



Columbia Parks and Recreation is pleased to present to you the *2013 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*. The plan will serve as a blueprint as we strive to meet the needs and wishes of Columbia citizens over the next 10 years. The recommendations outlined in the Master Plan include both immediate needs of the city and long-term, visionary actions. This document will be continually reviewed and updated as the city changes, priorities shift and new trends are identified.

Recently, the City of Columbia adopted seven strategic priorities to help guide the city into the future. The P&R Master Plan is a good representation of these priorities, such as that of a customer-focused government. This plan would not be possible without the invaluable input of our partners and park users. After months of gathering data through public and focus group meetings, surveys, and research, we believe the plan truly captures the expectations, community values, and priorities of Columbia's citizens, and translates those into action items.

This Master Plan also fulfills two other strategic priorities - growth management and infrastructure. It is essential to identify funding resources and opportunities to ensure that we are able to keep up with the increasing demands of a growing community. This plan accomplishes its goal of forecasting these opportunities and prioritizing projects according to the desires and needs of the community.

We appreciate the support and dedication shown by the City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, and our citizens for parks, recreation facilities and programs, trails and green space. With your continued support and with guidance from this plan, Columbia Parks and Recreation is poised to continue providing high-quality facilities and services to ensure a high quality of life for all of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Hood".

Michael J. Hood
Parks and Recreation Director (1998-2013)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael B. Griggs".

Michael B. Griggs
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