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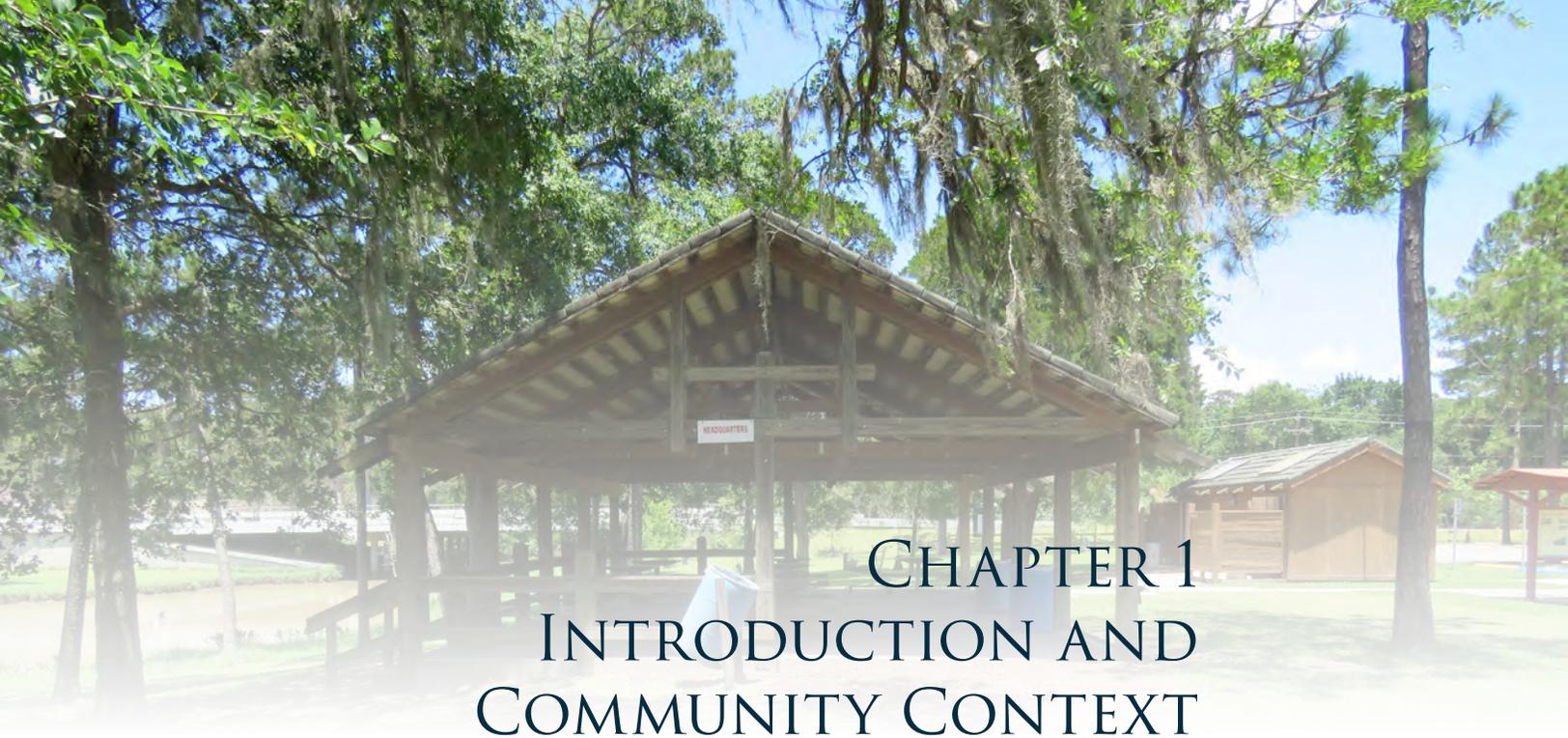
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Section 1 Existing Park System and Needs Assessment



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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT

The Galveston County 2017 Parks Master Plan Update is intended to evaluate and further the efforts of the 2011 Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Conservation/Natural Resource Master Plan (2011 Master Plan). The primary focus of this plan will be to develop recommendations to guide the park system for the next five fiscal years.

The plan follows a similar planning process that was set forth as part of the previous planning effort. The two-phase approach identified in the previous plan was used as an organizational structure for this document. Those two phases divide the plan into two sections, the existing park system and needs assessment section; and the park system action plan section. This chapter is intended to orient the reader to the planning process and the characteristics of the plan area, Galveston County.

PURPOSE OF A PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE

It is intended that this document will be actively used and referenced by County staff and elected officials. The content provides direction for the park system and assists in the decision-making process. Being an update, this plan strives to continue in achieving the goals developed for the 2011 Master Plan. A county-led park system has a slightly different role than that of a City's park system. The County role is to serve residents at the regional or community scale, with an emphasis on the unincorporated portions of the county. Regardless of the scale, this planning effort solicits public input as part of the planning effort.

The park system action plan identifies recommendation and implementation strategies for the park system. These resulting plan recommendations have a strong focus of providing opportunities for parks, recreation, and open space at the regional and community level. These recommendations will help in the development of capital plans and yearly budgets.



PLAN PROCESS

Phase 1 Step 1

Review Existing Inventory

Step 2

Seek Public Input

Step 3

Re-establish Goals & Objectives

Step 4

Analyze Needs & Deficiencies

Phase 2 Step 5

Provide Recommendations

Step 6

Develop Implementation Strategies

PLAN COMPONENTS

The 2017 Master Plan Update is organized to align with the steps of the planning process. In addition to this introductory chapter, the plan includes the following chapters:

- **Park System.** This chapter identifies the existing County parks and recreation system conditions and provides the framework for system organization.
- **Needs Assessment.** This chapter incorporates a series of assessment methods that are used to inform plan recommendations and implementation strategies.
- **Plan Recommendations.** This chapter provides guidance for the addition of new park facilities, improvements to existing parks, and partnership opportunities.
- **Implementation Program.** This chapter outlines funding strategies, parks administration/organization, capital improvements, plan implementation responsibilities, and plan administration roles.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Galveston County is a coastal county home to approximately 308,163 people who live in a variety of environments and contexts. The county seat is the City of Galveston, which is located in the far southern portion of the county on Galveston Island. The northern portion of the county is primarily developed as suburban residential communities, particularly Friendswood, League City, and Dickinson. These are the fastest growing areas due to their proximity to Houston and NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Galveston County is also home to Texas City, a significant economic center on Galveston Bay. Many small coastal communities occupy the coast of the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Bay, including Bayou Vista, Bolivar Peninsula, Clear Lake Shores, and Kemah, among other unincorporated towns. Still others, such as Santa Fe, Hitchcock, and other unincorporated areas of the eastern portion of the county provide more rural and agricultural settings.

Regional Context of Galveston County

Galveston County is located immediately south of the City of Houston and the economic center of the Houston-Galveston region. It is bordered by Brazoria County to the west, Harris County to the north, Galveston Bay and Chambers County (via Bolivar Peninsula) to the east, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south.

Regional connectivity to the County is primarily provided along Interstate Highway 45, which runs north/south into downtown Houston. Galveston County is also served by other state highways such as State Highway 146 and State Highway 3, which run north/south and toward the eastern side of the Houston area and State Highway 6, which runs northwest, providing access to western side of the Houston region.

A series of highways also run along the coast on Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula, including County Road 257, Farm to Market Road 3005, and State Highway 87. These roads provide access to other communities along the Gulf Coast.



FIGURE 1.1, REGIONAL CONTEXT MAP





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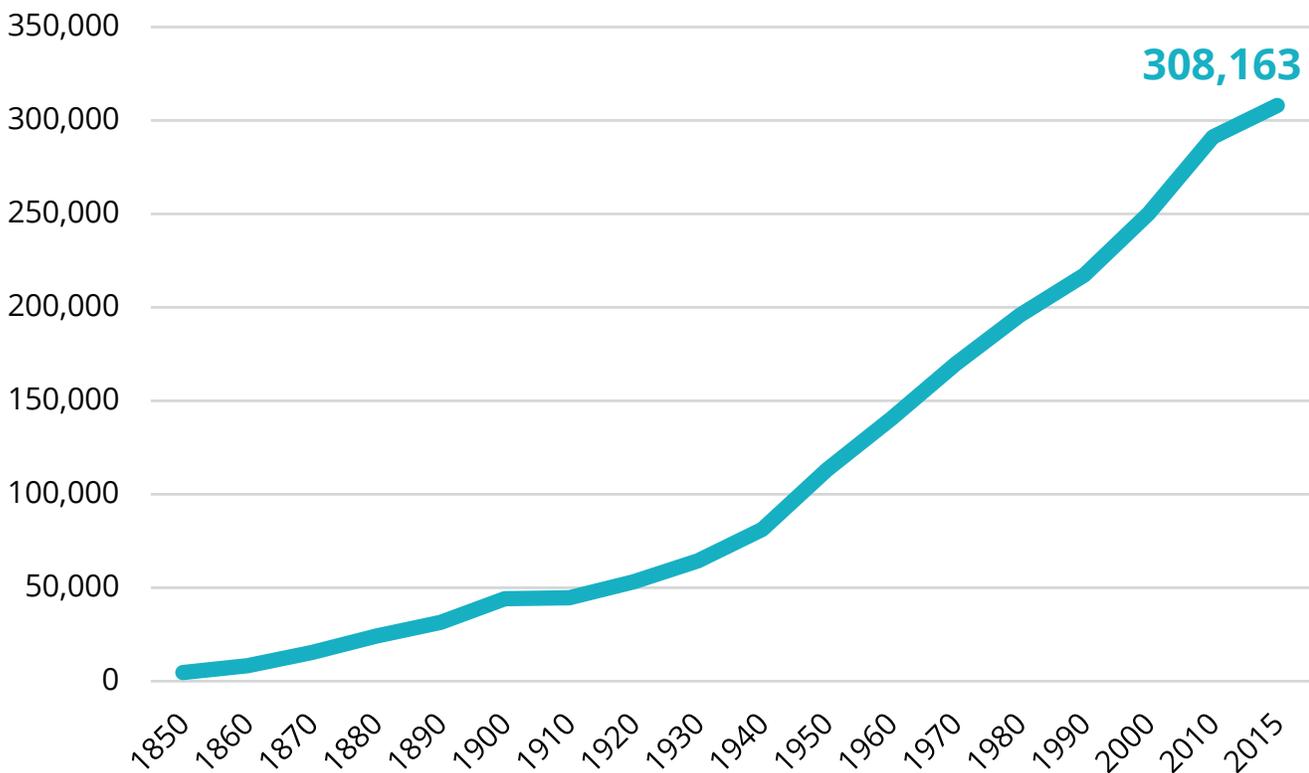
A Brief History of Galveston County

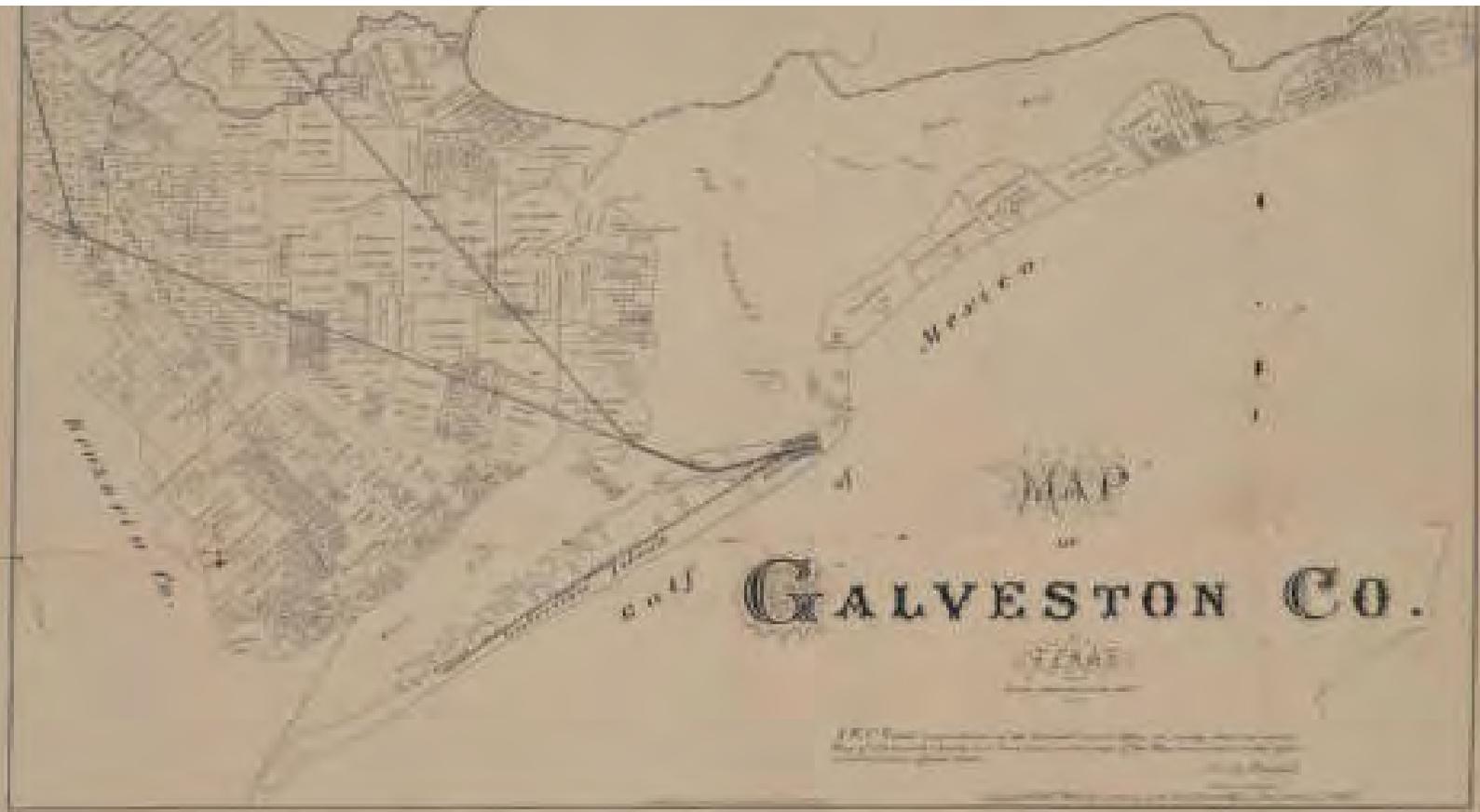
Galveston County has a long and tumultuous history of ups and downs both socially and economically. With a history that predates the formation of even the Republic of Texas, Galveston County has seen military activity, international relations, economic prosperity and decline, natural disasters, cultural diversity, and restoration, proving itself to be a strong and resilient community.

What started as a outpost for filibuster campaigns against Spanish rule over New Spain, Galveston became a center of culture and commerce as the Republic, and later, the State of Texas was established. Galveston County was officially formed in 1838 with the establishment of the state of Texas and through much of the latter half of the 19th century, was the largest city in Texas. The Port of Galveston brought both commerce and people into the city and surrounding area and as late as 1890, Galveston was the largest city in Texas.

However, the city and county's prosperity was almost wholly tied to the Port of Galveston. As transportation and technological advances enabled people to move more inland, Houston began to overshadow Galveston. At the turn of the century, commerce had moved toward Houston, the County of Galveston emerged as a recreational destination and the resort industry emerged.

FIGURE 1.2, HISTORIC GROWTH OF GALVESTON COUNTY, 1850 TO 2015





Galveston County, Texas, 1879, Historic Maps, Special Collections, University of Houston Libraries, accessed June 13, 2017, <http://digital.lib.uh.edu/collection/p15195coll35/item/34>.

With a foot both on the Texas coast and Houston's back door, Galveston County experienced both the early rise of prosperity and then decline in the City of Galveston as well as growth and prosperity of the northern areas of the county as the economic center of the region shifted from Galveston to Houston at the beginning of the 20th century. While some communities like Texas City prospered alongside Houston as a port city and with access to the bay, Galveston at the same time struggled to redefine itself into a tourist destination. Likewise, rural parts of the county also saw opportunities for farming and ranching as both populations grew in the northern portions of the county near Houston and emerging resorts demanded food and drink for visitors to the region.

This same contrasting dynamic can be seen today across the county as one moves from the northern suburbanized areas of the county that is more closely tied to the industrial economy of Houston to the quiet rural communities across the coastal plains to the culturally and historically rich destination of Galveston Island. These very diverse environments are challenging but afford the opportunity to provide an equally diverse parks, open space, and recreation system across the county that respect and celebrate the various characteristics that make up Galveston County.



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Unique Environmental Characteristics and Features

Galveston County is approximately 874 square miles, of which 378 square miles are land and 496 square miles are water.¹ The County is located on the coast and is comprised of a range of unique environments, including coastal plains that make up the mainland, Galveston Island, Bolivar Peninsula, and a portion of Galveston Bay, which actually accounts for more than half of the County’s total area. Being located on the coast, Galveston County is in large part a coastal wetland and the environment is extremely sensitive to developing areas. Of its land area, approximately 123 square miles (33 percent) is considered coastal wetland.² The coastline consists of coastal inlets such as bayous, marshes, and bays around which communities have grown. As the county continues to grow and develop, the coastal wetlands are increasingly threatened. As such, organizations have emerged over the past several decades seeking to protect and restore these wetlands.

Galveston County also includes Galveston Island and Bolivar Peninsula. These “barrier islands” serve as natural storm barriers to Galveston Bay. Galveston Island is 28 miles long and 3 miles wide at its greatest breadth. Bolivar Peninsula is essentially a continuation of Galveston Island, extending northeast of the island for 27 miles and is 3 miles wide at its widest point. Bolivar Peninsula is accessible by land through Chambers County, but is also accessed from Galveston Island by ferryboat. Galveston Harbor, the entrance to Galveston Bay, is about 1.5 miles wide between these two islands and is heavily used by both recreational and commercial ships. Four miles off the coast of Galveston Island in Galveston Bay is Pelican Island, which was described in 1815 as a “narrow strip of marsh” and has since grown from shell deposits into an island four miles long and a half mile wide.³

1 Texas Association of Counties, The County Information Program, “Galveston Island Profile,” accessed June 11, 2017, <http://www.txcip.org/tac/census/profile.php?FIPS=48167>

2 Houston-Galveston Area Council, Our Great Region 2040, “County Profile Galveston County,” accessed June 11, 2017, <http://www.ourregion.org/Profiles/County%20Profile%20Galveston.pdf>

3 Handbook of Texas Online, Diana J. Kleiner, “Galveston County,” accessed June 11, 2017, <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hcg02>.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Wetlands have a number of benefits, including flood protection, habitats for wildlife, improve water quality and reducing pollution, in addition to contributing to the quality of life along the coast. However, development and urbanization of the Gulf Coast and Galveston County has, in various ways, resulted in the disappearance of wetlands and other environmental features along the Texas coast. As they have disappeared, we have become more aware of their benefits and the need for these wetlands. Several entities and organizations have increased efforts over the past few decades to reverse this trend, including Galveston Bay Foundation, Galveston Bay Estuary Program, Texas Coastal Wetlands Program, Texas Parks and Wildlife, among many others. These organizations seek to protect and restore the wetlands and Texas coast and provide open space and recreation opportunities in Galveston County.



Dominant Industries

Galveston's economic base is primarily built on education; tourism and hospitality; maritime business; healthcare; and support services for off-shore oil and gas. The top employment sectors in Galveston County include Accommodations and Food Services, Retail Trade, Healthcare and Social Assistance; these three sectors provide just under half of the jobs in Galveston County.

Comparing local employment to national average employment, other employment sectors emerge as unique to the county. While some of these industries may not have high employment counts, their higher-than-average concentration of employment in Galveston County make them unique to the county. These include: Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction; Accommodation and Food Services; Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation; Construction; Retail Trade; and Finance and Insurance.

The following are key observations about the local employment base and industry in Galveston County:

- The City of Galveston and many communities along the Galveston Bay thrive as tourist destinations, offering leisure and recreation opportunities to local, regional, and even national visitors to the area.
- Home to University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston as well as Texas A&M Galveston, healthcare and higher education has historically and still is a major employment industry in Galveston County.
- Two sea ports are located in Galveston County, Port of Galveston and Port of Texas City, that handle a variety of industry commodities. The Port of Galveston is also a cruise port, supporting the tourism industry and continuing to stimulate economic prosperity and growth.
- Several programs through Texas A&M Galveston, Galveston College, and Sea Star Base Galveston offers maritime education and marine training programs focused on marine environments and industries, further supporting the maritime economy.
- Texas City is home to major petrochemical companies including Marathon Petroleum and Valero, other oil and gas support services, and other industrial manufacturing and equipment suppliers.





HISTORIC POPULATION GROWTH

As indicated in Figure 1.3, Historical Population Growth, Galveston County has experienced steady levels of population growth during the 20th century. In the middle of the 20th century, Galveston County enjoyed growth rates over 20 percent over a decade, but since 1980, growth rates have lowered to below 20 percent.

Despite growing steadily, the county has accounted for a lower share of the total population in the region. The Houston-Galveston region continues to grow at a higher rate, indicating other communities in the Houston region have continued to grow at a faster pace than those of Galveston County.

One possible explanation for the slower growth rate for Galveston County is the environmental sensitivity of the Texas coast and associated wetlands. Still, Galveston County can expect to continue to grow as the region continues to prosper. In particular, the suburbs in the northern portion of the county that are more proximate to Houston are expected to continue to grow.

FIGURE 1.3, HISTORICAL POPULATION GROWTH

Year	Galveston County Population	Percent Change	H - G A C Region Population	Percent Change	County Share of Region Population
1910	44,479	-	234,376	-	19%
1920	53,150	19%	329,787	41%	16%
1930	64,410	21%	526,690	60%	12%
1940	81,173	26%	735,553	40%	11%
1950	113,066	39%	1,068,437	45%	11%
1960	140,364	24%	1,581,137	48%	9%
1970	169,812	21%	2,181,315	38%	8%
1980	195,940	15%	3,119,828	43%	6%
1990	217,399	11%	3,731,131	20%	6%
2000	250,158	15%	4,669,571	25%	5%
2010	292,529	17%	5,919,796	27%	5%
2016	329,431	13%	6,742,712	14%	5%

Source: Texas Almanac: Population History of Counties from 1850–2010
U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016, 2016 Population Estimates



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION & HOUSEHOLDS

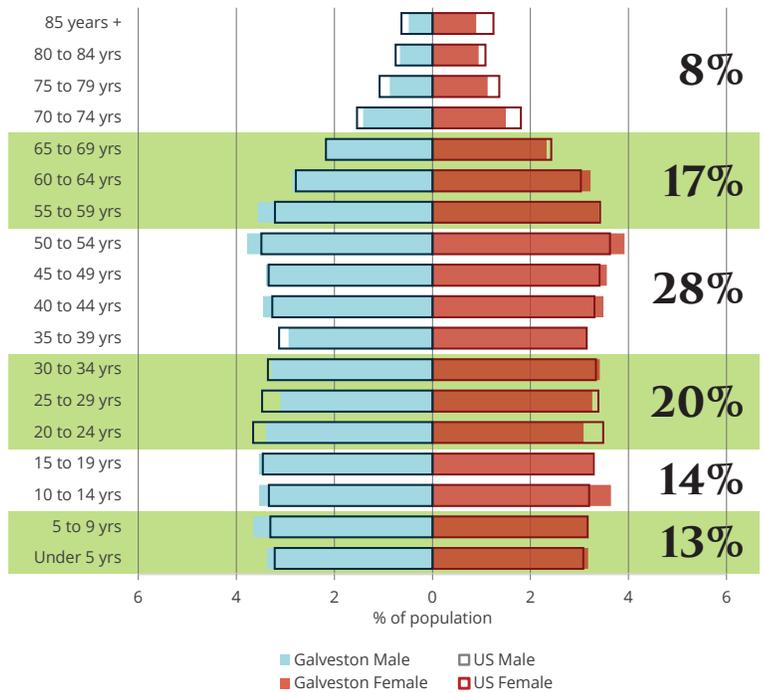
Analyzing the demographics, or certain characteristics of the population and household composition, can provide more insight into the needs of those living in Galveston County.

Age Distribution

The age distribution of the population in Galveston County is very similar to the trends of the United States. The average age of the population of Galveston County is 37.5 years, compared to 37.6 for the U.S., but is higher than the state average of 34.1 years. The largest discrepancy between Galveston County and national trends is for the population aged over 70 years. Nationally, this population accounts for 9.5 percent of the population, but in Galveston County this age group only accounts for 7.9 percent.

Figure 1.4, Age Distribution shows the distribution of the population by age group. Understanding this trend will inform recreational programming in Galveston County. Thirteen percent of the population is very young children (under 10) and an additional 14 percent are aged between 10 and 19. Additionally, an estimated 35 percent of the households in Galveston County have one or more people under the age of 18 years.

FIGURE 1.4, AGE DISTRIBUTION

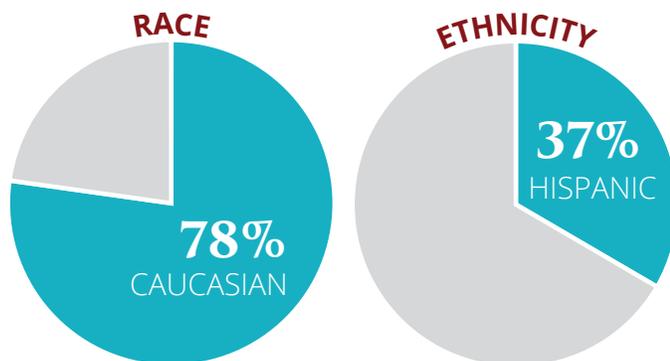


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B01001: Sex by Age

Race and Ethnicity

The population in Galveston County is nearly 78 percent Caucasian, followed by the African American population, which accounts for 13 percent of the total. Approximately 37 percent of the population is Hispanic or Latino descent. (see Figure 1.5)

FIGURE 1.5, RACE AND ETHNICITY



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B03001: Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race

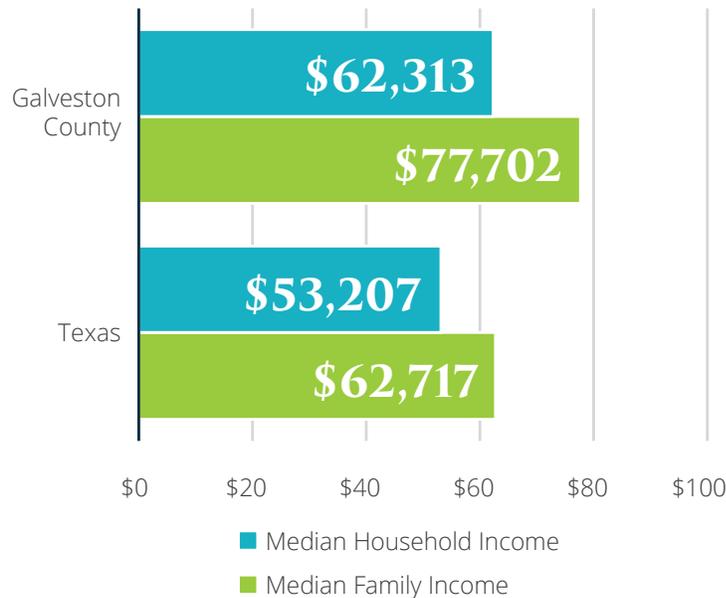




Household Income & Poverty Levels

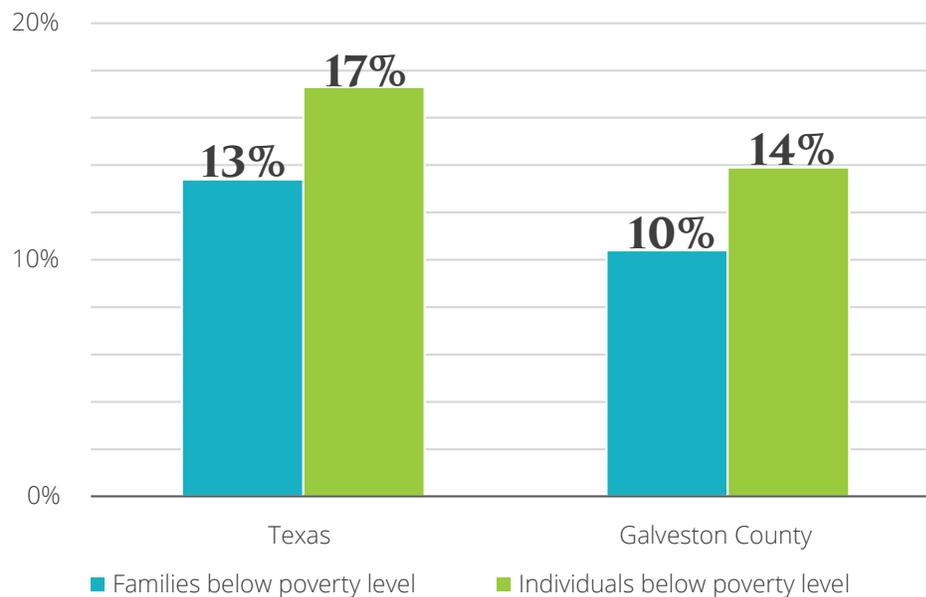
Galveston County can generally be seen as wealthier when compared to the State of Texas. Median family and household income in Galveston County is higher than that of Texas. Still, 10 percent of households and 14 percent of individuals in Galveston County are below the poverty level. (see Figures 1.6 & 1.7)

FIGURE 1.6, MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY INCOME



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics

FIGURE 1.7, FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS BELOW POVERTY LEVEL



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Even though this is a plan update, it is still important to get public input as a means to guide the decision making process. The plan relied on three types of public input methods. Those were:

- **Stakeholder and Public Official Interviews.** To kickoff the planning process, interviews with elected officials and parks staff were conducted to get a better understanding of the issues and opportunities facing the County park system.
- **Public Open House.** Two public open houses were hosted to gather input from the community. They were hosted June 26th at the Banquet Hall in Walter Hall Park and June 27th at the Wayne Johnson Center in Carbide Park. Attendees were able to comment about specific issues that affected them and what type of park improvements they would like to see. Attendees were able to comment on whether the previous plan goals were still applicable.
- **Public Survey.** The public survey was a brief set of questions that was used to evaluate the County's importance and performance in providing recreational opportunities. The survey had 337 respondents during the solicitation window between June 26th to July 5th of 2017.

2011 MASTER PLAN

The 2011 master planning effort developed a series of goals, strategies, and projects to be undertaken through the year 2022. These goals, strategies, and projects were reviewed to determine the continued applicability and which projects have been accomplished. Citizens commented on the applicability of the goals from the 2011 master plan, and the goals are listed in order below based on community support

- Provide park and recreation facilities and opportunities using available resources and participation from as many public private partners as possible to avoid duplication of expenditures and resources.
- Acquire, protect and preserve open space and natural resource areas within Galveston County for the benefit of current and future generations.
- Develop new facilities which meet identified needs of residents to recognized state or national quality standards.
- Provide a geographic distribution of quality parks and recreation opportunities, throughout the County, to fairly serve residents of all ages and socioeconomic status.

While the first two goals listed received the biggest level of support from constituents responses the application of all these goals will promote a strong park system. This plan will move forward with these goals as guidance.





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Accomplishments and Park Improvements

The following are projects and/or actions identified in the 2011 Master Plan that have been accomplished or have begun the process of implementation.

- **64 Acre Park.** Currently under construction. The park is to include playgrounds, multipurpose fields, community center, and park service center.
- **Fort Travis.** Playground constructed.
- **Lee & Joe Jamail Bay Park.** Boat ramp and boardwalk reconstructed, with City of Galveston taking over the operation of the park facilities.
- **Rollover Pass.** Currently working on more detailed plans.
- **Jack Brooks Park.** Veterans Memorial Flagpole installed, and 2 new playground systems and 1 new playscape installed. New park roads and surfacing for the runway at Kitty Hawk added, 36 disc golf baskets added.
- **Walter Hall.** Renovations to the Banquet Hall facility. Tennis court resurfaced.

OTHER PLANNING EFFORTS

This section of the chapter provides a brief review of park planning efforts or the communities and organizations located in Galveston County. This review will help generate insight into the types of parks and recreation initiatives that are being undertaken throughout the region.

City of Galveston

This City of Galveston's 2010 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan currently guides the City's park system. The plan called for the coordination with the County on the long-term future of the Washington Ave./61st St. boat ramp (now called Lee & Joe Jamail Bay Park), which has since seen reconstruction. The plan also calls for the development of a tournament-ready Little League sports complex.

Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees

The Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees was created by the Texas Legislature in 1962, through a special act, with the purpose of directing all tourism efforts for Galveston. As part of their function, they are tasked with overseeing a number of the Island's public beach parks.

Some of the Park Board's current and planned projects include: 2016-17 Phase III Beach Nourishment, East Beach and Stewart Beach Master Plan, East End Lagoon & Preserve, and Seawolf Park Master Plan. These projects span the range in providing nature based and general leisure recreation opportunities.

City of League City

League City, which is the largest municipality located within Galveston County, has both a Parks and Open Space Master Plan and a Trails Master Plan. Currently the League City park system has a number of undeveloped tracts of land under its jurisdiction. The trails master plan calls for the development of a trails along Clear Creek which would run through Walter Hall Park.



City of Dickinson

The City of Dickinson does not currently have any parks that are under their municipal control. The City’s comprehensive plan calls for the evaluation and possible acquisition of both Paul Hopkins and Ray Holbrook Park from the County. The action would likely need to correspond with another recommendation from the comprehensive plan, that calls for the City to establish Parks and Recreation services within the community.

City of Friendswood

The City of Friendswood parks master plan calls for the development of a variety of facilities including trails, fishing/boating areas, sports fields, and neighborhood parks. The plan specifically calls for Friendswood to be “ a hub for regional sports tournaments.”

City of Texas City

Texas City developed the Texas City Liveable Center Plan that identified recommendations which focused on issues related to leisure and recreation. The plan recommended to expand the existing trail and bikeway network to connect neighborhoods to activity centers, parks, and other destinations. One specific recommended action is to develop a destination trail along the bay, building on the existing network and potentially contributing to a regional system.





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CHAPTER 2 PARK SYSTEM

Park systems are made up of different classifications of parks and recreational offerings, below is a list of these classifications. Galveston County's park system includes many of these park classifications, but Community Parks and Regional Parks best fit the role of a county-wide park system.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

Mini Parks

These are small spaces and typically contain playgrounds geared toward toddlers and young children. These parks are most often accessed by foot, and parking is not provided. These facilities are most common in apartment complexes and residential subdivisions, the provision and operation of these parks may be best left to private development.

Neighborhood Parks

These parks contain park facilities like playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic areas, walking trails, and on occasion a sports field or two. Neighborhood parks are expected to be within easy walking or bicycling distance to the neighborhoods, subdivisions, or developments they serve. They are the most prevalent type of municipal park and should not be located on busy thoroughfares. A county park system can provide this type of park, but that application should be limited to residential neighborhoods in unincorporated portion of the county. They are not intended to be a community-wide destination which would generate unwanted traffic to the neighborhood they inhabit. Street parking should meet most of the parking needs and local resident surveillance is the most common way to promote park safety.



Port Bolivar Community Park, despite its name serves as a neighborhood park for the surrounding residences of Port Bolivar.

Community Parks

Community parks offer many of the same features of a neighborhood park just on a larger scale, as they are intended to serve a group of neighborhoods or portion of a community. They are usually accessed by motor vehicle, but they may also be accessed by nearby residents by walking or biking. A variety of recreational facilities are provided within community parks including multiple sports fields (often lighted), connections to hike/bike trails, large playgrounds, etc. These parks require sufficient parking to accommodate participants, spectators, and other park users.

Regional Parks

Regional parks are large park facilities that are intended to serve the entire county, and generally, draw from surrounding areas. These parks may contain urban elements as well as natural areas. They may host festivals, large sport complexes for tournaments, entertainment venues, and multiple special use parks/facilities. When these parks are primarily located within a natural area, they provide opportunities for boating, fishing, camping, hiking/biking trails, wildlife viewing, shooting sports, and archery. There may be a series of internal roads and parking lots required to meet access demands. Regional parks are very large parks which are intended to serve several communities or a region. Typically these types of parks are under the jurisdiction of the county, state, or federal government.



The Master Garden Demonstration Garden in Carbide Park is an example of a special use facility that is found within a park that is classified as a regional park.

Civic Spaces

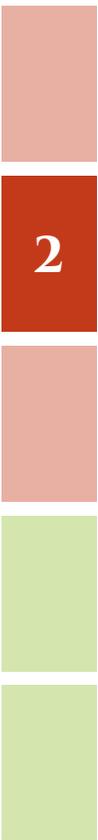
Size is not the key factor of the typical civic space, but rather the quality of the landscaping and other design features which are more urban in character. Benches, fountains, formal landscaping, and other focal features are common items found in these civic spaces. These spaces are characterized by the frequencies of activity in the space and their propensity to host community gatherings. These spaces may take the form of squares, plazas, or greens.

Special Use Park/Facility

A special use park is typically a space or facility that is developed to satisfy a specific intent or use. These parks may charge entrance fees and be structured with revenue-generating mechanisms, requiring staff to specifically oversee their operations. Examples include, community centers, beaches/beach access, boat ramps, stadiums, etc. Special use parks or facilities may be located in conjunction with a community park or a metropolitan park, and in some instances, a neighborhood park.

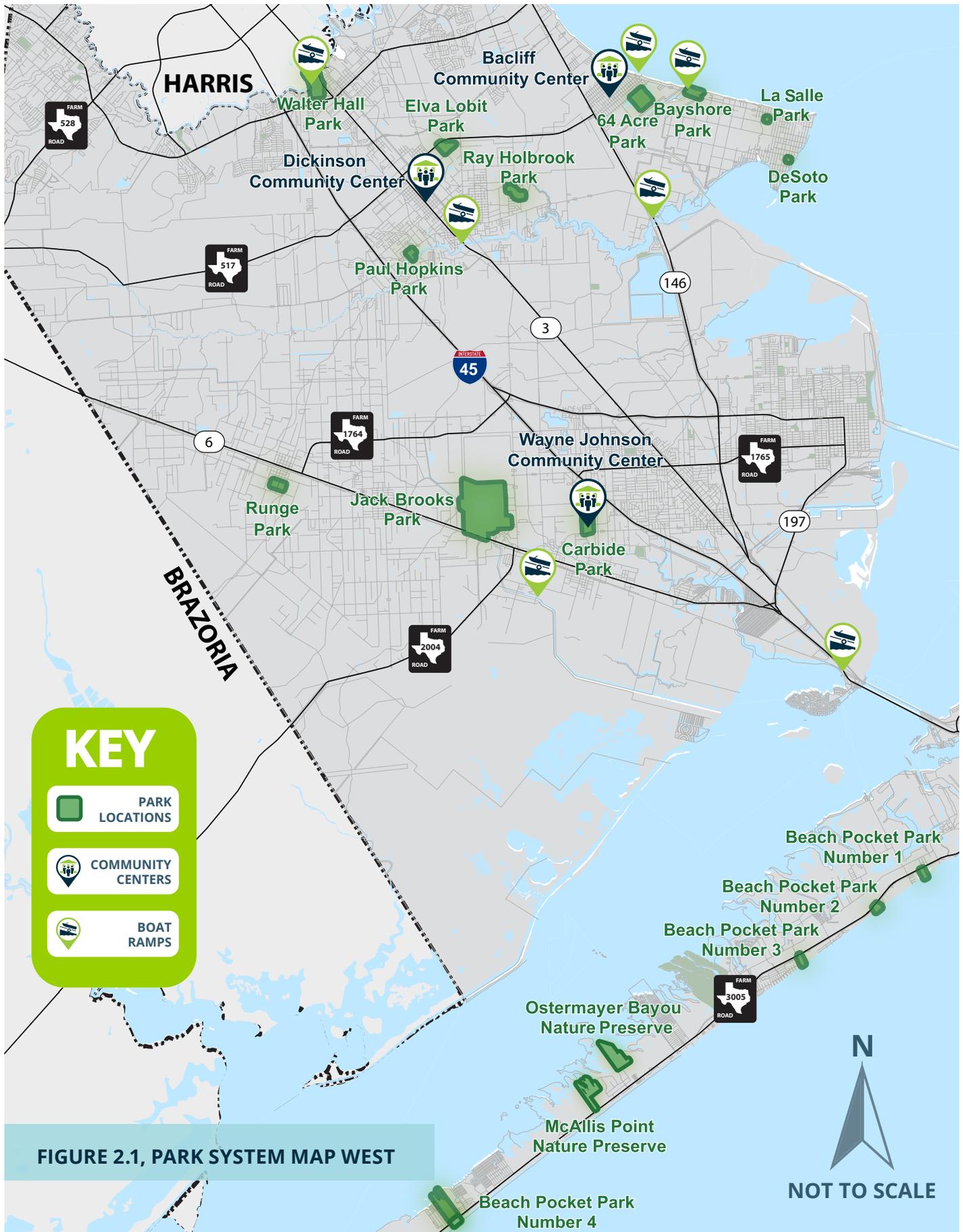
Linear Parks and Greenways

Linear parks and greenways are park land that connects larger tracts of open space together. This park land type is intended to promote swaths of green space throughout a community. It is appropriate that this type of park land is home to trails as it provides long stretches of uninterrupted travel.





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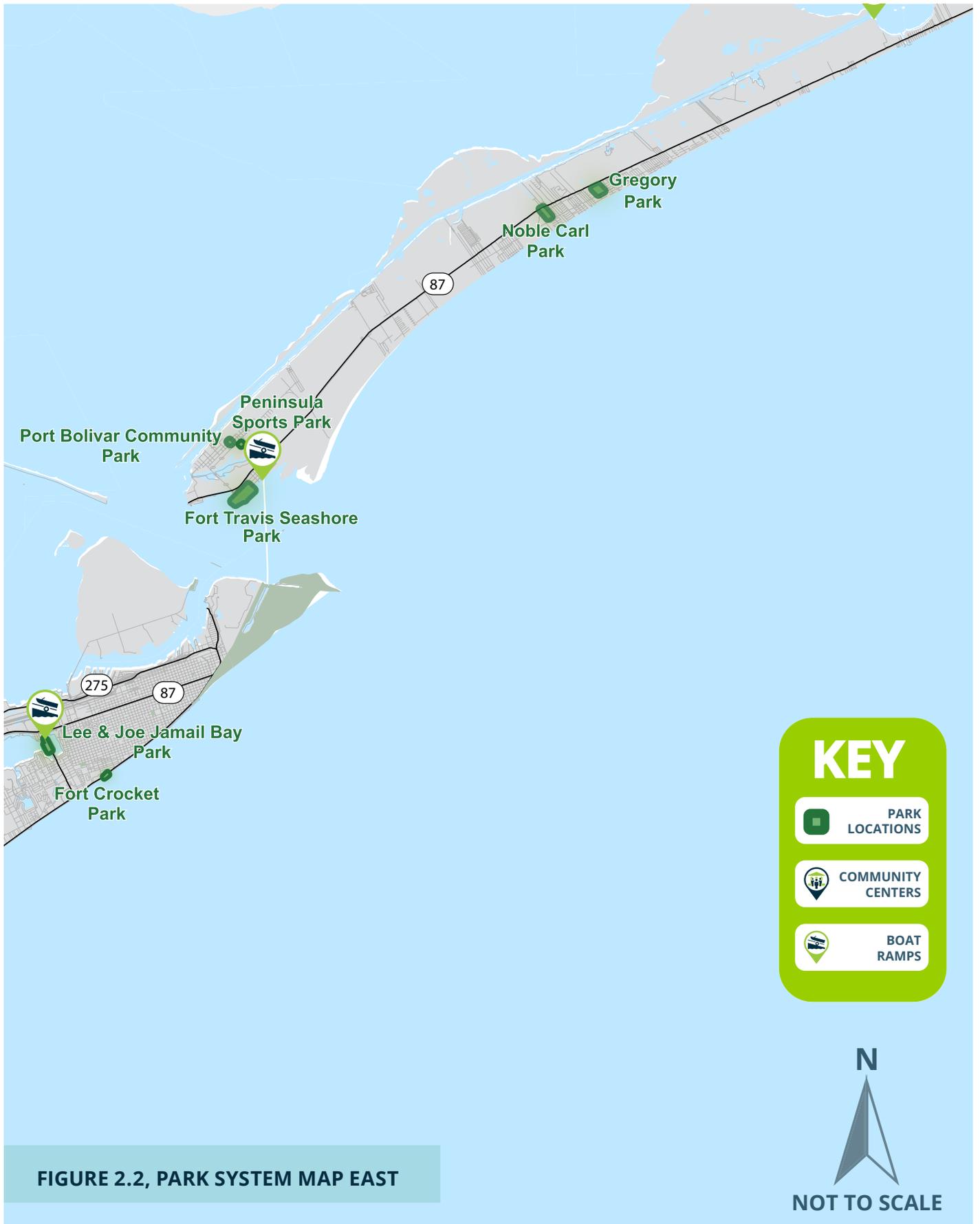


FIGURE 2.2, PARK SYSTEM MAP EAST



BAYSHORE PARK

5437 East FM 646, Bacliff, TX

Acreege: 24.0 acres

Historic Site, Festival Grounds

FIGURE 2.3, BAYSHORE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Baseball Field	1
Multi-use Fields with Backstops	4
Boat Ramp with Pier	2
Interpretative Walking Trail with Benches	7 Benches
Playground	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	3
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Restroom Building	1



**Park Classification:
Regional Park**

BEACH POCKET PARK #1

FM 3005 at 7 1/2 Mile Road, Galveston, TX

Acreeage: 7 acres

FIGURE 2.4, BEACH POCKET PARK #1 INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Off Beach Parking	N/A
Porta-toilet	2



**Park Classification:
Special Use Park**

Legend:

- Red square with number 2
- Light green square
- Dark green square



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BEACH POCKET PARK #2

11102 FM 3005 @ 9 Mile Road, Galveston, TX

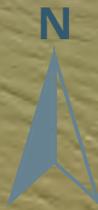
Acreage: 10 acres

FIGURE 2.5, BEACH POCKET PARK #2 INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Rental Facilities	1
Historic Site	1
Concessions	1
Restroom Facilities with Showers	1



**Park Classification:
Special Use Park**



NOT TO SCALE

BEACH POCKET PARK #3

FM 3005 at 11 Mile Road, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 10 acres

FIGURE 2.6, BEACH POCKET PARK #3 INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Beach Access Point	1
Parking Lot	1



Park Classification:
Special Use Park



BEACH POCKET PARK #4 NATURE PRESERVE

FM 3005 at 19 Mile Road, Galveston, TX

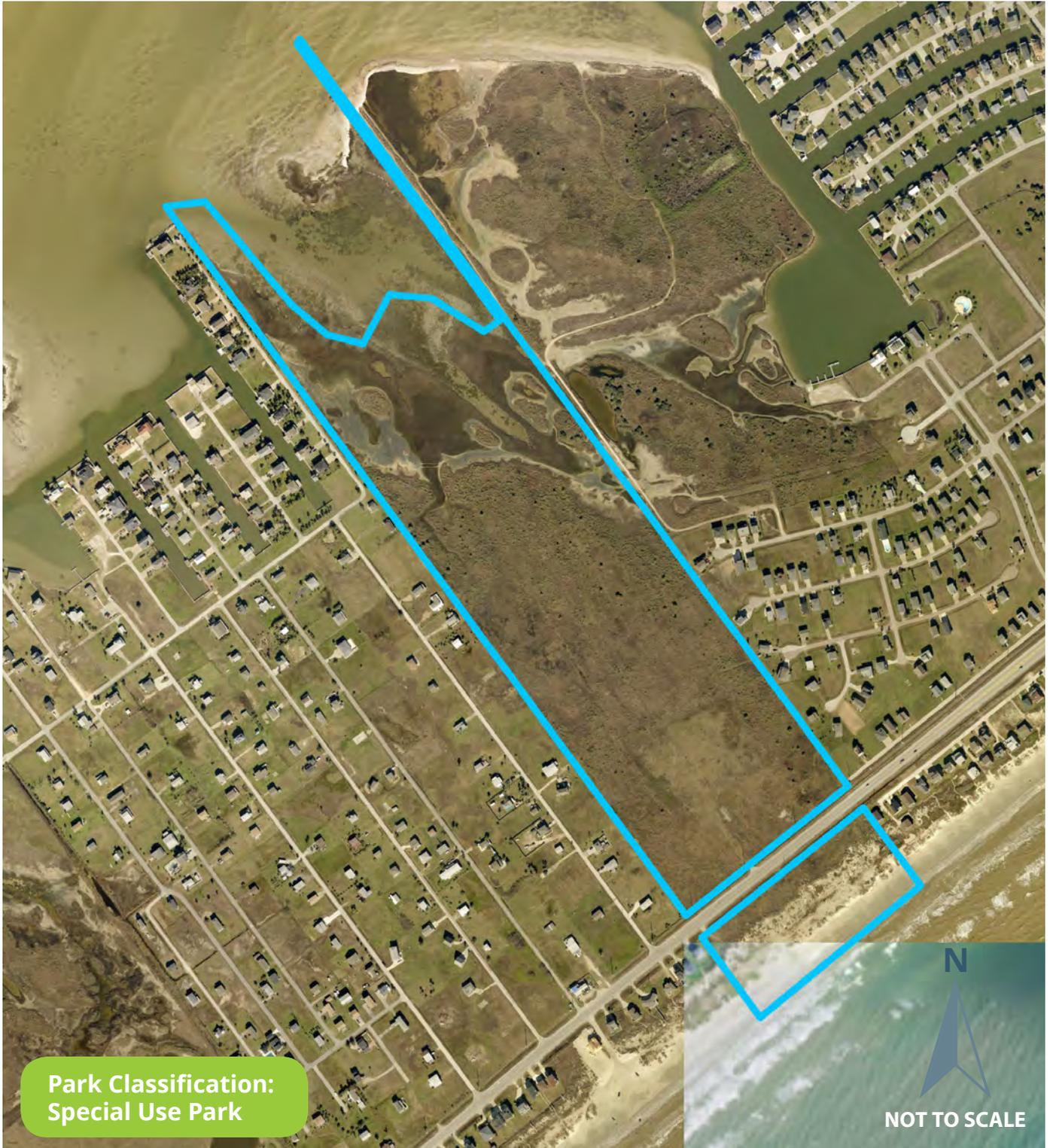
Acreage: 71 acres

FIGURE 2.7, BEACH POCKET PARK #4 INVENTORY

Available Amenities

Quantity

UNDEVELOPED



CARBIDE PARK

4102 Main Street, La Marque, TX

Acreage: 70 acres

FIGURE 2.8, CARBIDE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Basketball Court	1
Lighted Tennis Courts	2
Multi-Use Field	1
Football Field	1
Playground	1
Covered Senior Playground	1
Master Gardener Demonstration Garden	1
Therapeutic Garden	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	2
BBQ Pavilion/Picnic Pavilion	1
Community Center/Rental Facility/ Admin Office	1
AgriLife Extension Building	1
Pioneer House/Rental Facility	1
Parks Service Center	1
Restroom Building	1
Walking Trail	1
Porta-toilet	3



**Park Classification:
Regional Park**

NOT TO SCALE



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DESOTO PARK

Avenue J at 6th Street, San Leon, TX

Acreage: 1.8 acres

FIGURE 2.9, DESOTO PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Practice Backstops	2



Park Classification:
Neighborhood Park

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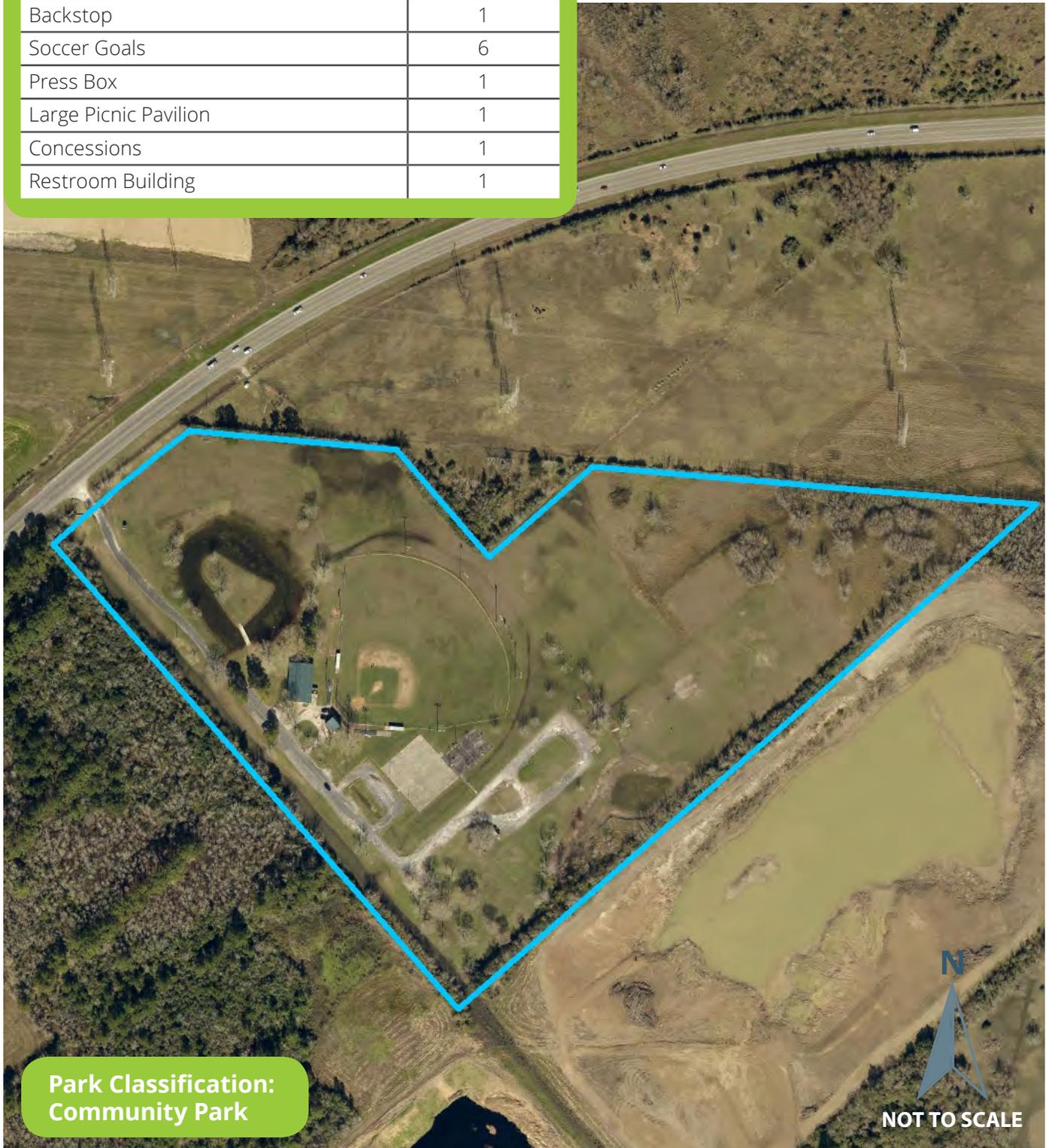
ELVA LOBIT PARK

1901 East FM 646, League City, TX

Acreege: 28 acres

FIGURE 2.10, ELVA LOBIT PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Baseball Field	1
Open Basketball Court	1
Football/ Soccer Fields	3
Backstop	1
Soccer Goals	6
Press Box	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Concessions	1
Restroom Building	1



**Park Classification:
Community Park**

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NOT TO SCALE



FORT CROCKETT SEAWALL PARK

Galveston Seawall
between 45th St. and 53rd St., Galveston, TX

Acreage: 2 acres
Historic Site

FIGURE 2.11, FORT CROCKETT PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Historic Site	1
Picnic Areas	7



Park Classification:
Special Use Park



NOT TO SCALE

FORT TRAVIS SEASHORE PARK

900 SH 87, Port Bolivar, TX

Acreage: 70 acres
Historic Site/Military Bunkers

FIGURE 2.12, FORT TRAVIS PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Walking Trail	1
Playground	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	7
Wetland Overlooks	3
Festival Grounds	1
Parks Service Center	1
Restrooms with Showers	1
Day Cabana	3



Park Classification:
Regional Park

Legend:

- Red square with number 2
- Light green square
- Light green square



NOT TO SCALE



GREGORY PARK

900 Barbados, Crystal Beach, TX

Acreage: 15 acres

FIGURE 2.13, GREGORY PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Covered Basketball Court	1
Lighted Baseball Field (<i>coming soon</i>)	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Festival Grounds	1
Porta-toilet	1



Park Classification:
Community Park



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JACK BROOKS PARK

5700 FM 2004, Hitchcock, TX

Acreage: 678 acres





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JACK BROOKS PARK

5700 FM 2004, Hitchcock, TX

Acreage: 678 acres



There are a variety of trail types at Jack Brooks Park made for distinct user groups, such as mountain biking, hiking, and horse riding.

FIGURE 2.14, JACK BROOKS PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Archery Range	1
Lighted Baseball Complex w/ Concessions	3
Basketball Court	1
Model Airplane Field	1
Disc Golf Course	2
Grass Volleyball Court	1
Practice Backstops	4
Football/Soccer Fields	4
Lighted Tennis Courts	2
Canoe/Kayak Launch	1
Playground	3
Bicycle Trail	1
Equestrian Trail	1
Interpretative Trail	1
Historic Site - Camp Wallace	1
Fairgrounds, with Rodeo Arenas	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	3
Small Covered Picnic Areas	1
Restroom Buildings	4
Veteran's Memorial Walk of Honor	1



Jack Brooks Park is the largest park in the Galveston County park system, accommodating three separate playground areas.

LA SALLE PARK

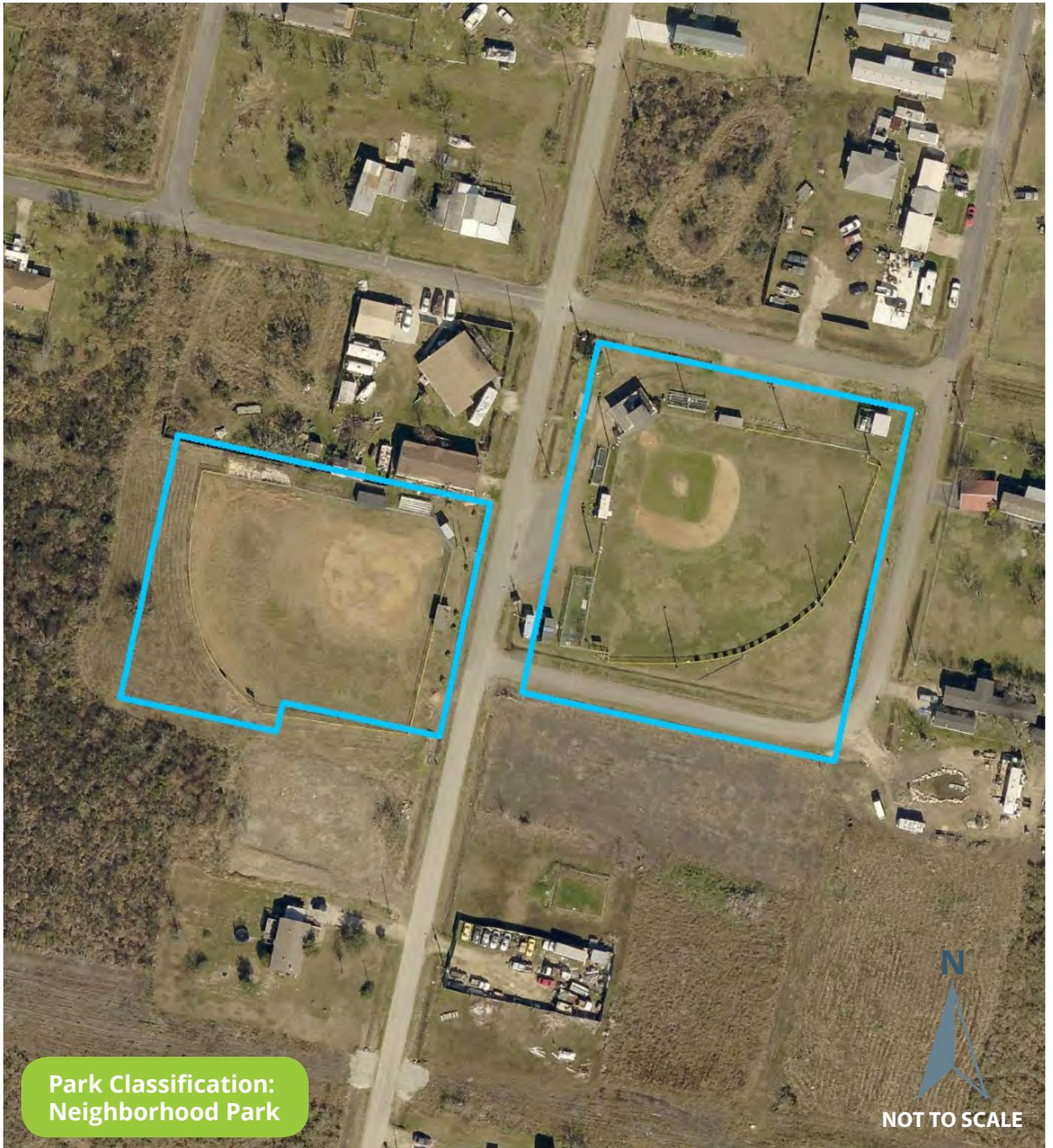
18th Street at Avenue C, San Leon, TX

Acreeage: 2.2 acres

(Operated by Bayshore Youth Sports Association)

FIGURE 2.15, LA SALLE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Baseball Fields	2
Restroom Building with Concessions	1



**Park Classification:
Neighborhood Park**

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LEE & JOE JAMAIL BAY PARK

61st Street at Offats Bayou, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 1 acres

(Operated by City of Galveston)

FIGURE 2.16, LEE & JOE JAMAIL BAY PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Boat Ramp with Pier	1
Boardwalk	1
Covered Picnic Pavilions	3
Pedestrian Bridge	1
Portable Restroom Facility with A/C	1



**Park Classification:
Special Use Park**

MCALLIS POINT NATURE PRESERVE

W. Galveston Island, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 80+ acres

FIGURE 2.17, MCALLIS POINT PRESERVE INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
UNDEVELOPED	





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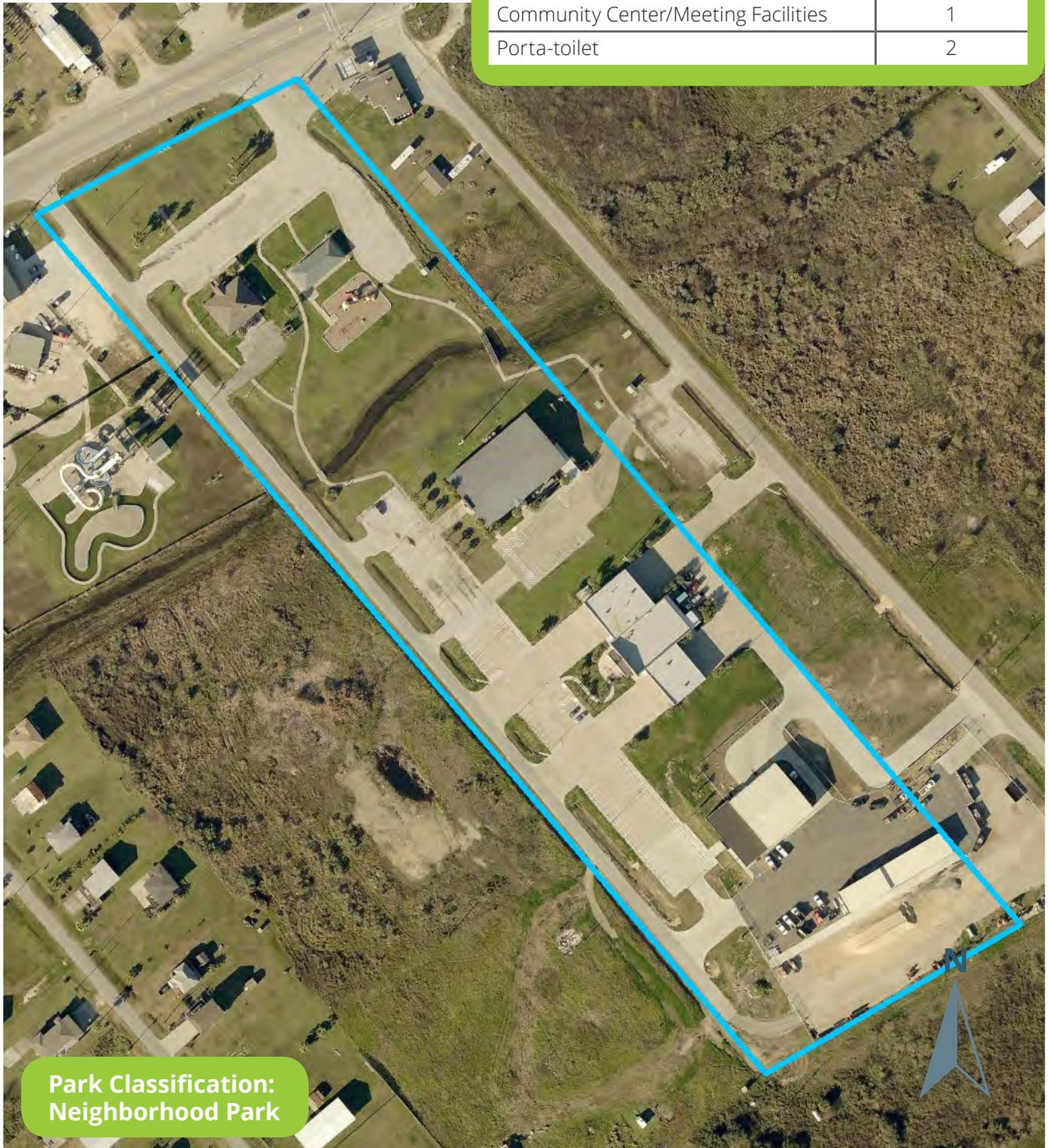
NOBLE CARL PARK

1760 SH 87, Crystal Beach, TX

Acreage: 11 acres

FIGURE 2.18, NOBLE CARL PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Walking Trail	1
Playground	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Community Center/Meeting Facilities	1
Porta-toilet	2



Park Classification:
Neighborhood Park

FIGURE 2.19, OSTERMAYER NATURE PRESERVE INVENTORY

Available Amenities

UNDEVELOPED

OSTERMAYER BAYOU NATURE PRESERVE

FM 3005 at Indian Beach Rd. -
West Galveston Island, Galveston, TX

Acreage: 84+ acres



**Park Classification:
Special Use Park**

Legend:

- Red square with number 2
- Light green square
- Dark green square



PAUL HOPKINS PARK

1000 A FM 517, Dickinson, TX

Acreeage: 11 acres



PENINSULA SPORTS PARK

1210 9th Street, Port Bolivar, TX

Acreeage: 2 acres

(Operated by Peninsula Sports Park, LLC)

FIGURE 2.21, PENINSULA SPORTS PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Baseball Fields with Bleachers	1



**Park Classification:
Neighborhood Park**

Legend for Figure 2.21:

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- Dark red square with the number **2**
- Light red square
- Light green square
- Light green square



PORT BOLIVAR COMMUNITY PARK

18th Street at Madison, Port Bolivar, TX

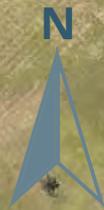
Acreage: 2.2 acres

FIGURE 2.22, PORT BOLIVAR PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Basketball Court	1
Practice Backstop	1
Picnic Areas	3



Park Classification:
Neighborhood Park



NOT TO SCALE

RAY HOLBROOK PARK

3600 Owens Drive, Dickinson, TX

Acreage: 33 acres

FIGURE 2.23, RAY HOLBROOK PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Softball Fields (unlit)	4
Restroom/Concession	1
Picnic Areas	7



**Park Classification:
Community Park**



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RUNGE PARK

4605 Peck Ave, TX

Acreeage: 20 acres

FIGURE 2.24, RUNGE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Lighted Baseball Fields	4
Multi-Use Field	1
Rodeo Arena	1
Covered Rodeo Arena	1
Playground	1
Community Center/Rental Facility/ Meeting Facilities	1
Large Picnic Pavilion	1
Restroom/Concession Building	1



**Park Classification:
Community Park**

WALTER HALL PARK

807 SH 3 N, League City, TX

Acreage: 86 acres
Historic Site





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WALTER HALL PARK

807 SH 3 N, League City, TX

Acreage: 86 acres

Historic Site



The caretakers house is a historic structure located in Walter Hall Park.

FIGURE 2.25, WALTER HALL PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Backstop	1
Boat Ramp with Pier	1
Soccer/Football Fields	4
Lighted Tennis Courts	2
Sand Volleyball Court	1
Walking Trail	1
Playground	2
Historic Site	1
Small Covered Picnic Areas	3
Large Picnic Pavilion	3
Small Covered Sitting Areas	5
Gazebo	1
Banquet Hall (Rentable Facility)	1
Wetlands Observation Platform	1
Boardwalk	1
Parks Service Center	1
Restroom Building	2
Festival Site	1
Canoe Launch	1



Walter Hall Park has a variety of park amenities including the boardwalk along Clear Creek.

64-ACRE PARK

4833 10th Street, Bacliff, TX

Acreege: 64 acres

FIGURE 2.26, 64-ACRE PARK INVENTORY

Available Amenities	Quantity
Multipurpose Field	1
Ponds	2
Playground	2
Community Center/Meeting Facilities/ Rental Facilities	1
Parks Service Center	1



**Park Classification:
Community Park**

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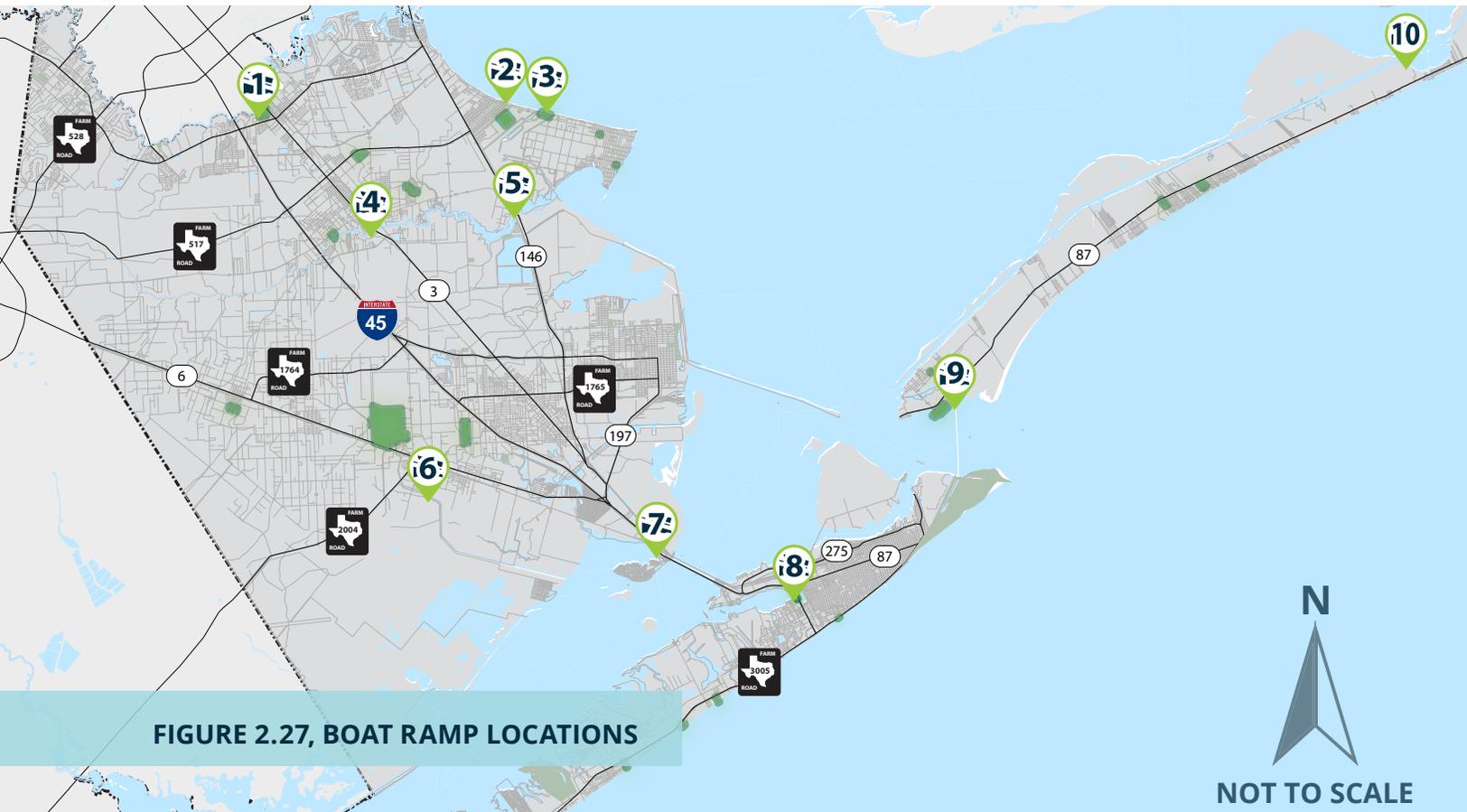
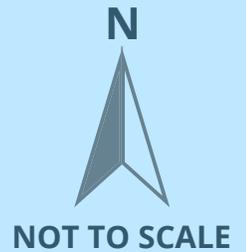


FIGURE 2.27, BOAT RAMP LOCATIONS



1 Walter Hall Boat Ramp

807 SH 3 N, League City, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips), Dock/Fishing Pier, Kayak/Canoe Launch

2 Bacliff Boat Ramp

4445 Boulevard St., Bacliff, TX

Boat Launch, Dock/Fishing Pier

3 Bayshore Boat Ramp

5437 East FM 646, Bacliff, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips), Dock/Fishing Pier, Restroom

4 Dickinson Bayou "Hwy 3" Boat Ramp

2917 48th St., Dickinson, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips), Dock/Fishing Pier, Porta-toilet

5 Dickinson Bayou "Hwy 146" Boat Ramp

1460 29th St., San Leon, TX

Boat Launch, Dock/Fishing Pier (2)

6 Hitchcock Boat Ramp

7827 2nd St., Hitchcock, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips),

7 Jones Bay Boat Ramp

601 Jones Lake Rd., Tiki Island, TX

Boat Launch (2 slips), Dock Pier

8 61st Street Boat Ramp

1600 61st St., Galveston

Boat Launch, Dock Pier, Restroom

9 Pilsner Boat Ramp

905 16th St., Port Bolivar, TX

Boat Launch, Dock Pier, Porta-toilet

10 Lauderdale Boat Ramp

1300 Yacht Basin, Gilchrist, TX

Boat Launch



The Wayne Johnson Community Center, located in Carbide Park hosted one of the two Open Houses for this planning effort.

Community Centers and Museum

Galveston County Department of Parks and Cultural Services oversees three community centers. The community centers are tasked with hosting and programming for County seniors. This programming includes daily activities, meal programs, and field trips.

The Museum currently is in a rebuilding phase due to the impacts of Hurricane Ike. The Galveston County Museum collection is located in the old County Courthouse. The Museum's current collection of historical artifacts can be accessed to assist with research and general inquiry, as there are no exhibits available for the public view. Plans for opening are Fall 2017.

Bacliff Community Center

4503 11th St., Bacliff TX

Dickinson Community Center

2714 Hwy 3, Dickinson, TX

Wayne Johnson Community Center

4102 Main St., La Marque, TX





Partnerships are important to the oversight and operation of many of the park facilities, sport complexes are an example where a local volunteer organization is tasked with maintenance duties.

RECREATION PARTNERSHIPS

The Galveston County park system currently is involved in a number partnerships that contribute to the provision of recreational offerings within the park system. Some of these can be categorized as one of three following:

Public-Private

Promotion of vendors, such as food trucks, in parks would draw local tourism and build on sense of place. Additional efforts in focusing on promoting sponsored events through sporting companies may also invite more recreation tourism.

Public Ownership - Public Oversight

Partnering with established public entities or organizations to better allocate park resources and responsibilities has been known to be effective. The oversight provided through delegation of municipality ownership or park boards allow decisions to be placed in the hands of those most familiar or active with facilities.

Public - Volunteer Groups

Partnership with local volunteer groups to promote pride in their county parks and help abate maintenance would prove a successfully viable option. Recruitment of user groups, interested in more park facility involvement, provides a reliable source of volunteers in many cases and appears already in place.



CHAPTER 3 NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The needs assessment is the analytical element of the planning process where the support for specific projects are derived. The recommendations coming out of a park planning effort need to be based on a variety of assessments to insure that the park system is developed in a thorough manner. This approach insures that planning efforts are responsive to local citizen desires and promote the responsible use of County resources.

The 2011 Master Plan relied primarily on citizen, stakeholder group, and public officials input as the source of information used in conducting the needs assessment. As part of the plan update process this plan uses three distinct methods of determining park system needs.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT PARAMETERS

In conducting an analysis of needs, a planning process should look at three different types of assessments. These assessment techniques are consistent with accepted methodologies identified by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and are described as follows:

- **Demand-Based Assessment.** This technique uses citizen input to determine actual and/or anticipated park usage. This approach provides recommendations for suitable recreation facilities that reflect the desires of the local community. This assessment type provides a qualitative analysis of the park system from the user perspective.
- **Standard-Based Assessment.** This technique uses locally developed level of service analysis to assess existing parks and recreation facilities. This assessment relies on establishing benchmarks that are used to help promote the equitable provision of services across park types.





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- **Resource-Based Assessment.** This technique recognizes the inherent community opportunities offered by the built environment, the natural environment, or other relationships. The identification of these opportunities allow the County to pursue land acquisition, developing facilities, or partnering with local organizations to address recreation demands in a creative and responsible manner.

Individually, these assessment techniques would be inadequate for a County to effectively plan its park system, but combined they provide the tools to evaluate a park system that best suits the community.

DEMAND BASED ASSESSMENT

Public Officials and Stakeholder Interviews

The public official and stakeholder interviews were conducted to identify the issues and opportunities facing the Galveston County parks system. The County Judge and County Commissioners provided responses to a series of prompts. These responses were collected in separate sessions and the results were combined into a summary.

The interview responses clearly stated that the County efforts should focus on the larger community and regional parks, with the provision of parks resources to concentrate on populations in the unincorporated portions of the County. There was universal support for using partnerships to enhance the park system facilities and offerings where possible. The use of public-private partnerships was an agreed-upon method to enhance both park amenities and encourage entrepreneurship. Financial responsibility and the efficient use of County tax dollars was a priority for all of the public officials. Below is a list of amenities identified by the County's public officials to be added to the park system:

- Desire to add an all-abilities playground to be located in Carbide Park.
- Support for the addition of a sporting clay facility to Jack Brooks Park, although there is some concern about the liability. Ideally the County would help with initial set-up and an outside organization would oversee the operation.
- There is mixed support for a dog park to be added to the County parks system, with some public officials supportive and others unsure of the need.
- Support for splash pads to be added into County parks in lieu of swimming pools. There is some concern of the maintenance and oversight of a splash pad facility and concern that it would stress County resources.

Public Open House

Two public open houses were held to allow for area residents to be introduced to the park planning process and to provide an opportunity for general comment about the park system. A portion of the open house material was developed to get specific feedback on each park.





Local citizens give their input on park recommendations and park design policies.

The following highlights the comments received about improvements to individual parks by the attendees of the public open house:

- Improve and increase maintenance to the arena facilities at Jack Brooks Park. Improvements included lighting, the addition of big fans, and more access for open riding.
- Increased maintenance to arena facilities at Runge Park, including drainage and weekly dragging.
- The addition of water fountains at both Jack Brooks Park and Runge Park.
- The addition of a dog park at Jack Brooks Park.
- The addition of a splash pad at Jack Brooks Park.
- Better fencing at Jack Brooks Park, specifically at the model airplane field.
- Increased lighting in parking areas.
- Increase of covered seating at Bayshore Park.
- Increased security at Elva Lobit Park.
- Improvements to softball complex at Ray Holbrook Park, including lighting, fencing, maintenance, and parking.
- The addition of trees and improved maintenance of existing trees at Walter Hall Park.

Additionally, attendees were asked to respond to a few prompts related to the overall guiding principals for the park system. There was overwhelming support that the Galveston County park properties should help increase tourism to the region. As a general design theme, residents would prioritize the park design





policies to focus on safety over other ideals like sustainability, resiliency, and low-impact principals.

Public Survey

An online public survey was conducted to better understand the opinions, perceptions, and desires of the local community. A successful outreach effort resulted in the participation of 337 respondents between June 26th to July 7th of 2017.

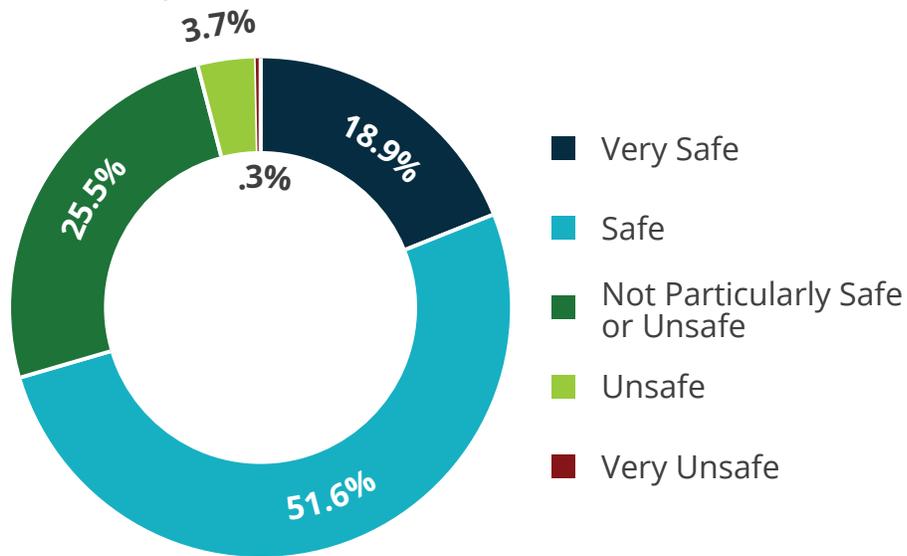
Of the 337 respondents, 62.5 percent were male and 37.5 percent were female. The two largest age cohort of respondents 19-34 years-old and 35-44 years-old age groups which accounted for 27.7 percent and 28.0 percent respectively, with the next largest age group being 45-54 years-old at 20.8 percent.

Respondents were asked to respond to two topics, one on park safety and the other on the County's provision of recreational offerings. Those results are found on pages 38 through 40.

Performance Vs. Importance Assessment Matrix

This type of survey mechanism solicits survey respondent's views on the County's performance in providing park facilities/recreation activities. Respondents were asked to rank a list of park facilities/recreation activities based on its importance.

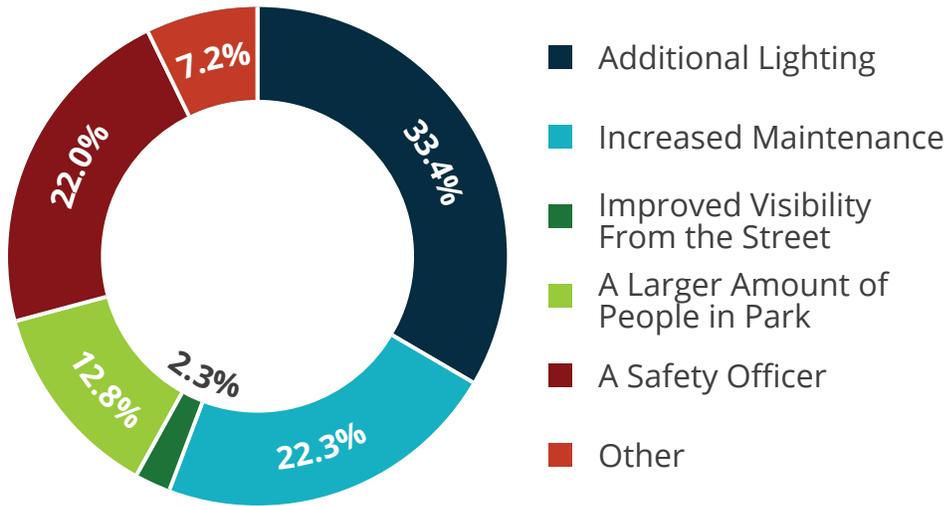
FIGURE 3.1, DO YOU FEEL SAFE IN GALVESTON COUNTY PARKS?



Survey respondents showed that they felt safe in Galveston County parks. Only four percent of respondents indicated that they felt unsafe at some level in County parks. While the results found in Figure 3.1 are generally very positive, it does not diminish the concern of safety by park users. The results found in the open house findings clearly state that park design principles should focus on safety improvements.



FIGURE 3.2, WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL SAFER?



When survey respondents were asked about what would make them feel safer lighting was identified as being the biggest contributor, followed by an increase in maintenance, and then a safety officer. The other category, as shown in Figure 3.2, had an open response entry, and the most common response was that a patrol car would improve safety. This response is in essence the same as the provision of a safety officer, which would make it the second most common response versus the County’s performance in providing them (see Figure 3.3). Combined answers are then plotted against each other to create the chart on page 40. The chart’s quadrants group park facilities/recreation programs into four categories:

- Keep Up the Good Work. Identifies park facilities/recreation programming where the County’s ability to provide park facilities/recreation programming closely matches the strong community desire.
- Needs Work. Highlights where the County is under-performing in providing park facilities/recreation programming compared to community demand.
- Possible Overkill. Includes park facilities/recreation programming provided by the County that significantly exceeds the community desires.
- Low Priority. Includes park facilities/recreation programming where County provision is low, as is community demand.

The “target line” included in the figure is a barometer that represents consistency between the County’s provision of a park facility or recreational programming and community expectations.

Park facilities/recreation programming as listed on page 40 are in accordance with their importance identified by survey respondents. A majority of the items listed are found in the “Needs Work” quadrant, reflecting previously identified statements by stakeholders about the need to improve the existing park system offerings.





FIGURE 3.3, PERFORMANCE VS. IMPORTANCE ASSESSMENT



- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Parks Shelters and Picnic Areas | 6. Fishing Areas | 13. Disc/Frisbee Golf | 18. Baseball Fields |
| 2. Running/Walking/Biking Shared-Use Paths/Trails | 7. Mountain Bike Trails | 14. Skate/Bike Park | 19. Equestrian Trails |
| 3. Playgrounds | 8. Kayaking | 15. Indoor Recreation Opportunities | 20. Soccer Fields |
| 4. Nature Trails | 9. Spray Park/Splash Pads | 16. Community Gardens | 21. Tennis Courts |
| 5. Natural Areas | 10. Camping | 17. Outdoor Basketball Courts | 22. Volleyball Courts |
| | 11. Dog Parks | | 23. Football Fields |
| | 12. Swimming Pool | | 24. Shooting Sports |
| | | | 25. Archery Sports |
| | | | 26. Golf Course |

The results of the Performance vs. Importance Assessment exercise shows that the County is adequately meeting the local demands with the top five facility/recreation programming elements being located in the “Keep Up the Good Work” quadrant. There is room to improve, however, as much of the top half of the park facility/recreation program elements could move closer to the target line.

Ball fields and sports courts were viewed as less important park facilities/recreation programming element. However, the County’s performance for these elements are very close to meeting the community expectations, suggesting that maintaining these facilities at the current level would be appropriate.



STANDARDS BASED ASSESSMENT

The County is responsible for almost 1,500 acres of park land that provide a variety of recreation opportunities across the County and within each of the four Commissioner Precincts. The County parks system is not intended to provide a set allotment of acreage per county resident or meet a specific service area coverage. The level of service (LOS) standards based assessment is intended to help provide guidelines for the planning and programming of park land.

Mini Park Level of Service

There is no specific LOS target recommended for mini parks – including pocket parks – in the Parks Master Plan Update. Often a mini park is best left to be implemented through private development. Instances of County involvement in the development of a mini park should be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be associated with the following provisions (list not all-inclusive):

- Public mini park development in Galveston County should occur when necessary to leverage a unique opportunity, or to protect a significant resource.
- Mini parks may be developed where smaller parcels are accessory to a larger resource. For instance, a mini park may serve as a trailhead or beach access point.

Neighborhood Park Level of Service

A County neighborhood park is generally one to 10 acres in size. The County provision of neighborhood parks should be limited to serving areas of the county where concentration of population exist, but are not located within a municipal boundary. Typically, neighborhood parks are in a central location for the residents they serve, and as such should be accessible to all users. In the instance a local municipality or other organization have vested interest in the property, the County should look at establishing thresholds at which the transition of ownership and/ or operations to the local municipality would take place.

Neighborhood park development intended to meet Parks Master Plan LOS targets should occur under the following provisions:

- Neighborhood park land must be principally reserved for recreational use. Picnicking opportunities, open play areas, and playgrounds typical define the park offerings.
- Neighborhood parks should be located outside of the floodplain. Flood-prone areas should only overlap small percentages of the neighborhood park area.

Community Park Level of Service

A County community park is intended to serve a specific area or grouping of small communities. Although intended to be accessed by the community via motor vehicles, they also serve as neighborhood parks for the residents in the immediate vicinity. Community parks may accommodate larger community events, sports, and activities, and may contain popular recreation facilities. The additional facilities associated within a community park increase the park's





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size requirements, meaning they typically exceed 10 acres in size. Similar to neighborhood parks, there may be opportunities where the operation of a neighborhood park may be best left to a local municipality. The County should consider partnerships that would give oversight of programming and facility development for recreation offerings, and in some instances transfer ownership of the property out-right to the local municipality.

Community park development to meet Parks Master Plan LOS targets should occur under the following provisions:

- Community parks may be partially located in flood-prone areas, but sufficient upland acreage should be available for facilities, buildings, and structures.
- Some community parks may be programmed so that a portion of their acreage serves as a nature park or preserve.
- Community parks may be of a sufficient size, and programmed in such a manner (i.e., athletic complex, event grounds, etc.) that they support a regional function.
- Community parks must be accessible via at least one major collector or arterial thoroughfare.

Regional Park Level of Service

Each of the County's precincts should contain at least one regional park, which often provide large areas and diverse offering of recreational activities. Additionally, these parks attract people from relatively far distances, drawing in outside visitors who contribute financially to the local economy. Some of these regional parks will need to be programmed in a manner to provide provisions to hold festivals and other community gatherings.

Special Use Space

There is no specific LOS target for most types of special use parks such as community centers, athletic complexes, etc. These special use facilities may be programmed within other park land in the County. Boat ramps, which are considered a special use, should consider the following elements to be included or built out:

- Dock/Fishing Pier
- Separate Kayak Launch
- Restroom
- Parking for vehicles with trailer (10 space minimum)

Linear Parks

At this time there is no County LOS for the implementation of linear parks. However, when possible the County should work with other jurisdictions to connect their park land to these swaths of open space. This may include linking to trails systems or providing a corridor for a local municipality to construct a trail on property owned by the County.



Civic Space Level of Service

There is no specific LOS target recommended for civic spaces in the Parks Master Plan. The absence of LOS recommendations does not mean that publicly-accessible civic spaces should not be developed by the County. For purposes of this Parks Master Plan, the concept of “civic” space extends beyond the traditional definition of citizenship (and the free exercise of assembly) to include miscellaneous spaces intended for casual public gatherings.

RESOURCE BASED ASSESSMENT

Bayous, Waterways, and Natural Resources

The 2011 Master Plan identified the importance of the County’s abundant natural resources that attract sportsman and wildlife enthusiasts alike. The area’s marshes and bayous contribute important habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, and aquatic life. McAllis Point and Ostermayer Bayou Nature Preserves are examples where the County is contributing to the preservation of habitat without the need for extensive financial commitments.

These natural resources are not only important to the county residents, but to many state and national organizations. The 2011 Master Plan identifies “Ecotourism,” as a method to attract people to the region. This approach may provide more opportunities for the County to engage in recreation opportunities without the need to expend financial resources. Opportunities outside of partnerships with local municipalities and organizations may include working with the State of Texas General Land Office, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department, the Nature Conservancy, the Trust for Public Lands, and many other concerned groups focused on habitat protection and conservation efforts.



BEACH ACCESS

Of the many amenities provided by the Galveston County parks system, access to waterfront and beaches is among the most valuable park resource. The County’s ownership of coastal lands should be preserved and protected, due to the substantial value it offers to the County residents and area visitors. Despite changes in the Galveston Island dune line between periods of avulsion or establishment, the Texas Open Beaches Act (OBA) of 1959 holds that a public easement for ingress and egress from State-owned beaches between the mean low tide and the line of vegetation along the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico shall be maintained. County parks situated along the coastline contribute significantly to unhindered access to the shore line, specifically ensuring that visitors may travel up and down the beach during low tide.





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Partnerships

Partnerships are a key component of the County's desire to better manage their existing park land and corresponding financial resources. A variety of user groups and organizations that utilize park facilities and often partner with the County for maintenance and operation arrangements. User agreements with area recreation leagues help maintain sports fields to that meet the needs of the primary user group. These maintenance agreements should continue to be a primary tool within the County's repertoire.

The 2011 Master Plan identifies the desire to partner with the City of Dickinson and League City for the maintenance and operation of community parks within their city limits. This relationship would allow the cities to program these parks to better meet the needs of their constituents. The long-term ownership of a new park property would need to be a part of any discussion for a partnership agreement.

The County successfully partnered with the City of Galveston in the redevelopment of Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park, now operated by the City. The success and nature of this relationship has laid the groundwork for partnerships on additional County park properties located in the City of Galveston. This type of partnership would better serve the residents of Galveston Island and the County as a whole, through providing a closer level of oversight and potentially more responsive park operations.

The Galveston County Parks & Cultural Services Department should explore opportunities to co-locate the County Museum with a complimentary service or attraction. This type of partnership might be best accomplished at a building like a library or a visitor center. The co-location would provide a complimentary attraction to the host/partnering use.

SUMMARY OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The needs assessment component of the Galveston County Parks Master Plan Update process concludes the first section of the plan. This chapter is in essence the foundation for recommendations and implementation approaches found in the second section of this plan. To conclude this chapter, the following lists includes relevant findings and most prevalent needs for Galveston County's park system:

- Focus on incremental improvements to the top ten park system park facility/recreation programming elements. This effort would be in contrast to new parks and large park renovations.
- Work with area municipalities to develop trail system connections, with the County taking a role in assisting these efforts as opposed to leading them.
- Add an all-abilities playground in accordance to the overall value of importance placed on playground facilities by the community.
- Pursue partnerships with other organizations to improve nature-based recreation opportunities. This would include the recreational activities of nature viewing, boating, fishing, hunting, and camping.



- Upgrade boat ramps to ensure quality opportunities for fishing and boating. Kayak launches and fishing piers should be programmed into a boat ramp facility whenever possible.
- Pursue opportunities to increase the role the County parks system plays in attracting tourism. This effort is supported both by local residents and public officials. Opportunities to use parks as a platform to promote entrepreneurship should be encouraged in accord with a mutually-beneficial relationship partnership.
- Add a dog park to the park system offerings. This desire is likely in part for the socialization aspect for dog owners, more so than County residents' needs for a place to exercise their pets.
- Consider aquatics facilities. While not a top priority, community desire exists. Public officials support a splash pad facility over a swimming pool, but are still concerned about the operational expense.





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Section 2 Action Plan



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CHAPTER 4 PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are the first component of this Action Plan section of the Parks Master Plan. This is the portion of the planning process that sets the agenda for the Galveston County park system moving forward. The Recommendations Chapter builds on the Master Plan goals identified in Chapter 1 and helps implement the community vision to develop guiding statements for future implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS OVERVIEW

Galveston County will be responsible for implementing the recommendations set forth in this chapter. The Galveston County Department of Parks & Cultural Services will be the primary Park Master Plan administrator, while other county departments, boards, and especially the County Commissioners, will play important roles in contributing to the implementation of the plan. Chapter 5, Implementation defines the guidelines for accomplishing the Master Plan's recommendations.

The recommendations presented in this chapter are conceptual and are not accompanied by specific cost estimates. Costs for capital projects that relate to these recommendations are found in Figure 5.2, *Galveston County Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Priorities* (page 60).

The recommendations are organized by the commissioner precinct in which the recommendation is to take place. For those recommendations that apply precinct wide they will be grouped under a system-wide category.



SYSTEM WIDE

SW.1 Work with area jurisdictions to link County Parks to existing and proposed trail systems.

Survey results showed that the second-most important park facility/recreation program element was the provision of shared-use paths/trails. The County would be best served during the next five years identifying the opportunities for partnerships around trail development. The County should then conduct a trails study to develop a county-wide trails master plan. This plan would provide a foundation for a County supported trail system and contribute to an area wide tourism effort.

SW.2 Develop an annual capital fund for upgrading playgrounds, park shelters, and picnic areas.

Playgrounds, park shelters, and picnic areas were identified as an important park facilities/recreation in programing elements and, as such, maintaining these amenities would likely promote higher community perceptions of the park system. Establishing an annual capital fund specifically for playgrounds, park shelters, and picnic area improvements would allow the County to routinely upgrade these facilities and maintain an increased standard of quality. Additionally, changing playground surfacing to something more durable like a pour-in-place surfacing will make playgrounds more resilient to rain events. This would have an added benefit for user experience as well as improve safety of playground facilities.

ACTIVE PLAN

The Active Plan for the Lower Rio Grande Valley is both an active transportation plan and an economic development plan. It was developed with the purpose of tapping into the rapidly-expanding market for “active tourism” which is a segment of the leisure and travel industry involving physical activity that combines elements of adventure, nature, and culture.

Galveston County is poised to benefit from a similar type of study. The County should partner with other area entities to pursue this type of planning effort. The added recreation and tourism opportunities would match those that area residents are asking for!



SW.3 Work with area business to promote public-private partnerships that contribute to park amenities.

Galveston County should encourage local entrepreneurship by partnering with area businesses to enhance the amenities and offerings in local parks. This may include allowing food trucks for sporting events, hosting concerts, or other activities that contribute to the overall quality of life. It is important that these relationships be mutually beneficial, so that the County is able to recoup the necessary funds to account for related maintenance costs.

SW.4 Pursue the acquisition of a restroom trailer facility to better serve large events hosted in Galveston County Parks.

Many of the County restroom facilities are not currently able to handle the demands of large events. Investments in larger restroom facilities is not a recommended approach as many of the parks located along waterways and water bodies are susceptible to potential storm damage. Instead, the County should pursue purchasing a portable trailer facility that can be used for events. This trailer could be rented through park rental agreements and the County would maintain more control over event logistics.

SW.5 Develop a tree replanting and maintenance program that promotes exemplary tree health.

The County should establish best practices for tree maintenance and replacement to maintain its quality tree canopy. This could be accomplished by adding a staff arborist or keeping an arborist on a service contract. Some of the coastal and bay parks will have difficulty with tree establishment and those park should have different standards applied for tree plantings.



BELOW GROUND TREE STAKING

The underground tree staking method can be used in maintenance practices to better establish park system trees, without the need for unsightly posts and wire. A tree must be able to sway naturally back and forth in order to properly strengthen the trunk. Underdeveloped trunks cause a tree to break at the bottom in high winds once the stakes are removed.

A park with a number of newly planted and staked/wired trees can have the added difficulty associated with interrupted mowing lanes forcing more trimming work with the weed eater. This adds more labor time, which reduces the work efficiency of park grounds crews. All of that said, you cannot discredit the aesthetic beauty of a natural looking tree with zero visual bracing.



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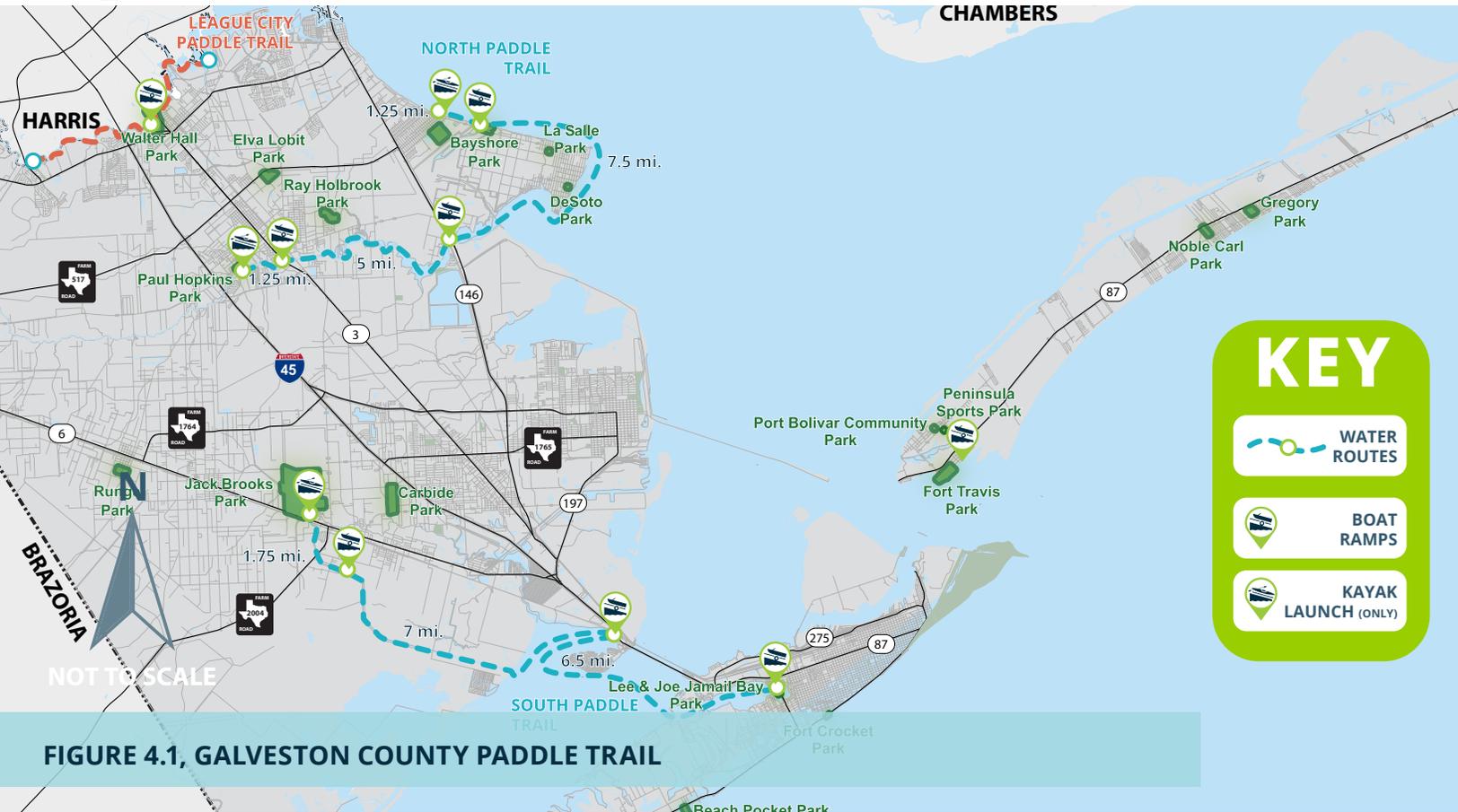


FIGURE 4.1, GALVESTON COUNTY PADDLE TRAIL

Paddle trails are reflective of the community demands for nature based recreation activities.



FIGURE 4.2, PADDLE TRAIL SIGNAGE

A family of paddle trail signage should orient users to the location and direction of the route.

SW.6 Implement level of service standards for boat ramps across the park system.

The boat ramps in the Galveston County park system are valuable assets and both County staff and local residents desire that these be quality facilities. The boat ramps should be upgraded to include a dock/fishing pier, separate kayak launch, a restroom, and parking in accordance with the standards set forth in Chapter 4 (see page 42). The expectation should not be that all boat ramp facilities look and function identically, but that they meet the standards in the most appropriate manner.

SW.7 Implement Paddle Trail Plan.

The Galveston Park system has a number of parks that are next to waterways. Building upon the feedback from the community survey, it would be wise for the County to complement this resource by developing a paddle trail network. The paddle trail network can be supported by existing County park properties. Kayak launches should be added to the properties and boat ramp locations where they don't exist. Kayak launches should be located separately from boat ramp facilities to help reduce conflict between boaters and paddlers. (see Figures 4.1 and 4.2)

SW.8 Work with local municipalities on park properties within their jurisdictional boundaries to increase operational maintenance efficiencies.

The 2011 Parks Master Plan calls for working with the cities of Dickinson and League City to transfer ownership and operations of parks in their jurisdiction. The park properties that were recommended for transfer are Paul Hopkins Park, Ray Holbrook Park, and Elva Lobit Park. It is still appropriate to recommend these actions as these community parks are intended to serve directly adjacent neighborhoods. Growing populations in these cities will require recreation offerings that are more responsive to resident needs.

PRECINCT 1**P1.1 Renovate Gregory Park's large pavilion and add a baseball field.**

The pavilion at Gregory Park is currently in need of replacement. The park hosts the Crystal Beach Texas Crab Festival and the existing pavilion plays an important role in that event. Additionally, there is enough space in the park to add a baseball field and it is recommended that one is constructed at this park location. This would be the second field on Bolivar Peninsula, which would assist in meeting the community's recreation needs.

P1.2 Complete the 64-Acre Park development by adding the youth baseball/softball field four-plex and splash pad.

At the time of plan development, 64-Acre Park was under construction. It is recommended that the build-out of the park is finished, which would include a baseball/softball field four-plex and a splash pad. This project should eventually connect to Bayshore Park via shared-use path.





FIGURE 4.3, BAYSHORE PARK REDESIGN

Adding beaches to Bayshore Park would increase its popularity with area county residents.

P1.3 Conduct a Bayshore Park redesign to better host festivals and take advantage of its location on Galveston Bay.

Bayshore Park is in a prime location on the Galveston Bay shoreline. The park should be redesigned to better host community events and festivals. This would include the addition of an amphitheater, a series of beaches with breakwaters, and a trail that connects to 64 Acre Park. The baseball dugouts and fences should be removed, leaving the backstop to function as a practice space, but not an enclosed field. This would open up the park grounds to be better utilized during events and festivals. (see Figure 4.3, *Bayshore Park Redesign*)

P1.4 Build out the remainder of Ray Holbrook Park.

This area of the County is experiencing the kind of growth that would justify additional recreational amenities within Ray Holbrook Park. The additional amenities should include a walking trail, playground, picnic facilities, etc. The softball fields should also be considered for upgrades such as lighting. The City of Dickinson should be a partner in any future development plans for the park.





FIGURE 4.4, BACLIFF PIER AND CAFE

Redeveloping the Bacliff Boat Ramp could create a unique amenity and opportunity for a public-private partnership.

P1.5 Enter into a public-private partnership to redevelop the Bacliff Boat Ramp into a fishing pier with a small cafe.

The Bacliff Boat Ramp has limitations that lessen its value as a boat ramp in the Galveston County parks system. There is limited space for parking and doesn't function ideally for disembarking boats. However, the space would make a wonderful opportunity for a public-private partnership to construct a fishing pier and cafe establishment. The cafe would be able to manage the fishing pier and collect fees-for-use to be placed into a fund for maintenance and upkeep. The cafe location would create a unique dining experience. Partnering with a local business would help promote the types of mutually beneficial public-private relationships that create additional amenities. (see Figure 4.4, *Bacliff Pier and Cafe*)

PRECINCT 2

P2.1 Partner with the City of Galveston on the operation of Beach Pocket Parks.

Using a similar model that is in place with Lee and Joe Jamail Bay Park, Galveston County should partner with the City of Galveston for the operation of the Beach Pocket Parks. This relationship would allow for a more efficient use of the County resources, as well as helping the parks be more responsive to Galveston Island residents.



FIGURE 4.5, BEACH POCKET PARK #3 CONCEPT PLAN



As show in this illustration, the design of the RV park would include ample space between a number of RV hook-ups, attractive tropical plantings that require minimal maintenance and provide screening, and additional park facilities like outdoor grills, picnic seating, and car parking. All these features would enhance the site's attraction and maximize the use of County park property.



FIGURE 4.6, BEACH POCKET PARK #3

The Beach Pocket Park #3 RV park would promote improved beach access and area tourism.

P2.2 Partner with the City of Galveston to develop Beach Pocket Park #3 into a RV park.

Beach Pocket Park #3 is a currently vacant parcel with two structures that are in disrepair from storm damage. It is recommended that the property be turned into a RV park. An RV park would provide increased opportunities for county residents to access the beach. This effort would also promote and encourage tourism in the park system. The park should be developed and operated in a manner similar to the Dellanera RV park. (see Figures 4.5 and 4.6, *Beach Pocket Park #3 Concept Plan and Beach Pocket Park #3*)

P2.3 Strengthen partnerships between the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, the County, and open ride groups for arena use.

Consider establishing a public-user partnership with open ride groups to engage them more with the maintenance and operation costs of arena facilities. The County recognizes that this recreation activity is a unique offering for a niche group of county residents. It would be appropriate for an operations cost-share to be borne by user groups, who desire an improved facility-use experience. Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, as a primary tenant, should be included in these discussions to identify potential arrangements that will result in improved facility conditions and user experiences.

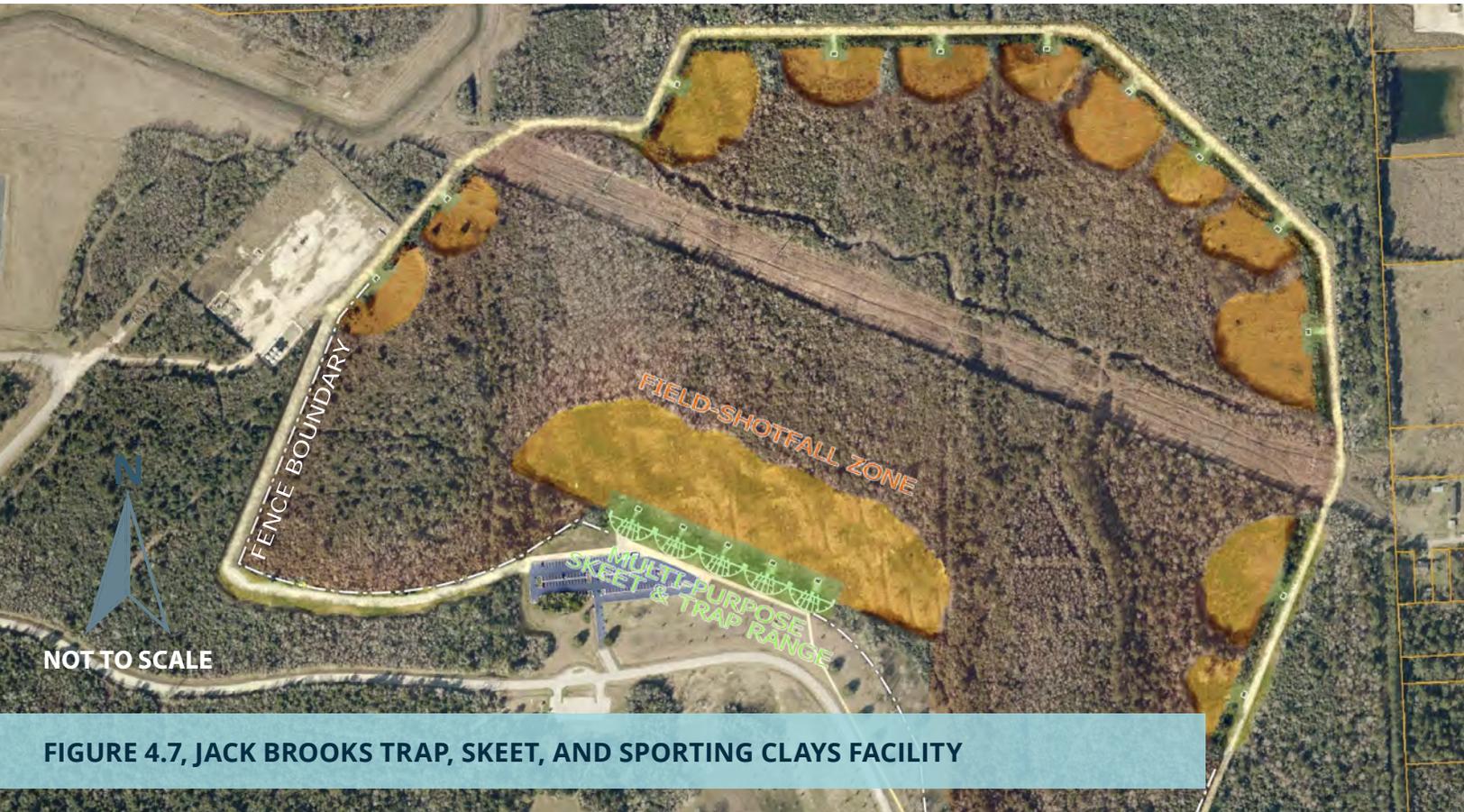


FIGURE 4.7, JACK BROOKS TRAP, SKEET, AND SPORTING CLAYS FACILITY

The conversion of the northern half of Jack Brooks Park into a gun range may be a viable option.

TRAP, SKEET, AND SPORTING CLAYS

Viable conversion for a gun range is best suited by Jack Brooks Park due to the park’s size and surrounding density. Gun range parameters require that the arrangement of fields or aisles should maintain a sufficient radial “Field-Shotfall Zone” of ≥ 300 yards (900 feet), as shown in Figure 4.7. This area meets the maximum bounds of a typical skeet-shooting shot range, which should be less in size than #2 shot size (which exceeds the type #7 or #8 shot used clay shooting). For additional trap houses and skeet fields, the next structure in the arrangement should be placed at a minimum of 50 yards (150 feet) from the adjacent, horizontally perpendicular to the intended line of fire.

The shown simulation has been designed above the minimum parameters of a skeet and trap range in Jack Brooks Park. With these limits, 5 skeet/trap shooting stations and 12 sporting clay aisles may fit into the northern tract of the park, however a professional firearm facilities consultant should still ultimately advise on a final, more qualified design.



P2.4 Establish a trap, skeet, and sporting clays facility task force to advise on facility development, operations, and maintenance.

A trap, skeet, and sporting clays facility was identified both by stakeholder groups and on-line survey respondents as an initiative the County should pursue. In order to accomplish this it will be important to examine all avenues for operation and maintenance of the facility. A public-private partnership could be a mechanism that to accomplish this task. Creating a task force of engaged marksmanship sport enthusiasts will contribute to a transparent and successful process.

Prior to installing a gun range, considerations of the parameters should be reviewed by local stakeholders, prospective users/gun club for the site, and a professional committee experienced in advising recreational shooting facilities. Accordingly, it is recommended that an advisory group be formed to guide the design and management of the facility. (see Figure 4.7, *Jack Brooks Trap, Skeet, And Sporting Clays Facility*)

PRECINCT 3

P3.1 Add all abilities playground to Carbide Park.

As an effort to better serve all community members of Galveston County, it is recommended that the County build an all-abilities playground at Carbide Park. This playground would be specially designed to encourage inclusive play principles that promote all forms of sensory engagement. This playground should be complimented by the supporting facilities such as bathrooms, shade structures, and accessible parking spaces.





FIGURE 4.8, WALTER HALL PARK AMPHITHEATER

The addition of an amphitheater and redeveloped central lawn is intended promote better function of the park during events and festivals.

PRECINCT 4

P4.1 Redevelop central lawn at Walter Hall Park.

Walter Hall Park currently hosts the annual the League City Music Festival & BBQ Cookoff. The park's large central lawn should be redeveloped to be function as a multipurpose gathering space and recreation field. Part of this central lawn space has an old baseball field that has limited use, and it is recommended that this field be removed. The lawn should be improved with tree planting around the perimeter and an amphitheater facility at one end. The central lawn should remain open and unprogrammed so that it can function as practice space or hold special recreation events like rugby matches. (see Figure 4.8, *FIGURE TITLE*)

P4.2 Add dog park to a portion of Elva Lobit Park.

The addition of a dog park to the Galveston County park system would be the first of this facility type. The Galveston County park system is intended to serve all residents and while many of the County's residents live on large parcels of property, this does not negate the demand for a dog park. Many dog owners view going to the dog park as both a social and recreational activities not just for their pet, but themselves as well. Dog parks are becoming a common addition to parks system and can be an attraction that people will travel to visit.



P4.3 Add Kayak launch to Paul Hopkins Park.

Paul Hopkins Park is identified as point along the north paddle trail. Adding a kayak launch would provide another embarking point along the paddle trail. While it is recommended that operations and ownership be transferred to the City of Dickinson, this improvement would be a beneficial addition to the park regardless.





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CHAPTER 5 IMPLEMENTATION

This Chapter concludes the second part of the Action Plan Section of the Parks Master Plan. The prioritization and timing of park facilities/recreation programming, recommendations, and capital project are intended to provide tangible steps of action.

The Implementation Program prepared for the Galveston County parks system is intended to assist in the administrative actions of the corresponding capital projects to facilitate system-wide park development and redevelopment.

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

The implementation program consist of three parts: a park facility/recreation program prioritization, a recommendations prioritization, and the parks capital improvement program. The ability to address these elements should be used as a metric to measure the success of accomplishing the purpose of the Parks Master Plan. The criteria used to prioritize the park facility needs of of Galveston County include level of need based on community input (on-line survey results, stakeholder interviews, open house meeting, etc.), level of service standards, and assessment of existing park facility inventory.

Park Facilities/Recreation Programming Prioritization

The prioritization of park facilities/recreation programing is based on the public survey results, open house feedback, County staff direction, and input from public officials. The park facilities/recreation programing prioritization takes the individual components that make up the park system. The purpose of this exercise is to highlight priority recreation offerings for park system improvements. This prioritization should be used in a manner to allow the County to be flexible and opportunistic with the development and build out of its parks. This information is found in Figure 5.1, 2017 Park Facilities/Recreation Programing Prioritization on page 62.





FIGURE 5.1, 2017 PARK FACILITIES/RECREATION PROGRAMMING PRIORITIZATION

Priority	Park Facility/Recreation Programming
1	Park Shelters and Picnic Areas
2	Running/Walking/Biking Shared-Use Paths/Trails
3	Playgrounds
4	Nature Trails/Natural Areas
5	Fishing Areas
6	Kayaking
7	Spray Parks/Splash Pad
8	Dog Park
9	Mountain Bike Trails
10	RVing/Camping

Recommendations Prioritization

The recommendation prioritization is presented in Figure 5.2 (see pages 63 through 65). The actions and initiatives identified within the figure are described in more detail in Chapter 4. These actions and initiatives exhibit a high degree of consistency with all three criteria referenced in the previous subsection, and should receive the highest level of attention by the County over the next ten years. All recommendations are divided into two categories, based on the level of need and estimated ease of implementation:

- **Short-Term Priorities.** To be initiated or completed within the next three years.
- **Long-Term Priorities.** To be initiated within the next four to 10 years, or as opportunities occur.

Note that the level of prioritization illustrated in the Figure 5.2 is intended as a decision-making guide rather than a mandate. Any item listed in Figure 5.2 may be initiated sooner than recommended if unique circumstances or opportunities arise.



FIGURE 5.2, 2017 RECOMMENDATION PRIORITIES

Number	Recommendations	Time Frame (Priority)		
		Near-Term (Years 1-3)	Long-Term (Years 4-10)	Ongoing
SW.1	Work with area jurisdictions to link County Parks to existing and proposed trail systems.			✓
SW.2	Develop an annual capital fund for upgrading playgrounds, park shelters, and picnic areas.	✓		
SW.3	Work with area business to promote public-private partnerships that contribute to park amenities.			✓
SW.4	Pursue the acquisition of a restroom trailer facility to better serve large events hosted in Galveston County Parks.	✓		
SW.5	Develop a tree replanting and maintenance program that promotes exemplary tree health.			✓
SW.6	Implement level of service standards for boat ramps across the park system.			✓
SW.7	Implement Paddle Trail Plan.	✓		
SW.8	Work with local municipalities on park properties within their jurisdictional boundaries to increase operational maintenance efficiencies.			✓
P1.1	Renovate Gregory Park’s large pavilion and add a baseball field.	✓		
P1.2	Complete the 64-Acre Park development by adding the youth baseball/softball field four-plex and splash pad.		✓	
P1.3	Conduct a Bayshore Park redesign to better host festivals and take advantage of its location.		✓	
P1.4	Build out the remainder of Ray Holbrook Park.		✓	
P1.5	Enter into a public-private partnership to redevelop Bacliff Boat Ramp into a fishing pier with a cafe.		✓	
P2.1	Partner with the City of Galveston on the operation of Beach Pocket Parks.			✓
P2.2	Partner with the City of Galveston to develop Beach Pocket Park #3 into a RV park.	✓		
P2.3	Strengthen partnerships between the Galveston County Fair & Rodeo, the County, and open ride groups.	✓		
P2.4	Establish a trap, skeet, and sporting clays facility task force to advise on facility development, operations, and maintenance.		✓	
P3.1	Add an all-abilities playground to Carbide Park.	✓		
P4.1	Redevelop central lawn at Walter Hall Park.		✓	
P4.2	Add a dog park to a portion of Elva Lobit Park.	✓		
P4.3	Add a Kayak launch to Paul Hopkins Park.	✓		





Highway 146 boat ramp is a popular park facility. Partnering with other public entities who benefit from county park facilities can provide other avenues of funding for capital projects.

Park Capital Improvement Program

The Galveston County Master Plan's Capital Priorities list identifies potential development projects that support the implementation of many park system recommendations listed and described in Chapter 4. These recommended capital projects are listed in Figure 5.3, Capital Improvement Projects. The Capital Priorities list herein does not include recommendations regarding small capital needs at individual park sites, or operational projects such as maintenance or equipment needs.

The capital priorities list provided in Figure 5.3, is not a supplement to, or replacement of, any formal capital improvements plan (CIP) adopted by the County Commissioners Court as part of the County's annual budget process. Further, this project list should not affect the operational budget of the County's Department of Parks & Cultural Services. The priority ranking included in Figure 5.3 was developed based on the public survey results, open house feedback, County staff direction, and input from public officials. It is important that when reviewing the Capital Project that this list is intended to be aspirational in nature, the plan success is not predicated on construction of all projects or all components of each project.

FIGURE 5.3, CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION¹

Project	Cost	Time Frame (Priority)		Notes
		Near-Term (Years 1-3)	Long-Term (Years 4-10)	
Carbide All Abilities Playground.	\$540,000	✓		Look for foundation funds to complement efforts
Gregory Park Baseball Field & Pavilion Refurbishment	\$600,000	✓		Baseball field includes perimeter and foul line fencing, and backstop.
Beach Pocket Park #3 RV Park	\$1,465,000	✓		Cost saving could be seen in public-private partnerships.
Dr. Lloyd K Lauderdale Boat Ramp & Restrooms	\$610,000	✓		Dredging requirements may affect cost estimate.
Elva Lobit Park Dog Park	\$325,000	✓		Potential saving by pursuing cost share with City of League City.
Highway 146 Boat Ramp & Kayak Launch	\$805,000	✓		Dredging requirements may affect cost estimate.
Highway 3 Boat Ramp	\$665,000	✓		Dredging requirements may affect cost estimate.
Paul Hopkins Kayak Launch	\$25,000	✓		Potential saving by pursuing cost share with City of Dickinson.
Jack Brooks Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clay Facility	\$750,000		✓	Cost are for initial equipment and structure development. Assume that the
Walter Hall Park Central Lawn	\$1,165,000		✓	Includes estimate for amphitheater.
Bacliff Pier and Cafe	\$540,000		✓	Cost saving could be seen in public-private partnerships.
Bayshore Park Redesign	\$1,400,000		✓	Estimate includes pedestrian bridge that parallels Bayshore Dr. bridge as part of 64 Acre park trail connection, but not beach establishment.
64 Acre Ramp Baseball Fields & Splashpad	\$2,920,000		✓	Includes finishing the build-out of the sports complex.
Ray Holbrook Park Build-out	\$3,180,000		✓	Estimates include lighting for all softball fields.

1. Costs shown are at a pre-design level, and will vary as more detailed design occurs. Priority numbers and time frames are for planning guidance only, and not all items may be implemented in the sequence or time frame suggested. Costs ranges relating to land costs are general estimates intended to establish allowances, and will vary. Detailed appraisals should be conducted to determine specific land costs prior to acquisition. Grants and donations may reduce the cost of each item. All costs are shown in 2017 dollars.





FUNDING STRATEGIES

Grants can provide a significant source of additional funding for parks, but should not be considered as the primary source for park construction.

- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.** Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) is the primary source for parks grants in Texas - including funding for recreational trails. Up to \$500,000 for new parks and trail facilities with a 50 percent match. Grant applications that stress joint funding and support from two (2) or more local entities may have a greater chance of contending for the TRPA grants. These grants are highly competitive, and in recent years there have been far fewer grants available or awarded due to state budget restrictions. When the grants are available, the deadlines to submit applications vary by grant type and range from February 1st for some to October 1st for most categories.
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).** This National Park Service fund is divided into two (2) funding categories: state grants and federal acquisition. The state grants are distributed to all 50 states, DC, and other territories based on factors such as population. State grant funds can be used for park development and for acquisition of park land or easements.
- **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.** This program provides monetary support for transportation activities designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the transportation system. Typically, funds can be used for trails and streetscape related projects. Funding is on a cost reimbursement basis, and projects selected are eligible for reimbursement of up to 80 percent of allowable costs. This funding program is not available on a yearly basis, but intermittently only, often in two (2) to five (5) year periods.
- **Foundation and Company Grants.** These can assist in direct funding for projects, while others exist to help citizen efforts get established with small seed funds or technical and publicity assistance.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnering with Local and Area Volunteer Groups.

Partnering with volunteer groups can be helpful when constructing trails or playground equipment. There are a variety of sources for volunteers including: user groups, local residents, corporate community service initiatives, and business and civic support groups.

Parks Foundation.

Parks foundations are non-profit organizations and another source for volunteers. People can make tax deductible donations to a foundation, which in turn provides financial support and volunteer time to a County's parks system. Parks foundations often assist with physical improvements to a park or support recreational programming. They essentially help fill the gap between what needs to be done and what a parks department can afford to do. These types of foundations can be used to help raise funds for specific projects, such as an all abilities playground.



Joint Planning with Area Municipalities.

Establishing joint planning review sessions with area communities allow for coordination of facilities and possible pooling of resources for a partnership to jointly develop park and recreation facilities. Encourage other cities in Galveston County to embrace the type of working relationship that the County has with the City of Galveston.

Public-Private Partnerships

These types of relationships are those that enable the private sector to work in cooperation with a government entity on the provision of a service. This may take the form of a long-term contract that places the private entity in charge of managing a public service to allow for a more flexible or innovative management approach. Additionally, these relationships can allow for the park system to establish a revenue fund that would help diversify the park systems funding mechanism. The overall desire for the County park system to contribute the area tourism economy supports the use of this type of partnership to add amenities and attractions to County park properties.

MASTER PLAN UPDATES

A review and update of the Master Plan should be conducted on an annual basis, or when significant changes occur. These updates may be published in a short report format and attached to this Master Plan for easy use. Four (4) key focus areas subject to periodic review may include:

- **Facility Inventory.** An inventory of new or updated County-owned facilities should be recorded. This inventory should also mention any significant changes or improvements to the County's park land, changes in partnerships with other public entities, or major private facilities that could influence recreation in Galveston County.
- **Public Involvement.** This Master Plan reflects the attitudes expressed by Galveston County's current residents. Over time, however, attitudes and interests may vary as the County changes. Periodic surveys are recommended to provide an ongoing account of resident attitudes, and to provide additional direction from the public on issues that may arise. In order to make an accurate comparison of the changes in attitudes, it is recommended that future surveys include similar questions to those included in this Master Plan.
- **Facility Use and Program Participation.** Facility use is a key factor in determining the need for additional facilities. Likewise, measures of program participation will assist in determining how to adjust its recreational program and event offerings over time to best meet latent community demand. The County should compile "recreation and facility annual activity reports" and use the results to modify Master Plan recommendations as needed.





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- **Implementation Program.** As items from the park facilities/recreation, recommendations, and capital project lists (Figures 5.1 through 5.3) are implemented, updates should be made to each to maintain an up-to-date work program for County staff, and elected and appointed officials.

A long-term vision for the County, which includes a five year strategy of prioritized implementation, was established through a drawing of support from public engagement, County staff direction, and public officials input. This, however, does not mean that the plan will serve every need and desire of the community for the past the plan's five year time frame. On the contrary, it is designed to specify guidance for implementation actions prioritized in the near-term future. In this regard, the following recommendations are intended to keep this plan current and up to date:

- **Annual Progress Report and Update.** Prior to the start of the annual budget process, County staff should prepare and present an annual progress report on the status of the actions identified in the Implementation Action Plan. In addition, they should work with elected and appointed officials to determine which recommendations should move up in prioritization.
- **Parks Master Plan (New).** This plan is an update to the 2011 Park Master Plan and when the timeframe of this plan comes to a end, a new parks master plan should be conducted. A parks plan is required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to remain eligible for grant funding. Undertaking an official plan update every five years helps the County to remain competitive in a very competitive grant process as TPWD places a higher point value (during grant funding evaluation) was the purpose of this plan effort.



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Appendix



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Appendix B, Parks and Recreation Funding Sources, includes a comprehensive list of federal, state, and privately-funded grant programs which support local park system or recreational program development. These funding sources may be structured to support direct investment into municipal parks and recreation systems, or to allow for the indirect development of park and recreation opportunities to support other principal grant objectives. For instance, federal and state grants focused on residential development or redevelopment may also allow for the inclusion of recreational amenities as part of an eligible project. Similarly, transportation funding sources may support multi-use trail and sidepath development.

The parameters of the funding sources referenced in this appendix are always changing. Be sure to contact administering agencies/organizations directly to receive the most up-to-date grant program information.

FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

Corporation For National and Community Service

AMERICORPS

AmeriCorps seeks to strengthen communities through projects that address education, public safety, the environment, and other unmet human needs. AmeriCorps grants are awarded to eligible organizations proposing to engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities.

Amount: Vary, may be awarded as fixed amount or cost reimbursement

Deadline: January 18, 2017

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2017/americorps-state-and-national-grants-fy-2017>

Department of Agriculture — Agricultural Marketing Service

FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM

The purpose of the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) is to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

Website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>

Amount: Varies

Deadline: 2016 grants closed; 2017 grants pending

Contact:

USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 4534-South Building
Washington, DC 20250-0269

E-mail: USDAFMPPQuestions@ams.usda.gov

Phone: 202-720-0933

Fax: 202-690-4152

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Department of Agriculture — Food Nutrition Service

CHILD NUTRITION-TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION GRANT

The 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 114-113 December 18, 2015, authorized funding to be used



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for grants to States for the purpose of developing or improving current automated information systems used to operate and manage the Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs). The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has approximately \$4.4 million available in fiscal year (FY) 2017 to be used for grants under this funding. This Request for Applications (RFA) invites State agencies that administer the CNPs to apply for grant funding to implement innovative technology solutions that will improve program accountability, data accuracy, program performance measurement, and the capacity to identify and target error-prone areas (locations or program functions) within and across the CNPs at the State and Local Educational Agency (LEA) or Sponsor Organization (SO) levels. The Child Nutrition Technology Innovation Grant (CN TIG) funds will be available on a competitive basis to State agencies administering the CNPs (i.e., National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program). FNS is offering two types of CN TIGs: Planning Grants and Implementation Grants. States may apply for either a Planning Grant or an Implementation Grant, as described within this RFA, but not both under this 2017 RFA solicitation.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/child-nutrition-technology-innovation-grant-cn-tig>

Amount: \$100,000 to \$2 million

Deadline: January 25, 2017

Contact: Carla Garcia, Grant Officer: Carla.garcia@fns.usda.gov

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers funds for meals and snacks for children in low-income areas during after-school and summer hours. Through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, USDA administers Afterschool Snacks, a program that offers reimbursement for snacks to after-school care program providers. For eligibility, the after-school programs must offer educational or enrichment activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment after school, on weekends or holidays during the school year. The organization will be reimbursed at the highest level, currently 55 cents a snack per child per day. For more information, please visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/child-and-adult-care-food-program>.

National website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/cacfp-contacts>

Texas Office:

Administered by Texas Department of Agriculture
1700 N. Congress Ave., 11th Floor
Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 877-839-6325

Website: <http://www.squaremeals.org>

FARM TO SCHOOL GRANT

The purpose of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program is to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. On an annual basis, USDA awards up to \$5 million in competitive grants for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs.

The Program offers three types of grants: Planning awards range from \$20,000 - \$45,000; implementation and support service awards range from \$65,000 - \$100,000; training awards range from \$15,000 - \$50,000. Matching funds of 25% are required for all four grant types.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school-grant-program>

Amount: \$15,000 to \$100,000; Total program funding estimated to be \$5 million.

Deadline: December 8, 2016

Contact: farmtoschool@fns.usda.gov

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service Program is a federally-funded, state-administered program that provides free meals to children throughout the summer months when school is not in session. Approved sponsors, including school districts, park agencies, nonprofit organizations, and camps, organize the program and provide the meals to a group of children (18 or under) at a central site(s). Children can receive either one or two reimbursable meals each

day. For more information on the program, go to: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program>.

Contact the state administering agency: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/sfsp-contacts>

Texas Office:

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Website: <http://www.squaremeals.org>

Department of Agriculture — National Institute of Food and Agriculture

COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS (CFP) COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

The primary goals of the CFP are to: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and Meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project; Planning for long-term solutions; or The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers. This grant requires 100% matching.

Examples of CFP Projects include, but are not limited to, community gardens with market stands, value chain projects, food hubs, farmers' markets, farm-to-institutions projects, and marketing & consumer cooperatives. All projects must involve low-income participants.

Examples of PPs include, but are not limited to, community food assessments' coordination of collaboration development plan, GIS analysis, food sovereignty study, and farm-to-institution exploration. All projects must involve low-income participants

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/community-food-projects-cfp-competitive-grants-program>

Amount: Total program funding: \$8.64 million; Maximum award of \$125,000 for Community Food Projects and \$35,000 for Planning Projects

Deadline: November 30, 2016

Contact: Jana Clary Loveless, National Program Leader,

Email: jclary@nifa.usda.gov

Location: 2322 Waterfront Centre

Phone Number: (202) 720-3891

Fax Number: (202) 401-4888

BEGINNING FARMER AND RANCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (BFRDP)

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program provides grants to organizations for education, mentoring, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers or ranchers. According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service's most recent Ag Census data, the number of young people entering farming continues to decline, but the number of new farmers and ranchers over the age of 35 rises, as does the number of smaller farms and ranches nationwide. Ensuring there will be a "new generation" of beginning farmers and ranchers—regardless of age or production choice—is especially important to the continuation of agricultural production in the United States.

In accordance with the authorizing legislation, priority will be given to partnerships and collaborations led by or including nongovernmental, community-based organizations and school-based agricultural educational organizations with expertise in new agricultural producer training and outreach. At least 5 percent of the funds will support programs and services that address the needs of limited resource beginning farmers or ranchers; socially disadvantaged beginning farmers or ranchers; and farm workers desiring to become farmers or ranchers. At least 5 percent of the funds will support programs and services that address the needs of veteran farmers and ranchers. The term "farmer" is used in the broadest sense and should be interpreted to include traditional agricultural



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farmers, ranchers, and tree farmers. As far as possible, geographical diversity will also be ensured.

A 25% match is required.

Website: <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>

Amount: Maximum of \$200,000 for 3-year program; estimated total program funding: \$17.7 million

Deadline: December 8, 2016

Contact: Jill Auburn, National Program Leader, Division of Agricultural Systems

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Location: 3430 Waterfront Centre

Phone Number: (202) 720-2635

Fax Number: (202) 401-1782

Department of Agriculture — Natural Resources Conservation Service

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.

Eligible program participants receive financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices, or activities like conservation planning, that address natural resource concerns on their land. Payments are made to participants after conservation practices and activities identified in an EQIP plan of operations are implemented. Contracts can last up to ten years.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=stelpdrb1242633>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/eqip/>

Texas Office:

Texas State Office

101 S Main St.

Temple, TX 76501-7602

Phone: (254) 742-9800

Fax: (254) 742-9819

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

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Local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office Locations: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local/>

CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS (CIG)

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) are competitive grants that stimulate the development and adoption of innovative approaches and technologies for conservation on agricultural lands. CIG uses Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, American Indian Tribes, or individuals. Producers involved in CIG funded projects must be EQIP eligible.

Through CIG, NRCS partners with public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adopt promising technologies. These new technologies and approaches address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resources concerns. CIG benefits agricultural producers by providing more options for environmental enhancement

and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations.

States can also award project that benefit a limited geographical area. Participating states will announce their funding availability for CIG competitions through their state NRCS offices.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/cig/>

Amount: Total program funding averages \$20 million per year.

Contact:

National Office:

Program Contact: nrcscig@wdc.usda.gov

Phone: (202) 720-1895

Melleny Cotton, CIG Program Analyst

Phone: (202) 720-7412

Email: Melleny.cotton@wdc.usda.gov

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.

RCPP combines the authorities of four former conservation programs – the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Program, the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative and the Great Lakes Basin Program. Assistance is delivered in accordance with the rules of EQIP, CSP, ACEP and HFRP; and in certain areas the Watershed Operations and Flood Prevention Program.

Funding for RCPP is allocated to projects in three different categories:

- Critical Conservation Areas receive 35% of the funding. These are projects in eight geographic areas chosen by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- Nationwide and multistate projects receive 40 percent of funding.
- Projects in a single state receive 25 percent of funding.

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AIR QUALITY INITIATIVE

The NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Air Quality Initiative provides financial assistance to implement conservation practices that address air resource issues for designated locations throughout the nation. Agricultural atmospheric related concerns include greenhouse gas emissions, ozone precursors, volatile organic compounds, airborne particulate matter, and some odor-related volatile compounds. For more information about agricultural air quality concerns, see the Air Quality topic.

Deadline: NRCS accepts applications for assistance on continuous basis, but states may establish application periods.

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CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) offers assistance to land owners who are already implementing conservation practices to enhance those practices. For example, if you have been practicing prescribed grazing, CSP would give you options to enhance that practice with activities such as grazing management to improve plants for wildlife, or grazing management to reduce soil compaction, or grazing management to improve riparian function, just to name a few.

With enrollment in CSP, the local NRCS conservation planner will have a one-on-one consultation with the property owner(s) to evaluate your current management system and the natural resources on your land. The NRCS conservation planner will present a variety of CSP enhancement alternatives for implementation on the land, based on existing conservation practices. CSP offers annual incentive payments for installing these enhancement practices.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/csp/>

Award: varies based on implementation of conservation practices

Deadline: Applications are accepted throughout the year. Specific deadlines are set for ranking and funding opportunities. The next application deadline for funding consideration is February 3, 2017.

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CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The purpose of the program is to assist land—users, communities, units of state and local government, and other federal agencies in planning and implementing conservation systems. The purpose of the conservation systems are to reduce erosion, improve soil and water quality, improve and conserve wetlands, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, improve air quality, improve pasture and range condition, reduce upstream flooding, and improve woodlands. The program is also used as a means to collect, analyze, interpret, display, and disseminate information about the condition and trends of the Nation's soil and other natural resources so that people can make good decisions about resource use and about public policies for resource conservation. Information collected through the program is used to develop effective science-based technologies for natural resource assessment, management, and conservation.

For more information about the Conservation Technical Assistance program go to: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/technical/cta/>

Technical assistance is provided at the state level by State Conservationists. Contact information for each State Conservationists is available at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

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EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) is designed to help people and conserve natural resources by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural occurrences. EWP is an emergency recovery program. All projects undertaken, with the exception of the purchase of floodplain easements, must have a project sponsor.



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NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the construction cost of emergency measures. The remaining 25 percent must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services. Funding is subject to Congressional approval.

City and county governments, flood and water control districts, and soil and water conservation districts are the most common sponsors of EWP projects. Activities include providing financial and technical assistance to:

- remove debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges,
- reshape and protect eroded banks,
- correct damaged drainage facilities,
- establish cover on critically eroding lands,
- repair levees and structures, and
- repair conservation practices.

NRCS may purchase EWP easements "in lieu of recovery" on any floodplain lands that have been impaired within the last 12 months or that have a history of repeated flooding (i.e., flooded at least two times during the past 10 years). If it is more cost effective, EWP-Floodplain Easement (FPE) can be used as an alternative to EWP. See the comparison of EWP and EWP-FPE.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/ewp/>

Award: state-administered. Texas received over \$21 million in FY2016 to restore conditions from heavy rains and flooding in 2015.

National contact:

National Emergency Watershed Protection Program Manager

Phone: 202-690-0793

Texas contact:

Claude Ross, State Easement Program Manager

claudio.ross@tx.usda.gov

Phone: 254-742-9822

WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS (WFPO) PROGRAM

The Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO) Program provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribes (project sponsors) to plan and implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of:

- watershed protection
- flood mitigation
- water quality improvements
- soil erosion reduction
- rural, municipal and industrial water supply
- irrigation
- water management
- sediment control
- fish and wildlife enhancement
- hydropower

Under the Watershed Program NRCS cooperates with States and local agencies to carry out works of improvement for soil conservation and for other purposes including flood prevention; conservation, development, utilization and disposal of water; and conservation and proper utilization of land.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/wfpo/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

Contact:

Kevin Farmer
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kevin.farmer@wdc.usda.gov

WATERSHED SURVEYS AND PLANNING (WSP)

The purpose of the program is to assist Federal, State, and local agencies and tribal governments to protect watersheds from damage caused by erosion, floodwater, and sediment and to conserve and develop water and land resources. Resource concerns addressed by the program include water quality, opportunities for water conservation, wetland and water storage capacity, agricultural drought problems, rural development, municipal and industrial water needs, upstream flood damages, and water needs for fish, wildlife, and forest-based industries.

Types of surveys and plans include watershed plans, river basin surveys and studies, flood hazard analyses, and flood plain management assistance. The focus of these plans is to identify solutions that use land treatment and nonstructural measures to solve resource problems.

No funding has been authorized since 2008.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/wsp/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Watershed Rehabilitation Program helps project sponsors rehabilitate aging dams that are reaching the end of their 50-year design lives. This rehabilitation addresses critical public health and safety concerns. Since 1948, NRCS has assisted local sponsors in constructing more than 11,900 dams.

National website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/wr/>

Texas website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The RC&D Program was established in the Agriculture Act of 1962, with responsibility for the administration of the program placed within the Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Successive Farm Bills have provided for the further development of the program, including deepening the partnership between RC&D Councils and the NRCS.

RC&D Councils are 501(C)3 non-for-profit corporations. They are not governmental entities, so the typical policies and constraints of local, state, and federal government programs do not limit the types of issues they address or the means they use. Within their respective areas (typically covering 5-8 counties), RC&D Councils have a high degree of independence to carry out activities that will achieve their most important goals. RC&D Council volunteers are leaders and community stakeholders involved in multiple roles in local government, school boards, churches, and other civic activities. At RC&D Council meetings, they draw from their professional expertise and community connections to determine the needs of their RC&D Council areas, address those needs, and make their communities better places to live, work, and play. Nationwide, over 25,000 volunteers serve on local RC&D Councils.

Collaborators and financial supporters of the RC&D Council include: Ensave, International Code Council, USDA-National Resource Conservation Service, USDA-Forest Service, US Department of Homeland Security, and US Government Grant.

National Association of RC&D Areas: <http://narcadc.org/rcd-program.html>

Texas Association of RC&D Programs: <http://www.texasrcd.org/>

Department of Agriculture — Rural Development

COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential



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community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Eligible areas include rural cities, villages, townships, or towns with no more than 20,000 residents. Funding types include low-interest loans, grants, or a combination of the two. Grants are awarded on a need-basis, based on community size and median household income. Grant assistance share of total eligible project costs is limited depending on community size and median household income.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/tx>

Contact:

Texas USDA Rural Development State Office
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Temple, TX 76501
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Fax: (844) 496-8123

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANTS

This program provides funding to help non-profit housing and community development organizations support housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Funds may be used to improve housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Eligible areas include rural cities, villages, townships, or towns with no more than 20,000 residents. Funding types include low-interest loans, grants, or a combination of the two. Grants are awarded on a need-basis, based on community size and median household income. Grant assistance share of total eligible project costs is limited depending on community size and median household income.

100% matching is required.

Website: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/tx>

Amount: Minimum grant award is \$50,000; maximum grant award is \$250,000

Deadline: Applications are accepted year round.

Contact:

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Department of Agriculture — US Forest Service

COMMUNITY FOREST PROGRAM

The Community Forest Program (CFP) protects forests that are important for people and the places they call home. Community forests provide many benefits such as places to recreate and enjoy nature; they protect habitat, water quality and other environmental benefits, and they can provide economic benefits through timber resources. Community Forests have also long been sites for environmental and cultural education.

50% match is required.

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/cooperativeforestry/programs/loa/cfp.shtml>

Amount: Proposed Administration funding for community forest project is \$2 million for fiscal year 2017. Individual grant applications may not exceed \$400,000.

Deadline: January 13, 2017

Contact: http://www.fs.fed.us/cooperativeforestry/library/cfp_regional_contact.pdf

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URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM, COUNCIL & 10-YEAR ACTION PLAN

The Urban and Community Forestry program assists state forestry agencies, local and tribal governments, and private sector entities improve natural resource management of trees and forests in urban areas and community settings. The program encourages and facilitates the active involvement of volunteers in the management and protection of their community's natural resources. The program also analyzes, develops, disseminates, and demonstrates scientific information about protecting, managing, and maintaining community forest resources. States are encouraged to offer competitive grants that involve partnerships with local governments, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector for the purpose of establishing effective community forestry programs. Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf>

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) is a Congressionally designated advisory council to the Secretary of Agriculture on urban forestry and related issues. The 1990 Farm Bill created NUCFAC to bring together the wide variety of voices raised about a common concern: the present health and future preservation of America's urban forests. NUCFAC was founded to synthesize the full spectrum of views into a consistent vision, as a foundation for practical policy on urban forestry and related natural resources.

Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf/nucfac>

The Ten Year Urban Forestry Action Plan developed by and for the urban forestry community. The plan's purpose is to expand awareness of the benefits that our urban forests, including green infrastructure, provide to communities throughout the nation, and increase investments in these urban forest resources for the benefit of current and future generations. The plan provides specific goals, actions, and recommendations for improving the status of urban and community forestry for the United States and its territories. The plan also identifies research needs, messaging and communications needs, and innovative funding and collaborative opportunities for urban forestry initiatives. Notably, this plan also serves as a framework for funding and recommendation priorities developed by the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) for the U.S. Forest Service's National Urban and Community Forestry program and National Challenge Cost Share Grants. The urban forestry community, including the Forest Service and other applicable Federal agencies, are to use the Action Plan as a guide to implement and expand urban and community forestry for the next ten years.

Website: <http://urbanforestplan.org/>

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Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration

PLANNING PROGRAM AND LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Through its Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs, EDA assists eligible recipients in developing economic development plans and studies designed to build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of an area or region. The Planning program helps support organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of high-quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions. As part of this program, EDA supports Partnership Planning



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investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs), which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients' respective regions. The Local Technical Assistance program strengthens the capacity of local or State organizations, institutions of higher education, and other eligible recipients to undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility studies and impact analyses.

Website: <https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

Award: up to \$300,000

Deadline: Continuing basis

Contact:

EDA Headquarters
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PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

Website: <https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

Award: up to \$300,000

Deadline: Continuing basis

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Department of Health and Human Services — Administration for Children and Families

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services that aims to promote the economic and social well-being of children, families, individuals and communities with leadership and resources for compassionate, effective delivery of human services.

Announcements for funding opportunities can be found at: <https://ami.grantsolutions.gov/>

NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research (NCCOR) brings together four of the nation's leading research funders — the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) — to address the problem of childhood obesity in America. These leading national organizations: work in tandem to manage projects and reach common goals; coordinate funding to make the most of available resources; and share insights and expertise to strengthen research. NCCOR focuses on efforts that have the potential to benefit children, teens, and their families, and the communities in which they live.

NCCOR publishes the funding opportunities from the partners to fund a range of project types. Visit the following website for more information on the opportunities: <http://nccor.org/news/funding-opportunities/>

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) made available \$5.2 billion to States, Territories, and Tribes in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. CCDF is authorized by the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and Section 418 of the Social Security Act. CCDF assists low-income families in obtaining child care so they can work or attend training/ education. The program also improves the quality of child care, and promotes coordination among early childhood development and afterschool programs.

Initiatives of the CCDF include:

- Strengthening Family Child Care, a special initiative to strengthen family child care (FCC). The purpose of this initiative is to promote pathways and progressions to build the supply and stability of high quality FCC providers.
- Early Learning Initiative, which includes projects and grants that bring child care and early learning partners together at federal, state, and local levels for greater collaboration and more effective services throughout the country.
- Let's Move! Child Care promotes children's health by encouraging and supporting physical activity and healthier nutrition practices in early care and education settings.
- Emergency Preparedness, which addresses emergency preparation and response as it relates to the children in the event of a major disaster or emergency.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/child-care-and-development-fund>

Contact:

CCDF Grantee State and Territory Contacts

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Workforce Development Division
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Room 440-T
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Website: <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/childcare/ccinfo.html>

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HEAD START PROGRAM

The Office of Head Start (OHS) promotes the school readiness of young children from low-income families through local programs. Head Start and Early Head Start programs support the mental, social, and emotional development of children from birth to age 5.

Head Start grants are awarded directly to public or private non-profit organizations, including community-based and faith-based organizations, or for-profit agencies within a community that wish to compete for funds. The same categories of organizations are eligible to apply for Early Head Start, except that applicants need not be from the community they will be serving. Funding opportunities: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/funding>

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs>

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CCDF Grantee State and Territory Contacts

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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

The Office of Community Services (OCS) partners with states, communities and agencies to reduce the causes of poverty, increase opportunity and economic security of individuals and families and revitalize communities. The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/csbg>

Administered in Texas by: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs: www.tdhca.state.tx.us

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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Community Economic Development (CED) is a federal grant program funding Community Development Corporations that address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of sustainable business development and employment opportunities.

CED awards funds to private, non-profit organizations that are community development corporations (CDCs), including faith-based organizations, and Tribal and Alaskan Native organizations. CDCs must be governed by a three-party board of directors that includes residents of the community served, and local business and civic leaders. CDCs must have as their principle purpose planning, developing or managing low-income housing or community development projects.

CED programs also provide technical and financial assistance for economic development activities.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/ced>

Contact:

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SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS

Social Services Block Grants (SSBG) enables each state or territory to meet the needs of its residents through locally relevant social services. SSBGs support programs that allow communities to achieve or maintain economic self-sufficiency to prevent, reduce or eliminate dependency on social services. Each state administers the program locally, determining which services to provide and who is eligible to receive these services.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/ssbg>

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Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The activities of the Community Planning and Development Program build stronger and more resilient communities through an ongoing process of identifying and addressing needs, assets, and priority investments. Community development activities may support infrastructure, economic development projects, installation of public facilities, community centers, housing rehabilitation, public services, clearance/acquisition, microenterprise assistance, code enforcement, homeowner assistance and many other identified needs. Federal support for community development encourages systematic and sustained action by State, and local governments. The Office of Block Grant Assistance administers funds, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), allocated to State and local governments to address locally identified community development needs through the following programs (only showing those applicable in Texas):

- CDBG Entitlement Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.
- CDBG State Program allows States to award grants to smaller units of general local government that develop and preserve decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create and retain jobs.
- CDBG Program Colonias Set-Aside requires the border states of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas to set aside a percentage of their annual State CDBG allocations for use in the Colonia to help meet the needs of the Colonias residents in relationship to the need for potable water, adequate sewer systems, or decent, safe and sanitary housing.
- Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program is the loan guarantee provision of the CDBG Program and provides communities with a source of financing for economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects.
- CDBG Disaster Recovery Program provides flexible grants to help cities, counties, and States recover from Presidentially declared disasters, especially in low-income areas, subject to availability of supplemental appropriations.
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides grants to communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment to purchase and redevelop foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties.
- Brownfields Economic Development Initiative provides grants to assist cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled and underused industrial and commercial facilities where expansion and redevelopment is burdened by real or potential environmental contamination.

Each fiscal year (FY), HUD publishes a General Section that contains requirements for all of HUD's competitive grant programs. To be considered for funding, applications must meet all applicable requirements of the General Section and the requirements in the Program NOFA.

Website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa2017/gensec

To identify funding opportunities through HUD, visit the following website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Award: Varies

Deadline: Varies

Contact:

HOPE VI REVITALIZATION GRANTS

The specific elements of public housing transformation that have proven key to HOPE VI include: Changing the physical shape of public housing; establishing positive incentives for resident self—sufficiency and comprehensive services that empower residents; lessening concentrations of poverty by placing public housing in non—poverty neighborhoods and promoting mixed-income communities; and forging partnerships with other agencies, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private businesses to leverage support and resources. Only public housing authorities are eligible to apply for these funds, but park and recreation agencies can contract to develop recreation facilities at public housing sites and to provide community and supportive service programs for residents, including those relocated as a result of revitalization efforts. For more information, go to: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/hope6

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROGRAM

The HBCU Program helps HBCUs expand their role and effectiveness in helping their communities with neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development. HUD views HBCUs as key partners in rebuilding America's neighborhoods, and annually invites HBCUs to compete for funds to assist in revitalization efforts. This program awards grants to historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to address community development needs in their localities.

Website: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/programdescription/hbcu>

To identify funding opportunities through HUD, visit the following website: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Award: Closed

Deadline: Closed

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Department of the Interior — Fish and Wildlife Service

AQUATIC RESOURCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Aquatic Resource Education Program helps people understand, enjoy and conserve the aquatic natural resources of the nation. States have the option of using up to 15 percent of their annual Sport Fish Restoration apportionment for aquatic resource education programs and outreach and communications projects. The Sport Fish Restoration Program, created in 1950, provides funding for fish management, conservation, restoration, aquatic education, and boating access. The program is funded by a 10 percent Federal excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, lures, flies and artificial baits and a 3 percent tax on electronic fishing motors and sonar fish finders; duties on imported fishing tackle, pleasure boats and yachts; and a portion of the Federal fuel tax receipts from motorboats and small gasoline engines. The funds are apportioned annually to the states and territories by the Department of the Interior on the basis of formulas set forth in the Act. Apportionments are determined for each state by land area and number of fishing license owners. All funds are disseminated through State Fish and Wildlife Departments.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/grantprograms/AquaticEd/AE.htm>

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BOATING ACCESS PROGRAM

The Boating Access (BA) Program provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for projects that provide access to America's waterways by developing new access facilities or renovation and/or improvement of existing facilities.

Today more than 16.8 million boats use U.S. waterways. A large percentage of these are operated by anglers and recreational boaters.

The Boating Access Program is part of the Sport Fish Restoration Program. Spending for the BA is authorized in the Sport Fish Restoration Act.

The Sport Fish Restoration Act mandates each state, the District of Columbia and insular area to allocate at least 15 percent of their annual Sport Fish Restoration apportionment to boating access projects. The allocation is averaged over a five year period for each U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service region.

The funds apportioned annually are derived from excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest collected in the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. These funds are apportioned to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas based on a formula which includes land area, number of paid license holders, minimums and maximums.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/BoatAccess/BA.htm>

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BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

The Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG) provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas to construct, renovate, and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length, and to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the program. The BIG Program includes two funding tiers, Tier One (non-competitive) and Tier Two (nationally competitive). Under Tier One each state, the D.C. and insular area may receive funding for eligible projects up to \$200,000 annually. Tier Two funds are made available through a nationally competitive process. Tier Two proposals received are reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a national panel with the final decision for funding made by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The ranking criteria, eligible projects and regulations are listed in 50 CFR 86.

Funds for the BIG Program are provided annually from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The amount provided is 4% of the funds (split between the BIG and CVA programs) in the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund after deducting amounts for WSFR administration, the Multistate Conservation Grant Program, the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council and fisheries commissions.

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CLEAN VESSEL ACT GRANT PROGRAM

The Clean Vessel Act Grant Program (CVA) provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pump-out stations and waste reception facilities for recreational boaters and also for educational programs that inform boaters of the importance of proper disposal of their sewage.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/CVA/CVA.htm>
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COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) provides federal grant funds derived from federal offshore lease revenues to oil producing states for conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas including wetlands; mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with these objectives; implementation of a federally-approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan; and mitigation of the impact of outer Continental Shelf activities through funding of onshore infrastructure projects and public service needs.

Statewide CIAP plans that include proposed projects have been prepared by the affected states: Alabama, Alaska, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The federally approved CIAP plans have also been coordinated through a public review process.



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Federal grant funds must be used to directly benefit an authorized use to conserve, restore, enhance, and protect renewable natural resources. Non-federal matching funds are not required for approved grant projects associated with this federal grant program.

National website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/CIAP/CIAP.htm>

State website: <http://www.glo.texas.gov/coast/grant-projects/ciap/index.html>

Contact: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/ContactUs/ContactUs.htm>

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HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Hunter Education Program provides grant funds to the states and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for projects to provide instruction in firearm operations and safety, wildlife management, nature conservation, ethics, game laws, outdoor survival and wilderness first aid. Funds may also be used for the development and operations of archery and shooting range facilities.

The goal is to teach students to be safe, responsible, conservation-minded hunters. Most States require completion of a hunter education course prior to purchasing a hunting license.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/HunterEd/HE.htm>

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LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NON-TRIBAL PORTION) - OVERVIEW

The Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) provides federal grant funds to grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas to protect and restore habitats on private lands, to benefit Federally listed, proposed or candidate species or other species determined to be at-risk.

Grant funds must be used to establish or supplement State landowner incentive programs to benefit species identified in the State's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (State Wildlife Action Plan) or classified as Special Concern by the State, or Federally listed, proposed, or candidate species or other species determined to be at-risk. These grant funds may also be used to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration. More info...

The LIP Program includes two funding tiers, Tier One (non-competitive) and Tier Two (nationally competitive). Under Tier One each state may receive funding for eligible projects up to \$200,000 annually and the District of Columbia and insular areas up to \$75,000 annually. If there is adequate funding in the appropriation, WSFR will rank Tier Two grants and award grants through a national competition. The competition will be announced separately.

Website: https://www.fws.gov/southwest/federal_assistance/ri.html#contactfedaid

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MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM - OVERVIEW

The MSCGP provides funding for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA). These high priority projects address problems affecting states on a regional or national basis. Project types that are generally selected for funding are: biological research/training, species population status, outreach, data collection regarding hunter/angler participation, hunter/aquatic education, economic value of fishing/hunting, and regional or multistate habitat needs assessments.

The AFWA and the Division of Wildlife Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) work together to manage the MSCGP. The AFWA administers the grant application process, providing oversight, coordination, and guidance for the MSCGP while the WSFR awards and manages the grants.

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NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS GRANT PROGRAM

The National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants Program is authorized by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to grant funds to coastal states to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects. Participants in the program include state, county, and municipal governments as well as non-government partners.

Funds for the Coastal Wetlands Grant Program are provided annually from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) receives 18.5 percent of the funds in the Trust Fund after deducting amounts for WSFR administration, the Multistate Conservation Grant Program, the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council and fisheries commissions.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/CW/CW.htm>

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SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM

The Act, approved by Congress on August 9, 1950, provides funding for fish management, conservation, and restoration. The program is funded by a 10 percent Federal excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, lures, flies and artificial baits and a 3 percent tax on electronic fishing motors and sonar fish finders. The funds are apportioned annually to the states and territories (except Puerto Rico) by the Department of the interior on the basis of formulas set forth in the Act. Apportionments are determined for each state by land area and number of fishing license owners. All funds are disseminated through State Fish and Wildlife Departments.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/SFR/SFR.htm>

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STATE WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM

The State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program provides Federal grant funds to State fish and wildlife agencies for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished.



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Grant funds may be used to address a variety of conservation needs--such as research, fish and wildlife surveys, species restoration, habitat management, and monitoring—that are identified within a State's Wildlife Action Plan. These funds may also be used to update, revise, or modify a State's Plan.

Congress appropriates funds for the State Wildlife Grant Program on an annual basis. Funds are apportioned to States, commonwealths, and U.S. territories based on a formula that considers each State's population and total geographical area.

Grant funds are disbursed to States for approved grants at a maximum federal share of 75% for planning grants and 65% for Plan implementation grants. Congress also allocates a portion of appropriated funds to a competitive SWG subprogram. State Wildlife Grant funds administered by the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program provide a unique source of funding, helping States to focus on targeted species in a proactive fashion, to help identify and reverse species population declines before restoration becomes more difficult and costly.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/SWG/SWG.htm>

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WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROGRAM

Approved by Congress on September 2, 1937, the Act provides funding for the selection, restoration, rehabilitation and improvement of wildlife habitat, wildlife management research and the distribution of information produced by the projects. Congress amended the Act on October 23, 1970, to include funding for hunter training programs and the development, operation and maintenance of public target ranges. Funds are derived from an 11 percent Federal excise tax on handguns. Funds are also collected from a 12.4 percent tax on archery equipment. A certain amount of funds (section 4) must be used on hunter education before additional funds {section 10) can be attained. The section 10 funds can be used for additional hunter education programs or for wildlife restoration. These funds are apportioned each year to the states and territories (except Puerto Rico) by the Department of the Interior on the basis of formulas set forth in the Act. Apportionments are determined for each state by land area and number of hunting license owners.

Website: <https://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WR.htm>

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Department of the Interior — National Park Service

CHALLENGE COST SHARE PROGRAM

The Challenge Cost Share Program supports local projects that promote conservation and recreation, environmental stewardship, education, and engaging youth in the outdoors. Local project partners work with National Park Service (NPS) staff to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes. Applications are submitted by NPS staff in collaboration with project partners. This partnership challenge rewards those proposals that highlight long lasting benefits while developing new partnerships.

The program requires equal matching share. Cash, goods, or services from non-federal sources can be considered as a cost share. The maximum Challenge Cost Share project support is \$25,000. If selected our national partner, Outdoor Foundation, forms an agreement and provides project funds directly to the local partner. Applications are submitted by NPS staff in collaboration with project partners.

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/ccsp/>

Award: up to \$25,000 (FY2017)

Deadline: July 1, 2016 (FY2017)

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FEDERAL LANDS TO PARKS

The Federal Lands-to-Parks (FLP) enables states and local governments to establish park and recreation areas and adapt historic buildings for public uses. Through FLP, state and local agencies may acquire land and facilities once used for federal purposes at no cost to meet park and recreation needs.

Amount: N/A. Program based on existing inventory of federal lands and transferring it to state or local governments for park and recreation use.

Annual Deadline: As land becomes available, 25 days from the “notice of availability”

Information about the program is available at: <https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/flp/index.htm>

Contacts: https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/flp/flp_contact.html

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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund was enacted in 1964 (Public Law 88-578) to “create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities.” LWCF provides funding for: (1) land acquisition for federal land managing agencies; and (2) matching grants to state and local governments for planning (states only), acquisition and development of park and recreation areas and resource based facilities. Specifics for federal



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land acquisition projects are determined each fiscal year by Congress and the Administration. Of the amounts appropriated in any given fiscal year for each State and Territory is determined based on a formula set in the LWCF Act, and is subsequently approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The grantee assumes all operation and maintenance costs in perpetuity. In Texas, the LWCF allocation funds a number of grant programs available to local communities, including

Amount: In 2016, Texas was allocated a total of \$5,415,887. All state and local grants require at least a 50 percent match by the non-federal partner.

Annual Deadline: Varies depending on state grant program.

Information about the program is available at: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/stateside.htm>

Contacts: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/contact-list.htm>

RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

The RTCA program offers local groups staff assistance and consultations for locally-led conservation projects. Projects may include developing trails and greenways or protecting rivers and open space. Regional RTCA offices provide application information and assistance.

Amount: Funding or grants not offered.

Annual Deadline: June 30

Information about the program is available at: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>

Contact: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/contactus.htm>

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Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program
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URBAN PARKS & RECREATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) program was authorized in November 1978 by Public Law 95625,

providing direct federal matching assistance to cities and urban counties for rehabilitation of existing recreation facilities. The law encourages systematic local planning and commitment to continuing operation and maintenance of recreation programs, sites, and facilities. Project proposals are submitted to the appropriate National Park Service Regional Office by eligible local units of government (selected cities and urban counties). Grants are awarded on a nationally competitive basis with regional offices having the primary responsibility for monitoring progress and post-completion requirements.

Amount: Currently unfunded.

Information about the program: <https://www.nps.gov/uparr/>

Contact: <https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/uprr/contact.html>

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Midwest Region:

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Department of Transportation

TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated nearly \$4.6 billion for seven rounds of TIGER to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area. The eligibility requirements of TIGER allow project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs.

Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/tiger>

Deadline: 2016 grant deadlines have passed.

Contact:

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Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) was signed into law in December 2015, authorizing \$305 billion over fiscal years 2016 through 2020 for highway, highway and motor vehicle safety, public transportation, motor carrier safety, hazardous materials safety, rail, and research, technology, and statistics programs. Funds are apportioned to states to administer programs or further allocate funds.

ACCELERATED INNOVATION DEPLOYMENT (AID) DEMONSTRATION GRANT

The AID Demonstration program is one initiative under the multi-faceted Technology and Innovation Deployment Program (TIDP) approach providing funding and other resources to offset the risk of trying an innovation. The AID



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Demonstration program provides funding as an incentive for eligible entities to accelerate the implementation and adoption of innovation in highway transportation. The FAST Act authorized funding for the continuation of these programs and opportunities. Entities eligible to apply (Applicants) are State DOTs, Federal Land Management Agencies, and tribal governments. Metropolitan planning organizations and local governments may apply through the State DOT as a sub-recipient.

Website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/grants>

Amount: \$50,000 to \$1 million; Estimated Total Program Funding: \$50 million

Deadline: Sep 30, 2020; Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

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CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality improvement program (CMAQ) is to realign the focus of transportation planning toward a more inclusive, environmentally sensitive, and multi-modal approach. The CMAQ program provides funding for programs and projects in air quality non-attainment and maintenance for ozone, carbon monoxide (CO), and small particulate matter (PM-10), which reduces transportation related emissions. Grants are provided through a reimbursement process that varies state by state. Funds may be used for either the construction of bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways, or non-construction projects (such as maps, brochures, and public service announcements) related to safe bicycle use. In general, however, a sponsor would submit expenses to the state department of transportation, which would then reimburse at 80 percent of the project cost. The CMAQ Program was reauthorized for 2016 through 2020 through the FAST Act.

Amount: FAST Act provides for \$2.3 M to \$2.5 M in CMAQ funding each year from 2016 through 2020. It is estimated the State of Texas will receive an average of \$853 million in CMAQ funds annually.

Applications and information about CMAQ grants are available at: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/air_quality/cmaq/

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

The Recreational Trails Program, was reauthorized by the FAST Act, provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail users. Eligible project categories as defined in the act are: maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails; development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages; purchase and lease of recreational trail construction and maintenance equipment; construction of new recreational trails (with restrictions on new trails on Federal land); acquisition of easements or property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors; state administrative costs related to program administration (up to 7 percent of a state's funds); and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as these objectives relate to the use of recreational trails (up to 5 percent of a state's funds). Each state has its own procedures and timelines to solicit, select, and fund Recreational Trails projects.

In Texas, the Recreational Trails program is administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Amount: \$200,000 Requires 80/20 match

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Program website: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/

Website: <http://www.americantrails.org/ee/index.php/nationalrecreationtrails>

Texas website: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants>

Contact: For more information about project funding contact your State Trail Administrator. For a list of administrators go to: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/rtpstate.cfm

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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program is a Federal-Aid program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Program was created by Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act (SAFETEA-LU). The SRTS Program was funded at \$1.162 billion for Federal fiscal years (FY) 2005-2012 and is administered by State Departments of Transportation (DOTs).

The SRTS Program received dedicated funding through 2012. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) authorized the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), which replaced the funding from pre-MAP-21 programs including the Transportation Enhancement Activities, Recreational Trails Program, and Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). MAP-21 did not provide specific funding for SRTS, but SRTS projects are eligible for TAP funds and for Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. Under Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), the TAP program was rolled into the Surface Transportation Program.

Safe Routes to School initiatives may be eligible under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program or Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside.

Website: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/safe_routes_to_school/

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The FAST Act converted the Surface Transportation Program to a block grant program that folds in the Transportation Alternative Program. The program provides funding to states and localities for projects to preserve and improve the conditions and performance on any Federal-aid highway, bridge and tunnel projects on any public road, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and transit capital projects, including intercity bus terminals.

Amount: The FAST Act provides for an estimated average of \$4.796 million allocated to Texas for the STBG Program funding each year from 2016 through 2020

Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/stbgfs.cfm>

Contact: <https://www.transportation.gov/fastact/>



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Texas Office: Administered by TXDOT

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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES, STBG SET-ASIDE

The FAST Act amended the Surface Transportation Program to include a set aside for the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, which is replacing the MAP-21 Transportation Alternative Program. Similar to its predecessors, the Transportation Alternative Program and Transportation Enhancement Activities, the STBG Program, or TA Set-Aside, authorizes funding for The TA Set-Aside authorizes funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trail projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.

Amount: In Texas, The FAST Act provides for an estimated average of \$386 million set-aside from the STBG Program funding each year from 2016 through 2020

Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/transportationalternativesfs.cfm>

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Department of Transportation – Coast Guard

RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY

The RBS grant program provides funding to assist states with program administration, law enforcement and search and rescue capability, boater education, vessel numbering and titling systems, aids to navigation, and public boating access sites. Allowable uses of the RBS Program funds include a wide spectrum of activities that fall into six broad categories – program administration, law enforcement and search and rescue capability, boater education, vessel numbering and titling systems, aids to navigation, and public boating access sites. States with approved boating safety programs that meet the participation requirements are eligible.

Information about the program is available at: <http://www.uscgboating.org/grants/index.php>

Amount: In 2016, Texas received approximately \$3.8 million in state grant funding

Contact: <http://www.uscgboating.org/php-contact-form/contactC.php>

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Environmental Protection Agency

Every year, EPA awards over \$4 billion in funding for grants and other assistance agreements. From small non-profit organizations to large state governments, EPA works to help many visionary organizations achieve their environmental goals. With countless success stories over the years, EPA grants remain a chief tool in the advancement of human health and the environment.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/specific-epa-grant-programs>

AIR GRANTS & FUNDING

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to air quality, transportation, climate change, indoor air and other related topics.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding>

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BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANTS

Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. Under Brownfields Assessment Grants, EPA is seeking proposals for Assessment Grants only, to provide funds to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning (including cleanup planning) and community involvement related to brownfield sites.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy17-guidelines-brownfields-assessment-grants>

Award: varies \$200,000 to \$600,000, cost sharing not required, but encouraged

Deadline: December 20, 2016

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BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANTS

EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. Under the Brownfields Cleanup Grants, EPA is seeking proposals for Cleanup Grants only to provide funds to carry out cleanup activities at a specific brownfield site owned by the applicant.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy17-guidelines-brownfields-cleanup-grants>

Award: varies \$200,000; 20% cost share required.

Deadline: December 20, 2016

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BROWNFIELDS AREA-WIDE PLANNING GRANT

EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. Under the Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant, the EPA solicits proposals from eligible entities to conduct research and/or technical assistance activities that culminate in an area-wide plan for brownfields assessment, cleanup and subsequent reuse. Grant-funded activities must be directed to one or more catalyst, high priority brownfield site(s) located within a specific project area, such as a neighborhood, downtown, business or arts district, a local commercial or industrial corridor, a community waterfront, one or more city blocks, etc. Each recipient that receives a grant under this funding opportunity must develop an area-wide plan for the brownfield(s) within the project area, and include in that plan specific implementation strategies for assessing, cleaning up and reusing the brownfield(s) and related project area revitalization strategies.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy2017-brownfields-area-wide-planning-grant>

Award: varies \$200,000; cost sharing not required, but encouraged.

Deadline: FY2017 grant deadline has passed.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANTS PROGRAM

The EPA Environmental grant program supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to make informed and responsible decisions that affect environmental quality. The program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. Each year, EPA's Office of Environmental Education releases a solicitation notice in the Federal Register that provides instructions for obtaining a grant. Educational agencies at the state, local and tribal level, state environmental agencies, college and universities, not-for-profit organizations, and noncommercial educational broadcasting entities are eligible to apply. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Although government agencies cannot apply directly, they are encouraged to work with other entities on developing and implementing environmental education programs.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

Award: closed

Deadline: closed

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANTS

With these grants, the EPA aims to provide financial assistance to grassroots community—based groups to support projects to design, demonstrate or disseminate practices, methods or techniques related to environmental justice. Specifically, EPA will grant funding assistance to be used for: environmental justice education and awareness programs; environmental Justice Programs (for example, river monitoring and pollution prevention programs); technical assistance in gathering and interpreting existing environmental justice data; and technical assistance to access available public information. Community-based grassroots organizations, other incorporated nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Tribal Governments are eligible. Applications are usually due at the beginning of March each year. Awardees are notified in August of each year.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>

Award: closed

Deadline: closed



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Email: GAD_OGDWEB@epa.gov
Phone: (202) 564-5315

Region 6 Office:

Israel Anderson
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
Email: anderson.israel@epa.gov
Phone: 214-665-3138

MULTIPURPOSE GRANTS TO STATES AND TRIBES

For states and territories, this funding is available to support implementation of air and state-led climate activities and other state-defined high priority activities. Funding is also available to tribes that have obtained authorization to develop water quality standards.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/multipurpose-grants-states-and-tribes>

Award: closed

Deadline: closed

Contact:

National Office:

Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Grants and Debarment
Mail Code: 3901
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue,
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460
Email: GAD_OGDWEB@epa.gov
Phone: (202) 564-5315

Region 6 Office:

Environmental Protection
Fountain Place 12th Floor, Suite 1200
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
Phone: (214) 665-2200 or (800) 887-6063

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG) PROGRAM

This EPA program seeks to provide financial assistance to States, Local agencies, and Indian Tribes for chemical accident prevention activities that relate to the Risk Management Program under the Clean Air Act Section 112(r). Additionally, through this program the EPA provides financial assistance to Tribes for chemical emergency planning, and community right-to-know programs, which are established to prevent or eliminate unreasonable risk to the health and environment of communities within the State. Eligible applicants include States, Local agencies in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, US. Virgin Island, Northern Mariana Islands, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes. Recipients must match 25 percent of the grant funds (including in-kind services).

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-grant-tag-program>

Award: up to \$50,000, 20% match required

Deadline: closed

Contact: Region 6 Office:
Janetta Coats, Regional TAG Coordinator
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
Phone: (214) 665-7308
Email: coats.janetta@epa.gov

STATE FUNDING SOURCES

Texas Parks and Wildlife

BOAT SEWAGE PUMPOUT GRANTS

Federal funds through the Clean Vessel Act of 1992 allow private marinas and local governments to receive grants to install boat sewage pumpout stations in Texas. Pumpout Grants can constitute up to 75% of all approved project costs. These grants provide funds for the construction and/or renovation, operation and maintenance of pumpout and portable toilet dump stations.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boat-sewage-pumpout>

Award: Competitive

Deadline: Continuous

Contact:

Trey Cooksey, State Parks Trails Coordinator
Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept
4200 Smith School Road
Austin TX 78744-3291
Phone: 512-389-8743
Fax: 512-389-8242
Email: trey.cooksey@tpwd.state.tx.us

BOATING ACCESS GRANT

The Boating Access Grant Program provides 75% matching fund grant assistance to construct new, or renovate existing, public boat ramps that provide public access to public waters for recreational boating. The State Boating Access Program receives funding from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act. Funds for the federal program are derived from the federal gasoline tax generated by sales of gasoline for recreational motorboats and a federal excise tax on the sales of fishing tackle and trolling motors. Fifteen percent of the state's annual apportionment from this federal program must be used to provide public recreational boating access.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boating-access>

Award: \$500,000

Deadline: October 1, 2016

Contact:

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Email: trey.cooksey@tpwd.state.tx.us

COMMUNITY OUTDOOR OUTREACH PROGRAM (CO-OP) GRANT

The Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) grant provides funding to local governments and non-profit organizations for programming that introduces under-served populations to environmental and conservation programs as well as TPWD mission oriented outdoor activities.



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Grants are available to tax-exempt organizations and local governments introducing non-traditional constituents to TPWD related outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental education programs. The success of this program lies in the partnerships created between TPWD and grass-roots organizations who have already established a relationship with these identified targeted audiences; females, physically/mentally challenged, ethnic minorities, low income and youth.

CO-OP provides grants to tax-exempt organizations ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. This is a reimbursement grant program. Recipients must purchase eligible items and submit proper documentation before being reimbursed. Eligible organizations can apply to use these funds for programming expenses such as equipment, leasing transportation, staff, liability insurance, food, program materials, etc.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/community-outdoor-outreach-program-co-op-grants>

Award: \$50,000

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Contact:

Cappy Smith, Program Manager

Phone: (512) 389-8254

Email: cappy.smith@tpwd.texas.gov

LOCAL PARKS GRANT

The Local Park Grant Program consists of 5 individual programs that assist local units of government with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout the State of Texas. The Program provides 50% matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants. All grant assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public.

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Eligible applicants include political subdivisions of the State of Texas legally responsible for providing public recreation services to their citizens. This includes cities, counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts, and other special districts.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants>

Award: Varies

Deadline: October 1, 2016

Contact:

Dana Lagarde, Program Manager

Phone: (512) 389-8175

Email: dana.lagarde@tpwd.texas.gov

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

TPWD administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. The grants can be up to 80% of project cost with a maximum of \$200,000 for non-motorized trail grants and currently there is not a maximum amount for motorized trail grants (call 512-538-4427 for motorized trail grant funding availability). Funds can be spent on both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors.

Website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants>

Award: \$200,000

Deadline: February 1, 2017

Contact:

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Texas Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Division

SPECIAL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

The Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Division administers 12 federal child and special nutrition programs for the State of Texas. TDA supports providers of nutrition assistance by helping ensure accountability and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars to nourish Texans in need. These nutrition programs exemplify "eating right" for Texans of every age and background and help them build a bridge to success. Everyone plays a role in teaching children the 3E's of Healthy Living - Education, Exercise and Eating Right.

Financial grants from organizations may help advance nutrition efforts in our schools and communities. On this page you will find descriptions of specific grants with upcoming deadlines, as well as a list of organizations that make grants on an ongoing basis to support local nutrition, fitness, health, education, and community initiatives.

Program Website: <http://www.squaremeals.org/Programs.aspx>

Grant opportunities: <http://www.squaremeals.org/FandNResources/FundingGrants.aspx>

Contact:

Texas Department of Agriculture
Mail: P.O. Box 12847
Austin, Texas 78711-2847
Physical: 1700 North Congress Avenue, 10th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701
Phone: (877) TEX MEAL (839-6325)
Fax: (888) 203-6593
Email: squaremeals@texasagriculture.gov

Texas Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS (CIG)

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) are competitive grants that stimulate the development and adoption of innovative approaches and technologies for conservation on agricultural lands. CIG uses Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or nongovernmental organizations, American Indian Tribes, or individuals. Producers involved in CIG funded projects must be EQIP eligible.

Through CIG, NRCS partners with public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adopt promising technologies. These new technologies and approaches address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resources concerns. CIG benefits agricultural producers by providing more options for environmental enhancement and compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations.

States can also award project that benefit a limited geographical area. Participating states will announce their funding availability for CIG competitions through their state NRCS offices.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/cig/>

Amount: Total program funding averages \$20 million per year.



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CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) offers assistance to land owners who are already implementing conservation practices to enhance those practices. For example, if you have been practicing prescribed grazing, CSP would give you options to enhance that practice with activities such as grazing management to improve plants for wildlife, or grazing management to reduce soil compaction, or grazing management to improve riparian function, just to name a few.

With enrollment in CSP, the local NRCS conservation planner will have a one-on-one consultation with the property owner(s) to evaluate your current management system and the natural resources on your land. The NRCS conservation planner will present a variety of CSP enhancement alternatives for implementation on the land, based on existing conservation practices. CSP offers annual incentive payments for installing these enhancement practices.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/csp/>

Award: varies based on implementation of conservation practices

Deadline: Applications are accepted throughout the year. Specific deadlines are set for ranking and funding opportunities. The next application deadline for funding consideration is February 3, 2017.

Texas Office:

Texas State Office

101 S Main St.

Temple, TX 76501-7602

Phone: (254) 742-9800

Fax: (254) 742-9819

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/tx/home/>

Mark Habiger, Assistant State Conservationist-Programs

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Troy Daniell, Financial Program Manager

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Email: Troy.daniell@tx.usda.gov

Local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office Locations: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/local/>

EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) is designed to help people and conserve natural resources by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural occurrences. EWP is an emergency recovery program. All projects undertaken, with the exception of the purchase of floodplain easements, must have a project sponsor.

NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the construction cost of emergency measures. The remaining 25 percent must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services. Funding is subject to Congressional approval.

City and county governments, flood and water control districts, and soil and water conservation districts are the most common sponsors of EWP projects. Activities include providing financial and technical assistance to:

- remove debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges,
- reshape and protect eroded banks,
- correct damaged drainage facilities,
- establish cover on critically eroding lands,
- repair levees and structures, and

- repair conservation practices.

NRCS may purchase EWP easements “in lieu of recovery” on any floodplain lands that have been impaired within the last 12 months or that have a history of repeated flooding (i.e., flooded at least two times during the past 10 years). If it is more cost effective, EWP-Floodplain Easement (FPE) can be used as an alternative to EWP. See the comparison of EWP and EWP-FPE.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/ewp/>

Award: state-administered. Texas received over \$21 million in FY2016 to restore conditions from heavy rains and flooding in 2015.

Contact:

National office:

National Emergency Watershed Protection Program Manager

Phone: 202-690-0793

Texas office:

Claude Ross, State Easement Program Manager

Email: claudio.ross@tx.usda.gov

Phone: 254-742-9822

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, reduced soil erosion and sedimentation or improved or created wildlife habitat.

Eligible program participants receive financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices, or activities like conservation planning, that address natural resource concerns on their land. Payments are made to participants after conservation practices and activities identified in an EQIP plan of operations are implemented. Contracts can last up to ten years.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/tx/programs/financial/eqip/>

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PRIVATE FUNDING SOURCES

ADVOCACY ADVANCE, RAPID RESPONSE GRANTS

Advocacy Advance is a dynamic partnership of the Alliance for Biking & Walking and the League of American Bicyclists to boost local and state bicycle and pedestrian advocacy efforts. With support from SRAM Cycling Fund,



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the Every Body Walk Collaborative, REI, and New Belgium Brewing, Advocacy Advance provides targeted trainings, reports, grants and assistance to equip advocates with the specific tools they need to increase biking and walking in their communities.

Rapid Response Grants help state and local organizations take advantage of unexpected opportunities to win, increase, or preserve funding for biking and walking. Applications are not currently being accepted for Rapid Response Grants.

BIG Idea Grants are available to organizations that are pushing forward on some of the most important areas of bicycling and walking advocacy in the areas of equity; safety / Vision Zero; health / walking; and innovative local or state funding campaigns. "Big Idea" Grants are intended to help with unforeseen opportunities, short-term campaigns or to push campaigns into the end zone to win funding for biking and walking infrastructure and programs.

Website: <http://www.advocacyadvance.org/grants>

***Note:** Web and social media activity has been silent since 2014/2015.

AEGON TRANSAMERICA FOUNDATION

Aegon Transamerica Foundation grant dollars go to non-profit organizations in the following categories:

- **Arts & Culture:** Programs that foster creativity in the areas of music and the performing arts, including venues for artistic expression.
- **Civic & Community:** Programs that strive to promote community development, encourage civic leadership, and enhance work and business opportunities.
- **Education & Literacy:** Programs with a mission to provide knowledge and to expand individuals' capabilities, especially in the areas of financial literacy.
- **Health & Welfare:** Programs committed to improving the condition of the human body through nutrition, housing for the homeless, disease prevention and more.
- **United Way:** In addition to leading an annual campaign, employees' contributions are matched by at least 50%.

Grant requests are considered if they relate to the Aegon Transamerica Foundation's key focus areas and mission, and are designated for a community where there is a significant company and employee presence. In Texas, Transamerica is located in Plano, Texas.

Website: <https://www.transamerica.com/individual/about-us/who-we-are/aegon-transamerica-foundation/>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Applications for Foundation grants are reviewed upon receipt by local committee representatives. The timing of responses will vary by location.

Contact:

Gregory Tucker

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Margaret Sherry,

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2700 West Plano Parkway

Plano, TX 75075

Phone: (972) 881-6000

AETNA FOUNDATION, GOLOCAL: CULTIVATING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The Aetna Foundation is dedicated to improving health in local communities and large populations alike. How do we make it happen? Through community-based programs, dynamic partnerships and proven models that can help people accelerate progress everywhere. Through its GoLocal: Cultivating Healthier Communities program, Aetna Foundation supports local non-profit groups that advance healthy eating and active living in their communities.

Website: <https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/grants.html>

Timeframe: In 2016, grant RFPs closed on April 15, 2016. Information for the 2017 cycle is not available.

ALLEN FOUNDATION

Grants are limited under the terms of the foundation's charter to projects that primarily benefit programs for human nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research. Preferences are given to proposals that train children and young adults to improve their health and development so they can form good nutritional habits at an early age. Proposals will need to contain a nutritional focus.

Website: <https://www.allenfoundation.org/commoninfo/aboutus.asp>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Rolling. Deadline is December 31st. Applications received after this date will be considered for the following year.

ALLSTATE FOUNDATION

The Allstate Foundation supports organizations dedicated to addressing two issues: Domestic Violence and Youth Empowerment. Applications for grants are by invitation only.

Website: https://www.allstatefoundation.org/foundation_overview.html

Contact: grants@allstate.com

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY, SHADE STRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

The AAD Shade Structure Grant Program awards grants of up to \$8,000 to public schools and non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools or recreation spaces. In addition to the grant, the AAD also provides a permanent sign for display near the shade structure.

Website: <https://www.aad.org/ssp/>

Award: Up to \$8,000

Timeframe: The application process runs from September through November, with winners announced in February. The 2016 deadline is November 28, 2016.

Contact: ShadeStructure@aad.org

BANK OF AMERICA FOUNDATION

Bank of America Foundation helps improve communities by addressing issues fundamental to economic health and sustainability. We address needs related to workforce development and education, community development, and basic needs.

Website: <http://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/global-impact/charitable-foundation-funding.html>

Amount: Varies

Timeframe: The Foundation issues RFPs at various points throughout the year: Check funding opportunities on website

Contact: Foundation@bankofamerica.com

BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION GRAND CHALLENGES

The Grand Challenges family of initiatives fosters innovation to solve key health and development problems. See below for Grand Challenges grant opportunities with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as sole or contributing funder. Grant opportunities have defined issues or activities to address.

Website: <http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/about>

Opportunities: <http://gcgh.grandchallenges.org/challenges>

Contact: grandchallenges@gatesfoundation.org



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BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY FAMILIES INITIATIVE

Healthy Kids, Healthy Families (HKHF) began in 2011 as a three-year initiative designed to improve the health and wellness of at least one million children through community investments. We extended the program, making HKHF part of our ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of the children and families across Texas. To date, we've helped nearly three million children.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas Healthy Kids, Healthy Families initiative invests and partners with nonprofit organizations that offer sustainable, measurable programs. The programs must address health and wellness in the following areas:

- Nutrition
- Physical activity
- Disease prevention and management
- Supporting safe environments

In addition to aligning with one or more of our four areas of focus, the following criteria are required for review of all grant proposals:

- The organization must hold a 501(c)(3) tax status
- The grant must primarily target individuals in Texas
- The program must be measurable and demonstrate how the goals will be met as defined in the grant proposal

Website: <http://www.bcbstx.com/company-info/community-involvement/healthy-kids-healthy-families>

Award: up to \$250,000

Timeframe: Grant applications accepted from March 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017

Contact: healthykidshealthyfamilies@hcsc.net

BNSF RAILWAY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the communities they serve and in which their employees live, work, and volunteer. Generally, the foundation will consider grant requests that clearly fall within one or more of the following categories:

- Civic services including organizations which are concerned with the environment, as well as local community issues such as crime prevention, parks and recreation, diversity and community development.
- Cultural organizations that include performing, visual, and fine arts, museums and other related activities that offer opportunities for underserved children to experience cultural learning events, or preserve their cultural heritage.
- Educational institutions, both public and private, primarily at the college level. Grants of an exceptional nature may be made to vocational and non-college schools. Preferably, contributions will be directed toward the improvement of the quality of education. Ordinarily, grants will not be made to finance the expansion of a student body or the payment of scholarships (BNSF's scholarship programs, as well as the Employee Matching Gift Program, are governed by separate policies.)
- Health and Human Service organizations such as YMCA/YWCA, programs that address chemical dependency treatment and prevention, spouse and child abuse, women's and children's aid and transitional shelters. This category also includes hospitals and medical programs.
- Youth organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs, Camp Fire, Scouts, Junior Achievement and similar groups.
- Federated organizations such as United Way and American Red Cross.
- A federally recognized tribal government, listed in the Federal Register by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Website: <http://www.bnsffoundation.org/>

Timeframe: Applications accepted continuously

Contact:

Manager BNSF Railway Foundation
BNSF Railway Foundation
2500 Lou Menk Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76131-2830
BNSFFoundation@bnsf.com

BUILD-A-BEAR FOUNDATION GRANT

The Build-A-Bear Foundation mission is to add a little more to life by providing opportunities for children of all ages to better their communities and share their heart with others.

Website: <http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/workshop/Charitable%20Donations/3100023/10500018>

Timeframe: The 2016 application period is closed.

CHRISTOPHER AND DANA REEVE FOUNDATION, QUALITY OF LIFE GRANT

The Reeve Foundation Quality of Life Grants Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations that serve the disability community. Grants are awarded to organizations that address the needs of people living with paralysis caused by spinal cord and other injuries, diseases or birth conditions, including (but not limited to) stroke, spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Website: <https://www.christopherreeve.org/get-support/grants-for-non-profits/program-overview>

Award: Up to \$25,000

Timeframe: There are two application cycles each year. In 2016, the first cycle opened January 11 and closed February 16; the second cycle opened July 1 and closed August 15. Applications will open again in January 2017.

Contact:

Email: QoL@christopherreeve.org
Phone: 1-800-539-7309

CVS CAREMARK COMMUNITY GRANT

These grants provide funds to aid health-focused nonprofit organizations in their mission. Organizations must be invited to participate in the grant process, and are required to provide services in at least one of the following areas:

- Access to health care for underserved populations
- Chronic disease management programs
- Tobacco cessation and prevention services

Application for a Community Grant is by invitation only. For information about other giving programs, please contact the Community Relations team.

Contact:

Jennifer Leigh
Email: Jennifer.Leigh@cvshealth.com
Phone: 401-770-2935

DAVID & LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has worked with partners around the world to improve the lives of children, families, and communities, and to restore and protect the planet. Applicable programs funded by the Packard Foundation include:

- The Conservation and Science Program invests in action and ideas that conserve and restore ecosystems while enhancing human well-being.
- The Children, Families, and Communities Program strives to ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.



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Website: <https://www.packard.org/what-we-fund/>

Award: varies

Timeframe:

Contact: Online form - <https://www.packard.org/contact-us/>

343 Second Street

Los Altos, CA 94022 USA

Phone: +1 (650) 948-7658

ESPING FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT

The Esping Family Foundation exists to help people and institutions of Dallas, Texas, specifically Dallas County to help themselves and future generations. Under the terms of its charter, the Foundation can distribute grants only to qualified public entities or 501(c)(3) charities serving the people of Texas. Grants are made in four categories:

- Education
- Human Services
- Health
- Arts and Culture

Website: <http://www.espingfamilyfoundation.org/grant-guidelines/>

Award:

Timeframe: There are two grant cycles each year:

-Spring Grant Cycle: You begin the grant application process by completing a Letter of Inquiry(LOI) which is due on or before February 15 each Spring. You will be notified on or before March 1st if you have been selected to proceed to the second phase of the grant process. Grant requests are due April 1st.

-Fall Grant Cycle: You begin the grant application process by completing a Letter of Inquiry(LOI) which is due on or before July 15 each Summer. You will hear on or before September 1st if you have been selected to proceed to the second phase of the grant process. Grant requests are due October 1st.

Contact:

Heather Esping, President

Esping Family Foundation

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Dallas, TX 75201

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Fax: 214.849.9807

Email: hesping@espingfamilyfoundation.org

Jenny Kirtland, Vice-President

Email: jkirtland@espingfamilyfoundation.org

FINISH LINE YOUTH FOUNDATION

The Youth Foundation is a philanthropic outlet for Finish Line to make a difference in the lives of youth in the communities it serves. Through the years, the Youth Foundation has fine-tuned its mission and grown its philanthropic presence including its grant giving capacity.

To date, the Youth Foundation has awarded more than \$14.5 million in funding to support youth and Special Olympics athletes across the country. The generosity of our customers who donate online and in-store is what enables Finish Line to continually make an impact in the communities where our employees live, work and play.

FL Youth Foundation offers grants in three categories:

- Programmatic Grant: Up to \$5,000 to fund opportunities for kids to participate in community-based youth athletic programs and camps that emphasize active lifestyles, especially programs that serve disadvantaged and special needs kids.
- Legacy Grant: \$10,000 to \$75,000 to fund new facilities improvements and/or renovations to existing buildings, grounds,

and property.

- Founder's Grant: \$5,000 to \$25,000 to fund emergency needs that would somehow be keeping the organization from providing current services, such as natural disasters or other unforeseen fiscal circumstances.

Website: <http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate/youthFoundation.jsp>

Award: varies

Timeframe: There are four grant submission cycles through the year, accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis.

FUEL UP TO PLAY 60

Fuel Up to Play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by National Dairy Council and NFL, in collaboration with the USDA, to help encourage today's youth to lead healthier lives.

Up to \$4,000 per year is available to qualified K-12 schools enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60 to jumpstart healthy changes.

Website: <https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/>

Award: Up to \$4,000

Timeframe: November 2, 2016

Contact: Online contact form - <https://www.fueluptoplay60.com/about/contact-us>

GENERAL MILLS FOUNDATION GRANTS

General Mills Foundation philanthropy focuses on:

- Increasing community food security worldwide.
- Advancing the sustainability of agriculture.
- Protecting the natural resources upon which food and people depend.

GM partners with employees to strengthen our hometown communities worldwide through volunteerism and grant-making addressing local community needs.

Website: <https://www.generalmills.com/en/Responsibility/general-mills-foundation/grants>

GO! GRANT

GO! Grants are \$1,000 to \$5,000 grants to elementary schools to spark and sustain physical activity programs that take place before, during or after the school day. The funds may be used for equipment, facilities, professional development for adults and programs that increase students' physical activity to the recommended 60 minutes or more per day. Grants are available in all states and the District of Columbia.

PHIT America GO! Grants have been awarded to almost 300 schools getting children 5-12 years old physically active and healthier. GO! Grants help get children active for the first time or increase their physical activity & fitness level. Leading brands like Nike, adidas, Brooks, ETS, Life Fitness, Wilson, Mizuno, the USTA and many more are investing in the GO! Grants programs.

GO! Grant programs are implemented by three-year partner, KIDS in the GAME, which excels in managing programs which get more kids off the couch and physically active. This program is the ideal way to fight the 'Inactivity Pandemic' which is creating health issues for our children.

Website: <https://www.kidsinthegame.org/go-grant-school-activity-grants/>

Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000

Timeframe: 2016-2017 deadline has ended

Contact:

875 SE 3rd Street

Suite #240, Bend, OR 97702

Phone: 541-508-3966

Fax: 541-639-3645



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Email: info@kidsinthegame.org

HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION, COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

Grants up to \$5,000 are available to IRS-registered 501c designated organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

The primary goal is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities to support the renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other similar facilities.

Website: <https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

Amount: up to \$5,000

Timeframe: Rolling deadline. Will receive decision 6 weeks after submission. Last day to submit applications in 2016 is December 31, 2016.

Contact: small_grants@homedepot.com

HOUSTON ENDOWMENT

Houston Endowment works to help create a vibrant community where all people have the opportunity to thrive.

Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones established Houston Endowment in 1937 to improve life for the people of greater Houston. Since its creation the Foundation has focused on our community's most compelling needs.

Today, the Foundation's mission encompasses two overarching and interconnected areas:

- Enhancing the vibrancy of greater Houston
- Advancing equity of opportunity for the people who live here

Houston Endowment invests in sound organizations, proven programs and innovative approaches that align with our mission and vision. Houston Endowment accepts applications from eligible organizations through five programs: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Human Services.

Houston Endowment makes six general types of investments. Most commonly, applications to the Foundation are for General Operating Support or toward Project Support for a specific project or onetime event. Houston Endowment also considers grants toward Capital Improvement, Building Capacity, Public Policy and Engagement, and Research. Applying organizations will need to select the application that fits the type of grant they seek.

Website: <http://www.houstonendowment.org/GrantGuidelines/Overview.aspx>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Houston Endowment accepts applications throughout the year and has no designated deadlines for the submission of requests.

Contact:

Houston Endowment
600 Travis, Suite 6400
Houston, TX 77002-3000

Phone: 713-238-8100

Fax: 713-238-8101

Email: info@houstonendowment.org

KERR FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Kerr Foundation, Inc. supports 501(c)3 organizations, programs and institutions that provide new or enhanced opportunities in the areas of education, health, cultural development and community service. Preference is given to Oklahoma organizations and institutions, although they recognize that such located outside the state and region can also have a beneficial impact on the economic, social and cultural growth and development of Oklahoma. Grant requests are limited to the following states: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, and

Texas.

Website: <http://www.thekerrfoundation.org/guidelines.php>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Friday, January 13, 2017 - Grant Applications Due for consideration at the March 2017 trustee meeting

Contact:

The Kerr Foundation. Inc.
12501 North May Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73120
Phone: (405) 749.7991
Fax: (405) 749.2877

LOCKHEED MARTIN COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Lockheed Martin is committed to a program of philanthropy that supports the Corporation's strategic business goals and invests in the quality of life in the communities where Lockheed Martin employees work and live.

In general, philanthropic contributions to national initiatives and organizations are made from corporate headquarters and contributions to local programs are made by Lockheed Martin sites close to the program.

Website: <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/philanthropy.html>

Amount: varies

Timeframe: Applications are accepted year-round. Evaluations are typically performed quarterly. Some grant applications may not be able to be considered until the next year's budget cycle, particularly those received in the second half of the year.

Contact: Community Relations - community.relations@lmco.com

L.L. BEAN COMMUNITY CHARITABLE GIVING

The L.L. Bean Community Charitable Giving program focuses giving on national and local outdoor conservation and recreation organizations. L.L.Bean has given more than \$14 million to local, state, regional and national conservation organizations in the last ten years. Grants are made only to qualified, federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

Grants are made in these four categories:

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation: Primary activities include the maintenance and protection of our natural resources; efforts to engage more young people in activities that are relevant to our product line, such as camping, hiking, cycling, canoeing, kayaking, fly fishing, hunting, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing; and programs that have proximity to L.L.Bean Retail Stores. Some of our recipients include the National Park Foundation, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, The Student Conservation Association, The Nature Conservancy, Maine Audubon, Trout Unlimited and National Wild Turkey Federation. For a more comprehensive list, [click here](#).

Health and Human Services: L.L.Bean has donated over \$6 million to health and human service organizations in the past ten years, primarily through the United Way in communities where we have a physical presence. These donations reflect our confidence in the United Way allocation process and our belief in supporting the physical and emotional well-being of our employees, their families and our neighbors. Because of our significant leadership gifts in this area, we are not accepting requests from health and human service organizations at this time.

Education (*only available in Maine): L.L.Bean has contributed over \$4 million to statewide initiatives in Maine such as Junior Achievement and Jobs for Maine's Graduates, as well as local education partnerships. Our support is limited to the following Maine school systems: Freeport, Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick and Bangor. We do not fund education initiatives outside of Maine.

Culture and the Arts (*only available in Maine): We support organizations that enrich the cultural development of our local Maine communities, including the Portland Museum of Art, Maine State Music Theatre and the American Folk Festival in Bangor. We only offer support to arts organizations in Freeport, Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick and Bangor, Maine.



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Website: http://www.llbean.com/customerService/aboutLLBean/charitable_giving.html

Amount: varies

Timeframe: Ongoing.

Contact: donationrequest@llbean.com

LOWE'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS GRANT

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation funds nonprofit organizations and public agencies that support our charitable goals. The foundation's primary philanthropic focus centers on K-12 public education and community improvement. Within these areas, Lowe's Foundation is committed to supporting projects that have the greatest impact on our communities and align with their core business.

Lowe's Community Partners grant program helps build better communities by providing monetary assistance to nonprofit organizations and municipalities looking for support of high-need projects such as: building renovations/upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades as well as safety improvements.

Website: https://www.lowes.com/cd_Corporate+Citizenship_674540029_

Website: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/serving-communities/>

Grant applications: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Amount: \$2,000 to \$100,000

Timeframe: There are two grant application cycles a year:

Spring Cycle: March 19, 2017 – May 11, 2017

Fall Cycle: July 2, 2017 – August 24, 2017

Contact:

Community Relations

Phone: 704-758-2917

Email: Community@Lowe.com

LOWE'S SMALL GRANTS

The small grants program is an outlet for organizations seeking smaller-scale assistance for non-educational focused projects. These grants range from \$100 to \$2,000. Small grant project requests must also fit within the Giving Guidelines. These requests are received on a rolling basis, with no specific cycle dates.

Website: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/serving-communities/>

Grant applications: <https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Amount: \$100 to \$2,000, distributed as a Lowe's gift card.

Timeframe: Continuous

Contact:

Community Relations

Phone: 704-758-2917

Email: Community@Lowe.com

LOWE'S TOOLBOX FOR EDUCATION GRANT

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation funds nonprofit organizations and public agencies that support our charitable goals. The foundation's primary philanthropic focus centers on K-12 public education and community improvement. Within these areas, Lowe's Foundation is committed to supporting projects that have the greatest impact on our communities and align with their core business.

The Lowe's Toolbox for Education program is designed to help build better schools and communities by offering schools the opportunity to apply for a grant between \$2,000 and \$5,000. Playground projects are eligible under the grant program. Schools can use funding to build a new playground or refurbish old equipment. The Toolbox for Education program also allows for schools to pad the ground with wood chips or rubber matting to make playgrounds safe. In addition, schools may use funding to enhance a playground with handicapped—accessible configurations and build pathways for wheelchair accessibility.

Website: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/index.html>; <https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Amount: \$2,000 to \$5,000

Timeframe: There are two grant application cycles a year:

Spring Cycle: December 18, 2016 – February 9, 2017

Fall Cycle: August 6, 2017 – September 28, 2017

Contact:

Community Relations

Phone: 704-758-2917

Email: Community@Lowes.com

Email: info@toolboxforeducation.com

MATTEL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

The Mattel Children's Foundation focuses its strategic grant making on one major objective: Improving the lives of children in need. The Mattel Children's Foundation has developed partnerships with exemplary nonprofit partners that demonstrate this ideal through both compassionate outreach to children and strong financial accountability.

The foundation is driven by the belief that play is essential for all children because it is fundamental to development and learning but millions of children lack access to play. Currently, the foundation is dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations around the world that make a meaningful difference in the lives of children, and with an emphasis on programs that support or enhance the opportunity for children to play.

Not accepting unsolicited applications at this time.

Website: <http://philanthropy.mattel.com/focus#time>

METLIFE FOUNDATION

MetLife Foundation has committed \$200 million over five years to help low-income individuals and families get access to safe and affordable financial products and services. MetLife Foundation works in both developing and developed economies to expand and improve financial services. We fund approaches that help low- and moderate-income people:

- improve basic cash flow management
- prepare for life's inevitable challenges
- take advantage of opportunities
- achieve their short- and long- term goals

In addition, MetLife sponsors initiatives in other philanthropic areas, expanding beyond the financial health of communities to support for medical research, arts and cultural institutions, disaster relief, and civic initiatives.

Website: https://www.metlife.com/about/corporate-responsibility/metlife-foundation/index.html?WT.ac=GN_about_corporate-responsibility_metlife-foundation

Contact: metlifefoundation@metlife.com

CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION

The Mott Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are working to strengthen our hometown of Flint and communities around world. The foundation seeks to fulfill its mission of supporting efforts that promote a just, equitable, and sustainable society through these four programs:

Civil Society: efforts to increase civic engagement, encourage charitable giving and help communities make positive change.

Education: efforts to expand learning opportunities and supports for children, particularly those from low- and moderate-income communities.

Environment: programs around the world that protect communities and the ecosystems upon which they depend.



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Flint Area: efforts to help our hometown of Flint solve problems, create opportunities and build a vibrant future for the community and its residents.

Funding for unsolicited requests is very limited. Interested entities wanting to submit an idea for funding should first complete a letter of inquiry (LOI) form. Your LOI will help our program staff determine the relevance of proposed project and offer advice on whether to submit a full proposal.

Website: <https://www.mott.org/>

Contact:

Office of Proposal Entry
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Mott Foundation Building
503 S. Saginaw Street, Suite 1200
Flint, MI 48502-1851
U.S.A.

MUSCLE MILK RECOVERY GRANT

The MUSCLE MILK® team awards grants to revitalize high school athletic departments around the country that demonstrate a financial need. The Muscle Milk Recovery Grant™ program helps athletic programs solve immediate needs like purchasing new uniforms, replacing broken equipment or restoring facilities in disrepair.

CytoSport, Inc. ("Sponsor") believes strongly that sports and exercise are essential to the health, well-being and happiness of children and adults of all ages. As a result, we want to give back to our audience by providing grant money to worthy school or community programs that have a specific need for resources to improve athletic opportunities for kids and young adults. To facilitate this goal, we developed the Muscle Milk® Brand Recovery Grant Program ("Grant Program"), which will provide a series of grants to deserving programs at least four times a year, and maybe more. Each grant will represent a self-contained giveaway with an entry period as defined below.

Website: <http://www.musclemlkrecoverygrant.com/>

Award: varies

Timeframe: Ongoing. In 2016, three grant periods, ending on (i) September 15, 2016; (ii) October 31, 2016; and (iii) December 31, 2016.

Contact: Mail:

1340 Treat Blvd. Suite 350
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Phone: 1-888-298-6629

NATIONAL SWIMMING POOL FOUNDATION GRANTS

The National Swimming Pool Foundation® is a non-profit foundation whose mission is to encourage healthier living by increasing aquatic activity through education and research. The National Swimming Pool Foundation has established the NSPF Fellowship Program to encourage and support graduate students and post-doctoral fellows who focus research in two areas associated with aquatic venues that are treated to maintain a sanitary condition (e.g. swimming pools, spas/hot tubs, therapy pools, water parks, etc.):

- Research to reduce the risk to people associated with - but not limited to - physical facility design, exposure to chemical or pathogenic contaminants, air quality, drowning, or entrapment, etc.

- Research to investigate and document the positive health consequences of aquatic activities against maladies such as - but not limited to - high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, heart disease, cancer, aging, physical therapy, arthritis, etc.

Website: <https://www.nspf.org/NSPF-Scholarship-Program-and-Research-Fellowship-Grants>

Award: minimum of \$1,000 and \$2,000

Timeframe: Scholarships are awarded for the fall semester of each year. In order to be considered for the fall 2017 semester, the complete application package must be received by the National Swimming Pool Foundation no later than June 1, 2017.

Contact:

NSPF Fellowship Program
National Swimming Pool Foundation
4775 Granby Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80919-3131
Email: Service@nspf.org

NATURE WORKS EVERYWHERE GRANT

The Nature Works Everywhere program is administered by The Nature Conservancy, a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Nature Works Everywhere gives teachers, students and families everything they need to start exploring and understanding nature around the globe alongside Nature Conservancy scientists. The program offers a grant opportunity to schools across the U.S. to build, amend or revitalize school garden projects with the core principal that gardens model nature on a relatable scale. By combining project-based learning curriculum with a school garden space, students learn conservation-mindedness.

In 2016, the Nature Works Everywhere grant broadened its support for all kinds of projects that involve students in developing a nature-based, green infrastructure solution to an environmental challenge in their community. Whether addressing issues surrounding access to healthy food, air quality, heat island effect, climate change or storm water collection, youth will be empowered as social innovators to model solutions in their school communities through project design and implementation. To accomplish this, the Nature Works Everywhere grant will support projects that implement green infrastructure to address local environmental challenges.

Website: <https://www.natureworkseverywhere.org/home/>

Timeframe: 2016-2017 deadline has ended.

Contact: natureworks@tnc.org

PEOPLE FOR BIKES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. Please review the following information carefully before submitting a grant application. Proposals that are incomplete or do not fall within our funding priority areas will not be considered. Visit our Grants Awarded database for examples of funded projects.

PeopleForBikes accepts grant applications from non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development, from city or county agencies or departments, and from state or federal agencies working locally. PeopleForBikes only funds projects in the United States. Requests must support a specific project or program; we do not grant funds for general operating costs.

PeopleForBikes focuses most grant funds on bicycle infrastructure projects and will also fund some advocacy projects.

Website: <http://www.peopleforbikes.org/pages/community-grants>

Award: Up to \$10,000

Timeframe: PeopleForBikes generally holds 1-2 open grant cycles every year. The 2016 grant cycles have closed.

Contact:

Zoe Kircos, Director of Grants and Partnerships
Phone: 303-449-4893 x106
Email: zoe@peopleforbikes.org

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) funds program and policy initiatives in four areas which are each critical to health equity—enabling everyone in our nation to live a healthier life:

- Health Systems: Catalyzing fundamental changes in health and health care systems to achieve measurably better



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outcomes for all.

- Healthy Kids, Healthy Weight: Enabling all children to attain their optimal physical, social and emotional well-being, including growing up at a healthy weight.
- Healthy Communities: Creating the conditions that allow communities and their residents to reach their greatest health potential.
- Health Leadership: Engaging a diverse array of leaders in all sectors with the vision, experience, and drive to help build a Culture of Health.
- Specific grant programs are developed by RWJF program staff, in consultation with leading experts in our fields of interest, and with guidance and final approval from our board of trustees.

In many cases, a competitive call for proposals (CFP) is issued that defines the challenges to address, activities RWJF will support to achieve desired outcomes, and eligibility criteria. In addition, funding is also provided through open calls for ideas and different types of challenges and prize competitions.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants.html>

Funding opportunities: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants/funding-opportunities.html>

Award: varies

Timeframe: ongoing

Contact:

Office of Proposal Management

Email: mail@rwjf.org

Phone: 877-843-7953

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION, EVIDENCE FOR ACTION

Evidence for Action (E4A), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, funds research that expands the evidence base needed to build a Culture of Health. Our mission is to support rigorously designed quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research that yields convincing findings regarding the population health, well-being, and equity impacts of specific policies, programs and partnerships. We are especially interested in research examining the health impacts of programmatic or policy interventions that address factors outside the domain of health care services or public health practice.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2015/evidence-for-action-investigator-initiated-research-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html>

Program website: <http://www.evidenceforaction.org/>

Award: varies. E4A was allocated \$6.6 million in grant funding to award through July 2017.

Timeframe: Rolling basis.

Contact:

Erin Hagan, MBA, PhD, deputy director

Email: evidenceforaction@ucsf.edu

Phone: 415-502-3490

ROTARY, DISTRICT GRANTS

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs of a community of a qualified Rotary district. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants. You can use district grants to fund a variety of district and club projects and activities, including:

-Humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts

-Scholarships for any level, length of time, location, or area of study

-Youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotaract, and

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-Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local

professionals about their field or to learn more about it themselves

Website: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/apply-grants/district-grants>

SAUCONY RUN FOR GOOD FOUNDATION

The Saucony Run For Good Foundation donates funds to causes aimed at keeping kids healthy and offers grants to reduce the childhood obesity epidemic. Grants are open to community nonprofit organizations that initiate and support running programs for kids.

Website: <http://www.saucony.com/en/runforgood/>

Award: up to \$10,000

Timeframe: Grants are issued twice per year, once in February and once in August. The deadline to apply for those grants are 12/15 and 6/15.

Contact:

191 Spring Street
Mail Drop 318S
Lexington, MA 02420-9191
Email: runforgood@saucony.com

SHANE'S INSPIRATION

Shane's Inspiration is a non-profit organization committed to the creation of inclusive, sensory rich, developmentally appropriate, fun, safe, and challenging playgrounds where children of all abilities can play together at their highest level of ability. Shane's Inspiration offers assistance for the installation of inclusionary playgrounds.

Website: <http://shanesinspiration.org/build/>

Award:

Timeframe: ongoing

Contact:

Brad Thornton,
Phone: 818-988-5676
Email: brad@shanesinspiration.org

USA SWIMMING MAKE A SPLASH GRANT

One of the guiding principles of Make a Splash is to spread the word and mission of the USA Swimming Foundation to every community in the nation. In order to reach the widest audience possible, Make a Splash will partner with learn to swim providers across the country that are willing to promote water safety education to their communities and or provide scholarships for children to participate in their swim lesson programs.

The USA Swimming Foundation awards grants on an annual basis to Make a Splash Local Partners who provide services to young people who, otherwise, would not have the opportunity to participate in water safety instructional programs and/or swimming lessons.

Website: <http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2092&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>

Award: Up to \$4,000

Timeframe: November 2, 2016

Contact:

Shweta Shreyarthi
Email: sshreyarthi@usaswimming.org
Phone: 719-866-3546

VOYA UNSUNG HEROES

Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. The program is administered by Scholarship America, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals.

Applicants to the Voya Unsung Heroes Awards Program must be:



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-Employed by an accredited K-12 public or private school located in the United States.

-Full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff with effective and innovative projects that improve student learning.

Website: <https://www.scholarsapply.org/unsungheroes/>

Award: \$2,000 and opportunity to receive "top awards" of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000

Timeframe: application must be submitted on or before April 30, 2017.

Contact:

Email: unsungheroes@scholarshipamerica.org

Phone: 1-507-931-1682

WALMART COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Through the Community Grant Program, store associates are proud to support the needs of their communities by providing grants to local organizations. Funds must benefit the facility's service area: potential grantees should be nonprofit organizations with programs that benefit communities within the service area of the Walmart store, Sam's Club or Logistics facility from which they are requesting funds.

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation have identified four core areas of giving: Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating, Sustainability, Women's Economic Empowerment and Opportunity. To ensure that your application has the best chance of being funded, the proposed use of the grant should fit within one of these areas of giving.

Website: <http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>

Award: \$250 to \$2,500

Timeframe: The 2016 grant cycle begins Feb. 1, 2016 and the application deadline is Dec. 31, 2016.

WALMART STATE GIVING PROGRAM

The State Giving Program invests in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. The Walmart Foundation has a State Advisory Council in each state, made up of Walmart associates representing local communities. Each Council helps identify local needs within its state, reviews all eligible grant applications and makes funding recommendations to the Walmart Foundation. Councils base recommendations on alignment with Foundation focus areas, state or community needs and program eligibility criteria.

Website: http://corporate.walmart.com/_foundation_/apply-for-grants/state-giving-program

Award: \$25,000 to \$200,000

Timeframe: All states have two application cycles annually. The State Giving Program application is currently closed. The application will reopen early 2017.

WALMART NATIONAL GIVING PROGRAM

The National Giving Program supports organizations working across one or more states to address social issues strongly aligned with our focus areas. This program often provide funds to organizations that have local affiliates around the country, and the majority of grants from this program include re-grants to implement programs in local communities.

Website: <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/national-giving>

Award: \$250,000 and above

WELLS FARGO, COMMUNITY GIVING

Wells Fargo and the Wells Fargo Foundation provide monetary support, expertise, and volunteers to national and local nonprofit organizations and causes that align with our business priorities, values, business expertise, and geographies. Wells Fargo works with a wide range of nonprofits and community organizations to stabilize and strengthen low-to-moderate income neighborhoods, as well as address global social, economic, and environmental challenges. Wells Fargo focuses giving in the following areas:

- **Community Development:** programs that help provide affordable housing for low and moderate income individuals;

promote economic development by financing small businesses or small farms; provide job training for low and moderate income individuals Provide financial education and promote economic empowerment; help to revitalize low and moderate income communities

- **Education:** Programs that promote academic achievement for low- and moderate-income students with a priority emphasis on K-12; provide training for teachers and administrators working with low- and moderate-income students; encourage school partnerships with parents and guardians, the local community, and the business community.
- **Human Services:** social and human service organizations whose work chiefly benefits low- and moderate-income individuals.
- **Arts and Culture:** Projects and requests that work to enhance community diversity through access to cultural experiences for low- and moderate-income individuals, availability of a broad array of artistic opportunities and venues that reflect the community's diversity, and educational programs.
- **Civic Engagement:** projects that enhance a community's quality of life through projects involving public policy, community beautification, civic leadership, citizen education, and cultural diversity.
- **Environment:** including natural resources conservation, environmental education, and support the transition to a sustainable environment.

Website: <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/texas-grant-guidelines/>

Amount: Varies

Timeframe: Ongoing.

Contact: Each region in Texas manages its own application process and accordingly has its own contact.

WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY FOUNDATION

The Weyerhaeuser Company is deeply connected to the communities where we operate and have a long history of doing our part to help them thrive. Through the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, awards are made to programs in the communities where the company operates. The majority of their funding focuses on affordable housing and shelter, education and youth development, environmental stewardship, and human services, civic, and cultural growth.

Website: <http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/sustainability/communities/community-investment/giving-fund/>

Timeframe: The 2016 grant cycle has closed. Information on the 2017 grant cycle will be available January 2017

Contact: Anne.Leyva@weyerhaeuser.com

RESOURCES

GRANTS.GOV

The Grants.gov program management office was established in 2002 and is managed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Grants.gov is an E-Government initiative operating under the governance of the Office of Management and Budget.

Grants.gov is a resource for those seeking grants through federal funding opportunities. The site makes it simple to find grants based on Keyword searches, Categories, Agencies, or Eligibilities.

Website: www.grants.gov

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA)

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) provides a full listing of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi- public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.

Website: <https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=list&tab=list>



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SIGN-IN SHEETS, KICKOFF MEETING

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NAME (PRINT)	I AM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION(S) (IF FIRST MEETING)	E-MAIL (IF FIRST MEETING)
TIM MAY	HALFF Assoc.	tmay@halff.com
Donna Peterson	TCISD	dpeterson@tcisd.org
Dorothea Lerman	UHCL Center for Autism's Dev Dis	lerman@uhcl.edu
Birk Peterson	County	ralphb@co.galveston.tx.us
Dudley Anderson	Galveston County	dudley.anderson@co.galveston.tx.us
Julie Diaz	Galveston County	julie.diaz@co.galveston.tx.us
Joe Giusti	" "	
BRYAN de la Ruz	Lone Star Recreation (Landscape & Structures)	bryan@lonestarecreation.com
Stephan Hobbs	Galveston County	
PATRICK POWERS	PACHECO KOCH	powers@pkce.com



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**GALVESTON COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN
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NAME (PRINT)	I AM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATION(S) (IF FIRST MEETING)	E-MAIL (IF FIRST MEETING)
Paula Franklin	Galveston ISD	Paulafranklin@gisd.org



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SIGN-IN SHEETS, WALTER HALL PARK: JUNE 26, 2017

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NAME (PRINT)	I AM A _____ OF GALVESTON COUNTY (PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)	E-MAIL (IF FIRST MEETING)
Chuck McElroy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY OWNER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS OWNER	Chuckmcelroysports16@yahoo.com
Ryan Cahill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS OWNER	Ryan.Cahill@co.galveston.tx.us
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Sheet 1

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SIGN-IN SHEETS, CARBIDE PARK: JUNE 27, 2017

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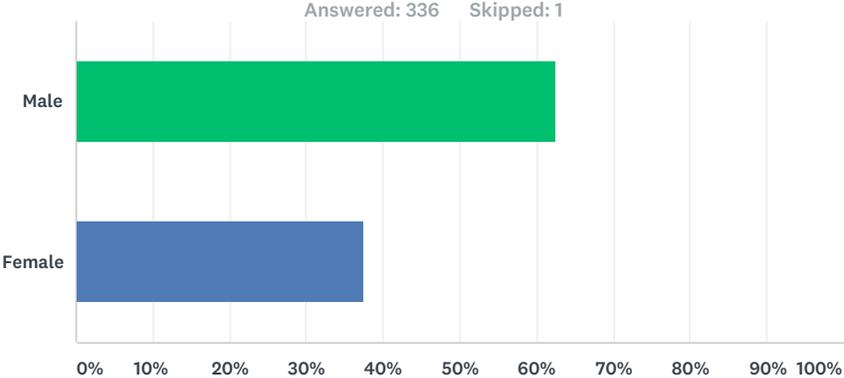


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Survey Results

Q1 Are you male or female?



Answer Choices	Responses
Male	62.50% 210
Female	37.50% 126
Total	336

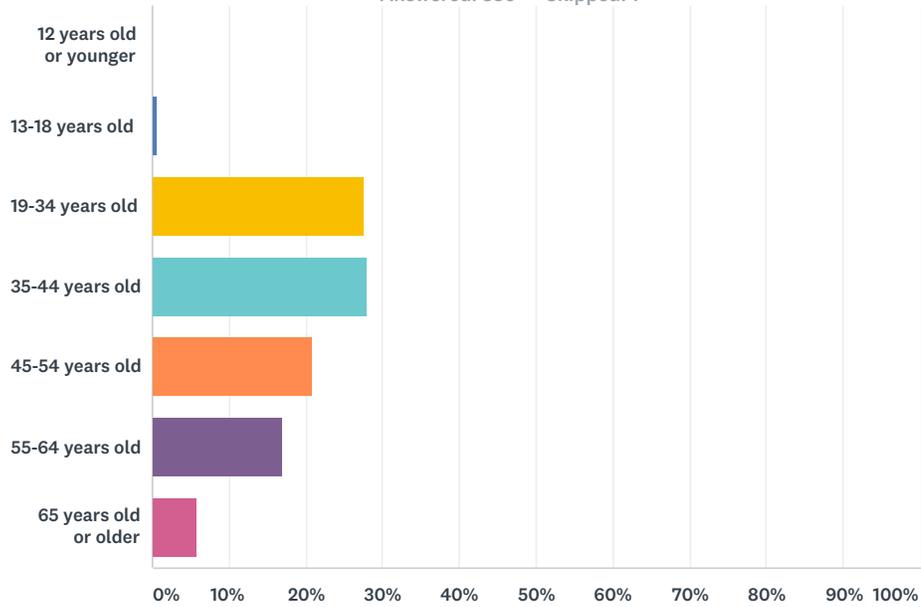


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Q2 What is your approximate age?

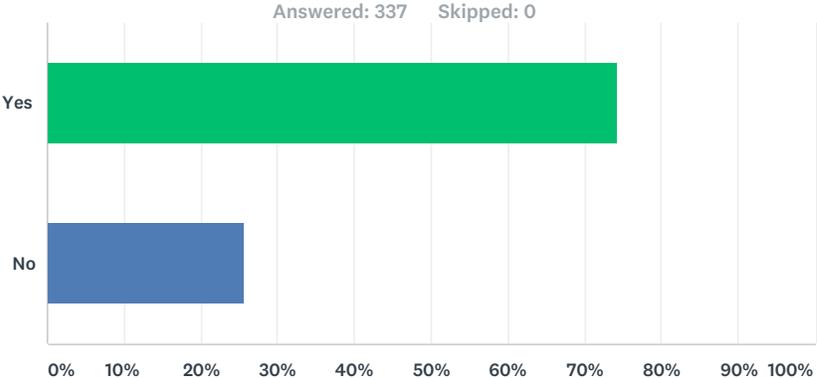
Answered: 336 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
12 years old or younger	0.00% 0
13-18 years old	0.60% 2
19-34 years old	27.68% 93
35-44 years old	27.98% 94
45-54 years old	20.83% 70
55-64 years old	16.96% 57
65 years old or older	5.95% 20
Total	336

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Q3 Are you a resident of the Galveston County?



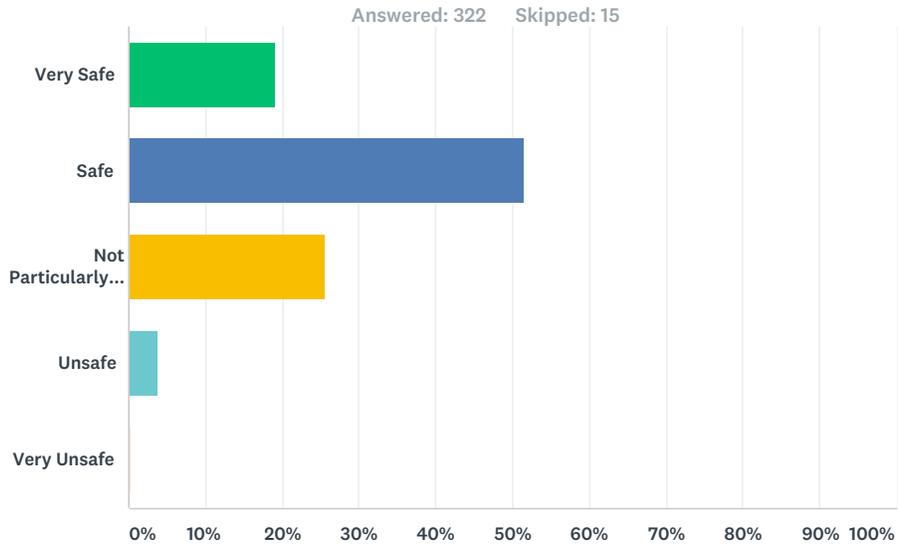
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	74.18% 250
No	25.82% 87
Total	337



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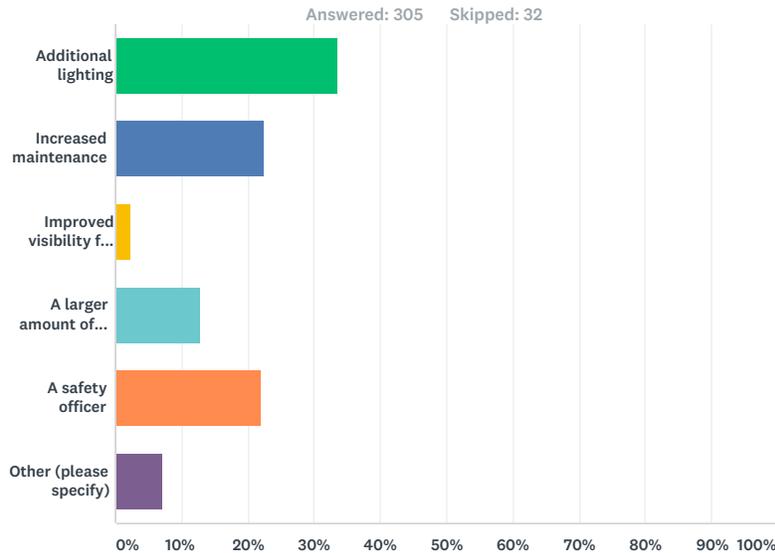
Q4 How safe do you feel while in Galveston County parks?



Answer Choices	Responses
Very Safe	18.94% 61
Safe	51.55% 166
Not Particularly Safe or Unsafe	25.47% 82
Unsafe	3.73% 12
Very Unsafe	0.31% 1
Total	322

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Q5 What would make you feel safer in Galveston County parks?



Answer Choices	Responses
Additional lighting	33.44% 102
Increased maintenance	22.30% 68
Improved visibility from street	2.30% 7
A larger amount of people in park	12.79% 39
A safety officer	21.97% 67
Other (please specify)	7.21% 22
Total	305

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I don't feel any of the above are necessary	7/6/2017 9:23 AM
2	Someone patrol the area once or twice a day	7/5/2017 12:22 PM
3	staff visibility	7/5/2017 8:23 AM
4	All of the above	7/4/2017 11:44 AM
5	no issues	7/3/2017 11:40 AM
6	Nothing	6/29/2017 2:52 AM
7	Officers patrolling. Ridden Jack Brooks for years and have seen officers patrol just a hand full of times. Not someone who is over reacts to safety but I come from a family of police officers and can tell you 100% that there is quite a bit of shady activity that goes on at that park.	6/29/2017 12:15 AM
8	More police presence	6/28/2017 6:46 PM
9	Maybe more patrols at JB	6/28/2017 6:33 PM
10	More patrols through the parks	6/28/2017 5:59 PM
11	Non, feel save	6/28/2017 5:33 PM
12	Additional lighting, increased maintenance, parks dept drive throughs if not safety officers.	6/28/2017 5:02 PM
13	All of the above !!!!!	6/28/2017 4:45 PM
14	Regular police patrols	6/28/2017 4:30 PM
15	More regular drive bus by the police	6/28/2017 2:16 PM



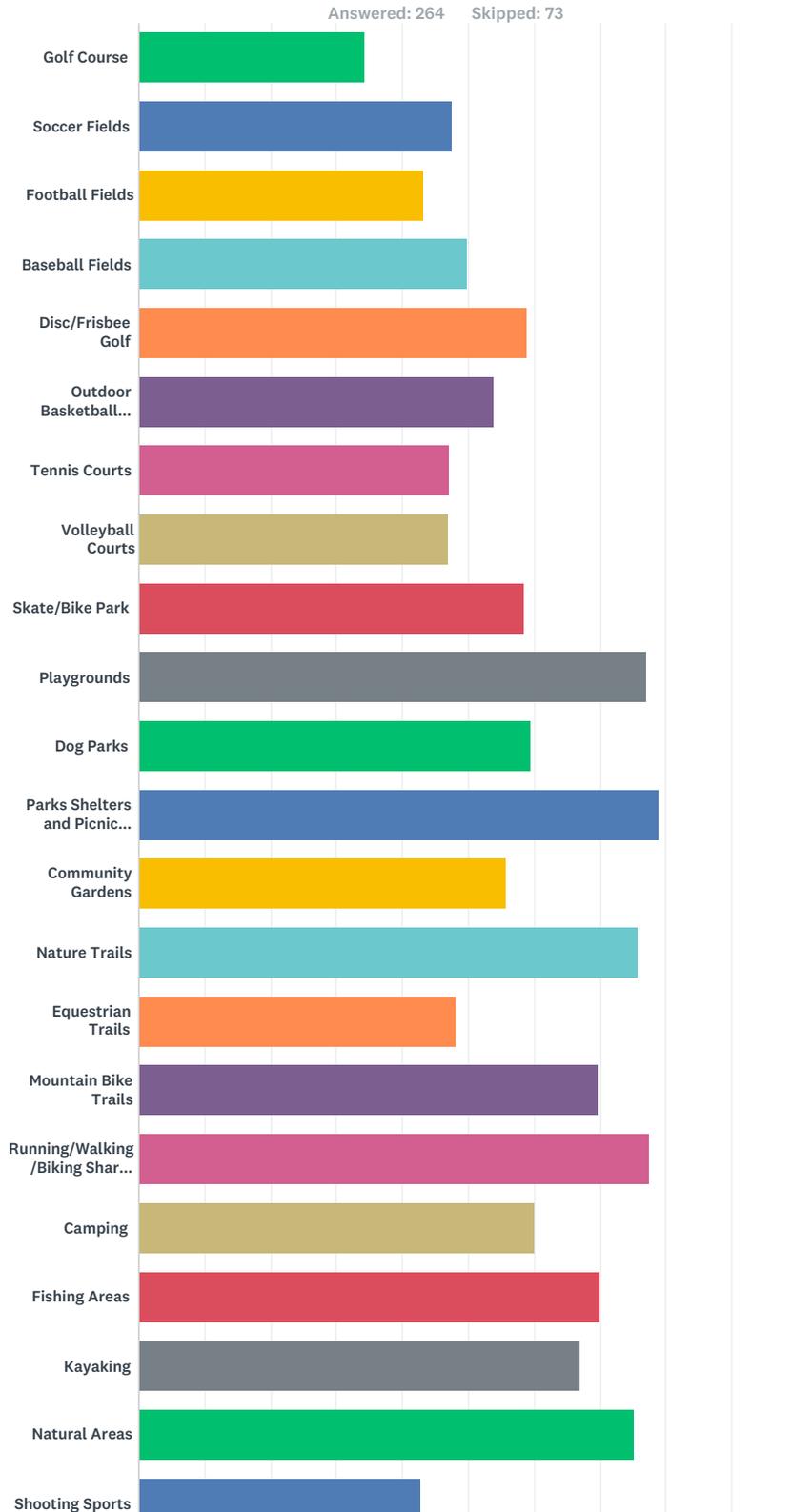
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16	Jack Brooks needs more security	6/28/2017 11:21 AM
17	It's a sign of the times. Not much you can do when life has become a fearful experience. Even staying home is frightening.	6/28/2017 10:19 AM
18	Increased utilization of jack brooks areas. Better facilities and lighting at the various areas.	6/28/2017 9:58 AM
19	Nothing	6/28/2017 9:44 AM
20	Nothing	6/27/2017 5:21 PM
21	More police presence, locking gates at night.	6/27/2017 4:46 PM
22	Police to come through more often.	6/27/2017 4:34 PM

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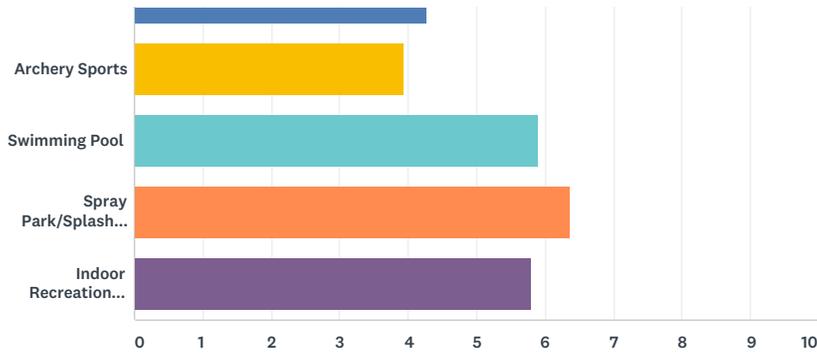
Q6 Please rank the importance of the following recreation facilities: (1 Unimportant – 10 Extremely Important)





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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Weighted Average
Golf Course	47.43% 120	5.53% 14	7.51% 19	4.35% 11	10.28% 26	6.72% 17	6.72% 17	3.16% 8	1.19% 3	7.11% 18	253	3.44
Soccer Fields	24.41% 62	6.69% 17	7.09% 18	5.91% 15	19.29% 49	5.51% 14	9.84% 25	7.87% 20	3.54% 9	9.84% 25	254	4.74
Football Fields	28.46% 72	8.30% 21	7.11% 18	9.09% 23	14.23% 36	7.91% 20	8.70% 22	5.53% 14	3.16% 8	7.51% 19	253	4.30
Baseball Fields	20.95% 53	5.93% 15	6.72% 17	9.88% 25	15.02% 38	9.49% 24	8.30% 21	8.70% 22	3.95% 10	11.07% 28	253	4.98
Disc/Frisbee Golf	18.68% 48	4.67% 12	7.00% 18	4.67% 12	13.23% 34	7.00% 18	5.84% 15	7.78% 20	1.95% 5	29.18% 75	257	5.88
Outdoor Basketball Courts	17.13% 43	3.59% 9	5.98% 15	6.37% 16	17.53% 44	12.35% 31	10.76% 27	13.15% 33	3.19% 8	9.96% 25	251	5.38
Tennis Courts	23.53% 60	3.53% 9	9.80% 25	8.24% 21	17.65% 45	9.02% 23	9.80% 25	6.67% 17	3.53% 9	8.24% 21	255	4.71
Volleyball Courts	20.63% 52	5.95% 15	9.13% 23	9.13% 23	21.83% 55	6.35% 16	9.52% 24	7.14% 18	1.98% 5	8.33% 21	252	4.69
Skate/Bike Park	18.33% 46	5.18% 13	4.38% 11	5.98% 15	11.95% 30	7.17% 18	10.76% 27	8.37% 21	6.37% 16	21.51% 54	251	5.83
Playgrounds	7.54% 19	1.19% 3	0.79% 2	2.78% 7	10.71% 27	4.37% 11	8.33% 21	14.68% 37	6.35% 16	43.25% 109	252	7.69
Dog Parks	15.42% 39	4.35% 11	5.53% 14	3.56% 9	15.81% 40	9.09% 23	11.46% 29	9.88% 25	2.37% 6	22.53% 57	253	5.94
Parks Shelters and Picnic Areas	3.97% 10	2.78% 7	0.79% 2	1.59% 4	11.90% 30	6.35% 16	7.94% 20	11.51% 29	7.54% 19	45.63% 115	252	7.88
Community Gardens	18.07% 45	5.22% 13	5.62% 14	6.43% 16	17.27% 43	8.43% 21	6.43% 16	7.63% 19	7.23% 18	17.67% 44	249	5.56
Nature Trails	5.06% 13	1.56% 4	2.72% 7	5.45% 14	10.12% 26	5.84% 15	7.39% 19	13.23% 34	10.51% 27	38.13% 98	257	7.57
Equestrian Trails	25.00% 62	6.85% 17	8.87% 22	7.26% 18	11.69% 29	8.47% 21	7.26% 18	7.26% 18	4.44% 11	12.90% 32	248	4.81
Mountain Bike Trails	11.20% 29	2.70% 7	4.25% 11	3.09% 8	10.81% 28	7.72% 20	6.95% 18	10.04% 26	6.18% 16	37.07% 96	259	6.97
Running/Walking/Biking Shared Use Paths/Trails	4.72% 12	1.18% 3	3.54% 9	2.36% 6	11.81% 30	4.72% 12	10.24% 26	7.87% 20	10.63% 27	42.91% 109	254	7.74
Camping	15.54% 39	3.98% 10	5.58% 14	4.38% 11	15.94% 40	9.16% 23	5.58% 14	10.76% 27	8.37% 21	20.72% 52	251	6.00
Fishing Areas	9.88% 25	1.58% 4	2.77% 7	4.74% 12	13.04% 33	5.14% 13	10.67% 27	13.04% 33	9.09% 23	30.04% 76	253	6.98
Kayaking	12.20% 31	1.97% 5	2.76% 7	6.30% 16	13.78% 35	5.12% 13	8.27% 21	12.20% 31	8.27% 21	29.13% 74	254	6.70

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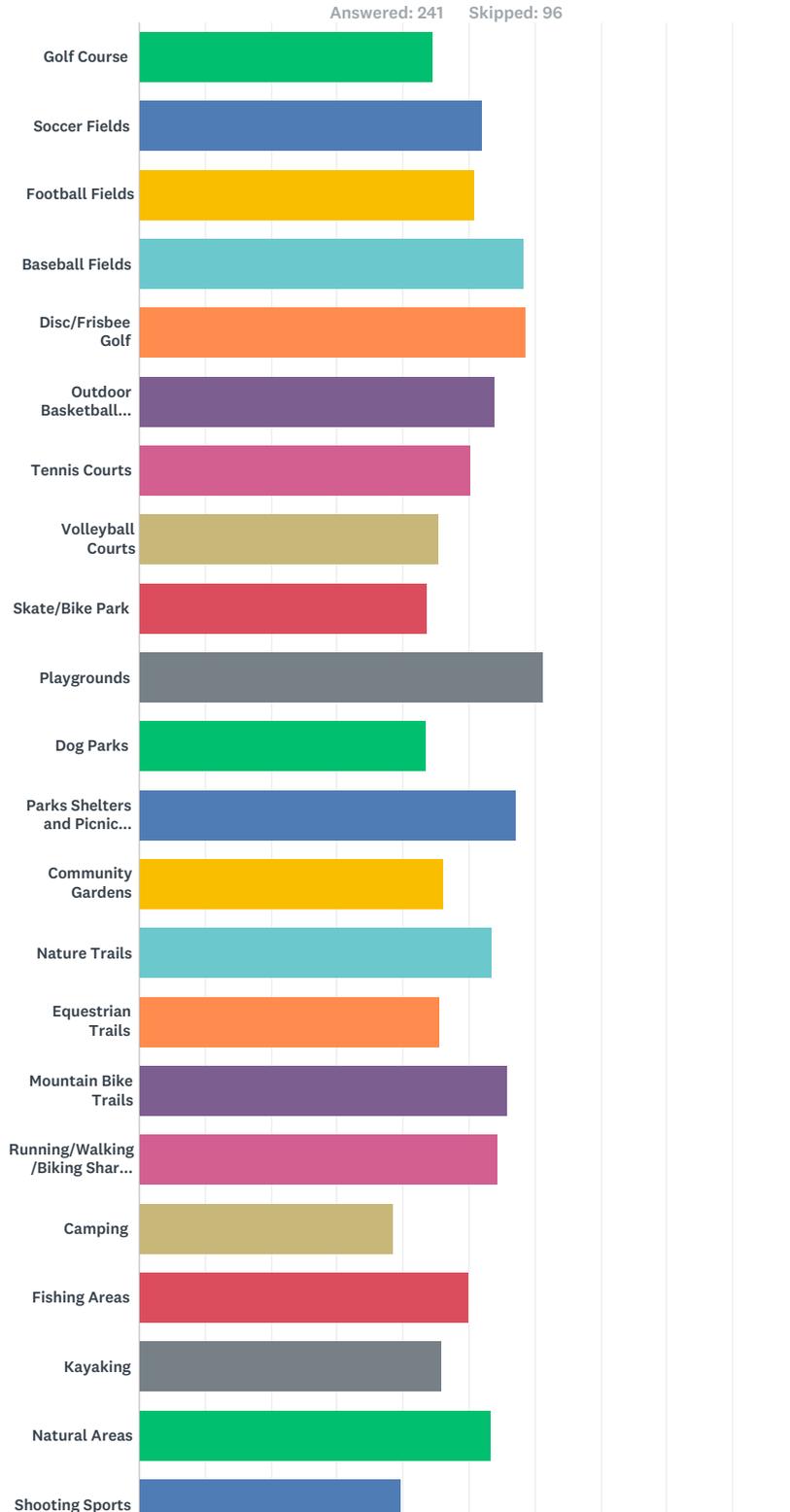
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Shooting Sports	33.86% 85	5.98% 15	8.37% 21	7.17% 18	13.94% 35	5.58% 14	3.98% 10	6.37% 16	2.39% 6	12.35% 31	251	4.27
Archery Sports	36.40% 91	6.80% 17	7.60% 19	8.00% 20	14.40% 36	7.60% 19	3.20% 8	4.80% 12	2.00% 5	9.20% 23	250	3.93
Swimming Pool	20.40% 51	2.00% 5	6.40% 16	4.40% 11	14.80% 37	4.00% 10	6.00% 15	11.60% 29	7.60% 19	22.80% 57	250	5.90
Spray Park/Splash Pads	14.74% 37	2.79% 7	4.38% 11	5.58% 14	11.55% 29	7.97% 20	7.97% 20	11.16% 28	8.76% 22	25.10% 63	251	6.36
Indoor Recreation Opportunities	16.47% 41	4.82% 12	6.43% 16	6.43% 16	16.06% 40	6.43% 16	7.63% 19	8.43% 21	5.22% 13	22.09% 55	249	5.79



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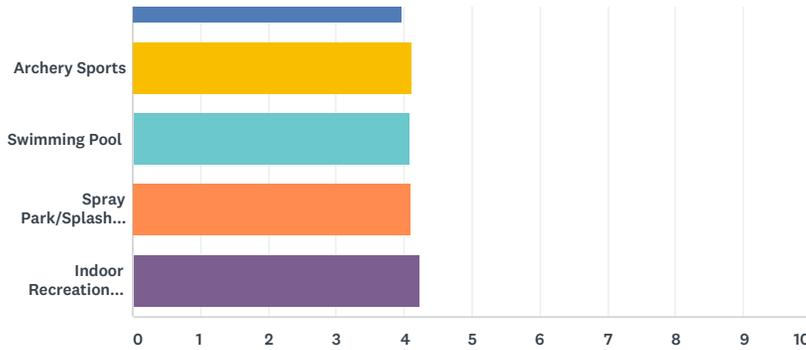
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Q7 Please rank the County's performance in providing the following recreation facilities: (1 Poor - 10 Superior)



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Weighted Average
Golf Course	25.25% 50	5.05% 10	7.07% 14	8.08% 16	25.25% 50	5.56% 11	8.59% 17	5.56% 11	3.03% 6	6.57% 13	198	4.46
Soccer Fields	12.44% 26	3.83% 8	7.66% 16	10.53% 22	27.27% 57	7.66% 16	11.00% 23	8.61% 18	3.83% 8	7.18% 15	209	5.20
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Baseball Fields	8.37% 17	2.46% 5	7.88% 16	6.40% 13	24.63% 50	8.87% 18	13.79% 28	10.34% 21	6.90% 14	10.34% 21	203	5.84
Disc/Frisbee Golf	7.41% 16	3.70% 8	7.87% 17	8.33% 18	25.46% 55	6.94% 15	12.96% 28	7.87% 17	3.24% 7	16.20% 35	216	5.86
Outdoor Basketball Courts	8.87% 18	5.42% 11	7.39% 15	8.87% 18	27.59% 56	9.85% 20	10.84% 22	9.36% 19	2.96% 6	8.87% 18	203	5.40
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Volleyball Courts	16.50% 33	7.00% 14	10.50% 21	10.00% 20	31.00% 62	7.50% 15	5.50% 11	3.00% 6	2.00% 4	7.00% 14	200	4.53
Skate/Bike Park	18.59% 37	9.05% 18	11.06% 22	10.05% 20	28.14% 56	5.53% 11	4.52% 9	3.52% 7	2.01% 4	7.54% 15	199	4.37
Playgrounds	4.88% 10	0.49% 1	4.88% 10	7.32% 15	27.32% 56	13.66% 28	11.71% 24	15.12% 31	4.88% 10	9.76% 20	205	6.13
Dog Parks	23.50% 47	6.00% 12	8.50% 17	8.50% 17	25.50% 51	9.50% 19	6.50% 13	4.00% 8	1.50% 3	6.50% 13	200	4.36
Parks Shelters and Picnic Areas	7.21% 15	2.88% 6	7.69% 16	9.13% 19	25.48% 53	11.06% 23	11.54% 24	10.58% 22	4.33% 9	10.10% 21	208	5.72
Community Gardens	19.19% 38	4.55% 9	9.09% 18	12.63% 25	22.73% 45	9.60% 19	8.08% 16	5.05% 10	3.03% 6	6.06% 12	198	4.62
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Camping	27.78% 55	6.06% 12	13.13% 26	10.61% 21	24.24% 48	3.03% 6	5.05% 10	5.56% 11	1.01% 2	3.54% 7	198	3.85
Fishing Areas	15.92% 32	3.48% 7	9.95% 20	9.45% 19	23.38% 47	9.45% 19	8.46% 17	8.96% 18	2.99% 6	7.96% 16	201	5.01
Kayaking	18.69% 37	7.07% 14	6.57% 13	10.61% 21	29.29% 58	6.57% 13	7.58% 15	4.04% 8	4.04% 8	5.56% 11	198	4.58



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Natural Areas	13.50% 27	3.00% 6	6.00% 12	10.50% 21	24.50% 49	7.50% 15	13.50% 27	10.00% 20	3.50% 7	8.00% 16	200	5.33
Shooting Sports	26.04% 50	8.85% 17	9.38% 18	8.33% 16	24.48% 47	7.29% 14	6.25% 12	4.17% 8	3.13% 6	2.08% 4	192	3.97
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Swimming Pool	30.77% 60	3.08% 6	10.26% 20	7.69% 15	23.59% 46	5.64% 11	6.15% 12	6.15% 12	2.56% 5	4.10% 8	195	4.07
Spray Park/Splash Pads	29.44% 58	6.09% 12	7.11% 14	9.64% 19	24.37% 48	5.58% 11	4.57% 9	5.08% 10	2.03% 4	6.09% 12	197	4.09
Indoor Recreation Opportunities	26.67% 52	4.62% 9	12.31% 24	8.21% 16	22.05% 43	7.18% 14	5.13% 10	4.10% 8	2.56% 5	7.18% 14	195	4.23

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Q8 What recreational activities not listed in questions #7 and #8 should the Galveston County help provide?

Answered: 75 Skipped: 262

#	Responses	Date
1	Better boat ramps	7/6/2017 3:33 PM
2	None stop spend our taxes on parks that outsiders use. If you do make them payed activities.	7/3/2017 7:04 PM
3	Indoor and outdoor senior recreation facilities	7/3/2017 6:04 PM
4	Splash Pads	7/3/2017 3:07 PM
5	Birding areas	7/3/2017 2:06 PM
6	na	7/3/2017 1:47 PM
7	More facilities on the West End of Galveston.	7/3/2017 1:06 PM
8	more activities for kids, we only address the seniors	7/3/2017 11:47 AM
9	Anything in the city of santa fe,Hitchcock and lamarque.	7/1/2017 3:41 PM
10	Rugby Fields with lighting	7/1/2017 6:26 AM
11	rugby	6/30/2017 9:34 PM
12	I would like to see a rugby pitch for the #1 growing sport in America.	6/30/2017 3:53 PM
13	Rugby Fields and lighting	6/30/2017 3:35 PM
14	Natural swimming areas, although I understand this is hard given our location and resources.However if possible, a natural swimming hole or cove would be nice... Austin has plenty but again, they are fed by river-water which creates a different ecosystem and terrain given their geographical location.	6/30/2017 2:55 PM
15	Rugby fields	6/30/2017 1:45 PM
16	Rugby fits great on full size soccer fields.	6/30/2017 1:39 PM
17	Rugby fields with dedicated goal posts.	6/30/2017 12:45 PM
18	Soccer/rugby fields with lights	6/30/2017 12:25 PM
19	Rugby fields. Fasting growing sport in the US	6/30/2017 12:21 PM
20	Dedicated rugby fields	6/30/2017 12:20 PM
21	More disc golf courses, please!	6/30/2017 2:57 AM
22	More mtb trails !!!	6/29/2017 1:16 PM
23	Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/29/2017 12:34 PM
24	For us older Galveston residents, safe parks and walking areas don't exist. You now have to pay \$50 for park board season pass, just to take a walk. I often drive all the way to Carbide park to take a long walk without sand. Just a nice safe place to walk. It is the best exercise in the world ... for everyone.	6/29/2017 9:47 AM
25	they are pretty well covered but love to see more nature trails and bird watching areas..	6/29/2017 6:12 AM
26	More mountain bike trails	6/29/2017 2:56 AM
27	Softball fields !!	6/28/2017 10:16 PM
28	Maybe an outdoor amphitheater for music and or plays..	6/28/2017 10:04 PM
29	Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 9:37 PM
30	Women's self defense classes	6/28/2017 8:01 PM



GALVESTON COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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31	Please take a moment and read. The Galveston County Parks Department will be updating their master plan which is used to gain funding as well as provide new facilities to ALL of their parks. This survey takes approximately 5 mins and will be one major way that they will move forward with big project items. One thing this can be used to help with is to allow us to gain the property across the street from Meadows to add additional holes as well as possibly gaining the old archery range which is no longer being used and adding another course to the property. Be sure to put these 2 things specifically in the comment box at the end of the survey. You do not need to be a resident of Galveston county and everyone's help is GREATLY appreciated!! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GalvestonCounty Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 7:03 PM
32	Jack Brooks Park Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 6:58 PM
33	...	6/28/2017 6:37 PM
34	Add additional holes to property across from Meadows, use old archery range for disc golf, add another disc golf course to the property	6/28/2017 6:25 PM
35	Check out North Houston Bike Park on Facebook.	6/28/2017 6:23 PM
36	Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course on the property across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 6:07 PM
37	Fitness gym	6/28/2017 5:44 PM
38	Na	6/28/2017 5:37 PM
39	An equestrian free-ride rental stable would be excellent, especially on a beach somewhere. Trail rides would be nice further inland, such as at Jack Brooks Park. Archery is a lot of fun and is included in both Girl and Boy Scout activities. Facilities to assist them and other interested individuals would be excellent. Anything of historical interest is outstanding! The Railroad Museum, the Strand, the dead tree sculptures, and all the historical buildings are a tremendous feature for the Island. This sort of thing might be good in on the mainland as well. While I do not live in Galveston County, I do spend quite a lot of time there. The urban upswing is wonderful to see, though some parks are enchanting while others are simply decaying.	6/28/2017 5:09 PM
40	Extra land to extend the disc golf courses in Jack Brooks Park. Additional courses will allow for larger tournaments, which would bring in more visitors to a great town and raise funding for local business'	6/28/2017 4:52 PM
41	Na	6/28/2017 4:47 PM
42	Mountain Bike Trails	6/28/2017 4:36 PM
43	Drinking fountains at all restroom bldgs.	6/28/2017 4:25 PM
44	None really	6/28/2017 4:14 PM
45	I think there should be more running, hiking, and bike trails as well as opportunities for camping, fishing, and kayak launches in the middle to southern parts of the county to rival what they have in Seabrook/League City/Armand Bayou areas. I enjoy the mountain bike trails at Jack Brooks and would like to see their continued growth as well. The basketball courts at Jack Brooks could also use replacing also, even though I never play on them, they are quite old. Any opportunity for camping would be great as well.	6/28/2017 4:09 PM
46	I would like to see more mountain biking places to ride Jack Brooks is the only one I know of and it stays wet a lot of the time. I like J. B. but wish I alternatives when it is wet.	6/28/2017 4:01 PM
47	Rodeo	6/28/2017 3:18 PM
48	Another or additional disc golf space at Jack Brooks park "meadows". Where the old archery range was.	6/28/2017 3:05 PM
49	Water fountain at jack brooks	6/28/2017 2:20 PM
50	Galveston should focus attention to the Seawall and enhance the beauty there. Additional plants, directional signs, safe cross-walks, more shops, coffee shops, restaurants, etc. The Seawall is a vital tourist attraction. We should do everything we can to improve it--all of it. Better Seawall lighting is needed too. The more invested in the Seawall area the more return on money will be realized in revenue. Also, Galveston should be a cruise destination. Seawall improvements will help with that too, bringing additional tourist revenue. I know there is much going on on the Seawall now, but it's simply not enough. Stewart Beach area is awful! Where did the masterplan a few years back go? It had a complete redesign of the Stewart Beach area. Not investing more in the Sewall is a missed opportunity.	6/28/2017 2:13 PM
51	Discgolf	6/28/2017 1:41 PM

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52	would like to see the land across from the meadows disc golf course and the old saltgrass archery range used for more disc golf related activities. also signs stating where horses are allowed and not allowed to ride.	6/28/2017 12:53 PM
53	The use of empty space	6/28/2017 12:45 PM
54	No further requests	6/28/2017 12:34 PM
55	More disc golf areas	6/28/2017 11:35 AM
56	There is room at jack brooks park for another disc golf course. If this park had 3 good courses it could become a destination for disc golfers from all over the state.	6/28/2017 11:33 AM
57	More disc golf	6/28/2017 11:19 AM
58	Ski/wakeboard park	6/28/2017 10:58 AM
59	The park in Bacliff needs to be completed so the people of the area can use it.	6/28/2017 10:44 AM
60	Additional land across from Meadows disc golf course and the defunct archery range should be utilized for a 3rd disc golf course	6/28/2017 10:43 AM
61	Allow the disc golf clubs to utilize the property North of Gulf Meadows DGC for additional holes, and convert the unused Archery Range to usable disc golf course.	6/28/2017 9:49 AM
62	Add more disc golf holes to meddows across the street. Add another corse to the unused artery range	6/28/2017 9:39 AM
63	I think there is a lot of unused land at Jack Brooks park that would be well served to add another disc golf course and expand the current layouts. Specifically across the street from the original course and the old archery range area.	6/28/2017 9:31 AM
64	To add the property across the street of gulf meadows disc golf course to add on to the course. And also possibly getting access to build another course on the land of the unused and unmaintained Saltgrass archery range. Thanks	6/28/2017 9:21 AM
65	Use of the land across the street from Gulf Meadows disc golf course for additional DG holes and use of the overgrown and unused archery course for an additional disc golf course.	6/28/2017 9:19 AM
66	Addition to the Jack Brooks Park Gulf Meadows disc golf course across the street and the addition of a new course at the overgrown and unused property that was previously the Saltgrass Archery range.	6/28/2017 9:02 AM
67	Swimming pools indoor and out door	6/27/2017 6:48 PM
68	Fitness in the parks	6/27/2017 6:43 PM
69	The outdoor arena at runge park needs to be maintained, why are they taking sand out of the outdoor pen at runge. Taking the sand out has made the arena very uneven and holds water. If the parks department could go back to a flat rate on renting out the arena instead of a by the hour charge I think they could go back to having more events at the jack brooks rodeo arena.	6/27/2017 5:47 PM
70	None	6/27/2017 5:24 PM
71	Rodeo related events and supporting facilities.	6/27/2017 5:03 PM
72	Expand the remote control model field, north side fence, and parking lot.	6/27/2017 4:40 PM
73	Na	6/26/2017 7:15 PM
74	Dog park	6/26/2017 4:52 PM
75	Softball	6/26/2017 4:42 PM

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