



# HALTOM CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN 2019-2029

RESOLUTION NO. R-2019-010-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALTOM CITY, TEXAS, ADOPTING A PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Haltom City, Texas authorized the development of a Parks and Open Space Master Plan for the City of Haltom City, Texas with assistance from the Haltom City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City staff; and

WHEREAS, a quality park system is a key component of the quality of life in Haltom City, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to be proactive in the management and development of its park system and open space areas; and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of the City's Parks and Open Space Master Plan, and all matters related thereto, the City Council is of the opinion and finds that the Plan should be adopted.

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

**SECTION 1.**

The Parks & Open Space Master Plan 2019-2029 is hereby approved and adopted. Future decisions of the City regarding the development of the park system shall be made after consulting the Parks & Open Space Master Plan.

**SECTION 2.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2019.**

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY



# INTRODUCTION

## The 2019 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan is designed to:

- Serve the purpose of providing an extensive information structure to help inform and guide decisions related to parks, recreation and open space.
- Set guidelines for existing park upgrades and future park and open space developments in conformity with citizen desires that are attainable for Haltom City.
- **Be achievable and provide tangible results.**

The service area of this plan includes everything within the city limits of Haltom City and presents Park and Open Space recommendations through the year of 2029. For this plan, more emphasis and detailed cost projections are provided for projects recommended for implementation through 2029.

This Plan should be examined and amended in order to remain meaningful to the City of Haltom City. It is important to note that typically plans are updated every five years with revisions so the unique and changing needs of Haltom City can be amply served.



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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



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Special thanks to the following persons or groups  
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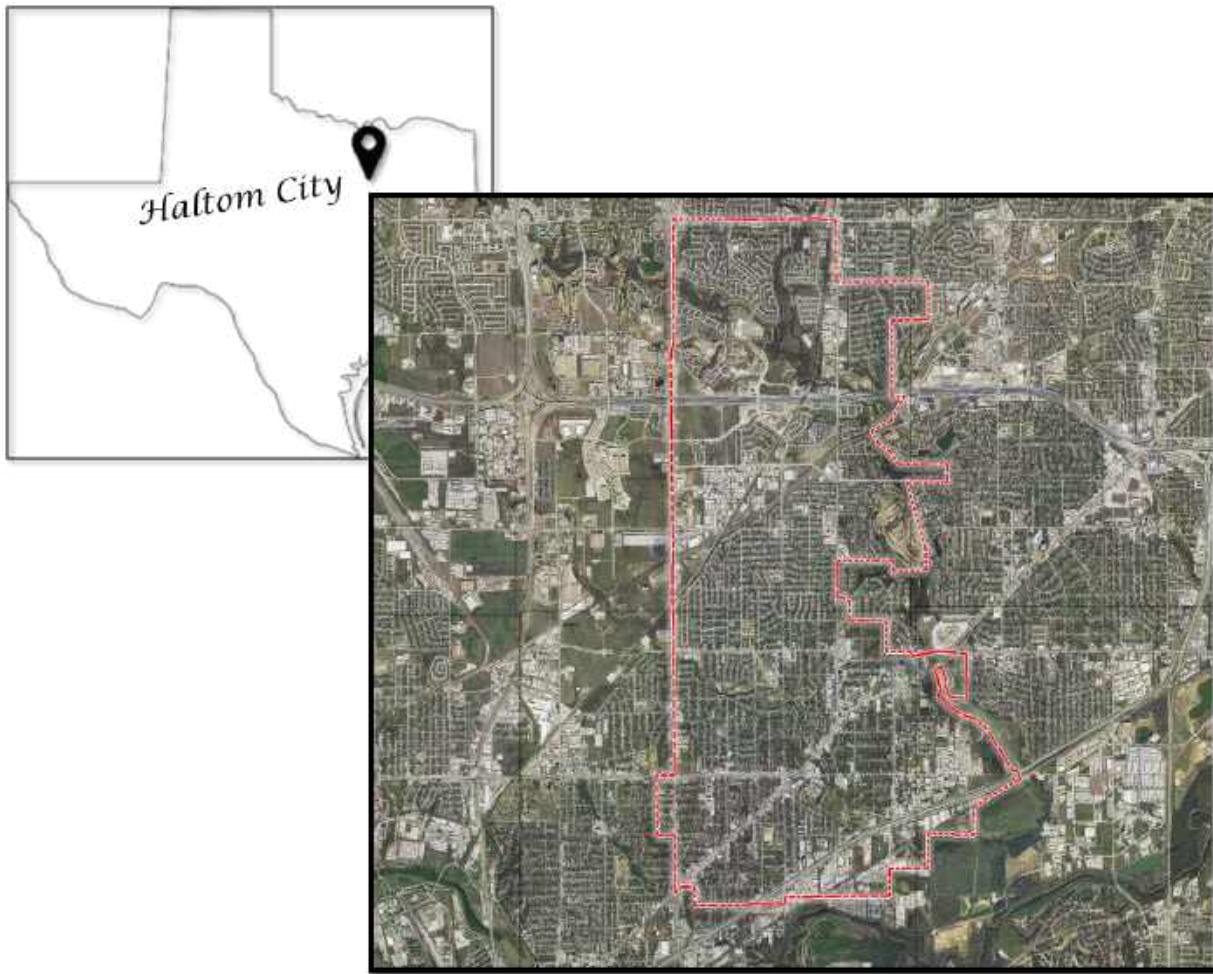


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CITY & COMMUNITY  
PROFILE



# CITY & COMMUNITY PROFILE



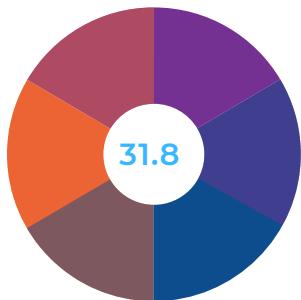
## External Influences

Haltom City is located four miles Northeast of Fort Worth in central Tarrant County, Texas. The City is served by Birdville Independent School District and surrounded on the Northwest, West and South by Fort Worth; on the east by Richland Hills and North Richland Hills; and on the Northeast by Watauga. Haltom City is bordered by the Trinity river and bisected by both Big and Little Fossil Creeks. The City is in the Cross Timbers ecoregion of Texas.

Haltom City is bisected by Loop 820 with easy access to Interstate 35 and Interstate 30. The City is close to DFW and Alliance airports. The City is traversed by five major roads: State Highway 121-Airport Freeway; State Highway 183-Northeast 28th Street-Midway Road; U.S. Highway 377- E Belknap Street-Denton Highway; Loop 452-Grapevine Highway 26; and Northeast Loop 820. Since the availability of 820 as a major thoroughfare, a long list of freight carriers provide service to the City.

# LOCAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Median Age



15,579  
Households in  
Haltom City

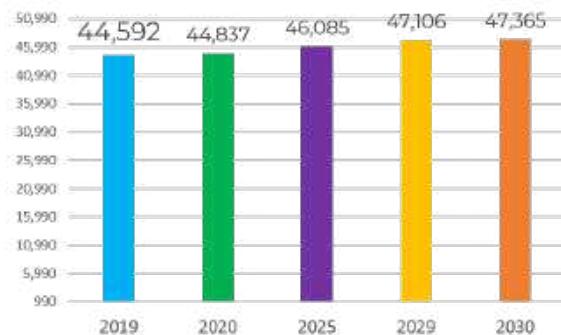


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Persons per  
household



\$46,618  
Median Income

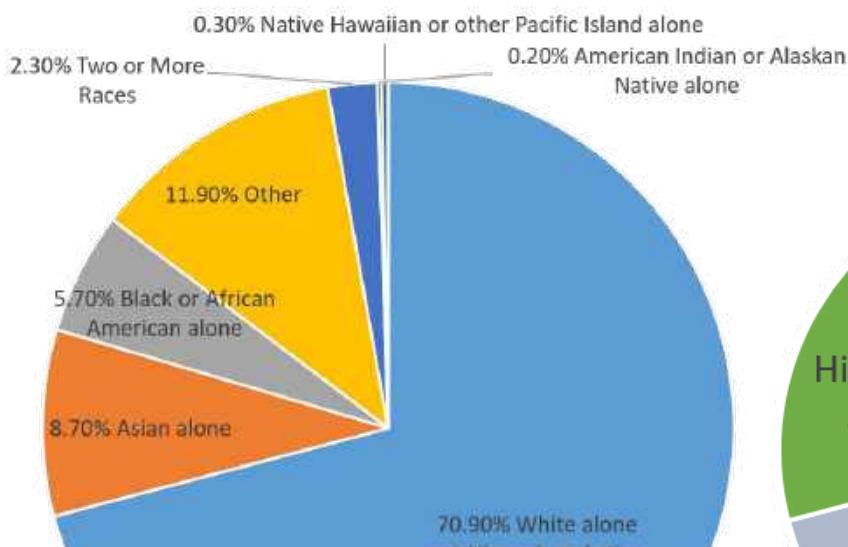
44,592  
2019 Population  
Estimate



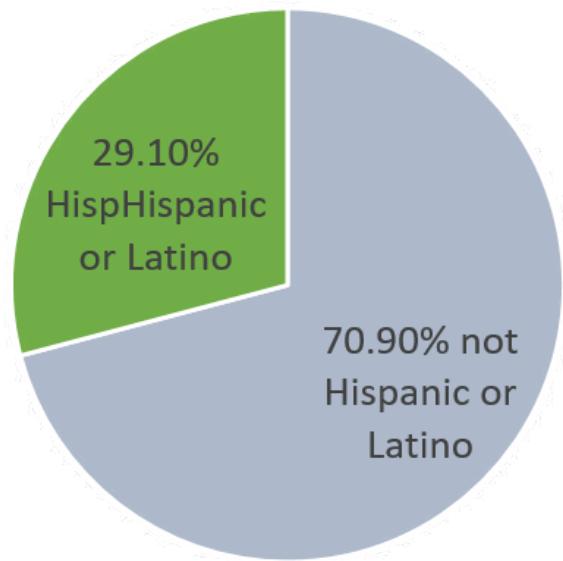
9.7%  
Persons 55 and  
older

27.9%  
Persons 18 and  
younger

Race by  
Percentage



Ethnicity by  
Percentage



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## PARK CLASSIFICATION & INVENTORY



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In order to better understand the Park System in Haltom City, MHS Planning and Design completed an inventory of current assets. This was useful in two ways: to assess the parks and open space system and to get a feel of the community. Facilities available were analyzed, as well as the quality of the parks. Every site was inventoried based on a set of standards from the National Recreation and Park Association.

The City's park classification system is broken down into five major categories. These park categories are as follows:

## **Pocket/Ornamental Parks**

A pocket or ornamental park is a small (usually less than 1 acre) park developed with passive elements such as sidewalks, fountains, gazebos, plazas, benches and/or landscaping.

## **Playground Parks**

A playground park is usually a 2 to 5 acre site and serves the area within a 0.25 mile radius with primarily active recreational opportunities. Facilities commonly found in a playground parks include swings, slides, climbing apparatus, picnic areas, spraygrounds, open turf areas and benches.

## **Neighborhood Parks**

A neighborhood park is a site of approximately 5 to 10 acres and serves the area within a one-half mile radius with both active and passive recreational opportunities. Facilities typically found in neighborhood parks include play apparatus, picnic areas, shelters, play courts, unlighted play fields, restrooms, walking/jogging trails, natural open space, parking, spraygrounds, and tennis courts.

## **Community Parks**

A community park is a site of approximately 40 to 150 acres with a service radius area of two miles. Facilities usually included in community parks are tennis courts, shelters, separate or multipurpose sports fields, play apparatus, picnic areas, walking/jogging trails, recreation centers, spraygrounds, open space and restrooms.

# PARK CLASSIFICATION & INVENTORY

## **Greenbelts**

Greenbelts or greenbelt parkways are linear parks usually developed around a natural resource such as a creek, river, utility easement, or lake shore. The potential benefits of a greenbelt system are numerous. Not only can a greenbelt system preserve valuable open space and natural habitat, it can provide a natural environment for walking, jogging, and bicycling trails, provide a transportation corridor linking neighborhoods to parks, schools, and shopping areas and provide a variety of passive recreational opportunities free, or relatively free, from automobile interference. Greenbelts also serve as natural buffers between land uses, serve as utility (underground) easements, and can usually be acquired at a relatively inexpensive price due to the restrictions on development. Design standards for greenbelts are relatively loose in order to allow the maximum use of the natural environment in the design. Greenbelt corridor widths are often determined by the existing topography, severity of flooding, and other unique natural features. Greenbelt corridors of less than fifty (50) "usable" feet should be avoided and narrow corridor sections kept to a minimum. One-hundred foot corridor widths and wider give flexibility in design and are encouraged wherever possible.

# PARK CLASSIFICATION TABLE

The following table contains the types of parks proposed for the Haltom City Parks System and associated development information.

Classification	Service Area	Size	Population Served	Typical Facilities	Development Cost
<b>Pocket Park or Community Park</b>	$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile	2,500 sq. ft. to 1 acre	500-2,500	Landscaping, fountain, sidewalk, gazebo	\$75,000 - \$125,000 per acre
<b>Playground Park</b>	$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile	5,000 sq. ft.	500-2,500	Paved area, playground apparatus, landscaping, sidewalk, drinking fountain, lawn area, benches	\$85,000- \$200,000 per acre
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile	5 acres to 10 acres	2,000-10,000	Playground apparatus, picnic area(s), pavilion, play courts, play fields, restroom, sprayground, landscaping & parking	\$100,000 - \$150,000 per acre
<b>Community Park</b>	2 Miles	40 acres to 150 acres	10,000-50,000	Tennis courts, sport courts, playground apparatus, picnic area(s), pavilions, walking/jogging trails, swimming pools, open space, landscaping, recreation centers, sprayground, restrooms & parking	\$70,000 - \$200,000 per acre
<b>Greenbelts</b>	Varies	Varies	5,000 to community	Landscaping, multi-purpose trails, benches, information kiosks, telephones, exercise courses & drinking fountains	\$200,000 - \$500,000 per mile







**LOCATION**

4408 Parrish Road,  
Haltom City, Texas 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

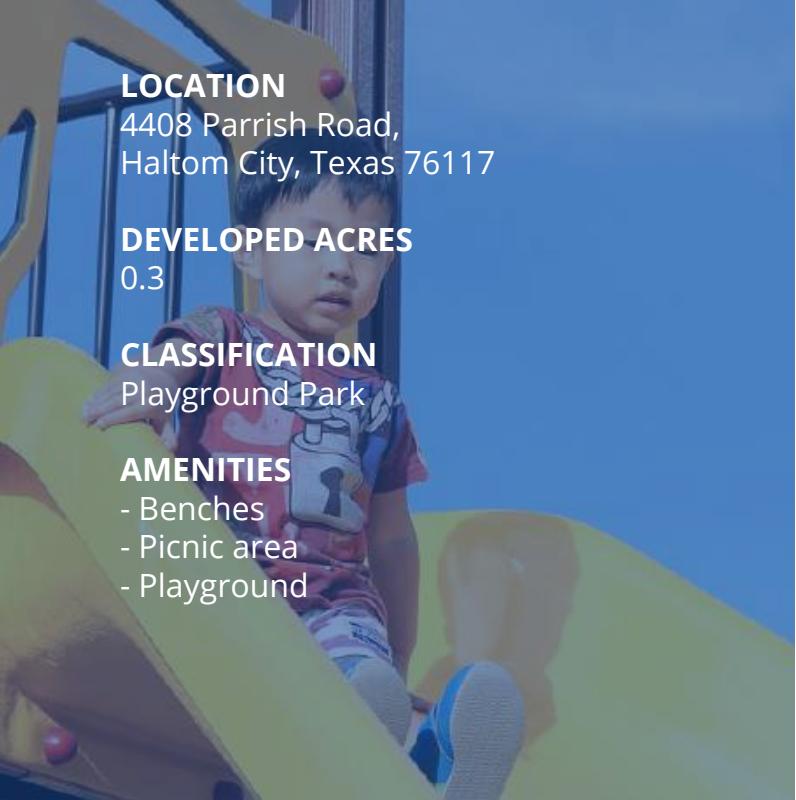
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**CLASSIFICATION**

Playground Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Picnic area
- Playground



# PARRISH ROAD PARK



**LOCATION**

5799 Orval Court,  
Haltom City, Texas 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

6.8

**CLASSIFICATION**

Neighborhood Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Parking spaces
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Security lighting
- Trail

# BIRDVILLE TRAILS PARK



**LOCATION**

3113 Haltom Road,  
Haltom City, Texas 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

9.0

**CLASSIFICATION**

Neighborhood Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Practice field
- Parking spaces
- Restroom
- Pavilion
- Security lighting
- Picnic area
- Trail with lighting
- Playground

# HALTOM ROAD PARK



**LOCATION**

4412 Hadley Street,  
Haltom City, Texas 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

10.0

**CLASSIFICATION**

Neighborhood Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Concession building
- Field lighting
- Parking spaces
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Practice field
- Softball field (3)
- Trail



# LITTLE FOSSIL PARK



**LOCATION**

504 Solana Street,  
Haltom City, Texas 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

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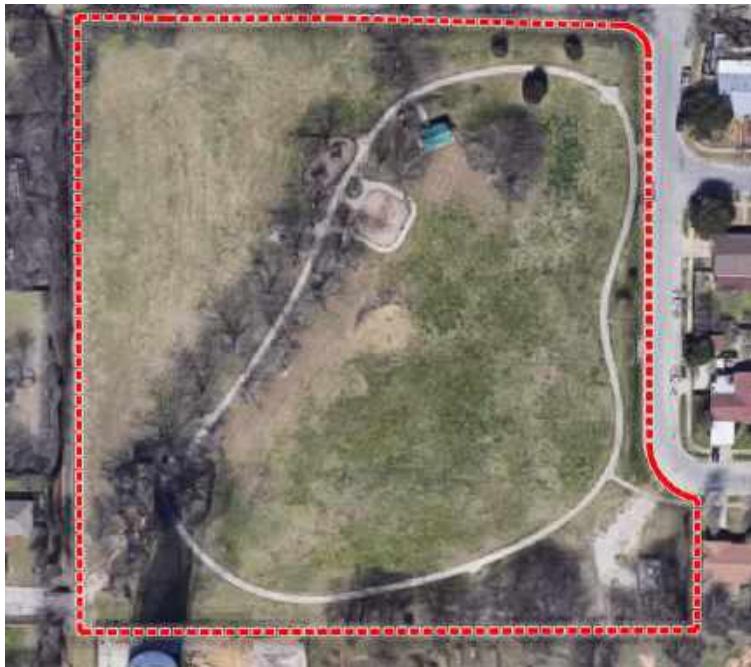
**CLASSIFICATION**

Neighborhood Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Practice field
- Security lighting
- Trail with lighting

# PECAN PARK



**LOCATION**

4150 Revere Street,  
Haltom City, Texas, 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

2.0

**CLASSIFICATION**

Neighborhood Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Trail

# REVERE PARK



**LOCATION**

5000 Bernice Street,  
Haltom City, Texas 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

4.1

**CLASSIFICATION**

Neighborhood Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Exercise station
- Field lighting
- Parking spaces
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Practice field
- Security lighting
- Trail



# SANDY OAKS PARK



**LOCATION**

4839 Broadway Avenue,  
Haltom City, Texas 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

15.0

**CLASSIFICATION**

Community Park

**AMENITIES**

- Baseball fields(3)
- Basketball court (1 full)
- Benches
- Concession building
- Field lighting
- Football fields (3)
- Inline hockey rink
- Parking spaces
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Practice fields
- Restrooms
- Security lighting
- Sprayground
- Tennis court



# BROADWAY PARK



**LOCATION**

5720 Parkwood Trail,  
Haltom City, Texas 76137

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

95.0 acres

**CLASSIFICATION**

Community Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Field lighting
- Parking spaces
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Security lighting
- Softball field
- Trail with lighting

# BUFFALO RIDGE PARK



**LOCATION**

5220 Denton Highway,  
Haltom City, TX 76117

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

45.9

**CLASSIFICATION**

Community Park

**AMENITIES**

- Basketball court
- Baseball field (5)
- Benches
- Concession
- Disc golf course
- Field lighting
- Parking spaces
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Practice field
- Restroom
- Softball field (2)

# NORTH PARK



**LOCATION**

5290 Western Center Boulevard,  
Haltom City, Texas 76137

**DEVELOPED ACRES**

20.0

**CLASSIFICATION**

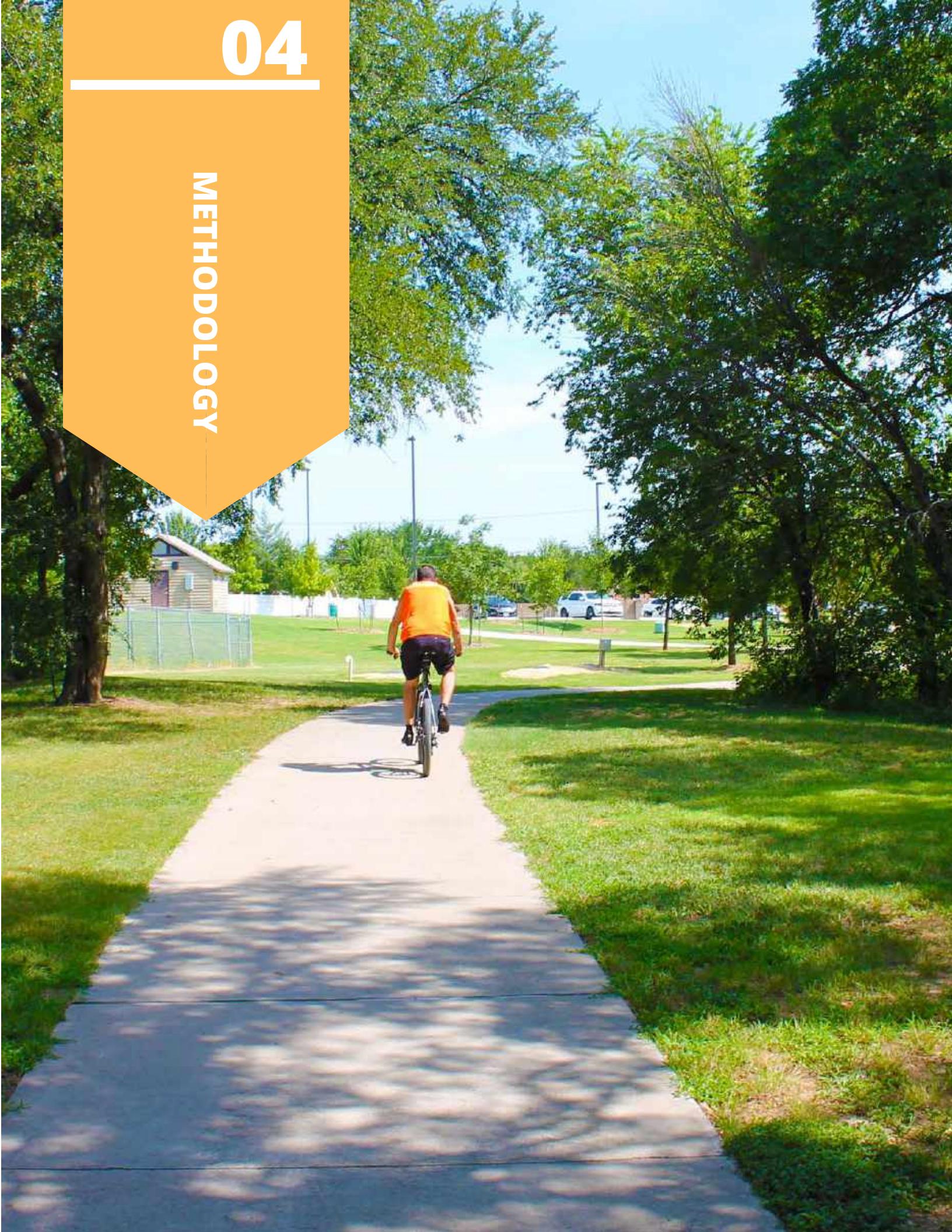
Community Park

**AMENITIES**

- Benches
- Parking spaces
- Pavilion
- Picnic area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Security lighting
- Splashpad
- Trail with lighting

# WHITES BRANCH PARK





# METHODOLOGY

## → Existing Park System

The parks and open space system in the City of Haltom City was inventoried to examine how parks are laid out in the City. The inventory covered parks, open spaces and recreational resources. The inventory process examined city owned parks and recreational opportunities available to the public such as school campuses.

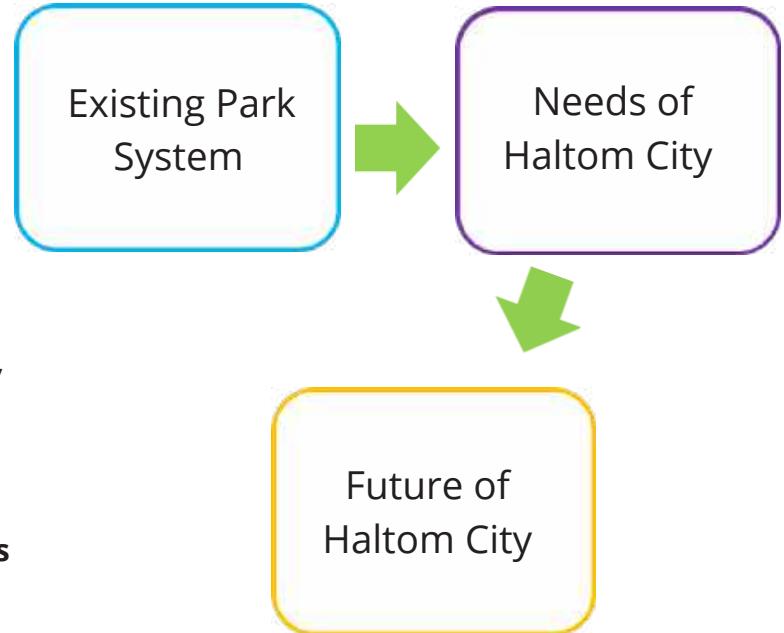
**In order to better understand the true needs of Haltom City's Parks and Open Space system:**

- The Level of Service analysis was created to compare developed park acreage to the current population
- The park system was compared to national standards established in the Park Recreation and Open Space Guideline Reports created by the National Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines
- Public Input meetings were conducted in order to gain beneficial insight into the wants and needs of the citizens regarding the future of the Parks and Recreation System in Haltom City
- A citizen survey was distributed to gain insight from the residents regarding the park system of Haltom City

The following is a list of Focus Groups that participated in the Focus Group sessions

- Parks & Recreation Staff
- Public Works, Planning, City Manager
- Community Leaders
- Sports Groups
- General Public

Participation of the above mentioned persons guaranteed the development of a Master Plan that when implemented, will meet the true needs of the community and contribute to the improvement of Haltom City.



## → Needs of Haltom City

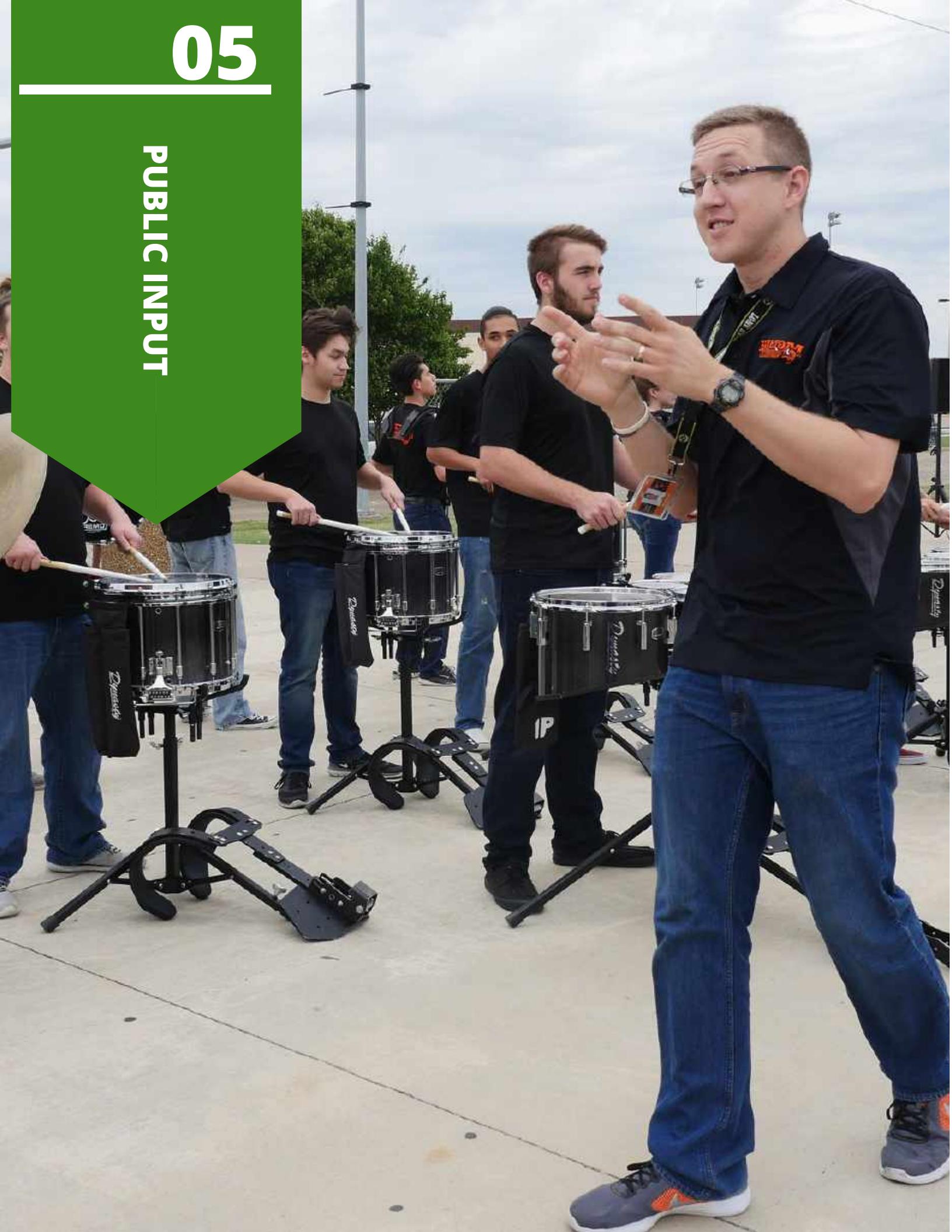
Based on citizen input, inventory of facilities and accessible resources, the team developed a Needs Analysis for Haltom City in line with the goals and objectives.

## → Future of Haltom City

The team developed park projects and upgrades for the next decade to guide the future for Haltom City Parks, Recreation & Open Space System.

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## PUBLIC INPUT

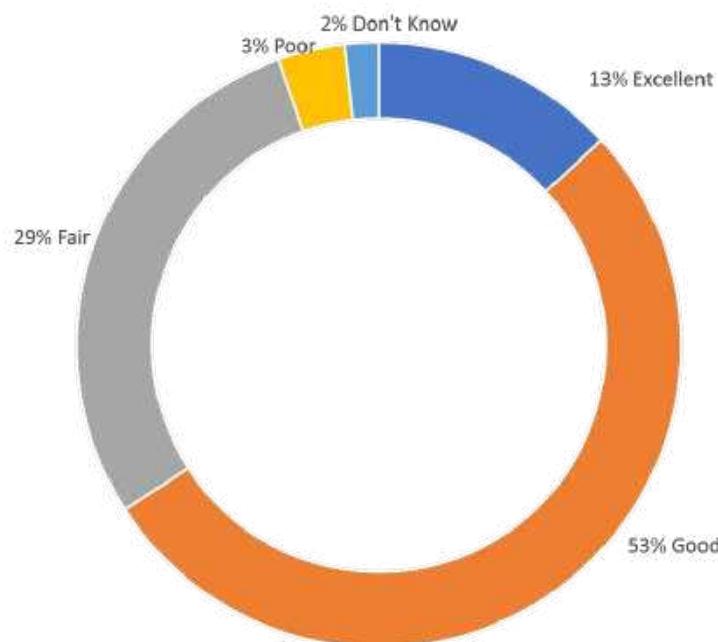


# PUBLIC INPUT

## Survey Results

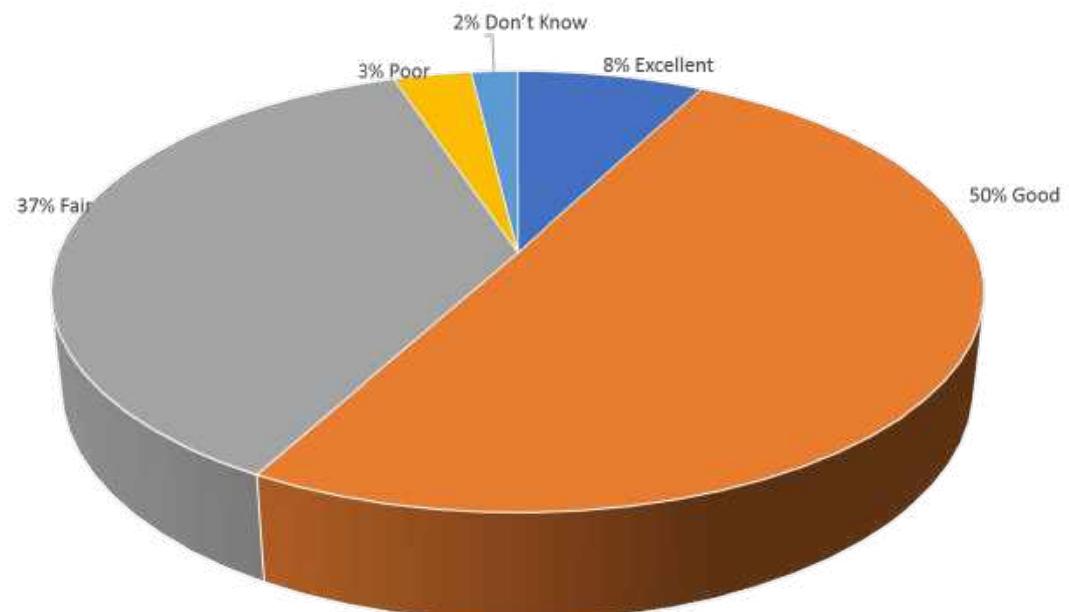


How would you rate the **existing parks and recreational facilities** in Haltom City?



**66% Excellent & Good**

How would you describe the **level of maintenance** in the Parks and Recreation facilities?

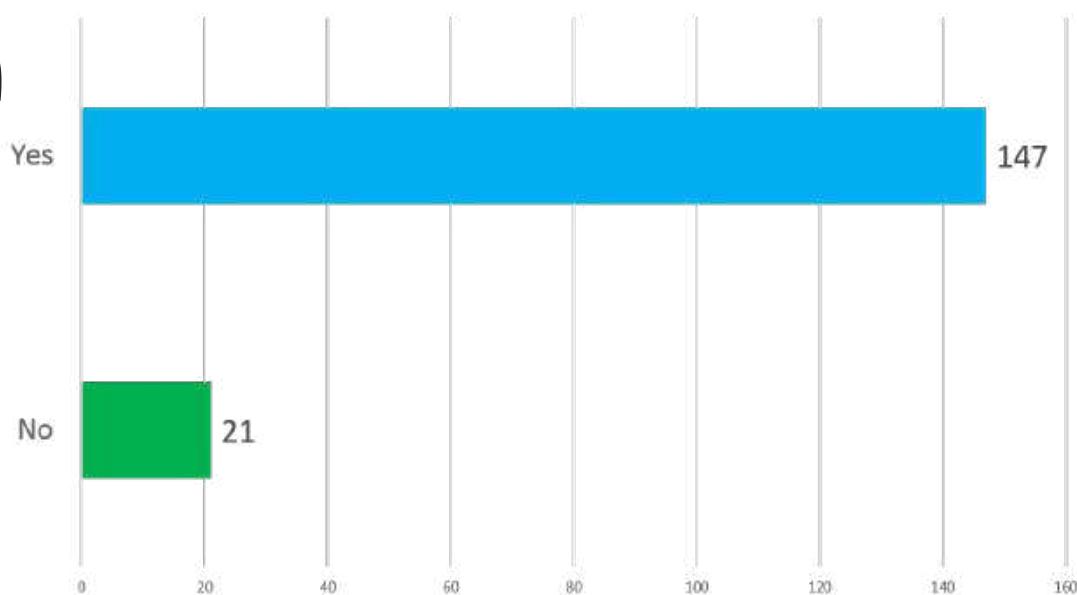


**58% Excellent & Good**

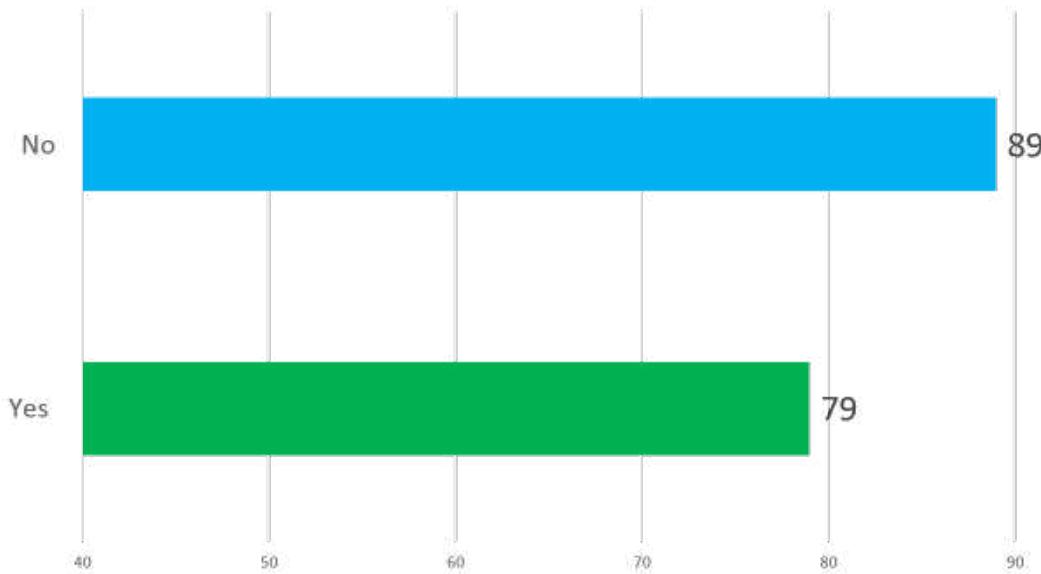
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Are additional parks and recreational facilities needed in Haltom City?

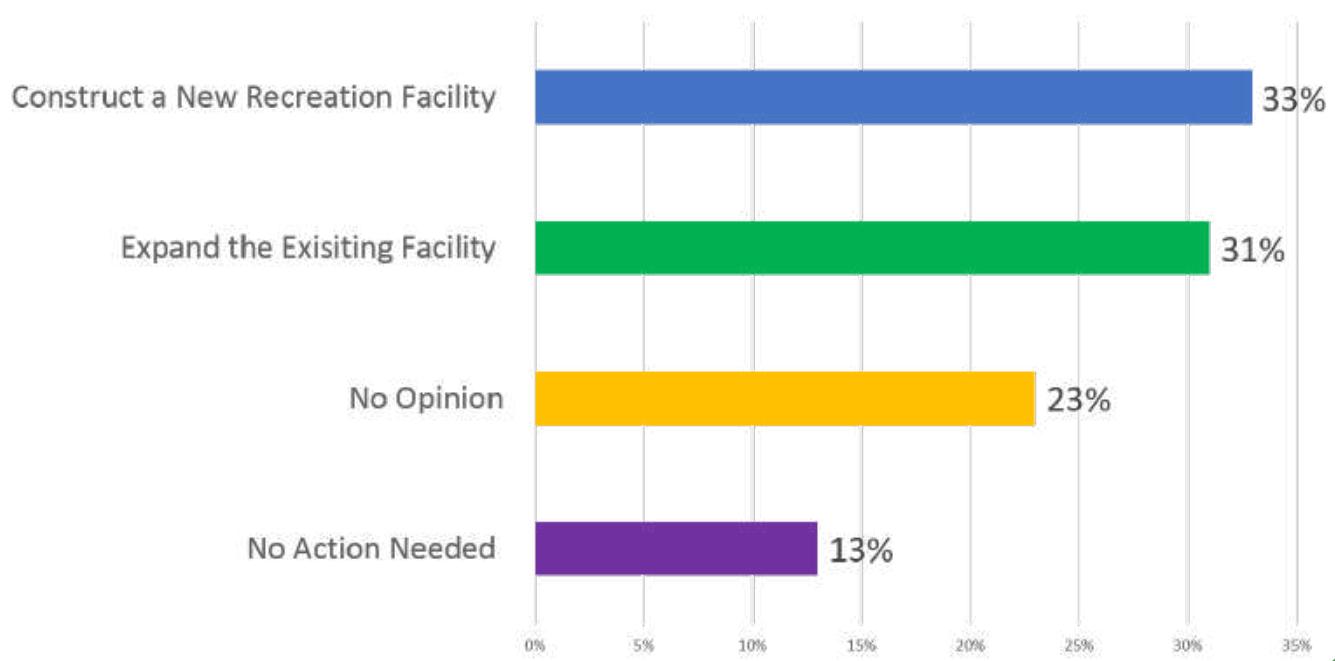
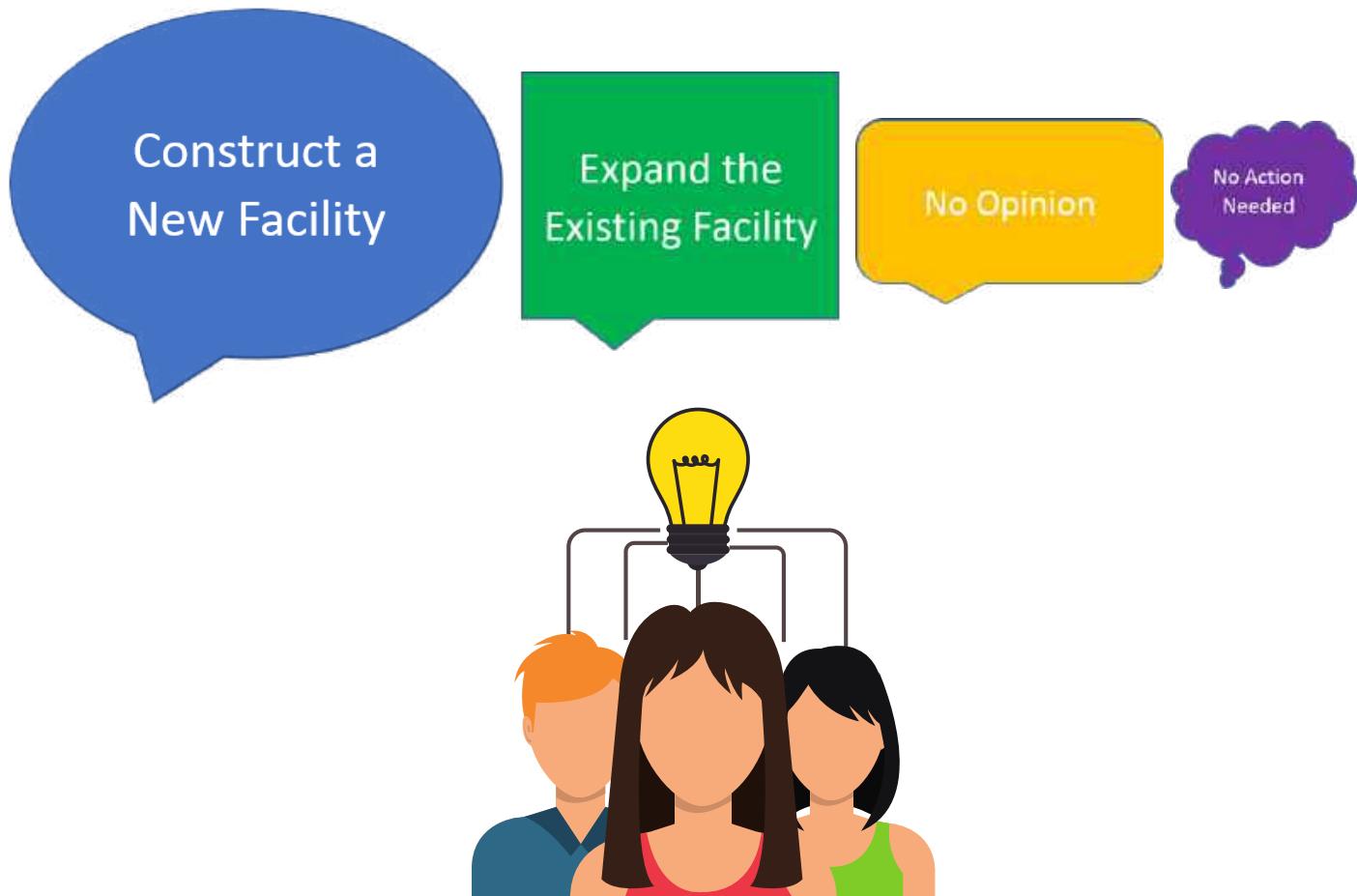


Can you reasonably walk to a City Park?



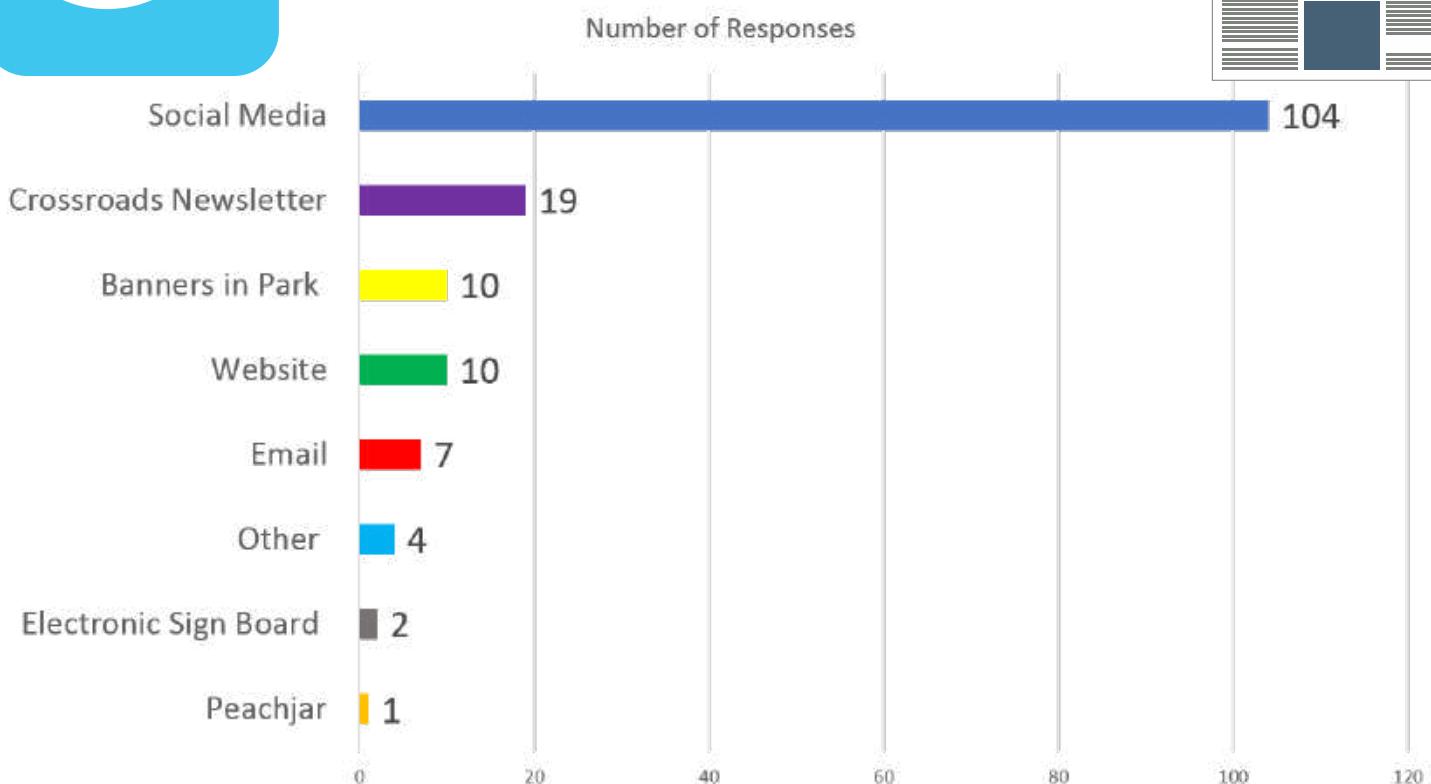
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In regards to Indoor Recreation should the City?

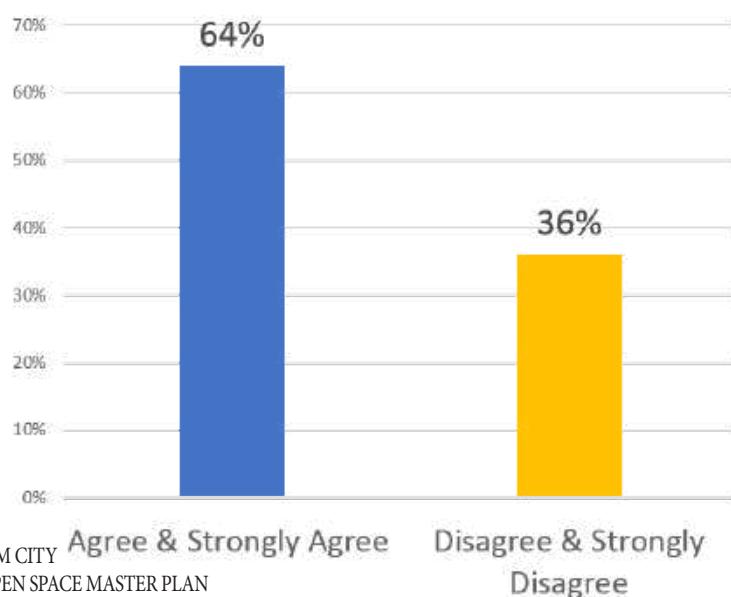


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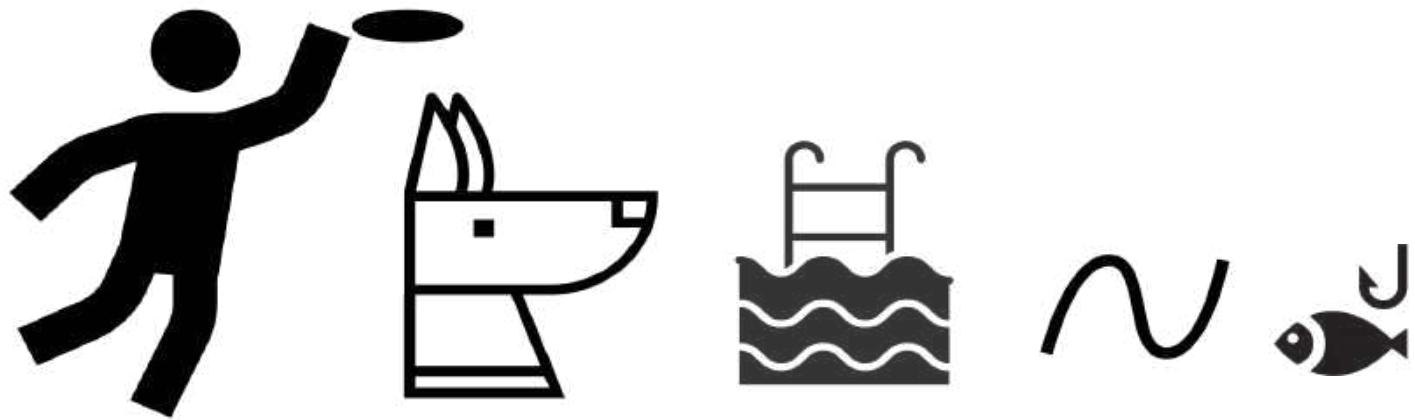
How should the City inform the public of upcoming events?



The City of Haltom City provides most citizens with information regarding local parks and recreational opportunities.



# PUBLIC INPUT



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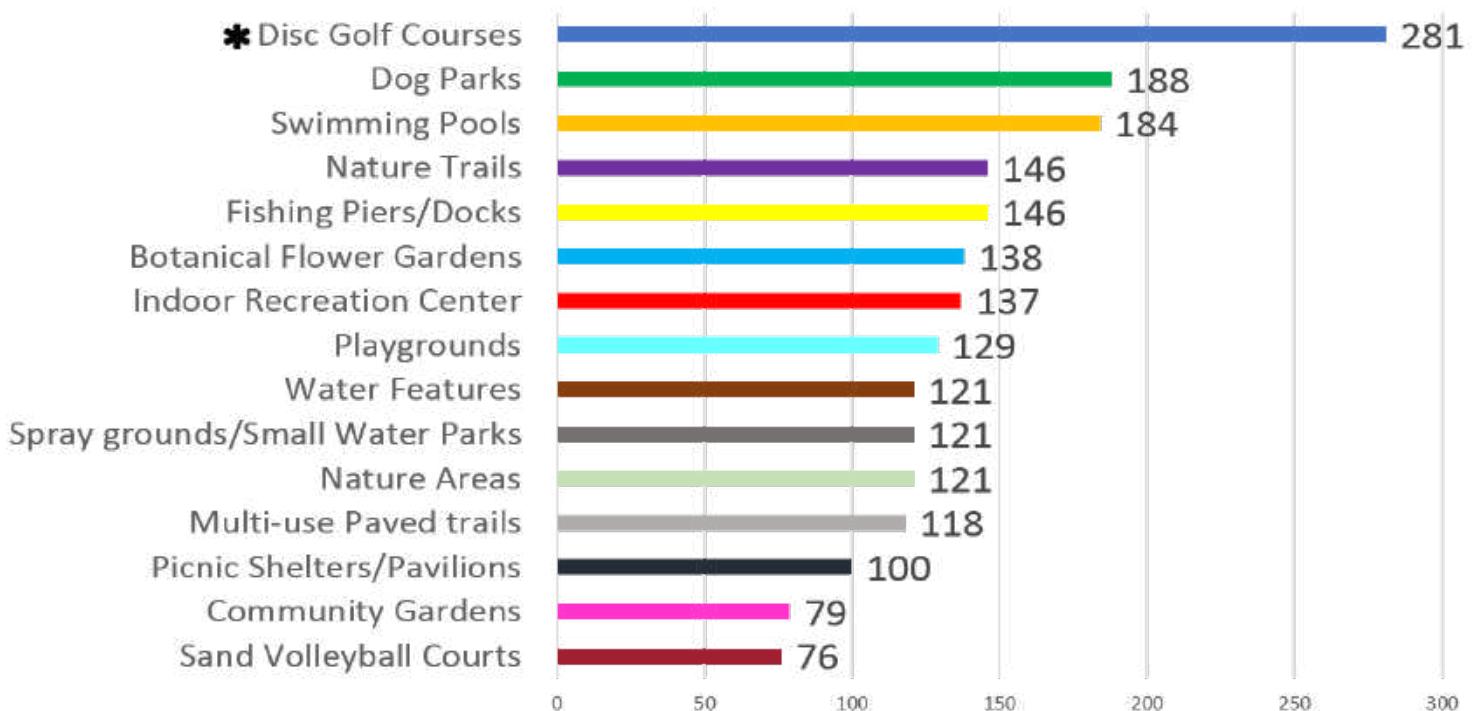
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What Additional Facilities would you like to have in Haltom City parks?

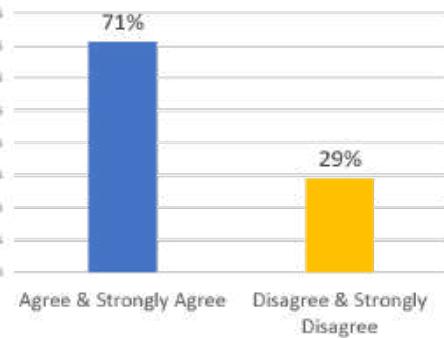


\* The City of Haltom City has a first class disc golf course at North Park that is used by citizens and surrounding communities. Based on information gathered from focus group meetings, public input and professional opinion, it appears the survey was manipulated in favor of disc golf courses.

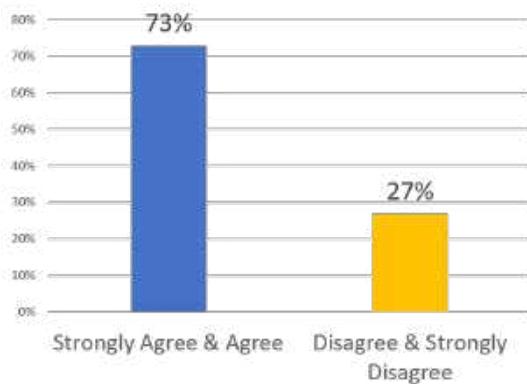
# PUBLIC INPUT

What Parks are needed in Haltom City ?

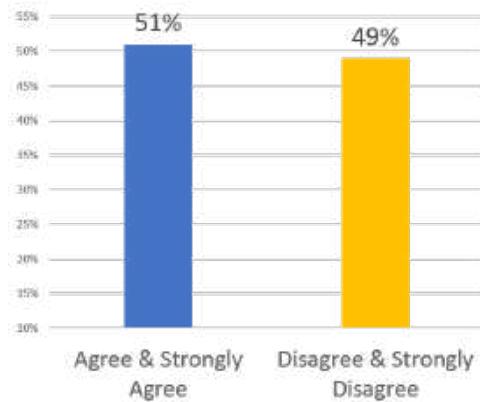
More Community Parks?  
((2500 sq. ft. to 1 acre in size))



More Neighborhood Parks?  
(10 acres in size)

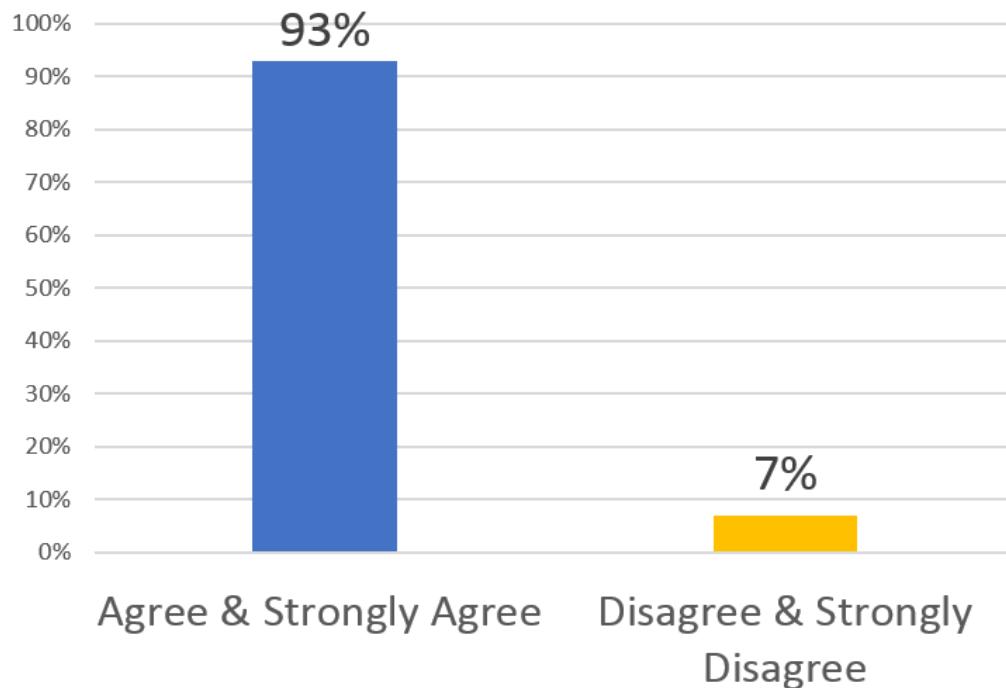
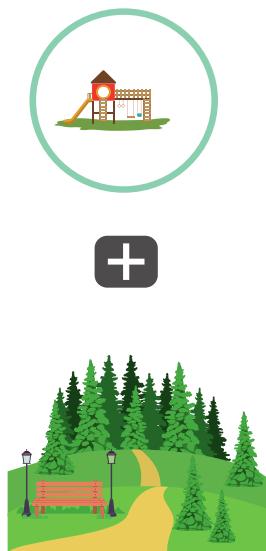


More Pocket or Ornamental Parks?  
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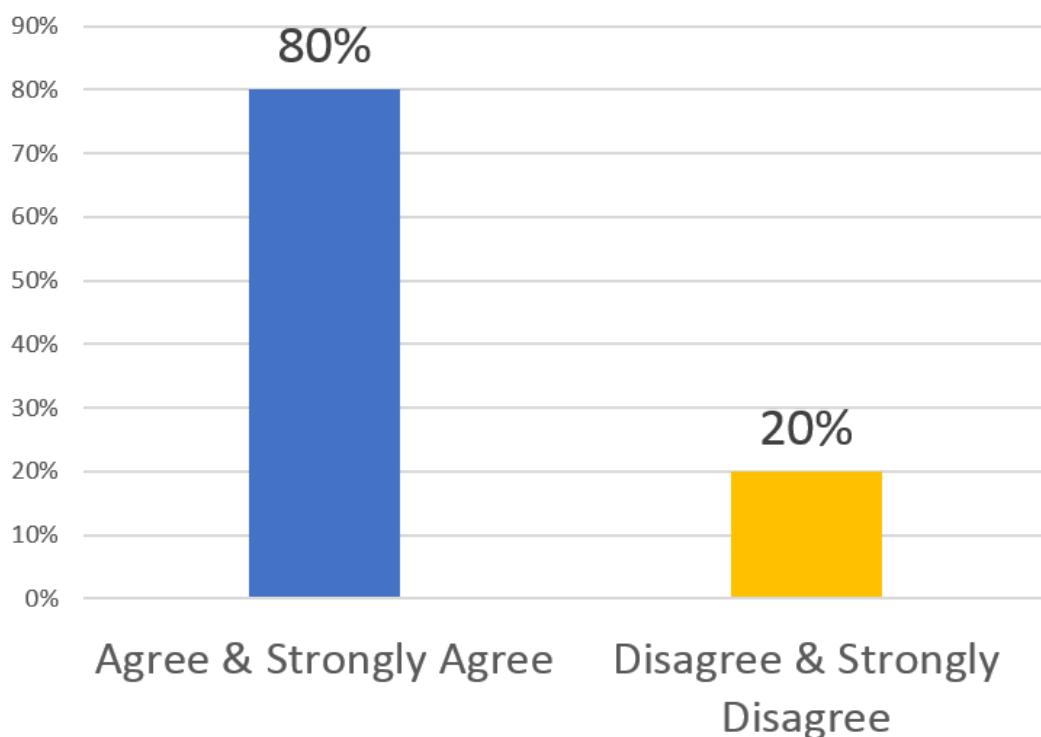
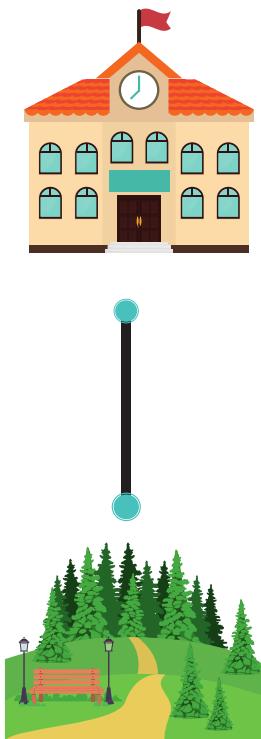


# PUBLIC INPUT

Existing parks in Haltom City should be upgraded and/or improved to include additional facilities.

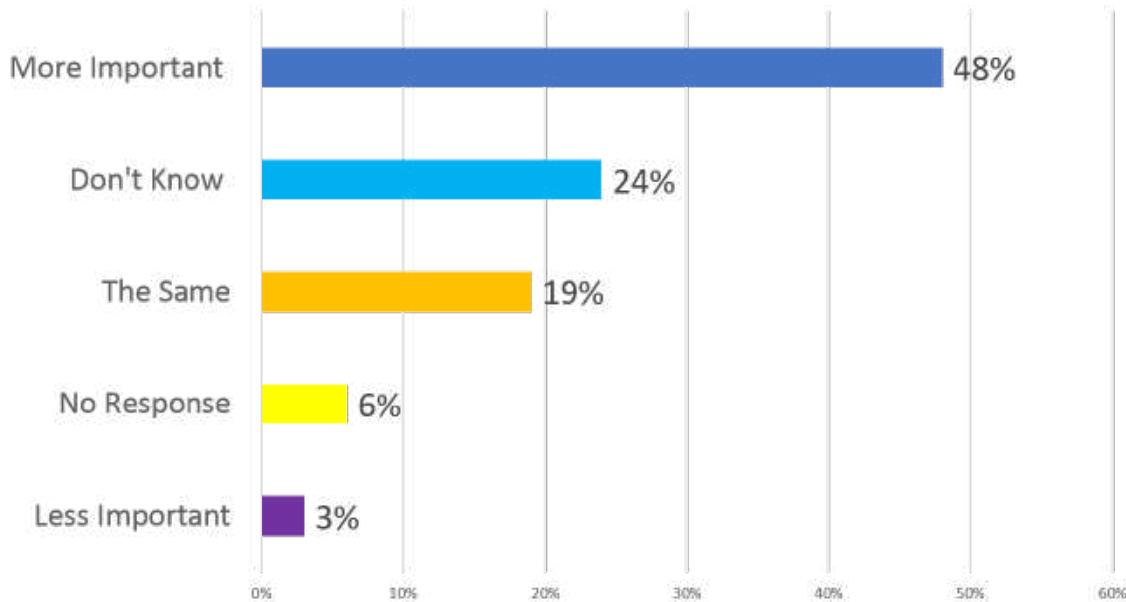


Residential neighborhoods, schools and parks should be connected with linear parks such as trails along creeks and other corridors.

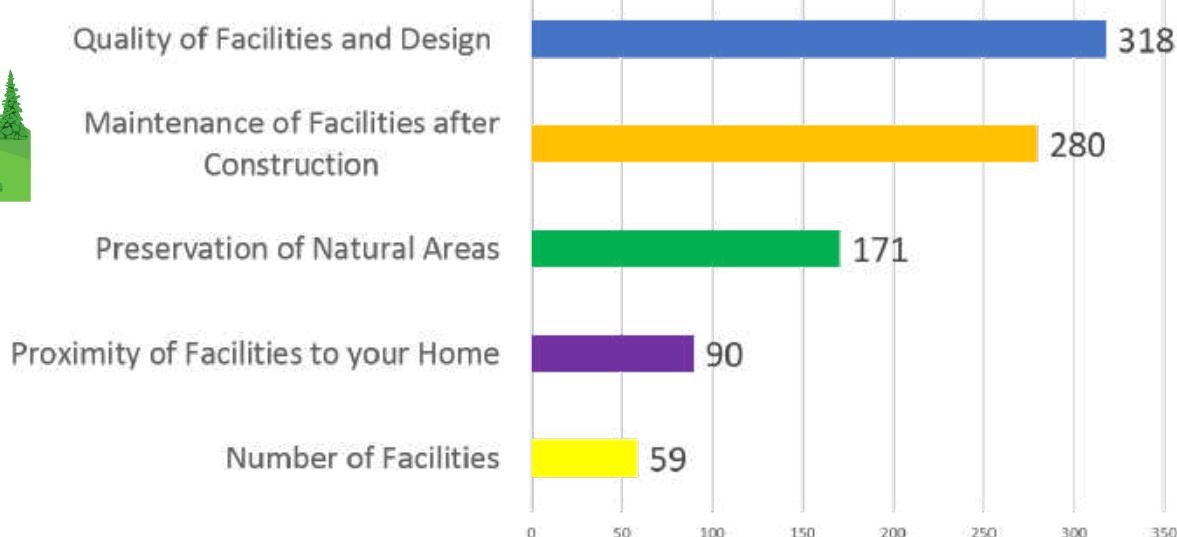


# PUBLIC INPUT

What is the role of parks, recreation and open space in Haltom City today compared to ten years ago?

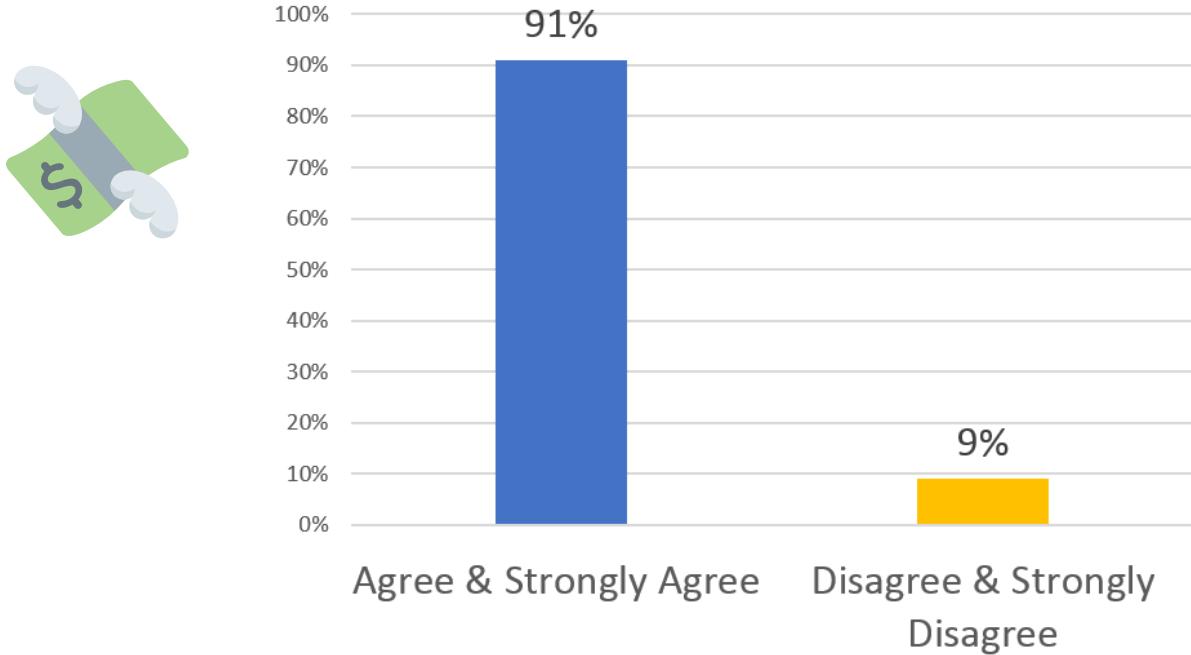


What is the most important consideration regarding future parks in Haltom City?

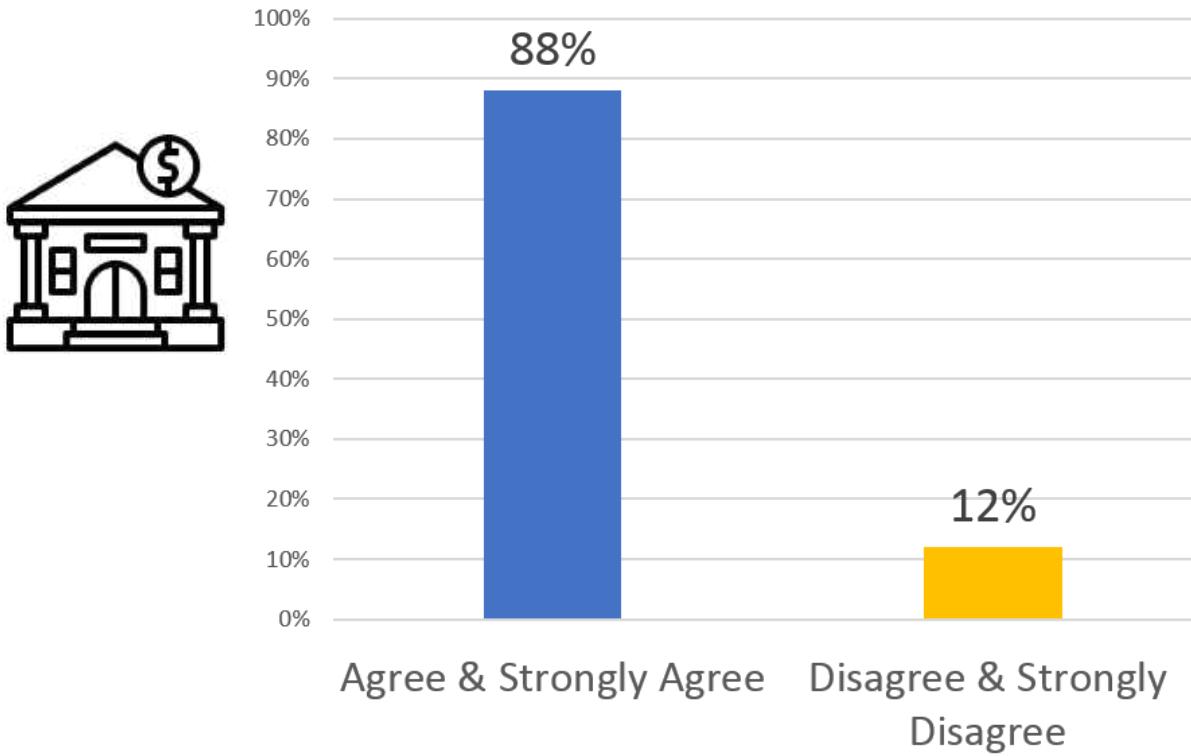


# PUBLIC INPUT

Parks & Recreation facilities are well worth the cost to taxpayers

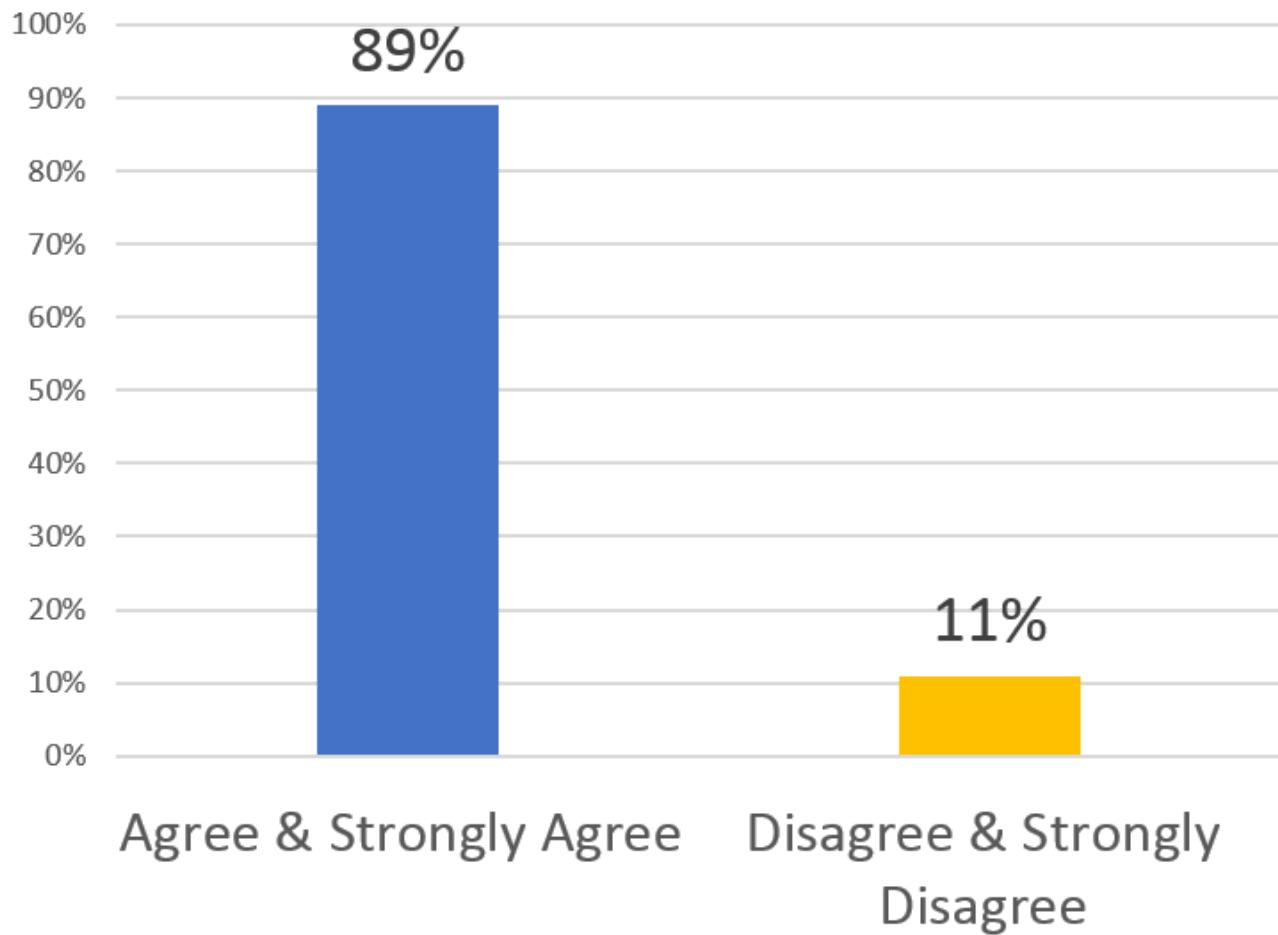


In addition to state grants, municipal bonds should be used to assist in funding the development and maintenance of parks in Haltom City.



# PUBLIC INPUT

The City recently acquired the Northeast Optimist Club property located near North Park on Denton Highway. The City should focus on developing this 39 acre property as the premier park in the northern region of the City.



The complete citizen survey results can be seen in Appendix I.



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## GOALS & OBJECTIVES



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## PARKS GOAL & OBJECTIVES

- ***To provide a stable park system which meets the recreational and functional needs of the citizens of the City while supporting a unique community identity.***
- To continue to renovate and update parks throughout the entire park system in order to satisfy the needs of all citizens
- To work cooperatively with schools and other sport organizations to better manage usage of sport facilities
- To develop a park system that provides economic benefits to the community
- To continuously increase maintenance, walkability, beautification, safety and connectivity of the existing park system
- To enact a cost-effective management plan to revitalize the recreation center
- To continue to research the feasibility of redeveloping North Park as the premier park and gateway into the City
- To implement new programs and events throughout the City to better serve the community
- To partner with Texas Parks and Wildlife to receive grants to help fund the revitalization of the park system
- To provide unique programming and branding to help with the redevelopment of the under-served parks



# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

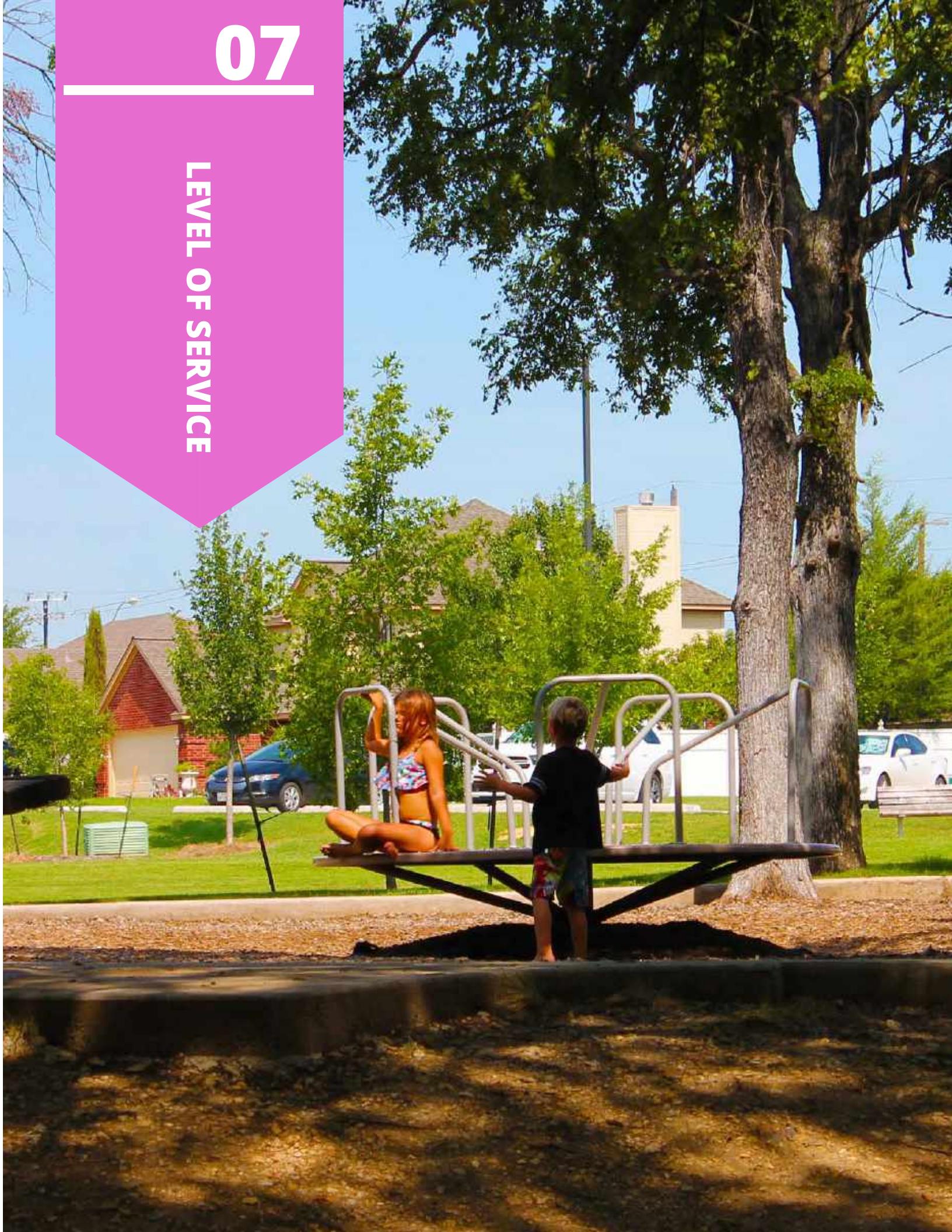
## OPEN SPACE GOAL & OBJECTIVES

- ***To continuously establish, preserve and conserve natural open spaces for recreation, essential aesthetic value and protection of valuable ecosystems.***
- To address safety concerns along greenbelts and trails by incorporating proper signage, lighting and wayfinding
- To address drainage, flooding, and erosion issues throughout the parks and also limit negative impacts to the nearby riparian zone
- To research the addition of facilities along greenways that enhance recreational experiences and protect valuable ecosystems
- To research the implementation of a trail system with meaningful connections to schools, recreational facilities and businesses
- To be proactive in protection of unique natural open spaces along Big Fossil Creek, Little Fossil Creek and their tributaries



# 07

## LEVEL OF SERVICE



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The Level of Service is a measurement of usable park acres per 1,000 persons. The Level of Service is necessary for the City representatives and citizens to understand the importance of the role of the park system in Haltom City and to help support essential decisions in future parks, recreation and open space development.

## **The Level of Service standards for Haltom City is analyzed based on:**

- A broad scope beginning with National Recreation and Park Association standards, then tailored for statewide, regional, and then community norms to make an analysis that is specific to Haltom City
- Derived from 2019 population estimate, focus group input and stakeholder input
- Professional opinion from local guidelines and the firm's work experience

## **It is important to consider:**

- Undeveloped or unusable parkland will not be factored in the equation
- Acreage of private recreational facilities and golf courses will not be studied in this analysis
- Open spaces on public spaces and campuses are considered in the Level of Service analysis only if they are open to the public during non school hours.

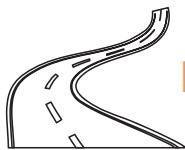
The National Park and Recreation Standards for the Level of Service is a nationwide measurement of usable parkland acres and does not take into account the local standards of a city. The measurement of Level of Service is important, and should be specific to Haltom City. The City should develop their own Level of Service to fit community needs that can be maintained at a high level.

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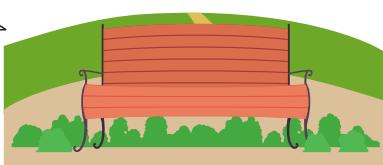
## HALTOM CITY'S CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE IS



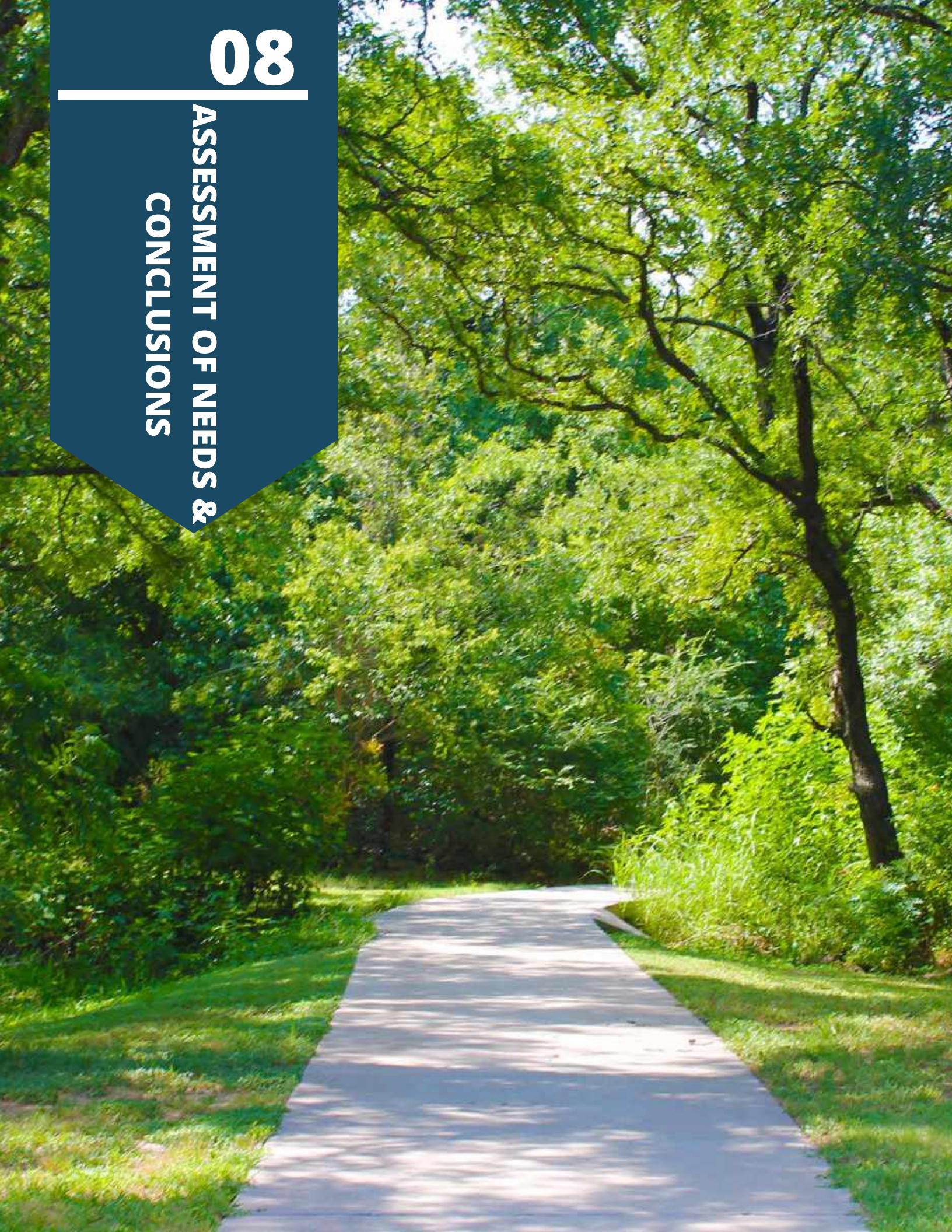
**5.48 acres**  
of Parkland per  
1,000 residents



**IN 2030 HALTOM CITY'S LEVEL OF SERVICE WILL BE**



**5.16 acres**  
of Parkland per  
1,000 residents



# 08| ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS & CONCLUSIONS

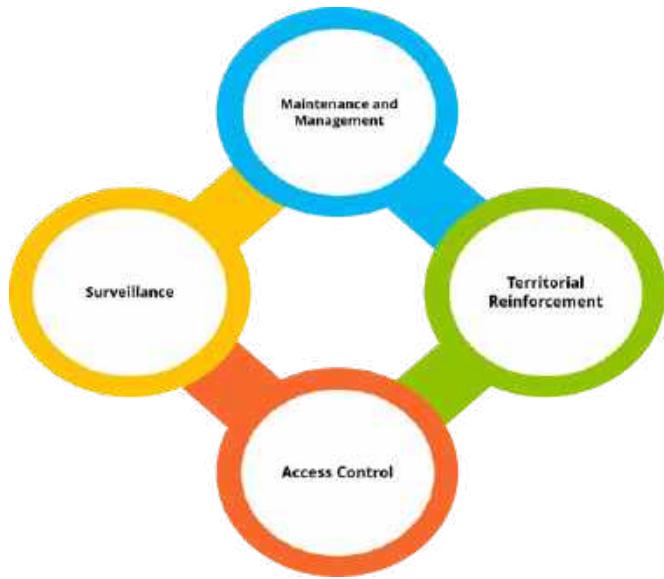
# ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS & CONCLUSIONS

The recreational needs for Haltom City were determined by the following planning factors:



# CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

received from: [www.nrparks&recreation-magazine](http://www.nrparks&recreation-magazine)



## What is CPTED?

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- CPTED is a plan or project that uses specific design principles to work toward deterring criminal behavior while positively impacting the image and usage of an area or facility.

## Why is it useful?

- CPTED is useful because it can be a creative and inexpensive way to change how to manage areas to deter criminal activity.

## What are the Four Main Principles?

**1) Access Control** — Using the layout of your environmental design to physically limit the access and egress points. This practice can also guide users, both positive and negative, to a specific direction within the park. Controlling access makes negative users feel uncomfortable and less apt to commit a crime.

**2) Surveillance** — Involves the elimination of physical barriers that inhibit the casual observer from scrutinizing behaviors inside a space. Surveillance is enhanced by lighting, proper placement of shrubbery, well-placed windows, elimination of physical barriers, and architecture and social commitment.

**3) Territorial Reinforcement** — This concept involves facilitating the process of turning an area over to legitimate users who will take ownership of the space and care for it. This helps eliminate or reduce nuisance behaviors because bad actors using the space receive increased monitoring.

**4) Maintenance and Management** — Keeping areas “clean and green” is the minimum standard for scheduled maintenance. Have a plan and take the extra steps to create a clean, well-kept area for your patrons. Do not let things like graffiti, garbage and/or damaged property be seen by your positive users. Have staff locate, clean and fix issues before your park is open or highly populated.

- It is important to note that in parks some of your biggest assets when utilizing CPTED is park users (sometimes called actors).
- Incorporate these users in your plan, and promote usage of frequent users and people who have eyes on the space (observers).

# PARK UPGRADES-NEEDS



Haltom City has successfully developed several parks over the past ten year planning period. In order to continuously enhance and compliment the existing park system, additional parks need upgrades over the next decade. Public input, city staff, and professional opinions suggest that parks need additional upgrades. The renovation of existing parks and the quality of facilities and design ranked as the upmost importance to the citizens of Haltom City. The following pages list of park-by-park upgrades needed in Haltom City through the year 2029:



## PLAYGROUND PARKS

### PARRISH ROAD PARK

Parrish Road Park is a small playground park with the primary need of new amenities. The needs are playground equipment and site amenities.



### BIRDVILLE TRAILS PARK

Birdville Trails Park is the newest park opened in 2016 and is still in great condition. In order to keep the park up to date and safe for the community, it is important to periodically update park features. The needs are art gardens, trail linkages, sculptures, and lighting.



### HALTOM ROAD PARK

Haltom Road Park was recently updated with a Veterans Memorial in 2017. This park is highly used by residents and needs some additional elements. The needs are an all inclusive playground, playground amenities, an amphitheater, space for food vendors, a pavilion, botanical gardens, enhanced landscaping and additional lighting.



## LITTLE FOSSIL PARK

Little Fossil Park was redesigned and updated in 2014. Little Fossil park is frequently used by residents and needs to be maintained and upgraded to make sure the park meets the demand. The needs are a playground and parking.



## PECAN PARK

Pecan Park is a beautiful 5 acre park, however, there are some essential elements missing and park practices that could increase perceptions of safety in the park. The needs are a basketball court, soccer goals, all inclusive playground, sprayground, site amenities, a pavilion, additional lighting and a restroom facility.

## REVERE PARK

Revere Park was constructed in 2013 and provides a large open lawn space. In order to increase park usage, additional facilities are needed. The needs are a playground, site amenities, shade structures and lighting.

## **SANDY OAKS PARK**

Sandy Oaks Park provides a vast range of amenities, however, Bernice Street bisects the park. In order to meet the growing need of quality design of facilities, updated facilities are needed. The needs are a playground, a dog park, restroom and maintenance.



## **BROADWAY PARK**

Broadway Park is located directly behind the recreation center and offers a wide range of passive and active recreational opportunities. It is important to maintain high quality amenities at Broadway Park to verify that the changing needs of the city are met. The needs are sprayground enhancements, an outdoor basketball court, a playground, soccer and football fields, a pavilion and parking.



## **BUFFALO RIDGE PARK**

Buffalo Ridge Park is an expansive park with a large amount of greenspace, trails, and recreational amenities. To ensure a high level in usage and safety in the park, upgrades are needed. The needs are wayfinding and signage, trailheads, an all inclusive playground, a dog park, nature trails, a disc golf course, interpretative signage, bicycle support facilities, a restroom and parking.





## **NORTH PARK**

North Park is a 40 acre complex with multiple sports and recreation facilities. North Park needs restoration to become the premiere park in Haltom City. The needs are site improvements to fields, a playground, trails, a pavilion, an amphitheater, site amenities for passive recreation, a concession stand, tree plantings, parking, signage, a restroom, lighting, and maintenance staff and equipment.

- Since 2008, North Park has been on the implementation schedule to add recreational facilities. With the emphasis placed on developing North Park as a premiere site for Haltom City, the team has designed conceptual designs for the project. It is important to note that North Park is located in a floodplain and significant work will be needed upstream and along Big Fossil Fossil Creek to alleviate the flooding in the park.

## **WHITES BRANCH PARK**

Constructed in 2012 and updated in 2015, Whites Branch Park is in great condition. In order for this park to sufficiently meet the needs of the citizens, upgrades should be provided through the park. The needs are signage and wayfinding, a playground, interpretive signage, an amphitheater, security lighting and bicycle support facilities.

## **BRANDING**

Based on Focus Group meetings, there is a need to redesign the parks system through branding. Branding is promoting a product through a distinctive design or brand. The brand is how the City identifies their parks and recreation system: through mailers, the website, social media posts and park signage.

The need in Haltom City is to launch a new visual brand through park signage. The City has successfully implemented uniform park signs, but there is a need to upgrade the branding efforts.

## TRAIL NEEDS



Based on public input, the citizen's desire for multi-purpose and nature trails was high. The majority of the existing parks have multi-purpose looped trails in the City. In addition to looped trails, the City also offers linear trails for connectivity. Buffalo Ridge Trail is approximately three miles of concrete trail that meanders through the woods, ultimately connecting Buffalo Ridge Park, Haltom City High School and Whites Branch Park. Little Fossil Trail is approximately 1.12 miles of concrete along Little Fossil Creek that connects Little Fossil Park and Haltom Road Park. The needs are additional trails to make logical connections between parks, schools, residential neighborhoods and commercial areas, nature trails, wayfinding and signage, kiosks and trailheads, rest areas with a small pavilion, benches, picnic tables and bike maintenance stations.



## NATURAL AREA & OPEN SPACE NEEDS



It is important to protect valuable ecosystems in a park system. Big Fossil Creek and Little Fossil Creek should be preserved as unique natural spaces, which help protect the ecology of the area and provide spaces for passive and active recreation. With preservation of these natural spaces in mind, it is important to be proactive by continuously monitoring efforts and upgrading amenities. The needs are to protect Little Fossil Creek, Big Fossil Creek and their tributaries, plant native species within the park system, and provide interpretive signage along existing and future greenways.



## NEW PARK NEEDS

Over the past ten year planning period, the City of Haltom City has successfully acquired and developed several parks, including: Whites Branch, Revere Park and Birdville Trails Park. Due to the fact that Haltom City has developed these parks, the need for new parks is not in high demand. When asked what the most important element of parks are in the future, the survey respondents ranked Quality as the most important with a weighted score of 318, Maintenance as the second most important with a weighted score of 280 and Number of Facilities as fifth most important with a weighted score of 59. At this time, the need for additional parks is low but should always be considered if the acquisition of park land arises and supports the goals and objectives of this plan.



## SWIMMING POOLS

The City of Haltom City does not currently provide a public swimming pool for its residents. Swimming pools rank number three on the citizen survey, however, there was no talk of swimming pools in public input meetings or focus group meetings held. Due to the cost of construction, maintenance, and staffing of a public pool, swimming pools are not needed at this time. The aquatic need in Haltom City can be satisfied with the construction of spraygrounds.

## DOG PARKS

Haltom City does not currently provide a Dog Park for its residents. Dog Parks ranked number two on the citizen survey and there is a need to construct a dog park in the City to meet the demand.

## RECREATIONAL NEEDS



The City of Haltom City has one recreation center located at Broadway Park. Based on public input, there is currently a need for additional indoor recreational space. The current recreation center is small and does not efficiently support the demands of the community. There is roughly equal demand from the citizens whether the existing facility needs to be expanded or a new facility needs to be constructed based on public input. The needs are multi-purpose rooms, a new indoor recreation center, an expansion of the existing center and variety of recreational programs.



# ATHLETIC NEEDS

**Football** - Haltom City Pee Wee Football Association runs the youth football league. Currently, 238 boys and girls play football in the league and the games are typically played on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Three football fields are located at Broadway Park and they adequately accommodate the current and projected participation for football. However, since the fields are located in the outfields of the softball and baseball fields, there is a need for a location designated for the football fields. Currently, the main concerns at the existing fields are drainage, lack of parking at Broadway Park and the need for a concession stand.

The following table shows the existing and future needs for football based on a growth rate over 2% for the next ten years. It is estimated that each field has a capacity of six games on Saturdays and three games on Wednesdays.

Age Group	Field Size	Number of Teams 2019	Number of Existing Game Fields 2019	Number of required Game Fields in 2019	Number of Teams in 2029	Number of required game fields in 2029
U5 – U7	80 yd	5	2	1	6	1
U8 – U12	100 yd	10	1	1	12	1
Total		15	3	2	18	2

**Basketball** – Basketball is played by approximately 250 boys and girls at the indoor basketball courts located at the Indoor Recreational Center at Broadway Park. Currently, the basketball court at Broadway Park can accommodate an average of 10 to 12 games every Saturday. The biggest concern regarding basketball is the lack of outdoor facilities.

The amount of basketball players in Haltom City has increased significantly over the last few years. The table below shows the existing and future needs for basketball facilities based on a growth rate of 4% given the increase in popularity of this sport in Haltom City. If the number of teams keeps increasing significantly, additional games will need to be played on different days of the week or additional indoor courts will need to be constructed.

Age Group	Court Size	Number of Teams 2019	Number of Existing Game Courts 2019	Number of Required Game Courts 2019	Number of Teams in 2029	Number of Required Game Courts 2029
U6-U8	Small Gym	10	1	1	15	1
U10-U12	Regular	19	1	1	28	2
Total		29	2	1	43	3

**Soccer** – The Department of Parks and Recreation runs the Soccer program. Currently, 339 boys and girls play soccer in Haltom City. The games are currently played on Saturdays on a soccer field owned by the Birdville Independent School District. The practices are held at various locations throughout Haltom City such as schools, churches and open fields. The city does not own any designated soccer fields or practice spaces.

Due to the fact that the Soccer Association has no dedicated space, the City needs to provide soccer fields for game play and practices.

It is estimated that youth soccer will grow at a rate of approximately 4% per year due to its popularity. Based on the carrying capacity of six games per field per Saturday, the following table shows the existing needs for soccer facilities:

Age Group	Field Size	Number of Teams 2019	Number of Existing Game Fields 2019	Number of required Game Fields in 2019	Number of Teams in 2029	Number of required game fields in 2029
U4	70' x 30'	8	0	1	12	1
U6	90' x 40'	8	0	1	12	1
U8	140' x 80'	8	0	1	12	1
U10	140' x 110'	8	0	1	12	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>

**Volleyball** – The Department of Parks and Recreation runs the volleyball program. Currently, 80 girls from 10 to 14 years of age play in the volleyball league. Approximately three to four games are played every Friday at the indoor facility located at the Indoor Recreational Center at Broadway Park.

Considering the fact that six volleyball games can be held every Friday, the needed infrastructure for volleyball is currently being met and the available space will accommodate a growth rate of 4% per year. The table below shows the needs for volleyball courts.

Dedicated indoor volleyball courts are not currently needed.

Age Group	Court Size	Number of Teams 2019	Number of Existing Game Courts 2019	Number of Required Game Courts 2019	Number of Teams in 2029	Number of Required Game Courts 2029
10 - 14	Regular	8	1	1	12	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>

**Adult Softball** – Currently, 870 adults play softball at the field located at North Park. Approximately three to five games are held on Thursdays and Fridays. Considering the fact that the field located at North Park is used exclusively for adult softball, the needs are currently being satisfied. The only current need is the addition of a scoreboard at the field.

The table below shows the existing and future need for adult softball fields based on a growth rate of 2%. If a higher growth rate occurs, adult softball can be played on other days of the week, given the fact that the field will not be occupied by other programs or leagues.

Age Group	Field Size	Number of Teams 2019	Number of Existing Game Fields 2019	Number of required Game Fields in 2019	Number of Teams in 2029	Number of required game fields in 2029
Adult	Regular	58	1	1	71	1
Total		58	1	1	71	1

**Youth Softball** – Haltom City Girls Softball runs the softball program in Haltom City. Currently 218 girls divided into eight teams play at the three existing fields located at Little Fossil Park. The games are held every day of the week except Wednesdays and Sundays. The existing infrastructure is sufficient for the current number of teams based on the fact that each field has a capacity of six games per day. The needs for youth softball are additional practice spaces, parking and a sound system for the fields.

The table below shows existing and future needs for youth softball fields based on a growth rate of 2%. It is apparent that the current and future needs are currently being met.

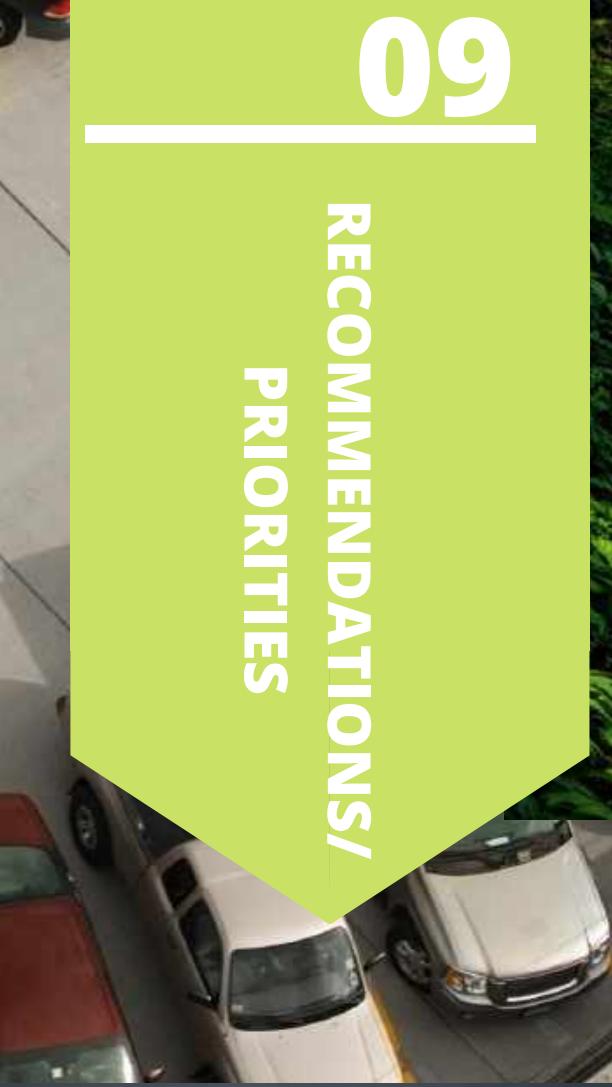
Age Group	Field Size	Number of Teams 2019	Number of Existing Game Fields 2019	Number of Required Game Fields 2019	Number of Teams 2029	Number of Required Game Fields 2029
U6	150'	5	1	1	6	1
U11-U19	250'	14	2	1	17	1
Total		19	3	2	23	2

**Baseball** – Haltom City Youth Baseball runs the baseball program at Haltom City. There are 43 teams in the league, and a total of 568 players. The teams practice at local schools and churches and play games from Monday through Saturday. Each team typically plays two games per week. The games are played at the three fields located at Broadway Park. The Youth Baseball League currently provides fields for U6 – U12. Since the City has only three fields and four different age groups, the organization uses temporary fences and shorter base paths for the different groups. New and additional fields are needed as the sport continues to grow in Haltom City. New and additional fields are also needed in town in order for the opportunity to host large tournaments. It is important to construct batting cages and warm-up areas in close proximity to existing and proposed baseball fields.



# 09

## RECOMMENDATIONS/ PRIORITIES



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## PLAYGROUND PARKS



### PARRISH ROAD PARK

- Replace the existing playground to improve aesthetics of the park
- Provide and install new benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles to expand passive recreational opportunities

#### CPTED Recommendations

- Territorial Reinforcement: separation of park boundary and the neighborhood
  - Work closely with nearby community (observers) to keep eyes on the space

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



### BIRDVILLE TRAILS PARK

- Install art gardens and enhance landscaping to beautify the park
- Install lighting along the walking trail for safety and visibility
- Construct trail linkages to connect to the Fort Worth Trail system

#### CPTED Recommendations

- Work closely with nearby neighborhood community (observers) to keep eyes on the space

## HALTOM ROAD PARK

- Construct an all-inclusive playground to provide additional recreational opportunities
- Replace existing shade structure at the playground to provide shade for park users
- Construct an additional pavilion to provide a gathering area and added shade
- Construct an amphitheater to provide the community with a place to hold concerts, rentals, plays, etc.
- Design a botanical garden and incorporate enhanced landscaping to increase park aesthetics

### CPTED Recommendations

- Surveillance: Keep a line of sight from houses to the park
  - Work with neighbors to keep eyes on the space



## LITTLE FOSSIL PARK

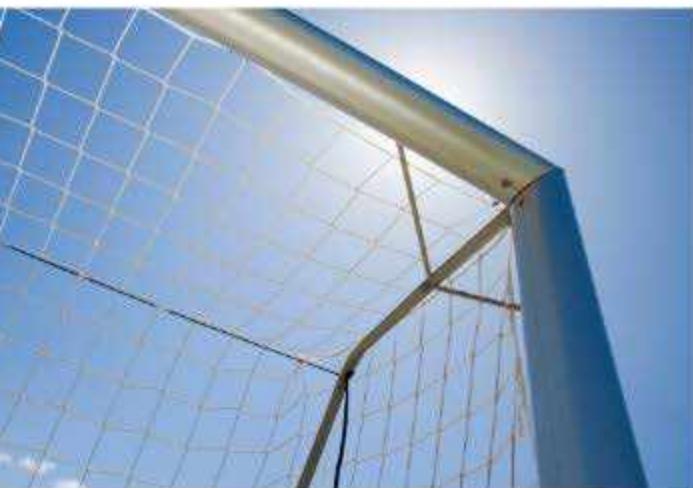
- Replace old playground near the maintenance area to provide safe play opportunities
- Provide additional parking for increased usage

### CPTED Recommendations

- Keep the park maintained at a high level and clean up vandalism around the storage area



## PECAN PARK



- Construct an outdoor basketball court for active recreational needs
- Provide portable soccer goals for added practice space
- Construct an all-inclusive playground to provide for the community
- Construct a sprayground to meet the demand for aquatic facilities in the southern portion of the City
- Construct a pavilion for shade and a gathering space
- Improve site amenities by providing new benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles for greater park functionality
- Provide additional lighting throughout the park to enhance line of sight
- Build a restroom for park users
- Install security cameras to limit unwanted criminal activity



### CPTED Recommendations

- Clean up graffiti on site amenities
- Trim trees along the northern property boundary fence line
- Partner with the neighbors to keep watch over the park and look for abnormal park activity

## REVERE PARK



- Construct a new 2-5 year old range playground to expand usable the play area
- Plant additional trees for more shade areas
- Install additional site amenities such as benches, picnic tables and pet waste stations for passive recreational needs

### CPTED Recommendations

- Territorial Reinforcement: construct a fence on the North East end to separate the business from the park
- Work with the community to keep the park safe by including the nearby residents (observers) and park users (actors) in any updates to the park

## **SANDY OAKS PARK**

- Remove the existing playground in the southwest corner of the park, just west of Bernice Street
- Construct a newer and larger playground near the existing pavilion on the east side of Bernice Street
- Construct a dog park in the southwest corner of the park for nearby pet owners
- Repair existing restroom facility and continue to maintain at a high level

### **CPTED Recommendations**

- Limit future development on the south side of the park between the recreational areas and the parking lot



## **COMMUNITY PARKS**

### **BROADWAY PARK**

- Renovate existing sprayground for increased use and install a recycling system on the sprayground to conserve water
- Construct additional sprayground to add play space to the existing water park
- Construct an outdoor basketball court for expanded active recreational opportunities
- Replace the existing baseball fields with soccer and football fields after North Park is redeveloped to meet the sport organization needs
- Construct a large pavilion for added shade and community space
- Construct additional parking spaces to help with congestion in the parking lot

### **CPTED Recommendations**

- Keep a visible line of sight from the recreation center to the park areas
- Partner with the community to keep a watchful eye on the park throughout the day and evening





## BUFFALO RIDGE PARK

- Construct an all-inclusive playground to provide a wide range of recreational opportunities
- Construct a dog park to meet the need of pet owners
- Provide signage and wayfinding elements to increase safety and the walkability along the trails
- Construct trailheads that are easily visible and accessible to increase park usage and perceptions of security
- Construct nature trails for primitive recreational usage
- Provide and install bike maintenance stations and bike racks along the trail to meet need for the bicycling community
- Construct a nine hole disc golf course for active recreational play
- Provide and install interpretive signage to provide fun and informative learning opportunities for the public
- Repair and enhance existing areas with poor drainage
- Install trail lighting for increased visibility and safety
- Construct an additional restroom facility to meet the need for the anticipated park users
- Provide additional parking areas to supplement need for the public
- Install security cameras to help deter criminal activity

## CPTED RECOMMENDATION

- Provide and install park signage and wayfinding
- Maintain visible sight lines between recreational elements and parking lots



## **NORTH PARK**

- Develop site improvements to baseball fields to enhance active recreational opportunities
- Construct an additional playground to provide extra play space
- Install a sprayground to incorporate additional recreational services
- Construct walking trails in the park for more active recreational opportunities
- Install a pavilion to provide a gathering space
- Install benches and picnic tables for passive experiences
- Construct a new concession stand to enhance park users experience and for aesthetic value
- Plant trees to provide more shade
- Install an amphitheater for community plays, musicals, concerts, etc.
- Construct an additional restroom facility to accommodate increased park usage
- Provide parking lot and signage additions to accommodate demand

### **CPTED Recommendations**

- Provide and install park signage and wayfinding elements
- Install landscaping to direct pedestrian and vehicular movement









## RECREATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

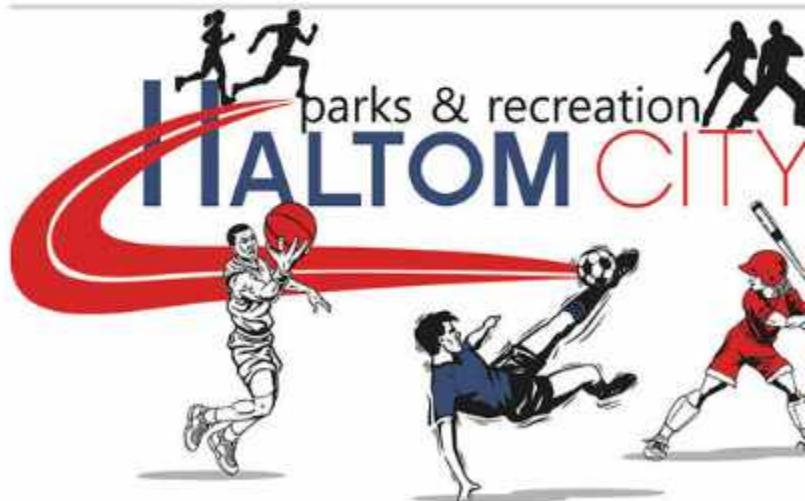
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## ATHLETIC RECOMMENDATIONS

After reviewing survey results, holding meetings with the public and City Staff, the City needs to construct additional fields. Specific existing facilities should be upgraded or improved in order to better meet the needs of the athletic organizations and the community.

- Redevelop baseball fields at North Park
- Provide temporary soccer goals at Pecan Park for practice
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- Construct basketball courts at Pecan Park and Broadway Park for recreational play
- Construct supporting facilities such as warm up areas and batting cages at North Park for sport organizations



# TRAIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue to construct trail segments that result in meaningful routes. The Trail system in Haltom City should connect to schools, parks, neighborhoods and other facilities. The following actions are recommended to be implemented, if possible, in the next ten years to meet the trail needs for the citizens of Haltom City.



- Implement wayfinding elements and signage to keep areas safe and increase walkability
- Develop nature trails at Buffalo Ridge Park for primitive recreational opportunities
- Develop a trail from Buffalo Ridge to North Park to create a trail linkage
- Acquire easements and greenways to develop a trail from North Park to Buffalo Ridge Park
- Acquire and develop greenway along Big Fossil Creek to connect Haltom Road Park to Birdville Trails Park
- Construct trail linkages from Birdville Trails Park to Fort Worth Trails to provide connections within multiple cities
- Construct kiosks and trail heads along the trail system for trail directions and easily accessible points of entry
- Install bike racks and maintenance stations to accommodate a growing cycling community
- Install exercise stations to meet active needs of the citizens
- Construct pavilions or picnic areas for passive recreational needs and rest areas
- Install lighting to address safety concerns
- Provide additional restrooms to meet increased usage of trails

## **NATURAL AREA & OPEN SPACE RECOMMENDATIONS**

To continue to maintain and protect unique natural resources such as Big Fossil and Little Fossil Creeks and their tributaries. In order to conserve the natural spaces in the City and maintain active and passive recreational opportunities, the following actions are recommended to be completed within the next ten years to meet the needs for the citizens of Haltom City.

- Construct meaningful amenities such as benches, picnic areas, kiosks, etc along trails
- Construct improvements along Big Fossil Creek in North Park to provide relief of flooding
- Plant native species within the park system for beautification
- Provide lighting along greenbelts for visibility and safety



## **NEW PARK RECOMMENDATIONS**

If the opportunity to acquire additional land arises, Haltom City should pursue the acquisition of park land to meet park and open space goals and objectives. At this time, it is not necessary or recommended to acquire additional parkland.

## **SWIMMING POOLS**

Due to the fact that swimming pools are expensive to construct, operate and maintain, it is recommended to construct a sprayground at Broadway Park and Pecan Park to meet the aquatic needs of the City.

## **DOG PARKS**

It is recommended to fence the southwestern corner of Sandy Oaks Park for a small dog park for the neighboring residents. It is also recommended to research the feasibility of a 12-15 acre lawn area for a dog park at Buffalo Ridge Park.

## RECREATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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# PRIORITIES LIST

## PRIORITIES

Based on results from public input, the needs analysis, city staff and professional opinion, the following facility priorities have been arranged in priority from most important to least and should be pursued as the City of Haltom continues to develop the park system. It is important to note that all the items listed below and even items not listed in the priority list has the potential to add value to the park system and should be considered in future decisions.

RANK	FACILITY
1	Nature / Multi-Purpose Trails
2	Interpretive Signage & Wayfinding
3	Spraygrounds
4	Playgrounds
5	Dog Parks
6	Youth Athletic Fields (Baseball, Soccer, Football, Softball)
7	Indoor Recreation Center
8	Lawn Areas for General Play & Sports Practice Space
9	Basketball Courts
10	Botanical Flower Gardens (Enhanced Landscaping)
11	Disc Golf
12	Pavilions / Picnic Areas
13	Nature Areas
14	Water Features (Creeks, Ponds, etc.)
15	Community Gardens

# 10

## IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

This 2019-2029 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan includes five key elements:

- ❖ **Public Input** information
- ❖ **Assessments of Needs** of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space system in Haltom City
- ❖ **Recommendations based on the Needs Analysis** for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space System
- ❖ **Formation of Priorities** for the next ten years
- ❖ **Implementation Schedule** with estimated costs over the next ten years

### **Public Input**

#### Citizen Survey

- 93% of respondents answered that existing facilities should be upgraded and or improved to include additional facilities
- 80% said parks should connect to neighborhoods, residential areas, and businesses
- 66% of respondents rated the existing parks and recreational facilities as excellent and good
- 89% stated that North Park should be redeveloped as the premiere Park in the City
- 91% STATED PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE WELL WORTH THE COST TO TAXPAYERS
- 33% of respondents said to construct a new recreation facility while 31% said to expand the existing recreation center
- The top four facilities residents would like to see in Haltom City from 1<sup>st</sup> to Last: Disc Golf, Dog Parks, Swimming Pools, Nature Trails, and Fishing Piers
- When asked what the most important decision regarding the future of Parks and Recreation is: Quality of Facilities and Design ranked number one and Maintenance of Facilities ranked number two

It is important to note that even though disc golf ranked as the number one priority in the additional facility needs, the survey appeared to be manipulated in favor of disc golf.

#### Focus Groups & Public Input

- Existing parks need to be upgraded and enhanced
- The indoor recreation center needs to be expanded or a newer and larger facility is needed
- Lighting throughout the park system is needed for visibility and security

- Outdoor basketball courts are needed throughout the system
- Dog parks are desired
- Restrooms are needed at neighborhood and community parks
- All-Inclusive playgrounds are needed
- Branding and programming are needed
- North Park should be developed as a premier park
- Trail connections are desired for recreational walking and connectivity

## **Level of Service**

The Level of Service for Haltom City is currently 5.48 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. The City should maintain 5.0 - 5.5 acres per 1,000 residents at a high level to adequately serve the community and local demands.

## **Parks, Recreation and Open Space System Recommendations**

Based on the citizen survey, city staff input and professional opinion, a list of recommendations for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space System was developed.

### Park Recommendations

- To construct all-inclusive playgrounds
- To construct new playgrounds at various parks
- To redevelop North Park
- To incorporate a water recycling system for the existing sprayground at Broadway Park
- To provide lighting and security cameras throughout the park system to increase safety
- To provide and install site amenities
- To construct restrooms
- To construct dog parks
- To construct outdoor basketball courts
- To implement art in parks and enhanced landscaping
- To plant trees for added shade
- To construct disc golf courses

### Trails

- To develop the Buffalo Ridge Park to North Park trail linkage
- To develop the Haltom Road Park to Birdville Trails Park trail connection
- To develop the Birdville Trails Park Trail to link to the Fort Worth Trail System
- To implement wayfinding and signage
- To implement site amenities
- To install lighting and restrooms

## Branding

To design and implement a new brand that revitalizes the logo, park signage, mailers, website, etc that is unique to Haltom City, eye catching and uniform throughout. It is recommended that the City rebrand in-house or partner with a consulting firm that specializes in marketing.

## **New Park Recommendations**

Over the past decade, Haltom City has successfully acquired and developed Whites Branch Park, Revere Park and Birdville Trails Park. Due to the development of these parks and input from the community, it is apparent that the need for acquiring new parkland is not high.

## Swimming Pools

Due to the high cost of constructing, operating and maintaining a swimming pool, it is not recommended that the City constructs a public swimming pool facility. In order to satisfy the aquatic need within the community, the city should constructs additional spraygrounds at Broadway Park and Pecan Park.

## Dog Parks

It is recommended to offer a dog park at Buffalo Ridge Park and Sandy Oaks Park.

## **Recreational Recommendations**

It is recommended that City conduct a feasibility study of the existing recreation center to better understand if a new facility or an expansion of the existing facility will better suit the needs of the community.

## **Athletic Recommendations**

- To redevelop fields and supporting facilities at North Park
- To provide portable soccer goals at Pecan Park for practice space
- To construct a basketball court at Broadway Park and Pecan Park
- To repurpose the existing baseball fields as regulation soccer and football fields at Broadway Park after the development of North Park

## Priorities

Based on input from focus group meetings, the citizen survey, city staff and professional opinion, priorities for the park system for the next ten years can be seen below.

RANK	FACILITY
1	Nature / Multi-Purpose Trails
2	Interpretive Signage & Wayfinding
3	Spraygrounds
4	Playgrounds
5	Dog Parks
6	Youth Athletic Fields (Baseball, Soccer, Football, Softball)
7	Indoor Recreation Center
8	Lawn Areas for General Play & Sports Practice Space
9	Basketball Courts
10	Botanical Flower Gardens (Enhanced Landscaping)
11	Disc Golf
12	Pavilions / Picnic Areas
13	Nature Areas
14	Water Features (Creeks, Ponds, etc.)
15	Community Gardens



## Implementation Schedule

Based on the local needs and recommendations, the following projects should be pursued over the next 10 years. It is important to note that the following table should be used as a guide for the development of parks in the City. Any opportunities or available funding sources that may arise that follow the Goals and Objectives of this plan should be pursued regardless of the projected time frame.

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The City of Haltom City has successfully developed and maintained the Park System over the past ten years. It is apparent that the residents desire the City to continue to upgrade and enhance the parks throughout the system. This plan should be used as a flexible tool to pursue Parks, Recreation and Open Space development over the next 10 years. The upgrades contained in this plan will enhance the quality of life, increase property values and upgrade the community image.



# **APPENDIX I**

# **CITIZEN SURVEY**

**Question 1:**

How would you rate the existing parks and recreational facilities in Haltom City? (Please indicate by checking **one** of the following.)

**Poor:** 6**Excellent:** 22**Fair:** 48**Good:** 88

no answer: 5

**Don't know:** 3**Question 2**

How would you rate the level of maintenance of parks and recreational facilities in Haltom City? (Please indicate by checking **one** of the following.)

**Poor:** 5**Fair :** 58**Good:** 79**Excellent:** 12**Don't Know:** 3

no answer: 5

**Question 3:**

Are additional parks and recreational facilities needed in Haltom City?

**Yes:** 147**No:** 21

No answer: 4

**Question 4:**

Can you reasonably walk to a city park in Haltom City from your home?

**Yes:** 79**No:** 89

No Answer: 4

**Question 5:**

What additional recreational facilities would you like to have in Haltom City parks? Please rank by preference **your first five choices (#1 being the highest priority and #5 being the lowest priority).** **(PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY FIVE)**

Softball: 71 points

Baseball: 46 points

Basketball: 49 points

Botanical Flower Gardens: 138

Community Gardens: 79

Disc Golf Course: 281

Dog Parks: 188

Fishing Pier/ Docks: 146  
Football Fields: 43  
Horseshoe Pits/ Washer Courts: 64  
Indoor Recreation Centers: 137  
Lawn Areas for General Play: 60  
Multi-use Paved trails: 118  
Nature Areas: 121  
Nature Trails: 146  
Picnic Shelters/Pavillions: 100  
Playgrounds: 129  
Sand Volleyball Courts: 76  
Skate Parks: 65  
Soccer Fields: 46  
Sports Practice Fields: 69  
Spray grounds/ Small Water Parks: 121  
Swimming Pools: 184  
Tennis Centers: 23  
Water Features: 121  
Youth Softball: 31  
Other Comments:

- Amphitheater
- Handicap accessible full access
- Backstops for baseball
- Inline skate long paved linear trails
- More friendly bike trails,
- Speed soccer field?
- Make water park like Chisolm in Hurst

**Question 6:**

In regards to indoor recreation, should the City:

**Construct a new Recreation Facility:** 54

**No action Needed:** 21

**No Opinion:** 38

**No Answer:** 9

**Extend the existing indoor facility:** 50

**Question 6a:**

What elements/activities are needed at the Indoor Recreation Center? (i.e. computer rooms, cooking classes, sports courts, etc)

Cooking classes, computer classes, bilingual classes, etc.
We have good facilities they just need updating, would be cool to have a nature walk but would be better to see improvement of what we have and some more trees and landscaping everywhere we can. Maybe get a group of active Master Gardeners to form a council or something, young ones if possible.
Adult classes of all types -- Day time classes for those that don't get out at night
Evening Tai Chi for adults (not seniors).
Sports and gym
Cooking classes would be awesome.
Home defense
Sports courts Classrooms Banquet rooms Fitness center with indoor running track Pool Activities area (ping pong/ billiards/ arcade Small kids area/ daycare
Pool Walking track Art studio for classes
Cooking classes, updated sports courts, art activities for all ages
Classes
I've recently heard the weight/aerobics room at the current rec ctr is going away. I would love to see it stay. Even if you have to charge a little more for membership. You will be doing all the seniors and low income residents a disservice if you close the current weight room down. Many who use it now, will not seek out a membership at any other gym in the area. I feel some who chose to leave already, was because the weight room has not been kept up well in the last couple of years. The place appears not too clean and the equipment hasn't been kept in good order and we need extended hours on the weekend. For those of us who have stayed however, we feel having it close down is a bad thing for our city. It will affect our quality of life greatly. I hope you will reconsider and do what you can to benefit us in this area. If you update it, keep it clean, extend the weekend hours, I really believe you can sell more memberships.
Computer rooms
Lots more variation of classes! Family classes. Dancing classes. KICKBOXING! For kids and adults.
Cooking classes, kids activities
Painting— better ceramics class—quilting

A nice indoor swimming pool with actual lanes to swim laps and a place to do water aerobics. Water aerobics would be something good for seniors. Our children need a pool close by to have the opportunity to learn to swim.
Sports court, larger fitness center, racquetball court or paddleball, education classes in fitness .Martial arts, creative arts, photography, painting, origami cooking
Indoor swimming pool and expand the workout facilities.
More courts
Computer rooms Sports courts Facilities that could be rented for parties, meetings and events. This could bring additional revenue for the city.
Sauna Jacuzzi Indoor walk/run track More kids activities
Family Events Swimming pool Fitness classes Indoor track Skills classes Youth organizations (sports, clubs, classes, etc.)
Things for young & older. Times to fit.
It would be nice to see the workout area expanded and maybe add an aquatic pool or something similar.
More hobby courses. Dance, theater, gymnastics, learning other languages, boxing.
Environmental and science classes and activities
Children classes
Fitness, dance, adult continuing education like cooking or crafting. Basic automotive, woodworking, etc.
Sports, workout equipment
Definitely sports courts, if not even a indoor soccer field. Cooking classes would be Awesome! Also an outdoor gardening area for the community to purchase plots and care for their plants.
Child activity centers
Indoor disc golf driving range
None
Sports learning of all sorts, less computers and tech more hands on Recreational things tennis teaching, basketball rules and plays maybe a sports library. Anything away from a screen technology has become today's babysitter.
Continuing educational courses for vocational needs..
Girls volleyball, boxing, computers
Sport court, sport specific gyms, small kid area( indoor playground)
Homeschool offering
Sports courts,
All of the above suggested things are fantastic ideas!
Sports courts like racquetball, basketball, volleyball and badminton
Indoor water park like other cities have
Computer room, self-defense classes, educational activities for kids, outdoor basketball courts
Larger fitness room with greater selection of equipment
Rock climbing
Indoor swimming, multi classes (cooking, fitness, stranger awareness), sports courts
More gyms for adult volleyball
Lap lanes indoor track, etc. model it after the NRH Center.
Sports courts, children's activities
Creativity room with 3D printer, longarm quilting machine, sewing machines, embossing equipment, wood burning equipment, pottery wheels, kiln...etc.,,
More activities

Sports courts
Adequate open restroom facilities
Indoor radio control modeling
Computer rooms
Not sure... I work too much but want to keep lots of senior activities.
Exercise classes, parking, computers, and arts and crafts.
Swimming pool for kids
Turf field to practice, hitting cages
All the above
Room with kitchenette for family gatherings that can be reserved by Haltom Families with a courtyard for private, intimate gatherings. Swimming pool with scoreboard...
Indoor pool
I believe, we need to maintain what we have within budget and look more closely at spending.
Indoor pool, computer rooms, gardening classes
Not sure if handicap classes are included but if not that would be nice.
Pool, gym, fitness classes, courts, after school programs
Larger work out area updated facilities. Adding a indoor outdoor water park.
Sports courts, indoor pools
Weight room to be larger
I would like to have an indoor pool area, like NRH Centre has. Also, more activities/classes at the Rec center for kids
Work out area with a childcare option so that parents could use it
Exercise
Job Fairs for Haltom City businesses and residents. I know there are many businesses in HC that residents just don't know are out there.
Children's activities
Swimming pool, cooking classes, art classes
Classes for youth such as swim, dance, karate, clubs. Adult/senior classes and workout facilities. Indoor baseball court and indie water park. NRH rec is a great place and we should have all those features.
Larger exercise/gym area. Media room for computers and teaching use of social media.
Larger selection of work out equipment, indoor pool or indoor track, better lighting
Yoga, senior exercise classes, cooking classes.
Variety
Cooking classes An auditorium with a stage
exercise equipment
More workout equipment. Pool. Child care area for members
Computer rooms. Evening exercise classes Kids arts and craft classes for kids

### Question 7a:

The following series of statements are intended to identify your opinions concerning parks and recreation issues. Please respond by checking the most appropriate answer:

A. More pocket or ornamental parks are needed. (2500 sq. ft. to 1 acre in size)

**Strongly Agree:** 31

**Strongly Disagree: 15**

Agree: 61

Disagree:35

**No response: 8**

10

Agree: 30  
Disagree: 35  
Strongly Disagree: 17

7C:

More community parks are needed. (40 to 150 acres in size)

Agree: 59

Disagree: 34

Strongly Agree:54

Strongly Disagree: 11 no response: 14

7D:

Existing parks in Haltom City should be upgraded and/or improved to include additional facilities.

Agree: 65

Disagree:8

Strongly Agree: 86

Strongly Disagree: 3 no response: 10

**7E:**

Residential neighborhoods, schools and parks should be connected with linear parks such as trails along creeks and other corridors.

Agree: 63

Disagree: 26

Strongly Agree: 65

Strongly Disagree: 6

No response: 12

**7F:**

The City of Haltom City provides most citizens with information regarding local parks and recreational opportunities.

Agree: 77

Disagree: 43

Strongly Agree: 26

Strongly Disagree: 15

No response: 11

**7G:**

The role of parks, recreation and open space in Haltom City today compared to ten years ago is:

More Important: 83

Dont Know: 42

The Same: 32

Less Important: 5

No response: 10

**7H:**

Parks & recreation facilities are well worth the cost to taxpayers.

Agree: 69

Disagree: 10

Strongly Agree: 78

Strongly Disagree: 5

No response: 5

**7I:**

The acquisition of parkland and the development & maintenance of park facilities can be expensive. In addition to state grants, municipal bonds should be used to assist in funding the development and maintenance of parks in Haltom City.

Agree: 47

Disagree: 14

Strongly Agree: 97

Strongly Disagree: 4

No response: 10

**7J:**

The City recently acquired the Northeast Optimist Club property located near North Park on Denton Highway. The City should focus on developing this 39 acre property as the premier park in the northern region of the city.

Agree: 47

Disagree: 14

Strongly Agree: 97

Strongly Disagree: 4

No response : 10

**Question 8:**

The most important consideration regarding future parks in Haltom City is:

**PLEASE RANK YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES - #1 FIRST CHOICE; #2 SECOND CHOICE; #3 THIRD CHOICE - CHOOSE ONLY THREE)**

**Quality:** 318 points

**Proximity:** 90 points

**Number:** 59 points

**Preservation:** 171

**Question 9:**

How should the City inform the public of upcoming events?

Social Media: 104

Website: 10

Crossroads Newsletter: 19

Other: 4

Banners: 10

Electronic Sign Board: 2

Peachjar: 1

Email: 7

-Other:

Use all of them, English or Spanish not everyone has media and reads

Mail, all of the above plus local tv coverage, Fathom Water Bill, Top 6, First 5, Fathom Water Bill, More than 1,

Additional Comments: I copied all of these from the spreadsheet

I think it would be great if we could have a park system that connected from Whites Branch Park at the north end of the city and it wound its way through the city and connected down to Little Fossil Park. And have large acre park areas with playgrounds, natural areas and sports areas all along the way. Basically a lot of big parks connected by a linear park system.

Bring back the hockey field it's where people played soccer. Or make it a proper fast soccer field.

I think it would be great if we had a pool with activities for kids similar to the Marine Park in Fort Worth.

Please read my comments above about the weight room at the current rec ctr and reconsider before you close it. Please consider updating it, keeping it cleaner, and extending the weekend hours, I really believe you can raise the rates slightly and still sell more memberships. This is a much needed affordable facility to help us stay in good health. Thank you!

You can do 10000 percent better than you have.

Posting across social media and supporting the existing organizations to help increase participation. I feel like the City has fought against certain organizations making it more difficult for those organizations to grow.

I would say the city should inform the public of upcoming events by both the Crossroads Newsletter and Social Media.

We are lacking when it comes to neighborhood parks. North Richland hills, Hurst, Watauga all have beautiful facilities. We need to get better at this.

The new property on Denton Highway should be renovated back into baseball and softball fields.

Adding science graphic and various species of bird houses along nature and paved trails will be educational. Along with environmental messages.

Buffalo Ridge Park bike way is great; but every time it rains, huge amounts of plastic trash flow and get caught downstream of Haltom Rd. in the trees. It's gross. The creek should also get fish-friendly boulders/low water dams to improve fishing.

There is plenty of room on some parks to put in a disc golf course. It's a great sport and family related.

If the city of Halton could come up with a plan to help North Park drain better that would be great. It becomes a mud pit even with the slightest rain. I love the park but avoid it often because of this. Any other disc golfer will agree, something needs to be done.

We need pool facility's like north and Keller

Expand the disc golf park or find a good [place to add another disc golf course!]

My Favorite Park personally is North Park specifically for Disc Golf! The park is great and well maintained! The only issues with the park is the parking lot when you pull in, the baseball fields and bathrooms are old, worn out and are out dated. Sadly it's the only ones there and lots of ladies have to pee outdoors because they're gross. Also the fencing between the course and baseball fields needs some serious maintenance.

Parks are great and we have some very good parks in the city, but there are more prudent and fiscally responsible needs for the city that should be tended to before adding or developing more parks

North Park's disc golf course is the best thing in Haltom City. I play there very often and would love to see improvements made.

We really need a water park in our city like either Chisholm aquatics or NRH2O or Keller Pointe. When we go to their City we have to pay additional money to go swim. And that's what we should do. It would bring revenue to our city.

Better designed Disc Golf Courses are needed!!! Disc Golf is an awesome sport that is fun for all ages and skill levels. Well-designed courses will bring in tournaments, players, and additional revenue for the city. They require low maintenance and have very low impact on the environment.

Want to thanks the City for all their work on North Park Disc Gold course. It is one of the favorite course among all local disc golfers.

I only play disc golf at north park. My request is that the restrooms be open 24/7.

Disc golf is a sport growing exponentially in size and popularity and Haltom City deserves another disc golf course

I think the North Park disc golf course needs some attention. I've played at over 20 of the courses in DFW, and I believe North Park has one of the best course layouts, but is one of the most poorly maintained. Water drainage is a big issue. There is enough slope to the park that some simple berms here and there could greatly improve drainage. It would be a great improvement to a great park.

Y'all are doing great. Keep making Haltom City a place to love visit and tell about to friends.

I'm heartsick to see all the new construction. It seems HC wants to kill every tree and blade of grass. The land by the HS was a great place for a park ... Wasted now. It might help to advertise the option more to donate to Parks/Rec on the water bill. I don't have much, but i give a little to that & the animal shelter monthly.

There needs to be more available parking!! My kids play at fossil park and there is not enough parking  
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Parks provide a better quality of life for residents. I feel it is vital to economic development and makes a city more appealing to people looking for a new place to live.. A very important role a park plays in a city is it keeps sex offenders in limited areas.

---Pet areas with bags for people to pick up after their pets. ---Park "etiquette" postings ---VIP parking for Seniors without handicapped parking.. Just 2 a park to show we care ---Definitely something more to honor/show off Veteran's Memorial. ---Movies in the park or outside by Library ---Library Firepit and/or outdoor nature seating, "outside book reading" with S'mores or movies (people pay extra to attend or schedule groups)...

build a linear park from Midway South to fishing pond. No work done at Midway. Midway opens it to thousands of residents. Reprioritize that section, we can work our way up the creek to thousands more. Paid for already!. We were promised. city will benefit greatly. dozens of opportunities for micro parks . They increase property values 10 percent. Every family deserves that quality of life . not just the folks in North of 820.

Our Parks and Recreation are sufficient. There are too many other real needs. We have to live within income. Citizen do. Gov't should. The power to tax and spend on non essentials are not available to property owners and taxpayers.

I feel like a skate park could really be useful here. Children need a place to be children. Once they are to old for playgrounds they need skateboard to stay outdoors. We drive multiple times a week to Watauga just for a skate park. Also to Roanoke at least once a month for their skate park. I know we have cowtown BMX here but not everyone can "pay to play"

I am weary of additional taxes and fees, we all have opinions on the parks but budgets, taxes for Haltom City, BISD and county and State taxes are already burdensome.

Job Fairs for HC based businesses and residents. City rummage sale to raise funds for the animal shelter. I am more interested in seeing the facilities we already have being used to their highest potential!

Haltom City needs a major freshen up to attract new young families that work out of Fort Worth. Parks and recreational facilities will help but we also need a new/refreshed Kroger. Buildings need an uplift/paint. Neighborhoods need to be cleaned up and citations given to those that don't keep up with yards. Sidewalks and proper drains need to be put in. Better restaurants would help put money back in the city.

Disagree about Northeast Optimist being park because believe it would be a perfect spot to build a town center to include city hall, park, and police department.

Haltom City is an amazing place to live! I have lived here 5 years and cannot imagine living anywhere else! The police department is the best in the area! Haltom City has a small town feel and I appreciate it so much!

Thanks for asking!!!

Is the land near the library available for recreational areas?

