

Theme and Summary Statement Worksheet

Sub-Topic: Parks

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Themes

- Keep up with development
- Acquire more
- Protect unique assets—streams, rivers, flood plains
- Protect farmland
- Work with DNR and Missouri Department of Conservation
- Enhance environment
- Maximize edge effect—parks close to all people, walking distance, playgrounds, facilities-pavilions, fields
- Safety—lighting, supervision, accessibility
- More open space in inner city
- Recreation facilities

Summary Statement

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Educational trails—science
Dig trails / animal sanctuary
Specialized trails—bike trails, walking trails, dog trails
Gateways to trails
Connecting trails and greenspace
Signature trail
Floodplains for trails
Surface
Multiple use—transportation

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