process provides an excellent opportunity to gain additional land for natural area preservation and greenway development.

Capital Improvement Program

An important component of the planning process is to identify the recreational needs of the community and then establish a budget for developing the facilities to meet those needs.

The Capital Improvement Plan for the acquisition, renovation, and development of parks for the planning period was prepared with input from department staff, the Parks and Recreation Steering Committee, and public involvement. All of the proposed costs are shown in 2017 dollar values. The capital improvement costs include funds for land acquisition, building construction, site preparation, site utilities, access, and parking along with renovation and significant maintenance improvements. The Capital Improvement Plan also includes estimated planning and design fees. It should be noted the capital cost shown in this plan are order of magnitude cost. The budget figures are not based on detailed plans, but instead are based on typical cost for the recreational facilities listed.

Table 5-1: Capital Improvement Plan shows the costs associated with the capital improvement program for the ten year planning period. The table reflects the proposals and recommendations as outlined in Section Four of this Master Plan.

Recognizing the significance of this capital improvements program to the Department's budget, Section Five reviews key funding/revenue sources that can be used to finance some of the capital improvements.

The following document identifies current and future park and recreation facility needs, and offers recommendations for meeting those needs. Like any planning document, this report is intended as a general guide to elected officials and department staff. It is anticipated that this document will be tweaked and changed to meet community needs/circumstances. Likewise, acceptance of this document by elected officials does not imply an approval of funding for any improvements. Instead, acceptance of this plan simply acknowledges the report and the hope that recommendations from this report will be used in incremental decisions regarding parks and recreation improvements in the future.

Table 5-1
Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Capital Improvement and Land Acquisition	10 Year Total	2017-2021	2022-2026
Existing Parks Renovation/Improvements			
Vance Street Park	\$750,000	\$750,000	
Recreation Park	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	
Hazelwood Park	\$250,000		250,000
Chestnut Park	\$500,000		500,000
East Street park	\$500,000		500,000
Sulphur Springs Park	\$250,000		250,000
Planning & Design (10%)	\$475,000	\$325,000	\$150,000
Renovation Total	\$5,225,000	\$3,575,000	\$1,650,000
Land Acquisition			
Mini Park			
Neighborhood & Community Park Expansion (20 Acres)	\$250,000		\$250,000
Land Acquisition Total	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Park Development			
New Mini Park	\$250,000		\$250,000
New Neighborhood Park	\$750,000		\$750,000
Planning and Design (10%)	\$100,000		\$100,000
Park Development Total	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
Waynesville Recreation Center Improvements			
Weightroom/Aerobics Expansion	\$650,000	\$650,000	
Therapy pool	\$750,000	\$750,000	
Planning and Design (10%)	\$140,000	\$140,000	
Waynesville Recreation Center Total	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000	\$0
Special Use Facilities			
Greenway Trail Development	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Sprayground	\$550,000	\$550,000	
Planning & Design (10%)	\$155,000	\$55,000	\$100,000
Special Use Facilities Total	\$1,705,000	\$605,000	\$1,100,000
Total Capital Improvement Budget Cost	\$9,820,000	\$5,720,000	\$4,100,000



The Waynesville Recreation Center provides a wide variety of indoor recreation activities to area residents

SECTION ONE INVENTORY

Introduction

The first step in the master planning process is to inventory and assess the parks and recreation facilities that are currently serving the citizens of Waynesville. In this time of economic challenge and limited budgets, it is extremely important to utilize existing facilities to their fullest potential. This section identifies the existing parks found in the town, categorizes each park into a classification based on size/function, and inventories the existing facilities found in each park. In *Section Three: Recreation Standards & Needs Assessment*, this existing facility information will be used to establish an assessment for future park and recreation needs.

Waynesville is somewhat unique for a municipality of its size. For a relatively small town, it has a very good parks and recreation department and offers recreation facilities that are not often found in communities its size. Very few towns with less than 10,000 residents offer their citizens facilities like a full-service recreation center, an indoor pool, or state of the art skate board facilities. The citizens of Waynesville enjoy a very high standard of parks and recreational programs. Likewise, residents living outside of Waynesville are benefiting from these outstanding facilities. With these type facilities, it is obvious that the Town's Parks and Recreation Department is also serving citizens that live outside the town limits.

Conversely, Haywood County offers very limited facilities that currently serve Waynesville residents. While the County's Recreation and Parks Department provides valuable facilities and programs to many of the county's unincorporated areas, few of these programs and facilities are focused on citizens of Waynesville. While many smaller communities in North Carolina can rely on their County agencies to provide larger parks (sports complexes or large passive parks), Waynesville must rely primarily on its own resources as it provides its citizens with parks and recreation facilities.

In addition to municipal and county parks and recreation facilities, Haywood County Schools has several school campuses (one high school, two middle schools and three elementary schools) in Waynesville. These school campuses offer indoor and outdoor recreational facilities that are also used for public recreation. While joint use agreements for these schools are not currently in place, it is important to recognize the potential value of these facilities for public recreation.

Finally, the private sector offers recreational activities throughout the town. These private sector options include golf courses, private swim clubs and residential amenity areas operated by homeowners' associations. These private recreation opportunities are an important component in meeting recreational needs of town residents.

This section identifies the existing parks and recreation facilities currently serving the citizens of Waynesville.



East Street Park



Sulphur Springs Park



Hazelwood Park

Neighborhood Parks

Chestnut Park 4 acres

One of Waynesville's newest park acquisitions, Chestnut Park is a 4 acre linear greenspace surrounded by single family residences. Currently the only recreation facilities at the park include a concrete pad and picnic shelter. Previously the concrete pad was used as an outdoor basketball court. The Town recently developed a concept plan for developing a small parking area on this park.

East Street Park 3 acres

Located on Howell Street, the park is fairly typical for a neighborhood park. Facilities include a playground, a basketball court, and a picnic shelter. Several large trees provide shade and offer a nice "park" setting. A paved driveway surrounds recreation facilities, but is not wide enough to provide good parking. ADA improvements are needed to provide access to recreation facilities. East Street Park is one of Waynesville's older parks. Existing facilities need updating and renovations.

Sulphur Springs Park 1 acre

Sulphur Springs Park is a small (1 acre) green space located among single family residences on Timothy Lane. The park is a nice greenspace with open lawn and scattered trees. The site has historical significance from the Confederate War and as the site of the Sulphur Springs Hotel. The only facility located on this park is a small gazebo located at the rear of the property, which was once part of the hotel. A nice white fence runs along the street edge. Informational signage on Sulphur Springs is located at the front of the park. This property has potential for historical introspection and passive recreation.

Community Parks

Hazelwood Park 3 acres

As a 3 acre park, Hazelwood Park is too small to be considered a Community Park, but because of the Women's Softball Field, it serves citizens beyond the neighborhood. The softball field is in good condition and provides valuable field space for the Town's softball program. The park's softball field dominates this small park and most all of the other facilities/amenities (restrooms/concession building, parking, picnic shelter, bleachers, batting cages, etc.) in the park service the field. Existing facilities are old and in need of updating. ADA improvements are needed. Potential facility expansion opportunities include adding a playground, outdoor basketball courts, and ADA accessible fishing pier.



Recreation Park Playground



Recreation Park Restroom/Shelter

Recreation Park 18.28 acres

Recreation Park is Waynesville's second largest park. It provides a wide variety of outdoor recreation activities. Located immediately adjacent to Vance Street Park, the two parks function as one larger park. Several recreational facilities (walking trail and disc golf course) and Richland Creek actually connect the two parks.

Recreation Park is a linear park that runs along Richland Creek. The park is divided into several activity nodes. The largest activity node is located along West Marshall Street just north of Walnut Street (Business 23). This activity node includes 6 tennis courts (and tennis gazebo), 2 basketball courts, men's softball field, playground and shelter. A mobile restroom serves this activity node. A paved walking trail runs through this activity node and connects to other nodes within the park. A large parking lot (paved and gravel) take up a significant portion of this activity node. The gravel portion of this parking lot was previously the location for the Town's swimming pool. This area has potential for development of additional recreation facilities. In addition to the recreational facilities, this area of the park also contains a maintenance facility (small maintenance building and outdoor storage area). The maintenance facility is located on park property adjacent to the railroad track. Truck and maintenance vehicles from this maintenance facility must travel through the park, potentially conflicting with park users. Relocating the maintenance area could eliminate these potential conflicts.

A second, smaller node is located north of the tennis courts. This activity node includes a small playground with gravel parking lot and restroom building. This activity node serves as a trail head to the greenway along Richland Creek and provides access to the dog park. Unfortunately, this activity node is separated from the main activity node by the railroad track.

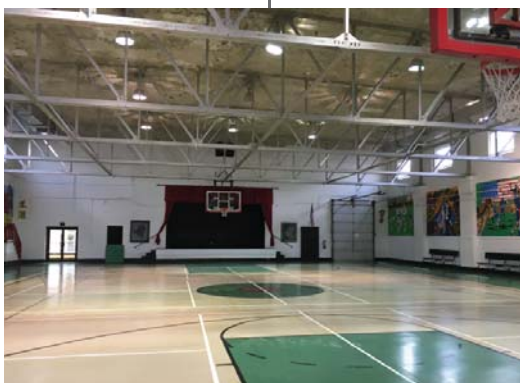
The third activity node at Recreation Park is the Skateboard Park. A relatively new addition to the Town's recreational facility offerings, the skate park is a state of the art skateboard facility that is extremely popular with area youth, and attracts skaters from throughout the region. In addition to the skating structure, this activity node contains parking for approximately 30 cars. Unfortunately there are no support facilities (restrooms, water fountains, shelters) to support the skating activities.

There are a number of improvements that need to be made at Recreation Park:

- The tennis courts are in poor condition. They should be demolished and rebuilt.
- The softball field is in poor condition and is not heavily used. Removing the softball field would allow better utilization of that area and allow the creation of some open space in the park.
- ADA improvements are needed throughout the park; especially to the playground and restroom north of the railroad track.
- The existing mobile restroom should be removed and a permanent restroom constructed.
- Lighting and support facility should be added to the skateboard park.
- Amenities (shelter, seating, etc.) should be added to the dog park area.
- Improvements are needed at the dog park.



Vance Street Park Softball



Old Armory Recreation Center Gymnasium



Waynesville Recreation Center Pool

Vance Street Park 23 acres

The center of Waynesville's indoor and outdoor recreation programs, Vance Street Park provides a wide variety of recreational opportunities. The focal point of the park is the 64,000 square foot Waynesville Recreation Center, an outstanding indoor recreation facility that offers gymnasium space, indoor aquatics, weight room, exercise/aerobics space and meeting/classroom space. See Indoor Recreation Facilities for additional information on the Waynesville Recreation Center.

In addition to the indoor recreation facilities found in the recreation center, Vance Street Park offers both active and passive outdoor recreation facilities including Men's Softball, Soccer/Multi-purpose Field, 2 Sand Volleyball Courts, Picnic Shelter, Disc Golf, Track, Walking Trails, and outdoor restrooms. Most existing facilities are in good condition, but the outdoor track is in poor condition and needs resurfacing. Other needed improvements include lighting the soccer fields, providing ADA access to all facilities, possibly relocating the disc golf course. Potential expansion opportunities include development of a spray ground, adding a therapy pool to the recreation center, expanding the weight room, and adding storage areas in the recreation center.

Both Vance Street Park and Recreation Park are small by Community Park standards. Typically Community Parks are 20 to 50 acres. Facilities in both parks are extremely congested. The Town should consider acquiring land adjacent to either of these parks if land (appropriate for park use) becomes available.

Indoor Special Use Facilities

Old Armory Recreation Center

The Old Armory Recreation Center (OARC) represents a strong community vision that established a new use for an outdated building; utilizing a community asset to its fullest potential. Built in 1936, this 11,600 SF building offers a wide range of indoor recreation activities. It contains a gymnasium with basketball court, stage, pottery rooms, cafeteria and kitchen. In addition to the indoor spaces, the facility also contains a greenhouse.

Programs offered at the OARC include indoor walking, corn hole, pottery, pickle ball, quilting, karate, square dancing, bridge, flea market, and community garden.

The building is in very good condition for an 80 year old building. The Town has done an excellent job in renovating and maintaining the building.



Waynesville Recreation Center Weight Room

Waynesville Recreation Center

Perhaps the most outstanding facility offered by the Department is the Waynesville Recreation Center (WRC). The WRC is an excellent indoor facility offering a wide range of indoor recreation activities. The center offers a full gymnasium (10,630 SF) with 2 courts and elevated walking track. A fitness center area(s) with 12,000 SF provides weight room, cardio exercise room, a separate stretch room, and 2 racquetball courts. In addition to the active recreation areas, the center offers 2 classrooms/meeting rooms and kitchen.

This is truly an outstanding facility for a town with a population of less than 10,000.

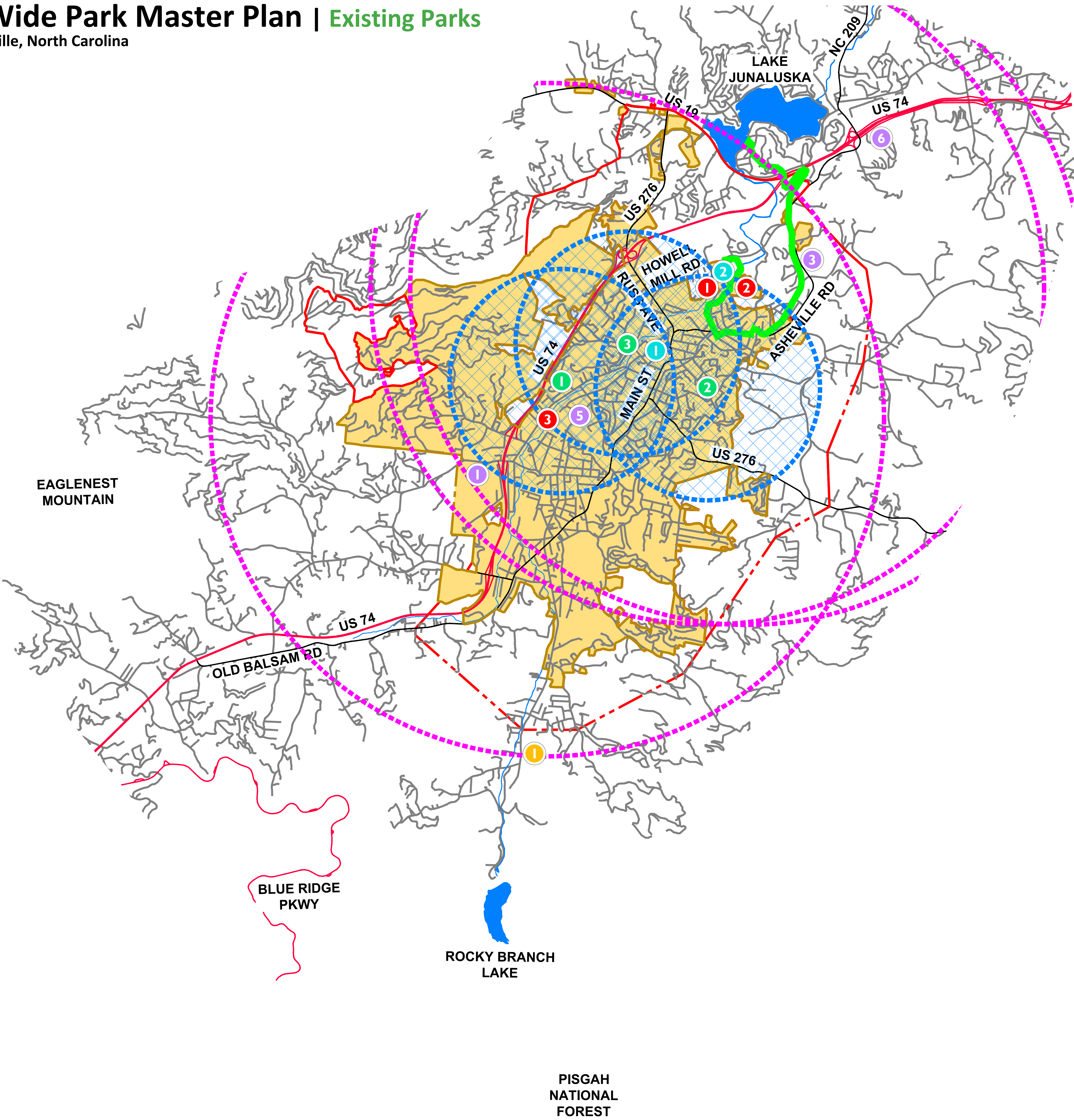
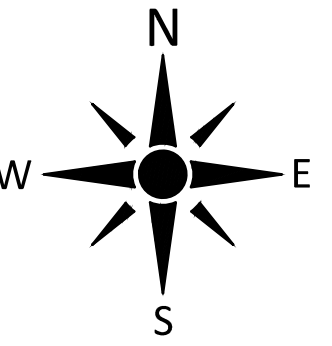
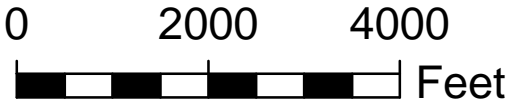
On the aquatics side of the building, the center contains a 15,900 SF indoor aquatics area with 25 meter pool and indoor children's water play area. Locker rooms (3400 SF) and lobby/gathering area (1550 SF) support the main recreation areas.

In addition to free play/use of the building, the Department offers programs in water aerobics, land aerobics, swim lessons, swim teams, dance classes, judo, Pilates, Zumba, Silver Sneakers, and many more.

Demand/use for this facility is extremely strong; creating some needed expansion to existing facilities in the building. The following building improvements that have been suggested by the public:

- Expand weight room
- Expand aerobic area
- Building outdoor splashpad and sun deck
- Expand storage space
- Expand aquatics area to include a therapy pool

Waynesville Preliminary Inventory of Existing Facilities																																					
Type	Name	Acreage	Adult Baseball Fields	Youth Baseball Fields	Men's Softball Fields	Women's Softball Fields	Soccer Fields	Football Fields	Multi-purpose Fields	Basketball Courts (Outdoors)	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	Shuffleboard Courts	Horseshoe Pits	Bocce Ball Courts	Playgrounds	Picnic Shelters	Gazebo	Trail/Greenway (Miles)	Mountain Bike Trail (Miles)	Water Access	Community Garden	Swimming Pool/Splash Pad	Dog Park	Skate Park	Grass Area/Open Space	Gardens/Passive Areas	Golf Course	Disc Golf Course	Gymnasium	Classroom	Fitness Equipment	Senior Center	Pottery Studio			
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COMMUNITY PARKS

- 1 Recreation Park
- 2 Vance Street Park
- 3 Hazelwood Park

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- 1 Sulphur Springs Park
- 2 East Street Park
- 3 Chestnut Park

COUNTY PARKS

- 1 Allen's Creek Park

TOWN RECREATION CENTERS

- 1 Old Armory Recreation Center
- 2 Waynesville Recreation Center

SCHOOLS

- 1 Hazelwood Elementary School
- 2 Jonathan Valley Elementary School- outside limits
- 3 Junaluska Elementary School
- 4 Bethel Middle School-outside of limits
- 5 Waynesville Middle School
- 6 Tuscola High School

- Existing Community Park (3 mi Service Radius)
- Existing Neighborhood Park (1 mi Service Radius)

- Greenway
- Roads
- Town Limits
- Waynesville ETJ





Richland Creek is a wonderful outdoor recreational resource

SECTION TWO THE PEOPLE OF WAYNESVILLE

Introduction

An important step in understanding the park and recreational needs of Waynesville residents is to develop an understanding of the people that make up the community. *Section Two The People of Waynesville* includes an assessment of the town's population and demographics and looks at changes that are occurring in the community.

In addition to reviewing the town's projected growth and demographic changes, the Needs Assessment included several initiatives to engage the public to gather information on public demand/expectations for future parks. These initiatives included:

- Community Survey
- Steering Committee comprised of Town Staff and Community Stakeholders
- Public Workshops

Through these efforts, considerable insight was gained regarding the public's desire for parks and recreation programs and facilities. This section discusses the information gathered in preparation of this Systemwide Parks Master Plan.

Town History and Context

Located approximately 30 miles southwest of Asheville, between the Great Smokey and Blue Ridge Mountains, Waynesville is Haywood County's largest town and serves as the county seat. Waynesville enjoys a wonderful mountainous location; just outside the Pisgah National Forest and in close proximity to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This ideal location, along with its scenic landscape and friendly people, make Waynesville a favorite tourist destination and desirable place to live.



Waynesville is surrounded by many natural resources

As part of the four county Asheville Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), Waynesville and Haywood County are included in the 5th largest metropolitan area in the state. Waynesville represents the third largest municipality (behind Asheville and Hendersonville) within this MSA.

Waynesville was founded in 1810 by Colonel Robert Love, an American Revolutionary War soldier. The town was named for General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, Colonel Love's former Commander during the war. The town was incorporated in 1871. Over 100 years later, in 1995, the town merged with Hazelwood to create Haywood County's largest town.

Waynesville has over a dozen properties (homes, businesses, etc.) listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The town was also the site of the "Battle of Waynesville", which was the last skirmish of the eastern

theater of the American Civil War. The battle occurred in May of 1865. The skirmish occurred when the Union Mounted Infantry (who were raiding and pillaging homes in White Sulphur Springs) was confronted by a detachment of rebels from the Thomas Legion of Highlanders. As part of this skirmish, soldiers from the Thomas Legion fired "The Last Shot" of the Civil War East of the Mississippi at White Sulphur Springs. Ultimately the disoriented Union Soldiers retreated to Waynesville and were surrounded by the Thomas Legion. Recognizing that Generals Lee and Johnston had already surrendered, the Confederate Commanders negotiated a peaceful surrender of this local skirmish; ending hostilities and minimizing loss of life.

Following the Civil War, Waynesville began to grow with the arrival of the railroad in 1884. The railroad helped connect Waynesville and Haywood County with the west and created opportunities for agriculture, forestry and tourism. The area of Waynesville located along Richland Creek was where the railroad tracks were constructed. This area was given the name Frog Level because it was low lying and sometimes flooded. With the construction of the Train Depot, commercial development expanded in this area. The Downtown area, and the nearby Frog Level commercial area of Waynesville, became the center of social life, transportation, wholesale and retail businesses through the 1940s. As the automobile (and ultimately trucks) became more prevalent, the railroad declined in importance, and town development extended beyond Frog Level. By 1950, passenger train service to Waynesville was terminated although freight trains continued to pass through Frog Level on their way on to Sylva. In 2014, Watco Companies purchased all of the railroad tracks running through Waynesville for its Blue Ridge Southern Railroad Short Line. This line connects Waynesville to Sylva to the west and Asheville to the east.

Today, Waynesville's connections to Interstate 40 is more important than its connection to the railroad. Through the interstate highway and the Great Smokey Expressway, Waynesville is connected to Asheville and Knoxville, Tennessee; making it a very convenient location.

The People of Waynesville

An important aspect of this planning process is understanding the people who make up the Department's Service Population. To better understand the park and recreational needs of the community, a review of data from the 2010 US Census provides valuable information on the demographic makeup of the community. This section identifies some of the community's unique demographics.

Waynesville has a relatively high percentage of female residents. While North Carolina's female population represents just over 51% of the state's total population, females comprise 53.4 % of the town's population.



Seniors utilize computers at the Town's indoor recreation center

Waynesville's population is also older than the state's population. Almost a quarter (24.6%) of Waynesville's population is 65 years and over. The senior population represents only 12.9% of the state's population. Likewise, the town's youth (persons under 18 years of age) represents a relatively small percentage of the overall population. Less than a fifth (17.8%) of the town's population are under eighteen, while almost a fourth (23.9%) of the state's population is made up of youth. This smaller percentage of youth is also reflected in the smaller household size found in Waynesville. While the state's average household contains 2.4 persons, the average household in Waynesville is comprised of only 2.01 persons; indicating many households without children or single parent households.

Waynesville is very homogeneous. Whites comprise 92.4% of the town's population. Whites make up 72.4% of the state's population. Conversely, Waynesville has a much lower percentage of Blacks or African Americans (2.4%) or Hispanics (5.7%) than the state; 21.5% and 8.4% respectively.

Economically, Waynesville residents lag behind the state with regard to median household income. Waynesville's median household income was \$35,708, while the state's median income was \$46,693. However, the town's per capita income (\$26,154) is slightly greater than the state's per capita income (\$25,608). Just over half (50.7%) of the town's population 16 years and older were in the civilian workforce. This is significantly lower than the state's percentage of population in the workforce (62.1%). This

lower participation in the work force may be a result of the Town's higher senior (retirement) population.

Understandably, the median value of an owner occupied home in Waynesville is slightly less than the median value of an owner occupied home from across the state (\$149,400 versus \$153,000).

Finally, the town has a relatively high percentage of residents under 65 years of age with a disability. Almost 15% (14.8%) of the town's population has a disability, while less than one tenth (9.5%) of North Carolinians have a disability. Likewise, almost one fourth (24%) of the town's population under the age of 65 reported not having health insurance, while only 13.1% of North Carolinians indicated a lack of health insurance.

These demographic statistics on the town's population provide some valuable information to consider in determining park and recreational needs for the community. Several characteristics that could affect park and recreation facility needs include:

- It is obvious from the age demographics, that the town has a very high percentage of residents that are seniors (65 and older). The town should continue to provide facilities and programs that meet the desires and interest of this senior population. Likewise, facilities and programs should be aimed at aiding the senior population in living active and healthier lifestyles.
- While the senior segment of the population is important, the Department should also be sensitive to the needs of its younger citizens, recognizing that almost one fifth of the population are youth.
- Another important finding from this review is the relatively large segment of the town's population that has some form of disability. With almost 15 % of the population under 65 years of age indicating a disability, the Town should move to make all of its parks and recreation facilities accessible to everyone and removing any ADA barriers that would keep the disabled from having access to Town facilities.
- Finally, with a relatively low median household income, many residents are living on limited budgets. Recreational facilities and programs should be made available to citizens of all economic levels.

Service Population

An important aspect of developing a comprehensive plan for parks and recreation facilities is determining the service population of the study. Ultimately, it is impossible to determine the acres of park land or the number of ball fields a community needs unless you know the number of people you are planning to serve.

Based on US Census data, Waynesville's 2015 (July) population was 9,809. This population figure was slightly less than the town's 2010 (April) census number of 9,859; indicating a very slight decline in population. While this small decrease in population should be noted, the town seems to be very a vibrant community with a wonderful quality of life; indicating a future with positive economic activity and a reasonable expectation of future growth. Further, population projection data from North Carolina's Office of Budget and Management (NCOBM) indicates that Haywood County's population will grow over the next 10 years by approximately 4%; projecting a 2026 County population of just over 63,000 people.

Based on Census data from NCOBM, this report will use the town's current population of 9,809 as the service population for this study. For ease of calculations, the report will slightly round up this population figure to 10,000.

As a ten year plan, recommendations in this report will be designed to meet the need of the town's population in 2026. For planning purposes, it is assumed the town will increase in population similarly to the projected population of the county's population; approximately 4%. Again, for ease of discussion and calculation, the projected population for the town (the projected service population) has been rounded up to 10,500.

There are two other factors that influence the community's need for parks and recreation facilities and indirectly impact the Service Population. First, it is important to realize that many users of the Town's parks and recreation facilities are not Waynesville residents. Waynesville's existing parks and recreation facilities are heavily used by Haywood County residents living outside the town limits of Waynesville. The demand for parks and facilities by citizens living outside the town places greater demand on the Town's existing facilities. Currently, non-residents are using parks and recreation facilities without paying higher fees.

A second factor that impacts the need for parks and recreation facilities is the number of residents that live in the community seasonally. Waynesville has a relatively high percentage of residents that spend their winters in warmer climates; primarily Florida. While these residents are fully invested in funding parks and recreation facilities through property taxes, they only utilize facilities during the spring and summer months. This seasonal change in park/facility use impacts facility needs and operational cost.



Many of those attending the public workshop were families with children

Public Input

Public Workshop

A community workshop to receive input on park and recreation needs was held from 4 – 7 PM on September 22, 2016 at the Waynesville Recreation Center. The workshop was held as an informal drop-in. Sixty-five citizens participated in the event; which represents a very good turnout for a public workshop to discuss comprehensive needs. A large number of those attending the workshop were youth.

After signing in, attendees were invited to review several display boards that identified existing parks within the Town, provided information on existing recreation opportunities typically found in municipal parks and offered images of recreation facilities/activities typically found in a town's park system. Following the information sharing displays, attendees were invited to share their opinions on existing parks, recreational needs, and ideas for improving parks and recreation facilities in Waynesville. Many of the questions asked were very similar to the questions asked on the community survey.

It should be noted that while 65 people signed up as attending this public workshop, not every attendee answered every question. Many of those in attendance were focused on voicing opinions on one or two specific issues or facilities and did not take the time and effort to respond to all questions.

The following is the public's responses:

Are you currently using park and recreation facilities in Waynesville?

Almost everyone responding to this question (39 of 40) indicated they use the Town's parks and recreation facilities. When asked what parks and facilities are being used, Recreation Park (31 responses) was the park most often listed; followed by Vance Street Park (14 responses). The most used recreation facility was Waynesville Recreation Center. Thirty-five attendees said they are using the recreation center.

How satisfied are you with existing public parks and recreation facilities in the Town?

Over three-fourths (78%) of those responding to this question said they were satisfied with existing parks and facilities. Fifteen percent indicated they were very satisfied. Only seven percent of those responding to this question indicated they were dissatisfied.

Do you feel the existing parks and recreation facilities in Waynesville are meeting your needs?

The majority of those responding to this question (21 of 35 or 60%) indicated that existing parks are partially (a write-in option) meeting their needs. Nine of the 35 respondents (26%) said existing facilities were not meeting their needs. Only 5 people responding to the question (14%) said existing facilities are currently meeting all of their needs.

Are additional parks and recreational facilities needed?

Everyone responding to this question (34) said additional parks and recreation facilities are needed.

When asked what facilities are needed, participants provided a list of over 25 different recreation facilities or programs.

The facilities/improvements that received the most responses included:

- Tennis court improvements (16)
- Restrooms (14)
- 50 meter pool (12)
- Therapy pool (11)
- Water fountain at skate park (9)
- Indoor playground (8)
- Clay tennis courts (7)
- Bike trails (7)
- Expand skate park (7)

Attendees were given a list of 26 indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and asked to identify the facilities they are currently using.

The following are the most used recreation facilities based on those that responded:

- Tennis courts (30)
- Swimming pool (19)
- Skateboard park (19)
- Walking trails (15)
- Water access (14)
- Soccer fields (13)
- Exercise equipment (10)
- Dog park (10)
- Open space / natural areas (7)
- Weights (7)

Attendees were then asked to identify facilities they would like to see added to the park system or expanded within the park system.

The facilities most often listed included:

- Swimming pool (67)
- Skateboard park (63)
- Tennis courts (60)
- Weight room (23)
- Walking trails (15)
- Water access (15)
- Playgrounds (13)
- Soccer fields (13)
- Bike trails (11)
- Pickleball courts (10)



Many public workshop attendees recommended improvements to the skateboard park

Attendees were asked if they would support additional taxes and/or higher user fees to support park and recreation facility improvements.

Almost three quarters (73%) of those responding to this question said yes, they would support additional taxes and/

or fees to improve parks and recreation facilities. Only 1 respondent said they would oppose additional taxes or fees. Almost one-fourth (23%) of those responding said it would depend on the circumstances. It should be noted that many of those attending the workshop appeared to be school (high school and middle school) age youth, and are not personally responsible for paying property taxes.

Before leaving the workshop, attendees were invited to leave comments on their park and recreational needs or anything they wanted to share as the plan is developed. Almost 60 comments were posted on the boards. Many of the comments had similar themes. The following issues/ comments were mentioned most often:

Improvements to tennis courts

- Repair/improve existing courts
- Provide restrooms at tennis courts
- Consider clay courts

Improvements to skateboard park

- Install water fountain
- Install lights

Improvements to swimming facilities

- 50 meter pool

Improvements to Waynesville Recreation Center

- Weight room expansion



Attendees were invited to share their opinions on park needs

Community Survey

To better understand the public's perception of existing parks and recreation facilities, and to gather input of recreational needs, the Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department staff conducted a community survey. The survey was distributed in hard copy at the Waynesville Recreation Center and the Old Armory Recreation Center.

It was also made public on the Town's website (www.waynesvillenc.gov) as an interactive survey. The website was marketed through local papers (The Mountaineer and the Smokey Mountain News) and through Haywood County Schools.

The following questions were asked:

1. Have you or other members of your household visited Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department facilities during the past 12 months?

2a. How would you rate the overall quality of Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities which you or members of your household have visited? (if your answer is yes then 2b; no then 3)

2b. Please rate the physical condition of the following facilities that you or members of your household have used in the past 12 months. Please use the scale of 1 = poor; 2 = fair; 3 = good; 4 = very good; and 5 = excellent:

3. Please check all the reasons you or other members of your household have chosen NOT to use the Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities:

4a. Please circle YES or NO if the current Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities are meeting your needs. If your answer is NO please add what is needed:

4b. For the following list of POTENTIAL parks and facilities in Waynesville please indicate if you and your household have a desire / want for these facilities YES or NO:

** Please list any other ideas that you may have for this question:*

5. Of the recreational facilities listed above that you have an interest in having in Waynesville which FOUR are the most important to you and your household?

6. Would you willing to pay additional taxes and / or higher user fees to support park and recreation facility improvements in Waynesville?

7. Including yourself, how many permanent residents live in your household?

8. Including yourself, please note the number of people in your household in each of the following age categories:

9. What is your age?

10. How many years have you lived in the Town of Waynesville?

11. Which of the following best describes your race / ethnicity?

12. Please tell us your gender.

The following is a summary of responses from the questions. Detailed responses can be found in Appendix B.

Have you or others of your household visited Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department facilities in the past 12 months?

The existing parks and recreation facilities offered by the Town are extremely heavily used by those responding to the survey. Almost 98% of respondents reported using facilities within the past 12 months.

How would you rate the over-all quality of Waynesville's parks and recreation facilities which you and members of your household have visited?

Citizens of Waynesville believe they have a very good park system. The vast majority of respondents (92%) rated existing facilities as Good or better. Over three quarters of the respondents rated existing parks and facilities as Excellent or Very Good. Only 8 % of respondents rated facilities as less than Good (Fair or Poor). Only 3% indicated the facilities as Poor.



Existing recreation facilities, like Waynesville Recreation Center, are heavily used by citizens

Please rate the physical condition of the following facilities that you or members of your household have used in the past 12 months. Please use a scale of 1=Poor,

2=Fair, 3=Good, 4=Very Good, and 5=Excellent.

This question listed 21 recreation facilities or parks and allowed respondents to rate them on a five (5) scale scoring platform from Excellent to Poor. Most all facilities associated with Recreation Park and Vance Street Park received very favorable (Excellent or Very Good) ratings. The highest rated facilities included the Skate Park, Vance Street Walking Track, Disc Golf Course, Waynesville Recreation Center, Vance Street Greenway, and Recreation Park Greenway. While no facilities received significant low ratings (Fair or Poor), the Town's smaller parks (those other than Recreation Park and Vance Street Park) received more moderate ratings (Good/Fair). Parks with these lower ratings included Hazelwood Park, Sulphur Springs Park, Chestnut Park and East Street Park.

Please check all of the reasons you or other members of your household have chosen NOT to use the Waynesville parks and recreation facilities.

Participants were given 13 options for why they had not used parks or facilities. The reasons most often listed were 1) "Activity times are not convenient" and 2) "Fees are too high". Each of these reasons received 38 responses. The next most listed reasons (both receiving 33 responses) were 1) "Facilities are not well maintained" and 2) "We use services other than Waynesville Parks and Recreation". One other reason listed by many respondents (28) was "Facility I want are not offered".

Please circle YES or NO if the current Waynesville parks and recreation facilities are meeting your needs. If your answer is NO, please add what is needed.

Of the 23 recreation facilities or parks that were listed, the majority of respondents that indicated a desires for those facilities or parks indicated their needs were currently being met. The level of met needs for each of the listings varied from a high of 87% (Landscaping in Parks) to a low of 55% (East Street Park).

Facilities that reported the highest levels of met needs (80% or greater) included Greenways, Waynesville Recreation Center, Disc Golf Course, Greenspace, Walking Trails, Picnic Areas, Fishing Pier, Softball fields, and Landscaping in Parks). Facilities and parks receiving the lowest levels of met needs (less than 60%) included East Street Park, Hazelwood Park, Sulphur Springs Park, and outdoor basketball courts.

The second part of this question allowed respondents to list improvements to existing facilities they felt were

needed. Over 140 response were made to this question. Improvements that received significant multiple responses included:

- Weight room needs to be expanded (13)
- Greenway needs to be expanded (10)
- Skateboard park needs light and water fountain (9)
- Dog park needs shade and grass (9)
- Aerobics room needs to be expanded (7)
- Need a baseball/softball complex (7)

Of the recreational facilities listed above, that you have an interest in having in Waynesville, which four are the most important to you or your household?

The facilities that received the highest number of votes (top ten) to be considered in the four most important facilities to receive improvements included:

- Expansion of Weight room at WRC (67)
- Expansion of aerobics room at WRC (55)
- Extend greenway (54)
- Therapy pool at WRC (46)
- Outdoor event/performance area (34)
- Additional Tennis Courts (31)
- Ropes Challenge Course (29)
- Community garden (26)
- Nature Study/Environmental education area (26)
- Pickleball Courts (25)

improvements in Waynesville?

Respondents to the survey expressed a willingness to pay for park improvements. Almost three quarters (72%) indicated they would be willing to pay higher taxes or user fees to support park improvements.

Overall the responses from the survey provide very good information from the public regarding their views on existing facilities and needs for future improvements. While the results from this survey is valuable, it should not be considered statistically valid or attributable to the town's entire population. The survey was not based on a random sample and the demographics of those responding to the survey (while mimicking many of the town's demographics), do not completely reflect census data information on the town's citizenry. The high number of surveys filled out by participants at the Waynesville Recreation Center should also be taken into consideration as survey results are considered.



The need for expanding the facilities in the Waynesville Recreation Center ranked high in the community survey

Would you be willing to pay additional taxes and/or higher user fees to support park and recreation facility



The indoor sprayground at the Waynesville Recreation Center is one of the Town's most popular recreation facilities

SECTION THREE RECREATION STANDARDS & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Introduction

This section contains the analysis and assessment on which the recommendations of this Systemwide Parks Master Plan are based. It begins with a brief look at the two parks Departments currently serving area residents. This review is followed by a summary of previous community planning efforts relevant to the parks in the community. Next, we look at standards other communities of similar size are using as they build their park systems. This review is based on a description of park types as identified by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) (Appendix C). Using these park types as a backdrop, we develop standards for parks and recreation facilities specifically for Waynesville. These standards are then used as a basis for establishing a park and recreation facility Needs Assessment for the Town.

It should be noted that the NRPA, in its 1995 report “Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines”, determined there are no “national standards” for park development. Instead, the latest NRPA study recommends that each community is unique, and that standards reflecting the local “uniqueness” should be established. Developing standards for parks and recreation facilities specifically for the citizens of Waynesville is the focus of this section.

This study looks at two types of development standards. The first analysis looks at total acreage of park land within the system and how this acreage is broken into park types. From this study it is possible to see how Waynesville’s existing parks compare with other communities, both in overall park acreage and park types within this overall acreage.

The second analysis looks at recreation activities and the facilities required to program these activities. By establishing a population-based standard for various recreation activities, this study establishes the type and quantity of facilities the Town should develop in the future.

The design standards used in this study were guided by citizen input. The development of these standards is perhaps the most important step in this planning process.

Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department

The Town of Waynesville has long recognized the value of parks and recreation to the quality of life in a community. The Department began as a development commission in 1956. It developed its first master plan in 1970. In 1975 the Town took over Parks and Recreation by establishing a Department. Today, the Department offers citizens of Waynesville indoor and outdoor recreation facilities at six Neighborhood and Community Parks covering over 50 acres of land. Existing facilities provide a wide variety of recreational experiences (see inventory sheet) including many indoor recreation activities at 2 outstanding indoor facilities (Waynesville Recreation Center and Old Armory Recreation Center).

The Department operates under the following Mission Statement:

To provide quality recreation opportunities for all citizens of the greater Waynesville area by providing indoor and outdoor facilities and to be a resource for those who seek to improve their quality of life through recreation.

The Department has over 30 full and part time employees, led by a Director, Athletic Supervisor, Aquatic Supervisor, Program Specialist, Fitness Supervisor and Administrative Assistant. A nine person Advisory Commission, comprised of Mayor/Board appointed citizens provides valuable guidance to Department staff on matters of parks and recreational programs.

Indoor recreation programs include a wide variety of Fitness Programs (Stretch and Walk, Cardio Fit, Zumba, Yoga, etc.), Dance Classes, Cooking/Nutrition Classes, Quilting Classes, Karate/Judo Classes, Indoor Pickle Ball, Pottery Classes, and many others. Aquatics programs include Aqua Aerobics, Swim lessons, Smokey Mountain Aquatic Club (S.M.A.C.), Red Cross training, free swim and Indoor Water Park.

Outdoor recreation programs include a wide range of "Base Camp" programming including hiking, paddle trips and outdoor adventure, as well as sports camps for soccer and basketball.

Haywood County Recreation and Parks Department

In April of 2000, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners reinstated the Haywood County

Recreation and Park Department. The Department offers a variety of active recreation programs including adult soccer, youth basketball, Special Olympics, and senior programs including Senior Games and the Happy Wanders program.



The County Department offers programs through park and recreational facilities at eight facilities. The County's largest park is Allens Creek Park, a 58 acre park that provides 4 multi-purpose fields, paved walking trail, playground and picnic pavilion. This park is located just south of Waynesville. Other County recreation facilities include Iron Duff, Fines Creek, Cruso, and Pigeon Community Centers, the Haywood County Agricultural Building, the Waynesville Library, and the Haywood County Agricultural and Activities Center. The Pigeons and Fines Creek Community Centers are leased to the Community Development Clubs and are operated and managed by them. The Cruso Center has been deeded to that club. The Haywood County Agricultural Building provides meeting space and a small outdoor amphitheater. The Agricultural and Activities Center provides a covered multi-purpose area, activities building and a livestock barn.

In addition to the County's existing park facilities, the County purchased 22 acres of property at Jonathan Creek for a second county park. In 2007 the County developed a master plan for this park that includes a baseball/softball complex, multi-purpose field, walking trails, picnic shelters, playground and 2 tennis courts. To date, no work has begun on this park.

The County and Town work collaboratively to coordinate efforts on programs and facilities whenever possible. While the County's move back into recreation and parks was an important step in providing facilities and programs for Haywood County residents, these facilities have limited impact on meeting the recreational needs of Waynesville citizens.

Previous Planning Efforts

Countywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan

In 2007 Haywood County completed a Comprehensive Systemwide Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The plan

looked at park and recreational needs for all county residents. Plan recommendations were divided into regions that included the unincorporated areas of the county and several of the county's towns. Under this structure, the master plan looked specifically at Waynesville and developed recommendations specifically for the Town. While it must be noted that the plan is almost a decade old, it is helpful to look at the findings and conclusions from this plan to see what relevance those recommendations have today.

The 2007 master plan established standards for parkland and recreation facilities. The countywide standards that were established back in 2007 are listed in the tables provided in this section for reference and for helping to determine the standards for this report.

The 2007 master plan also made recommendations for improvements to Waynesville's parks. As part of the 2007 plan, the following park improvements were recommended:

Waynesville Recreation Center/Vance Street Park

- 1,700 sf addition to Recreation Center for weights
- Renovations to existing softball field and restrooms

Recreation Park

- Demolish pool
- Renovate T-ball fields& softball field
- New restrooms
- Expand parking
- Putt-Putt Golf Course
- Splash Pad
- Indoor Tennis Courts (2)
- Skate park

Dutch Fisher Park

- Parking expansion on new park property
- New dugouts
- ADA improvements
- New Playground

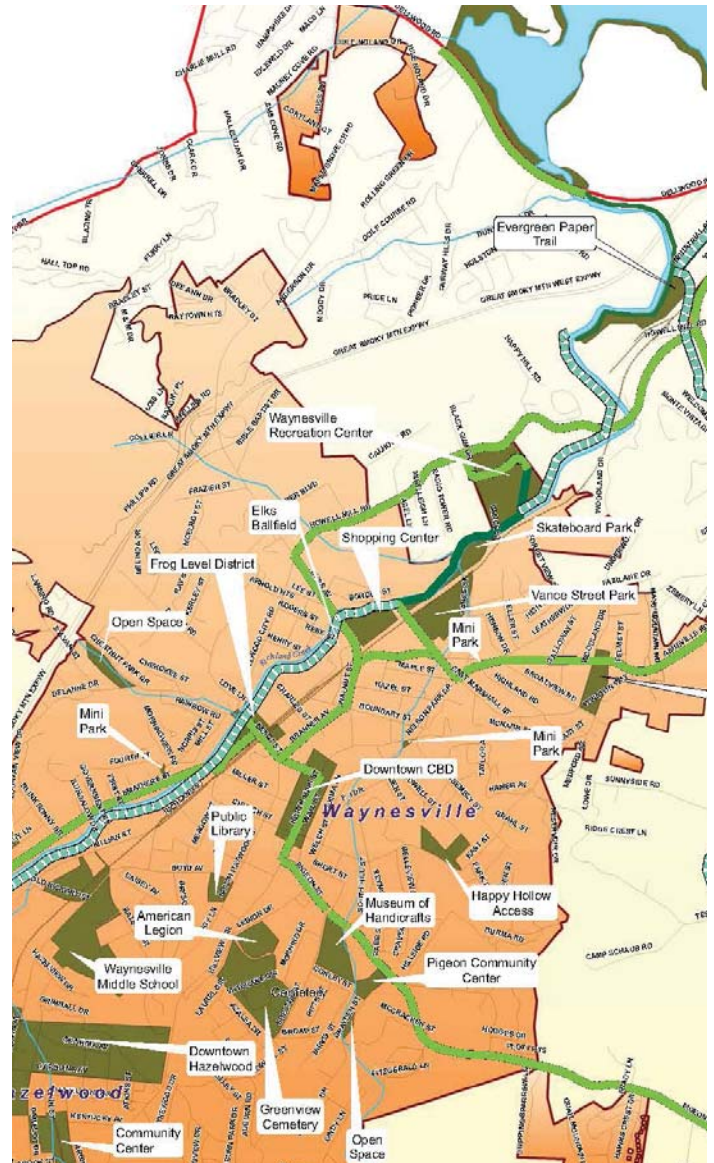
East Street Park

- Parking (20 spaces)
- ADA improvements
- Small restroom
- Replace playground

Sulphur Springs Park

- Parking (10 spaces)
- Walkways
- Improvements to gazebo

As part of the master planning process, order of magnitude cost were established for all improvements. The 2007 plan included approximately \$6.5 million in park and recreation improvements for the town. Unfortunately, very few of the proposed recommendation from this plan have been implemented.



Recommendations from the 2010 Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan include development of greenways

2010 Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan

In 2010, the Town completed a Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan. The planning process included an inventory and assessment of the Town's existing sidewalks and greenways, public engagement similar to the process used for this planning report, and recommendations for sidewalk and greenway improvements. The Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan recognized the value of greenways and identified the Town's existing greenway and recommended

extension of the Richland Greenway and development of a greenway along Raccoon Creek. The following recommendations regarding greenways were made:

- Extend the greenway system along Richland Creek and Raccoon Creek.
- Acquire ownership interest in properties, especially those within floodways, along corridors designated for greenway expansion.
- Post highly visible signage along the greenway and surrounding roads to inform residents and visitors of greenway access points.
- Provide more distinguished wayfinding signage along the greenway system.

In addition to the site specific recommendations (see proposed plan), the planning document provided very helpful information on the development of greenways and multi-use paths. While not a comprehensive greenway plan, the planning document provides very good information with regard to the value of greenways, pedestrian access to parks and improvements to make Waynesville a more walkable community.



Waynesville's existing greenway includes local art

2020 Land Development Plan

In 1999, the Waynesville Board of Alderman embarked upon a process to develop a 10 year vision for land development for the community. The guiding principle of the plan was to preserve the community's "small town atmosphere, open space, abundant resources, and easy/safe transportation access". The plan was titled "Waynesville: Our heritage, Our Future". The planning process was guided by a Steering Committee of local stakeholders and include public engagement. The plan was guided by Smart Growth Principles and incorporated all aspects of community development, including Parks and Recreation.

As part of the community wide planning process, the planning consultant developed a general inventory of existing parks and recreation facilities. Under Goals and

Objectives, the plan identified the following Objectives for Recreation and Cultural Resources that are directly related to parks and recreation:

Goal: Provide the resources needed for high quality recreation, cultural and economic activities.

Objective: Create a comprehensive and diverse mix of community facilities and public spaces to serve residents of and visitors to Waynesville.

- Design municipal and other governmental buildings to be more aesthetically pleasing and in keeping with the surrounding areas.
- Work with County and other interested entities to convert the Materials Center (old school on Pigeon Street) into a cultural/neighborhood center with surrounding park.
- Work with the School Board, the County and other interested groups to convert the Old Hazelwood School into a community center for arts/recreation/public meetings, etc. Maintain athletic fields for recreational use.
- Seek funding for incorporating cultural resources into public structures.
- Identify and maintain an inventory of outstanding scenic landscapes, roads and views, important street trees and other features which define the character of the Waynesville area.

Objective: Develop and maintain a recreation plan that provides programming and facilities to meet the active and passive recreational needs of the Waynesville community.

- Work with Haywood Waterways and the Richland Creek Action Committee to develop a comprehensive greenway plan for Waynesville building from the Richland Creek Greenway Plan. Develop the greenway in phases as proposed in the plan.
- Expand the number and size of community parks by utilizing land in flood prone areas and other lands of similar development restraints.
- Require open space and park dedication in larger residential developments.
- Encourage the County to explore recreational use of the landfill property on Francis Farm Road.
- Encourage the County and cooperate with other community partners to establish a complex of soccer fields on Haywood County property on Allen's Creek Road.
- Conduct a survey of park, programing and open space needs. Following the survey, begin to develop parks to address needs identified through the survey. Work with the Recreation Board and Staff to assure that

programs provided meet the recreation needs of the Waynesville Community.

- Apply for funding for the acquisition and development of park and recreation areas.

It should be noted that the 2020 Land Use Plan was developed sixteen years ago. Many of the site specific proposed objectives listed in the plan are not relevant today. What is relevant is the recommendations that indicate the importance of parks and greenways to the community's fabric and the desire to provide a wide variety of active and passive recreational opportunities to the citizens of Waynesville.

Standards for Development

The first step in developing a recreation and park needs assessment is to establish standards for park and facility development. Tables 3A-Park Acreage on page 3-9 and 3A-Facilities on page 3-10 provide an overview of standards used for both park acreage and facilities. Each of these tables provide standards used by other North Carolina municipalities (as well as standards used in the County's 2007 Comprehensive Plan) in establishing park and recreation needs. The final column on each of these tables indicates the standard of development recommended specifically for Waynesville. These recommended standards are based on input received from the survey, public workshop and stakeholder interviews.

It should be noted that the standards for development established for the Town of Waynesville are (in most cases) similar to other communities in North Carolina. Likewise, the needs that are identified in the plan will lead the Town to develop parks and facilities comparable to many other communities of similar size.

Park Needs

The description of park needs identified in this Master Plan are based on park types identified in Appendix C and as defined by the National Recreation and Park Association.

Mini Parks

Currently the Town has no Mini Parks, although there are several small civic parks located in the downtown area. While the national trend in park development has moved away from Mini Parks because of their limited play value and higher maintenance cost, there are some situations where Mini Parks provide important recreational value.

Based on a fairly common standard of development for

Mini Parks (.25 acres per 1,000 people), there is a need for 2.5 acres of Mini Parks in Waynesville. While the Town currently has several small civic spaces, there is a need for at least one Mini Park in the Department's park inventory.

One opportunity for meeting this need would be acquisition of County property on Calvary Street. Preliminary discussion between the Town and County indicate the possibility of the Town acquiring a ± 1 acre site for development of a small park.

It is also understood that in the future there may be situations/opportunities that may warrant the development of Mini Parks by the Town, or private entities may choose to develop small "Pocket Parks" as part of residential or mixed use development.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks are typically an important component of a municipal park system. Currently there are 3 existing Neighborhood Parks in the town covering approximately 8 acres of park land. All of the Town's existing Neighborhood Parks are small by NRPA Standards. Typically Neighborhood Parks are a minimum of 5 - 7 acres. The Town's Neighborhood Parks are all 4 acres or less. Likewise, all of the Town's existing parks are either underdeveloped (offering only minimal facilities) or they are in need of renovations.



Chestnut Park is Waynesville's newest Neighborhood Park

Based on the Town's existing population of 10,000, and a supply of only 8 acres of Neighborhood Parks, Waynesville residents have access to Neighborhood Parks at a ratio of less than one acre of Neighborhood Park land for every 1,000 people. This is a low parkland/user ratio. Most municipal departments strive to provide Neighborhood Parks at a ratio of 2.0-2.5 acres of park land per 1,000 people. While there was little demand for developing additional Neighborhood Parks expressed in the public

workshop or the community survey, based on this low ratio of Neighborhood Parks, there is a need for additional park acreage for Neighborhood Parks.

This planning report recommends a relatively conservative standard for Neighborhood Park development of 2.0 acres of park land for 1,000 people. This standard is greater than the standard established in the Haywood County Comprehensive Plan, but reflects the standard used by most municipalities throughout North Carolina. Based on a standard of 2 acre/1000 people, there is a need for 12 to 13 additional acres of Neighborhood Park land in Waynesville. Based on this assessment, there is a need for one additional Neighborhood Park, and possibly the expansion of one (or more) of the existing Town's Neighborhood Parks.

In addition to acquiring land for an additional Neighborhood Park, there is a need to make improvements to each of the Town's existing Neighborhood Parks. See *Section Four: Proposals and Recommendations* for recommendations for park improvements.



Vance Street Park is a good example of a Community Park

Community Parks

Currently the Town has three Community Parks on approximately 40 acres of park land serving local residents. One of the Town's Community Parks is extremely small by Community Park standards. Hazelwood Park is categorized as a Community park, because the ball field activities draw people from throughout the community. While the park functions as a Community Park from that standpoint, the park's size and limited facility offerings greatly restrict its recreational offerings. Likewise, Waynesville's two larger Community Parks (Vance Street Park and Recreation Park) are small by Community Park standards.

Utilizing a Level of Service (LOS) standard of 5 acres of

Community Park land for every 1,000 people, the citizens of Waynesville need approximately 6 - 8 additional acres in the Community Park category to meet current needs. As seen in Table 3A-Park Acreage, 5 acres/1,000 people is a relatively common standard of development for Community Parks. It is also a higher standard of development than the standard recommended in the County's previous Comprehensive Plan (2 acres/1000 people).

The need for additional park acreage within this classification does not indicate the need for an additional Community Park, but instead indicates a need for possibly acquiring property adjacent to the Town's existing Community Parks to increase their acreage.

In addition to expanding park acreage of Community Parks, all of the existing Community Parks have facilities that need renovation and/or expansion. See the inventory section and *Section Four* for additional recommendations for existing park improvements.

While the overall number of Community Parks has been met by the Town's existing Community Parks, it is important to realize that there are unmet recreational needs that could be met by making improvements to existing facilities at Vance Street Park and Recreation Park. See *Section Four* for more specific recommendations on existing park needs.

District Parks and Regional Parks

District Parks and Regional Parks are typically developed by larger municipal departments and/or county agencies. Most small to mid-size municipalities do not develop these larger park types.

Haywood County currently has one District Park; Allens Creek Park. It is extremely small by District Park standards, and has relatively limited facility offerings. While this park is located very close to the citizens of Waynesville, based on its small size and limited facility offerings, it is not fully meeting the needs of Waynesville citizens for a District Park.

The County also recently purchased a 22 acre park site on Jonathan Creek Road just northwest of the Town. While a Master Plan has been developed for the site, the County has not moved forward with development of the property.

While the development of a District Park may be outside the focus of the Town, the need for a larger District Park seems apparent; however, the development of a District Park should be the responsibility of the County. The

Town might consider partnering with the County in the development of a future District Park, if the program of development would include facilities that will benefit Waynesville residents.

With regard to Regional Parks, the citizens of Waynesville are very fortunate because of the abundant resources of the State and Federal governments in the region. Three North Carolina State Parks (Gorges State Park, Chimney Rock State Park, and Mount Mitchell State Park) are with relatively easy driving distance of the town. In addition to these State Parks, the US Department of the Interior offers several outstanding nature based resources in the area (Blue Ridge Parkway, Great Smoky Mountain National Park, and the Pisgah National Forest).

With these and many other natural resources found in the area, the need to develop a Regional Park should not a priority for the Town.



Rainbow Falls at Gorges State Park is one of the many natural areas available to Waynesville residents

Countywide Park Needs

Reviewing or assessing countywide needs is beyond the scope of this planning report, but one thing seems obvious from this study. Haywood County offers very limited parks and recreation facilities, and most of the facilities that are offered as not serving Waynesville residents. While the County reinstated the Recreation and Parks Department in the early nineties, very few new parks have been developed since the Department was reestablished. This situation results in a large number of county citizens not well served by existing county parks. Residents living in the unincorporated areas of the county have little access to typical park amenities like playgrounds, picnic facilities, ballfields, and walking trails. From the Town’s perspective this lack of parks and recreation facilities in rural areas

places even greater demand on the Town’s parks and recreation facilities.

Facility Needs

Minimum standards for recreational facilities (i.e., ballfields, courts, picnic shelters, etc.) proposed for the Town were developed from a review of standards used by other communities similar to Waynesville, and from input gained during the public input process. These standards, identified in *Table 3A-Facility Standards* and discussed in greater detail in *Section Four: Proposals and Recommendations*, are the minimum recreation facility standards for the Town’s park system.

Based on these standards, the number of public facilities needed in the park system are identified in *Table 3B-Facility Needs* and summarized in the following chart.

The “Existing Facilities” column indicates the number of existing recreation facilities Waynesville residents currently have available. The “Facility Need” column identifies the number of new facilities currently needed by town residents. Based on the relatively low projected 10 year growth for the Town, current recreations needs are also the 10 year projected need.

As an example of how the needs assessment is presented; consider playgrounds. Currently there are 3 existing playgrounds serving community residents. Based on the Standards for Facility Development that have been recommended for the town (one playground for every 2,000 people in the service population), there is a current demand for 5 playgrounds ($10,000 \div 2,000 = 5$); there is a need to construct 2 additional playgrounds (demand of 5-3 existing playgrounds) to meet the current demand.

	Existing Facilities	Facility Need
Ballfields	4	-
Football Fields	0	-
Soccer Fields	2	-
Basketball Courts	3	-
Tennis Courts	6	-
Volleyball Courts	2	-
Horseshoe	3	-
Shuffleboard Courts	0	1
Playground	3	2
Picnic Shelters	5	-
Hiking/Jogging Trails (miles)	2	4.3
Amphitheater	0	1
Community Garden	0	1

Indoor Swimming Pool	1	
Recreation Center w/Gym	2	-
Community Building	1	-
Dog Park	1	-
Skate Park	1	-
Disc Golf	1	-

Based on the standards established through the public input process, the primary recreation facility needs for Waynesville residents includes playgrounds, amphitheater, and walking trails. Sports facilities do not seem to be a priority. Unique recreation facilities (spraygrounds and community gardens) should also be considered. While there is not a need for a new Recreation Center, there are several improvements needed at the Waynesville Recreation Center. Likewise, there was demand for improving several of the Town’s existing parks. See *Section Four Proposals and Recommendations* for additional recommendations.

Table 3B-Facility Needs includes a summary of facility needs.

**Table 3-A Park Acreage
Town of Waynesville
Standards for Park Acreage
By Park Classification**

NRPA Guidelines & Communities of Similar Size

Park Types	NRPA Guidelines	Haywood County	Matthews	Mount Holly	Archdale	Belmont	Waynesville
Mini Parks	1-3 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-2 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-3 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-3 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-3 acres .25 acres/1,000	1-2 acres 0.5 acres/1,000	1-2 acres .25 acres/1,000
Neighborhood Parks	7-15 acres 2 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 1 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 2.5 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 2 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 2.5 acres/1,000	10-15 acres 2 acres/1,000	7-15 acres 2 acres/1,000
Community Parks	40-100 acres 5 acres/1,000	20-30 acres 2 acres/1,000	40-100 acres 5 acres/1,000	30-50 acres 4 acres/1,000	50-100 acres 5.0 acres/1,000	20-30 acres 2.5 acres/1,000	20-30 acres 5 acres/1,000
District Parks		200 acres 3 acres/1,000	± 200 acres 5 acres/1,000	200-400 acres 10 acres/1,000	± 200 acres 5 acres/1,000	200 acres 5 acres/1,000	200 acres 2.5 acres/1,000
Regional Parks*	100-250 acres 10 acres/1,000		100-250 acres 10 acres/1,000	+1,000 acres 10 acres/1,000	100-250 acres 10 acres/1,000	1,000 acres 10 acres/1,000	1,000 acres 10 acres/1,000

Park Type/Typical Acreage (Acres per 1,000 Population)

* Regional Parks are typically provided by state or federal agencies.

Table 3A – Facility Standards
Town of Waynesville
Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Recreation Facility Standards for Development

Facilities	National Recreation and Park Association	N.C. Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources	Haywood County	Matthews	Mount Holly	Archdale	Belmont	Waynesville
Fields								
Adult Baseball	1/12,000	1/5,000		1/15,000	1/15,000	1/15,000	1/10,000	1/20,000
Youth Baseball	1/10,000	1/10,000	1/5,000	1/10,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/2,000	1/10,000
Softball	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000
Football	1/10,000	1/20,000	1/10,000	1/20,000	1/10,000	1/10,000	1/5,000	1/20,000
Soccer	1/10,000	1/20,000	1/5,000	1/10,000	1/7,500	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000
Courts								
Basketball	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/10,000	1/10,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000
Tennis	1/2,000	1/2,000	1/4,000	1/4,000	1/2,500	1/2,000	1/2,000	1/2,000
Volleyball	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/10,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000
Shuffleboard	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/10,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/10,000
Horseshoe	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/10,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/5,000	1/10,000
Outdoor Areas								
Picnic Shelter	N/A	1/3,000	1/5,000	1/3,000	1/2,500	1/3,000	1/3,000	1/2,000
Playground Activities*	N/A	1/1,000	1/5,000	1/1,000	1/2,000	1/3,000	1/1,000	1/2,000
Trails								
Walking	1/region	.4 mile/1,000	1/5,000	.4 mile/1,000	.8 mile/1,000	.4 mile/1,000	.4 mile/1,000	.6 mile/ 1,000
Equestrian				.4 mile/1,000		.4 mile/1,000	.4 mile/1,000	.4 mile/ 1,000
Specialized								
Community Center	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/30,000	1/20,000	1/15,000	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/10,000
Gymnasium	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/60,000					1/10,000
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/20,000	1/10,000
Golf Course	1/25,000	1/25,000		N/A	N/A	1/25,000	1/25,000	1/25,000
Bicycling/Urban	N/A	1 mile/1,000		1 mile/1,000	1 mile/1,000	1 mile/1,000	1 mile/1,000	N/A
Camping				1 site/1,000		2.5 sites/1,000		N/A
Archery Area	1/50,000	1/50,000		1/50,000	N/A	1/50,000		N/A
Stream/Lake Mileage	N/A	.2 mile/1,000		.2 mile/1,000	.8 mile/1,000	.2 mile/1,000	.2 mile/1,000	.2 mile/ 1,000
Stream/Lake Access	N/A	1/10 miles		1/10 miles	1/10 miles	1/10 miles	1/10 miles	1/10 miles

**Table 3B – Park Needs
Town of Waynesville
Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Park Needs Assessment**

Park Types	Waynesville Standards	Existing Parks	2017 Demand 10,000 Population	2017 Need	2026 Demand 10,500 Population	2026 Need
Mini Parks	1-2 acres .25 acres/1,000	--	1-2 parks 2.5 acres	1-2 parks	1-2 parks 2.65 acres	1-2 parks 2.65 acres
Neighborhood Parks	7-15 acres 2 acres/1,000	3 parks 8 acres	3-4 parks 20 acres	1 additional park 12 Acres	3-4 parks 21 acres	1 Additional Park 13 Acres
Community Parks*	20-30 acres 5 acres/1,000	2 parks 44 acres	2-3 parks 50 acres	6 acres*	2 park 52.5 acres	8.25 acres*
District Park**	200 acres 2.5 acres/1,000	N/A		Responsibility of County		Responsibility of County
Regional Parks***	1,000 acres 10 acres/1,000	N/A		Needs met by State Parks		Needs met by State Parks

*Community Park: While there is not a need for a new Community Park, expanding property at the Town's existing Community Parks is desirable.

**District Park needs are typically met by county agencies. Small municipal agencies rarely provide District Parks.

***Regional Park needs are typically met by state parks. Small municipal agencies rarely provide Regional Park facilities.

Table 3B - Facility Needs
Town of Waynesville
Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Recreation Facility Needs Assessment

Based on a Benchmarking Analysis of national, state, and other similar agencies standards, and with input from the community, the following table reflects the recreational facility needs of Waynesville.

Facilities	Existing Facilities	2017 Standards	2017 Demand Population 10,000	2017 Need	2026 Demand Population 10,500	2026 Need
Fields						
Adult Baseball	0	1/20,000	0	0	0	0
Youth Baseball	1	1/10,000	1	0	1	0
Softball	3	1/5,000	2	0	2	0
Football	0	1/20,000	0	0	1	0
Soccer/Multi-Purpose	2	1/5,000	2	0	2	0
Courts						
Basketball	3	1/5,000	2	0	2	0
Tennis	6	1/2,000	5	0	5	0
Volleyball	2	1/5,000	2	0	2	0
Shuffleboard	0	1/10,000	1	1	1	1
Horseshoe	0	1/10,000	1	1	1	1
Outdoor Areas						
Picnic Shelter	5	1/2,000	5	0	5	0
Playground	3	1/2,000	5	2	5	2
Trails						
Walking	2.0	.6 mile/ 1,000	6	4	6.3	4.3
Specialized						
Community Center	1	1/10,000	1	0	1	0
Gymnasium	1	1/10,000	1	0	1	0
Swimming Pool (indoor)	1	1/20,000	1	0	1	0
Stream/Lake Mileage	2	.2 mile/ 1,000	2	0	2.1	0
Stream/Lake Access	1	1/10 miles	1	0	1	0
Skate Board	1	1/10,000	1	0	1	0
Disc Golf	1	1/7,500	1	0	1	0
Dog Park	1	1/7,500	1	0	1	0
Splash Pad	0	1/10,000	1	1	1	1
Community Garden	0	1/10,000	1	1	1	1
Amphitheater	0	1/10,000	1	1	1	1



Bocce is a rapidly growing recreational activity in the southeast

SECTION FOUR PROPOSALS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Introduction

Community leaders in Waynesville have long recognized the importance of parks and recreation facilities in the quality of life in a community and have historically invested in parks. Overall the Town has some excellent parks, and certainly, the Waynesville Recreation Center is an example of the commitment town leaders have made to recreation.

Currently there are just over 52 acres of municipal park land serving Waynesville residents. The majority of this park acreage is found in the Town's two largest parks; Vance Street Park and Recreation Park. Based on a population of almost 10,000 people, there is a need for additional parkland (in Mini Parks, Neighborhood Parks and Community Parks). In addition, there are deficiencies in some recreational facilities and many of the town's parks are old (or underdeveloped) and need renovation. Finally, there is a need to expand walking trails and greenway connections throughout the community.

Identification of these recreational needs/opportunities comes at a time when Waynesville (like most communities in North Carolina) continues to grow out of the nation's worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. It is very important for the Town to invest the resources allocated for park improvements wisely.

Waynesville is not alone in its mission to provide parks and recreational facilities to its citizens. There are a number of public and private agencies and organizations in the community that could share in that role.

The Haywood County Recreation and Parks Department is also a provider of parks and recreation programs to Waynesville residents. While the County Department does an excellent job providing facilities and programs on a very limited budget, as this report indicates, the facilities and parks they offer are limited. There is a need for additional parks and facilities in the County's park system. Wherever possible, the Town and County should work collaboratively to improve park and recreation opportunities.

Another major player with the mission of improving community health and quality of life in Waynesville is Haywood Regional Medical Center. The Town should look for opportunities to partner with the hospital in the promotion of healthy lifestyles through the development of recreation facilities and programs that keep people active.

Haywood County Schools offer its students a wide range of athletic facilities. Some of those facilities are currently being used for non-school recreational purposes. While there is currently some joint use of facilities, the exploration and expansion of joint use opportunities would benefit taxpayers.

Finally, the private sector plays an important role in providing recreational opportunities in the community. A number of fitness clubs, neighborhood swim clubs, churches, and other private or quasi-private organizations provide valuable recreation opportunities to the citizens of Waynesville. The facilities and programs these private sector organizations provide should be considered as Waynesville plans development of future facilities.

To determine specific park and recreation recommendations for Waynesville, it is essential to clearly understand how the Town will partner with the other recreational providers in the community. This cooperative effort will eliminate duplication of facilities and services. The proposals in this Master Plan are based on what each recreational provider is anticipated to offer through the ten year planning period (2017-2026).



Mount Mitchell State Park

State of North Carolina

Several state parks (Gorges State Park, Mount Mitchell State Park and Chimney Rock State Park) are within a relatively short drive of Waynesville. It is anticipated that the State of North Carolina will continue to maintain and operate all state parks within the region. Waynesville,

along with other regional government agencies, should express their interest in seeing these parks enhanced to their utmost potential. This may include the expansion of facilities and recreational opportunities. The State should continue to offer a variety of recreational facilities and programs on a regional basis. In addition, the State should be the provider of regional state parks that include opportunities for camping, fishing, biking, and special facilities of regional and statewide interest.

Haywood County Recreation & Parks Department

As noted throughout this report, Haywood County Recreation and Parks Department is the primary provider of parks and recreation facilities to all citizens of the county. Since the early nineties, when the County chose to reinstate its Recreation and Parks Department, Haywood County has been responsible for maintaining parks and providing recreation programs to all county residents; including those living in Waynesville.

Unfortunately the County's park system is limited in the parks and recreation facilities it offers (See *Section Three: Recreation Standards and Needs Assessment*). A quick review of the County's existing facilities indicates very few facilities offered by the County actually serve Waynesville residents.

As the Town moves to expand its parks and improve its existing parks and greenways these improvements will enhance Waynesville residents, and will also benefit county residents as well. It is important that the Town and the County communicate (and work together) as they both strive to provide parks and recreation services to their citizens.

Haywood County School System

The Town has collaborated with other agencies and organizations in the community in the delivery of quality leisure experiences and the development and management of parks and recreation areas and facilities. The Parks and Recreation Department should seek opportunities to collaborate with Haywood County Schools.

With six school campuses located in the town, there are many opportunities for joint use of school facilities. The Department should look for ways to work with school officials to joint use school facilities. In return, the Department should be open to offering assistance with operation and maintenance of those facilities that are used.

Haywood Regional Medical Center

Citizens of Waynesville have access to an outstanding medical facility in Haywood Regional Medical Center. This facility provides residents of Waynesville and the surrounding area with excellent health care. Recent studies on obesity and healthy lifestyles have made it apparent that a community's health is linked to regular physical activity. Many of these activities are offered by the Town's Parks and Recreation Department.

The hospital and Town should explore opportunities to work together to assist citizens in achieving a more active lifestyle.

HAYWOOD
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

A Duke LifePoint Hospital

Waynesville Parks & Recreation Department

Proposals & Recommendations

As previously discussed, the Town of Waynesville is the primary provider of parks and recreation programs to community residents. Starting as a Recreation Commission, back in the 50s, the Department has continuously worked to provide quality facilities and programs to local residents.

Existing parks in the town are primarily oriented toward smaller parks (Neighborhood Parks and Community Parks). While the existing municipal parks provide a foundation of recreational facilities and green space, there are several recreational needs that are not adequately being met, and several of the existing parks are old and need some improvements.

While the Town is the primary provider of parks to Waynesville residents, it should work with other agencies in the community to provide the park land and facilities whenever possible. This collaborative effort should include working with the County's Recreation and Parks Department. Likewise, the Town should work with Haywood County Schools by developing and maintaining joint use agreements on school facilities wherever possible.

Through the planning and public involvement process, standards for community park acreage and recreation facilities have been developed. These standards were defined in *Section Three: Standards and Needs Assessment* and identified in *Table 3A-Park Acreage and Table 3A-Facility Standards*.

Utilizing the standards for development and applying them to the Town's current and projected population, a needs assessment for both parks and recreation facilities was developed. The summary of this needs assessment is found in the tables at the end of Section Three.

While the tables provide "the numbers" of the needs assessment, this section will define the reasoning behind the numbers and a description of how the numbers are used to provide recommendations that will ultimately guide the Town in the coming decade.

We begin with an overview of the different park types and how these parks will be developed in the future.

Regional Parks

Regional Parks are typically large, passive oriented parks that highlight, utilize and protect a unique natural features. These parks, as the name implies, serve people from across a region; therefore, most people have to travel to enjoy these park types. As noted in Section Three, Regional Parks are typically offered by national, state, or county agencies. Occasionally larger municipalities will provide a Regional Park.

The citizens of Waynesville are currently served by three State Parks that are within an easy drive. These three parks provide a wide range of low impact recreation opportunities including hiking, biking, camping, environmental education, wildlife/bird observation, etc. In addition to these outdoor recreation opportunities, these State Parks also offer visitor and nature centers for nature study and wildlife appreciation.

The region's three State Parks provide excellent large scale parks for Waynesville residents. In addition to the State Parks, the Nantahala National Forest, which covers more than a half million acres of protected forest is within an easy drive of the town. Visitors to the National Forest can enjoy a wide variety of low impact outdoor recreational experience.

Based on the abundant natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities offered at the area's State Parks

and National Forests, the need for large Regional Parks for Waynesville residents has been met.

District Park

District Parks are another large park type often provided by county agencies or larger municipalities. These parks are typically in the 100 acre range, and provide a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

The development of this type facility often falls to county agencies. Allens Creek Park, the county's park just south of Waynesville, is classified as a District Park. In addition to Allens Creek Park, the County has acquired 22 acres on Jonathan Creek Road for a new District Park. While a Master Plan has been developed for the property, there is no schedule for park development. Unfortunately, both of these parks are more geared toward a Community Park.

With the build out of both of these county parks, Waynesville's citizens should have adequate access to larger parks without the need of constructing a District Park on their own. The Town should be open to collaborating with Haywood County in the development of a District Park if that opportunity should present itself in the future.

Community Parks

Community Parks are an important component in most municipal park systems. These parks are usually large enough (30-50 acres) to provide both valuable active recreation opportunities and preservation of undeveloped open space and passive recreation areas.

There are three parks in Waynesville that are currently serving as Community Parks. All of the Town's existing Community Parks are small by Community Park standards; especially Haywood Park. Even the Town's larger parks (Vance Street Park and Recreation Park) are small by Community Park standards. Some of the existing recreation facilities in these two parks create conflicts between users, and there is a lack of open space in both parks.

Based on input received during the public engagement process, there appears to be a need for expansion of existing Community Parks. Utilizing a standard of 5 acres of Community Parkland for every 1,000 people in the service population, there is a need for 6 - 8 additional acres of Community Parkland. Based on this need, the Town should look for opportunities to expand park acreage at its existing Community Parks.

Likewise the Town's two most popular Community Parks (Vance Street and Recreation Park) could provide

significantly more recreational value if facilities were renovated or expanded. Site Specific Master Plans should be developed for both these parks.



Major renovations are needed at Recreation Park

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks play an important role in providing both active and passive recreation in most municipal park systems. These parks, usually in the 5-10 acre range, are large enough to include both active and passive recreation opportunities. Most Community Parks also serve as a Neighborhood Park to those citizens living within a mile radius.

The citizens of Waynesville are currently being served by three Neighborhood Parks on only 8 acres of parkland. Unfortunately, all three of these neighborhood parks are small by typical Neighborhood Park standards, and two of the parks (Sulphur Springs Park and Chestnut Park) have very limited recreational facilities. Since Neighborhood Parks typically serve as the primary building block of most municipal park systems, eight acres of neighborhood parkland is not adequate to serve the 10,000 people living in Waynesville.

Utilizing a relatively conservative level of service standard for Neighborhood Parks (2 acres per 1,000 people), there is a need for an additional ± 12 -13 acres of Neighborhood Parkland in Waynesville. Typically Neighborhood Parks are 5-10 acres; preferably in the 6-8 acre range. That would indicate a need for at least one additional Neighborhood Park, and possibly the expansion of existing neighborhood parks (where feasible). Based on the service radius of the Town's existing parks, there are several neighborhoods that are underserved by Neighborhood Parks.

In the future, the Town should develop Site Specific Master Plans for each of its existing Neighborhood Parks with an emphasis on improving existing facilities at East Street

Park and expanding facilities at Chestnut Park.

Perhaps the most unusual opportunity with regard to parks in the Neighborhood Park classification is Sulphur Springs Park. This unique park has a strong link to history; going back to the Civil War. Special care and planning should be given to this unique site to ensure its historical integrity is maintained; possibly moving to have the site placed on the National Historical Register.

Mini Parks

Mini Parks are the smallest of the park types. These parks typically are less than an acre and provide a limited range of activities (playground, picnic shelter, benches, etc.). The Town does not currently have any Mini Parks, although there are several small civic sites in the downtown area.

Utilizing a fairly common standard of development for Mini Parks (.25 acres of Parkland per 1,000 people), there is a need for approximately 2.5 acres on Mini Parks within the Town. Since most Mini Parks are in the 1-2 acres size, this would indicate the need for 1 or 2 new parks in the Town.

One opportunity for Mini Park development could be acquisition of a one acre property on Calvary Street, just off Pidgeon Street. The property, which is currently owned by the County, could be sold to the Town at a minimal cost. This property could then be developed as a Mini Park; possibly as a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.

In the future, the Town may also encourage private developers to construct small amenity areas (playgrounds, shelters, etc.) when building single family residential developments.

Civic Parks

Civic Parks are community spaces that often provide a sense of place for a town or city. The size and form of Civic Parks may vary considerably. Likewise, how the spaces are used and programed vary. Civic Parks may include urban plazas, community green spaces and lawns, memorials, etc.

Waynesville already has several small civic places in its downtown area. There may be other opportunities for the development of civic parks as part of downtown or neighborhood improvements.

Greenways

The most popular form of outdoor recreation in the nation is walking. This popularity was reflected in the survey that was conducted as part of this planning study

and in comments made during the public workshops. Greenway trails are typically off-road trails that meander through neighborhoods and natural areas providing transportation corridors and recreational opportunities for walkers, joggers, roller bladders, and cyclists. The trail surface can either be natural or paved. Paved trails are normally eight to ten feet in width. Natural surface trail widths can vary based on conditions. In addition to providing environmental protection and recreation opportunities, greenways and bike trails can produce economic development. The North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation conducted a study on a bicycle trail constructed along the northern Outer Banks region. This study determined that a \$6.7 million investment in off-road bike paths and shoulder improvements produced an estimated \$60 million annually in economic benefit.

In addition, the study found that Greenways also offer a valuable alternative to automotive transportation. A greenway trail often provides a linkage between communities, schools, churches, businesses, and parks.



The trail at Vance Street Park is part of the Town's existing greenway system

The Town has completed a Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan. A significant focus of this planning effort addressed the need for greenways along several of the town's creeks. The report recommended the development of a greenway trails along Richland Creek and Raccoon Creek that would improve access to existing parks.

Recommendations from this valuable study should be used to guide implementation of a community-wide greenway system.

Greenways should be developed in conjunction with other park and recreation providers in the area to ensure they are coordinated with other planning efforts and that there is continuity between plans.

Off Road Bikeways

The need for bikeable roads and the development of greenways for biking was mentioned in many of the stakeholder discussions and in the public meetings. With the focus on healthy lifestyles, the environment, and alternative transportation, there is a great need to develop and implement a bike plan.



Off road bikeways and greenways provide safe places for families to ride

The Town should encourage the State to include bike lanes whenever roadway improvements are made or new roads constructed. The Town should also address their subdivision process to ensure developers provide bicycle (and pedestrian) routes in the roadway improvements they construct as part of the development process.

The Town should consider applying for federal SAFETEA program non-vehicular transportation funds that encourage alternative means of transportation. These funds have been used to construct bike lanes and greenway trails in communities throughout North Carolina.

Bicycle facilities in the area could serve as an important attraction to the many tourists visiting the region. Investments in bicycle facilities could improve the safety of the area's transportation system. Bicycle activities provide benefits of health, fitness, quality of life, and the environment.



Restrooms at Recreation Park are one of several facilities that need ADA improvements

Renovation & Expansion of Existing Parks

There is a need to improve and expand facilities at several of the Town's existing parks. Important renovation projects which should be considered include:

- Improvements to Recreation Park
- Improvements to Vance Street Park
- Improvements to Waynesville Recreation Center
- Improvements to Chestnut Park
- Improvements to Hazelwood Park

As noted in previous sections, master plans should be developed for several of the existing parks and future parks serving Town residents. Site Specific Master Plans should be developed for each of the Town's existing parks. Priority should be placed on the following parks:

- Recreation Park
- Vance Street Park
- Communitywide Greenway Master Plan

Facility Proposals & Recommendations

This report recommends the Town construct several new neighborhood parks, expand greenways, and make improvements to existing parks and facilities by the year 2026. The improvements that will be made as part of these renovations and expansions will add many new facilities to the parks inventory. The Town should consider the list of facility needs established in *Section Three* and described in greater detail in this section as it makes park improvements:

Softball

Men's adult softball has traditionally been a popular sport in North Carolina. NRPA and NCDENR standards (one field per 5,000 people) reflect that popularity. While the sport is still popular in some areas, there has been a shift in demand of men's adult softball in many communities. This plan recommends a general standard of development of one ball field per 5,000 people (comparable to other North Carolina communities). Based on this standard, the Town does not currently have a need for three ball fields, and should consider removal of the existing softball field in Recreation Park.

It should also be noted that changes in demand have now placed additional emphasis on women's softball. In the future, softball fields should be designed to accommodate this new area of play, or some of the existing fields may need to be retrofitted to allow for women's play.

Football

Football's popularity as a community based youth sport has been reduced by the emergence of soccer and (most recently) lacrosse. The standard for development of football fields is one field for every 20,000 people within the service community (a standard used by many municipal agencies). This standard indicates there is not a need for a designated football field.

Soccer

Soccer is one of the fastest growing sports in America. This master plan reflects this demand by establishing a standard of one field for every 5,000 people within the service population. The Town currently has a multipurpose field and soccer field at Vance Street Park. Utilizing this standard for development, the Town does not need additional soccer fields.



Lighting soccer fields effectively doubles their use. Likewise, the development of synthetic turf fields could greatly increase playing time on existing fields and reduce the number of fields needed. Lighting and turf improvements to existing fields could help offset any future need for additional fields.

A final note on soccer, the demand for multi-purpose fields will be made more intense by the new interest in lacrosse. Played on a field very similar to a soccer field (they are slightly larger than soccer fields), lacrosse will likely increase in popularity and should be considered as the Department reviews its soccer field needs. This new sport should be taken into consideration since play for both sports can be programmed on similar fields. One method to accommodate the variety of field games (soccer, lacrosse, rugby, football) is to develop larger multi-use fields that can be used for a variety of field games.

Basketball

Basketball remains an extremely popular sport in the United States. Played by a variety of ages, and increasingly by females, this sport can be played either indoors or out. Currently the Town provides two gymnasiums with indoor basketball courts and two outdoor courts. Based on national and state standards of development of one outdoor basketball court per 5,000 people, there is currently not a need for additional courts.

The existing courts at Recreation Park should be improved by resurfacing and possibly adding player amenities (benches, restrooms, etc.).

See the section on Community Centers and Gymnasiums for the community's need for indoor courts.

Tennis

Based on input received in the public workshops, tennis is a very popular sport in Waynesville. While there was much discussion about the need for improvements to existing court, there does not appear to be demand for additional courts. Instead, the focus was on making improvements to the existing courts. Many people complained that the courts are cracked and lack amenities (seating areas, good restrooms, etc.). Several people also requested courts be replaced with clay courts and several people suggested having a part time tennis pro.



Tennis is a very popular recreational activity in Waynesville

Currently the Town's six courts give the community a Level of Service (LOS) for tennis of 1 court for every 1,666 people; slightly above the typical 1 court per 2000 people that many communities use as a LOS for tennis. While there does not appear to be strong demand for adding courts, it is obvious there is a need to make major improvements to the existing courts and add player amenities.

Volleyball

There are currently two outdoor volleyball courts at Vance Street Park. These courts are meeting current demand. The Town's existing courts at Vance Street Park are isolated from the remainder of the park and lack amenities (shade, seating, restrooms, etc). Several people suggested relocating them to another park.

Shuffleboard

There has been no expressed demand for outdoor shuffleboard courts from citizens; therefore, the Town does not have any courts. This activity provides a recreational outlet and opportunities for social interaction, particularly for older citizens, but until there is demand, shuffleboard courts should not be a priority.

The Town may consider building shuffleboard courts in parks if there is a demand for this activity in the future. Like volleyball courts, shuffleboard courts are relatively small and can easily be added to existing parks.

Horseshoes

There has been no demand for horseshoe pits in the community; therefore, the Town has not developed

Horseshoe facilities in its park system. This activity provides a recreation outlet for social interaction, particularly for older citizens. The Town may consider building horseshoe pits if there is demand for this activity in the future. Like shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits are relatively small and can easily be added to existing parks.

Picnic Shelters

Picnicking was one of the most popular recreational activities listed by respondents in the survey and from responses at the public workshop. There are currently seven shelters (2 gazebos, 5 picnic shelters) in its park system. Based on a standard of one shelter per 2,000 people, there is not a need for additional shelters; however, existing shelters (and the amenities serving the shelters) should be improved.

Playgrounds

There are three playgrounds in parks throughout the Town's parks. As parks are improved, existing playgrounds should be improved and the Department should look for locations for additional playgrounds. Larger parks may warrant more than one playground and all Neighborhood Parks should have a playground. Safety inspections and ADA accessibility audits should be conducted at all existing playgrounds.

A popular trend in playground development is natural play areas. These relatively new play areas are designed on the concept of providing opportunities for children to interact with the natural environment when playing. Instead of relying on plastic and steel play structures, these play areas use natural features (creeks, rocks, trees, dirt, etc.) to provide play opportunities. Inspired by the book *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children*, this new trend in playground development seeks to re-introduce our youth to the natural environment.



Natural materials are being frequently used in new playgrounds

As new playgrounds are completed and existing playgrounds renovated, the Town should replace wood fiber and sand surfaces with poured in place (PIP) safety surfacing. PIP surfaces provide wheelchair accessibility and reduces maintenance and lifecycle costs of the playgrounds.

Pedestrian Trails

Walking is the number one outdoor recreational activity in the United States. Walking or biking trail use scored high in the public survey and at the public workshops.

With this level of public demand, the development of walking trails should be a priority for future park development. A priority should be placed on walking trail development in all existing and future parks. A paved walking trail is an important component of all park types, and should be provided in all Neighborhood and Community Parks.

The concept of connecting parks and other points of interest with walking trails utilizing underdeveloped property along the Town's creeks was discussed in the public workshop and stakeholder meetings. Perhaps the highest priority for trail development is extension of the Greenway along Richland Creek.

The Town developed a Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan. This plan provides valuable information about community connectivity and can serve as a beginning step in developing a community-wide greenway system.

Biking Trails

As noted above, the Town has completed a pedestrian plan. This plan provides valuable recommendations on improving bike routes within the Town.

Biking is a rapidly growing outdoor recreational activity. The Town should expand opportunities for biking through the development of a greenway trail system, including paths suitable for biking in existing and future parks, and through encouraging NCDOT to develop roads with bike lanes or wider shoulders to accommodate bikers. The Town should work with other stakeholders to help promote and facilitate new bikeways throughout the community.

Amphitheaters and Neighborhood Performing Areas

Currently there are no amphitheaters or outdoor performance areas serving residents. Several stakeholders identified the desire for creating economic impact through festivals and community events. The expansion and improvement of these outdoor performing arts areas could support this recommendation.



A amphitheater could provide opportunities for communitywide events

Special Use Facilities

Community Centers and Gymnasiums

The Town currently offers indoor recreation programs at two gymnasiums; Waynesville Recreation Center (WRC) and the Old Armory Gymnasium. These two indoor recreation facilities offer outstanding indoor recreation opportunities to the citizens of Waynesville. While these indoor facilities are meeting the need for many indoor recreational programs, there appears to be an unmet need for some recreation activities; especially at the WRC. Many people attending the public workshops indicated a strong need to expand the weight room and aerobics areas of the existing facility. In addition, interviews with recreation center staff indicated a need for additional storage at the WRC. There were also many comments made about improving the aquatics area of the WRC. Proposed improvements included adding a 50 meter pool, adding a therapy pool and constructing an outdoor splash pad adjacent to the indoor spray pool.

A therapy pool would allow the expansion of aquatics programs at the Waynesville Recreation Center. Likewise, an outdoor splashpad would greatly expand deck space and create outdoor use areas.

Swimming Pools and Spraygrounds

In the past, NRPA and NCDENR provided a standard for pool development of one pool for every 20,000 people. This standard was based on the concept of multi neighborhood or community pools. Today, with the high cost of operation and construction of swimming pools, very few agencies develop neighborhood/community pools to that old standard. Instead municipalities typically provide more centralized facilities where one pool may serve a greater population.



Many people attending the public workshop suggested adding a therapy pool at WRC

Waynesville residents have an outstanding aquatic facility. It is most unusual for a community of 10,000 people to have such a well-developed and operated aquatics program. With that said, as noted above, there appears to be considerable public demand for making improvements to existing facilities.



An outdoor splashpad would greatly expand seasonal use of the existing aquatics facilities

Based on the Town's population (10,000), the one public pool at WRC should be adequate in meeting swimming pool needs; however, based on public input, improvements to existing facilities should be considered. Among the facility improvement recommendations made from the public, the development of an outdoor splashpad and the addition of a therapy pool should be considered as priorities.

Spraygrounds are growing in popularity across the country. In addition to offering a water-based play experience, the play structures, sprays, etc. afford children of all ages a total play environment and are much more economical to operate than a standard swimming pool. A properly

designed, large water park sprayground can serve as a regional draw, provide revenue, and provide a beneficial economic impact to the surrounding areas.

Trends in Park & Recreation Facilities

The list of recreational activities developed for this Comprehensive Plan is based on national and state standards that have been used in park planning for decades. As noted earlier in this section, these standards are used as a point of reference, with the understanding that every community should develop standards that are unique to their specific needs.

One of the downsides of the national and state guidelines is that they are not updated often and fail to incorporate newer trends and activities. In the past decade, several new activities have been growing in popularity and should be considered in future park development. These activities include:

Skateboard Parks and Extreme Sports

Skateboarding has been popular for several decades. In the past decade, many communities have recognized its popularity and have tried to provide a safe and vandal resistant setting for this creative sport. Many municipal agencies have developed skateboard parks to provide a recreational outlet for preteens and teens. Waynesville recently invested significantly in a skateboard park to meet local demand.

Citizens supporting skating heavily attended the public workshops. While there was very positive support for the new skateboard facility, there was very strong support for adding lights and amenities (water fountain, shade structure, etc.) to this area. Several people suggested expanding skating facilities to add a half pike to the skate park.

Based on this strong public support for skateboard park improvements, the Town should consider lighting the existing skateboard area and providing other site amenities (restroom, seating, etc.).

Disc Golf

Disc golf received strong support in the survey, and nationally the popularity of the sport continues to grow. The Town has one disc golf course that stretches between Recreation Park and Vance Street Park. This course is very popular and heavily used. Unfortunately, the course layout is very restricted and in some places comes into conflict with other recreation activities. The Town should look for opportunities to expand parkland (either adjacent to

Recreation Park/Vance Street Park or at a new park site) to allow the disc golf to expand.



Disc golf is a very popular activity in Waynesville

Off-leash Dog Areas

Off-leash dog areas are one of the newest trends in park development. The popularity of these facilities (also known as dog parks), is a response to the nation's love of pets. Communities throughout North Carolina are now constructing dog parks.

Dog parks take many forms, but are primarily a place within a park where park users can bring their dogs to run, walk, and recreate. They usually include a fenced open area where dogs, accompanied by their owner, are allowed to run free. Often the off-leash dog area is divided into sections for large and small dogs.

The Town recently constructed a dog park in Recreation Park. The new dog park seems to be very popular. Based on comments made at the public workshops, there are some improvements needed at the new dog park. These improvements include providing amenities (seating, shade, water, etc.) and concerns over existing surfacing.

Community Gardens

Community gardens provide a wide variety of community enhancements. They offer health benefits by providing local gardeners with fresh vegetables and increased exercise as they tend the gardens. They also provide environmental benefits by reducing transportation cost for food production and providing more plant cover, which reduces urbanization impacts on climate change. In addition, community gardens provide a venue for social interaction that reduces isolation and supports community involvement.

Several people attending the public workshops indicated a desire of having a community garden incorporated into one of the Town's parks and possibly working with Town officials to expand opportunities for edible gardens throughout the community.

With the many benefits provided by community gardens, many parks and recreation agencies are implementing community garden programs. The Town may consider the development of a community garden in the future. Should this initial garden prove successful, other garden locations should be considered.

In addition to developing community gardens to grow vegetables, etc., several local garden clubs have expressed interest in developing public garden areas in public parks. This public garden space could provide ornamental beauty in the Town's parks and could provide educational opportunities. A wonderful example of incorporating horticulture and education into parks is the Arboretum Trail that has been developed in Vance Street Park. The arboretum trail is a wonderful idea and should be expanded and enhanced as part of park improvements.



SECTION FIVE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Introduction

In the previous sections, the Department's needs for parks and recreational facilities have been identified. Careful planning and strategic thinking will be required if these needs are to be met. This section will identify funding sources for implementing some of the recommendations of this plan and identify possible strategies for funding the proposed recommendations.

Instrumental to the implementation of the Master Plan is the identification of adequate funding for facility development and improvements. Finding adequate funding is particularly difficult in this time of lower tax base and limited budgets as the economy slowly recovers from the 2008 Recession. Limited budgets place even greater importance on careful planning to meet projected needs.

While much of the focus of previous sections has been on capital needs and facility improvements, physical improvements are only part of the needs if the Department is to offer its citizens parks and recreation services. As civic leaders plan for the future, they should also consider a number of operational and management issues that will position them to meet community needs. This section reviews some of those issues.

This section will look at a Capital Improvement Plan for addressing recommendations found in Section Four and provide a strategy for raising funds to construct the proposed improvements and new facilities.

Implementing the recommendations made in this Master Plan will result in meeting the future needs for parks and recreation services. If the needs identified in this report are to be met, the Town must establish adequate budgets for projected staffing, operations and maintenance costs, and for capital improvements for parks and recreation facilities. This Action Plan is designed to give Town staff and elected officials viable options to help finance the proposals and recommendations of this Master Plan.

Revenue Plan

Upon adoption of the Master Plan, Town staff should consider the establishment of a Revenue Plan for the Department. A Revenue Plan incorporates all available funding resources, prioritizes them, and puts each option into a funding strategy. In a Revenue Plan, the following funding alternatives are evaluated for their appropriate use in funding capital improvements and programs:



Key Funding/Revenue Sources

There seems to be strong public support for the Department to improve parks and expand recreation facilities, but innovative measures will be required to meet the needs identified in this plan. The proposed new facilities and expanded operations will require dollars from a variety of sources. The following funding sources are provided to help the Department evaluate funding options:

General Tax Revenues (operational & capital)

General tax revenues traditionally provide the principle source of funds for general operations and maintenance of municipal and county parks. Recreation, as a public service, is scheduled along with health, public safety, schools, etc. in annual budgets established by the governing authority. Assessed valuation of real and personal property provides the framework for this major portion of the tax base. This tax base is then used to fund the majority of municipal and county services. Historically, elected officials in Waynesville have adequately supported budgeting for parks and recreation services. If the Town wishes to enhance the quality of life and healthy lifestyle opportunities for its residents, the current level of funding for parks and recreation services must be maintained and funds for important capital improvements allocated.

Park Foundation (operational & capital)

A park foundation can be instrumental in assisting the Department in acquiring land, developing facilities, sponsoring programs, and buying equipment for park and recreation needs. Park foundations typically create strategies for generating funds to support park projects. These include foundation membership fees, individual gifts, grants from other regional and national foundations, long term endowments, and a land trust for future acquisitions.

General Foundations (operational & capital)

Another source of revenue is the direct contribution of money from state and national General Foundations. Foundation funds should be sought for both development and construction of facilities as well as providing programs. Funding sources should include general-purpose foundations that have relatively few restrictions, special program foundations for specific activities, and corporate foundations with local connections.

Foundations with Emphasis on Conservation, Healthy Lifestyles & Parks

The Department is in a position to receive grant funding from a wide variety of public foundations and trusts. Below is a list of funding sources that are particularly applicable. Some of these funding/trusts are currently at work in the region:

- The Conservation Trust of North Carolina is actively engaged in preserving the Blue Ridge parkway and working with 23 local land trust throughout North Carolina. They have been instrumental in providing financial and technical assistance for open space conservation and development of greenways in North Carolina. In Haywood County they are working with the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy on projects directly related to the Waynesville region.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is the nation's largest philanthropic organization devoted specifically to the public's health. RWJF promotes change through partnerships and collaboration, with the goal of building a culture of health for all Americans. RWJF generally supports public agencies, universities, and public charities that are tax-exempt.
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation places optimal development of children at the center of all of their grants. They concentrate on early childhood development within the context of families and communities. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation's areas of focus are: educated kids, healthy kids, secure families, community and civic engagement, and racial equity.
- KaBOOM! is a national non-profit dedicated to safe

play for America's children. They envision a place to play within walking distance of every child. KaBOOM! works with communities, volunteers and funding partners to build playgrounds throughout the country.

- BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina Foundation has invested millions of dollars in communities across the state. They support opportunities that impact the health of our state. Their areas of focus are health of vulnerable populations, healthy active communities, and community impact through non-profit excellence.
- Playworks Grants Database is a good resource for grants. Examples found within this database are:
 - The philanthropic arm of Safeway Groceries has established the Safeway Foundation to support non-profits whose mission is aligned with the company's priority areas; hunger relief, education, health and human services and assisting people with disabilities. Safeway Foundation offers grants up to \$25,000.
 - Cigna Health through its Cigna Foundation supports organizations that enhance health in individuals, families and communities. They offer grants up to \$5,000.
 - Home Depot, through its Community Impact Grants Program, offers grants up to \$5,000 to non-profits that use volunteers to improve community health.
 - People For Bikes provides a community grant program that provides grants up to \$10,000 to improve infrastructure and programs that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to bike.

Another source of local assistance may be large corporations with foundations established to provide grants for public projects. Companies such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Walmart, and Duke Energy may have available funding through existing grant programs, or they may be interested in creating a program or partnership for specific projects.

The Department should actively pursue grants from foundation and trust sources on a regional and national level. Information on trusts and foundations can be found through the Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003-3076 (<http://foundationcenter.org/>) and the Non-Profit Gateway to Federal Government agencies (<http://www.usa.gov/index.shtml>).

General Obligation Bonds (capital)

General tax revenue for parks and recreation are usually devoted to current operations and maintenance of

existing facilities. General obligation bonds are often used to finance capital improvements in parks. The State of North Carolina gives municipal and county governments the authority to accomplish this borrowing of funds for parks and recreation through the issuance of bonds not to exceed the total cost of improvements (including land acquisition). For purposes of paying the debt service on the sale of these bonds, government bodies are often required to increase property taxes. Total bonding capacities for these government agencies are limited to a maximum percentage of assessed property valuation.

Waynesville has not used this method of financing park improvements in the past. In view of the recommended capital improvements suggested in this plan, borrowing of funds to acquire new land and develop facilities could be a consideration.

An added value of a governing agency's bonding authority and capacity is its ability to use those funds to leverage other funding opportunities. Bonding enables government agencies to utilize funds to match federal grant-in-aids monies or state funds. General obligation bonds are still the greatest source utilized to fund park projects in North Carolina. Through a well thought out and publicly presented bond campaign, voters would be given the opportunity to choose to support park improvements through the sale of bonds.

Revenue Bonds (capital)

Revenue bonds are used for financing high use specialty facilities like golf courses, aquatic centers, tennis centers, and complexes for softball and soccer. The users, and other revenue sources, pay for operations and sometimes repay the bonds. This revenue source would only be of use to the Town if they choose to change their tax subsidy policy for using this type of funding. The Town is not likely to seek out this option.

The legal requirements for utilizing these funding mechanisms are extremely complicated and can require approval from the state legislature. Use of revenue bonds seems to be unlikely at this time.

Limited Option or Special Use Tax (capital)

Limited option or special use taxes can be established in various ways. A municipality or county can establish the tax by determining the source, such as property valuation, real estate transfer taxes, or sales tax. This option requires legislative approval. Typically, special use taxes are structured on sales tax or transfer taxes and are earmarked for a specific project. A governing body can approve a

tax that is identified or earmarked on property valuation; however, other sources may require state approval. The idea behind a special option or limited option tax is that the tax is identified or limited for a special purpose or projects and the duration can also be limited to accomplishing the projects.

Many travel and tourism authorities throughout North Carolina utilize this funding source to make improvements to recreation facilities that attract tourists. This funding source could be considered in the development of athletic fields, trails and river access that might enhance tourism.

Federal and State Assistance (capital)

Federal funding sources are available to assist financing capital improvement recommendations found in this plan. One of the oldest park funding sources has been available from the U.S. Park Service's Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). Several of the Town's existing parks were funded with monies from this funding source. Unfortunately, funding through this program has been sporadic over the past decade.

Other potential federal funding sources are the National Foundation of Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

The North Carolina General Assembly passed a bill in 1994 creating a consistent source of funds for parks and recreation in the state. The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) provides money for capital improvements, repairs, renovations, and land acquisition of state and local parks. Revenues from the state's portion of the real estate deed transfer tax support the fund. Revenues vary from year to year. Since 2007, funds from real estate taxes have been significantly lower; although the past few years have seen funding increase.

Of the funds allocated, 65% go to the state parks system, 30% provide matching grants to local governments, and the remaining 5% go to the Coastal and Estuarine Water Beach Access Program. The maximum matching grant is limited to \$500,000 for a single project. The PARTF system allows an agency to apply for a 50/50 cost-sharing grant to develop or acquire park land and facilities.

PARTF and LWCF funds have been used by the Town and County Departments to build parks. In the future, the Department should consider applying for funds through this program on a regular basis.

The structure of this funding source has recently gone through changes based on legislative action. While the

funding structure for this fund has changed, it appears PARTF will continue to fund park and recreation facilities in North Carolina.

Additionally, the State can fund projects such as bikeways and pedestrian walks through the federally funded SAFTEA [formerly known as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA)]. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) administers the funds and the local government agency can use these funds for developing portions of any proposed Greenway system. Local communities can also apply for assistance with pedestrian, bikeway, and greenway projects by applying for "NCDOT Enhancement Funds."

Another source of state administered funding is through the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF). These funds are set aside for the acquisition of riparian properties, financing of innovative wastewater management initiatives, storm water mitigation and stream bank restoration projects, support for greenways, and some planning programs. The acquired or purchased property can be used for recreation while protecting valuable water resources from the effects of urban encroachment. Money from this grant is particularly applicable to the preservation of open space, greenway development, and water access.

Unfortunately, since the economic downturn that started in 2008, all of these funding sources have been greatly reduced.

An excellent source to find government grants is on the website www.grants.gov. This website clearing house provides information for all federal grants. Grant opportunities exist in the following categories:

- Community Development
- Environment
- Health
- Natural Resources
- Transportation

Any of these categories could have grants that could be used to develop programs and facilities for parks.

User Fees (operational)

User fees are often charged by departments to offset operational cost, and (occasionally) provide funding for the construction of facilities. Every agency must establish its philosophy with regard to cost recovery through the use of fees. The Department has historically charged fees for some facilities and programs, but these fees have typically not been set to cover the total operational cost of the program and have never been used to finance construction

of facilities. More importantly, the Town's recreational fee structure does not require a higher charge for users that live outside the town limits.

Ultimately, the Department may consider a change in user fees that will help offset more of the cost of some activities; including charging higher fees to nonresidents. Based on elected officials' direction, the revenue generated by increased fees could then be used to offset impacts on the general fund and possibly be used for capital improvement funding to help make park improvements.

Many of the proposed improvements in this Master Plan are outdoor facilities (playgrounds, open space, trails, etc.) and offer only limited opportunity for cost recovery. There may be some areas where greater cost recovery could be achieved. Examples may include rental fees for shelters, fields, etc. or for requiring permits for dog parks, disc golf, etc. Likewise, improvements to the Waynesville Recreation Center may warrant increases to existing user fees.



Picnic shelter rental fees are one potential source for revenue generation

Revenue Opportunities

User fees are not the only means of generating revenue. The Department should explore additional opportunities for generating income. Some of these opportunities include:

- Sponsorships from local private businesses. Sponsorships typically come in the form of products, events, programs, cause-related, and in-kind. Sponsorships can also take the form of naming rights for a facility or program. Sponsorship or naming agreements should include very specific details related to sponsorship cost, duration, use of promotional materials, etc. The Department already uses sponsorships and naming rights to generate income.
- Grant applications from local foundations, state and

federal agencies, or individuals are typically created by staff. Most grants take time to prepare and require coordination effort with other agencies or departments from within the community to create a quality submittal. Grants also require tracking of expenditures and outcomes for attaining future funding.

- Partnerships are a relatively new method of sharing funding resources to provide services. These partnerships can be formed with a wide variety of other public or private agencies. Many times the partners are two or more government agencies. Through these partnerships, the Department receives direct benefit in either facility use, programming assistance, or volunteer man hours. All of these benefits add value and help offset cost; thus creating earned income. This earned income requires both agencies to have common visions, values, and goals for the partnership to be successful. Examples of partnerships include:
 - Church facilities for recreation services. Several churches or religious organizations in the area provide recreation facilities and programs.
 - Youth sports associations are an important partner in organizing and programming many youth sports in the region.
 - Trail sponsors can adopt sections of trails for maintenance and cleanup.
 - Adopt-a-park partners that help maintain park lands. These sponsors are typically in the form of neighborhood associations and businesses that are in proximity to parks.
 - School partnerships, where both partners invest in the development of facilities and programs based on shared use of facilities and staff. These investments may be financial, or may include other means of support.
 - Special event partners that assist with the development of community-wide events.
 - Program partners who assist in providing services to the community.
 - Advertising and licensing in programs, facilities, and events sponsored by the Department. The Department could leverage highly exposed advertising space to businesses willing to pay a fee for the right to advertise.
- Volunteer development programs can reduce staff costs. Volunteers can create advocacy and bring down the cost of programs and services.
- Privatizing the development of facilities or services is an opportunity that is used by some departments when they are unable to control the cost of labor and are unable to find the needed capital to develop a recreational facility or a concession operation. This gives the government agency a management tool to

create an asset or improve a service without tapping into their own resources. Facilities that are typically considered for privatization may include golf courses, marinas, camping and RV facilities, boat rentals, bike rentals, equipment rentals, and other forms of concessions.

- Marketing strategies are an important component in developing untapped revenue opportunities. Promotional activities improve awareness of the activities provided by the Department and assist in bringing more revenue to the system by filling programs and facilities.



Unique special events and tournaments can create opportunities for revenue generation

Methods for Land Acquisition & Dedication

In order to meet the needs identified in this report, the Department will need to expand its park and recreational lands. Development of a new Mini Park and Neighborhood Park and potential expansion of some of its existing parks will require several land acquisitions. Methods available for acquiring land include:

Fee Simple Purchase

Outright purchase is perhaps the most widely used method of obtaining land. Fee simple purchase has the advantage of being relatively simple to administer and to explain to the general public to justify a particular public expenditure. Unfortunately, fee simple purchase often is the most expensive means of obtaining and utilizing a property.

Fee Simple Purchase with Lease-Back or Resale

This technique of land acquisition enables the Town to purchase land to lease or sell to a prospective user with

deed restrictions that would protect the land from abuse or development. This method is used by governments who impose development restrictions severe enough that the owner considers himself to have lost the major portion of the property's value and it is more economical for him to sell with a lease-back option.

Long-Term Option

A long-term option is frequently used when a property is considered to have potential future value though it is not desired, or affordable, at the time. Under the terms of a long-term option, the Department agrees with the landowner on a selling price for the property and a time period over which the Department has the right to exercise its option. The first benefit of this protective method is that the option may stabilize escalating land cost and establishes land use for the property. Secondly, the Department does not have to expend large sums of money until the land is purchased. Thirdly, the purchase price of the land is established. The disadvantage of this method is that a price must be paid for every right given by the property owner. In this case, the cost of land use stabilization and a price commitment comes in the form of the cost of securing the option.

First Right of Purchase

This approach to acquiring land eliminates the need for fixing the selling price of a parcel of land, yet alerts the Department of any impending purchase which might disrupt the land acquisition goals. The Department would be notified that a purchase is pending and would have the right to purchase the property before it is sold to the party requesting the purchase.

Land Trust

The role and responsibility of a Land Trust is to acquire park land and open space while maintaining a well-balanced system of park resources representing outstanding ecological, scenic, recreational, and historical features. A Land Trust is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation made up of key knowledgeable leaders in the area who represent a cross section of interest and experience in recreation, historic properties, conservation, preservation, land development, and environmental issues. Their goals and responsibilities are to work with landowners to acquire park land for current and future generations. The individuals appointed to the Land Trust must have knowledge of land acquisition methods and tools used to entice land owners to sell, donate, provide easements, life estates, irrevocable trusts, or a combination of all. This includes seeking out a knowledgeable land acquisition attorney who is trained in these areas to

provide the most efficient and effective processes to achieve the balance of types of land to meet the goals of this Master Plan.



A land trust can be instrumental in preserving and protecting natural resources

The Department does not have to go through the time and expense of setting up a land trust to utilize this vehicle for land donation or conservation. There are several established land Trusts operating in the area. The Department could partner with one of these trusts to provide protection of valuable open space without creating a new entity.

Donations

A significant, and yet often untapped, source for funding acquisition and development of public park projects is through a well-organized local gifts program. Donations of land, money, or labor can have a meaningful impact on the development of existing facilities and the acquisition of new parks.

The most frequently used type of gift involves the giving of land to be used for a park. The timing of such a donation can correspond with a PARTF grant application, thereby providing all or a significant portion of the local matching requirement associated with this fund. A similar use of gifts involves donated labor or materials, which become part of an improvement project and help to reduce project costs. The value of the services or materials can, in some cases, also be used to match non-local grant funds.

Some agencies have developed a gift catalog as a tool for promoting a gifts program. Such a publication should explain the role and importance of the gifts program, describe its advantages, define the tax advantages that may occur to the donor, and identify various gifts (land,

labor, play equipment, materials, trees, etc.) that are needed to meet program needs. The gifts catalog should be prepared in a format that can be distributed effectively and inexpensively and should provide a clear statement of needs, typical costs associated with various gifts, and be made readily available to the public.

To aid this type of gift program, a strategy for contacting potential donors (individuals, businesses, foundations, service clubs, etc.) should be developed. An important part of this strategy should include contacting the local Bar Association, trust departments of lending institutions, and the Probate Court. Communicating with these groups regularly will make them aware of the potential for individuals to include a gift to the Department as part of their tax and estate planning.

Life Estate

A life estate is a deferred gift. Under this plan, a donor retains use of his land during his lifetime and relinquishes title to such land upon his death. In return for this gift, the owner is usually relieved of the property tax burden on the donated land.

Easement

The most common type of less-than-fee interest in land is an easement. Property ownership may be viewed as a combination of rights. With this understanding, it is possible to purchase any one or several of these rights. An easement seeks either to compensate the landholder for the right to use his land in some manner or to compensate him for the loss of one of his privileges to use the land. One advantage of this less-than-fee interest in the land is the private citizen continues to use the land while the land remains on the tax records; continuing as a source of revenue for the Town. Perhaps the greatest benefit lies in the fact that the community purchases only those rights that it specifically needs to execute its park land objectives. By purchasing only rights that are needed, the Department is making more selective and efficient use of its limited financial resources.

Zoning/Subdivision Regulations

Many communities in North Carolina have zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations that require a developer to donate a portion of the property they are developing to the government agency to be used for public park land. Through these regulations (zoning ordinances, subdivision regulation, and mandatory dedications) developers may be required to provide new park land at no cost to the Department. Regulations can require land to be dedicated and/or compensation made to the Town for the

development of park land.

The Town currently has a provision in their subdivision regulation that requires developers to dedicate land for open space or to pay a recreation fee for each residential lot developed. This fee applies only to larger subdivisions and does not impact infill sites. Funds from this fee are then used for park improvements. This is a very valuable tool to expand parks and/or fund facility expansion.

Park Facilities as Economic Developers

John L. Crompton, in his publication “Parks and Economic Development”, determined there are four economic development benefits that a community may derive from park and recreation services. These benefits include:

- **Attracting Tourists:** The features and programs that attract tourist to a community include parks, beaches, historic sites, museums, special events and festivals, and athletic tournaments. The majority of these features are provided by public agencies (national, state, local park agencies, etc.).
- **Enhancing Real Estate Values:** Research shows people will pay more to live close to natural park areas. These higher property values result in owners paying higher property taxes, which in turn offsets some of the cost for the development of parks and preservation of open space.
- **Attracting Business:** Quality of life issues influence where businesses locate. Parks, recreation, open space, and senior services are an important component of the quality of life equation. Good parks help cities attract and retain businesses.
- **Attracting Retirees:** A new growth industry for American communities is the retirement population. The decision to relocate by this segment of our population is primarily governed by climate and recreation opportunities. This segment of the population is extremely attractive to local governments because retirees are unlikely to have children enrolled in the local school system and therefore are less of a burden on the community’s tax base.



Providing programs and facilities that attract seniors creates economic impact

Through investing in parks and recreation facilities, elected officials can ensure that Waynesville offers the quality of life that helps attract new businesses, enhances real estate values, and provides an attractive option to the retirement community.

There are many opportunities for economic impact in the Waynesville region through tourism. Community leaders have recognized the potential for this economic impact by establishing the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority (HCTDA) and Downtown Waynesville Association. These organizations are actively engaged in bringing visitors to Waynesville and the surrounding region.

John Crompton lists the following opportunities for tourist attractions:

Tournament Sports

- Softball
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Basketball

Arts

- Theaters
- Art Galleries
- Museums
- Performing groups, Music
- Concerts

Heritage Places

- Ethnic cultural places
- Shrines/churches
- Historical sites and structures
- Educational institutions
- Industry factory tours

Parks

- National
- State
- Regional
- Local
- Beaches
- Theme parks
- Recreation
- Events and festivals
- Aquatic and coastal areas
- Outdoor recreation (e.g., camping, fishing, hunting)

Arenas

- College sports
- Professional franchises
- Concerts and exhibitions

Some of these activities and facilities are already found in the area. Many of these potential tourism attractions are in the public realm or are a public/private venture.

Operational Recommendations

Town leadership must also address some of the operational issues that will arise as the result of making facility improvements over the next decade. These issues relate to the manpower and organizational changes that will be required as new parks/facilities are added. These recommendations address some of the critical operational issues the Town needs to identify as it expands the facilities and services it provides.

An important aspect of these planning recommendations is to develop a vision for the Department to improve park and recreational opportunities for residents. Ultimately, the provision of better parks and recreational programs includes both facility improvements and establishing a method of delivery of services. Historically elected officials in Waynesville have supported parks and recreation in the community and have allocated resources for the Department as it works to meet its mission. If the Department is to continue to thrive and improve the quality of parks, facilities and the programs offered, additional funding will be required to add staff to manage/operate facilities and provide services.

Staff Needs

Action on the recommendations found in this Master Plan will expand parks and facilities. The development of several new parks, expansion of trails and outdoor recreation facilities, as well as the expansion of the recreation center will require additional staff to maintain, operate and program these new facilities. While the development of a true operation and maintenance program for these future facilities is beyond the scope of this Master Plan, the Town should plan to add the following positions to effectively operate the future facilities:

- Program staff
- New grounds maintenance staff
- Additional Recreation/Aquatics center staff

It is important that the Town plan and budget for adequate staff positions for any new facilities that are constructed. Likewise, as these new facilities come on line, the Town should actively seek the highest level of programming staff with strong educational experience in the various areas of park and recreation administration.

Operational Costs

As noted above, the development of new recreation facilities will require additional staff. These new staff positions will add to the annual operational budget in both staff and equipment costs. The expansion of recreational facilities will also add to the energy and utility cost of recreation facilities. The recommended facility improvements included in this Plan will increase the Department's facilities 10-15%. Expansion of this magnitude will have implications on the operational budget. The Town's management staff and elected officials must carefully consider the financial impact of each major capital improvement project as projects are considered. No capital improvement project should be undertaken without the commitment of support for adequate ongoing operational funding. Likewise, consideration should be given to the positive economic impacts that some facilities may have on the area's economy, and if applicable, the potential for revenue generation.



Promoting recycling is one initiative to reduce waste

Greener Operation

As the world’s population expands and environmental concerns over global warming, conservation of resources, and preservation of our fragile natural systems become more apparent, greater environmental responsibility by public and private agencies has become critical. As a government agency, particularly one that is involved with the management of public open space and the improvement of the public’s health, the Department’s operation should make a concerted effort to minimize its environmental impact.

With this understanding, the Town should evaluate its maintenance and operational procedures with an intent to minimize waste and environmental impact. Where economically feasible, the Town should look to implement operational procedures that emphasize conservation, recycling, and sustainability. Likewise, as the Town looks to build new facilities, it should consider constructing facilities that minimize environmental impacts, conserve energy, and reuse building materials where possible.

As a starting point for this conversion to a “greener” operation, the Town should establish a committee of operation, maintenance, and construction stakeholders to study the options available and develop a plan for becoming “greener”.

Capital Improvement Plan

The Capital Improvement Plan for the acquisition, renovation, and development of parks for the planning

period was prepared with input from Department staff and public involvement. All of the proposed costs are shown in current dollar values. The capital improvement costs include funds for land acquisition, site preparation, site utilities, and facility development as well as estimated planning and design fees.

The Capital Improvement Plan can be summarized into the following components:

Existing Park Renovations	\$5,225,000
Land Acquisition	\$250,000
New Park Development	\$1,110,000
Waynesville Recreation Center	
Improvements	\$1,540,000
<u>Special Use Facilities</u>	<u>\$1,705,000</u>
Total Capital Improvement Budget	\$9,820,000

Table 5-1 “Capital Improvements Plan” shows the costs associated with the capital improvement program. The table reflects the proposals and recommendations as outlined in Section Four of this Master Plan.

Five Year Priority Projects

Recognizing that this is a vision plan for a community-wide park system, Department staff and elected officials must prioritize the recommendations in this document based on the public’s input and staff review. The following park development initiatives should be considered as priorities in the next five years:

- Renovation to Recreation Park
- Renovations to Vance Street Park
- Expansion of Waynesville Recreation Center
- Development of Splash pad

Master Plan Funding Strategy

This Master Plan identifies a Vision Plan for park development for the Town’s Parks and Recreation Department. It is understood that not all of the recommendations will be acted upon over the next decade. Elected officials will ultimately have to prioritize the steps they will take to meet some of these park and recreation needs. It will require a combination of revenue sources to accomplish the recommendations of the Master Plan. There are numerous combinations of funding strategies that can be explored and implemented. Upon careful analysis of past budget documents, current practices, available resources, and national trends, an example of a funding strategy is presented as one possible strategy.

General Funds

Allocations from the General Fund will need to increase to pay for operation of future facilities and programs. As noted previously in this section, the proposed facility improvements will require a number of added staff positions. As new staff positions are required, the annual operating budget must be increased. This additional per capita funding could fund the majority of future operational costs, but will not provide the funding required for capital improvements.

In addition to this increased operational spending, the Department should begin budgeting for capital improvements projects on an annual basis. Annual allocations of \$500,000 to capital improvements over the next ten years could provide \$5 million in funds for capital projects and provide valuable matching funds for grants.

General Obligation Bonds

General Obligation Bonds could be used for major renovations and to acquire and develop new parks and recreation facilities. A successful bond campaign for park improvements in the next ten years could generate \$3-5 million for construction and acquisitions. This would represent a significant portion of funds needed for the proposed capital improvements budget. These funds can be dedicated to funding the larger park development and making major park improvements. As noted earlier in this section (General Obligation Bonds, page 5-3), this level of bond sales will likely result in the need for additional tax revenues to pay for the debt service created by the sale of these bonds.

Revenues & User Charges

As noted previously, user fees are currently charged for use of indoor facilities and many of the programs (indoor and outdoor) currently offered by the Department. These charges help offset operational cost.

Currently, revenues and user charges account for a portion of the operating budget. As new facilities are developed, the Department should consider a fee structure that will allow greater net revenue to be realized and possibly charging nonresidents a slightly higher fee for facility use. Assuming the level of funding can increase, an additional \$35,000 to \$50,000 could be generated annually, providing as much as a half million dollars in increased income over the next ten years that can be used for operating new facilities developed as recommended in this plan.

Partnerships & Gifts

The Department should work to develop a park foundation to help raise sponsorships and gifts. A non-profit foundation can engage private citizens and corporations to donate money and in-kind services for use for parks and recreational services. Through active involvement with a park foundation, the Department may be able to raise \$25,000 - \$50,000 in funds annually. This could result in donations of as much as half a million dollars over the next ten years. This level of funding would require the park foundation to become an active organization within the community.

Sponsorships & Naming Rights

Another excellent source of development capital is through project sponsorship/underwriting by corporations throughout the community. Quality facilities, properly marketed, provide an excellent venue for raising development funds. Naming rights for athletic fields, shelters, playgrounds, etc. can be used to raise tens of thousands of dollars.

Grants

As noted previously, grant funding has been an important resource for funding parks throughout the North Carolina. The Department should continue to explore grants such as LWCF, PARTF, SAFTEA, Clean Water Grants, etc. In addition to the grants focused on typical park development, the Department should explore grants offered by foundations listed previously in this Section, Active pursuit of these funding sources could provide several million dollars in funds for capital improvements over the next ten years..

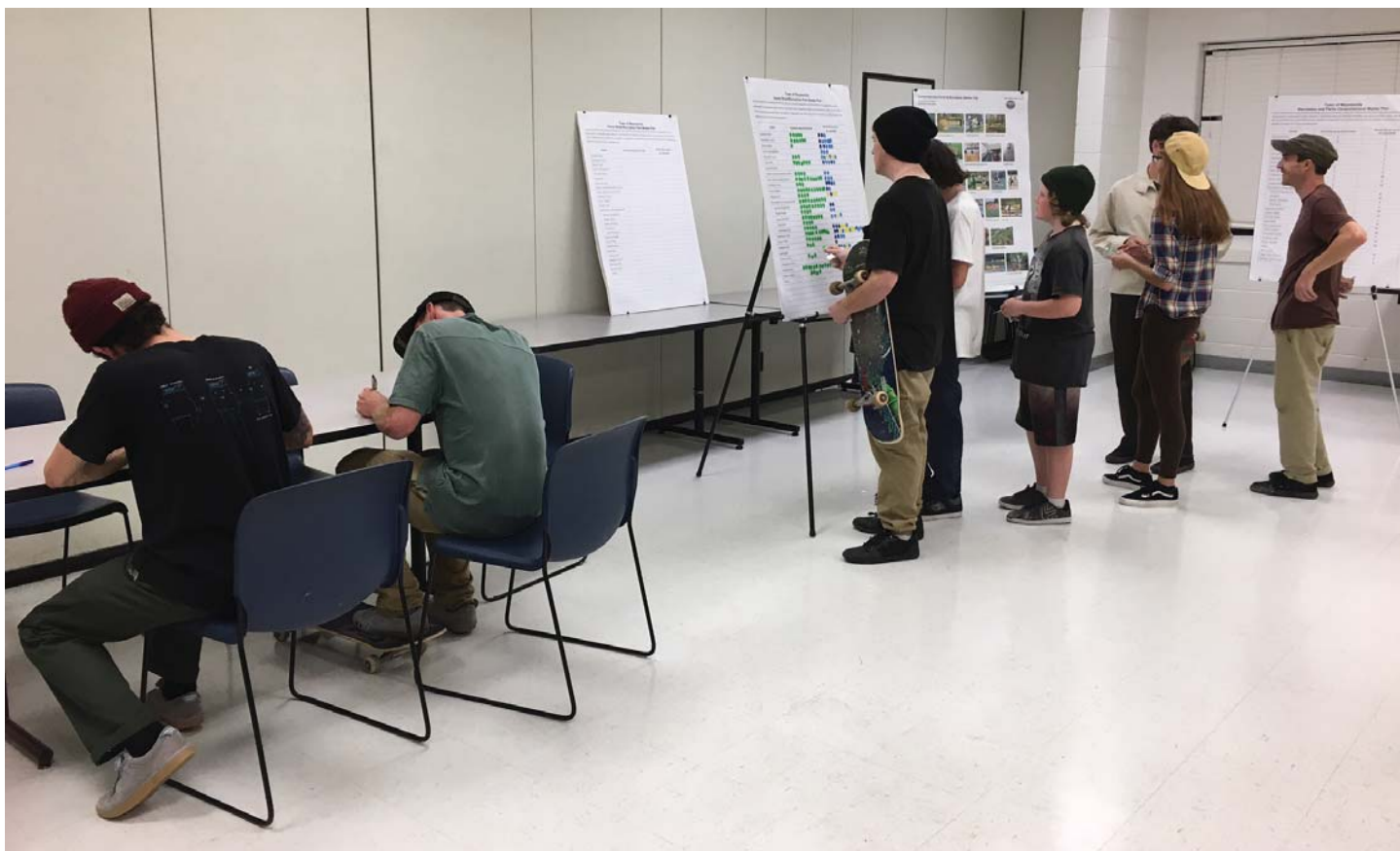
Overview

Together, these funding options could be used to raise millions of dollars of development capital over the next decade. It may be unrealistic to assume the Department can fund almost \$10 million of park improvements in the next ten years especially during these still challenging economic times. Actively pursuing the options that are available should provide funding for many of the needs listed in this Master Plan. Through the continued use of this document, Department staff and elected officials can identify and prioritize community needs and actively seek funds to meet those needs over the next ten (or more) years.

Table 5-1
Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Capital Improvement and Land Acquisition	10 Year Total	2017-2021	2022-2026
Existing Parks Renovation/Improvements			
Vance Street Park	\$750,000	\$750,000	
Recreation Park	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	
Hazelwood Park	\$250,000		250,000
Chestnut Park	\$500,000		500,000
East Street park	\$500,000		500,000
Sulphur Springs Park	\$250,000		250,000
Planning & Design (10%)	\$475,000	\$325,000	\$150,000
Renovation Total	\$5,225,000	\$3,575,000	\$1,650,000
Land Acquisition			
Mini Park			
Neighborhood & Community Park Expansion (20 Acres)	\$250,000		\$250,000
Land Acquisition Total	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Park Development			
New Mini Park	\$250,000		\$250,000
New Neighborhood Park	\$750,000		\$750,000
Planning and Design (10%)	\$100,000		\$100,000
Park Development Total	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,100,000
Waynesville Recreation Center Improvements			
Weightroom/Aerobics Expansion	\$650,000	\$650,000	
Therapy pool	\$750,000	\$750,000	
Planning and Design (10%)	\$140,000	\$140,000	
Waynesville Recreation Center Total	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000	\$0
Special Use Facilities			
Greenway Trail Development	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
Sprayground	\$550,000	\$550,000	
Planning & Design (10%)	\$155,000	\$55,000	\$100,000
Special Use Facilities Total	\$1,705,000	\$605,000	\$1,100,000
Total Capital Improvement Budget Cost	\$9,820,000	\$5,720,000	\$4,100,000

APPENDICES



APPENDIX A: PUBLIC WORKSHOP SUMMARY: SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

Town of Waynesville Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan

Are you currently using park and recreation facilities in Waynesville? If so, please list the names of those facilities.

Yes	39
No	1

Name	
Recreation Park	31
Vance Street Park	14
Sulpher Springs Park	1
Chestnut Park	
Hazelwood Park	1
East Street Park	
Old Armory	7
Waynesville Recreation Center	35

How satisfied are you with the existing public parks and recreation facilities in the Town of Waynesville?

Very Satisfied	7
Satisfied	36
Very Dissatisfied	
Dissatisfied	3

Town of Waynesville Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan

Do you feel the existing parks and recreation facilities in Waynesville are meeting your needs?

Yes	5
No	9
Partially	21

Are additional parks and recreation facilities needed?

Yes	34
No	

If yes, what facilities are needed?

Improve/repair Tennis Courts (16)

Improve restrooms (14)

50 meter Pool (12)

Therapy Pool (11)

Water Fountain at Skatepark (9)

Expand Skatepark (8)

Indoor Playground (8)

Bike Trails (7)

Clay Tennis Courts (7)

Indoor Soccer (7)

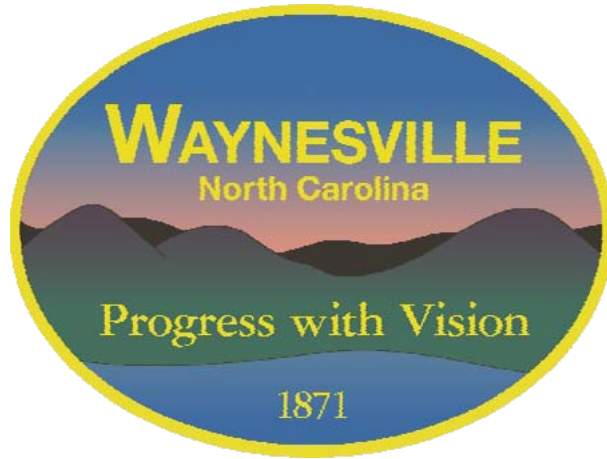
Would you support additional taxes and/or pay higher user fees to support park and recreation facility improvements in Waynesville?

Support	19
Oppose	1
Depends on Circumstances	6

Town of Waynesville Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan

Please identify the recreational facilities you are currently using (left column) and those you would like to see developed or expanded (right column). Use Green Dots to identify facilities you are currently using. Use Blue Dots (4) for facilities you would like to see added or expanded. Use Yellow Dot (1) for the facility you think should be the highest priority for future development.

Facility	Currently using (Green Dots)	Would like to use or see expanded
Baseball fields	3	1
Basketball courts	3	2
Bocce courts		3
Community gardens	2	7
Disc golf course	4	3
Dog parks	10	6
Horseshoe pits		1
Nature study/observation areas	4	6
Open space or natural areas	7	9
Pickleball courts	5	10
Picnic shelters	7	4
Playgrounds	5	13
Recreation Center/gymnasium	6	
Exercise Equipment	10	8
Weights	7	23
Senior Activities	3	4
Classroom		1
Skateboard park	19	63
Soccer fields	13	13
Softball fields		1
Splashpad	3	6
Swimming Pool	19	67
Tennis courts	30	60
Volleyball courts	5	1
Walking trails	15	15
Water access	14	15
Other:		
Bike Trails	2	11
Yoga Class/Room	2	3
Indoor Tennis Court		2



2016 Comprehensive Master Plan

Survey Results

APPENDIX B: COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS



2016 Comprehensive Master Plan

Survey Results

Total: 442

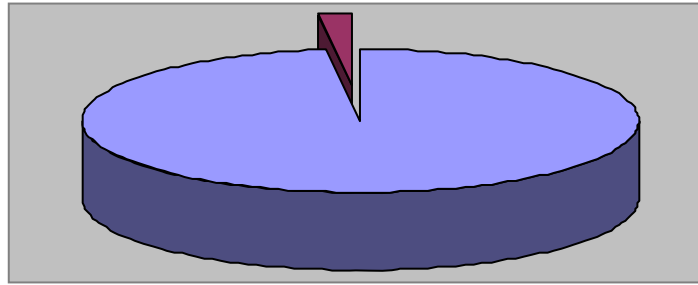
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The 2016 Comprehensive Master Plan for the Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department received 442 responses from various ages, sexes and racial background. The survey was distributed in hard copy at the Waynesville Recreation Center and the Old Armory Recreation Center. It was also made public on the website www.waynesvillenc.gov as an interactive survey. This website was marketing through The Mountaineer and the Smoky Mountain News. It was also marketing through grades K—5 (3,500 students).

The following questions were asked:

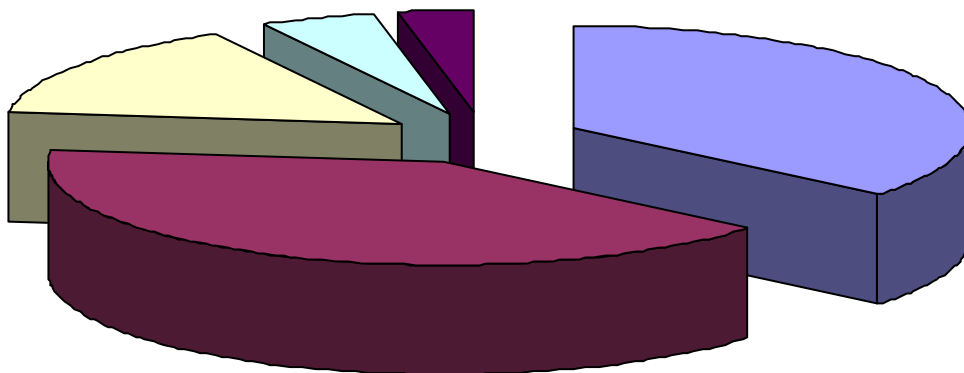
1. Have you or other members of your household visited Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department facilities during the past 12 months?
- 2a. How would you rate the overall quality of Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities which you or members of your household have visited? (if your answer is yes then 2b; no then 3)
- 2b. Please rate the physical condition of the following facilities that you or members of your household have used in the past 12 months. Please use the scale of 1 = poor; 2 = fair; 3 = good; 4 = very good; and 5 = excellent:
3. Please check all the reasons you or other members of your household have chosen NOT to use the Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities:
- 4a. Please circle YES or NO if the current Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities are meeting your needs. If your answer is NO please add what is needed:
* If your answer is NO then what is needed?
- 4b. For the following list of POTENTIAL parks and facilities in Waynesville please indicate if you and your household have a desire / want for these facilities YES or NO:
* Please list any other ideas that you may have for this question:
5. Of the recreational facilities listed above that you have an interest in having in Waynesville which FOUR are the most important to you and your household?
6. Would you willing to pay additional taxes and / or higher user fees to support park and recreation facility improvements in Waynesville?
7. Including yourself, how many permanent residents live in your household?
8. Including yourself, please note the number of people in your household in each of the following age categories:
9. What is your age?
10. How many years have you lived in the Town of Waynesville?
11. Which of the following best describes your race / ethnicity?
12. Please tell us your gender:

1. Have you or other members of your household visited Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department facilities during the past 12 months?



■ Yes - 427 ■ No - 9

- 2a. How would you rate the overall quality of Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities which you or members of your household have visited?



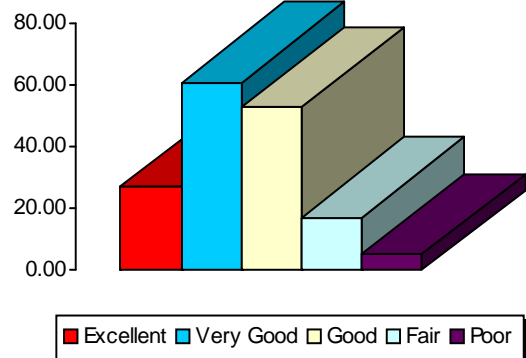
■ Excellent - 155 ■ Very Good - 174 ■ Good - 66 ■ Fair - 20 ■ Poor - 13

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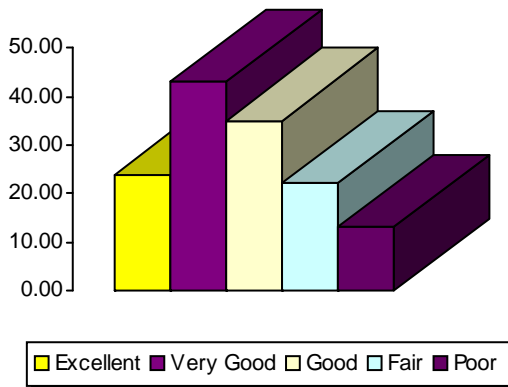
Recreation Park—Playground



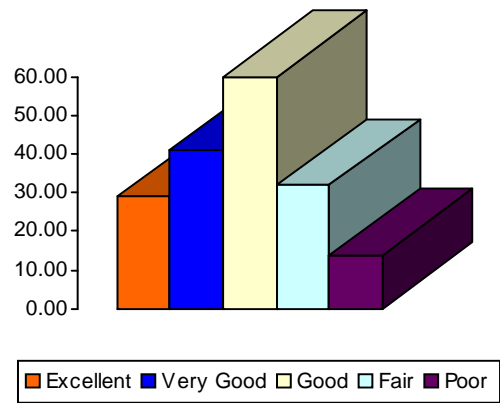
Recreation Park—Tennis Courts



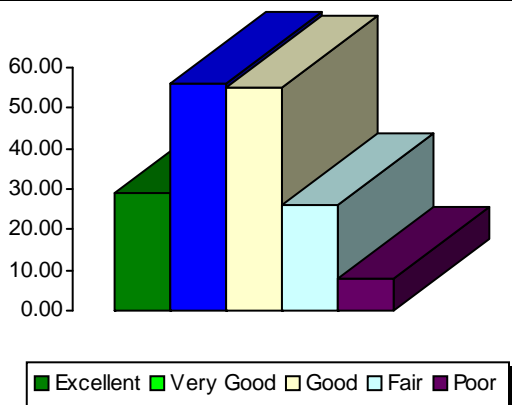
Recreation Park—Softball Field



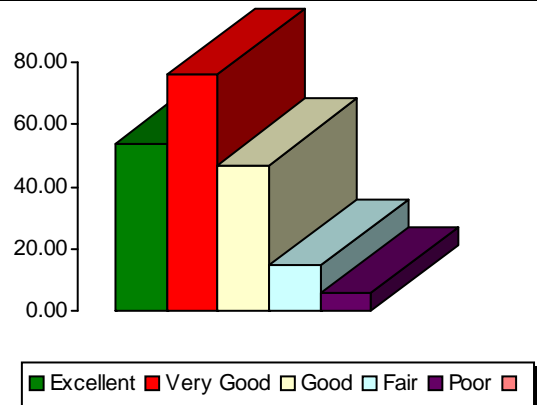
Recreation Park—Dog Park



Recreation Park—Shelter

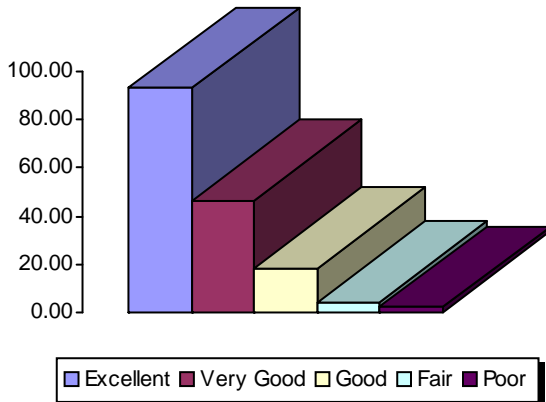


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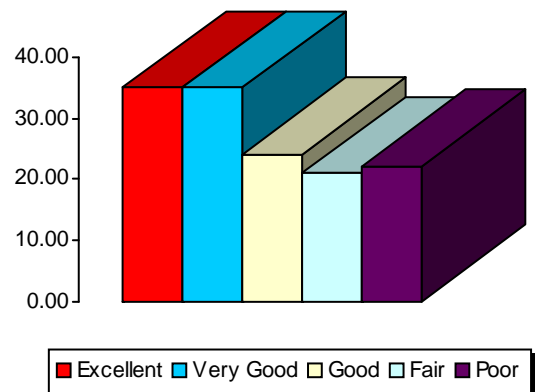


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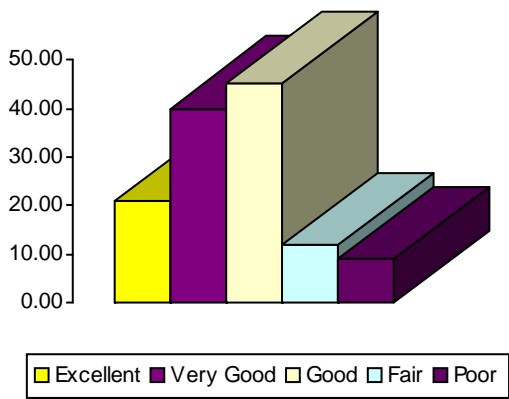
Recreation Park—Skate Park



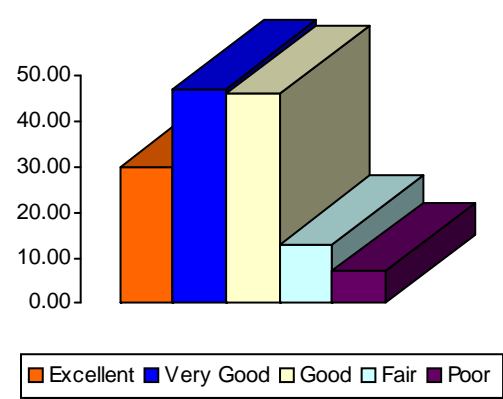
Recreation Park—Basketball Courts



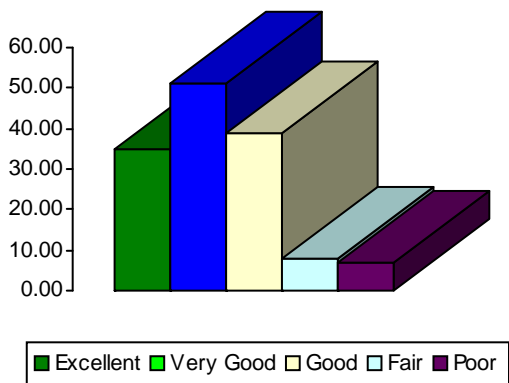
Vance Street Park—Softball Field



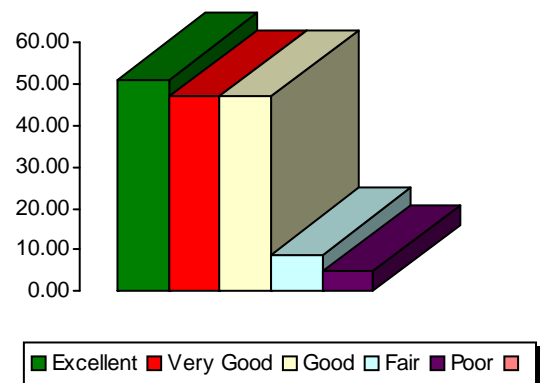
Vance Street Park—Shelter



Vance Street Park—Soccer Field

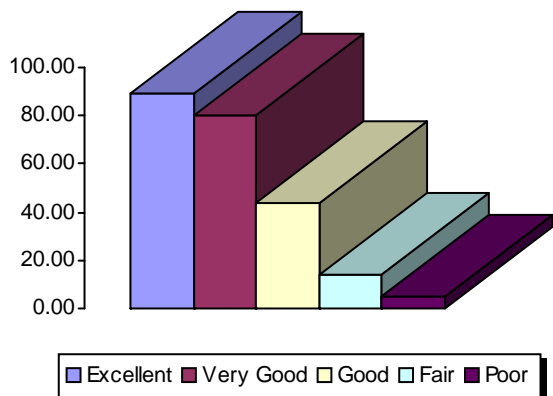


Vance Street Park—Greenway

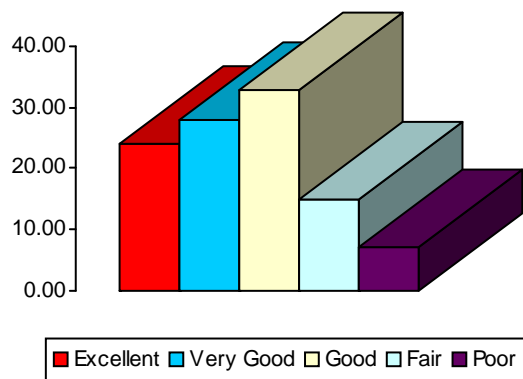


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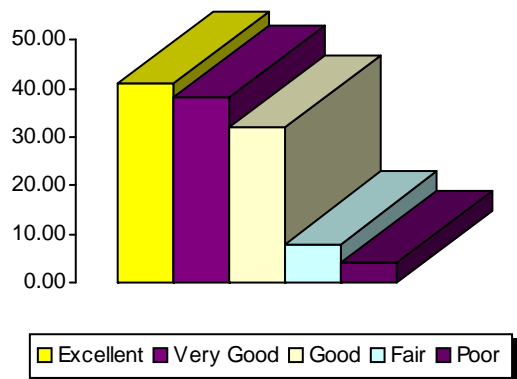
Vance Street Park—Walking Track



Vance Street Park—Volleyball Cts



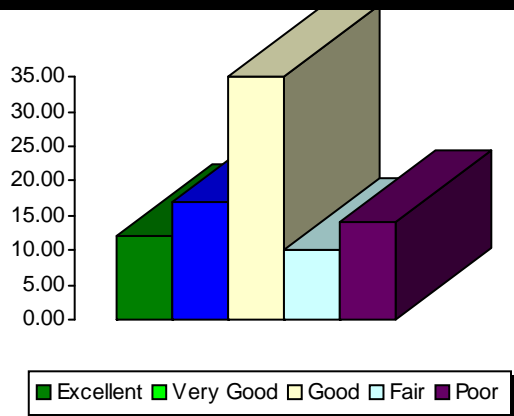
Vance Street Park—Disc Golf Crse



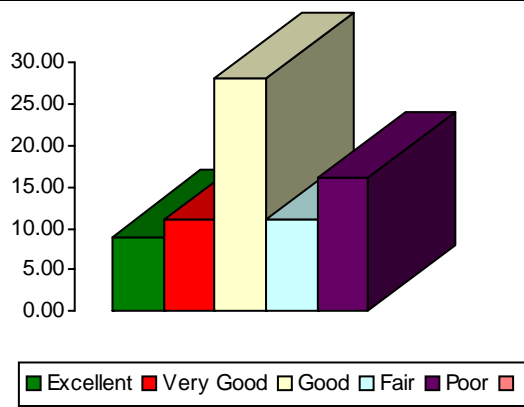
Sulphur Springs Park



Hazelwood Park



Chestnut Park

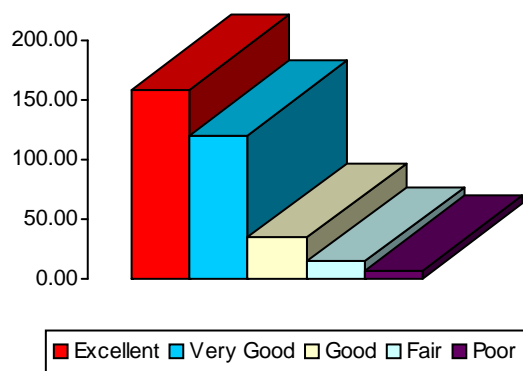


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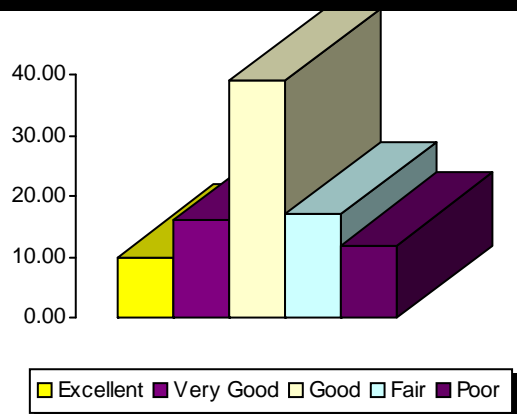
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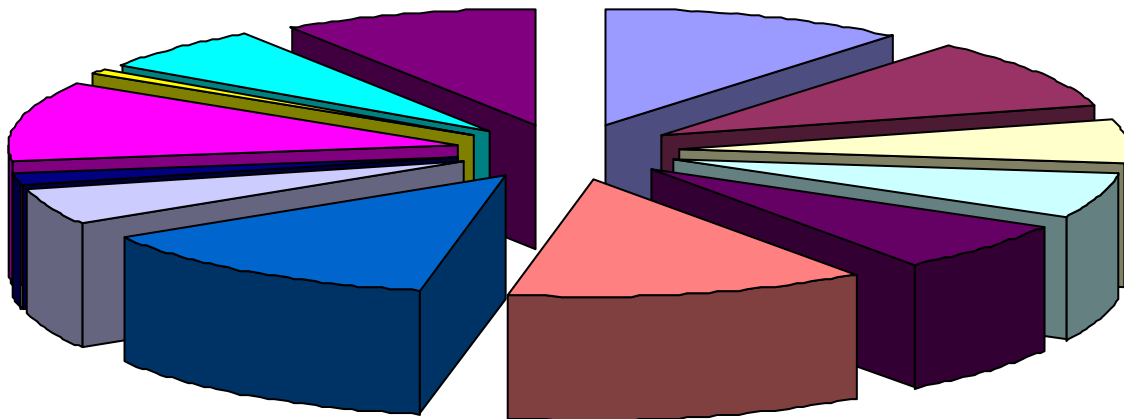
Waynesville Recreation Center



East Street Park



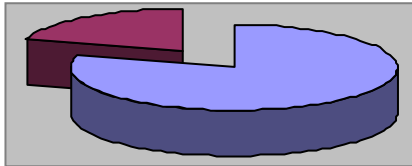
3. Please check all the reasons you or other members of your household have chosen NOT to use the Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities:



Facility(s) are not well maintained	- 33
Facility(s) I want are not offered	- 28
Safety concerns	- 18
Concerns about the quality of the facility(s)	- 18
Too far from home	- 21
Activity times are not convenient	- 38
Fees are too high	- 38
Unhelpful employees	- 15
Not accessible for people with disabilities	- 5
We use services other than Waynesville Parks and Recreation	- 33
Registration for activities is difficult	- 2
Inadequate information / signage	- 18
Just not interested	- 27

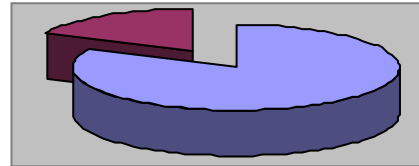
4a. Please circle YES or NO if the current Waynesville Parks and Recreation facilities are meeting your needs. If your answer is NO please add what is needed:

Greenway



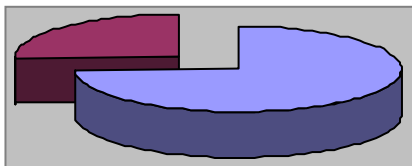
■ Yes - 149 ■ No - 38

Waynesville Recreation Center



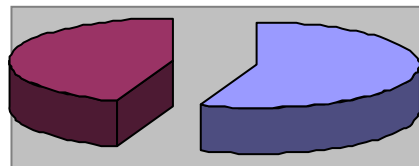
■ Yes - 279 ■ No - 60

Old Armory Recreation Center



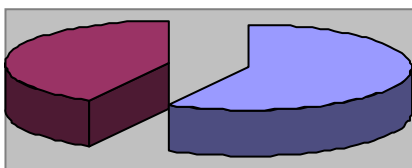
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East Street Park



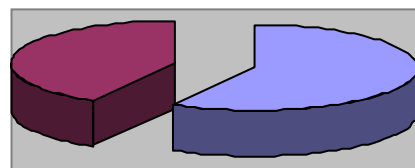
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Hazelwood Park



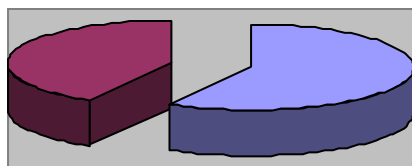
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Sulphur Springs Park



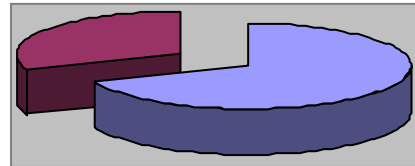
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Chestnut Park



■ Yes - 46 ■ No - 33

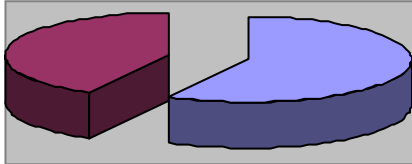
Kiwanis Community Playground



■ Yes - 73 ■ No - 32

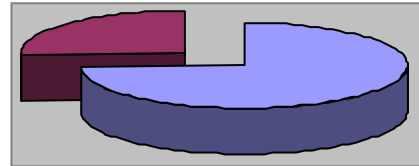
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Outdoor basketball courts



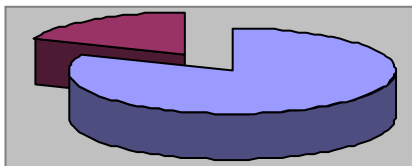
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Skate park



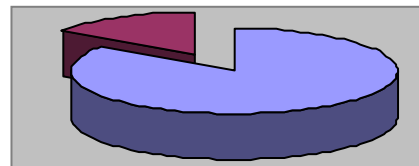
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Disc golf course



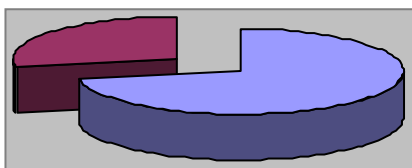
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Greenspace



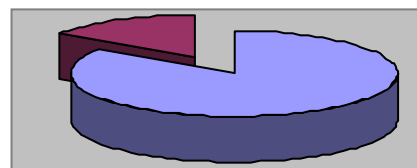
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Dog park



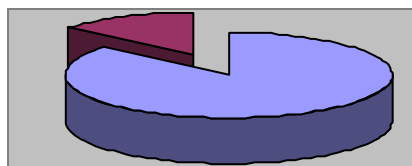
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Walking trail



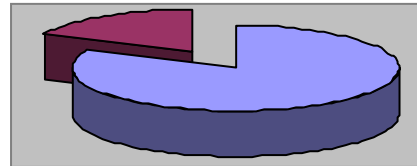
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Picnic areas



■ Yes - 129 ■ No - 21

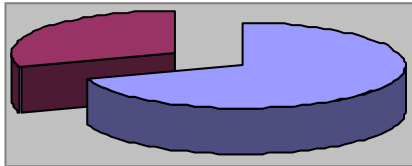
Fishing pier at Richland Creek



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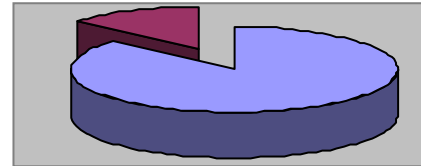
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Public art in the parks



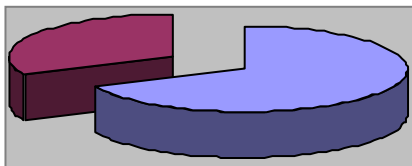
■ Yes - 76 ■ No - 33

Landscaping in the parks



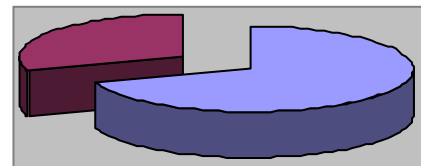
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T-ball field



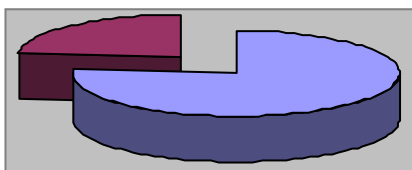
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Outdoor volleyball courts



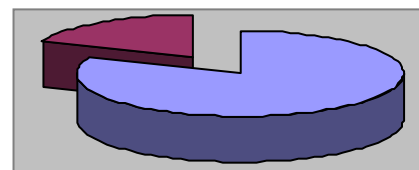
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Tennis courts



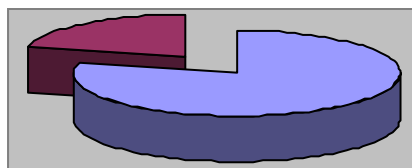
■ Yes - 102 ■ No - 31

Softball fields



■ Yes - 66 ■ No - 15

Soccer field



■ Yes - 84 ■ No - 22

If no then what is needed:

Skate Park (9 total responses)

- Needs water fountain and lights—9 responses

Old Armory (3 total responses)

- Needs better light—1 response
- Wires need to be removed when not in use—1 response
- Nothing to do if you're under age 65—1 response

Waynesville Recreation Center (37 total responses)

- Weight room needs to be expanded—13 responses
- Looks like a 1970s YMCA—1 response
- Too expensive—2 responses
- Need a therapy hot tub—1 response
- Needs more classes—4 responses
- WRC classes have too many people—1 response
- Needs smaller rooms—1 response
- Aerobics room needs to be expanded—7 responses
- Better ventilation in pool area—1 response
- Pool water needs to be warmer—1 response
- We need an outdoor pool—3 responses
- Need more swim lanes—1 response
- Need later swim time for adults—1 response

Greenway (13 total responses)

- Needs to be extended—10 responses
- Better signage—2 responses
- Needs to be paved—1 response

Restrooms (5 total responses)

- Needs updating—2 responses
- Need restrooms at East Street Park—1 response
- Need restrooms upstairs at WRC—1 response
- Need restrooms closer to facilities—1 response

If no then what is needed (con't...):

Dog Park (15 total responses)

- Needs improving—2 responses
- Needs more shade and grass—9 responses
- Needs agility obstacles—1 response
- Needs big dog /small dog lots—2 responses
- Needs more mulch more often—1 response

Tennis Courts (11 total responses)

- Needs to be resurfaced—6 responses
- Need more tennis courts—1 response
- Needs to be clay—4 responses

Parks

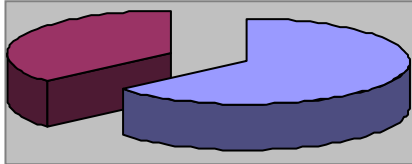
- Soccer fields need to be better maintained—4 responses
- Soccer fields needs better grass or synthetic turf—4 responses
- Need more shelters—1 response
- Need more grills in the pars—1 response
- Hazelwood Park needs improvements (i.e. playground and walking trail) - 4 responses
- Kiwanis Playground needs improving—4 responses
- Better disc golf map—1 response
- More natural environments for children—1 response
- Vance Street Park too congestive—1 response
- East Street Park needs improving—2 responses
- Current volleyball courts are in a bad location—1 response
- Need better softball fields—2 responses
- Volleyball courts need improving—1 response
- Look at Falls Park in Greenville, SC—1 response
- Better accessibility for special needs—1 response
- Need security guards—1 response
- Need parks near the water shed—1 response
- More art in the parks—4 responses

If no then what is needed (con't...):

- Need a baseball / softball complex—7 responses
- Dogs need to be restrained—1 response
- Maintain landscaping better—1 response
- Outdoor basketball needs updating—2 responses
- Picnic areas are dirty—1 response

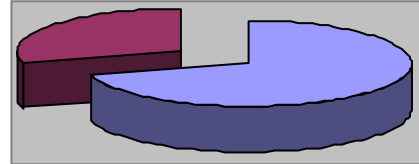
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Splash pad at the WRC



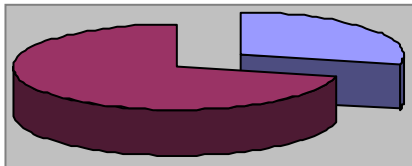
■ Yes - 159 ■ No - 91

Therapy pool at the WRC



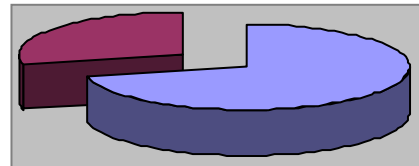
■ Yes - 180 ■ No - 74

BMX park



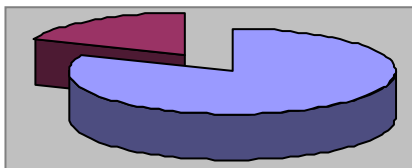
■ Yes - 56 ■ No - 142

Play area/children with disabilities



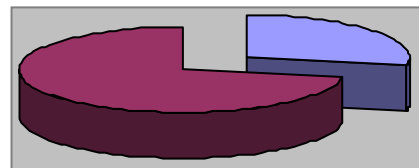
■ Yes - 159 ■ No - 63

Outdoor event/performance arena



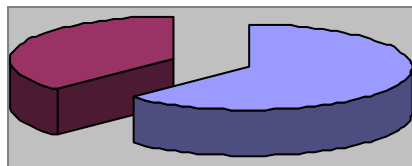
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Football fields



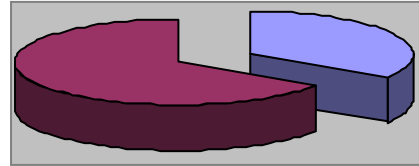
■ Yes - 53 ■ No - 136

Expansion of WRC weight room



■ Yes - 155 ■ No - 93

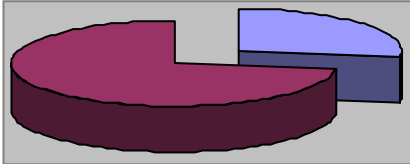
Additional tennis courts



■ Yes - 71 ■ No - 136

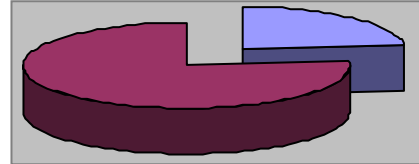
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Additional soccer fields



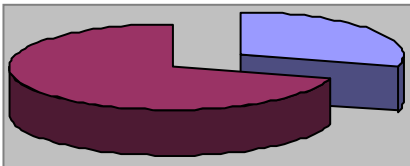
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Additional softball fields



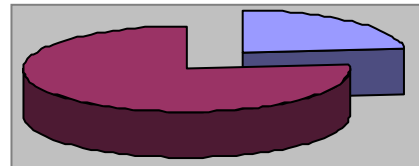
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Additional outdoor basketball cts



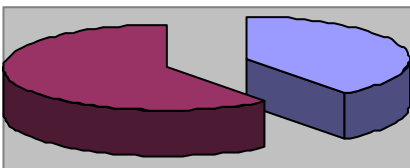
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Additional outdoor volleyball cts



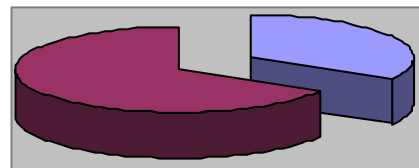
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Pickleball courts



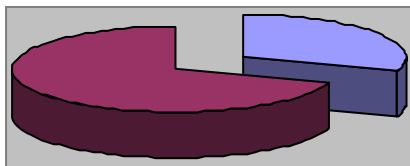
■ Yes - 80 ■ No - 122

Bocce courts



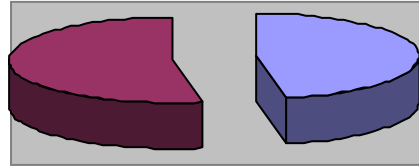
■ Yes - 62 ■ No - 125

Croquet courts



■ Yes - 54 ■ No - 124

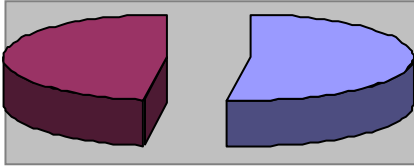
Horseshoe pits



■ Yes - 88 ■ No - 100

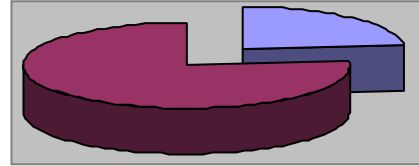
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Additional playgrounds



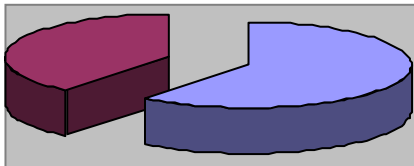
■ Yes - 102 ■ No - 93

Additional disc golf course



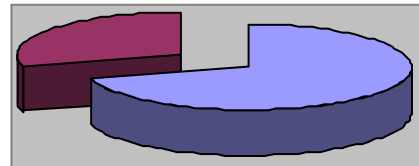
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Expansion of WRC aerobics room



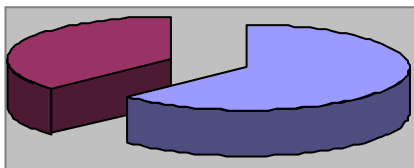
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Nature study/envir. ed area



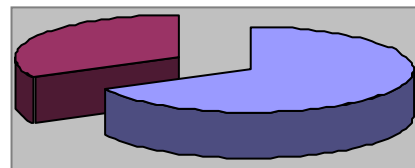
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Ropes challenge course



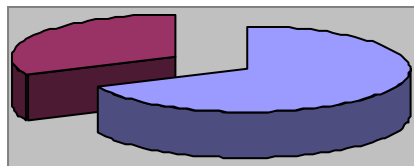
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Climbing wall



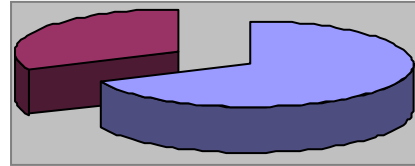
■ Yes - 149 ■ No - 73

Extended greenway



■ Yes - 157 ■ No - 74

Community garden



■ Yes - 145 ■ No - 67

Other:

Skate Park (8 total responses)

- Needs water fountain and lights—7 responses
- Skate park addition—1 response

Waynesville Recreation Center (10 total responses)

- Weight room needs to be expanded—1 response
- We need an outdoor pool—6 responses
- Spray ground—3 responses

Greenway (16 total responses)

- Needs to be extended—9 responses
- Open greenway to watershed for mountain bike trails—5 responses
- Safer greenway—1 response
- Fitness stations along greenway—1 response

Restrooms (5 total responses)

- Needs updating—5 responses

Dog Park (2 total responses)

- Maintenance needs improving—2 responses

Tennis Courts (2 total responses)

- Needs to be clay—2 responses

Parks (28 responses)

- Need soccer complex—1 response
- Indoor soccer center—2 response
- More landscaping in the parks—1 response
- Need baseball / softball complex—11 responses
- More lighting—1 response
- Natural play themed play areas—2 response
- New outdoor volleyball courts—1 response
- Topiary Maze—1 response
- More waterfountains—1 response
- Pollinator gardens—1 response

Other (con't...):

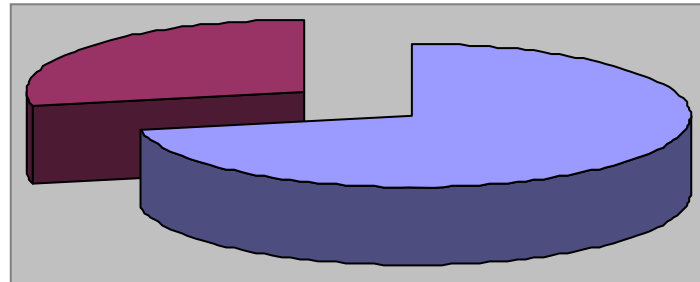
- More shade areas—1 response
- More art in the parks—2 responses
- Dirt BMX Course—1 response
- Climbing Wall—1 response
- Purchase Southern Concrete property and develop picnic area—1 response

5. Of the recreational facilities listed above that you have an interest in having in Waynesville which FOUR are the most important to you and your household?

Expansion of weight room at the WRC	67
Expansion of aerobics room at WRC	55
Extend greenway	54
Therapy pool at the Waynesville Rec Center	46
Outdoor event / performance arena	34
Additional tennis courts	31
Ropes challenge course	29
Community garden	28
Climbing wall	26
Nature study / environmental ed area	26
Pickleball courts	25
Additional playgrounds	23
Splash pad at the Waynesville Rec Center	16
Play area for children with disabilities	14
Additional outdoor basketball courts	8
BMX Park	8
Horseshoe pits	8
Additional soccer fields	7
Bocce courts	6
Croquet courts	6
Football fields	5
Additional disc golf course	4
Additional outdoor volleyball courts	4
Additional softball fields	2

Other responses included: Indoor soccer (2); soccer complex (3); baseball / softball complex (10); New restrooms (2); Outdoor pool (6); More picnic shelters (4); Indoor tennis (1); Fishing piers (1); Skate park addition (3); Soft running track (1)

6. **Would you willing to pay additional taxes and / or higher user fees to support park and recreation facility improvements in Waynesville?**



■ Yes - 280 ■ No - 111

7. **Including yourself, how many permanent residents live in your household?**

Average = 2.60 people per household

(992 total people divided by 381 households = 2.60)

8. **Including yourself, please note the number of people in your household in each of the following age categories:**

Under 5:	89	5—9:	85
10—14:	85	15—19:	43
20—24:	47	25—34:	85
35—44:	156	45—54:	95
55—64:	151	65 +:	293

9. What is your age?

Average—54.19 years of age
(21,078 = number of total years divided by 389 people)

10. How many years have you lived in the Town of Waynesville?

Average—15.40 years per person
(5,360 = number of total years divided by 348 people)

* 67 people did not indicate that they lived in the Town of Waynesville. These people were not included in the above calculation.

11. Which of the following best describes your race / ethnicity?

- 402 White / Caucasian
- 4 Hispanic / Latino
- 2 African American / Black
- 2 Native American
- 3 Asian
- 6 Other

12. Please tell us your gender:

Male: 170
Female: 241



APPENDIX C: CLASSIFICATIONS FOR PARKS, OPEN SPACE & GREENWAYS

A well balanced park system is made up of several park types that range from very large Regional Parks (often encompassing hundreds of acres) to very small Mini Parks (sometimes less than one acre). The descriptions on the following pages define the parks that typically comprise a community's park system. Numerous agencies (federal, state, county, and municipal) play a role in providing this system. Looking at the entire system helps identify the roles of the various agencies.

The following park descriptions are based on park classifications outlined in the 1995 National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publication "Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines". They are not intended to serve as park standards, but instead are used as a framework for describing the components found in a park system. Communities should structure their park types based on individual community needs. Sections Three and Four discuss the specific park needs for the Town of Waynesville. The NRPA standards described in this section have been modified slightly to reflect Waynesville's park system.

Regional Park

Regional Parks are typically very large sites, encompassing unique qualities that exemplify the natural features, diverse land formations, and the variety of vegetation and wildlife found in the region. Examples of the types of facilities provided in a Nature Preserve/Passive Park include environmental centers, camping, nature trails, observation decks, and picnic areas. Open fields for non-structured activities, such as frisbee throwing or kite flying, are also generally found in these parks.

Land chosen for future preserves or the expansion of existing sites should contain the previously mentioned characteristics accompanied with natural water features such as beach areas, rivers, and creeks. The majority of the site should be reserved for passive recreation, or undeveloped green space.

NRPA’s guidelines for developing Regional Parks are as follows:

Service Area:	Typically serve the entire county
Acreage/Population Ratio:	Varies
Typical Size:	Sufficient area to encompass the resources to be preserved and managed. Typically a minimum of 200 acres; up to 1,000 acres.
Typical Facilities:	
Environmental Center	Picnic Tables with Grills (not under shelter)
Equestrian Center	Restrooms/Vending
Primitive Camping	Beach
Group Camping	Swimming
Recreational Vehicles Camping	Boating
Nature Trails	Fishing Piers/Boat Docks
Observation Deck	Parking
Picnic Shelters with Grills	Caretaker’s House

Development of **Regional Parks** typically falls within the responsibility of federal, state and/or county agencies.



Typical Regional Park

200 + Acres

District Parks

A District Park provides more diverse recreational opportunities than the Regional Park. The District Park contains passive recreational opportunities that are similar to the Passive Park, but often includes significantly active recreational facilities. It is easily accessible by the population (typically 40,000) it serves and maintains a 2.5-5 mile service radius. The park contains a minimum of 5 acres per 1,000 population and should be a minimum of 100 acres in size.

An indoor recreation building/community center may be included in a Regional Park. These facilities typically reflect the character of the park with a historic, natural, or urban theme. Active recreational facilities located in a District Park include play areas, ball fields, hard surface courts, multi-purpose play fields, picnicking locations, and various types of trails.

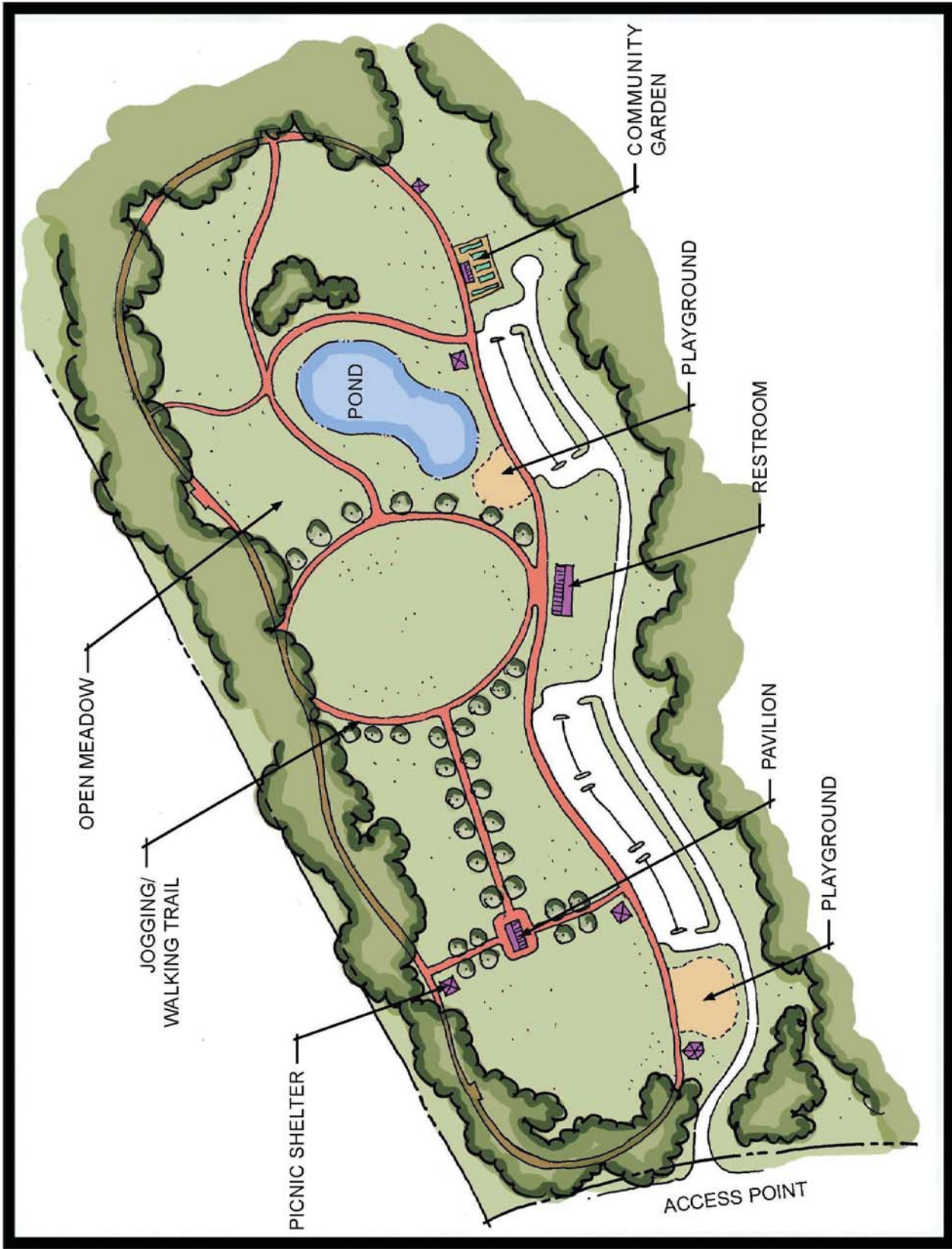
Listed below are NRPA’s guidelines for developing Regional Parks:

Service Area:	Typically serve the entire community
Acreage/Population Ratio:	5.0 acres per 1,000 persons
Typical Size:	40 acres minimum, 80-150 acres optimal

Typical Facilities:	
Playground	Picnic Shelter with Grills
Basketball Courts	Picnic Tables with Grills (not under shelter)
Tennis Courts (lighted)	Nature Trail
Tournament Level Tennis Facilities	Benches or Bench Swings
Volleyball Courts	Restroom/Concessions
Multi-purpose Fields	Parking
Tournament Level Soccer Fields	Service Yard
Tournament Level Baseball/Softball Fields	

Alternate Facilities:	
Recreation Center	Amphitheater
Tennis Center	Observation Decks
Running Track	

Development of **District Parks** typically falls within the responsibility of county or large municipal agencies.



Typical District Park

80-150 Acres

Community Parks

Community Parks provide for the recreation needs of several neighborhoods or large sections of the community. A range of facilities is typically provided and may support tournament competition for athletic and league sports or passive recreation. These parks also present opportunities for nontraditional types of recreation. Fifty percent of Community Park sites should be developed for passive recreation. These relatively undisturbed areas may serve as buffers around the park and/or act as buffers between active facilities.

Community Park sites should have varying topography and vegetation. Forested areas should have a variety of tree species. Cleared areas should be present for siting active recreational facilities. One or more natural water feature(s), such as a lake, river, or creek, are desirable. Park land should be contiguous and strategically located in order to be accessible to all users within the neighborhoods it serves.

Listed below are NRPA’s guidelines for developing Community Parks:

Service Area:	.5 - 3 mile radius
Acreage/Population Ratio:	5.0 acres per 1,000 persons
Typical Size:	30-50 acres

Typical Facilities:

Recreation Center	Picnic Tables with Grills
Basketball Courts	Benches or Bench Swings
Tennis Court (lighted)	Nature Trails
Baseball/Softball Fields (lighted)	Restroom/Concessions
Multipurpose Fields (lighted)	Parking
Soccer Fields (lighted)	Playgrounds
Swimming Pool	Volleyball Courts
Amphitheater	Disc Golf
Observations Decks	
Picnic Shelters	
Picnic Shelters with Grills	

Specialty facilities may be added to or substituted for other facilities depending on community need or special site characteristics.

Development of **Community Parks** may fall within the responsibility of municipality or county agencies.



Typical Community Park

30 - 50 Acres

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood Parks provide the basic unit of most municipal park systems. These parks are usually located within walking distance of the area serviced and provide a variety of activities of interest to all age groups. While their small size requires intense development, fifty percent of each site should remain undisturbed, if possible, to serve as a buffer between the park and adjacent land users.

The NRPA guidelines for Neighborhood Park development are as follows:

Service Area:	.25 to .75 mile radius to serve walk-in recreation needs of surrounding populations
Acreage/Population Ratio:	2.5 acres per 1,000 persons
Typical Size:	5-10 acres
Typical Facilities:	
Playground	Picnic Shelters with Grills
Court Games	Picnic Tables with Grills (not under shelter)
Informal Play Field	Benches or Bench Swings
Volleyball	50% of Site to Remain Undeveloped
Trails/Walkways	Parking (7-10 spaces)

Neighborhood Parks are typically developed by municipalities.



Typical Neighborhood Park 5 - 10 Acres

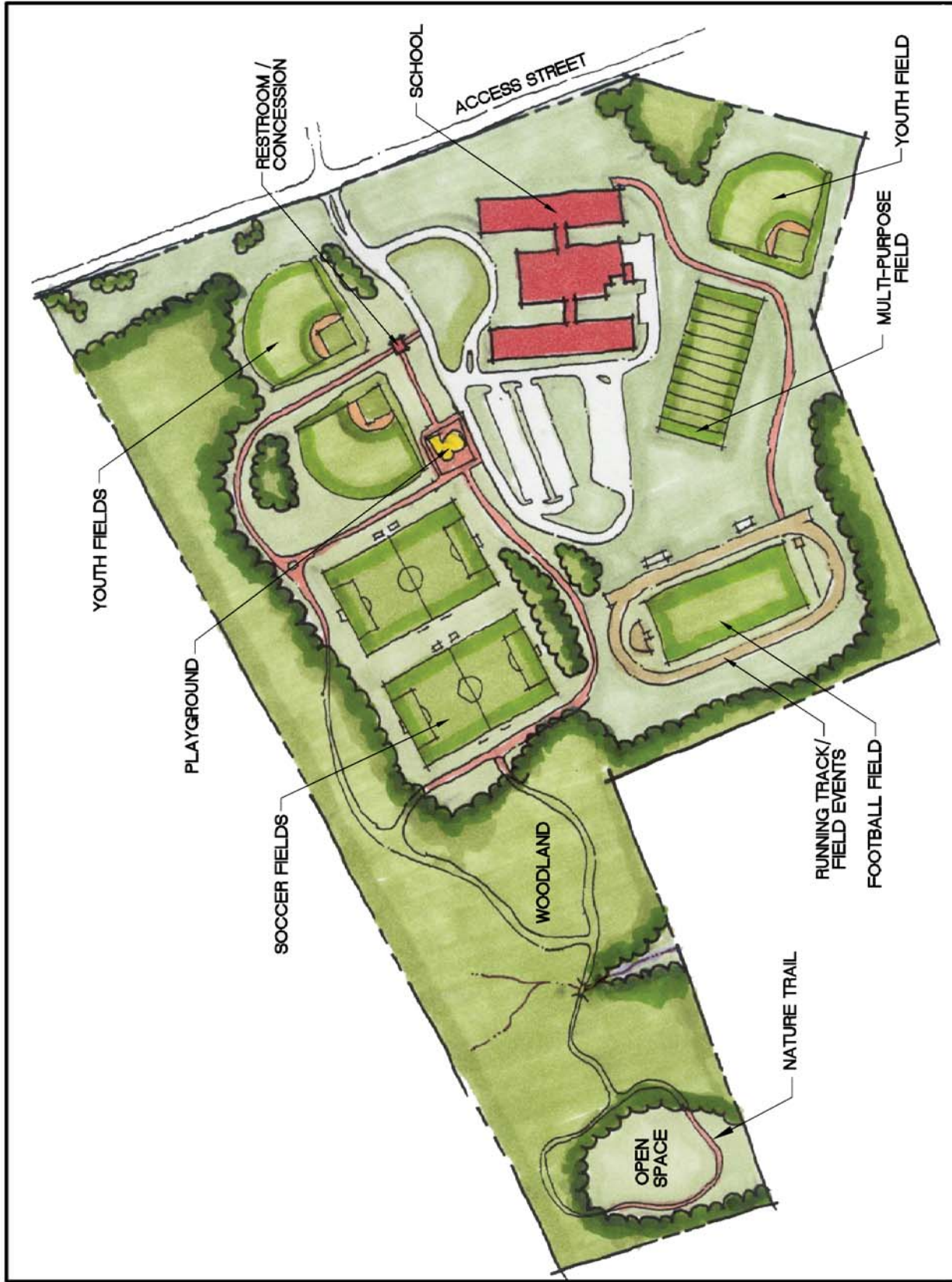
School Parks

Joint use is a mechanism that public agencies use to maximize resources. Through joint use, both the school system and the parks and recreation department benefit from shared use of facilities and valuable land resources. School Park facilities typically go beyond the simple joint use of school facilities. The parks and recreation agency will become a partner in the development of a school site and fund recreational facilities beyond those typically built with a stand-alone school. These facilities may be indoor spaces (gymnasiums, classrooms, meeting rooms, etc.) or outdoor recreation facilities (ballfields, playgrounds, picnic shelters, etc.). The cost of developing and operating these additional facilities is minimized when constructing them in partnership with school development. Savings are also found in shared infrastructure (parking, restrooms, etc.) and shared maintenance and operational cost.

The School Park concept maximizes the joint use objective and provides a planned facility that maximizes public funds. The School Park concept typically varies depending on the school. Elementary and middle schools provide the ideal setting for a Neighborhood Park, while middle and high schools follow the function of a Community Park or sports complex. Access to school sports facilities at high schools and middle schools can be difficult based on team sports needs. This concept only works if there is a mutually agreed upon joint use agreement to define roles, responsibilities, and use of facilities.

Service Area:	Varies depending on school type and park type
Desirable Size:	Varies depending on school type and park type
Typical Facilities:	Varies depending on school type and park type

Development of **School Parks** usually fall within the responsibility of municipalities, county agencies, or school districts.



Typical School Park

± 50 Acres

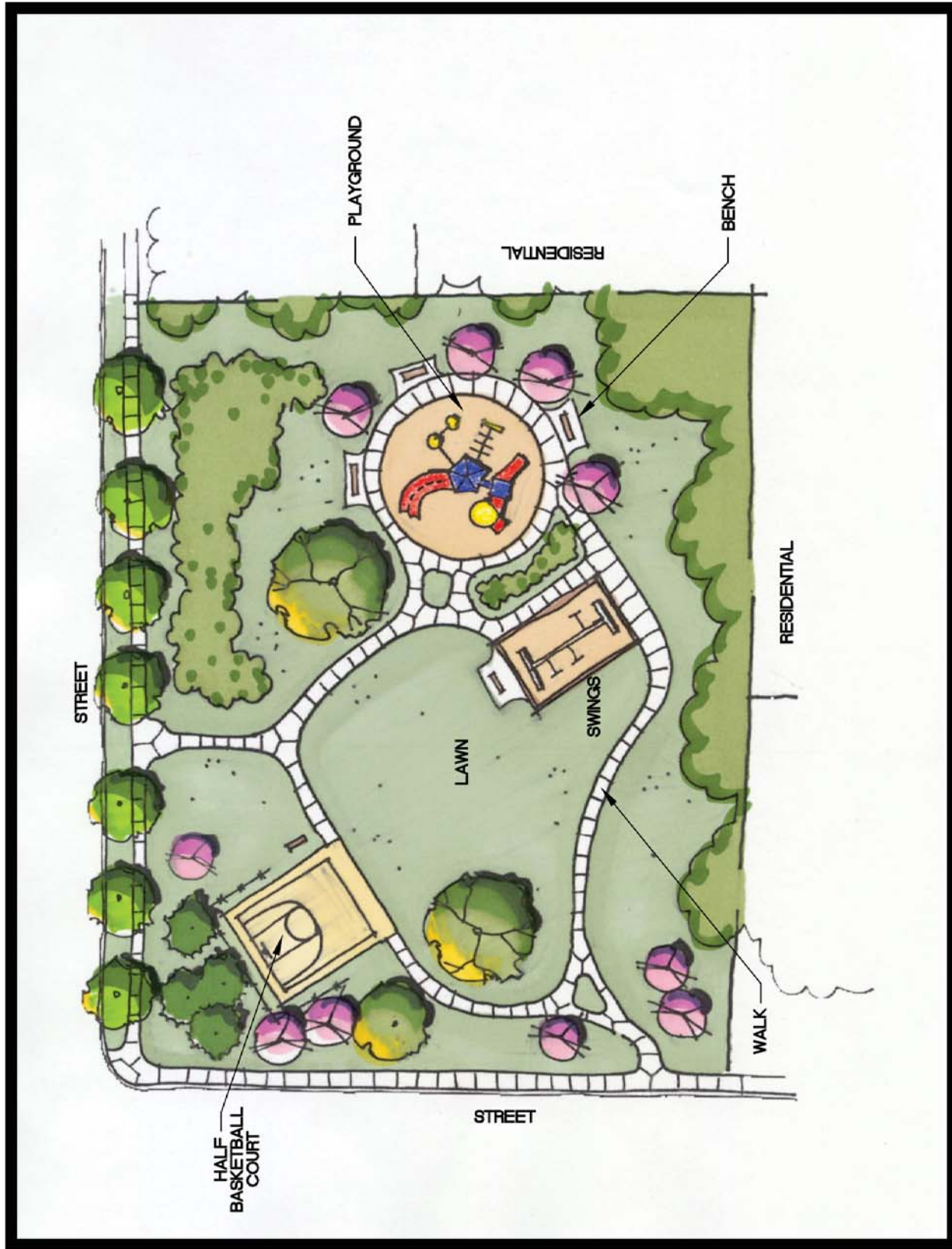
Mini Parks

Mini Parks are the smallest park classification. These parks are located within walking distance of the area serviced, and they provide limited recreational needs. The small amount of land associated with Mini Parks usually results in intense development with little to no buffer between the park and adjacent properties.

NRPA’s guidelines for Mini Park development are as follows:

Service Area:	.25 mile radius to serve walk-in recreation needs of surrounding populations
Acreage/Population Ratio:	.25 acres per 1,000 persons
Typical Size:	.25 - 1 acres
Typical Facilities:	
Playground	Picnic Tables with Grills (not under shelter)
½ Basketball Courts	Benches or Bench Swings
Open Play Area	Landscaped Public Use Area

Mini Parks are typically developed by municipalities.



Typical Mini Park

.25 - 1 Acres

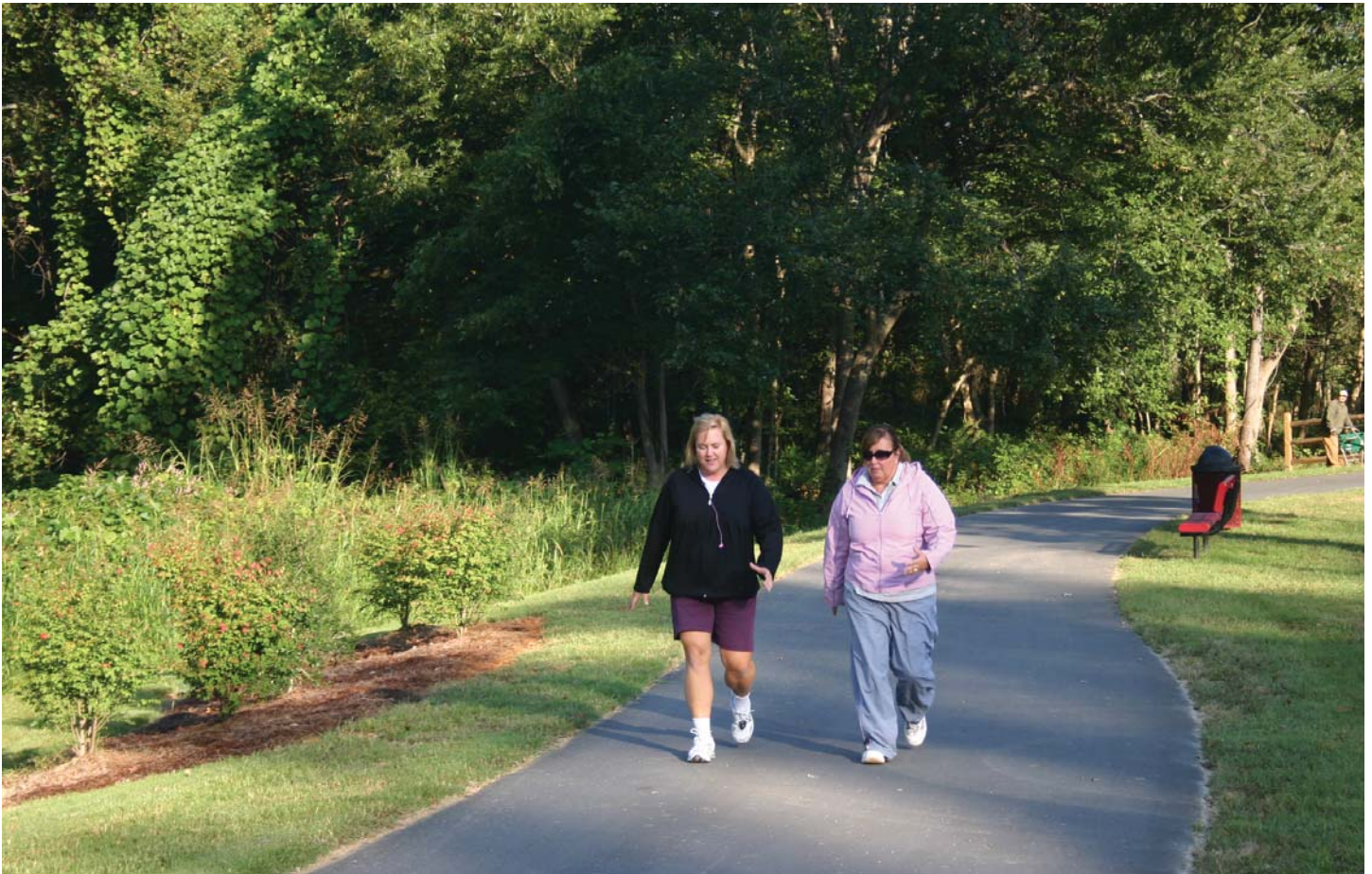
Greenway Trails

Greenways provide an important component of the overall park system. They:

- Serve as alternative non-motorized transportation facilities.
- Provide links between parks, schools, neighborhoods, and commercial areas.
- Emphasize harmony with the natural environment.
- Provide safe pedestrian movement.
- Provide resource based outdoor recreational opportunities.
- Enhance adjacent property values.
- Provide linear parks and open spaces.

Greenways are very similar to natural resource sites; the primary difference is the emphasis on pedestrian trails found in the greenway system.

Desirable Size: Greenways form corridors that vary considerably in length and width.
A 50' width is generally considered a minimum.





VANCE STREET PARK RECREATION PARK

SITE SPECIFIC MASTER PLAN

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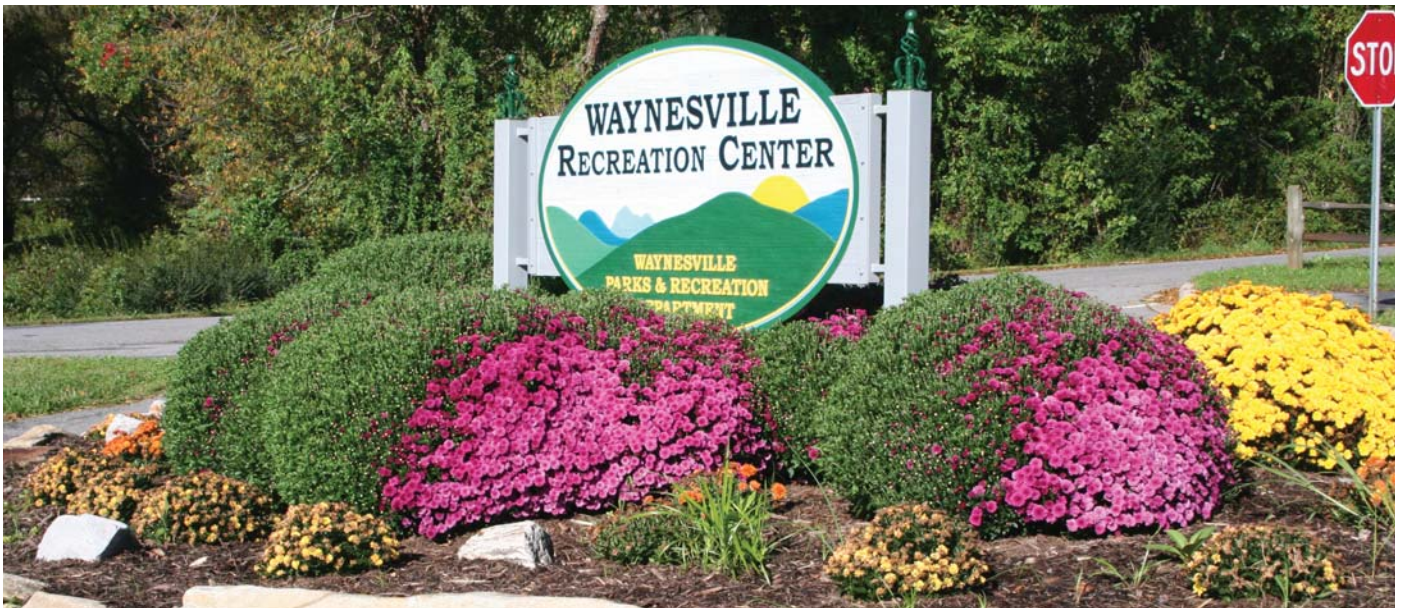
PLANNING OVERVIEW

Recreation Park and Vance Street Park have served the citizens of Waynesville for over four decades. Through the years, community leaders have continuously invested in these two parks in order to meet the indoor and outdoor recreation needs of community residents. While the Town's park system contains six existing parks on over 50 acres of parkland, almost all of the Town's recreational facilities and greenspace are found in these two parks.

In 2007, Haywood County developed a Countywide Plan for Parks and Recreation. As part of that plan, recommendations were made for improvements to both parks. While some of those recommendations have been acted upon, many recommendations have been left unfinished. More importantly, many things have changed in the community and in the field of park development since the 2007 plan. In August of 2016, the Town initiated a new planning study to identify park and recreational needs for the community. The planning process included reaching out to the public through public workshops and a community survey to gather input on desired improvements. Through this planning process, it became apparent that most of the needs expressed by local residents were directly related to improvements needed at one (or both) of these two parks. With that understanding, the Town initiated this planning study to develop site specific master plans for both parks. To further confirm the park and recreational desires of the public, public workshops were held specifically to discuss needed improvements for both parks.

While the parks have separate names and are in some ways perceived as two separate facilities, this planning report studies both park simultaneously because of their close proximity (they are connected by Richland Creek and a greenway trail). Individual plans have been developed for each park as part of this planning report.

In addition to the park plans, this planning document includes a summary of the findings from the site analysis that was conducted for each site, findings from the public workshop, a description of physical and recreational needs, program description, and cost estimates for proposed improvements.



Vance Street Park offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities

SITE ANALYSIS

RECREATION PARK



The tennis courts at Recreation Park are one of the Town's most popular recreation facilities

SITE CONTEXT

Recreation Park is an 18.28 acre Community Park located in the northeastern area of town. The park's main entrance is on West Marshall Street, but it is also bordered by Vance Street to the south and east. The park's northern border is formed by Richland Creek. The park is surrounded by a variety of land uses. Property to the west of the park, across West Marshall Street, is primarily business and commercial. Property to the south of the park is predominantly residential. Several houses fronting on West Marshall and Vance Street back up to the park, but further east along Vance Street, the houses are located across the street from the park. Future park development should be sensitive to the residential properties in the immediate area. Property to the north of the park (on the opposite side of Richland Creek) is currently undeveloped agricultural land; although current zoning (Residential: Medium Density) would indicate that this area may one day be residential development as well. Property at the park's northwest corner (across Richland Creek) contains a shopping center.

The park is somewhat linear, running along Richland Creek. It is also divided by an existing railroad track that runs east/west through the upper quadrant of the site; creating two very distinct park areas. The largest park space is located south of the railroad tracks.

EXISTING FACILITIES

Through the years, the entire park has become developed with a wide variety of outdoor recreational facilities. The largest park area (south of the railroad track) contains the following recreation facilities:

Tennis Courts (6)

These courts are heavily used for free play and league play. While improvements have been made to the courts in the past several years, the foundation under the courts is unstable and major renovations to the courts will be required in the near future. There is a small gazebo and aluminum bleachers adjacent to the existing courts. The courts and gazebo are not ADA accessible.

Outdoor Basketball Courts (2)

Structurally these courts appear to be relatively sound, but the color surfacing on the courts is old and needs to be replaced.

Play Area

The park's largest play area is located along the southern property line. This wooden play structure was constructed many years ago and needs to be replaced. The old play structure does not incorporate up to date play design, nor does it incorporate Universal Design principles that make it ADA accessible and inviting for children of all play abilities.



The existing wooden play equipment should be replaced

Softball Field

A softball field is located in the very center of the park site. The existing field is completely fenced and includes backstop, bleachers and a press box/scorers building. The fencing and buildings are old and need to be replaced. Because of its central location, the softball field dominates this area of the park and makes access to other areas of the park difficult.

Demand for softball has decreased in the past years, and this field is seldom programed for ball play. Consideration should be given to removing the field and using this valuable space for other recreational uses or open space.

Tee Ball Area

A small tee ball field with 4 skinned infields is located adjacent to Vance Street. A small gravel parking area immediately off Vance Street provides parking to this area.

Picnic Area

A very nice greenspace exists between West Marshall Street and the existing parking lot. This area is an open lawn with several large shade tree, several picnic tables, a water fountain and mobile restroom. The picnic tables are not ADA accessible, and there is no ADA access to the tables.

Parking Lot

There is a very large parking area in the center of the park. The perimeter of this lot is paved, but most of the lot is graveled. The Town's first swimming pool was located at the graveled area. With the construction of the Waynesville Recreation Center, the Town's outdoor swimming pool was closed and demolished. This

area creates an unsightly focal point for the park. The total number of available parking spaces is difficult to determine because the gravel area is open area without defined parking aisles, but it appears there is more paved or gravel area than is needed for the current facilities in the park.

Maintenance Facility

A Public Works Maintenance facility is located in the park adjacent to the basketball courts and railroad track. This facility includes a small metal maintenance building with outside storage area for sand, mulch, etc. The central location in the park creates potential conflicts between park users and maintenance operations. Relocating this facility to more remote areas of the park should be considered.



The large gravel parking lot covers much of the park

A second, more linear, park activity node is located along Richland Creek, north of the railroad track. This activity node includes the following recreational facilities:

Small Playground/Picnic Shelter

Immediately north of the railroad tracks at West Marshall Street there is a small activity node that includes a small playground, family picnic shelter and restroom. All of these facilities are old and need renovations. The playground contains outdated equipment and is not ADA accessible. Likewise, the existing restroom is old and is not designed to meet current ADA standards. The Department has identified the need to improve this area and is currently seeking grant monies from the NC Connect funds to make facility improvements.



Existing play equipment is dated and needs to be replaced

This small activity node also serves as a trailhead for the greenway trail that runs along Richland Creek and connects this area of the park with the dog park and skateboard park.

Dog Park

This is one of the Town's newest recreation facility additions, and has been very popular with community dog lovers. The dog park is essentially a large fenced area where dogs can run off leash and play with other dogs. The fenced area has been divided to provide space for large and small dogs. The area is an open space with scattered small trees. The surfacing within the fencing is a combination of dirt and hardwood mulch. Improvements to the surfacing are needed. There are also improvements needed at the dog park for ADA accessibility; including the need for restrooms.

Skateboard Park

Another relatively new addition to Recreation Park is a skateboard facility located between Vance Street and Richland Creek. This new facility is a state of the art skateboard park and is extremely popular with local skaters and attracts skaters from outside Waynesville. While the skateboard facility itself is an excellent facility, amenities serving the facility are needed; both from a function standpoint and from ADA requirements. A restroom and water fountain are needed in this area. Currently, the skateboard park is not lit. Adding lights to this facility would greatly extend use.

A parking lot with 34 spaces surrounds the skateboard park.

UTILITIES

Based on available GIS information, the park site is well served by utilities. Public water and sewer service exists in West Marshall Street and portions of Vance Street. Utility service has been extended into the site to serve the previous swimming pool and the existing restroom buildings. Prior to park development, more detailed assessment of existing water and sewer utilities will be required to confirm exact location, capacity, etc.

NATURAL FEATURES

The site is an excellent site for a Community Park. It is relatively flat and open, allowing few limitations for facility development. As noted previously, the majority of the site has been developed for ballfields, swimming pool, etc. but several areas along the site's perimeter and along Richland Creek have a nice variety of large maturing trees; offering shade and an inviting setting for passive recreation.

The majority of the site is comprised of Cullowhee-Nikwasi Soils, and Delwood Soils. As expected in a lowland site, soils on the site have limitations with regard to development, but typical park improvements (trails, open space, natural areas, etc.) should not pose an issue.

Paved areas (roads/parking, courts, etc.) can be developed, but may require special construction measures.



Richland Creek provides many opportunities for low impact recreational use

The most important natural feature of the site is Richland Creek. The creek provides a unique natural setting to the park; offering wonderful opportunities for walking, picnicking, fishing and other low impact recreational uses. The creek also impacts park use by the potential for flooding. The majority of the creek's floodway (the area most likely to flood) expands out along the northern side of the creek; spreading more on the agricultural property north of the park site. On the park side of the creek, the floodway is confined relatively close to the creek bank. While the floodway is contained relatively close to the creek bank, the majority of the site (approximately 80%) falls within the 100 year flood zone. The few areas of the park that are outside of the 100 year zone are with the 500 year Flood Zone.

Any proposed park development must be sensitive to the potential flooding of this site and will be required to follow flood regulations regarding grading, drainage and building locations/elevations.

SITE ANALYSIS

VANCE STREET PARK



Vance Street Park offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities

SITE CONTEXT

Located immediately northeast of Recreation Park, Vance Street Park is Waynesville's largest park. This park covers 23 acres. Vance Street borders the park to the west, while Hope Mill Road forms the park's northern boundary. Recent improvements to Howell Mill Road include a new bridge and round-a-bout, creating a much easier and nicer access to the park. The park's southern boundary is formed by Richland Creek and the park is bordered to the east by a privately owned dump site. All of the land surrounding the park is zoned residential, although very few houses are in close proximity to the park. Based on this close proximity to potential residential development, any future park development should be sensitive to its neighbors.

EXISTING FACILITIES

Like Recreation Park, Vance Street Park is heavily developed with recreational facilities. The focal point of the park is the Waynesville Recreation Center. A 64,000 square foot multiuse facility that includes basketball courts (2), racquetball courts (2), game room, multi-purpose room, aerobics room, weight room, exercise/stretching areas, spin cycle room, indoor walking track, sauna and indoor aquatics center. In addition to this outstanding indoor facility, Vance Street Park offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities as well. Outdoor recreation facilities include:

Walking Track

A major focal point in the park, and one of the town's most used recreation facilities, the park's walking track provides a wonderfully safe area for walkers and joggers. This facility has served the town well for many years, but all those years of use, as well as some settling of the soil underneath the track, have resulted in some cracks in the paved surface. These cracks should be repaired to prevent further deterioration.

Soccer Fields

Soccer is a popular sport in Waynesville. The parks and recreation staff has accommodated the popularity of the sport by developing soccer fields in the center of the walking track and in an open area just south of the track. These fields are in good shape and well suited to serve youth games and practice.

Disc Golf

Disc Golf is very popular in the region, and the 18 hole Disc Golf Course located in Vance Street Park and portions of Recreation Park is well used. One concern over the Disc Golf Course layout is potential conflicts with other park users; especially those walking on the many trails running through the park. Unfortunately both Vance Street Park and Recreation Park are rather small by Community Park standards. Their small size, coupled with the demand for a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities in both parks has resulted in crowded conditions among facilities. In some areas, this results in users of one facility occasionally “crossing paths” with other park users. Having the Disc Golf Course layout run so closely with walking trails results in the occasional conflict.

Volleyball Courts

The Department recently utilized a relatively flat space in the northwest area of the park adjacent to the recently constructed round-a bout to constructed 2 volleyball courts. The location of these courts isolates volleyball players from other park facilities and is not an ideal location for play. Options to relocate the volleyball courts should be explored.

Softball Field

The Town’s men’s softball field is located adjacent to Vance Street. The field is located close to the street, but the Town has planted screen plantings along the street to buffer park users from traffic. The ballfield is in relatively good condition, but support facilities (restroom, press box, etc) need renovations.

Low Impact Recreation Facilities

As noted previously, an important park feature is Richland Creek which runs along the park’s southern border. This lower area of the park, with its informal lawn, large shade trees, and the creek is one of the most desirable places in the park. Walking trails, benches and a group picnic shelter provide a perfect setting for relaxing and enjoying nature.

This area also provides a small ADA accessible fishing dock, as well as an area that provides access to the water for bank fishing or launching a kayak or tube.

Parking for approximately 60 cars is provide in this area to serve the natural areas, as well as the athletic fields.



Trails and benches along Richland Creek are heavily used

UTILITIES

Both domestic water service and sanitary sewer service are available at the site. Water service runs along Vance Street and a sanitary sewer line runs east/west through the site under the walking track area. Public utilities serve all park building.

NATURAL FEATURES

Like the Recreation Park site, this is an excellent site for a Community Park. The park site is predominantly open lawn or athletic fields. The existing trees on the site are located predominantly along its southern border (along Richland Creek) and along its eastern border. The park's wooded areas contain a nice collection of large maturing shade trees (oaks, maples, etc.) and understory trees like dogwood and redbud. Many of the park's trees have been tagged and are part of an Arboretum Trail developed by staff and community volunteers.



Approximately half the park is within the 100 year flood zone, and as such most of the lower area of the site is composed of Dillsboro and Cullowhee soils. As noted in the previous description of Recreation Park, these soils (as most floodplain soils) have development limitations; however, the development of trails and other low impact recreation facilities should not be an issue with these soils.

Perhaps the biggest difference in natural features between the two park sites is topography. While Recreation Park is very flat with little topographic change, Vance Street Park has almost 50 feet of elevation change from Howell Mill Road down to the creek. Several areas adjacent to the recreation center have slopes in excess of 12%; greatly restricting facility development.

PUBLIC INPUT

FIRST PUBLIC WORKSHOP

A public workshop was held to discuss park improvements for Vance Street Park and Recreation Park. The workshop was held at Waynesville Recreation Center in Vance Street Park on Thursday November 3, 2016. The workshop was conducted as a drop in format. Approximately 40 people attended the workshop. While this was the first workshop to discuss site specific recommendations, a public workshop had been held previously to discuss communitywide needs. Many of the attendees had participated in the first public workshop.

Attendees were asked to sign in and were invited to share their opinions on needed improvements for both parks. After signing in and receiving workshop instructions, attendees were invited to review display boards that provided information on the site analysis of both parks. Attendees were also given information on feedback received at an earlier workshop held to discuss town-wide park and recreational needs.

Following the displays on site analysis and the first public workshop, attendees were provided with a display that provided images/examples of indoor and outdoor recreational activities that currently exist in the parks or would be appropriate for future park improvements. Attendees were asked to identify recreational activities they currently enjoy and activities/facilities they would like to see added to, or expanded, in one of the parks. Finally, attendees were asked to leave written comments on existing park facilities and programs or programs/facilities they would like to see added or improved.

The activities/facilities listed as most used currently included:

1. Skateboard Park (22)
2. Walking Trails (20)
3. Open Space or Natural Areas (12)
4. Recreation Center/Gymnasium (11)
5. Dog Park (11)
6. Picnic Shelters (11)
7. Exercise Equipment (9)
8. Senior Activities (8)
9. Playgrounds (7)
10. Soccer Field (7)



Many workshop attendees were skaters and frequently use the skateboard park

Attendees were given four (4) blue dots and asked to place their dots on recreation facilities they felt should be added or expanded/improved within the two parks. Attendees were instructed to place only one blue dot on each facility listed. In addition to the 4 blue dots, attendees were given one yellow dot to identify the facility they would most like to see added or improved.

The following recreational facilities received the highest number of dots. In totaling the responses, blue dots counted as one and yellow dots counted as three. It should be noted that many of the attendees did not follow instructions and placed more than one blue dot on some facilities.

1. Skateboard Park (60)
2. Walking Trails (39)
3. Playgrounds (15)
4. Splash Pad (12)
5. Swimming Pool (11)
6. Tennis Courts (11)
7. Disc Golf (10)
8. Senior Activities (7)
9. Soccer Fields (7)
10. Basketball Courts (6)

In addition to voting on their preferred recreational activities, attendees provided thirty five comments regarding park needs or desired improvements. There seemed to be a common theme with many of these comments that included the following recommendations (in no particular order):

- Skateboard park improvements including lights, water fountain, seating areas, and restrooms are needed.
- Restroom improvements are needed throughout the park; including adding restrooms in several locations and making improvements to existing restrooms.
- Improvements to the disc golf course are needed. Reducing conflicts with other recreational activities, adding signage to include maps of the course, and possibly relocating the course so it could have more land.
- Expand and improve greenway and walking trails. Consider adding a bridge across Richland Creek to the shopping center.
- Add park amenities including better signage on walking trails and disc golf course, and adding recycling containers.
- Expand park to provide more open space.

The following is a complete listing of all written Comments:

- Would like to see a footbridge from end of Marshall Street (beginning of greenway at tennis courts) across Richland Creek (Waynesville Plaza). We live off Keller Street and do a lot of walking.
- Upstairs exercise equipment area is dark and poorly lit. Gives a gloomy feel; with little natural light.
- Addition to skateboard park would be nice. Add water fountain would help. Lights at Skate Park
- For Skate Park: water fountains, lights, benches, and extensions
- Upgrade Dog Park mulch to something not as dirty and short lived.
- Explore possibility of additional wooded, hill trails with overlook of city, and Skate Park.
- Walking bridge across Richland Creek at end of Marshall Street to Waynesville Plaza
- Clay Tennis Courts!!! Tennis Center with USTA Pro.
- Need clay tennis courts. Older players and all court players prefer clay. People would pay a fee for maintenance
- Need to expand or at minimum maintain tennis courts to meet demand throughout peak season.
- Update Restroom facilities. Existing bathroom at Bi-Lo side very dark; attracts vagrants. Remove portable restroom by tennis courts; replace with permanent facility.
- All parks need new restrooms! (I agree...was written on this comment)
- Bathrooms are dark and dank. Improve materials and lighting.
- Mile markers in walking areas. Information such as “go around this many times to equal 1 mile.” Someone added “Great idea! I agree”
- I would like to see more greenway connected trails. The current trail going along the Old Asheville Highway is _____ and asphalt/cement & next to traffic & is not a complete circle loop. Please finish the loop and make more trails that interconnect. I’m glad to have it!! Just want more of _____.
- The skateboard park is awesome, but I think we should add something else to the park. Maybe another ramp or another box or rail to grind on. Some street lights are much needed as well as a water fountain and bathroom. Lights and an addition would be the priority though.
- Skate Park: lights are needed, water fountain, possibly make the park bigger.
- Skate Park needs lights!!!
- Lights, water fountain for skate park
- The Skate Park needs ready access to a fresh water fountain. Times to use the skateboard park are limited during the spring and fall. Restrooms would also alleviate the need to travel down a busy street.
- The Skate Park has been such a success. I’d love to see a small addition, maybe bowl? I think an addition would really continue to draw even more people to Skate Park and continue to make Waynesville Park one of the best in NC. Second, but less important. Lights would be a thought? Third, we at least need a water fountain.
- For Skate Park: Lights, restrooms, public water fountains, possible expansion,
- Needs: recycling cans need to be everywhere. Lights for the skate park. There needs to be more spin bikes.
- Need to have Recycle bins next to each regular trash bins and a sign explaining difference and encouraging recycling. Bin needs to be green or blue.
- 1. Additional ramps/obstacles added to Skate Park 2) Lights around the perimeter and 3) some water



Many attendees requested improvements to the existing weight room

fountains! Thank you for taking the time to recognize our skateboard community.

- Remove old playground for children; the one made of wood. It is rotting. Replace it with a new one with better visibility. Remove ballfield at playground. Turn it into a soccer field green space.
- Love throwing disks. Problem with course. Disk golf is dangerous with walking trails in path of hole. For disk golfers at beginning of hole would be nice to know distance of hole at both pin placements. Out of towners have no idea where holes are. I tell out of towners daily where to go. A map would fix this problem. More isolated disc space. Bathrooms also need updated and lighted. Skate Park is nice, but tends to bring in bad behavior (people), drugs, etc.
- Lights at Skate Park would be really nice. Many of us are older and work until 5 PM or later. Having lights would really extend our time to exercise and keep the park much safer for everything.
- I would use the disc golf area if it were a stand-alone facility. Having it within the other activity areas is dangerous and I am afraid I would hurt someone.
- More senior trips. Disc golf in area not so close to walking areas.
- Police dogs on walking trail that are not on leashes. Please do this.
- Enforce ALL dogs on leash! Unless in dog park. Safe trails that could accommodate bicycle traffic.
- For Rec Center Exercise Equipment: Add an “Assisted Pull-up Machine” (said to be the most effective and safe piece of equipment made).
- I would like to see more help & money given to Tim Petrea toward the Base Camp (children and might have some more time for the seniors). I enjoy all...
- Create outdoor pickle ball courts.

SECOND PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO REVIEW PLANS

A second public workshop was held on December 13, 2016 to review draft plans and recommendations of both the System-wide Park Master Plan and the Site Specific Master Plans for Vance Street Park and Recreation Park. The format of the workshop was similar to the previous workshops. Attendees were invited to review display boards that provided information on the planning process, provided a summary of input received at the previous workshops, and provided preliminary plans for the two parks, as well as a list of recommendations for system-wide improvements. Approximately 20 people attend this workshop.

Many of the attendees had attended one, or both, of the previous workshops. Overall, everyone seemed pleased with the plans and recommendations as presented. Several attendees spoke about the importance of making improvements to the parks and voiced strong support for moving forward with the plan. Other issues discussed during the workshop included:

- The historical significance of Sulphur Springs Park and the desire to have the site placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. It was suggested that the Parks and Recreation Department work with the Historic Society and Historical Preservation Commission to make improvements to the park and expand the visibility of this unique property.
- Several people discussed an interest in developing a Community Garden and working with the Town to expand opportunities for natural food production in other public spaces throughout the town.
- Similarly, there was interest expressed for developing /expanding the Arboretum Trail in the park and possible linking it to other ornamental gardens in the park.
- Several attendees focused on the need for improvements to the Skateboard Park and specifically supported the plans recommendations to add lights and water fountain to that area.
- The need for additional spin bikes in the recreation center was mentioned by one attendee.

Based on the input provided by those attending the workshop, it appears that the plans presented have addressed the recreational needs of the community.

WAYNESVILLE STAFF REVIEW

Prior to the Second Public Workshop, staff from several Town departments met to review the plans and recommendations. Overall staff was supportive of the plans and recommendations, but made several recommendations to improve park layout.

The most important change discussed regarded the existing maintenance facility located in Recreation Park adjacent to the railroad track and basketball court. This facility serves the parks, but also serves other public areas throughout the town. Town staff, recognizing the potential conflict between park users and maintenance staff/vehicles, recommended the existing maintenance facility be relocated to a more remote area of the park that will allow easier access for maintenance vehicles. An area just off Vance Street in the southwest corner of Recreation Park was determined to be the best location. The plan was revised to show this new location.

Other comments made by staff during the meeting included:

- The pedestrian bridge shown on the preliminary plan at the northwest corner of Recreation Park should be removed. This bridge was initially recommended to provide pedestrian access from the park to the shopping center north of the park across Richland Creek. Future roadway improvements will create a new crossing in this area. Pedestrian access will be incorporated into the roadway/bridge plans.
- The trail along Richland Creek should be developed as a multi-modal trail. It should be paved and at least 8' in width.
- ADA access to the dog park should be provided.

RECREATIONAL NEEDS

The most important step in the park planning process is determining the Recreational Needs of citizens served by the park. As noted in previous sections of this report, several initiatives were used to determine Recreational Needs. In addition to hosting two public workshops to discuss improvements to these two parks, input received from the Community Survey was reviewed and incorporated into the findings of this report.

Based on community input, the following Recreational Needs were identified:

1. There is extremely strong use of the new skateboard park. Many of those using this facility expressed appreciation for the Town's investment in the facility, but expressed a desire to extend use of this outstanding facility by adding lights. In addition, several people requested restrooms and water fountain.
2. Tennis is extremely popular in Waynesville, and the tennis courts at Recreation Park are heavily used. Many people attending the workshops expressed concerns over the quality of the courts; referring to cracks in the courts. There was also a desire for better court amenities, (restrooms, shelter seating, etc.). There was also several requests for a tennis professional and conversion to clay courts.
3. While almost everyone recognizes the outstanding quality of the Waynesville Recreation Center, many people expressed a desire for improvements to the center. The improvements most listed included:

- Expansion of Weight Room
 - Expansion of Aerobics and Spin Rooms
 - Addition of Therapy Pool
 - Addition of Outdoor Splash Pad
4. Many people expressed a desire for walking and indicated a desire to see park trails expanded.
 5. There is great interest in developing garden areas in the parks and expanding/improving the Arboretum Trail through the park. There was also several request for developing a community garden in one of the Town's parks.
 6. As part of the Town's System-wide Parks Master Plan, a need for a community amphitheater, additional playgrounds, and picnic shelters were identified. The system-wide master plan also identified the reduced demand for softball, which would justify the removal of the softball field in Recreation Park.



Many people suggested expanding walking trails

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION/PHYSICAL NEEDS

Vance Street Park and Recreation Park have served the citizens of Waynesville for many decades. These two parks are the Town's largest and most used parks. As identified in the Department's System-wide Parks Plan, these parks meet the Town's needs for Community Parks. Through the years, elected officials have made many investments in these two Community Parks. Overall, they are meeting most park and recreational needs. The proposed program of development for each of these parks is closely aligned with the program of development that has guided park improvements over the decades. While facilities in both parks need renovations, there is not demand for a drastic change in park make up. During the planning process, no one suggested tearing the parks apart and completely redeveloping them. Instead most everyone felt the parks should be maintained; with existing facilities updated. The following is a description of the recreation facilities found in each park and the physical needs to improve facilities to better meet the Town's Recreational Needs.

RECREATION PARK

The most significant recommended program change in Recreation Park is the recognition that softball is not as popular as it was in the 70s and 80s, and the existing softball field in Recreation Park could be removed. The existing field, which is located in the center of Recreation Park, dominates the park. Removing the existing field frees up space in the park and allows opportunities for creating additional open space; something much needed in this park.

Another significant change in Recreation Park is the recognition that the existing maintenance facility, located



Removing the existing softball field will create much needed open space

adjacent to the basketball courts, provides potential conflicts between maintenance operations and park users. Likewise, the existing location of the maintenance facility is visually unappealing. Recognizing these issues, Town staff recommended the maintenance facility be relocated to an area of the park that will allow easier access for maintenance vehicles and reduce conflicts with park users.

The removal of the existing softball field and the relocation of the maintenance facility from the center of the park allows wonderful opportunities for improvements to Recreation Park. These two changes in program have the biggest impact on the site plan.

In addition to these program changes, the following program changes have been incorporated into the park master plan:

Tennis Courts

The tennis courts are very popular and received much attention during the public workshops (especially the first workshop). Users of these courts had many good ideas about how to improve both facilities and programs. Almost everyone who expressed an interest in the courts spoke about existing cracks in the courts and requested the courts be resurfaced. This recommendation has already been recognized by staff. Assessments by tennis court contractors have revealed that previous resurfacing is not a long term solution to the problem. Ultimately the problem with the courts is related to the base and sub-base. To eliminate future cracking, the courts must be removed and completely rebuilt. Typically when cracks appear in tennis courts it is an indication the ground under the court is settling; indicating poor soils. Several people also complained about the courts current location adjacent to the railroad tracks and suggested the vibrations from passing trains could be part of the problem with cracks.

Other comments relative to the tennis courts included a desire for player amenities such as convenient restrooms, a nice seating/observation area, and the possibility of having a small space that could serve as a tennis center. Several people also requested the Town consider replacing the hard courts with clay courts. This option was considered, but ultimately because of the additional cost of maintenance and operation of clay courts, it was decided that hard courts are more practical.

Based on the input received from citizens, as well as the recommendations of contractors, it seems the tennis courts should be removed and rebuilt. Since rebuilding the courts will require removal of the entire depth of asphalt and gravel base (as well as possible undercutting unsuitable soil), this would be the ideal time to consider relocation of the courts.

In the new park plan, the tennis courts have been relocated to a more central location in the park; allowing them to become more integrated with other park activities and uses.

Removal of Existing Softball Fields

As noted previously, the existing softball field located in the center of Recreation Park is seldom used and should be removed. Removing the existing field creates a much needed open space in the center of the park. This space will be converted to a large open lawn that can be used for informal play and passive recreation. It will also provide a nice Festival Lawn for community concerts and special events. A paved walking trail will run along the edge of the Open Play area and a band pavilion will be located in this area for concerts, movies, etc.

Renovation of Existing Playgrounds

Recreation Park currently has two playgrounds. Both playgrounds are old, outdated and need to be removed and replaced with new, safe and fully accessible play equipment. As part of detailed design for both play areas, the Town should work with qualified playground providers that can assist in designing the play areas so they incorporate Universal Design principles so that the play experiences will engage children of all ages and all skill levels. In addition to playground renovations, all areas surrounding the new playgrounds should be renovated to provide ADA accessible amenities such as restrooms, benches, water fountains, etc.

Relocation of Maintenance Facility

As noted previously, the existing location of the Town's maintenance facility provides functional problems and is unsightly. The proposed plan relocates the maintenance facility to the southwestern area of the park and provides a drive access directly to Vance Street. The new maintenance facility will be similar in size to the existing facility. It will include a metal building/garage (approximately 1200 SF), an outdoor storage area, and storage bins for mulch, sand, etc. The entire complex will be fenced and screened from view from the park as well as adjacent residences.

Dog Park

The Town recently constructed a dog park adjacent to Richland Creek. The new facility has proven to be very popular and is well used. Many users of the dog park attended the workshops. While they are very pleased to have this new facility, there were a number of comments about the current surfacing (which is a combination of dirt and mulch) and requested improvements. There was also comments about a lack of shade and the need for a water fountain.



Improvements are needed at the dog park

Dog parks are a relatively new recreational facility, and as they are developed, departments are finding that providing a durable, clean surface for the enclosed dog areas is very important. With their popularity, these areas present a unique surfacing challenge. Surface options include mulch, grass, synthetic surfacing and dirt.

Grassed dog play areas provide a safe, attractive and relatively clean play surface. In order to maintain a healthy grass cover in the play area, special provisions are needed. First the area needs to be carefully prepped and prepared in order to get a good stand of grass; much like an athletic field must have a good soil mixture that will promote good root growth. Once the subgrade has been adequately prepared and seeded, the area needs to be irrigated to provide adequate water during hot/dry periods.

The master plan recommends renovations to the dog park to include soil amendments, grassing and irrigation. In addition to these surfacing improvements, the plan includes provisions for shade structures, water fountain (with appropriate dog bowl), restroom, and ADA access.

Skateboard Park

As noted previously, the Town recently invested significantly in the development of an outstanding skateboard park. This facility is heavily used and enjoyed by skaters of all ages. While the existing skateboard park is meeting most all needs for skating, there are several improvements to this area that will greatly

expand its use. First, and foremost, the Town should add light to the facility to expand hours of operation. Lighting the facility will expand use by 25-30%. In addition to lights, the Town should add a restroom in this area. A restroom can be located to serve both the skateboard park and the dog park. The restroom should be designed with an outside drinking fountain that can serve all park users.

VANCE STREET PARK

The primary focus of needed improvements in Vance Street Park is on indoor recreation and aquatics improvements associated with the Waynesville Recreation Center. A second area of interest expressed in the public workshops, and directly to staff was a desire to incorporate public gardens and expand/improve the park's Arboretum Trail.

Waynesville Recreation Center

Based on public input, several improvements or expansions have been identified for the Waynesville Recreation Center; in both the fitness and aquatics areas of the facility.

Participants at all of the workshops were very supportive of expanding weight room facilities as well as expanding space for aerobics and spin classes. In addition to the expansion of programmable space, recreation center staff expressed a need for additional storage space.

The development of architectural plans is beyond the scope of this planning document, but based on input received from citizens and staff, and with a general understanding of recreation center development, the expansion to meet the program needs that were expressed would be approximately 3000 square feet (SF). A 3000 SF building expansion would allow 1,000 SF expansions of both the weight room and aerobics room, as well as an addition 1,000 SF for storage and circulation. The center's existing weight room and aerobics area are located along the building's eastern exterior wall, indicating that a building expansion in this area would be the logical location. The expansion of the building in this area will result in the removal of some parking, and will require the parking area along the building's eastern wall to be reconfigured.

In addition to the expansion of the building to provide additional exercise space, there is a need to add two significant elements to the aquatics area of the building. While the existing indoor pool provides a wide range of aquatics program opportunities, both the public and the aquatics staff identified an unmet need in this area. Many people at the public workshops suggested the addition of a therapy pool to provide a space for water aerobics and other water sports not related to lap swimming and swim competitions. The therapy pool will operate at a slightly warmer temperature than the lap pool and will provide a balance between users that desire different pool temperatures. The additional pool space will also provide much needed additional pool area for programming.



The existing aerobic area will be expanded significantly



Proposed improvements will greatly expand the existing aquatics area

While detailed design of a therapy pool is beyond the scope of this planning study, discussions with staff indicate a 30' x 40' pool (1,200 SF) will provide the program space needed. With decks and equipment space, this will require a 2,600 SF building expansion. Based on the building layout, it appears that the therapy pool will be located adjacent to the main pool and will create a building expansion along the buildings north west corner.

In addition to these building expansion recommendations, there was considerable demand for an outdoor splash pad. While the outdoor splash pad will have some similarities to the indoor splash pad, the outdoor splash pad will create a seasonal outdoor aquatics area. The deck area associated with this special facility will create opportunities for sunbathing and socializing; greatly expanding use of the building. The proposed outdoor splash pad will be located along the building western wall; adjacent to the indoor splash pad; allowing an inside/outside interaction between aquatic play areas.

Garden Area/Arboretum Trail

Recognizing the importance of trees in parks, the Department has developed an Arboretum Trail through the park to help educate park visitors on the wide variety of vegetation that is found in the park. Seeking to expand the aesthetic and educational value of the trail, other community partners have come forward and asked to work with the Department in developing gardens within the park and possibly expanding the Arboretum Trail. In response to this public interest in beautifying the park and providing educational opportunities, the master plan calls for the development of a garden area in the northwestern area of the park, adjacent to Howell Mill Road,. This area will provide a space for development of ornamental gardens; with walkways and a small gazebo. Working with local garden clubs (several have expressed an interest in working with the Town on a public garden), the Department will create a very visible garden area that could serve as a catalyst for educational displays and programs on plants, trees and a wide range of natural/environmental issues including water conservation and quality. One immediate display for this area will be the creation of a rain garden (and interpretive signage) for demonstrating measures that can be taken to improve the quality of water that drains from roofs and parking areas.



The Park's educational signage will be expanded

Renovations to Existing Facilities

Two additional recommended improvements to the park include renovation to the existing walking track and improvements to the existing restroom building adjacent to the softball field.

The existing track is one of the park's most used recreation facilities and should be maintained. Through the years, the track surface has degraded and now has cracks that allow water to enter the subbase. If these cracks are not repaired and the track resurfaced, the integrity of the paving will continue to fail.



The existing walking track needs to be repaired

The existing restroom building serving the athletic fields is old and does not meet current ADA standards. The building should be renovated to allow ADA access.

PROJECT COSTS

The next step in the planning process was to determine order of magnitude cost for the proposed improvements. In order to develop project cost, quantity estimates were taken for all proposed improvements. These quantity take-offs (linear feet of trails, square footage of picnic shelters, etc.) were then applied to unit construction costs to develop an order of magnitude cost for park improvements. A detailed breakout of costs are provided in Appendix B.



The existing restroom building should be renovated

It should be noted that these probable costs are preliminary project costs based on preliminary plans. Design details such as grading, storm drainage, and fixture selection have not been made at this early stage in the planning process. In order to off set the many unknowns of the facility development, a 10% contingency has been included in the cost estimate. As noted in the detailed cost breakout in Appendix B, the anticipated cost of the proposed recreation facility improvements identified in this Master Plan are as follows:

Vance Street Park/Waynesville Recreation Center	\$2,690,923
Recreation Park	\$2,464,003

PARK OPERATIONS

Park Maintenance

Both parks are currently maintained by the Town’s Public Works Department. Maintenance duties include lawn and landscape maintenance, building maintenance, and general park operations. Park programming and rental operations are handled through the central office of the Parks and Recreation Department. Proposed park improvements will provide opportunities for additional programmed activities. The proposed outdoor recreation opportunities offered by the proposed park expansion include expanded picnic (group/ corporate) shelter rentals, amphitheater events and many other programs. Proposed indoor improvements at the Waynesville Recreation Center will create new program opportunities and expansion of existing programs. The addition of these facilities will provide additional opportunities for revenue generation through facility rentals and program fees.

Environmentally Sensitive Construction / Park Operations

Both parks provide an important asset to the community by preserving open space and minimizing land disturbance. The preservation of existing trees and vegetation improves air quality and water quality. As part of the park improvements, the Master Plan proposes to create bio-retention areas and to provide an additional environmental feature to the park. Such water quality features can also be used for educational purposes for the public.

As a public entity, the Town of Waynesville recognizes its role in environmental protection and plans to develop the facilities at both of these parks with minimal impact. While the details for minimizing the environmental impact of park construction and operations will be worked out in subsequent design phases, some of the concepts that will be utilized include:

- Site planning to minimize grading and the removal of existing vegetation
- Balance earth movement to minimize haul off / haul on transportation costs / fuel
- Develop BMPs to treat / filter storm runoff
- Use local building materials
- Utilize energy efficient lighting
- Select plumbing fixtures that reduce and/or eliminate water use
- Utilize clearstory/skylights to maximize the use of natural light



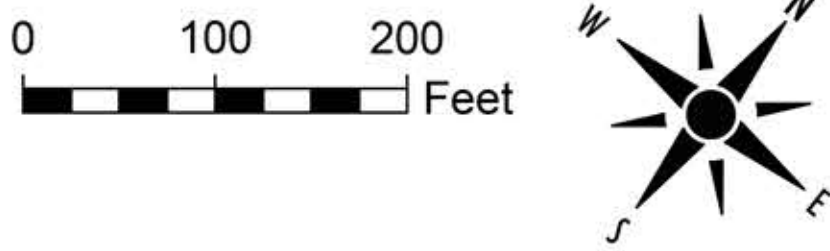
APPENDICES

Appendix A

Vance Street Park | Conceptual Master Plan
Waynesville, North Carolina



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Appendix B

Recreation Park
Waynesville Parks & Recreation Department
Construction Budget Estimate
Based on Master Plan dated 12.07

Item	Cost
Demolition	\$63,860.00
Clearing/Grading/ Erosion Control	\$203,040.75
Storm Drainage	\$89,260.00
Parking Improvements	\$158,661.00
Sidewalks and Trails	\$273,032.00
Utilities	\$40,450.00
Park Structures	\$413,000.00
Park Furnishings	\$29,900.00
Amenities/Improvements	\$273,975.00
Dog Park Improvements	\$29,400.00
Tennis Courts (6 Courts)	\$276,583.00
Maintenance Facility	\$185,204.00
Probable Sub-Contractor Budget	\$2,036,365.75
Contractor Overhead, Profit, and General Conditions (10%)	\$203,636.58
Probable Total Construction Budget (Without Contingency)	\$2,240,002.33
General Contingency (10%)	\$224,000.23
Grand Total Construction Budget	\$2,464,002.56



Recreation Park

Demolition

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Demolish existing Playground 10,000 sf	ls	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
2	Demolish existing Playground wooden fencing	lf	525	\$4.00	\$2,100.00
3	Demolish existing tennis courts 120'x300'	cy	2,000	\$6.00	\$12,000.00
4	Demolish existing tennis court fencing	lf	840	\$4.00	\$3,360.00
5	Demolish existing maintenance building & bins	ls	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
6	Demolish existing asphalt 33,500sf	cy	620	\$6.00	\$3,720.00
7	Demolish existing gravel paving	cy	740	\$6.00	\$4,440.00
8	Electrical Demolition - ball field lighting	ls	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
9	Electrical Demolition -general parking and walk areas	ls	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
10	Demolish existing ball field Back stop & 500 lf fencing	ls	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
11	Demolish existing ball field dug outs and press box	ls	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
12	Remove existing bleachers (by owner)	ls	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
13	Remove existing gravel path 8' width 405lf	sf	3,240	\$1.00	\$3,240.00
14	Remove existing storage building	ls	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Probable Demo Budget				\$63,860.00

Clearing/Grading/ Erosion Control

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Remove existing trees & stumps	ea	25.0	\$300.00	\$7,500.00
2	Construction Layout and Mobilization	acre	11.5	\$3,800.00	\$43,700.00
3	Unsuitable soil (Allowance)	ls	1.0	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
4	Silt Fence	lf	2,500	\$4.00	\$10,000.00
5	Construction Entrance	ea	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
6	Skimmer Basins	ea	1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
7	Stone Check Dams	ea	8	\$350.00	\$2,800.00
8	Temporary Diversion Ditch	lf	2,500	\$3.00	\$7,500.00
9	Grading With On-Site Material	cy	11,586	\$3.50	\$40,551.00
10	Strip Topsoil, 6"	cy	5,793	\$4.75	\$27,516.75
11	Inlet Protection	ea	14	\$150.00	\$2,100.00
12	Fine Grade Drives/ Parking	sy	4,849	\$2.00	\$9,698.00
13	Grassing, fertilizer, mulch	acre	7	\$2,300.00	\$16,675.00
	Clearing/Grading/Erosion Control Budget				\$203,040.75

Storm Drainage

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Catch Basin/ Yard Inlet	ea	14	\$2,600.00	\$36,400.00
2	15" RCP	lf	720	\$28.00	\$20,160.00
3	15" Pipe End Section	ea	1	\$640.00	\$640.00
4	18" RCP	lf	587	\$30.00	\$17,610.00
5	24" RCP	lf	280	\$40.00	\$11,200.00
6	30" RCP	lf	0	\$65.00	\$0.00
7	Riprap	ton	50	\$65.00	\$3,250.00
	Storm Drainage Budget				\$89,260.00

Parking Improvements

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	ABC stone, 6" depth 14,129 sf	ton	471	\$35.00	\$16,485.00
2	Standard Duty Asphalt, 2" (19,014 sf.Parking sp)	ton	211	\$125.00	\$26,375.00
3	ABC stone, 8" depth 24,629 sf	ton	1,095	\$35.00	\$38,325.00
4	Heavy Duty Asphalt, 3.75" (24,629sf Drive)	ton	274	\$125.00	\$34,250.00
5	Concrete Curb and Gutter 18"	lf	2,157	\$18.00	\$38,826.00
6	Parking Lot Striping / ADA signage	ls	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
7	Stop Signs, Misc. Signage	ls	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
8	Conc. Wheelstops	ea	6	\$150.00	\$900.00
	Parking Budget				\$158,661.00

Sidewalks and Trails

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Removable Bollards	ea	6	\$320.00	\$1,920.00
2	Concrete Sidewalk,	sy	2,157	\$44.00	\$94,908.00
3	Asphalt Trail	sy	3,633	\$38.00	\$138,054.00
4	ABC Stone, 6" Depth-Paved Walking (3,633 SY)	ton	1,090	\$35.00	\$38,150.00
	Probable Sidewalk Budget				\$273,032.00

Recreation Park

Utilities

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	1" domestic water line Dog Park	lf	155	\$10.00	\$1,550.00
2	1" dom. water line Maintenance Bldg	lf	175	\$10.00	\$1,750.00
3	2" domestic water line Tennis Court Area	lf	350	\$15.00	\$5,250.00
5	1" domestic meter box	ls	2	\$850.00	\$1,700.00
4	2" domestic meter box	ls	1	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
14	Misc. water fittings, supports, bends	ls	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
16	Drinking Fountain -tennis cts.	ls	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
17	4" sanitary sewer gravity Dog Park	lf	213	\$25.00	\$5,325.00
17	4" sanitary sewer gravity Maintenance	lf	175	\$25.00	\$4,375.00
18	4" sanitary sewer, gravity Tennis	lf	350	\$25.00	\$8,750.00
21	Misc. sanitary valves, fittings, supports,	ls	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
			Probable Utilities Budget		\$40,450.00

Recreation Park

Park Structures

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Restroom/Storage Building @ Tennis Courts	sf	800	\$215.00	\$172,000.00
2	Restroom Building @ Dog Park	sf	400	\$215.00	\$86,000.00
3	15' shelter @ Dog Park	ea	2	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00
4	Band Shell Pavilion	ea	1	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
5	Renovate Existing Restroom @ Greenway	ea	1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
			Park Structures Cost		\$413,000.00

Park Furnishings

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Trash cans, metal coated	ea	8	\$1,000.00	\$8,000.00
2	Picnic table, metal coated	ea	5	\$1,200.00	\$6,000.00
3	ADA picnic table, metal coated	ea	3	\$1,300.00	\$3,900.00
4	Landscape - trees and shrubs	ls	1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
			Park Furnishings/Amenities Cost		\$29,900.00

Amenities/Improvements

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Playground at Greenway	ls	1	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
2	Playground at Marshall Road	ls	1	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
3	Volley ball Court	ea	2	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
4	Resurface Existing Basketball Court	sy	1,265	\$15.00	\$18,975.00
5	Skateboard Park Lighting	ls	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
			Amenities Budget		\$273,975.00

Dog Park Improvements

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Concrete Pavement	sy	100	\$44.00	\$4,400.00
2	Bed Prep/Seeding	ls	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
3	Irrigation	ls	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
			Dog Park Budget		\$29,400.00

Tennis Courts (6)

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Fence-10ht., 9 ga., Galvanized Vinyl-Coated	lf	1,371	\$28.00	\$38,388.00
2	Player Gate-10' ht.x4'w, transom	ea	3	\$850.00	\$2,550.00
3	Asphalt Paving, heavy duty, 3" (39,060 sf)	ton	651	\$125.00	\$81,375.00
4	CABC stone, 8" (39,060 sf)	ton	1,736	\$25.00	\$43,400.00
5	Fine Grading	sy	5,095	\$2.00	\$10,190.00
6	Court Surface	ea	6	\$4,500.00	\$27,000.00
7	Net Posts	ls	1	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
8	Nets, equipment	ls	1	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
9	Bleacher Pad Concrete, Monolithic Style 992 sf	sy	110	\$38.00	\$4,180.00
10	Lights	ls	1	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
				Tennis Budget	\$276,583.00

Maintenance Facility

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Maintenance Building	sf	1,500	\$75.00	\$112,500.00
2	Fence-10ht., 9 ga., galvanized	lf	445	\$28.00	\$12,460.00
3	Metal Service Gate	ea	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
4	Asphalt Paving, heavy duty, 3" (12,650 sf)	ton	175	\$125.00	\$21,875.00
5	CABC stone, 8" (12,650 sf)	ton	423	\$35.00	\$14,805.00
6	Fine Grading	sy	1,907	\$2.00	\$3,814.00
7	Concrete Block Bin Walls	sff	825	\$10.00	\$8,250.00
8	Landscape Screening	ls	1	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
				Maintenance Budget	\$185,204.00

Vance Street Park
Waynesville Park's & Recreation Department
Construction Budget Estimate
Based on Master Plan dated 12.07

Item	Cost
Demolition	\$35,504.00
Clearing/Grading/ Erosion Control	\$88,921.00
Storm Drainage	\$42,490.00
Parking Improvements	\$117,394.00
Sidewalks	\$27,854.00
Utilities	\$18,500.00
Park Structures	\$60,000.00
Park Furnishings and Amenities	\$88,700.00
Recreation Center Expansion	\$1,744,540.00
Probable Sub-Contractor Budget	\$2,223,903.00
Contractor Overhead, Profit, and General Conditions (10%)	\$222,390.30
Probable Total Construction Budget (Without Contingency)	\$2,446,293.30
General Contingency (10%)	\$244,629.33
Grand Total Construction Budget	\$2,690,922.63



Vance Street Park

Demolition

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Demolish existing pavements, curb/gutter, etc.	cy	1,200	\$6.00	\$7,200.00
2	Remove existing beach volleyball court	cy	201	\$4.00	\$804.00
3	Mill asphalt track with 2" asphalt overlay (44,625 sf)	sy	5000	\$4.00	\$20,000.00
4	Remove plants, shrubs, and other existing features	ls	1	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
			Probable Demo Budget		\$35,504.00

Clearing/Grading/ Erosion Control

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Construction Layout and Mobilization	acre	1.8	\$3,800.00	\$6,650.00
2	Silt Fence	lf	3,890	\$4.00	\$15,560.00
3	Construction Entrance	ea	1	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
4	Skimmer Basins	ea	1	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
6	Temporary Diversion Ditch	lf	3,890	\$3.00	\$11,670.00
7	Grading With On-Site Material	cy	7,125	\$3.50	\$24,937.50
8	Strip Topsoil, 6"	cy	1,458	\$4.75	\$6,925.50
9	Fine Grade Roads/ Parking	sy	2,134	\$2.00	\$4,268.00
10	Grassing, fertilizer, mulch	acre	2	\$2,300.00	\$3,910.00
			Clearing/Grading/Erosion Control Budget		\$88,921.00

Storm Drainage

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Catch Basin/ Yard Inlet	ea	3	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00
2	Stormwater Rain Garden	ls	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
3	15" RCP	lf	125	\$28.00	\$3,500.00
4	15" Pipe End Section	ea	1	\$640.00	\$640.00
5	Vegetated Swale	lf	130	\$20.00	\$2,600.00
6	Riprap	ton	50	\$65.00	\$3,250.00
			Storm Drainage Budget		\$42,490.00

Parking Improvements

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	ABC stone, 6" depth 13,682 sf	ton	456	\$35.00	\$15,960.00
2	Standard Duty Asphalt, 2" (Parking)13,682 sf	ton	152	\$125.00	\$19,000.00
3	ABC stone, 8" depth 5,523 sf	ton	245	\$35.00	\$8,575.00
4	Heavy Duty Asphalt, 3.75" (Service Drive 5,523 sf)	ton	35	\$125.00	\$4,375.00
5	Concrete Curb & Gutter - 6"	lf	2,379	\$18.00	\$42,822.00
6	Parking Lot Striping / ADA signage	ls	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
7	Stop Signs, Misc. Signage	ls	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
8	Conc. Wheelstops	ea	4	\$150.00	\$600.00
11	Retaining wall 3' high max	lf	92	\$61.00	\$5,612.00
12	Reinforced Concrete Dumpster Pad	sy	50	\$45.00	\$2,250.00
13	Steel Bollards, Dumpster Pad	ea	4	\$300.00	\$1,200.00
14	Wood Fence Screen	ls	1	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
				Parking Budget	\$117,394.00

Sidewalks

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
2	Concrete Sidewalk, 6,597 sf	sy	733	\$38.00	\$27,854.00
				Probable Sidewalk Budget	\$27,854.00

Vance Street Park

Utilities

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	1" domestic water line	lf	250	\$14.00	\$3,500.00
2	1.5" domestic meter box (By Owner)	ls	0	\$850.00	\$0.00
3	1" irrigation meter, (By Owner)	ls	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Gate Valve, 1"	ea	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5	RPZ (1) for Potable and Irrigation Water	ea	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
6	Misc. water fittings, supports, bends	ls	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
7	4" sanitary sewer, gravity line	lf	300	\$25.00	\$7,500.00
8	Sleeving, irrigation	lf	100	\$15.00	\$1,500.00
			Probable Utilities Budget		\$18,500.00

Vance Street Park

Park Structures

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Gazebo	ls	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
2	Restroom Renovation	sf	1	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
			Park Structures Cost		\$60,000.00

Park Furnishings and Amenities

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Trash cans, metal coated	ea	3	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
2	Picnic table, metal coated	ea	2	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
3	ADA picnic table, metal coated	ea	1	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
4	Benches garden club	ea	2	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
5	Disc Golf Signage	ls	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
5	Landscape for Garden Club Area	ls	1	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
6	Resurface Walking Track	sy	5000	\$10.00	\$50,000.00
			Park Furnishings/Amenities Cost		\$88,700.00

Recreation Center Expansion

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Sub-Total
1	Therapy Pool	sf	2657	\$220.00	\$584,540.00
2	Building Expansion (Weight Room, Aerobics, Storage)	sf	3000	\$220.00	\$660,000.00
3	Splash Pad	ea	1	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
			Park Furnishings/Amenities Cost		\$1,744,540.00

Alfred Benesch & Company

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550 Vance Street
Waynesville, NC 28786



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SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

**January 9, 2017
5:30 PM**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm.

In attendance were: Kenny Mull, Dan Schultz, Sarah Massie, Michelle Claytor, Lee Starnes, and Rhett Langston. Wallace Messer, Linda O'Niel, Don Frady, and Heath Sutton were unable to attend. Members of the Master Plan Steering Committee were also present.

New Business:

- Derek Williams, Vice President and Senior Project Manager of Alfred Benesch & Company, presented the Waynesville Parks and Recreation Department System Parks Master Plan and Site Specific Plan for Vance and Recreation Parks.
- Sarah Massie made a motion to adapt the plan. Lee Starnes seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion was passed.
- Derek Williams will now present the plans to the Town of Waynesville Aldermen on January 24, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhett Langston

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TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Call for a Public Hearing to be held on February 14, 2017 to consider a Conditional District map and text amendment at 1678 Brown Avenue, PIN 8605-70-6170:

AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Call for Public Hearing
Item Number: 5-B
Department: Development Services
Contact: Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director
Presenter: Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director

BRIEF SUMMARY: This request is being made by Ingles Markets, Inc. for the purpose of placing a new store and gas express at their current site on Brown Avenue. The proposal is for 6.02 acres in the Hyatt Creek Regional Center District.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

To Call for a Public Hearing to be held on February 14, 2017 at the Board of Aldermen Meeting at 6:30 pm in order to consider a Conditional District request within the Hyatt Creek Regional Center District.

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Area Map
2. Application

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: This is to call for the public hearing – no other action to be taken at this time.



Parcel Report For 8605-70-6170

INGLES MARKETS INC
2913 HWY 70 W
BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711

Account Information

PIN: 8605-70-6170

Legal Ref: 907/319

907/314

Add Ref: 919/2399

885/2155

Site Information

STORE, SUPERMARKET, OFFICE, GENERAL
COMMERCIAL USE, COMMERCIAL USE
1678 BROWN AVE

Heated Area: 0

Year Built: 0

Total Acreage: 5.83 AC

Township: TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE

Site Value Information

Land Value: \$622,400

Building Value: \$1,104,900

Market Value: \$1,727,300

Deferred Value: \$0

Assessed Value: \$1,727,300

Sale Price: \$0

Sale Date: 6/2/2016

Tax Bill 1: \$0.00

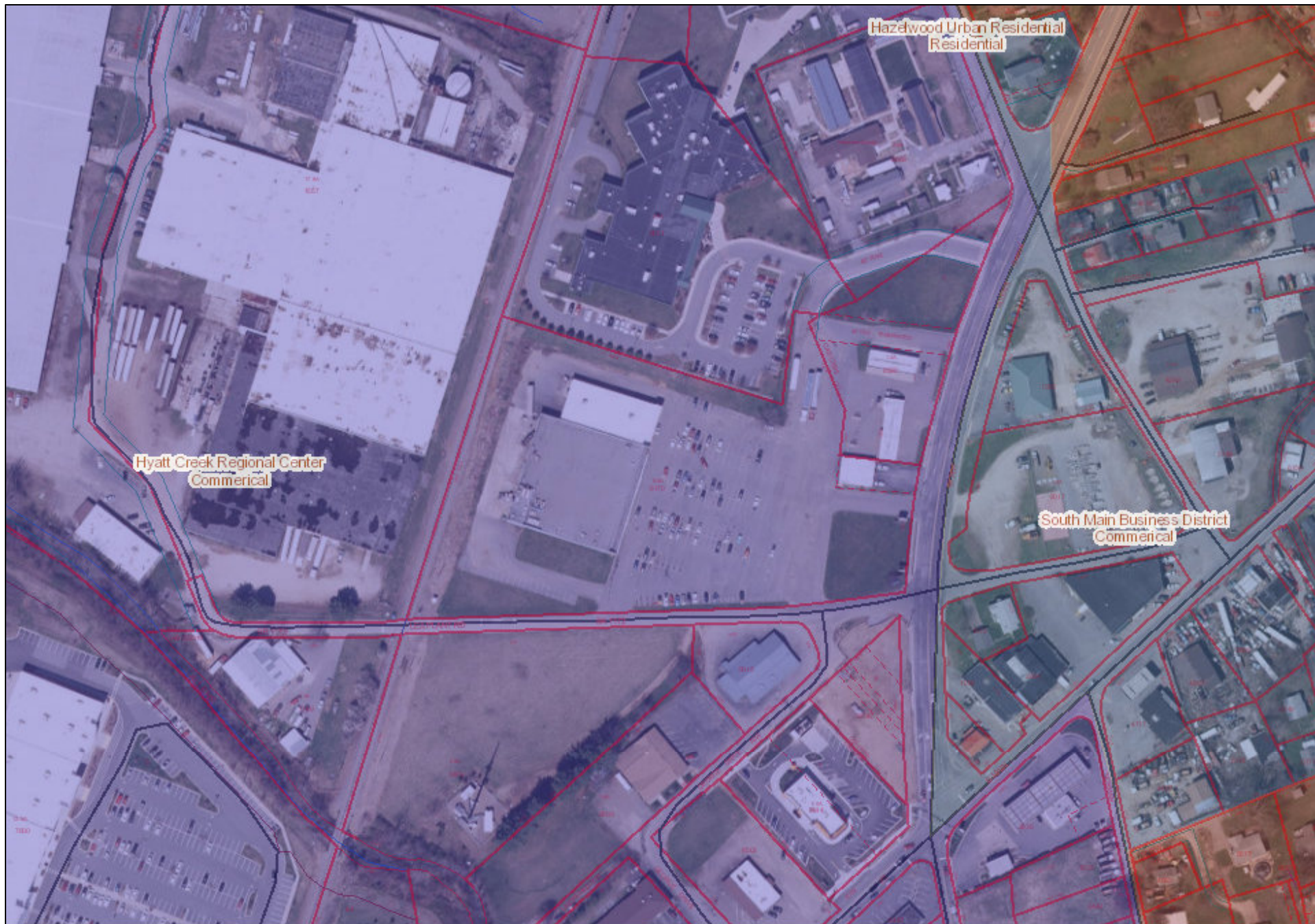
Tax Bill 2: \$0.00



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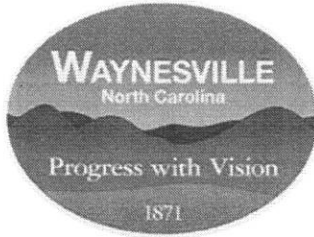
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Ingles Zoning

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APPLICATION FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS MAP AMENDMENT

Application is hereby made on January 3, 2017 to the Town of Waynesville for the following map amendment:

Property owner of record: **INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED**

Address/location of Property: **1678 BROWN AVENUE, WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786**

Parcel identification number(s): **8605-70-6170**

Deed/Plat Book/Page, (attach legal description): **DB 891 – PAGE 1; DB 907 – PAGE 314; DB 907 – PAGE 319. [Copies of the vesting deeds and the pertinent legal descriptions are attached.]**

The Property contains **6.02** acres.

Current district: **HYATT CREEK REGIONAL CENTER [HCRC]**

Requested district: **HYATT CREEK REGIONAL CENTER – CONDITIONAL DISTRICT [HCRC-CD]. [Included and submitted with this Application and incorporated herein is the Master Plan, which Master Plan includes the Sign Plan and Environmental Plan.]**

The Property is best suited for the requested change for the following reason(s), (attach additional sheets if necessary): **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Name: **INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED [c/o Preston Kendall]**


Mailing Address: **2913 HWY 70 W, BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711**

Phone: **828.768.3992**

Email: **pkendall@ingles-markets.com**

Signature of Property Owner of Record Authorizing Application:

INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED

By:  **"INGLES MARKETS INC."**
Preston Kendall

Note: Map Amendment Requests require a fee based on the size and number of lots being requested for amendment. The request will be scheduled for the next agenda opening for the Waynesville Planning Board. Please submit application to: Town of Waynesville Development Services Department, 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, NC 28786.

EXHIBIT "A"

In light of market conditions and to better serve the Hyatt Creek community and the greater Town of Waynesville, Ingles Markets, Incorporated proposes a Master Plan [including the Sign Plan and Environmental Plan] which includes but is not limited to the following features:

- 1) The gross floor area of the grocery store will be increased from 36,492 square feet to 72,111 square feet, an increase of 35,619 square feet.
- 2) The construction of the gas station to the eastern side of the Property.
- 3) The redesign of the existing parking lot to add more parking spaces.
- 4) The Master Plan makes the site much more pedestrian-friendly by adding a bus stop, electrical car charging station, bicycle parking and new sidewalk.
- 5) The grocery store is generally well articulated with many changes in massing, front façade height and materials alternating between brick, EIFS and glass with a high degree of permeability from windows and glass doors.
- 6) Dedication of an additional easement, as necessary, for the relocation of a storm sewer line.
- 7) Ingles Markets, Incorporated will coordinate with the Town of Waynesville to endeavor to improve Brown Avenue.
- 8) Building elevation shall be separate from the site plan by showing a variety of services provided by Ingles Markets, Incorporated, to the local community.
- 9) This project will benefit the Town of Waynesville in many ways, which include but are not limited to, a] creating many new jobs, b] substantially increasing sales tax revenues, c] substantially increasing *ad valorem* tax revenues and d] enhancing the design context of the overall Hyatt Creek Regional Center District.

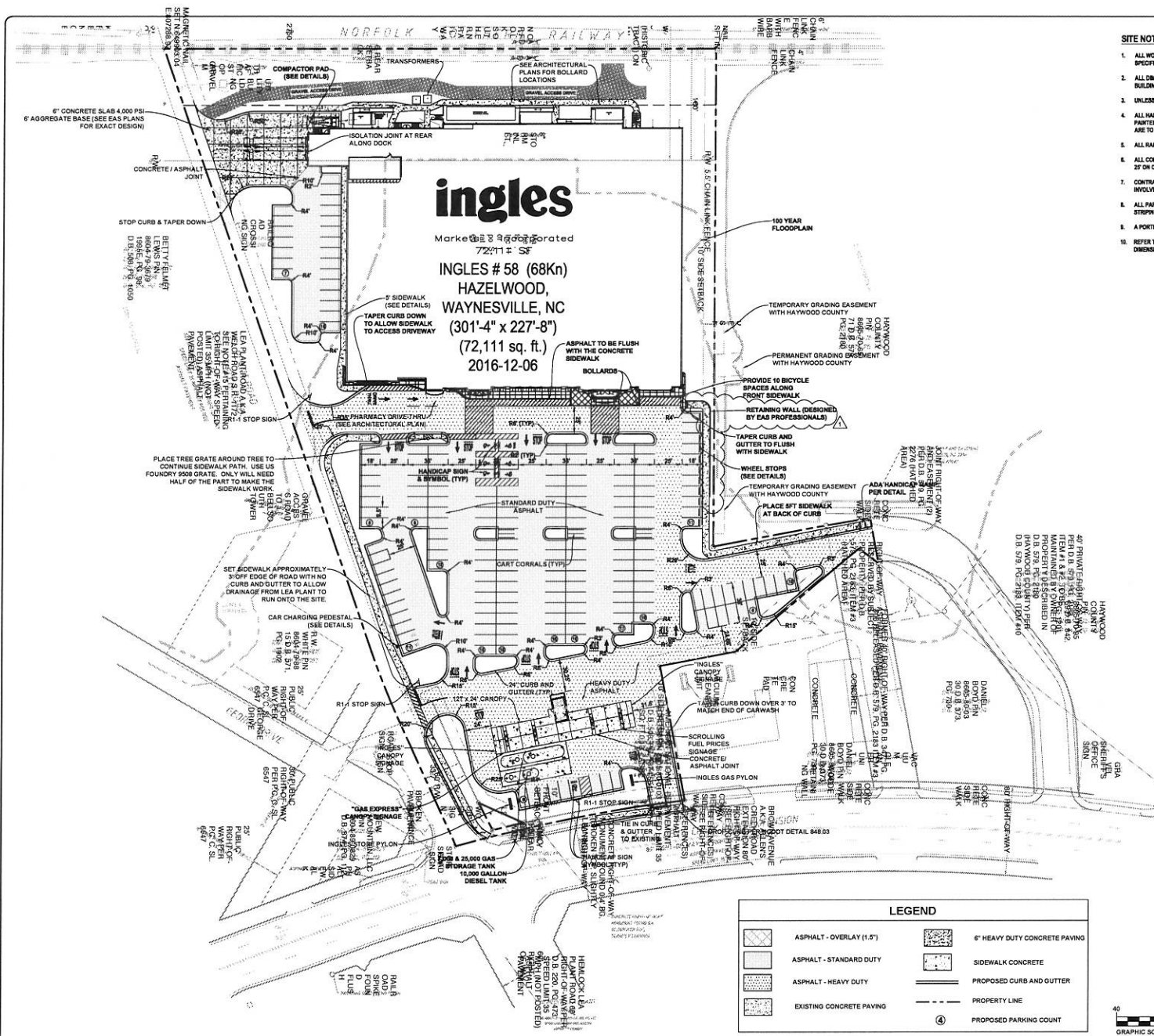
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LIST OF STANDARDS & CONDITIONS

INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED HYATT CREEK REGIONAL CENTER – CONDITIONAL DISTRICT [HCRC-CD]

- 1) **Definitions.** Within this List of Standards & Conditions the following terms shall have the meanings articulated:
 - a) "District" refers to the Hyatt Creek Regional Center – Conditional District [HCRC-CD], as depicted on the Master Plan, which is created by the Ordinance to which this List of Standards & Conditions is attached.
 - b) "Master Plan" refers to the documents entitled "Ingles Markets, Incorporated, Store 58, 1678 Brown Ave, Waynesville, NC 28786 – Master Site Plan" [which Master Plan includes the Sign Plan and Environmental Plan] submitted as part of the Application.
 - c) "LDS" refers to the Town of Waynesville Land Development Standards.
- 2) **Future Development.** Future development within the District shall comply with the Master Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and with this List of Standards & Conditions.
- 3) **Land Uses.** Except as modified herein, land uses for the District shall be those permitted in the Hyatt Creek Regional Center [HCRC] Zoning District. The following uses, which are either permitted uses, permitted uses subject to special requirements, or conditional uses within the Hyatt Creek Regional Center [HCRC] Zoning District shall not be permitted within the District:
 - a) Agricultural Uses
 - b) Adult Establishments
 - c) Cemeteries
 - d) Kennels
 - e) Recycling Collection Stations [except as may be part of the grocery bag recycling normally conducted by Ingles Markets, Incorporated within the internal confines of its grocery store].
 - f) Mini-Warehouses
- 4) **Development Standards.** As provided in §15.15.2D of the LDS, the Master Plan replaces all conflicting development regulations set forth in the LDS which would otherwise apply. Development standards which are not modified by the Master Plan or this List of Standards & Conditions shall be those contained in the Hyatt Creek Regional Center [HCRC] Zoning District. Land Development Standards are varied to the extent they conflict with the Master Plan and this List of Standards & Conditions. These include, without limitation, the following:
 - a) **Parking.** Parking and vehicular use areas need not be located to the rear of the principal structure on the site as required by Chapter 9 of the LDS.
 - b) **Landscaping and Buffering.** Landscaping and buffering depicted and noted on the Master Plan is deemed to constitute Alternative Compliance pursuant to §8.2.4 of the LDS.
 - c) **Building & Development Design.** The building design standards in Chapter 5 of the LDS are modified to accommodate development of the convenience store as noted on the Master Plan.
 - d) **Signage.** The signage standards in Chapter 11 of the LDS are modified to allow the number of signs to be attached to buildings to exceed three, but not more than 11, provided that the total surface area of signage is no more than 15% of the wall surface area to which the signs are attached.

Furthermore, prior to the completion of the improvements authorized by the Master Plan, Ingles Markets, Incorporated shall, at its sole expense, relocate and replace the existing storm sewer line as depicted on the Master Plan.

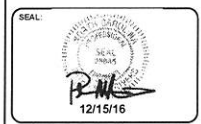


- SITE NOTES:**
1. ALL WORK SHALL BE DONE IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD SITE SPECIFICATIONS.
 2. ALL DIMENSIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ARE TO FACE OF CURB, FACE OF BUILDING, OR CENTERLINE OF PARKING BAY.
 3. UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, PAVEMENT SHALL BE STANDARD DUTY PAVEMENT.
 4. ALL HANDICAP SPACES ARE TO RECEIVE A HANDICAP SIGN AND A HANDICAP SYMBOL, PAINTED ON THE ASPHALT. STALL ADJACENT TO THE RIGHT (BY FOOT STRIPED ARROWS) ARE TO RECEIVE A "VAN ACCESSIBLE" SIGN IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE.
 5. ALL RADI SHALL BE 4' UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 6. ALL CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND APRONS SHALL RECEIVE CONSTRUCTION JOINTS AT 20' ON CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 7. CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE AND COMPLY WITH ALL UTILITY COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND PAY ALL REQUIRED FEES AND COSTS.
 8. ALL PARKING STRIPING IS TO BE YELLOW WITH PROPERTY BOUNDARIES. ALL STRIPING IN D.O.T. RIGHTS-OF-WAY IS TO BE WHITE.
 9. A PORTION OF SITE IS WITHIN A FLOOD HAZARD AREA (ZONE AO).
 10. REFER TO ARCHITECTURAL PLANS FOR EXACT GAS EXPRESS HOSE AND CANOPY DIMENSIONS.

SITE ANALYSIS	
PROPERTY OWNER	INGLES MARKETS P.O. BOX 6676 ASHEVILLE, NC 28816
CIVIL CONTACT	JOHN COX, P.E. LAND PLANNING ASSOCIATES OF NC, INC. 110 WEST 1ST AVENUE, SUITE A EASLEY, SC 29640 864-242-6072
PROJECT NAME	INGLES #58 HAZELWOOD
PROJECT LOCATION	1678 BROWN AVENUE WAYNESVILLE, NC
PIN NUMBER	8605-70-6079 8605-40-0103
REF. DEED AND PAGE	891 D.B. PG 1 503 D.B. 1674 PG
ZONING	RC-REGIONAL CENTER
EXISTING BUILDING	36,492 S.F. / 0%
PROPOSED BUILDING	72,111 S.F. / 12%
PROPOSED GAS EXPRESS	247 S.F.
EXISTING PARKING	194 SPACES
EXISTING PARKING RATIO	5.3 SPACES/MSF*
REQUIRED PARKING RATIO	1 SPACE / 400 S.F.
REQUIRED PARKING	120 SPACES
PROPOSED PARKING	202 SPACES
PROPOSED PARKING RATIO	2.8 SPACES/MSF*
BICYCLE PARKING	10 SPACES
EXISTING SITE AREA	6.022 ACRES
PROPOSED SITE AREA	6.022 ACRES
FRONT SETBACK (REQUIRED)	10'
SIDE SETBACK (REQUIRED)	10'
REAR SETBACK (REQUIRED)	6'
PREDEV. IMPERVIOUS AREA	4.36 ACRES (72%)
PREDEV. PERVIOUS AREA	1.66 ACRES (28%)
POSTDEV. IMPERVIOUS AREA	4.62 ACRES (77%)
POSTDEV. PERVIOUS AREA	1.4 ACRES (23%)

* MSF = 1000 S.F.

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CORPORATE SEAL:

**LAND PLANNING ASSOCIATES**
ENGINEERS

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



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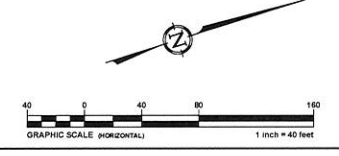
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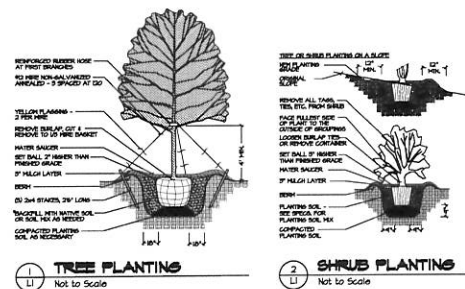
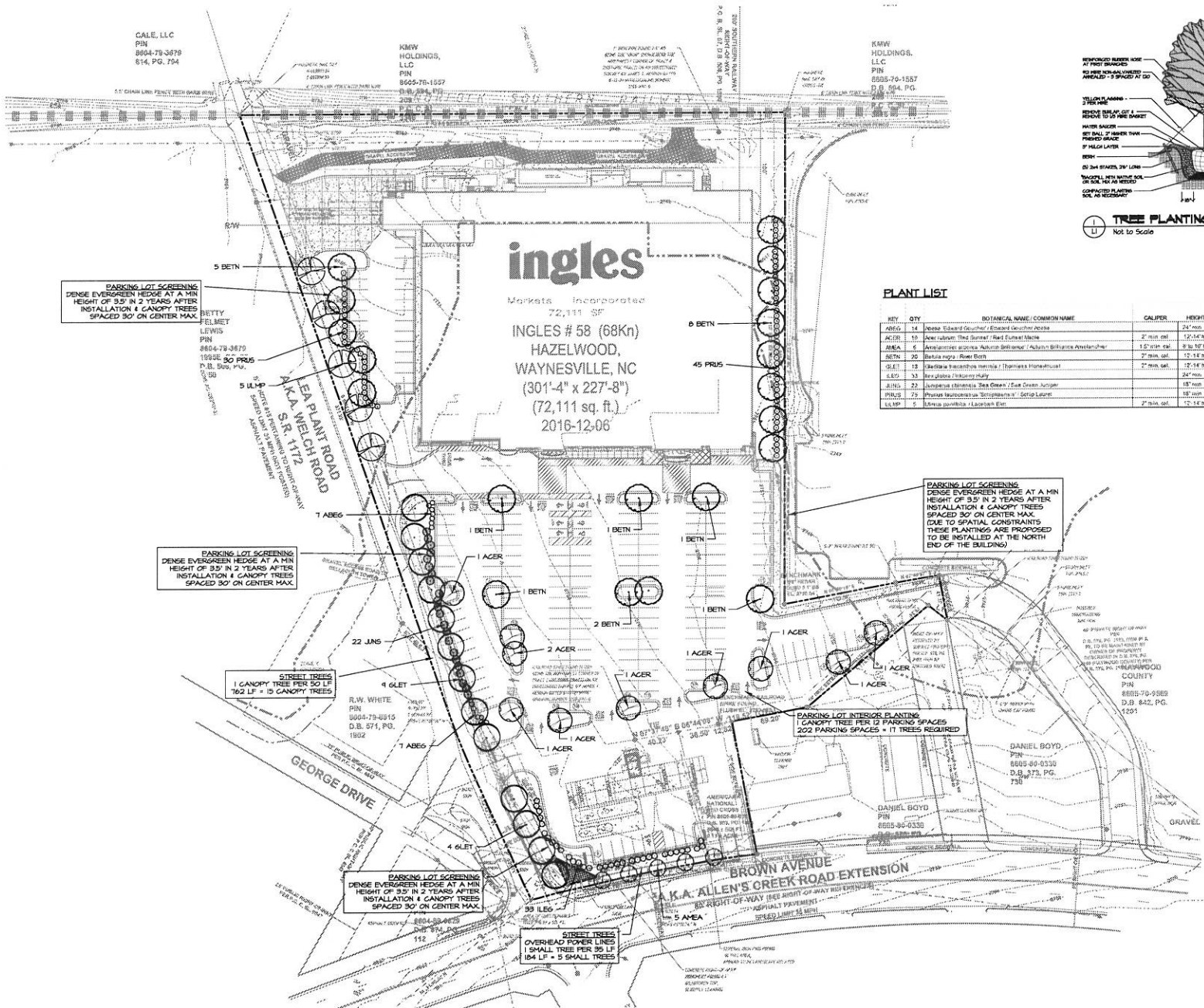
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MASTER SITE PLAN

C-104
STORE #58
251 WELCH ROAD
WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786

LEGEND	
	ASPHALT - OVERLAY (1.0")
	ASPHALT - STANDARD DUTY
	ASPHALT - HEAVY DUTY
	EXISTING CONCRETE PAVING
	6" HEAVY DUTY CONCRETE PAVING
	SIDEWALK CONCRETE
	PROPOSED CURB AND GUTTER
	PROPERTY LINE
	PROPOSED PARKING COUNT





PLANT LIST

KEY	QTY	BOTANICAL NAME / COMMON NAME	GALLER	HEIGHT	CONTAINER	MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS
ABEG	14	Ardisia coccinea / Red Yucca	2" min. cal.	24" min. H	BAB or min. 3 gallon cans	100% A. Full plants
ACER	10	Acer rubrum / Red Maple	2" min. cal.	12' min. H	BAB	Single, straight leader, well-branched
ABEG	5	Ardisia coccinea / Red Yucca	1.5" min. cal.	6 to 10' H	BAB	BAB multi-stemmed, min. 3 stems
BETN	20	Betula nigra / River Birch	2" min. cal.	12' min. H	BAB or open	Single, straight leader, min. 3 stems
PRUS	35	Prunus americana / American Plum	2" min. cal.	12' min. H	BAB	Single, straight leader, well-branched
ABEG	25	Ardisia coccinea / Red Yucca	1.5" min. cal.	6 to 10' H	BAB or min. 3 gallon cans	100% A. Full plants
PRUS	70	Prunus americana / American Plum	2" min. cal.	12' min. H	BAB or open	Single, straight leader, well-branched

PLANTING LEGEND



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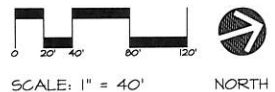


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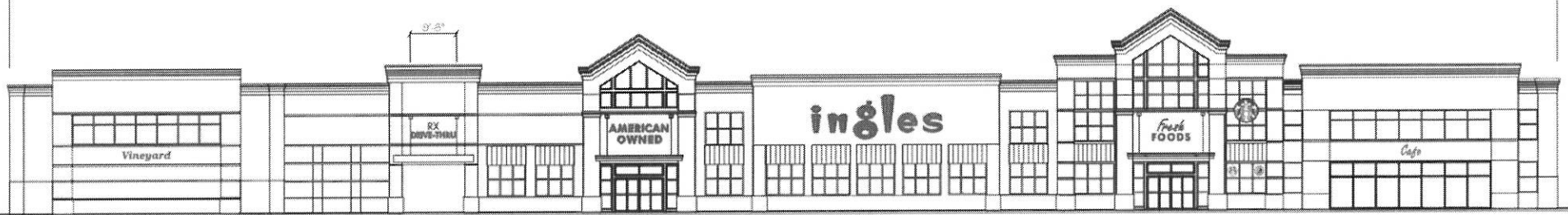
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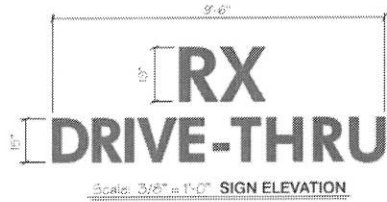
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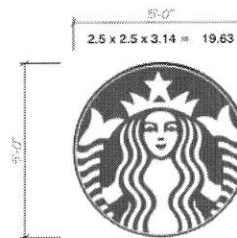


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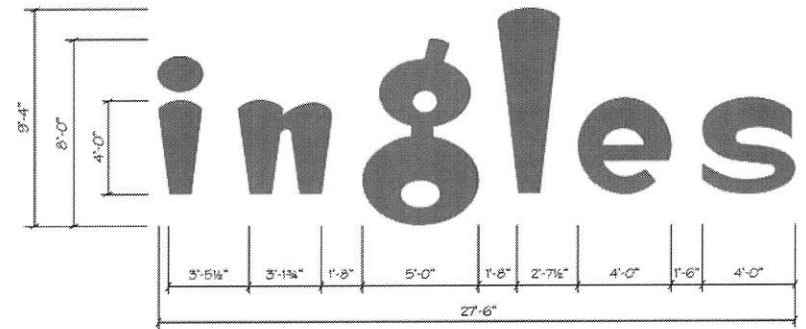
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SIGN SQUARE FOOTAGE	
STARBUCKS	@ 1'-2" X 9'-0" = 19.63
AMERICAN OWNED	@ 3'-9" X 12'-0" = 45.00
INGLES	@ 9'-4" X 27'-6" = 256.58
FRESH FOODS	@ 4'-7" X 8'-0" = 36.64
VINEYARD	@ 2'-0" X 10'-4" = 20.66
RX	@ 1'-6" X 1'-3" = 1.88
DRIVE THRU	@ 1'-3" X 9'-6" = 11.88
CAFE	@ 2'-0" X 4'-0" = 8.00
TOTAL	= 400.27



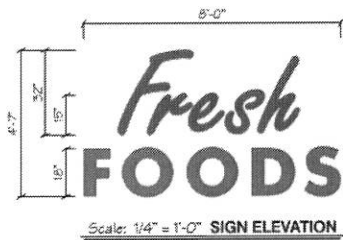
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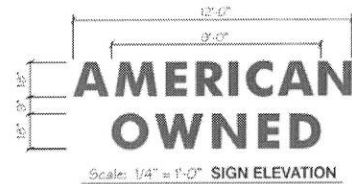


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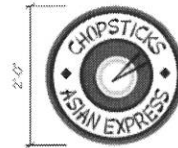


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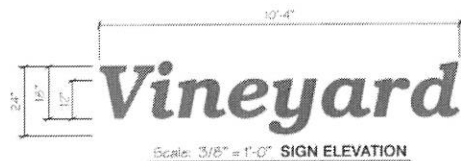


Note: Signs to be installed inside of store

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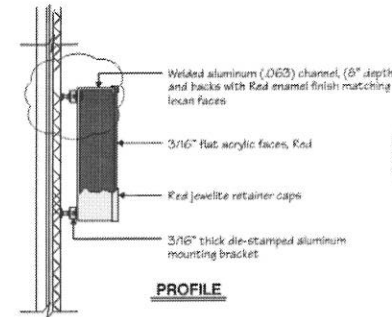
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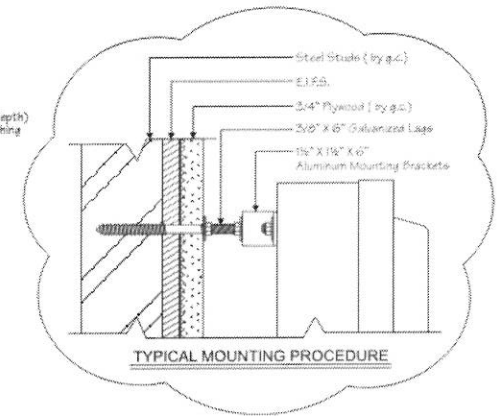
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PROFILE



TYPICAL MOUNTING PROCEDURE

Rainbow Signs, Inc.
GREENWOOD, SC 864-223-8423

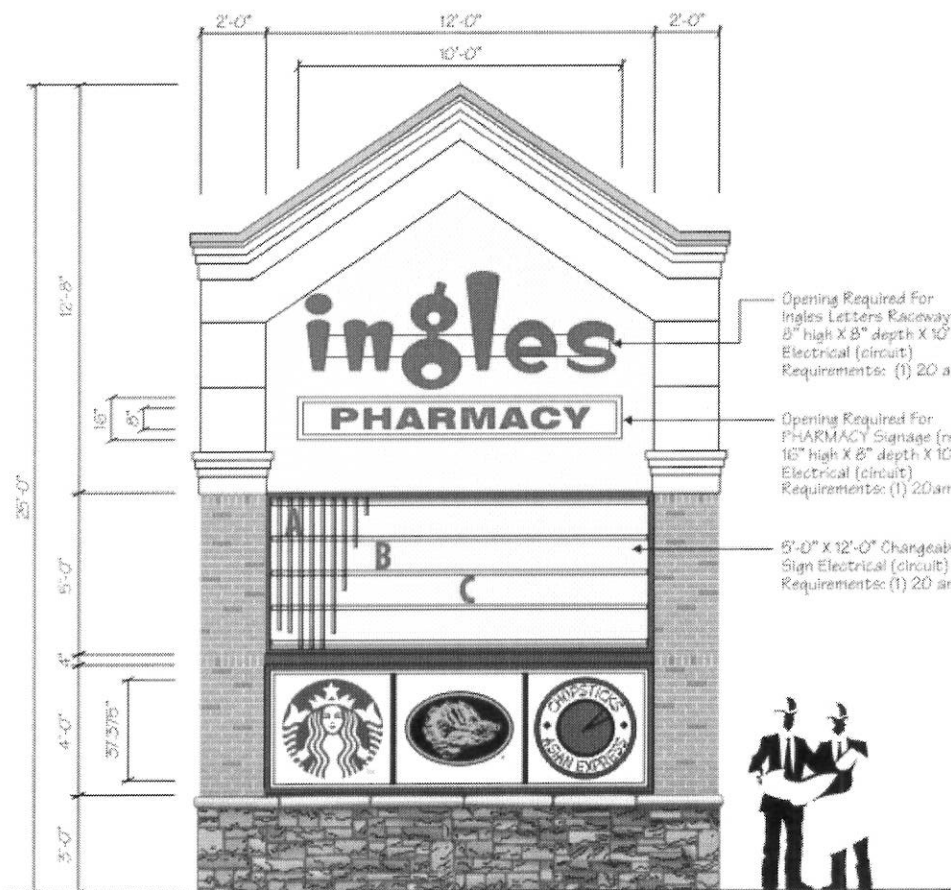
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ADDRESS: 1678 Brown Ave. Suite 1 - Waynesville, NC
SIGN TYPE: Illuminated Letters
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ADD. EXEC: C. Plead
DESIGNER: C. Johnson
SCALE: AS NOTED
JOB NO: 16-311-2
DATE: 11/22/16

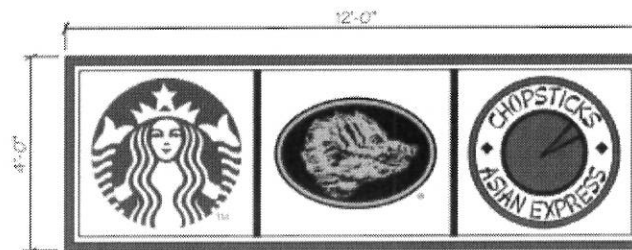
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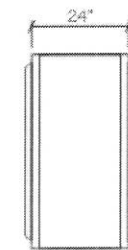
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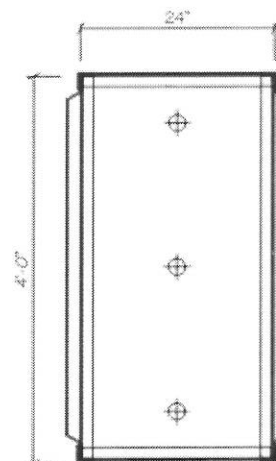
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1 Front View
Scale: 3/8" = 1'-0"



3 Side View
Scale: 3/8" = 1'-0"



2 Sectional View
Scale: 3/4" = 1'-0"

STARBUCKS COFFEE COLORS
PMS Paint Vinyl
PMS 3525C Holly Green # 3670-76

ILLUMINATED STARBUCKS COFFEE
@ 4'-0" X 12'-0" = 48.00 Sq. Ft.

SPECIFICATIONS:

- A Double faced, internally illuminated pylon sign. Cabinet width to be 28", fabricated aluminum over welded steel angle iron frame. Retainers are 2" X 2" extruded aluminum.
- B Graphics Starbucks Coffee text to be 1st. Surface 3M translucent Scotchcal vinyl Holly Green #3630-76.
- C Faces are to be White Acrysteel with Green graphics applied to surface.

THIS SIGN TO BEAR
Underwriters Label **120 VOLTS**

This sign is intended to be installed in accordance with the requirements of Article 600 of the National Electrical Code and/or other applicable local codes. This includes proper grounding and bonding of the sign.



SIGN SQUARE FOOTAGE

Ingles.....	3'-10" X 10'-0"	= 38.30
PHARMACY.....	1'-4" X 10'-0"	= 13.30
COPY SIGN.....	5'-0" X 12'-0"	= 60.00
SIREN/CHOP.....	4'-0" X 12'-0"	= 48.00
		Total Sq. Ft. = 159.60

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Rainbow Signs, Inc.
GREENWOOD, SC 864-223-8423

CUSTOMER NAME: **INGLES (Store #53)**
ADDRESS: 1678 Brown Ave. Suite- 1 Waynesville, NC
SIGN TYPE: D/F Illuminated
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ACC. EXEC. C. Priest
DESIGNER: C. Johnson
SCALE: AS NOTED
JOB NO. **16-310-2**
DATE: 11/22/16
12/13/16

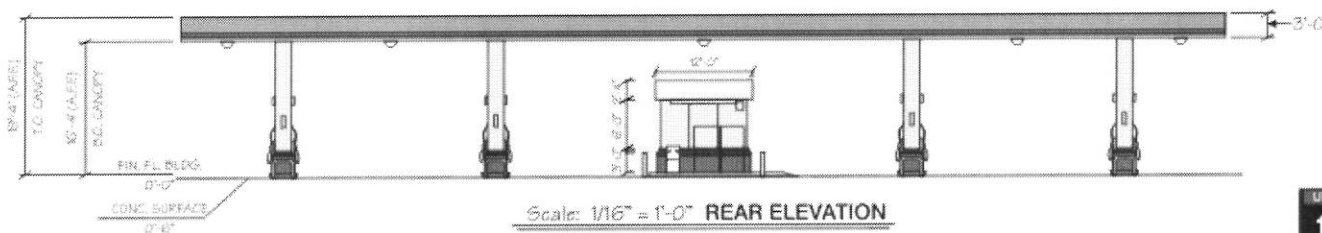
APPROVED BY CUSTOMER:
DATE: / /
FILE: #58 Waynesville, NC Main Pylon-2

Electrical current to sign location and final connection not by Rainbow Sign Co., Inc.

Scale: 1/16" = 1'-0" LEFT SIDE ELEVATION

$2'-9" \times 7'-10" = 21.53 \text{ Sq. Ft.}$
 $2'-9" \times 7'-10" = 21.53 \text{ Sq. Ft.}$
 $1'-10" \times 20'-10" = 38.12 \text{ Sq. Ft.}$
 $1'-6" \times 8'-0" = 12.00 \text{ Sq. Ft.}$
 $3'-0" \times 13'-0" = 39.00 \text{ Sq. Ft.}$

Total Sq. Ft. = 132.18 Sq. Ft.



Scale: $1/16" = 1'-0"$ REAR ELEVATION

UNL CASH	UNL CREDIT	DIESEL
1.80 ^g	2.00 ^g	2.49

10' = 38.12 Sq. Ft.

28'-8"

25'-10"

15'-0"

EQ.

5'-0"

GAS EXPRESS

FIN. PL. BLDG.

COND. SURFACE

Scale: 1/16" = 1'-0" FRONT ELEVATION

1'-6" X 8'-0" = 12.00 Sq. Ft.

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Rainbow Signs, Inc.
GREENWOOD, SC 864-223-8423

CUSTOMER NAME: INGLES (Store # 58)

ADDRESS: 1678 Brown Ave. Suite 1 - Waynesville, NC

SIGN TYPE Canopy Elevation Plan View

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ACC. EXEC. C. Priest

DESIGNER: C. Sawyer

SCALE: AS NO

JOB NO. 16-313

DATE: _____

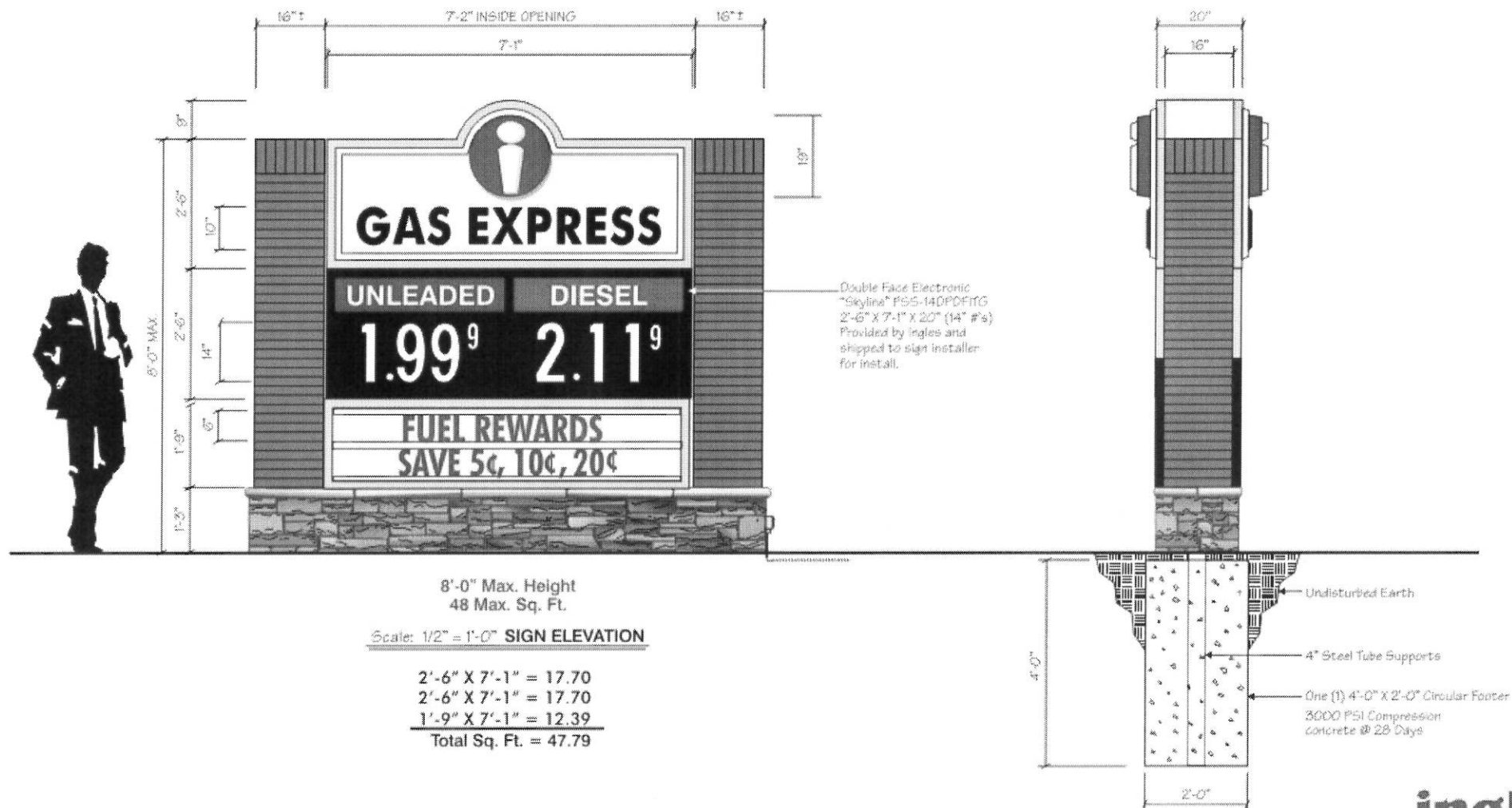
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APPROVED BY CUSTOMER:

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FILE: #58 Waverlyville 4 Pump Canopy

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Rainbow Signs, Inc. GREENWOOD, SC 864-223-8423	CUSTOMER NAME:	INGLES (Store #58)	ACC. EXEC.	C. Priest	JOB NO.	16-312-2	APPROVED BY CUSTOMER.
	ADDRESS:	1678 Brown Ave. Suite 1 - Waynesville, NC	DESIGNER:	C. Johnson	DATE:	12/13/16	DATE: 1/1/17
	SIGN TYPE	i Gas Express Pylon	SCALE:	AS NOTED	FILE:	#58 Waynesville i Gas Ex Pylon-2	
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Electrical current to sign location and final connection not by Rainbow Sign Co., Inc.

PENDING REVIEW FOR TAX LISTING

DATE 8/11/15 BY KH.

HAYWOOD COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATION

There are no delinquent taxes due that are a lien
against parcel number(s) 8605-70-6079

Mike Matthews, Haywood County Tax Collector

Date: 8/11/15 By: [Signature]



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HAYWOOD CO, NC FEE \$26.00

NO TAXABLE CONSIDERATION

PRESENTED & RECORDED:
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SHERRI C. ROGERS
REGISTER OF DEEDS
BY AMANDA GUTIERREZ
DEPUTY

BK: RB 891

PG: 1-6

PARCEL IDENTIFIER NO.: 8605-70-6079

Verified by Haywood County on the ___ day of ___, 2015

By: _____

This instrument prepared by and mail after recording to:

Burton C. Smith, Jr.
Burton C. Smith, Jr., P.C.
675 North Main Street
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Brief Property Description for Index: 5.816 Acres+/-, Brown Avenue (a.k.a. Allen's Creek Road Extension), Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, being the same as that certain property conveyed at Deed Book 579, Page 2276, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Haywood County, North Carolina, and at Deed Book 885, Page 2157-2162, aforesaid records.

Excise Tax Stamp: \$ Ø

NORTH CAROLINA SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS NORTH CAROLINA SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED (this "**Deed**") is made as of this 6th day of August, 2015, by and between **INGLES HAZELWOOD EXCHANGE, LLC**, a North Carolina limited liability company (herein "**Grantor**"), and **INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED**, a North Carolina corporation (herein, "**Grantee**"). Grantee's address is P.O. Box 6676, Asheville, North Carolina 28816. The designation "Grantor" and "Grantee" as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors and assigns, as applicable, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of

which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey, unto Grantee, in fee simple, that certain lot or parcel of land (the "Property") lying and being situated in the Waynesville Township, Haywood County, State of North Carolina, that is more particularly described on **Exhibit "A"** attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, together with any and all appurtenances thereto (including, without limitation, easements described in such **Exhibit "A"**), but subject to the Permitted Encumbrances and, in particular, the Restrictive Covenants hereinafter described.

The Property is conveyed subject to the matters described on **Exhibit "B"** attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof (to the extent they affect the Property, if at all)(the "**Permitted Encumbrances**").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the Grantee in **FEE SIMPLE**, but in all respects always subject to the Permitted Encumbrances.

AND THE GRANTOR COVENANTS with the Grantee, that Grantor has done nothing to impair such title as Grantor received, that Grantor is seized of the Property in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that title is free and clear of all encumbrances except for the Permitted Encumbrances, and that Grantor will warrant and defend the title to the Property against the lawful claims of Grantor and all persons claiming by, through or under Grantor, but not otherwise and always subject to the Permitted Encumbrances.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this Deed to be executed under seal by its duly authorized representative as of the day, month and year first above written.

[USE BLACK INK ONLY]

GRANTOR:

INGLES HAZELWOOD EXCHANGE, LLC, a
North Carolina limited liability company

By: **NATIONAL SAFE HARBOR
EXCHANGES**, a California corporation
Its: Sole Member

By: 
Name: Pierre W. Priestley
Its: Senior Vice President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

[ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

STATE OF Illinois; COUNTY OF Cook

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that **Pierre W. Priestley** in his capacity as a Senior Vice President of **NATIONAL SAFE HARBOR EXCHANGES**, a California corporation, being the sole member of **INGLES HAZELWOOD EXCHANGE, LLC**, a North Carolina limited liability company, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument on behalf of the said company. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 6th day of August, 2015.

My commission expires: 3/21/16

Arnesha L Bell
NOTARY PUBLIC

NOTARIAL SEAL OR STAMP:

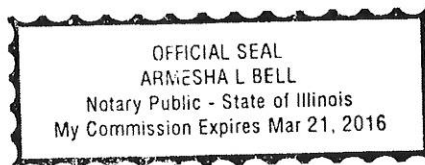


EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND situated in Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, containing 5.88 acres, more or less, adjoined on the east by Brown Avenue, American National Red Cross (Deed Book 503, Page 1874), and Daniel Boyd (Deed Book 373, Page 730), on the south by Lea Plant Road (S.R. 1172), on the west by KMW Holdings, LLC (Deed Book 594, Page 209) and Norfolk Southern Railway, and on the north by County of Haywood (Deed Book 579, Page 2180) and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a magnetic nail flush in the asphalt pavement in the intersection of the centerline of Norfolk Southern Railway, (said railway having a 200 foot right-of-way per Plat Cabinet B, Slide 67 and Deed Book 508, Page 1050, recorded in the Haywood County Register of Deeds Office) and the centerline of Lea Plant Road (S.R. 1172), said nail lying South 47°04'47" East 1333.09 feet (horizontal ground distance) from North Carolina Geodetic Survey Monument "John", said monument having N.C. Grid, NAD 83 (2001) coordinates of N: 650810.62', E: 806312.99'; said nail being a common corner with KMW Holdings, LLC recorded in Deed Book 594, Page 209 of the Haywood County Register of Deeds Office, and running thence from said beginning point and with the common line of KMW Holdings, LLC and the centerline of Norfolk Southern Railway and aid 200 foot right-of-way North 17°27'03" East 495.34 feet to a magnetic nail in a crosstie in the centerline of Norfolk Southern Railway, a common corner with KMW Holdings, LLC and Haywood County, recorded in Deed Book 579, Page 2180, thence leaving the centerline of Norfolk Southern Railway and with the common line of Haywood County for the following four bearings and distances: 1) South 72°29'45" East 446.46 feet to a 5/8" rebar lying 0.1 foot below the adjacent grade; 2) North 06°50'15" East 102.59 feet to a 5/8" rebar lying 0.1 foot below the adjacent grade; 3) North 07°49'57" East 39.99 feet to a 5/8" rebar with yellow plastic cap stamped "Ed Holmes and Assoc.", hereinafter referred to as "EHA" rebar; 4) South 83°01'21" East 41.37 feet to a railroad spike flush in asphalt pavement, a common corner with Daniel Boyd, recorded in Deed Book 373, Page 730; thence with the Boyd property the following three bearings and distance: 1) South 55°27'30" West 21.90 feet to a railroad spike flush in asphalt pavement; 2) South 22°31'17" East 143.52 feet to a magnetic nail flush in the asphalt pavement; 3) South 06°44'08" West, passing a railroad spike flush in the asphalt pavement at 82.02 feet, a common corner with American National Red Cross recorded in Deed Book 503, Page 1874, a total distance of 118.52 feet to a magnetic nail in the asphalt pavement, thence continuing with the common line of American National Red Cross South 85°49'57" East 120.30 feet to an "EHA" rebar, the southeast corner of said American National Red Cross, said rebar lying approximately 4.98 feet east of the western margin of the 80 foot right-of-way of Brown Avenue as shown on State Highway Commission Plans having Project No. 9.7142203; thence inside said right-of-way Brown Avenue, on a curve to the left having a radius of 1632.64 feet, an arc distance of 165.10 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of South 05°12'54" West 165.03 feet to a magnetic nail in the asphalt pavement in the intersection of the centerline of Lea Plant Road (S.R. 1172) and the margin of the asphalt pavement of Brown Avenue; thence with the center of Lea Plant Road (S.R. 1172) the following three bearings and distances: 1) South 82°42'12" West 120.71 feet to an unmarked point in the center of Lea Plant Road, 2) on a curve to the right having

a radius of 730.07 feet, an arc length of 69.95 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of South 85° 26'54" West 69.92 feet to an unmarked point, 3) South 88°11'34" West 571.92 feet to the point and place of **BEGINNING**.

Less and excepting all right, title and interest, if any, of the North Carolina State Highway Commission in and to a 376.93 square foot, more or less, area described in a deed recorded in Deed Book 220, Page 342, and further described as follows:

BEGINNING on a 5/8" "EHA" rebar, said rebar being on the northern margin of a 60 foot road right-of-way of Lea Plant Road, described in Deed Book 220, Page 341, said rebar lying North 44°53'18" West 43.69 feet from a magnetic nail in the asphalt pavement in the intersection of the centerline of Lea Plant Road (S.R. 1172) and the margin of asphalt pavement of Brown Avenue, said nail being the southeast corner of the above described property, and running thence from said **BEGINNING** point, North 41°33'50" East 43.93 feet to a concrete right-of-way monument with a broken top, lying 0.4 foot below the adjacent grade, on the western margin of the 80 foot right-of-way of Brown Avenue as referenced above; thence on a curve to the right with a radius of 1472.39 feet, an arc length of 28.21 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of South 04°05'56" West 28.21 feet to an "EHA" rebar; thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 1497.89 feet, an arc length of 27.54 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of South 80°05'14" West 27.54 feet to the point and place of **BEGINNING**, containing 376.93 square feet, more or less.

The tracts described above are shown on an unrecorded survey by Phillip B. White, PLS of Ed Holmes and Associates Land Surveyors, PA, titled "Boundary and Topographic Survey of Property Owned by Hazelwood NC NG, LLC for Ingles Markets, Inc." dated December 22, 2014 and last revised April 30, 2015. All bearings described above are N.C. Grid, NAD 83(2001) bearings. All distances are horizontal ground distances.

TOGETHER WITH the Grantor's right, title and interest, if any, in the following:

- 1) Easements in favor of the Property herein conveyed for parking purposes over the "First Tract" and "Second Tract" contained in Right-of-Way Deed from Kenneth Dwight Eatmon (a/k/a Kenneth Eatmon) and wife, Sharon K. Eatmon, to J. Aaron Prevost and Emil Massard dated December __, 1983, and recorded at Deed Book 347, Page 806, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, North Carolina; and
- 2) Easements in favor of the "parties of the first part" and the property of the parties of the first part (being the Property herein conveyed) established by Agreement by and between Jack G. Prevost and Wachovia Bank, NA, Co-Executors of the Estate of J. Aaron Prevost and Successor Co-Trustees under the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of J. Aaron Prevost, dated August 12, 1989, Blake P. Garrett, Jr., Trustee, and George B. Nalley, Jr., Trustee, parties of the first part; Daniel P. Boyd (a/k/a/Daniel Michael Boyd) and wife, Elizabeth Boyd, parties of the second part; Haywood County, a Unit of Local Government of the State of North Carolina, party of the third part; and State of North Carolina, party of the fourth part, dated October 21, 2003, and recorded at Deed Book 579, Page 2183, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, North Carolina.
- 3) Any and all other property conveyed in that certain North Carolina Special Warranty Deed from Hazelwood NC NG, LLC, to Ingles Hazelwood Exchange, LLC, dated May 19, 2015, and recorded at Deed Book 885, Page 2157-2162, aforesaid records.

PENDING REVIEW FOR TAX LISTING

DATE 6-2-16 BY SA

HAYWOOD COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATION

There are no delinquent taxes due that are a lien

against parcel number(s) 8605 80 0103

Mike Matthews, Haywood County Tax Collector

Date: 6-2-16 By: ell



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HAYWOOD CO, NC FEE \$26.00

NO TAXABLE CONSIDERATION

PRESENTED & RECORDED

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SHERRI C. ROGERS

REGISTER OF DEEDS

BY STACY C. MOORE

ASSISTANT

BK: RB 907

PG: 314-318

PARCEL IDENTIFIER NO.: 8605-80-0103

Verified by Haywood County on the ___ day of June 2016

By: _____,

This instrument prepared by and mail after recording to:

Burton C. Smith, Jr.

Burton C. Smith, Jr., P.C.

675 North Main Street

Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Brief Property Description for Index: 0.129 Acres +/-, Brown Avenue (a.k.a. Allen's Creek Road),
Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina

Excise Tax Stamp: \$0.00 (EXEMPT SELLER)

NORTH CAROLINA SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED

Rwp **THIS NORTH CAROLINA SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED** (this "**Deed**") is made as of this day of June 2016, by and between **THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS**, a non-profit corporation, a Federally chartered instrumentality of the United States, and body corporate and politic under the laws of the United States (36 U.S.C. §§300101-300111 (2007)) (herein "**Grantor**"), and **INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED**, a North Carolina corporation (herein, "**Grantee**"). Grantee's address is 2913 Highway 70 West, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711. The designation "Grantor" and "Grantee" as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors and assigns, as applicable, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey, unto Grantee, in fee simple, that certain lot or parcel of land (the "**Property**") lying and being situated in the Waynesville Township, Haywood County, State of North Carolina, that is more

particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, together with any and all appurtenances thereto.

The Property is conveyed subject to the matters described on Exhibit "B" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof (to the extent they affect the Property, if at all)(the "Permitted Encumbrances").

Neither the Property nor any portion thereof herein conveyed includes the primary residence of a Grantor.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the Grantee in **FEE SIMPLE**, but in all respects always subject to the Permitted Encumbrances.

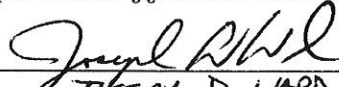
AND THE GRANTOR COVENANTS with the Grantee, that Grantor is seized of the Property in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that title is free and clear of all encumbrances except for the Permitted Encumbrances, and that Grantor will warrant and defend the title to the Property against the lawful claims of Grantor and all persons claiming by, through or under Grantor, but not otherwise and always subject to the Permitted Encumbrances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this Deed to be executed under seal by its duly authorized representative as of the day, month and year first above written.

[USE BLACK INK ONLY]

GRANTOR:

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS,
a non-profit corporation, a Federally chartered
instrumentality of the United States, and body
corporate and politic under the laws of the United
States (36 U.S.C. §§300101-300111 (2007))

By: 
Name: JOSEPH D. WARD
Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - REAL ESTATE

Attest: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

(CORPORATE SEAL)

[ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

STATE OF Ohio; COUNTY OF Lucas

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Joseph D. Ward, in his/her capacity as Executive Director of **THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS**, a non-profit corporation, a Federally chartered instrumentality of the United States, and body corporate and politic under the laws of the United States (36 U.S.C. §§300101-300111 (2007)), personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument on behalf of the said company.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 1 day of June 2016.

My commission expires: 10-22-17

Robert W. Menner

NOTARIAL SEAL OR STAMP:



ROBERT W MENNER
NOTARY PUBLIC - OHIO
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10-22-17

The foregoing Certificates of _____ and _____ are certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the Book and Page shown on the first page hereof.

Register of Deeds for Haywood County

By: _____, Deputy/Assistant - Register of Deeds

EXHIBIT "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All of that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point lying two (2) calls from the most western point of that deed of record in Deed Book 297, Page 747, as follows: S. 25 deg. 30 min. 00 sec. E. 143.55 and S. 03 deg. 49 min. 20 sec. W. 69.21 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING; and from said point of BEGINNING thus established, running S. 86 deg. 05 min. 45 sec. E. 122.64 feet to a point in the western margin of Allen's Creek Road; thence with the margin of said road, with the arc of a circle with a curve to the left, having a radius of 1632.64 feet, a linear distance of 43.82 feet to an iron pipe, thence leaving the road right of way and running, N. 88 deg. 44 min. 45 sec. W. 120.30 feet to an iron pin; thence running N. 03 deg. 49 min. 20 sec. E. 49.32 feet passing a railroad spike set at 36.33 feet on line, to the point and place of BEGINNING. The same identified as Tract III, being .129 acre on that survey captioned "J. A. Prevost" dated December 28, 1984 under the seal of James T. Herron, R.L.S.

BEING the identical property described in a deed dated January 1, 1988, from Erwin Roe Jones, Jr. and wife, Evelyn L. Jones, to Erwin Roe Jones, III and wife, Debra L. Jones, recorded in Deed Book 387, Page 385, Haywood County Registry, and likewise the property conveyed by Erwin Roe Jones, III and wife, Debra L. Jones, to American National Red Cross by North Carolina General Warranty Deed dated October 3, 2001, and recorded at Deed Book 503, Page 1874, Haywood County Registry.

EXHIBIT "B"

PERMITTED ENCUMBRANCES

1. Taxes for the year 2015, liens not yet due and payable, and for subsequent years.
2. Rights-of-Way of S.R. #1172 (Lea Plant Road, f/k/a Welch Road) and Allens Creek Road Extension to their full legal widths (80' right-of-way for S.R. #1172 and 60' or apparent 40' right-of-way for Allens Creek Road, in each case as shown on Boundary and Topographic Survey of Property Owned by Hazelwood NC NG, LLC for Ingles Markets, Inc. dated December 22, 2014, prepared by Ed Holmes & Associates Land Surveyors, PA and bearing the seal of Phillip B. White, North Carolina Professional Land Surveyor No. L-4994 dated December 31, 2014 (the "Survey").
3. 200' Right-of-Way of Norfolk Southern Railway (now Blue Ridge Southern Railway, LLC) as shown on Survey.
4. Electric easements in favor of Carolina Power & Light recorded at (a) Deed Book 86, Page 322, (b) Deed Book 111, Page 239, (c) Deed Book 220, Page 476, (d) Deed Book 220, Page 510, and (e) Deed Book 244, Page 718, all in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, North Carolina.
5. Sewer easement in favor of the Town of Waynesville recorded at Deed Book 289, Page 203, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, North Carolina.
6. Terms and conditions of easements contained in and restrictions regarding pavement set forth in Right-of-Way Deed recorded at Deed Book 347, Page 806, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, North Carolina, but excluding and without exception for the 40' road right-of-way therein described, which has been terminated by virtue of the Agreement described in Item 7 following.
7. Terms and conditions of and restrictions set forth in Agreement recorded at Deed Book 579, Page 2183, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, North Carolina.
8. Terms and conditions of and restrictions set forth in Restrictive covenant in favor of Ingles Hazelwood Exchange, LLC, dated May 19, 2015, and recorded at Deed Book 885, Page 2169, in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, North Carolina.

DATE 6-2-16 BY SP

HAYWOOD COUNTY TAX CERTIFICATION

There are no delinquent taxes due that are a lien

against parcel number(s) 8605 80 0103

Mike Matthews, Haywood County Tax Collector

Date: 6-2-16 By: cel



2016004302

HAYWOOD CO, NC FEE \$26.00

NO TAXABLE CONSIDERATION

PRESENTED & RECORDED

06-02-2016 03:28:23 PM

SHERRI C. ROGERS

REGISTER OF DEEDS

BY: STACY C. MOORE

ASSISTANT

BK: RB 907

PG: 319-323

PARCEL IDENTIFIER NO.: 8605-80-0103

Verified by Haywood County on the ___ day of June 2016

By: _____

This instrument prepared by and mail after recording to:

Burton C. Smith, Jr.

Burton C. Smith, Jr., P.C.

675 North Main Street

Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

Brief Property Description for Index: 6.01 acres +/-, Brown Avenue (a.k.a. Allen's Creek Road),
Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina

Excise Tax Stamp: \$0.00

NORTH CAROLINA QUITCLAIM DEED

THIS QUITCLAIM DEED (this "**Deed**") is made as of the 2nd day of June 2016, by **THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS**, a non-profit corporation, a Federally chartered instrumentality of the United States, and body corporate and politic under the laws of the United States (36 U.S.C. §§300101-300111 (2007)) (hereinafter called "**Grantor**"), in favor of **INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED**, a North Carolina corporation (hereinafter called "**Grantee**"). Grantee's address is 2913 Highway 70 West, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711. The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" include the neuter, masculine and feminine genders, and the singular and the plural, as the context requires or permits.

W I T N E S S E T H:

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in hand paid to Grantor by Grantee at and before the execution, sealing and delivery hereof, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor (a) has remised, released, conveyed and forever quitclaimed, and (b) by these presents does remise, release, convey and forever quitclaim, unto Grantee and the successors, legal representatives and assigns of Grantee, all of Grantors' right, title and interest, if any, in and to that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Waynesville

Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, that is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof (hereinafter called the "**Property**").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property unto Grantee in order that neither Grantor nor any person claiming by, through or under Grantor shall at any time or by any means or ways have, claim or demand any right, title or interest in or to the Property or any portion thereof or any of the rights, members and appurtenances thereof.

Neither the Property nor any portion thereof herein conveyed includes the primary residence of a Grantor.

This Deed is executed in connection with and as a companion document to the North Carolina Special Warranty Deed, the purpose and intent of this Deed being to transfer to Grantee, for the consideration given for the said North Carolina Special Warranty Deed and for no additional consideration, the property conveyed by such North Carolina Special Warranty Deed utilizing a legal description for same drawn from Grantee's current survey of the Property and certain adjoining property owned or to be acquired by Grantee, so as to divest Grantor, without warranty of any kind, of any right, title and interest Grantor otherwise might have in and to any property contained within such survey legal description, including gaps and gores, not previously conveyed by such North Carolina Special Warranty Deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this Deed to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the day, month and year first written above.

[USE BLACK INK ONLY]

GRANTOR:

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS,
a non-profit corporation, a Federally chartered
instrumentality of the United States, and body
corporate and politic under the laws of the United
States (36 U.S.C. §§300101-300111 (2007))

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Attest: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

(CORPORATE SEAL)

[ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

STATE OF Ohio; COUNTY OF Crawford

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Joseph A. Ward, in his capacity as the EO. Real Estate of **THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS**, a non-profit corporation, a Federally chartered instrumentality of the United States, and body corporate and politic under the laws of the United States (36 U.S.C. §§300101-300111 (2007)), personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument on behalf of the said company. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 1 day of June 2016.

My commission expires: 10.22.17

Robert W. Menner

NOTARY PUBLIC

NOTARIAL SEAL OR STAMP



ROBERT W. MENNER
NOTARY PUBLIC - OHIO

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 10-22-17

The foregoing Certificates of _____ and _____ are certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the Book and Page shown on the first page hereof.

Register of Deeds for Haywood County

By: _____, Deputy/Assistant - Register of Deeds

EXHIBIT "A"**SURVEY LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

All of that certain lot or parcel of land containing 6.02 acres more or less, situated in Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a magnetic nail flush in the asphalt pavement in the intersection of the centerline of Norfolk Southern Railway, (said railway having a 200 foot right-of-way per Plat Cabinet B, Slide 67 and Deed Book 508, Page 1050, recorded in the Haywood County Register of Deeds Office) and the centerline of Lea Plant Road (S.R. 1172), said nail lying South 47°04'47" East 1333.09 feet (horizontal ground distance) from North Carolina Geodetic Survey Monument "John", said monument having N.C. Grid, NAD 83 (2001) coordinates of N: 650810.62', E: 806312.99'; said nail being a common corner with KMW Holdings, LLC recorded in Deed Book 594, Page 209 of the Haywood County Register of Deeds Office, and running thence from said beginning point and with the common line of KMW Holdings, LLC and the centerline of Norfolk Southern Railway, a 200 foot right-of-way, North 17°27'03" East 495.34 feet to a magnetic nail in a crosstie in the centerline of Norfolk Southern Railway, a common corner with KMW Holdings, LLC and Haywood County, recorded in Deed Book 579, Page 2180, thence leaving the centerline of Norfolk Southern Railway and with the common line of Haywood County for the following four bearings and distances: 1) South 72°29'45" East, passing 5/8" rebars with yellow plastic caps stamped "Ed Holmes and Assoc.", hereinafter referred to as "EHA" rebar, at 50.00 feet and 100.00 feet, a total distance of 446.46 feet to a 5/8" rebar lying 0.1 foot below the adjacent grade; 2) North 06°50'15" East 102.59 feet to a 5/8" rebar lying 0.1 foot below the adjacent grade; 3) North 07°49'57" East 39.99 feet to an "EHA" rebar; 4) South 83°01'21" East 41.37 feet to a railroad spike flush in asphalt pavement, a common corner with Daniel Boyd, recorded in Deed Book 373, Page 730; thence with the Boyd property the following three bearings and distance: 1) South 55°27'30" West 21.90 feet to a railroad spike flush in asphalt pavement; 2) South 22°31'17" East 143.52 feet to a magnetic nail flush in the asphalt pavement; 3) South 06°44'08" West, 69.20 feet to a magnetic nail in the asphalt pavement, thence continuing with said Boyd property South 83°10'57" East 122.64 feet to an "EHA" rebar, said rebar lying approximately 5.35 feet east of the western margin of the 80 foot right-of-way of Brown Avenue as shown on State Highway Commission Plans having Project No. 9.7142203, thence leaving said Boyd property and running inside said right-of-way, on a curve to the left having a radius of 1632.64 feet, an arc distance of 43.82 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of South 09°57'16" West 43.82 feet to an "EHA" rebar, said rebar lying approximately 4.98 feet east of the western margin of the 80 foot right-of-way of Brown Avenue as shown on State Highway Commission Plans having Project No. 9.7142203; thence inside said right-of-way of Brown Avenue, on a curve to the left having a radius of 1632.64 feet, an arc distance of 165.10 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of South 05°12'54" West 165.03 feet to a magnetic nail in the asphalt pavement in the intersection of the centerline of Lea Plant Road (S.R. 1172) and the margin of the asphalt pavement of Brown Avenue; thence with the center of Lea Plant Road (S.R. 1172) the following three bearings and distances: 1) South 82°42'12" West 120.71 feet to an unmarked point in the center of Lea Plant Road, 2) on a curve to the right having a radius of 730.07 feet, an arc length of 69.95 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of South 85° 26'54" West 69.92 feet to an unmarked point, 3) South 88°11'34" West 571.92 feet to the point and place of **BEGINNING**.

The total net area of the above described property contains 6.02 acres, more or less, and is a compilation of parcels owned by Ingles Markets Inc. described in Deed Book 891, Page 1 (without exclusion of an approximately 0.01 acre parcel at the southeasterly corner of the property

shown on the Holmes Survey hereafter described) and American National Red Cross described in Deed Book 503, Page 1874, all in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, North Carolina, said parcels being shown on an unrecorded survey by Phillip B. White, PLS of Ed Holmes and Associates Land Surveyors, PA, titled "Boundary and Topographic Survey of Property Owned by Ingles Markets, Inc. and American National Red Cross" dated January 25, 2016, and last revised May 30, 2016 (the "Holmes Survey"). All bearings described above are N.C. Grid, NAD 83(2011) bearings. All distances are horizontal ground distances.

The foregoing parcel includes within its bounds, without limitation (and Grantor conveys hereby to Grantee all right, title and interest, if any, of Grantee in and to), the following described parcel of land conveyed to the American National Red Cross by virtue of deed recorded at Deed Book 503, Page 1874, in the aforesaid records:

All of that certain lot or parcel of land containing 0.13 acres more or less, situated in Waynesville Township, Haywood County, North Carolina, adjoined on the east by Brown Avenue, on the south and west by Ingles Markets, Inc. (Deed Book 891, Page 1), and on the North by Daniel Boyd (Deed Book 373, Page 730), and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a railroad spike flush in the asphalt pavement, said railroad spike lying South $68^{\circ}03'02''$ East 1764.50 feet (horizontal ground distance) from North Carolina Geodetic Survey Monument "John", said monument having N.C. Grid, NAD 83 (2001) coordinates of N: 650810.62', E: 806312.99'; said railroad spike being a common corner with property owned by Ingles Markets, Inc., description recorded in Deed Book 891, Page 1 in the Haywood County N.C. Register of Deeds Office, and runs thence from said beginning point and with said Ingles Markets Inc. property South $06^{\circ}44'08''$ West 36.50 feet to a magnetic nail in asphalt pavement; thence South $85^{\circ}49'57''$ East 120.30 feet to a $5/8''$ rebar with plastic yellow cap stamped "Ed Holmes and Assoc.", hereinafter referred to as "EHA" rebar, said rebar lying approximately 4.98 feet east of the western margin of the 80 foot right-of-way of Brown Avenue as shown on State Highway Commission Plans having Project No. 9.7142203; running thence inside said right-of-way of Brown Avenue and leaving said Ingles Markets property, on a curve to the right having a radius of 1632.64 feet, an arc distance of 43.82 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of North $09^{\circ}57'16''$ East 43.82 feet to an "EHA" rebar, said rebar lying approximately 5.35 feet east of the western margin of the 80 foot right-of-way of Brown Avenue as shown on State Highway Commission Plans having Project No. 9.7142203, said rebar being a common corner with that property owned by Daniel Boyd, described in Deed Book 373, Page 730; thence with said Boyd property and leaving said right-of-way, North $83^{\circ}10'57''$ West 122.64 feet to a magnetic nail in asphalt pavement, a common corner with said Ingles Markets Inc. property; thence leaving said Boyd property and with said Ingles Markets property South $06^{\circ}44'08''$ West 12.82 feet to the point and place of **BEGINNING**, containing 0.13 acre more or less and being shown on the Holmes Survey. All bearings described above are N.C. Grid, NAD 83(2011) bearings. All distances are horizontal ground distances.

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and possible action on a map and text amendment application to rezone the following properties from Howell Mill Road Medium Density Residential to Howell Mill Urban Residential:

1. 59 Abel Lane, PIN 8616-42-9030
2. 48 Misti Lane, PIN 8616-51-0949
3. 12 Misti Lane, PIN 8616-52-0138

AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Public Hearing
Item Number: 6-C
Department: Development Services
Contact: Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director
Presenter: Elizabeth Teague, Development Services Director

BRIEF SUMMARY: These lots total 1.65 acres and are adjacent to the DC Plus Packaging warehouse and convenient to Town and the Town's Recreation Center. A zoning designation of Urban Residential would maintain the residential character of the area but would allow for increased density to take advantage of this location's convenience, and the pedestrian amenities that are now available as part of the Howell Mill Road corridor. It would also expand the transitional district between the heavy commercial of Russ Avenue and the Medium Density residential neighborhood. This UR zoning designation (HM-UR) was created in May for a similar request on the opposite side of Howell Mill Road.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

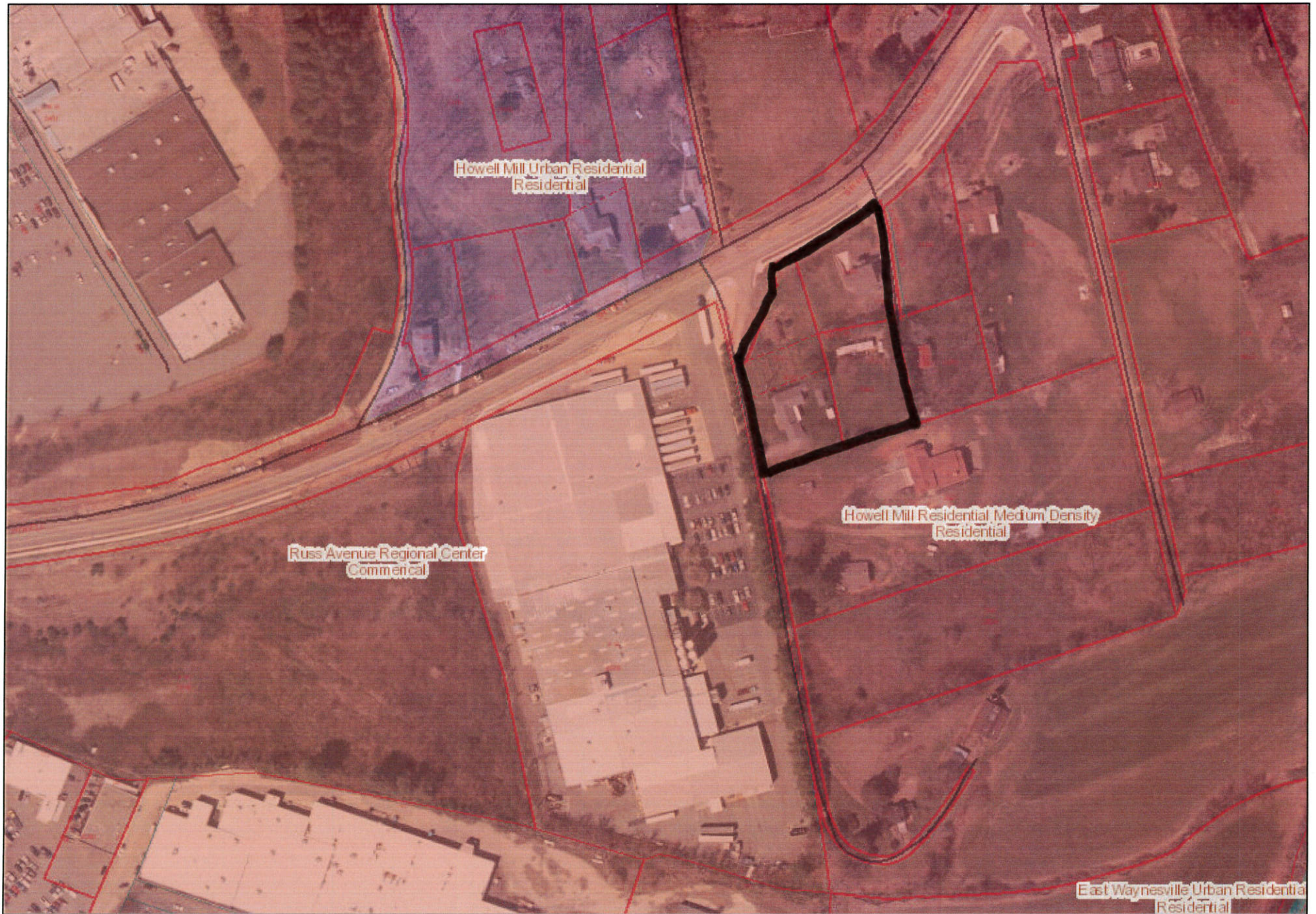
1. Motion to find that the map amendment request is consistent with the Town's 2020 Comprehensive Land Use Plan
2. Motion to approve the map amendment request.

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Area Maps
2. Staff Report
3. Application

MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommend approval of rezoning based on recommendation of the Planning Board.



1 inch = 200 feet
December 13, 2016

Howell Mill Road Area Zoning

AREA OF REQUEST

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Parcel Report For 8616-42-9030

MOODY, THOMAS M
248 FAIRWAY HILLS DR
WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786

Account Information

PIN: 8616-42-9030

Legal Ref: 574/496

409/163

Add Ref: CAB C/7298

A16/397

Site Information

DWELLING
SINGLE FAMILY
59 ABEL LN

Heated Area: 1500

Year Built: 1950

Total Acreage: 0.7 AC

Township: WAYNESVILLE

Site Value Information

Land Value: \$14,800

Building Value: \$81,000

Market Value: \$95,800

Deferred Value: \$0

Assessed Value: \$95,800

Sale Price: \$100,500

Sale Date: 09/23/2003

Tax Bill 1: \$0.00

Tax Bill 2: \$0.00



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December 12, 2016

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An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood with property boundaries overlaid in red lines. A specific parcel is highlighted with a cyan border. The highlighted parcel is a rectangular lot containing a house with a blue roof and a blue water tower. Other visible parcels include a large lot with a house and a red roof, a lot with a house and a red roof, and a lot with a house and a red roof. The map also shows a road labeled 'SR 110' and a road labeled 'HOLLY LANE'. The highlighted parcel is labeled '0042'.

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Parcel Report For 8616-52-0138

MOODY, THOMAS M
248 FAIRWAY HILLS DR
WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786

Account Information

PIN: 8616-52-0138

Legal Ref: 409/163

Add Ref: S1/90
809/862

Site Information

DWELLING
SINGLE FAMILY
12 MISTI LEIGH LN

Heated Area: 2368
Year Built: 1912
Total Acreage: 0.46 AC
Township: WAYNESVILLE

Site Value Information

Land Value: \$17,300
Building Value: \$115,700
Market Value: \$133,000
Deferred Value: \$0
Assessed Value: \$133,000
Sale Price: \$0
Sale Date: 06/15/1990
Tax Bill 1: \$996.71
Tax Bill 2: \$996.71



1 inch = 100 feet
November 10, 2016

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TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Application for Land Development Standards Map Amendment

Application is hereby made on NOV 10, 20 16 to the Town of Waynesville for the following map amendment:

Property owner of record: THOMAS MACK MOODY -

Address/location of property: PN 8616-42-9101 - 8616-42-9011 -

Parcel identification number(s): 8616-41-9942-59 ABEL LANE.

Deed/Plat Book/Page, (attach legal description): 8616-51-0949 48 MISTI LEIGH LN.

The property contains 1.69 acres. 8616-52-0138-12 MISTI LEIGH LN.

Current district: HOWELL MILL RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY.

Requested district: HOWELL MILL URBAN RESIDENTIAL.

The property is best suited for the requested change for the following reason(s), (attach additional sheets if necessary):

NEXT DOOR TO COMMERCIAL ZONED PROPERTY (ASSOCIATED PARKING)
OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER DENSITY-MIXED USE/ LIGHT COMM.
OFFICE SPACE, ETC.

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Name (Printed): THOMAS M. MOODY

Mailing Address: 248 FAIRWAY HILLS DR. WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786

Phone(s): 828-646-7301 CELL

Email: TMOODY1943@YAHOO.COM.

Signature of Property Owner(s) of Record Authorizing Application:

Thomas M. Moody

Note: Map Amendment Requests require a fee based on the size and number of lots being requested for amendment. The request will be scheduled for the next agenda opening for the Waynesville Planning Board. Please submit application to: Town of Waynesville Planning Department, 9 South Main Street, Waynesville, NC 28786.

**Board of Aldermen Staff Report
Request for Rezoning Multiple Properties along Howell Mill and
January 24, 2017**

Agenda Item: Zoning Map amendment.
Address, PINs, acreage, owners: 59 Abel Lane, 48 Misti Lane and 12 Misti Lane; Haywood County Tax Parcel Identification Number 8616-42-9030, 8616-51-0949, and 8616-52-0138, belonging to Thomas Mack Moody.
Acreage of area: 1.65 acres total
Requested Rezoning: From Howell Mill Medium Density Residential District to Howell Mill Urban Residential.
Other: These properties are all within the Town’s extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

Background:

In May of 2016, the Planning Board voted to recommend a change in zoning designation for properties on the opposite side of Howell Mill Road to “Urban Residential.” This zoning designation was created in order to provide a zoning option which was residentially focused, but which would allow professional offices and business services uses. The goal was for this area to serve as a transitional district between the intensive commercial uses allowed in the Regional Center District along Russ Avenue and the Medium Density Residential District along Howell Mill Road. Mr. Moody has submitted this request for three lots across Howell Mill Road and adjacent to the DC Plus Packaging warehouse.

The purpose and intent of the Howell Mill Road Residential District as established by the Land Development Standards, Section 2.3.3(C) states:

The **Howell Mill Residential—Medium Density District (HM-RM)** shall develop as a residential neighborhood providing a mix of housing types and densities. Long, narrow lots are encouraged to provide for the establishment of good block widths throughout the area. Higher density housing is encouraged south of Howell Mill Road with lower density housing provided to the north. The center of the neighborhood is the Waynesville Recreation Center, providing recreational and social opportunities for all of Waynesville but with particular convenience and importance for those residing in this district. The proximity of this area to Russ Avenue shall be enhanced with improved transportation connections. Development occurring off of Howell Mill Road shall also incorporate connectivity between streets and shall include, where appropriate, pedestrian access to the Recreation Center and the Richland Creek Greenway. Nonresidential uses typically found in residential areas are permitted.

The requested Urban Residential zoning category has the following purpose and intent, Section 2.3.4:

The **Howell Mill Road Urban Residential District (HM-UR)** is a transitional neighborhood that buffers rural and medium density residential areas from the intense commercial uses found within the Russ Avenue Regional Center District. It is convenient to town and the Recreation Center and served by the multi-modal Howell Mill Road, yet valued for its green spaces, vistas and peaceful character. Future development should build on, and connect to, this transportation infrastructure and accommodate vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists and be of a residential scale and design.

The change to Urban Residential would increase the allowable density from 8 units/acre to 16 units/acre. It would also permit multi-family developments at a higher density of up to 24 units/acre as part of a special use permit. A comparison table of permitted uses is attached for reference with the HM-RM and HM-UR Districts Highlighted. In a community meeting in May of 2016 and in subsequent planning board meetings, the rural and residential nature of the area was identified by the residents as an important value, and the HM-UR changes to the permitted uses table were allowed as a compromise to prevent many of the urban impacts of other types of commercial zoning.

At their December Meeting, the Planning Board voted in favor of this application.

Consistency with 2020 Land Development Plan:

In the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Waynesville Our Heritage, Our Future, 2020 Land Development Plan. The Plan states that the land use goal is to:

“Promote the orderly growth, development and enhanced land values of the Town of Waynesville by preserving and improving Waynesville's existing neighborhoods, creating more attractive commercial centers, maintaining a strong downtown area, taking steps to reduce urban sprawl and protecting the natural beauty of the community.” (2020 LDP, p 4-2)

With an objective to:

“Designate appropriate amounts of land to reflect the desired development patterns and to accommodate the projected residential, commercial, industrial and institutional needs of the Town of Waynesville.” (p. 4-2)

The Land Development Plan specifically speaks to the goal of creating a variety of residential opportunities for all incomes and to promote infill development and mixed use areas. The Future Land Use Map of the 2020 Plan (Maps 12 and 13) show this area along Howell Mill Road as Medium to high density residential. Adjusting the map to Mr. Moody's request would create a higher density residential and mixed use district within this area. It would also keep commercial uses on a residential scale, preserving the nature of the original zoning. This would be consistent with the Future Land Use Map and with the Plan's goals to create infill and prevent urban sprawl.

It should be noted that in the one dissenting vote related to the issue of consistency, a Planning Board member raised concern that the Comprehensive Plan should be updated to reflect changes in the community.

Surrounding Land Use/Zoning Patterns:

The area proposed for rezoning is on the south side of Howell Mill Road. The 59 Abel Lane property abuts the DC Plus LLC Packaging warehouse to the west. The Misti Lane properties abut residential property to the east.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that this request is consistent with the 2020 Land Development Plan and is in favor of this zoning map amendment.

Requested Actions:

1. Motion to find that the map amendment is consistent with the Town of Waynesville's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
2. Motion to recommend the proposed map amendment to the Board of Aldermen to rezone the property to the Urban Residential District.