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Overview

The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department completed an update to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan in 2002. As the Department evaluates projects for the next ten years, it is important to document the projects that have been accomplished since the *2002 Facility Needs Update* was completed. This chapter highlights the significant accomplishments that were completed since 2002.

The primary source of funding for most of these projects comes from the dedicated Park Sales Tax. Since 2002, voters have approved extending the renewable 1/8-cent Park Sales Tax twice - in 2005 and 2010. This tax allows the department to maintain and enhance existing parks and facilities and keep up with Columbia's growth and expectations for a quality, diverse parks, recreation and open space system.

This chapter is divided into the following four sections:

Section I: New Park Acquisition and Development

This section highlights land that was acquired for neighborhood parks, community parks, and regional parks and designates which of these new parks have been developed.

Section II: New Trail Acquisition and Development

This section highlights trail and greenbelt properties acquired by the Parks and Recreation Department and new destination trails that have been developed. This section also includes trails that were constructed by the Columbia Public Works Department as part of the federal GetAbout Columbia grant.

Section III: Partnerships with Columbia Public School District

This section documents improvements or contributions to facilities owned by the Columbia Public School District and are jointly used by the Parks and Recreation Department. The partnership between the Department and the District allows both agencies to make use of recreational facilities and avoid duplication.

Section IV: Parks, Facilities and Trail Improvements

This section highlights capital and major improvements to existing parks, recreation facilities and trails. These are facilities that the City owned or managed prior to the *2002 Facility Needs Update*. This section also includes work by the Columbia Public Works Department as part of the federal GetAbout Columbia grant. Maintenance items, such as painting, tree and landscape planting, sidewalk repairs, new HVAC systems, and basic repairs are not included.

It is important to note that as the *2002 Facility Needs Update* was being prepared, a key project that was underway was the construction of the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC). Construction of the ARC began in 2001 and officially opened to the public in December 2002. Park planning staff recognized that the ARC would meet the public needs of a community recreation center and did not include it in the *2002 Facility Needs Update*.

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Section I - New Park Acquisition and Development

One of the most significant priority needs identified in the *2002 Facility Needs Update* was the need to acquire a second regional park. The City was able to accomplish this with the acquisition of the two parks: A. Perry Philips Park and the Gans Creek Recreation Area. Together, these two parks represent a 460-acre regional park in southeast Columbia that complements the 533-acre Cosmo Park in northwest Columbia. In addition to the regional park, the department was able to acquire three community parks (Atkins, Strawn and Battle) and nine neighborhood parks.



A. Perry Philips Park

The table below lists the parks in order of acquisition. The Department also completed the development (or phase I development) of ten of these parks.

#	Park Name	Acres	2013 Status
1.	Louisville Park	8.5	Developed
2.	Auburn Hills Park	13.10	Developed
3.	Grasslands Park	5.40	Developed
4.	Atkins Park (Co-owned with Boone County)	80.00	Phase I completed
5.	Eastport Park	14.22	Developed
6.	Longview Park	11.25	Developed
7.	Cascades Park	12.68	Developed
8.	Philips Park	140.02	Phase I completed
9.	Smiley Lane Park	5.25	Developed
10.	Douglass Park Adjacent Lots (411, 413, 407 N. Fifth Street)	.64	Incorporated into existing park
11.	Gans Creek Recreation Area	320.00	Phase I underway
12.	Strawn Rd. Property	129.37	Phase I funded
13.	Barberry Property	5.28	Phase I funded
14.	Lange Park (Leased from Columbia School District)	5.20	Developed
15.	Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area (Land swap with MO Dept. of Conservation)	110.30	Phase I underway
16.	Jay Dix Station (Leased from Boone County)	30.00	Phase I underway
17.	Wilson Park Adjacent Lot	1.30	Incorporated into existing park
18.	Battle Ave Property	30.10	Undeveloped
Total Acres Acquired Since 2002 Master Plan		922.61	

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Section II - New Trail Acquisition and Development

The acquisition of land for trails, greenbelts and open space is a critical component of maintaining a quality parks and recreation system. Many acquisitions are for future trail extensions or as buffer land to protect existing resources from encroachment. This following list does not include connecting trails or easements that were jointly acquired by other agencies or departments for sewer, water, electric or other utility easements. Listed below is a summary of trail or greenbelt properties that have been acquired by the Department since 2002.



County House Trail

#	Area	Acres
1.	Northland acres (Bear Creek Trail)	6.00
2.	Lot 81 Wynfield Meadows (TLRA)	4.00
3.	2 lots at old 63 & Moon Valley (Hinkson Creek Trail Extension)	6.20
4.	Lot 14 Heyring Drive (Bear Creek Trail Buffer)	.20
5.	Herigon/Vanderveen Crossing (Bear Creek Trail buffer & extension)	39.50
6.	El Chaparral Former Sewer Lagoon (Trail Buffer Land)	6.90
7.	2 lots at Thessalia Subdivision off Kassen Drive (Hominy Creek Trail extension)	5.51
Total Acres Acquired Since 2002		68.31

Headway was also made on development of new destination trails that were identified both in the 2002 Trails Plan and in the updated 2010 Trails Plan that was adopted by City Council.

Trail	Description	Status	Mileage
County House Trail*	Twin Lakes to Stadium Blvd.	Done	2.0
Hominy Creek Trail	Phase I: Green Valley Rd. to Woodridge Park	Underway	1.2
Hominy Creek Trail	Phase II: Woodridge Park to Clark Lane*	Underway	1.2
Scott's Branch Trail	Rollins Rd. to Scott Blvd.	Underway	1.3
South Providence Trail*	Old Plank Road to Green Meadows	Done	1.7
Total Mileage for New Destination Trails Since 2002			7.4

Note: Mileage from new neighborhood/community park trails and new connector trails are not included in the chart above. See also work accomplished under Hinkson Creek Trail in Section 4.

** Indicates GetAbout Columbia project. Funding for GetAbout Columbia was provided by the Federal Administrator's Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program.*

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Section IV - Existing Parks and Facilities

The following is a list of parks and facilities that the City owned or managed in 2002 and what projects have been accomplished at these facilities since then. Most of the items accomplished were identified as goals in the *2002 Facility Needs Update* and some were added since 2002. Regular maintenance items and basic repairs are not included.



Douglass Pool Renovation

Definitions

Repair: Minor construction improvements. Item remains basically as originally built.

Renovate: Major construction improvements. Original structure remains.

Replace: Original item removed and a new item is constructed.

Location	Project	Status	
Again Street Park	Replace small shelter	Done	
	Install new picnic tables/sites	Done	
	Add fitness equipment	Done	
	Add 6 new security lights	Done	
	Renovate basketball court surface	Done	
	Streambank stabilization and bridge renovation		
Albert-Oakland Park	Construct new restroom at ballfields/tennis courts	Underway	
	Construct park and trail signs	Underway	
	Renovate athletic fields	Underway	
	Renovate athletic field infields	Done	
	Repair east side parking lot	Done	
	Renovate basketball court surface	Done	
	Replace 10 outdoor fitness equipment	Done	
	Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center		
	Install shade structure at large pool	Done	
	Renovate pool concession/restrooms	Done	
Install new water slide	Done		
Construct family changing area in bathhouse	Done		
American Legion Park	Install new batting cage	Done	
	Renovate concession area	Done	
	Renovate existing large field with lights (blue field)	Done	
	Renovate existing smaller field without lights (yellow field)	Done	
	Expand parking lot	Done	
	Install irrigation on yellow field	Done	
Replace archery range wood fence	Done		

Activity & Recreation Center (ARC)	Install new flooring in locker rooms, cardio and weight rooms	Done
	Install new ultra-violet generating system for pool and spa	Done
	Construct 80-car parking lot expansion	Done
	Renovate triple loop water slide and stairs	Done
	Replace approx 25% of asphalt parking lot with concrete	Done
Armory Sports Center	New flooring throughout facility	Underway
	Security and CCTV system	Done
	Replace gym floor	Done
Bear Creek Park	Replace existing shelter	Done
	Renovate basketball court surface	Done
Bear Creek Trail	Install mileage and misc. signage	Done
	Install drinking fountain	Done
	Construct dog park at Garth Nature Area	Done
	Construct additional parking lot at Garth Nature Area	Done
	*Construct Blue Ridge Connector Connector at Blue Ridge Rd.	Done
	*Construct Python Ct. Connector at Python Ct.	Done
Bonnie View	Park development-Phase I (shelter, restroom, trail, landscape)	Done
Brown Station Park	Renovate park (new playground, walkways, open space)	Done
Capen Park	Construct new 30-car parking lot	Done
Cliff Drive Park	Install modular play unit	Done
Clary-Shy Park	Remove wire fence and replace with estate fencing	Done
	Construct fence and clear out brush on north side of park	Done
Cosmo Park	Antimi	
	Renovate concession/restroom building and area	Done
	Construct concrete infrastructure & landscape improvements	Done
	Renovate athletic fields (Improve drainage, level bleachers, new gates, regrade infields, enlarge dugouts, etc.)	Underway
	Construct two new fields with lights (Black & Gold)	Done
	Construct new parking lot for Black & Gold fields	Done
	Construct foul ball protection netting on four fields	Done
	Construct shade structures for bleachers on six fields	Done
	Install irrigation system on Black & Gold fields	Done
	Construct elevated and shaded scorekeeper table (5 fields)	Done
	Pave existing tee-ball field parking lot	Done
	Antimi Shelter	
Renovate shelter	Done	

Cosmo Park - Continued	Burford & Lamb Shelters Replace roof	Done
	Football/Lacrosse Fields Install lights on football/lacrosse fields #5 & #6 Install irrigation on fields #1-3 Construct restroom/concession & shelter near #5 & #6	Done Done Underway
	Harris Shelter Construct new Harris Shelter at west end of park Construct new parking lot for Harris Shelter	Done Done
	Horseshoe Courts Renovate horseshoe courts for court certification	Done
	L. A. Nickell Golf Course Renovate fairways (zoysia) Install fairway irrigation Construct new well and pump station Demolish old and construct new golf cart storage shed Replace driving range netting and tee pads Addition of blue tees to the golf course Install new fence for cart storage area Construct new tee complexes on each hole Construct driving range tees (zoysia) Renovate roadway and parking lot Renovate restrooms Renovate clubhouse	Done Done Done Done Done Done Done Underway Funded Underway Underway Underway
	Parks Management Center Renovate PMC (add office, storage & work space) Construct greenhouse	Done Done
	Rainbow Softball Center Expand mens/womens restroom Renovate picnic shelter Replace asphalt walkways with concrete Replace scoreboards Install shade funbrellas Improve field lights Enlarge dugouts Replace fence fabric on fields Replace wooden security fence & chain link fence Install fence crown on all fields Renovate and level all infields Replace pitching machines	Done Done Underway Done Done Done Done Done Done Done Done Done

Cosmo Park - Continued	Rapp Tennis Courts	Rebuild tennis courts	Done	
	Soccer Fields	Install irrigation on fields 7 & 8	Done	
		Construct restroom near field #13	Underway	
	Steinberg Playground	Renovate playground	Underway	
	Other	Resurface roads and parking lots	Underway	
		Install hockey rink side boards & 6' chain-link fence	Done	
		Construct Radio Control Vehicle Track	Done	
		Replace two restrooms (Burford & Lamb)	Done	
	Cosmo-Bethel Park		Replace playground	Done
			Replace restroom	Done
		Replace existing large shelter (Leech)	Done	
		Construct medium size shelter (Ficklin)	Done	
		Construct four new non-lighted tennis courts	Done	
		Construct small viewing shelter at tennis courts	Done	
		Install lighting for four tennis courts	**Funded	
Douglass Park		Acquire adjacent lots, as available (acquired 3 lots)	Done	
		Renovate basketball courts	Done	
		Replace security lighting	Underway	
		Baseball field improvements	Done	
		Construct new storage building	Done	
		Construct new outfield fencing	Done	
		Replace park sign on Providence Road	Done	
		Install new batting cage	Underway	
		Replace security cameras	Underway	
	Douglass Family Aquatic Center	Pool mechanical and filter room improvements	Done	
		Renovate pool shell	Done	
		Construct new spray ground	Done	
		Increase pool security/lighting	Underway	
Downtown Optimist Park		Replace shelter	**Funded	
		Misc. park improvements	**Funded	

Downtown Business Area	Replace 35 wooden benches with 32 steel benches	Done
	Install 50 bike racks on 9th Street meter poles	Done
	Install newspaper corrals at six locations	Done
Dublin Park	Develop park	Done
Fairview Park	Renovate tennis courts	Done
	Construct new restroom	Done
	Construct connector from Scott's Branch Trail to Fairview School	Done
	Add more off street parking	**Funded
	Construct new tot lot	**Funded
Field Park	Install electrical circuit board for special event use	Done
	Install arm rests on park benches	Done
Flat Branch Park	Phase II development (sprayground, bridge, playground, and more)	Done
Garth Nature Area	Construct fence for dog park	Done
	Construct additional parking lot	Done
	Construct additional connecting concrete walkways	Done
Grindstone Nature Area	Replace small shelter	Done
	Construct new restroom	**Funded
	Renovate/improve drive entrance	Done
Highpointe Park	Renovate playground	Done
	Construct 0.4-mile gravel loop trail	Done
Hinkson Creek Trail	Construct Old Hwy 63 pedway at Stadium to N. Hinkson Crk. Bridge	Done
	Construct Seven Oaks Trail Connector at UMC Drive	Done
	*Construct Old Hwy 63 pedway: Grindstone - Stadium	Underway
	*Construct Old Hwy 63 pedway: Moon Valley Rd. - Hinkson Crk. Bridge	Underway
	*Construct Greenbriar Connector at Greenbriar Ct to MU Rec Trail	Underway
Indian Hills Park	Construct new 30-car parking lot	Done
	Construct new medium shelter	Done
	Construct new playground	Done
	Renovate existing shelter	Done
	Construct new individual picnic shelters	Done
	Construct 18-hole disc golf course (with Col Disc Golf Club)	Done
	Construct perimeter gravel trail	Done
	Construct dog park	Done
Kiwanis Park	Replace restrooms (College Park Dr.)	Done
	Renovate Thurston and Odor Shelters	Done

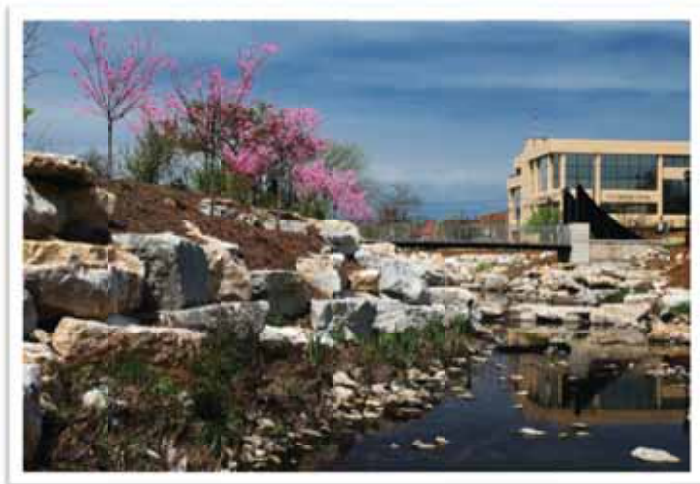
Lake of the Woods Golf Course	Renovate roadway and parking lot	Underway
	Renovate all tee complexes	Underway
	Replace entry sign	Done
	Construct new course restroom	Done
	Replace golf cart storage shed roof and fence	Done
	Renovate fairways - Zoysia	Underway
	Addition of blue tees to the golf course	Done
	Construct new practice range teebox	Done
	Renovate all sand bunkers	Underway
Lions-Stephens Park	Renovate perimeter trail	Done
	Renovate fitness course stations	Done
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial	Renovate MLK Memorial	Done
	Remove sludge tanks	Done
	Construct medium shelter	Done
	Replace existing MLK sign	Done
	Construct upper parking lot for ADA accessibility	Done
	Renovate restrooms at former waste water facility	**Funded
McKee St. Park	Renovate basketball court surface	Done
MKT Trail	Replace and/or repair bridges (#12 & #13)	Done
	Sewer Plant #2 area improvements: 3M Urban Ecological Restoration Project (trails, wetlands, shelter, signs, etc.)	Done
	Replace fitness course stations	Done
	Construct new restroom - Forum Blvd.	Done
	Construct new restroom - Scott Blvd.	Done
	Construct Providence/Stewart underpass	Done
	Renovate Stadium Blvd underpass	Done
	*Construct Garth Extension at E. Lathrop to MKT Trail	Done
*Construct Katy Place Trail Connector at Forum Pkwy to MKT Trail	Underway	
Nifong Park	Construct new Maplewood Barn Theater	Done
	Replace and relocate restroom	Done
	Dredge lake and rebuild dam	Done
	Renovate animal viewing area (fence, gates, water tanks, etc)	Done
	Site utility improvements	Done
	Relocate Collins Cabin from Stephens Lake Park to Nifong	Done
	Intrepretative sign program	Underway
Oakwood Hills Park	Renovate basketball court surface	Done
Old 63 Roadside Park	Construct 10-car parking lot	Done
	Construct historic roadside park	Done

Paquin Park	Replace small shelter	Done
	Replace site fencing	Done
	Replace raised beds	Done
	Landscaping improvements	Done
Parkade Park	Replace shelter	Done
Rock Bridge Park	Renovate basketball court surface	Done
Rock Quarry Park	Repair various elements on house (new roof, gutters, sunroom improvements, renovated floors, etc.)	Done
	Construct two new tennis courts	Done
	Construct new basketball court	Done
	Construct new lighted sign	Done
Rothwell Park	Improve existing trail	Done
Seven Oaks	Construct bridge and trail connection to Hinkson Creek Trail	Done
Shepard Park/School	Replace tennis courts and fencing	Done
Smith Park	Park development	**Funded
Smithton Park	Park development	Done
Stephens Lake Park	Construct new parking lots	Done
	Construct perimeter trail	Done
	Construct lake perimeter trail	Done
	Construct three new medium shelters	Done
	Construct new small shelter	Done
	Construct winter sports warming area/fire pit	Done
	Construct new medium playground	Done
	Construct indoor pavilion	Done
	Construct two new restrooms	Done
	Construct new island and boardwalks on lake	Done
	Construct gazebo on boardwalk	Done
	Construct Hindman Garden	Done
	Construct two waterfalls north of lake	Done
	Construct amphitheater	Done
Construct swimming beach and sprayground	Done	
Construct additional amenities (signs, benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, lighting, etc.)	Done	

Twin Lakes Recreation Area	Construct office/storage/concession	Done
	Install several single shelters	Underway
	Install parking lot lighting	Done
	Renovate parking lot	Done
	Renovate entry road	Done
	Renovate Little Mates Cove Water Playground	Underway
	Construct new playground	Done
	Construct enclosed dog park	Done
	Construct winter dog park	Done
Construct dog park for small dogs	Underway	
Valleyview Park	Construct new small shelter	Done
	Construct single table picnic shelter	Done
	Construct connecting concrete walkways	Done
	Repair playground	Done
Village Square Park	Replace picnic tables	Done
Wilson Park (formerly Rockhill)	Replace 4 bridges	Done
	Renovate trail system	Done
	New signs	Done
Woodridge Park	Renovate basketball court surface	Done
Worley Street Park	Repair wooden privacy fence	Done

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Flat Branch Park Phase II - Hinkson Creek Restoration
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Fairview Connector
Scott's Branch Trail to Fairview Elementary School