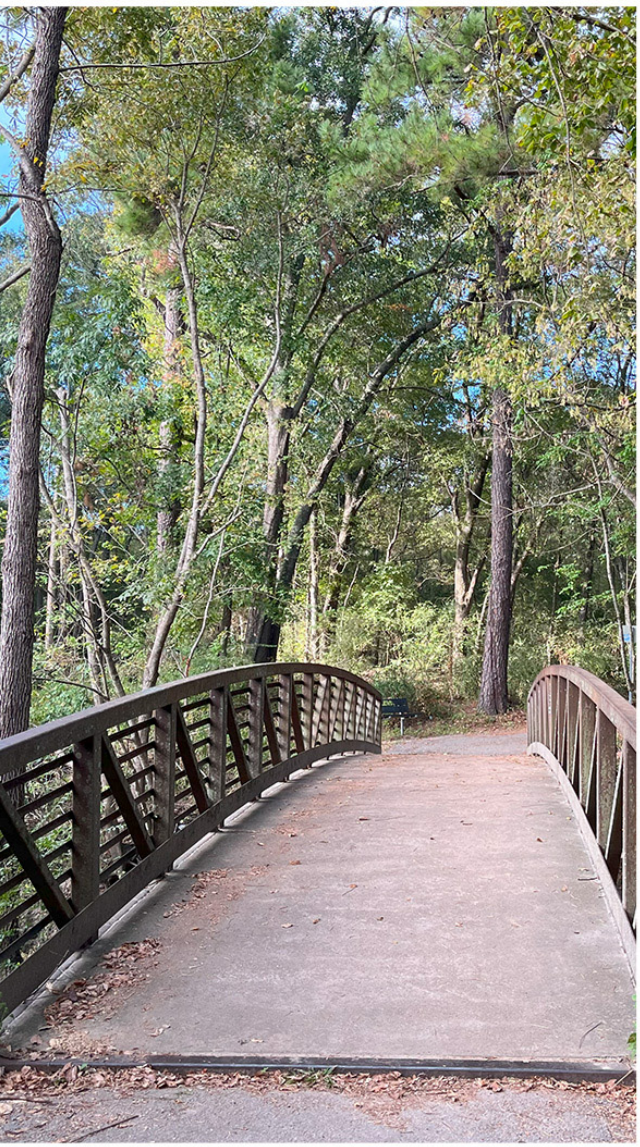




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INTRODUCTION, CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW

Parks, trails and recreation amenities are an essential part of a city and important to everyday community life. They contribute to making communities more livable and enjoyable for everyone by offering spaces for community events, exercise, play and relaxation. These areas promote the health and well-being of Lufkin residents and visitors by providing physical, social and educational activities suitable for all ages. Parks also help enhance the natural environment while maintaining it. A quality parks and trails system that is sensitive to the residents' needs and values can improve the overall quality of life for the community and potentially offer economic value by attracting visitors to the area.

Parks and trails are an integral part of Lufkin's municipal infrastructure much like streets and sidewalks, water and wastewater connections, drainage facilities, police and fire equipment, and other municipal facilities and services. They deserve the same level of attention and resource allocation for proper acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance.

MASTER PLAN PURPOSES

The purpose of the Lufkin Parks and Trails Master Plan is to evaluate the current parks and trails amenities and to determine the future needs for improving the entire system to meet the short- and long-term needs of the community. The Master Plan is a guide for policy and decision-making related to the availability, location, type, scale and quality of the park and trail opportunities to meet the needs of Lufkin residents and visitors. The plan considers the needs and priorities based on the current deficiencies as well as the current and projected population and development within both the City's corporate limits and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

The purposes of developing a parks and trails system Master Plan include:

- Assess current and future needs for improving the existing parks and trails system.
- Involve community leaders, residents and other stakeholders in setting priorities for the parks and trails system and to identify the preferred types, location and designs of parks and trails.
- Provide an up-to-date reference document with useful information on local recreation assets for decision makers, advisory boards, recreation enthusiasts, visitors and all residents.
- Set strategic direction regarding necessary improvements to parks and trails to respond to issues and gaps identified through a needs assessment, and to frame policies and standards for eliminating existing deficiencies and capitalizing on opportunities.
- Provide strategic direction and a prioritized action agenda to guide efforts for acquiring, designing, developing, upgrading and maintaining sites and components within the parks and trails system, in both near-term and longer-term timeframes.
- Provide the basis for pursuing grants and other external funding opportunities and for generating community support for local funding options.
- Align this plan with the City's overall Comprehensive Plan and other means for anticipating and responding to community growth and change, thereby linking this plan to broader objectives for enhancing livability, promoting economic development and tourism, preserving local natural, historic and cultural assets, and improving community image and appearance.

SETTING AND CONTEXT

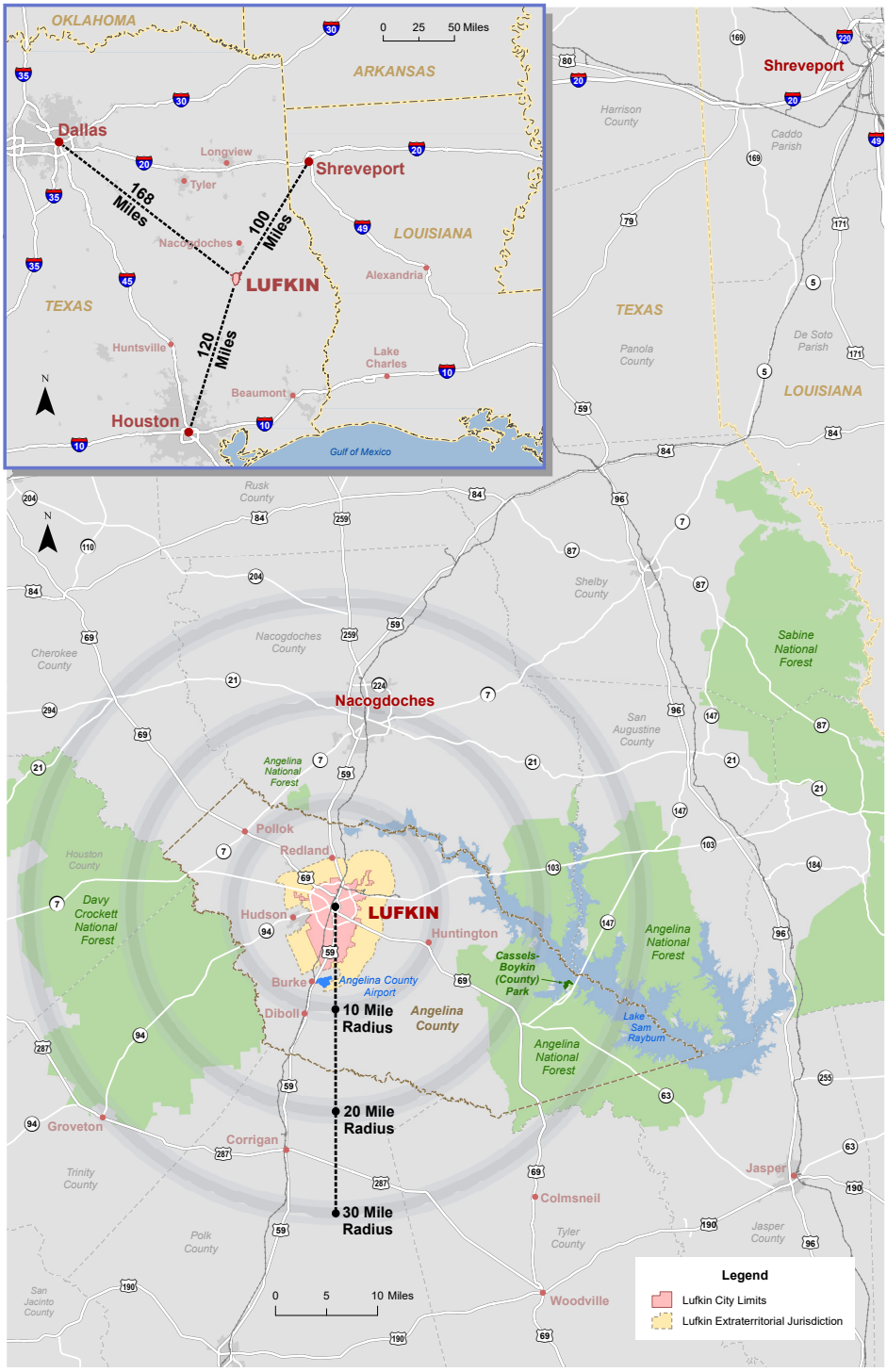
Lufkin was founded in 1882 as a stop on the East and West Texas Railway, when the line was built from Houston, Texas, to Shreveport, Louisiana. Growth occurred in the city via three different eras: (1) The arrival of the railroad; (2) the timber boom; and (3) industrial expansion.

The City of Lufkin is the county seat of Angelina County and is located in the heart of the Piney Woods of East Texas. The city is located northeast of Houston on U.S. Highway 59, which runs right through the city. Downtown Lufkin is located east of Angelina Street. The city's location allows for easy access to Nacogdoches (21 miles), Houston (120 miles), Dallas (171 miles) and Shreveport (118 miles), Sam Rayburn Reservoir (46 miles), Angelina National Forest (16 miles), Sabine National Forest (58 miles), and Angelina County Airport (10 miles) as shown on **Map 1***, Regional Context*.

Lufkin's average elevation is 285 feet above sea level. The climate in Lufkin is characterized by hot, humid summers and generally mild winters. At a latitude of 31.23 north of the equator, the Koppen Climate

Classification system officially places Lufkin in the humid subtropical climate. Average annual precipitation is 48.95 inches.[1]

Map 1, Regional Context



Map 2*, Lufkin Jurisdiction and Vicinity*, shows the most up-to-date city limits as of December 2024. Lufkin is surrounded by other cities and their ETJs including: Burke, Diboll, Hudson, Huntington, Pollok and Redland. In a growing city such as Lufkin, city limits may periodically change and should be verified with the City. Given its proximity to Houston and Shreveport and excellent transportation access, Lufkin's continued growth remains likely and positions the community to capitalize on future economic development opportunities in the region.

ENSURING AN "ACCEPTABLE PLAN" FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to meeting local needs in Lufkin, this Master Plan is organized, has the appropriate content, and reflects the leadership, community and stakeholder input necessary for it to be reviewed and deemed an "acceptable plan" by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). TPWD has assisted hundreds of communities across Texas with their outdoor recreation needs since 1965 through its grant assistance programs, which enable the local acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities.

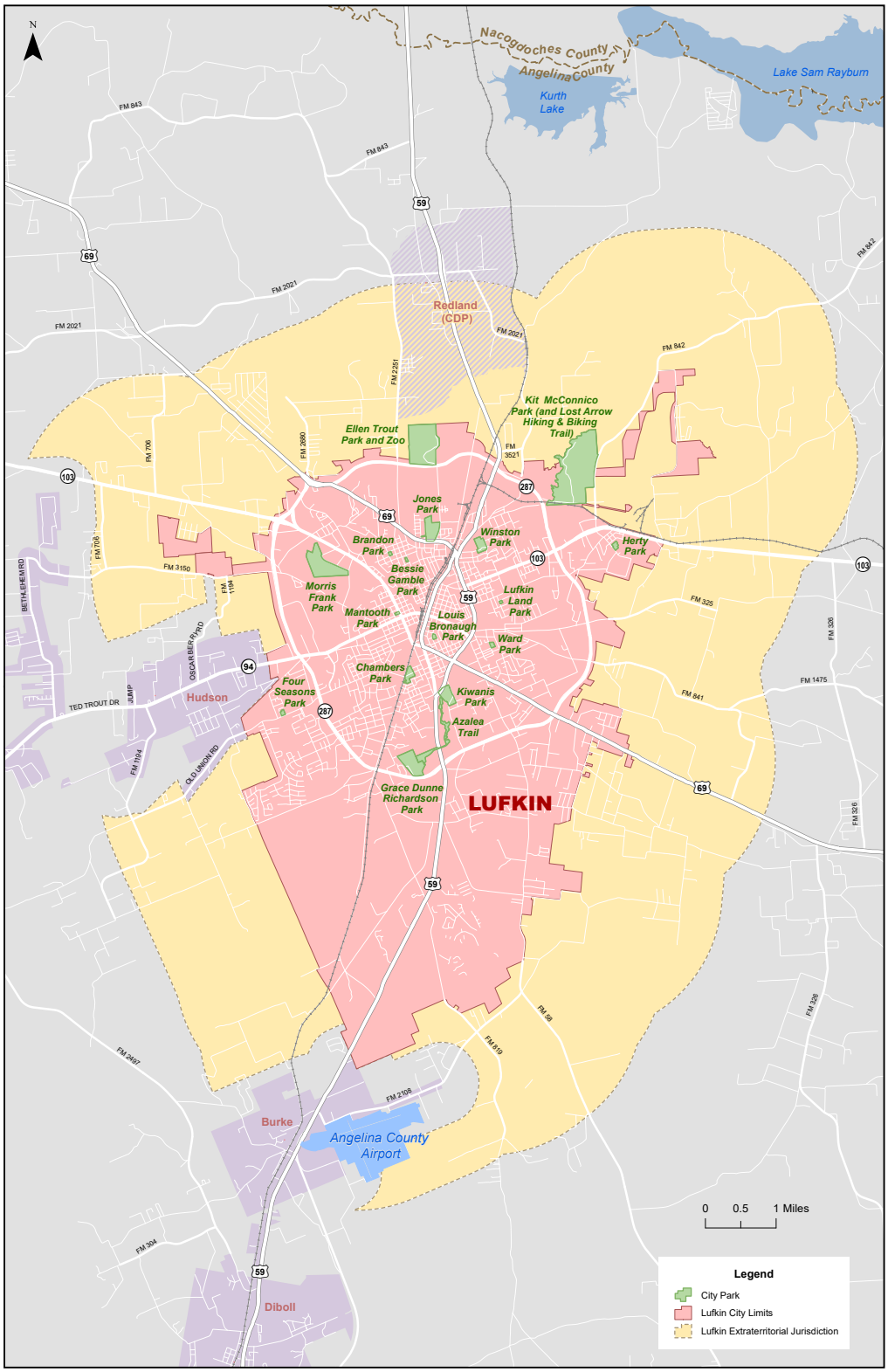
TPWD does not require applicants to have a jurisdiction-wide Master Plan to be eligible for its grant programs. However, an applicant may gain additional points in the TPWD scoring system (except in the Small Community scoring criteria) when the proposed project advances priorities identified in a locally-adopted Master Plan that is found acceptable by TPWD. The added points are valuable given a highly competitive grant process.

Among the elements of an acceptable plan itemized in the Master Plan Guidelines promulgated by TPWD:

- Proof of adoption by the local governing body.
- Planning for the City's entire corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).
- At least a 10-year plan outlook, with plan updates occurring every five years at most.
- Specified plan content as contained in this Master Plan (i.e., introductory items and background, goals and objectives, documentation of the plan development process and public input, up-to-date inventory of recreation areas and facilities, concepts and standards for the same, needs assessment, and prioritization of needs and plan implementation details).

SOURCE: TPWD Grants and Assistance
http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/

Map 2, Lufkin Jurisdiction and Vicinity



CLIMATE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) identifies 10 natural regions or "ecoregions" across the massive Lone Star State. As a result, Texas has widely varying climates and landscapes. The state is situated at the convergence of eastern and western U.S. habitats and of southern subtropical habitats with northern temperate ones. Annual rainfall can range from eight inches in the deserts of far west Texas to 56 inches per year in the swamps of east Texas.



SOURCE: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Lufkin is within the Piney Woods ecoregion in easternmost Texas. TPWD provides this ecoregion description:

> Rolling terrain covered with pines and oaks, and rich bottomlands with tall hardwoods, characterize the forests of the east Texas Pineywoods. This region is part of a much larger area of pine-hardwood forest that extends into Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. The average annual rainfall of 36 to 50 inches is fairly uniformly distributed throughout the year, and humidity and temperatures are typically high. The soils of the region are generally acidic and mostly pale to dark gray sands or sandy loams. Elevations range from 200 to 500 feet above sea level. The Pineywoods region can be described as pine and pine-hardwood forests with scattered areas of cropland, planted pastures, and native pastures. Timber and cattle production are important industries in the region. Farms and ranches are relatively small in size compared to the state average. [2]

Cedar and Hurricane creeks are local water features within the city and eventually converge into a single stream that flows southwest to the Neches River. Elevations across the city range from 131 to 459 feet above sea level. [3]

The warm, temperate climate of Lufkin also includes the following key characteristics [1]:

- Average annual temperature: 67 degrees Fahrenheit
- Average annual high temperature: 78 degrees Fahrenheit
- Average annual low temperature: 56 degrees Fahrenheit
- Average annual precipitation: 48.95 inches
- Average driest month: July
- Average wettest month: November

Sources:

[1] https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/lufkin/texas/united-states/ustx0811

[2] https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education/online-course/wildlife-conservation/texas-ecoregions

[3] https://en-us.topographic-map.com/map-3htf/Lufkin/

DEMOGRAPHICS

This section highlights a portion of the local demographics within the City of Lufkin. More detailed community profiles and other data resources are available from the U.S. Census Bureau, Lufkin Economic Development Corporation and other local sources.

COMPARISON COMMUNITIES

Comparison communities used throughout this section provide a way to view Lufkin's data against similar Texas communities. The selected communities are:

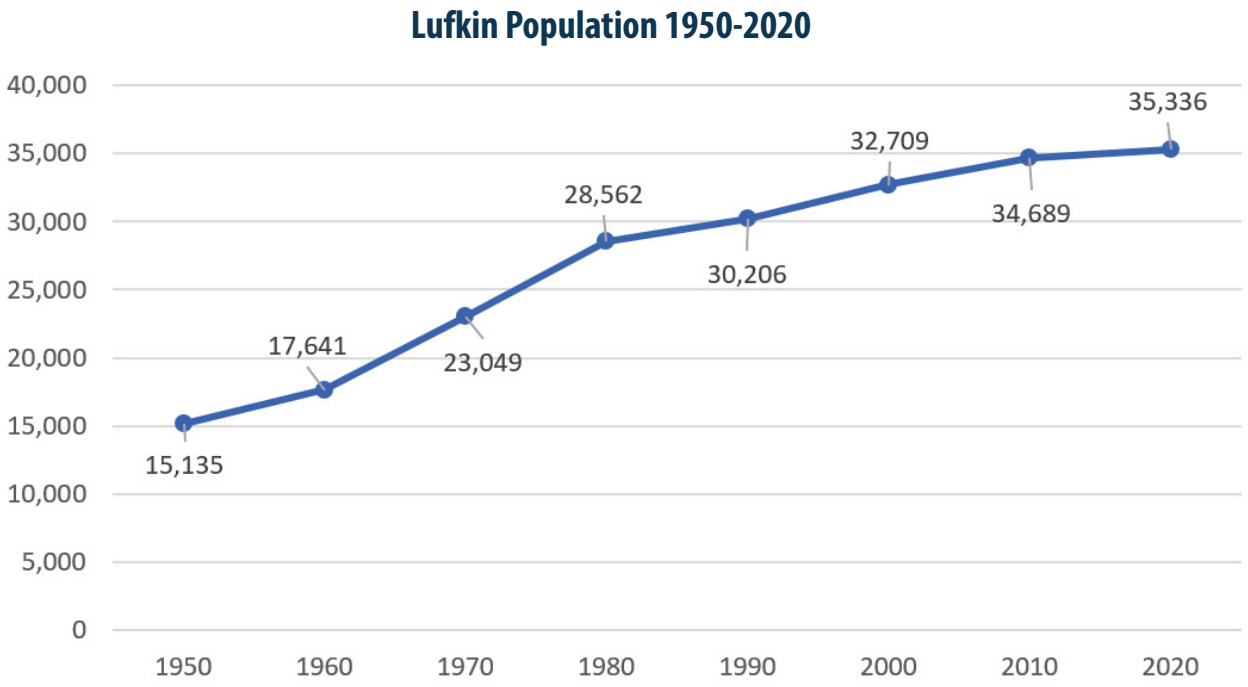
- Longview
- Marshall
- Nacogdoches
- Tyler

These communities were selected due to their similarities to Lufkin involving location; population; economic base; median age; median income; maintaining a small-town feel even with potential for further population growth; and location along interstate or major state highways. At times, Lufkin's data is also compared to the State of Texas.

POPULATION

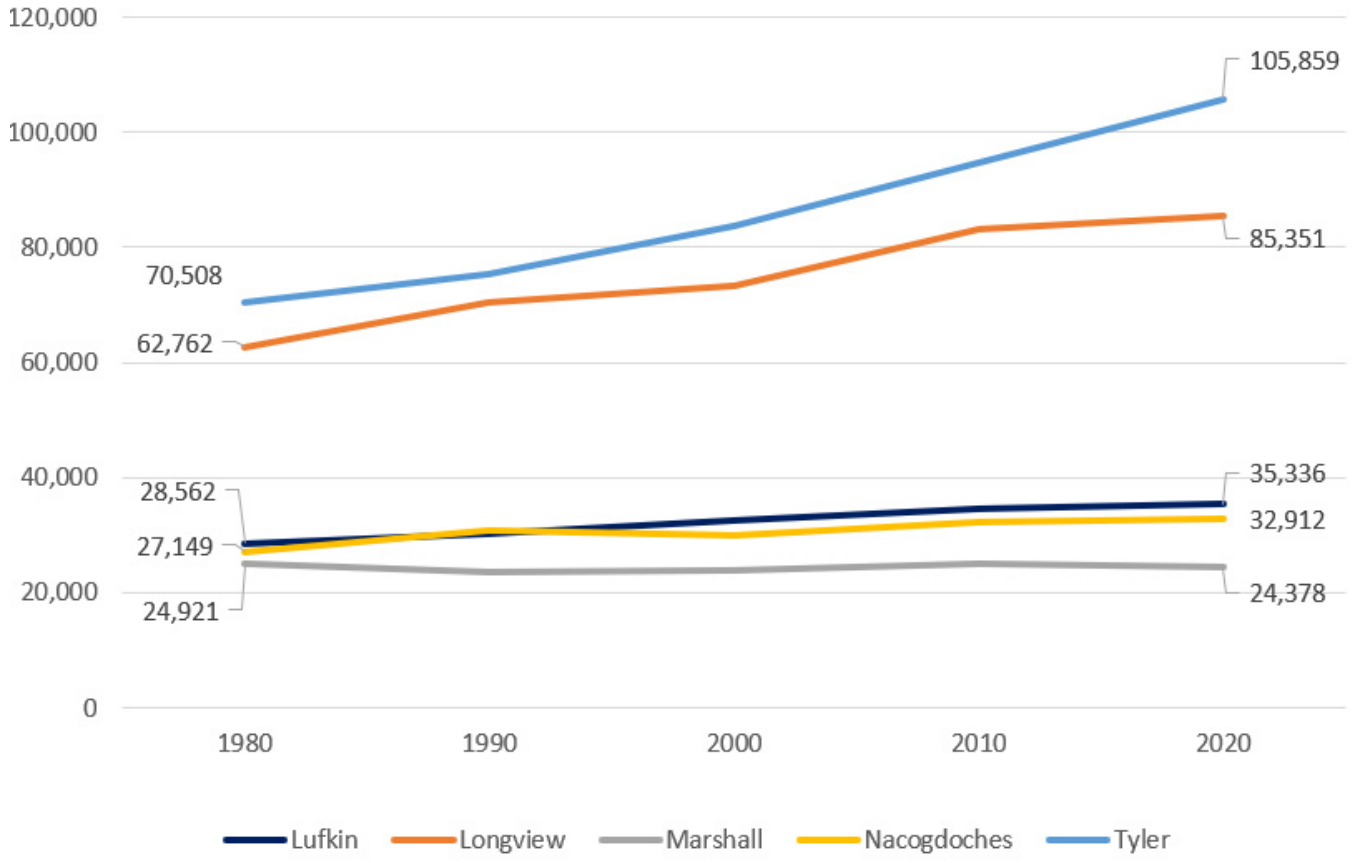
After its founding in 1882, Lufkin recorded its first census in 1890, showing a population of 529. The city's population has grown steadily since then, driven by the development of railroads, the timber industry and an industrial boom. Over the past 74 years, since 1950, following the city's "Golden Era of Expansion," Lufkin's population has continued to rise, increasing from 15,135 in 1950 to 35,336 in 2020.

When reviewing Lufkin's population change over the 40 years since 1980 contrasted with the selected comparison communities and all of Texas, Lufkin's average growth rate by decade remained slightly higher than Nacogdoches and Marshall. Tyler's average growth rate by decade since 1980 was 10.7%, Longview was 8.1% and Lufkin's was next at 5.5%. When compared to the statewide average growth rate by decade of 19.1%, Lufkin continued to grow at a much slower rate.

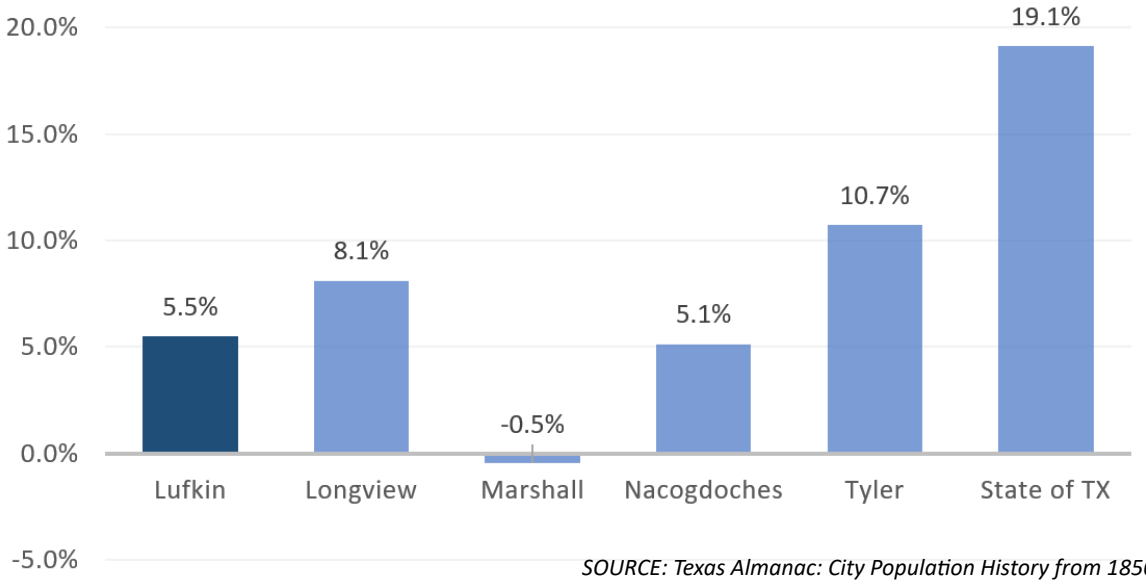


SOURCE: Texas Almanac: City Population History from 1850-2000, 2020 Decennial Census Redistricting Data PL 94-171

Comparison Cities Population by Decade (1980-2020)



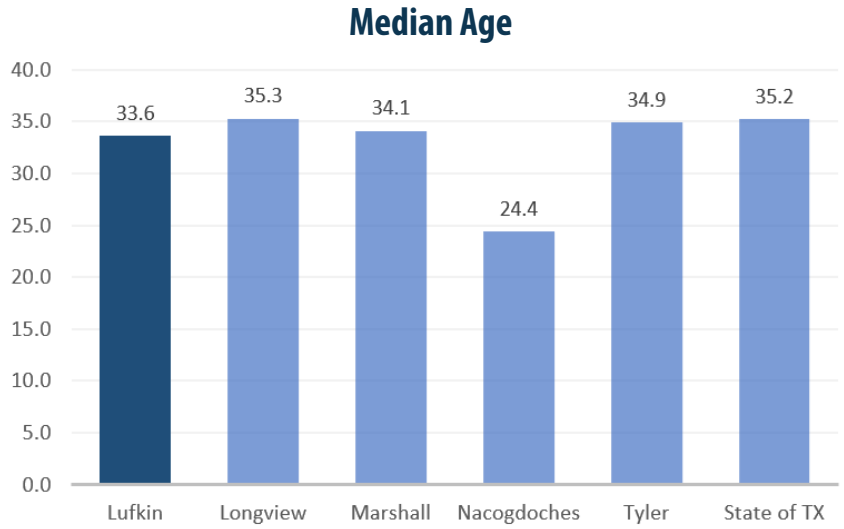
Average Growth Rate by Decade Since 1980



SOURCE: Texas Almanac: City Population History from 1850-2000, 2020 Decennial Census Redistricting Data PL 94-171

AGE

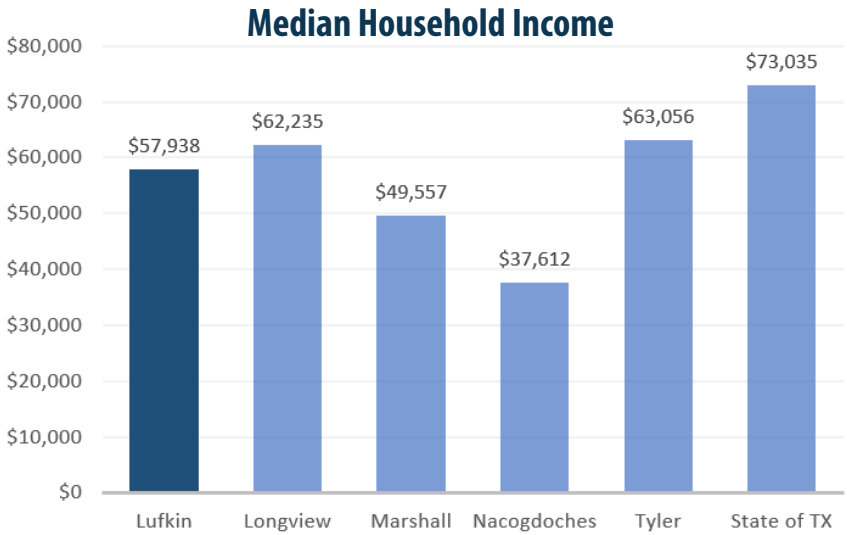
The residents of Lufkin had a median age of 33.6 in 2022, which was on the lower end of the spectrum when viewed against the comparison communities. Nacogdoches has the lowest median age at 24.4, which is skewed downward by the fact that, as a college town, Nacogdoches has nearly one-third of its population (31.2 percent) in the age range of 18 to 24. Marshall and Tyler had median ages that were slightly higher than Lufkin's, but the remaining cities showed a median age in the mid 30s.



SOURCE: 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables; TableID S0101

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Lufkin's median household income in 2022 was $57,938, which was higher than Marshall and Nacogdoches. As seen below, the remainder of the communities had a varied median household income ranging from $62,235 to $73,035.

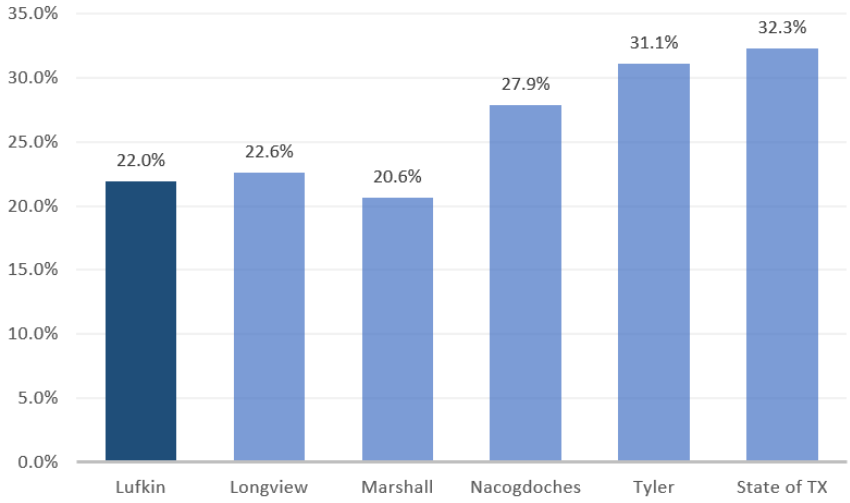


SOURCE: 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables; Table ID S1901

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND ENROLLMENT

An estimated 22% of Lufkin residents age 25 and older had earned a bachelor's degree or higher by 2022. Among all comparison communities, this was on the lower end with only Marshall (20.6%) having a lower percentage.

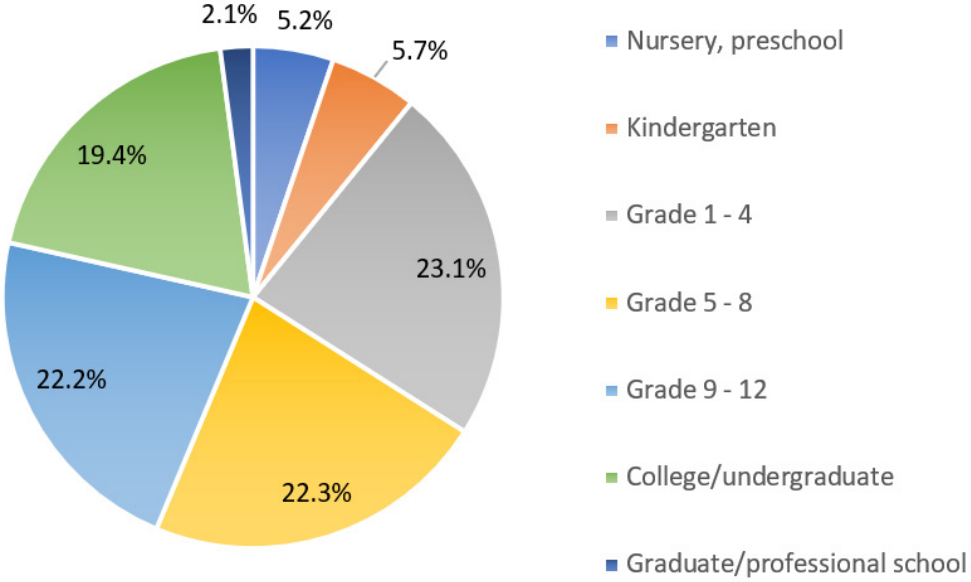
Residents Age 25+ with Bachelor's Degree or Higher



SOURCE: 2022 ACS 5-year Estimates Subject Tables; TableID S1501

Lufkin is home to numerous schools in addition to those in Lufkin Independent School District. The majority of students enrolled in the Lufkin area schools are in grades K-12. The chart below provides a more detailed breakdown of percentage of students by level.

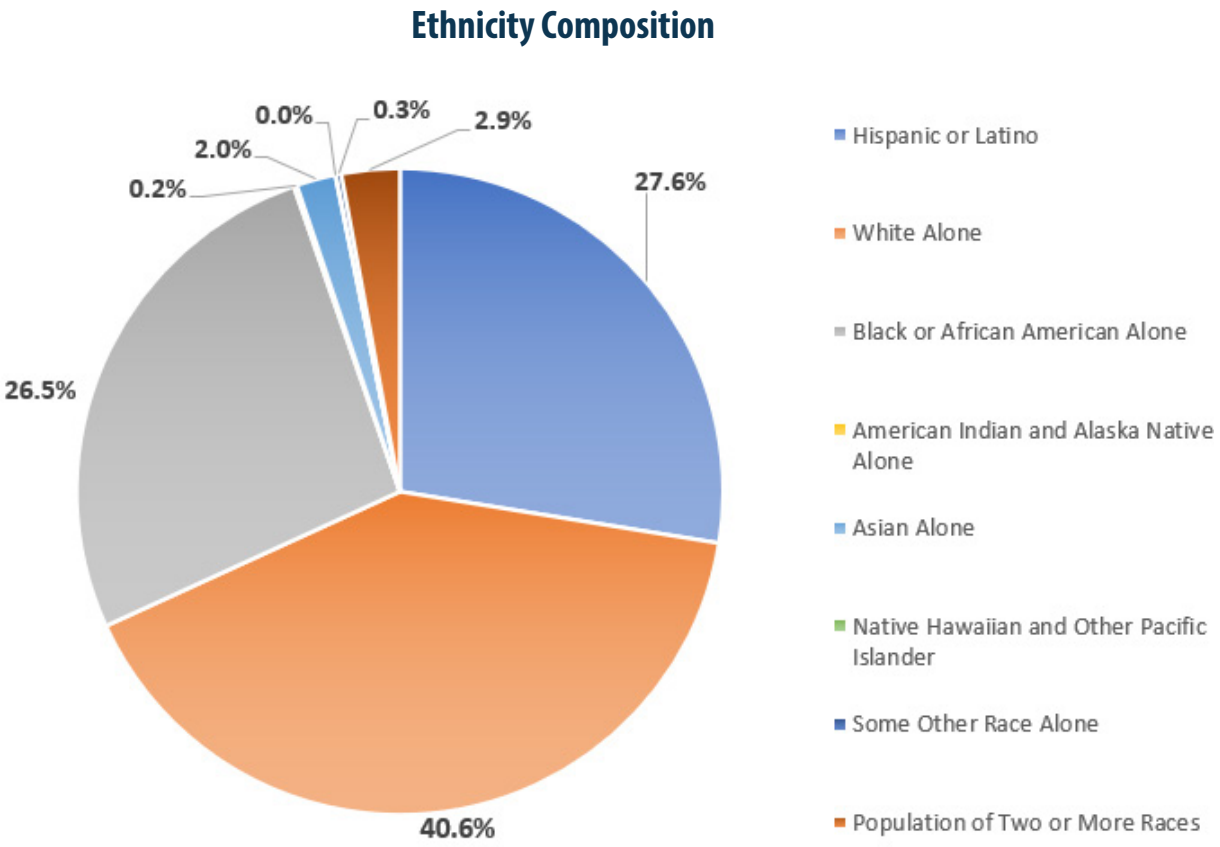
Area Students by Enrollment Level



SOURCE: 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables; TableID S1401

RACE AND ETHNICITY COMPOSITION

According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, 40.6% of Lufkin's population in 2020 was White, 27.6% was Hispanic or Latino, 26.5% was Black or African American, 2.9% was multi-racial, and the remainder was Asian (2.0%), Native American (0.2%), or some other race (0.3%). The broader ethnicity composition of Lufkin residents can be seen through the accompanying chart, which shows approximately 40% of residents identifying as White alone. While a majority of local residents selected this option, Lufkin's percentage was one of the lowest among the comparison communities – only Marshall was lower with 39.8% of residents identifying as White alone. However, the percentage of Lufkin residents who identified as Hispanic or Latino (27.6%) was the highest among comparison communities – only the State of Texas having a higher percentage (39%).



SOURCE: 2020: DEC Redistricting Data (PL 94-171); Decennial Census Survey

AMENITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

Lufkin has a variety of leisure amenities and attractions for residents and visitors.

In addition to the parks and trails in Lufkin, other amenities in the surrounding area include:

- 514-D White Rock Horse Camp
- Angelina Arts Alliance
- Angelina Center for the Arts and Temple Theater (ACA)
- Angelina County Farmers Market
- Angelina National Forest
- Becker Art Studios
- Bouton Lake
- Boykin Springs Recreation Area
- Cassels-Boykin Park
- Crazy Fisherman
- Crown Colony Country Club
- Davy Crockett National Forest
- Ellen Trout Zoo
- Fidone Fine Art Gallery
- George H. Henderson Expo Center
- Hijinx Trampoline Park
- History Center
- Kurth Memorial Library
- Livewell Athletic Club
- Lufkin Antiques Mall
- Lufkin KOA Journey
- Medford Collection of American Western Art
- Museum of East Texas
- Naranjo Museum-Natural History
- Neches Bluff Campground
- Pawsitive Animal Encounters
- Pines Sporting Clays
- Pines Theater
- Piney Creek Horse Camp
- Pitser Garrison Convention Center
- Ratcliff Lake
- Royal Jump
- Sam Rayburn Reservoir
- Skate Ranch
- Statue of Angelina
- Texas Airstream Harbor
- The Good Life RV Park

The most up-to-date information about local attractions and special events is always available online via the key websites below (as of the time of this plan), and in local media and on social media, among other sources.

- City of Lufkin: https://visitlufkin.com/explore/learn_more.php
- Lufkin ISD: https://www.lufkinisd.org/
- Angelina Historical Commission: https://www.angelinacounty.net/historical/
- Lufkin | Angelina County Chamber of Commerce: https://www.lufkintexas.org/
- Angelina County Parks: https://www.angelinacounty.net/parks/
- Visit Lufkin: https://visitlufkin.com/

ECONOMY

Lufkin had an estimated labor force of 145,000 people in 2024. With the City of Lufkin's population at 35,837, that means over 100,000 people travel daily into Lufkin for employment opportunities, with Lufkin also a medical and retail hub for 12 counties. [4]

INDUSTRY CLUSTERS AND EMPLOYEES

As of 2024, Lufkin and its surrounding ETJ area are home to five core industries including:

- Forest products;
- Aerospace and military defense;
- Manufacturing;
- Medical; and
- Food products.[5]

[4] https://lufkinedc.com/wp-content/uploads/LEDC-One-Sheets.pdf

[5] https://lufkinedc.com/target-industries/

CITY ROLE IN PROVISION OF PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

The role of Texas cities in the provision of parks, trails and recreational facilities varies considerably from centralized control and management to almost no involvement by local government. Lufkin is one such city that provides these public sites and services and actively manages and maintains these spaces through the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for maintenance and operations of 16 City of Lufkin parks, 4 trails, 2 community centers, 1 swimming pool, 3 spray pads, 1 recreation center, and other public areas. [6]

The Department also hosts 7 events throughout the year. In addition to its role in managing reservations for park facilities and organizing volunteers, in 2024 the Department also has recreational classes for both youth and adults as well as camps for children. The programs serve residents of all ages and are primarily focused on health and wellness. A current initiative aims to add classes on cooking/baking, cake decorating, floral arrangements, etc. More information can be found at: https://teamsideline.com/sites/lufkin/content/28832/Recreation-Leaders- .[6]

Along with a seven-member Parks Board that supports the Department's efforts, the City has a Visit Lufkin department and the County also has a 17-member Angelina Beautiful Clean Board.

This Master Plan was the result of a community-wide effort to identify specific park and trail improvements that will address the needs and desires of Lufkin citizens. Local initiatives can involve City/community partnerships

and cooperation. Within the framework of this plan, the City, community-based sports leagues, recreation associations, civic organizations and the general public are encouraged to evaluate needs and share resources so that a coordinated system of facilities can be planned, designed, constructed and maintained. As new or evolving needs and opportunities are discovered by these entities in the future, additional action items can be incorporated into the City's planning and budgeting processes.

[6] https://lufkinparks.com/parks.php

MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW

In accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department guidance for achieving an "acceptable plan" for grant application purposes, the remainder of this Master Plan includes the following sections:

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This section describes the overarching goals and related objectives that established the framework for the Master Plan. The goals and objectives will provide ongoing guidance for decision-making as the plan is implemented in the years to come.

CONCEPTS AND STANDARDS

This section considers general concepts for park and recreation facility design and identifies local standards that provide a foundation for this plan, along with the goals and objectives in the previous section. These concepts and standards were then considered in conducting the needs assessment later in the plan and when determining near-term action priorities for implementing this plan.

AREA AND FACILITY INVENTORY

This section documents the current availability of parks and trails for the enjoyment of Lufkin residents and visitors through an inventory of existing site locations, sizes and site-specific features and improvements. The inventory information, provided by the City, was an essential input to the next plan section, which focuses on the need for new, expanded or upgraded sites and facilities based, in part, on the condition and adequacy of the existing system assets.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This section provides an updated assessment of current and future needs in Lufkin related to parks, trails, recreation areas and related facilities. This assessment led directly into the next step of defining specific potential projects and improvements to address the identified needs, as well as for prioritizing candidate projects to arrive at a near-term action agenda for plan implementation.

PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION

This final section lays out an action agenda for enhancing parks and trails in Lufkin. A table itemizing priority projects also highlights key considerations for each, potential financial and other resources for accomplishing them, and potential partners who may lead, cost-share or otherwise assist the City in advancing a specific project.

APPENDIX A: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

This appendix section documents and provides highlights from the various leadership, stakeholder and community engagement activities that were completed in support of the Master Plan update process. These activities occurred from October 2024 through April 2025, after which a final proposed plan was the subject of a City Council public hearing and adoption as an official Master Plan of the City (adopted on August 5, 2025).

APPENDIX B: PARKS INVENTORY

This appendix section provides the City's inventory conducted in December of 2023 and spot checked by KKC in October 2024.

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Goals and Objectives

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PURPOSE

Goals and objectives provide guidance for the development and implementation of the Lufkin Parks and Trails Master Plan. The needs and desires expressed by the community are reflected in what this plan is expected to accomplish. By providing direction for decision makers, goals and objectives assist the Parks and Recreation Department and City Council to make the necessary decisions directly related to the park and trails system. These goals and objectives are established for the area-wide jurisdiction, the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, as required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and other potential sources of funding.

INTERACTIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Goals are statements of the needs and priorities of the citizens. Residents and visitors all have different experiences in a community based on their passive and active recreation interests. Some may directly use the parks such as utilizing the trails or sports fields while others may just have a view of the park or nature trail. These experiences give everyone different perspectives and, therefore, can contribute to the community's vision by detailing what they believe to be the needs. The community input, in conjunction with the following principles, ensure a balance between the interests of the public and private sectors:

- Facilities should be well planned and coordinated to ensure adequate adaptability to future needs and requirements, including consideration of the maintenance implications of each new or renovated facility.
- All people should have equal access to recreational areas, activities, services and facilities regardless of personal interest, age, gender, income, cultural background, housing environment or disability.
- Public parks should promote public gatherings and community interaction.
- Public recreation should incorporate public services such as education, health and fitness, transportation, cultural amenities and public art, and other leisure activities and should include affordable and family-oriented activities.
- The availability of financial resources should be considered in all phases of planning, acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of spaces and facilities.
- Public participation is critical to the ongoing success and effectiveness of the parks and trails system in responding to user needs and interests and should, therefore, be included in all stages of the process.
- The process should offer continuous opportunities for incremental evaluation and review.
- Other existing plans that affect the area should be integrated into the final recommendations and ultimately in implementation.
- There should be established procedures for acquiring land for future parks and trails, including through partnership opportunities with other public agencies and private entities as appropriate.
- The design of spaces and facilities should encourage the most efficient utilization of land, water and energy resources and consider the needs, desires and opinions of the intended users.
- The design of overall sites and specific features should utilize themes, motifs and elements that reflect Lufkin's history and the local environment and physical context, consistent with community branding and beautification objectives.

As the goals and objectives are implemented, a parks and trails system that is well maintained will be able to accommodate existing and future needs of residents and visitors while also taking advantage of the area's natural resources including Hurricane and Cedar creeks.

Goals are the preferred outcomes. **Objectives** are strategies or actions to attain the community's desires as reflected in the stated goals. Objectives are means for achieving the goals. They answer the question of "how" the goals will be achieved. Objectives generally involve longer-term aims and will take time to accomplish through shorter-term and more specific **action steps**. Actual projects that are the outcomes of the objectives will be implemented when the City can afford to proceed.

Below are the goals and objectives for this Master Plan. They are based on core planning principles as well as community input and stakeholder engagement activities that are documented in **Appendix A: Public Involvement Summary**.

Safety & Maintenance



A network of parks and trails in Lufkin that prioritizes safety through enhanced design, improved lighting, secure pathways and regular maintenance, ensuring all users feel comfortable and protected while enjoying public spaces.



GOAL 1

Actionable Objectives:

- Objective 1a: Install or upgrade energy-efficient lighting along all major park pathways, entrances and parking areas to increase visibility during evening hours.
- Objective 1b: Ensure lighting is placed strategically near high-traffic areas like playgrounds, restrooms and seating areas to enhance safety.
- Objective 1c: Design or redesign park pathways to be wide enough for multiple trail users or emergency vehicle access, where necessary.
- Objective 1d: Add clearly marked, illuminated signs at intersections or trailheads to help direct users and assist in case of emergencies.
- Objective 1e: Ensure all pathways are free from obstructions, well-maintained and accessible for people with disabilities.
- Objective 1f: Conduct monthly safety inspections of park infrastructure, including playgrounds, walkways and other equipment, to identify and address any potential hazards.
- Objective 1g: Partner with local law enforcement to perform safety reviews, including crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) assessments.
- Objective 1h: Add emergency call stations and surveillance cameras at key locations, especially in large or

more isolated parks.

- Objective 1i: Increase visible park security or patrols during peak usage times, particularly in the evenings and weekends.
- Objective 1j: Implement “clear sightlines” in park design, ensuring that seating, playgrounds and other key areas are not hidden by dense landscaping or structures.
- Objective 1k: Create educational signage and public programming that encourages visitors to practice safe park behaviors (e.g., keep valuables out of sight, report suspicious activities, etc.).
- Objective 1l: Organize community-led park watch programs to involve local residents in monitoring park safety.

Modernization & Inclusivity



A collection of safe and modernized parks with a variety of playground equipment and other inviting and inclusive park amenities that are both cost-effective and durable, with adequate resources to maintain the system.



GOAL 2

Actionable Objectives:

- Objective 2a: Replace outdated or worn playground equipment with new, safety-certified structures that meet current standards for playground safety (e.g., fall protection, rounded edges, non-toxic materials, etc.).
- Objective 2b: Install inclusive play equipment designed for children of all abilities, including accessible swings, ramps and sensory play areas.
- Objective 2c: Create shaded areas and seating near playgrounds for caregivers and families, ensuring comfort and accessibility.
- Objective 2d: Diversify park amenities to serve all ages and abilities (fitness stations, splash pads, etc.).
- Objective 2e: Use durable, low-maintenance materials for park infrastructure (e.g., benches, pathways, play equipment, etc.) to reduce long-term repair and replacement costs.
- Objective 2f: Design park features with sustainability in mind, such as using recycled materials for benches or permeable pavement for paths, to lower environmental impact and reduce future expenses.
- Objective 2g: Create a reserve fund or seek grants to cover the costs of long-term maintenance and potential upgrades to park facilities.
- Objective 2h: Regularly survey park users and local residents to gather feedback on desired amenities and identify areas that need improvement.
- Objective 2i: Incorporate sustainable landscaping, such as drought-tolerant plants and rainwater irrigation

systems, to reduce water usage and maintenance costs.

- Objective 2j: Design green spaces and plant trees to create natural cooling zones, promote biodiversity and enhance the park's environmental appeal.

Connectivity



A pedestrian and bicycle greenway system of parks and trails that enhances the assets of the creeks and connects residents and visitors with major destinations including, but not limited to parks, schools, workplaces and shopping areas.



GOAL 3

Actionable Objectives:

- Objective 3a: Periodically update a map showing a city-wide network of greenways along creeks and natural corridors that connect major destinations, including parks, schools, workplaces, shopping areas and neighborhoods.
- Objective 3b: Prioritize routes that maximize accessibility, safety and proximity to community assets, ensuring easy access for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Objective 3c: Upgrade existing trails to accommodate both pedestrian and bicycle use, ensuring they are wide enough, paved, and well-marked for shared use.
- Objective 3d: Construct new trails where gaps exist, particularly in underserved areas, to create a continuous and connected greenway system.
- Objective 3e: Install clear, consistent signage along greenways that directs users to major destinations, including parks, schools and shopping areas, with distance markers and maps at key points.
- Objective 3f: Develop trailheads with parking, bike racks and rest areas at key access points, especially near schools, workplaces and commercial areas.
- Objective 3g: Include rest areas with benches, water fountains and shaded areas along long stretches of the greenway to accommodate all ages and abilities.
- Objective 3h: Collaborate with Brazos Transit District to improve bike and pedestrian access to Lufkin's fixed bus routes, making it easier for residents to connect between greenways and public transit.
- Objective 3i: Organize community events such as "greenway/nature days," where residents are encouraged to explore trails through group walks, runs or bike rides.
- Objective 3j: Offer outdoor fitness or educational programs (e.g., guided nature walks, bike safety workshops, etc.) to promote active use of the greenway system and encourage stewardship of the natural areas.

Partnerships



Use of cooperative agreements and coordinated efforts with other governmental jurisdictions, Lufkin Independent School District (LISD), and private sector and non-profit partners to advance the goals and priorities of this Master Plan.



GOAL 4

Actionable Objectives:

- Objective 4a: Establish Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) or interlocal agreements with governmental jurisdictions, such as the County, state agencies and neighboring cities, to collaborate on shared parks, recreation and trail development projects.
- Objective 4b: Draft partnership agreements with LISD to allow shared use of school sports fields, playgrounds and recreational facilities for public access during non-school hours.
- Objective 4c: Create a joint advisory board that includes representatives from the City, LISD, local businesses and non-profits to oversee implementation of the Master Plan, ensure alignment of priorities, and facilitate ongoing communication and coordination.
- Objective 4d: Organize quarterly meetings to review progress on joint projects, discuss resource-sharing opportunities and address emerging needs in the community.
- Objective 4e: Partner with local businesses and the private sector to co-fund the development of new parks, amenities or trails, such as sponsored recreational facilities, playground equipment or public art installations.
- Objective 4f: Work with non-profits to secure grants or donations for special projects like park renovations, environmental education programs or new amenities that serve underrepresented communities.
- Objective 4g: Collaborate with LISD to integrate outdoor education programs into the school curriculum, using parks and green spaces as learning environments for subjects like science, ecology and physical education.
- Objective 4h: Pursue state, federal and private grants that encourage interagency collaboration, such as matching grant programs or joint-use facility grants, with shared funding from the City, LISD and other partners.
- Objective 4i: Pool resources with governmental and non-profit partners to apply for large-scale, multi-jurisdictional grants to fund regional greenway systems, park upgrades or environmental conservation projects.
- Objective 4j: Coordinate maintenance responsibilities between the City and LISD for jointly used facilities (e.g., sports fields, shared parks, etc.) to ensure cost-effective upkeep and avoid duplication of services.
- Objective 4k: Share resources like equipment, vehicles or staff across governmental jurisdictions and LISD

to reduce operational costs, such as jointly operating park maintenance teams or sharing construction equipment for capital projects.

- Objective 4l: Partner with local non-profits, businesses and LISD to organize community events, such as park clean-up days, fitness classes or festivals, to engage residents and raise awareness of local parks and trails.
- Objective 4m: Collaborate with non-profits on environmental conservation projects, such as creek cleanups or tree planting initiatives, that align with the Master Plan's sustainability goals.
- Objective 4n: Create a shared database or Geographic Information System (GIS) platform that tracks park assets, trails and green spaces across the City and LISD, making it easier to plan joint projects and monitor progress.
- Objective 4o: Collaborate with LISD, non-profits and the private sector on marketing campaigns to promote the parks, trails and recreational opportunities developed through the Master Plan.
- Objective 4p: Utilize shared branding and coordinated outreach efforts to increase public awareness of programs, events and facilities available through the City, LISD and partner collaborations.

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Important to note is that the goals and objectives above align well with the highest priorities of the 900+ respondents to a community survey conducted for this Master Plan in November 2024. From the 17 potential options in the survey, the top five priorities were:

- Increase safety measures (lighting, visibility, police, etc.) (79.2%)
- Upgrade outdated play equipment in the parks (including the areas immediately under and around the equipment) (55.2%)
- Renovate restrooms (48.4%)
- Increase maintenance (more frequent trash pickup, landscaping, etc.) (47.8%)
- Add trails and sidewalks convenient to neighborhoods that connect to schools, parks and trails (42.7%)

Four other items fell in the 20% range:

- Provide fencing or a natural barrier such as bushes between playground equipment and high traffic roadways (27.7%)
- Add outdoor exercise/fitness facilities (26.9%)
- Add signage for trails (routes and mileage markers) (24.7%)
- Provide more opportunities for nature observation (20.8%)

These goals and objectives are intended to be long range and subject to appropriate funding. As they are accomplished and new and different opportunities arise, they will require re-evaluation and amendment.

03

Concepts and Standards

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This Master Plan section considers general concepts for park and recreation facility design and identifies local standards that provide a foundation for this plan, along with the **goals and objectives** in the previous plan section. These concepts and standards were then considered in conducting the needs assessment later in this plan and when determining near-term action priorities for implementing this plan.

While planning standards are ultimately derived locally, they take into account statewide and national benchmarks and guidelines as applicable to Lufkin, including those disseminated by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) among other resources. Customization of standards reflects demographic, economic, physical, environmental and other local factors that may vary from conditions elsewhere, as well as local values and preferences as captured through the community and leadership input to this plan.

LOCAL STANDARDS

Presented in **Figure 3.1** are statements that reflect local values and preferences for parks and recreation facilities. The second column itemizes siting and design considerations and potential improvements that might be pursued based on these local standards.



Figure 3.1: Local Standards and Their Potential Implications

1

Improve neighborhood parks to where they are welcoming, comfortable and secure venues for outdoor recreation.

LOCAL STANDARD

2

Modernize parks by replacing outdated, hazardous and damaged equipment.

LOCAL STANDARD

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SITING, DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS

- Renovated restrooms.
- Drinking fountains.
- Additional lighting.
- Natural or installed shade features.
- Landscaping.
- Visibility and other Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.
- Benches.
- Picnic tables (open and sheltered) and grills.
- Internal and perimeter walking/jogging paths.
- Fencing where needed near or around certain activity areas (e.g., playgrounds, spray stations, basketball courts, etc.).
- Sidewalks and crosswalks in park vicinities.
- Bike racks.
- Emergency call boxes.
- Emergency vehicle access.
- Police presence.

- Durable and lower-maintenance equipment.
- Fall zone size, design and materials.
- Other injury prevention considerations and features.
- Standardization of certain features for cost-effectiveness (e.g., benches, lighting, water fountains, etc.)

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SITING, DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS

Wayfinding signage, mileage markers and area park/trail system maps.

Kiosks with events/programming information.

System components (e.g., parks, trails/trailheads, sports facilities, etc.) should be evenly distributed across different neighborhoods to prevent overburdening certain areas while ensuring underserved communities also have access.

Diversity of park and facility types and designs, for both active and passive recreation opportunities.

Naturalistic and/or themed playground designs.

Creative and sensory learning playground designs.

Multi-objective design approaches.

Universal design principles that include age-appropriate designs and features for different age levels of children and youth, adults, senior populations, etc. to promote inclusivity.

Water-oriented features and play opportunities (e.g., splash pads).

Open fields and green spaces for general purpose use.

Trail linkages from parks, adjacent neighborhoods, local streets and cul-de-sacs, and across physical barriers such as busy streets, creeks, etc.

Loop trails and other trail/sidewalk cross connections.

“Outdoor classroom” areas and other environmental education and stewardship elements and programming.

Potential co-location and joint use arrangements with school campuses, utility corridors and easements and railroad corridors.

3

Provide a diverse range of outdoor recreation activities and facilities that will engage all residents.



LOCAL STANDARD



POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SITING, DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS

Disc golf course renovation.

Skating/skateboarding upgrades and/or expansion.

BMX/mountain biking.

Stretching and exercise stations/equipment and mileage markers on trails.

Trailheads (appropriate locations, visibility and space for improvements).

Trail widths, surfacing, single- and shared-use designs.

Family-oriented improvements and programming.

Covered pavilions for group gatherings.

Dedicated space for small-scale concerts and performances.

Gardens for passive enjoyment and hands-on community gardening.

Dog park upgrades.

Interpretive/educational signage, along with designated wildlife viewing spots in parks and along trails.

Public art in parks and along trails.

Design themes based on local history, culture and environment.

Unique design themes specific to each park.

Conservation design approaches and features (e.g., water management, native and drought-tolerant vegetation, mature tree preservation, solar lighting, receptacles for recyclables, etc.).

Overnight camping opportunities where appropriate (e.g., for Scout groups, community campouts, etc.).

Coordination of road/bridge improvements with trail continuity and long-distance running/biking considerations.

Sport-specific facilities (e.g., baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, etc.).

Water-oriented features and play opportunities (e.g., splash pads, trails along water features, fishing spots/piers, etc.).

4

Offer facilities and activities for special interest groups (e.g., trail users, sports associations, nature enthusiasts, etc.).

LOCAL STANDARD

5

Provide inclusive and equitable access to all park and trail facilities, both new and existing.

LOCAL STANDARD

Multi-generational, inclusive and accessible design of:

- Athletic field viewing/seating areas
- Concessions areas
- Dog park entries
- Drinking fountains
- Emergency call boxes
- Fishing piers
- Fitness equipment
- Gardens
- Indoor recreation facilities
- Parking areas
- Park elements (different areas of the park, sensory park features, etc.)
- Pavilions, picnic tables and grills
- Playscapes (“all abilities” design)
- Restrooms
- Sidewalks and loop trails within parks
- Sidewalks, crosswalks and curb cuts in park vicinity
- Signage and wayfinding
- Splash pads and other water recreation
- Sport courts
- Trail segments

Signage regarding accessibility levels at park and trail access points.

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SITING, DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS

6

Upgrade facilities in areas of concern for "at-risk" youth.

LOCAL STANDARD

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SITING, DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS

Youth involvement in all stages of design, programming, operation and maintenance, including employment and volunteer opportunities.

Age-appropriate facilities and programming/activities.

Potential co-location and joint use arrangements with youth/teen centers.

Public Wi-Fi and device charging kiosks.

Community gardens and other hands-on activities.

Evening programming/activities.

Arts and creativity elements and programming.

Visibility, lighting and other Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

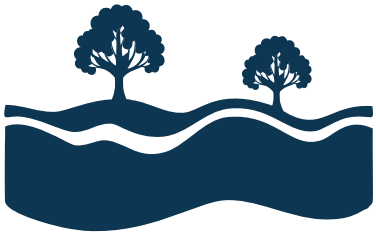
Several factors contribute to the selection of sites for parks, trails and recreation areas. Key criteria for choosing a location include the characteristics of the surrounding land use (such as the type and scale of development and the potential impact of planned recreational activities), the size and intended purpose of the proposed park or recreation area, and accessibility (including the street network, sidewalks and other non-vehicular access options). Additionally, physical development opportunities and constraints, such as water features, floodplains, sensitive habitats and historic or cultural resources, also play a role. General considerations for site selection include the following factors:

LOCATION AND ACCESS



- All sites should be easily accessible to their envisioned users and convenient for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, as appropriate.
- Sites should generally be accessible from collector (secondary) streets rather than arterial (primary) roadways, except for high-intensity facilities, such as sports complexes, that generate significant vehicular traffic.
- Proximity to public transit routes is desirable, where available and appropriate, while avoiding locations on designated truck routes.
- Parks should be located adjacent to trails and greenways, and vice versa, to create strong connections with neighborhoods and other areas of the community, promoting greater accessibility and use.
- Land with historic or cultural significance may be ideal for parks or trail development, using these projects as tools to conserve and highlight important local heritage.
- Joint use of sites for public recreation and school-related sports and recreational activities is highly encouraged, maximizing public benefit and ensuring efficient use of public resources through shared facilities.

TOPOGRAPHY



- The site should feature a suitable land surface configuration (relief) to support its intended uses, such as sports fields, open play areas or hike/bike trails, ensuring functional and practical development.
- Some topographic variation, whether natural or created through grading (cut and fill), is beneficial for adding visual interest and providing opportunities for more diverse recreational activities, such as hill climbing, mountain biking, fitness hiking and trail running.
- Adequate site slope is important to ensure proper stormwater drainage from sports fields and other developed areas, preventing water buildup and enhancing maintenance.
- Sites with low-lying areas that retain water, as well as floodplains or wetlands, can still be highly valuable for passive recreation activities like bird watching, nature hikes and picnicking, making the most of natural features.

- Desirable views both into and out of the site should be preserved and protected, enhancing the aesthetic appeal and user experience of the recreational space.

SOILS



- Depending on the intended park or recreation use, the site's topsoil should be suitable for supporting turf grasses, trees and other landscaping needs.
- The site should allow for minimal or cost-effective measures to control soil erosion during construction and be designed to prevent erosion after completion, incorporating strategies like stormwater best management practices, Low Impact Development techniques and, where needed, retaining walls or other physical measures.

VEGETATION



- The site should either have natural vegetation or be suitable for planting hardy, low-maintenance species, including xeriscaping methods that reduce the need for irrigation and ongoing maintenance, taking into account the local climate.
- The presence of significant individual trees and unique wildlife habitats is highly desirable.
- For certain recreational uses, such as sports fields or landscaped areas that require regular watering, the site should be suitable for the installation of irrigation systems.
- The site should feature mature natural vegetation or conditions favorable for plantings that provide essential shade, especially near high-use areas like sports fields and courts, picnic areas, playgrounds, benches, seating areas and walking paths/trails.

04

Area and Facility Inventory

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AREA AND FACILITY INVENTORY

This Master Plan section documents the current availability of parks and trails assets for the pleasure of Lufkin residents and visitors through an inventory of existing site locations, sizes and site-specific features and improvements (e.g., buildings, pavilions, gazebos, restrooms, playground equipment, athletic fields and courts, parking areas, etc.). The inventory focuses on City-owned and maintained sites and facilities as the foundation of a community parks and trails system. The inventory information is an essential input to the next Master Plan section, which focuses on the need for new, expanded or upgraded sites and facilities based, in part, on the condition and adequacy of the existing system assets.



PUBLIC PARKS INVENTORY

The City of Lufkin operates and maintains 16 locations within the local public park system with a combined acreage of 653 acres. The locations are itemized in **Table 4.1,** *Inventory of City Parks*, and displayed on **Map 4.1,** *City Parks*. An aerial image and photo of each park are included later in this section. Although not in the city limits and therefore not included in the 653-acre total cited above, Kurth Lake is also maintained by the City (and has an asterisk in Table 4.1 for this reason). It is a small 560-acre reservoir located six miles north of Lufkin off US Highway 59. Due to the number of alligators, only fishing and rental of the Kurth Lake Lodge are permitted.

Explanations of the park classification categories of Mini/Pocket parks, Neighborhood parks, Community parks, Regional parks and Special Use Facilities, which appear in **Table 4.1,** are provided in **Table 4.2,** *Park Classifications*. Classification of individual sites requires judgment as some have characteristics of multiple categories. But size is the basic determinant along with consideration of how far users come to reach and enjoy the facility, such as a site that has the acreage of a Community park but is used mostly by residents of the immediate area.







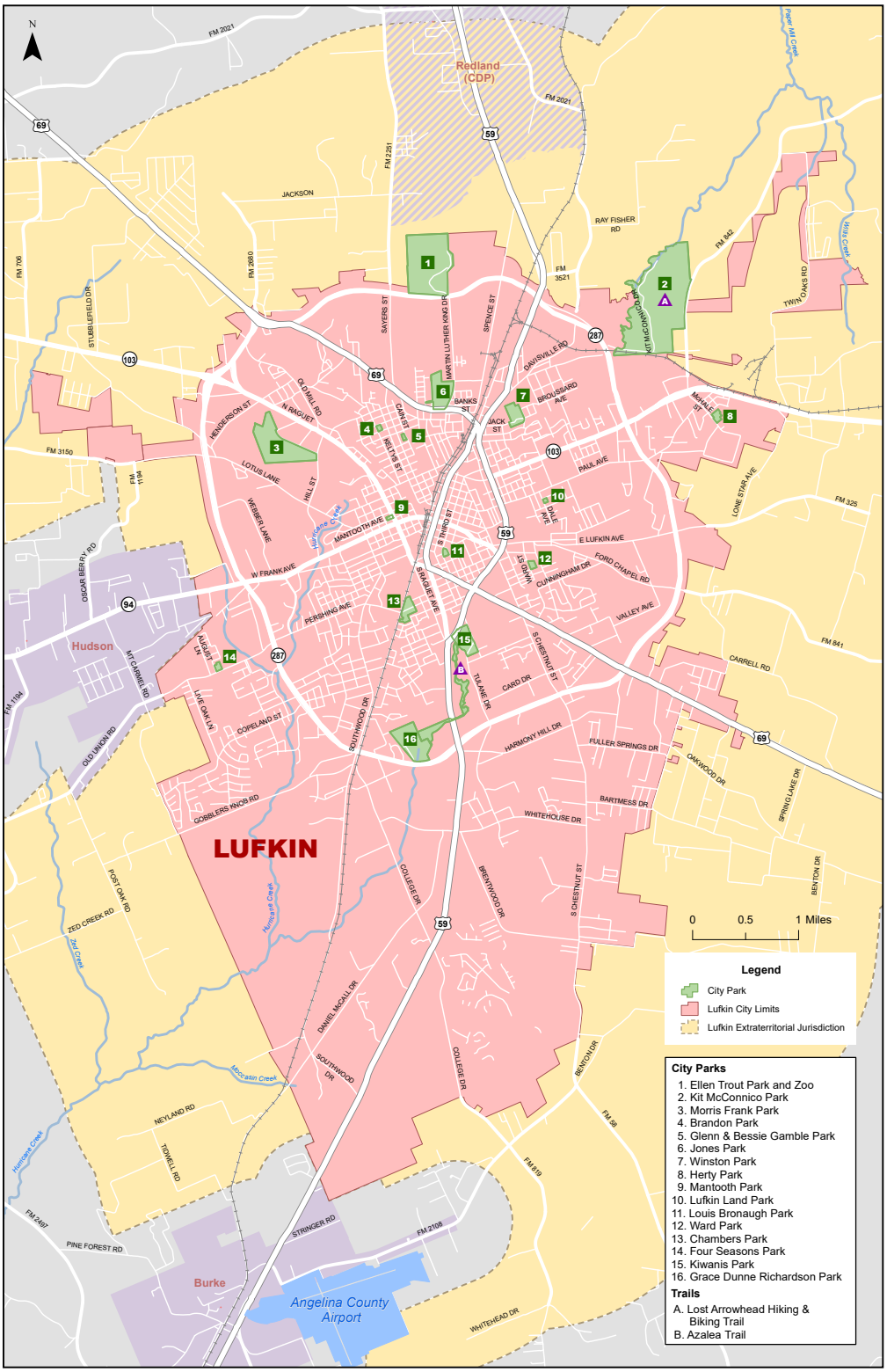
Table 4.1, Inventory of City Parks

Name	Location	Size (Acres)	Map No.
Mini/Pocket Parks			
Brandon Park	1612 Keltys Street	2.2 Acres	4
Louis Bronaugh Park	328-340 Charlton Street	2.35 Acres	11
Four Seasons Park	Intersection of April Drive and Old Union Road (F.M. 1271)	2.5 Acres	14
Glenn & Bessie Gamble Park	1202 Cain Street	0.3 Acres	5
Herty Park	McHale Street near Nerren Avenue	4.4 Acres	8
Lufkin Land Park	Intersection of Higgins Street and Dale Street	1.15 Acres	10
Mantooth Park	Intersection of Mantooth Avenue and Raguet Street	1.3 Acres	9
Ward Park	Intersection of Ward Street and Grant Avenue	2.0 Acres	12
Neighborhood Parks			
Chambers Park	482 Pershing Avenue	12.4 Acres	13
Winston Park	418-422 Jack Street	16.8 Acres	7
Community Parks			
Jones Park	Intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Business US Highway 69	47.0 Acres	6
Kiwanis Park	1117 Timberland Drive	21.8 Acres	15
Grace Dunne Richardson Park	200 Mott Road	34.5 Acres	16
Regional Parks			
Ellen Trout Park and Zoo	400 Zoo Circle	126.5 Acres	1
Kit McConnico Park	Kit McConnico Drive	289.7 Acres	2
Morris Frank Park	Windsor Drive	88.1 Acres	3
Kurth Lake*	1573-603 Kurth Lake Road	560 Acres	*
Total Acreage		1,213 Acres	

Source: City of Lufkin, Kendig Keast Collaborative

** Not in city limits, and acreage total is 653 acres when Kurth Lake not included.*

Map 4.1, City Parks



Note: CDP = Census Designated Place (unincorporated)

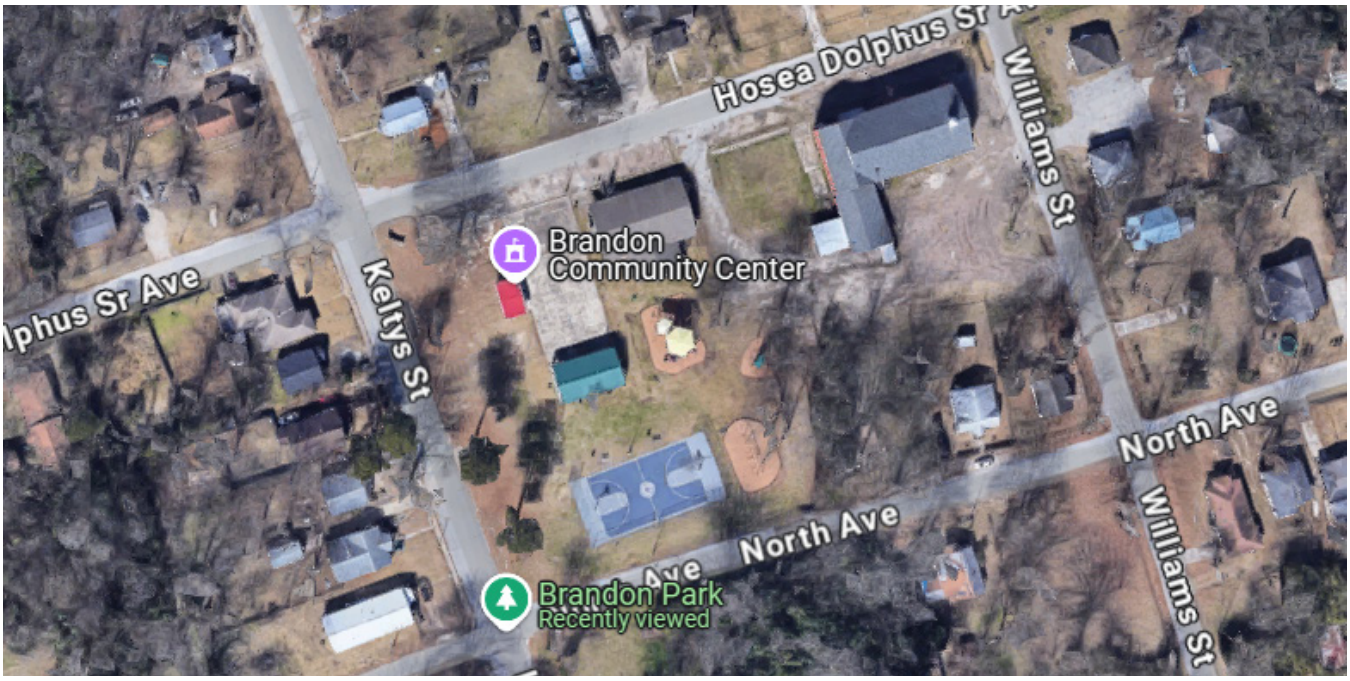
Table 4.2, Park Classifications

Mini/Pocket Parks		
Specialized facilities that address unique, limited or isolated recreational or public space needs (and/or the needs of a specific population group). Often found in higher-density areas or in conjunction with unique attractions/developments.	**Service Area** Development in close proximity **Desirable Size** 1 acre (or less) minimum	**Example Features** » Sitting areas/benches » Landscaping » Pedestrian-level lighting » Bicycle racks » Educational signage/kiosks » Performance stage/area » Public art » Water fountain
Neighborhood Parks		
Small parks that serve neighborhood residents within walking distance, with facilities for both active use (e.g., playgrounds, sports) and passive use (e.g., walking, picnicking, open space).	**Service Area** Primarily serve neighborhood residents within 1/4 to 1/2 mile **Desirable Size** 5-10 acres minimum (varies based on nearby population and density, property availability, method and timing of acquisition, and intended use)	**Example Features** » Centrally located within a residential neighborhood for convenient and safe access » Evenly distributed across city (one mile separation ideally) » Sometimes joint school/City facilities (similar scale) » Active and passive facilities suitable to the neighborhood served » Facilities and activities to promote healthy living
Community Parks		
Larger parks that still serve nearby residents but also draw others from elsewhere in the community for a wider range of facilities and activities.	**Service Area** Primarily serve residents within 1-2 miles, but available to all residents **Desirable Size** 10-25 acres minimum	**Example Features** » Located for visibility and convenient access by residents nearby and from farther distances (often near an arterial street) » Evenly distributed across city (two mile separation ideally) » Large-scale athletic fields and court complexes for active recreation and sports leagues (plus swimming pools, walking/jogging paths, exercise stations, open play areas, playgrounds) » Lighting for evening use » Outdoor spaces and other facilities such as community centers for passive recreation and leisure activities (picnic areas, bird watching, strolling) » Nature features » Restrooms » Adequate on- and off-street parking

Regional Parks		
Facilities designed to accommodate large numbers of visitors from across the city and the broader region, especially to provide access to natural amenities for fishing, boating, camping, nature observation, and conservation activities, etc.	**Service Area** Citywide and surrounding region **Desirable Size** Typically 150-200 acres minimum, but varies by size of community and regional population	**Example Features** » Located for visibility and convenient access by many visitors (often near a highway and/or major arterial street) » Often acquired and designed to preserve special natural or cultural resource areas (and, therefore, often buffered from nearby urban development) » Specific features and facilities vary widely based on location and region served, but typically include a wide range for active and passive recreation, including unique activities (e.g., model aircraft flying) » May include facilities for hosting regional special events (fairs, concerts, exhibitions)
Special Use Facilities		
Facilities that serve the entire community or broader area for specialized recreational or leisure activities (e.g., performance venue).	**Service Area** Available to all persons (may draw visitation from long distances depending on nature and scale) **Desirable Size** Varies by type	**Example Features** » Unique additions to a traditional parks and recreation system (e.g., civic center, amphitheater, water park, museum, arboretum, professional sports stadium or amateur tournament complex) » Typically emphasize one or two specific uses (e.g., golf) versus a mix of active and passive facilities

Source: Kendig Keast Collaborative

Brandon Park | 1612 Keltys Street



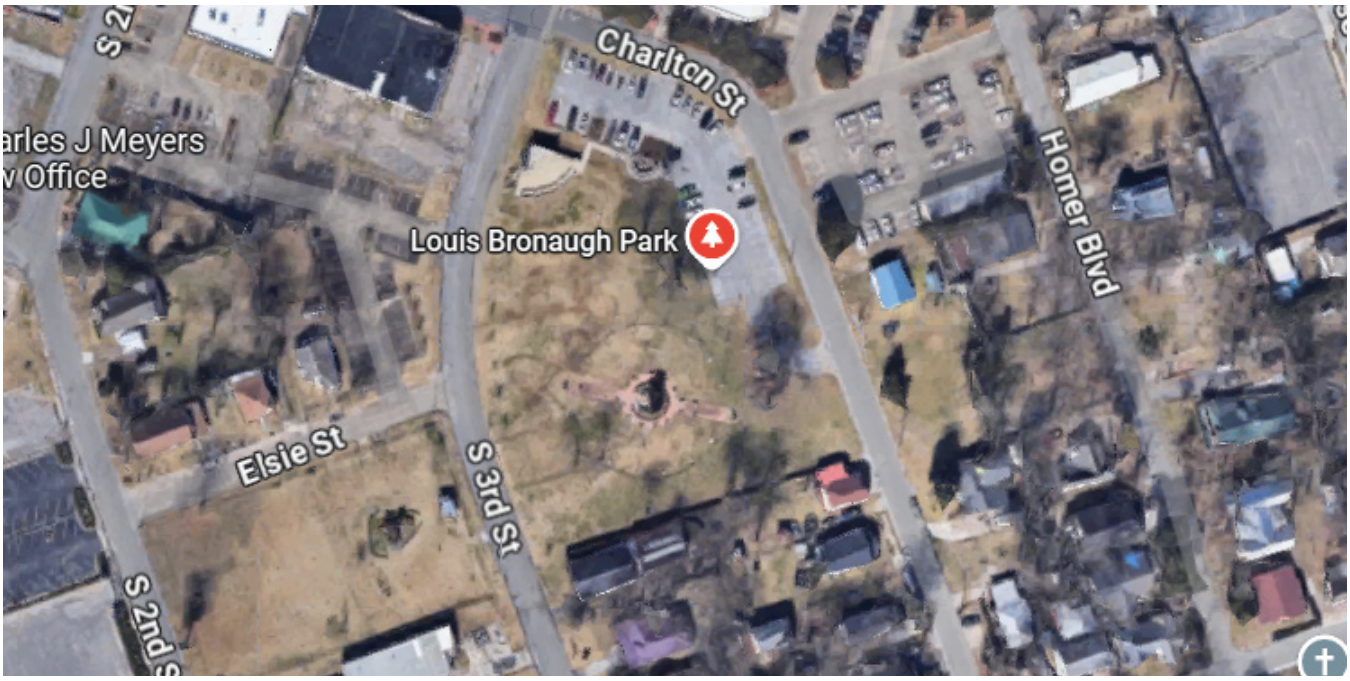




Amenities

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Community Center

Louis Bronaugh Park | 328-340 Charlton Street



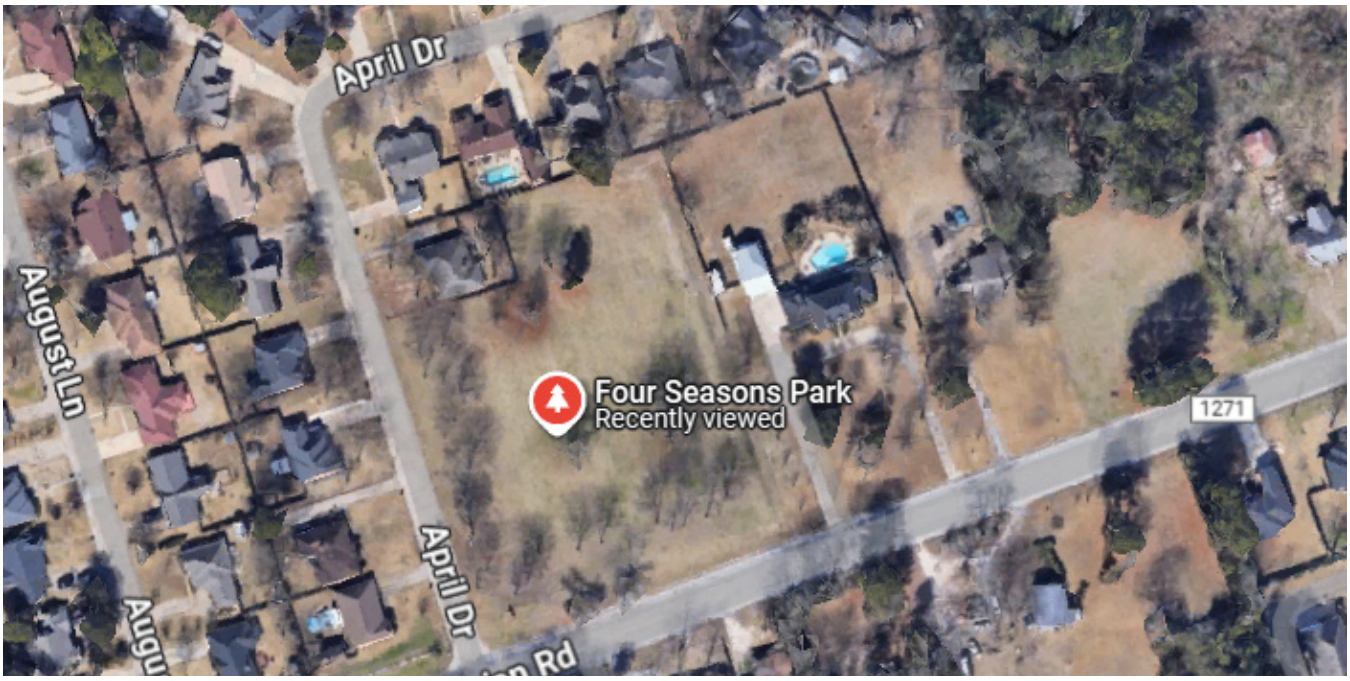




Amenities

- Picnic Area
- Historical Markers
- Amphitheater

Four Seasons Park | Intersection of April Drive and Old Union Road (F.M. 1271)

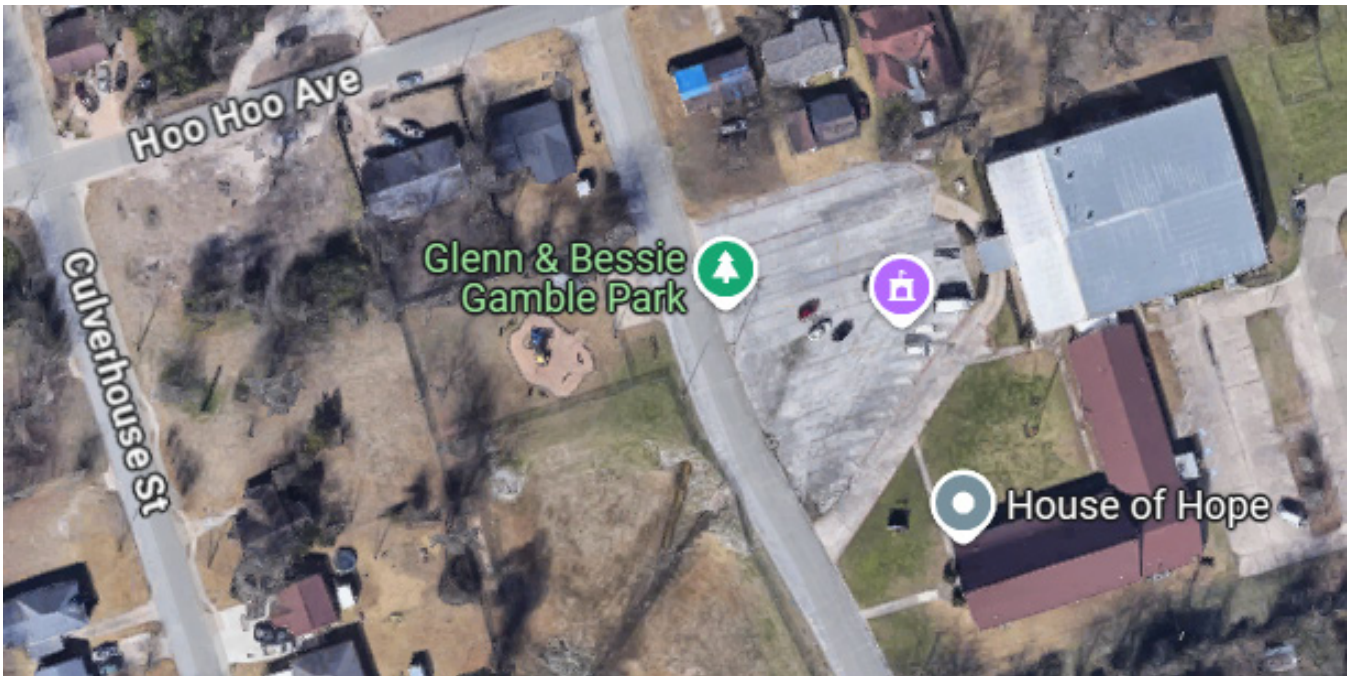




Amenities

- None for now other than open space (undeveloped parkland).

Glenn & Bessie Gamble Park | 1202 Cain Street





Amenities

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground

Herty Park | McHale Street near Nerren Avenue

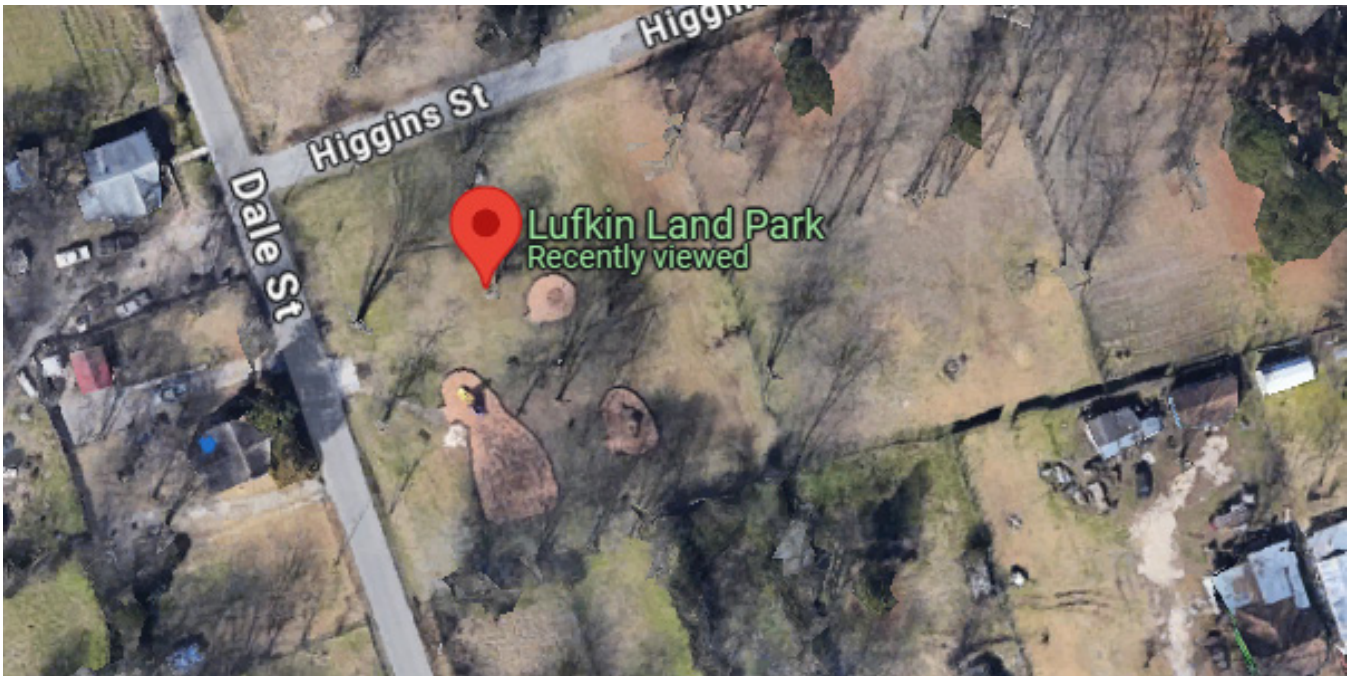




Amenities

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Soccer Field
- Trail

Lufkin Land Park | Intersection of Higgins Street and Dale Street





Amenities

- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Volleyball Area

Mantooth Park | Intersection of Mantooth Avenue and Raguet Street







Amenities

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Fitness Equipment

Ward Park | Intersection of Ward Street and Grant Avenue



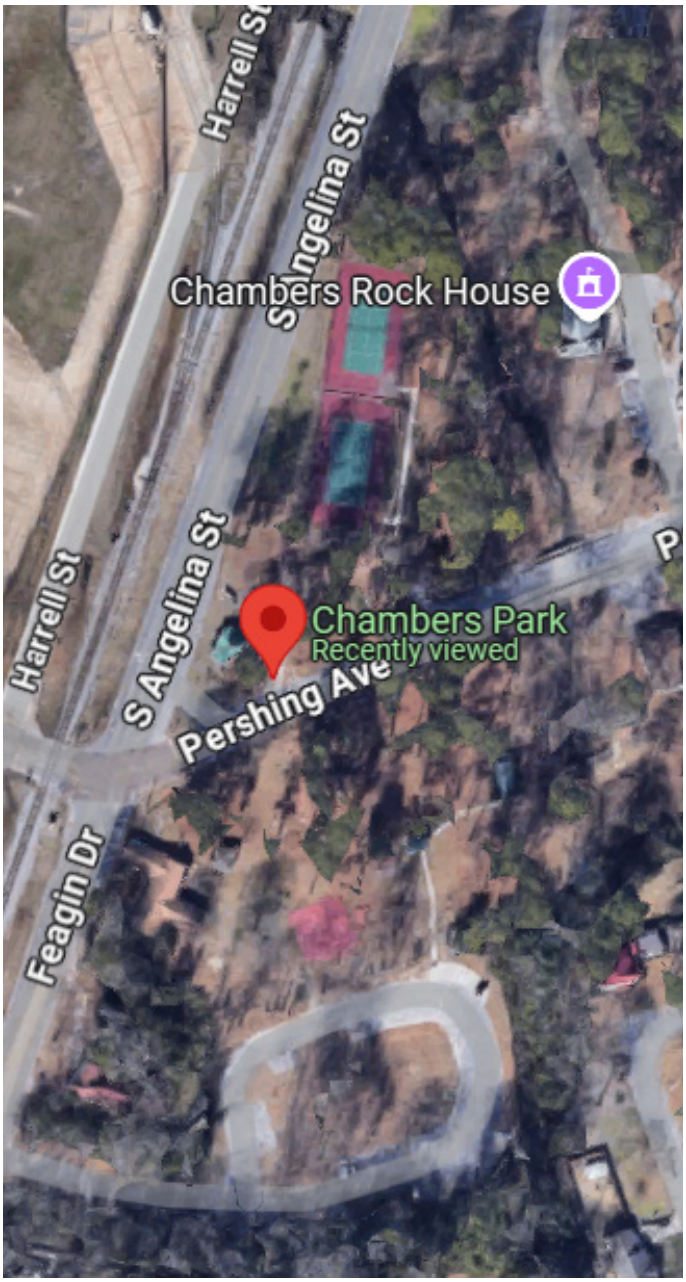




Amenities

- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Softball Field
- Baseball Field

Chambers Park | 482 Pershing Avenue







Amenities

- Pavilion
- Bandstand
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Tennis Courts
- Community Center
- Spray Play Pad

Winston Park | 418-422 Jack Street

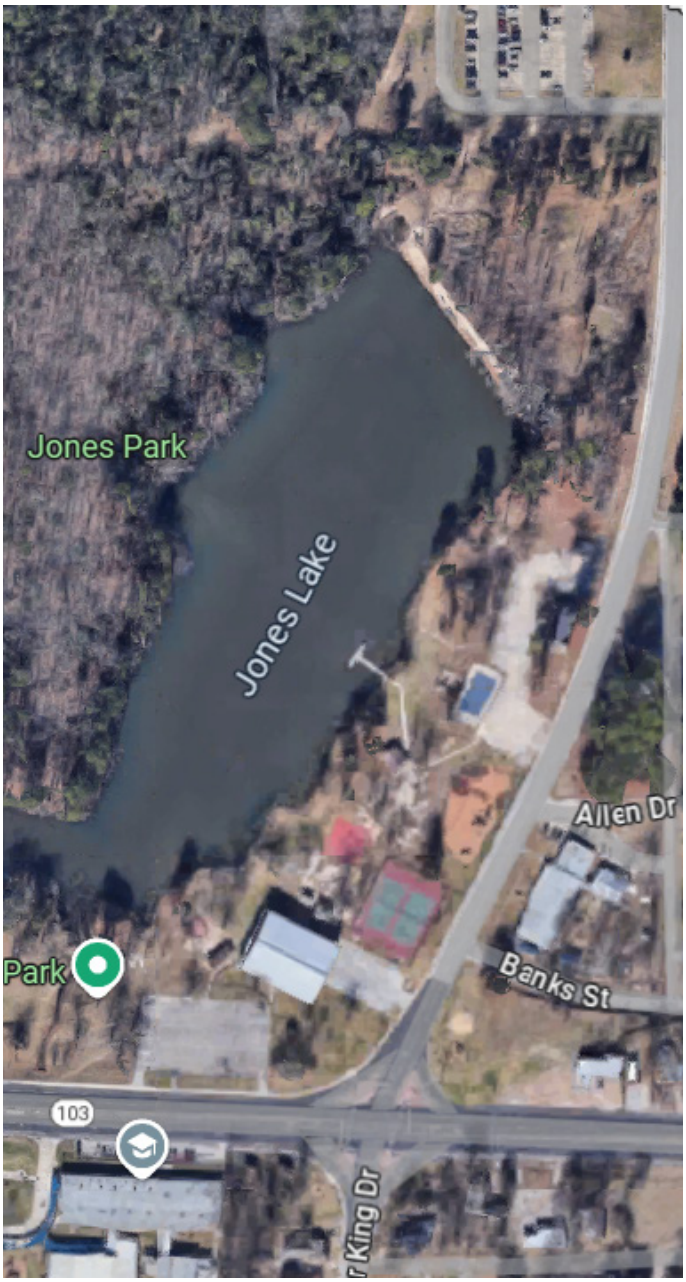




Amenities

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Tennis Courts
- Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court

Jones Park | Intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Business US Highway 69



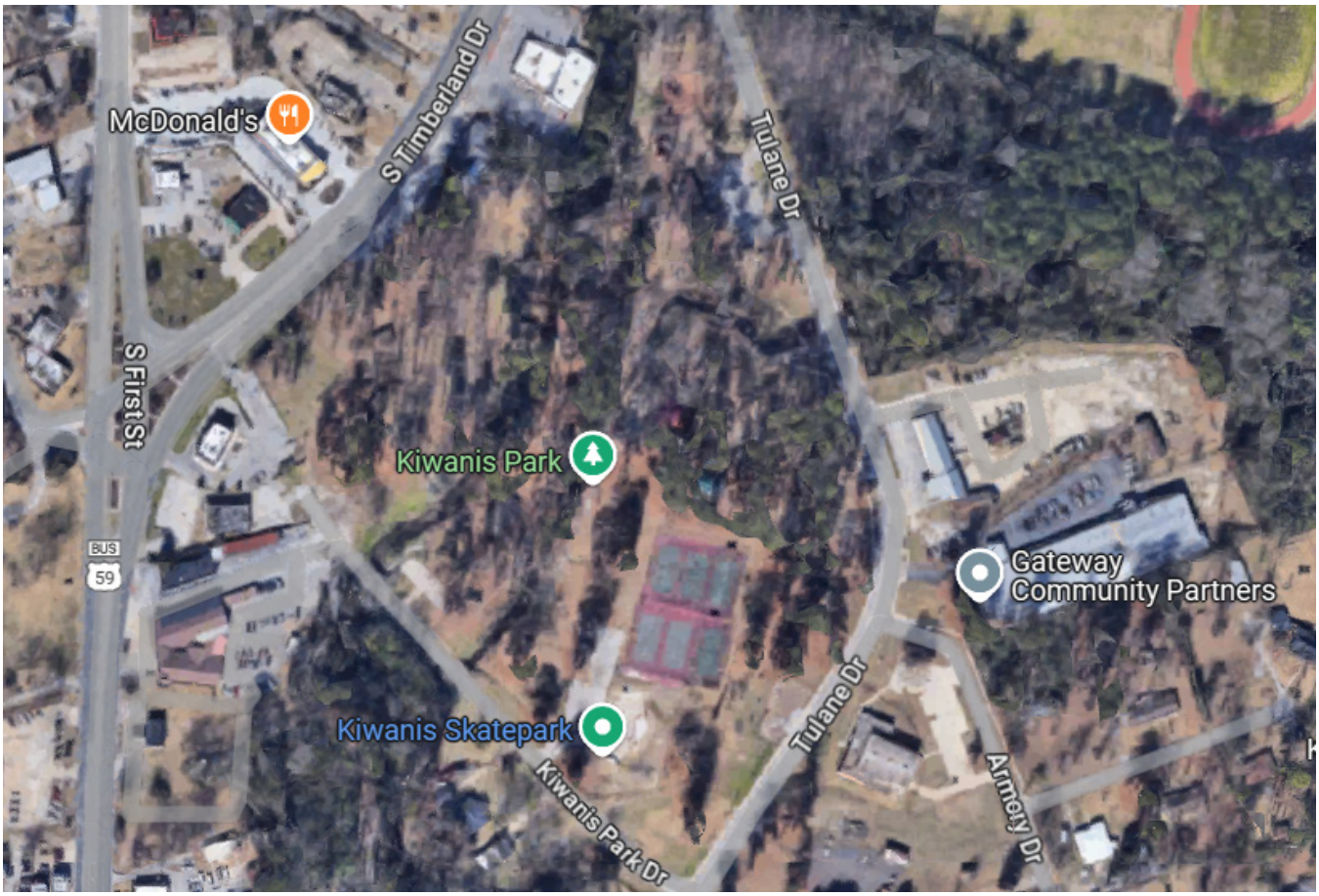




Amenities

- Pavilion
- Bandstand
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Swimming Pool
- Tennis Court
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Lake/Fishing
- Trail
- Spray Play Pad

Kiwanis Park | 1117 Timberland Drive



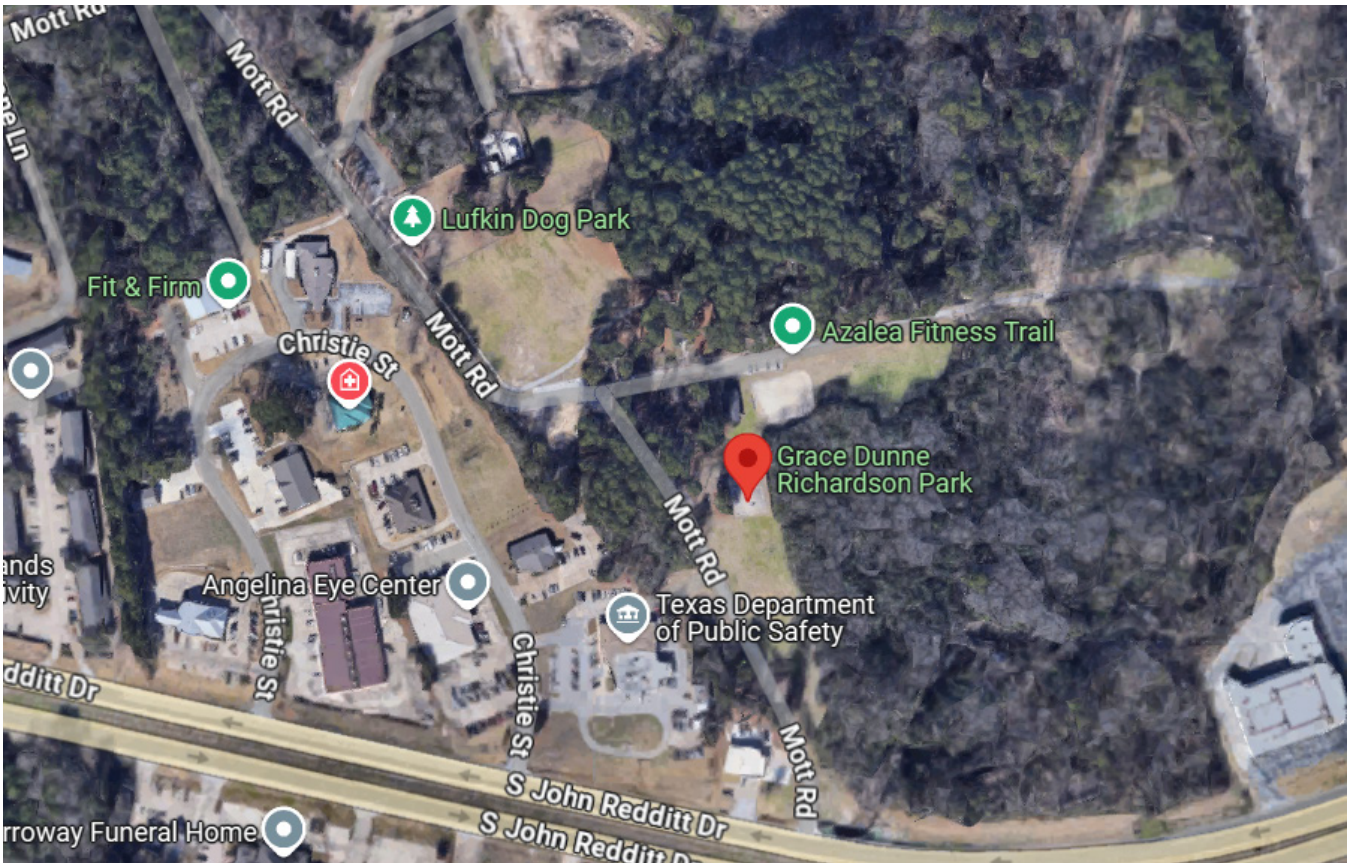




Amenities

- Pavilion
- Bandstand/Gazebo
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Disc Golf
- Tennis Courts
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Trail
- Spray Play Pad
- Skate Park

Grace Dunne Richardson Park | 200 Mott Road







Amenities

- Pavilion
- Bandstand
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Softball Field
- Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Soccer Field
- Azalea Trail

Ellen Trout Park and Zoo | 400 Zoo Circle





Amenities

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Train and Depot
- Lake/Fishing
- Zoo
- Nature Trail
- Trail

Kit McConnico Park | Kit McConnico Drive







Amenities

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Softball Field
- Lake/Fishing
- Nature Trail
- Concession Stand
- Soccer Field
- Lost Arrow Hiking and Biking Trail

Kurth Lake | 1573-603 Kurth Lake Road



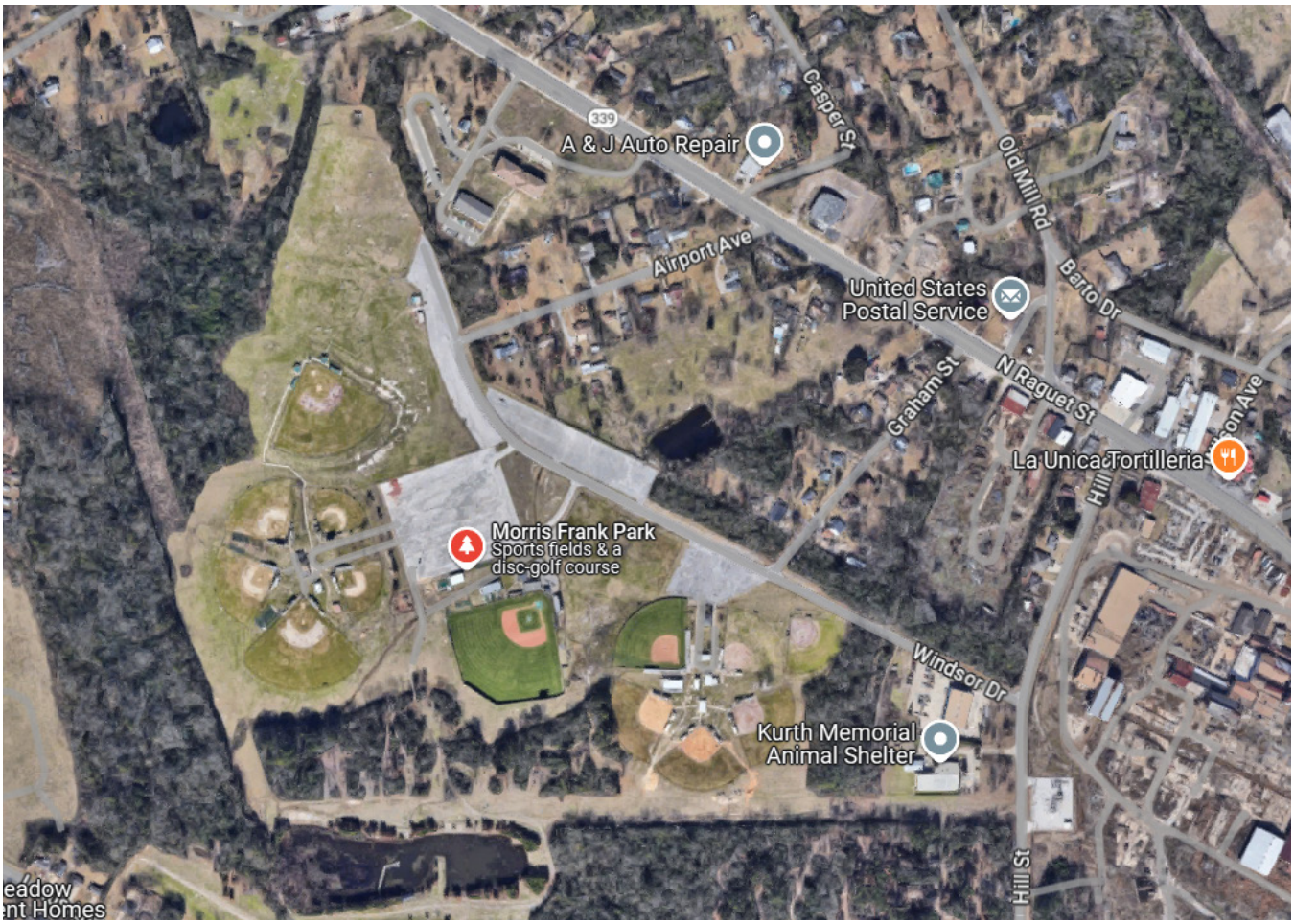




Amenities

- Lodge
- Lake/Fishing

Morris Frank Park | Windsor Drive





Amenities

- Pavilion
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Restroom
- Softball Field
- Baseball Field
- Lake/Fishing
- Concession Stand
- Soccer Field
- Tournament Quality 18-Hole Disc Golf Course
- Wetland Garden
- Wetland Elevated Walkway
- Wetland Trail
- Outdoor Classroom

PUBLIC TRAILS INVENTORY

Expectations for the extent and level of improvement of public trails and trail networks vary across communities based on the basic priority of trails relative to other recreation needs and desires, as well as the public resources available for trail acquisition and development. Some city parks, as in Lufkin, include internal walking/jogging paths or perimeter trails. More continuous trails for longer-distance hiking, jogging and biking are sometimes located within publicly-owned greenways or other linear open space corridors where public access is allowed (e.g., some utility easements, the fringe area of a public roadway right-of-way, drainage easements along creeks, former railroad corridors subject to Rails-to-Trails conversions, etc.).

Trails can also link individual sites within a public park system, such as how the Azalea Trail in Lufkin links Grace Dunne Richardson Park to Kiwanis Park. City-maintained trail systems are sometimes linked to and supplemented by other primary or auxiliary/loop trails maintained by other public or non-profit entities.

Ideally, a city trail system might bring a majority of residents within at least one mile of a trail access point near their homes, and preferably less where side trails and direct links to neighborhoods eventually occur. As in Lufkin, some trail segments are so unique or attractive that they draw community-wide, regional and tourist interest, especially when visible trailhead locations with parking are available.

No set standard exists for trail length, but at least a one-half mile segment begins to provide some continuity to build on over time. Likewise, there is no definitive standard for the quantity of public trail miles relative to a community's population. As noted above, it is firstly a matter of available resources and then needs to reflect the level of community interest and likely use, proximity to population concentrations, and opportunities for both continuous linear stretches and loop trails. While the focus here is on recreational use, some trails and off-street pathways also serve mobility needs and provide connectivity benefits (e.g., work commutes, links between neighborhoods, and access to school campuses, civic facilities and retail areas), especially if routed under or over busy streets.

AZALEA TRAIL



Lufkin's Azalea Trail is a 1.9-mile scenic pathway stretching from Grace Dunne Richardson Park to Kiwanis Park. There are two trailheads: one at Grace Dunne Richardson Park, off Loop 287 in south Lufkin and the second at Kiwanis Park on Timberland Drive. Designed for pedestrians and cyclists, the trail features sections of asphalt and compacted dirt. Benches are available for those wishing to pause and enjoy the natural surroundings. The trail is lined with native plants and gardens of azaleas and ornamental grasses. Safety features include lighting throughout the trail and strategically placed emergency call boxes.

The trail is popular for birdwatching, with species like the Barred Owl, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee and several types of warblers. Migratory birds and nesting species such as vireos and tanagers can also be seen. Wildlife like rabbits, squirrels, raccoons, armadillos, lizards, butterflies and turtles are common sightings along the creek that runs alongside the trail.

LOST ARROW HIKING AND BIKING TRAIL



The Lost Arrow Hiking and Biking Trail is located at Kit McConnico Park. The trail has 9 segments (some loops) that provide a total trail length of 5.46 miles. Two trailheads are both located inside the park: Arrowhead Loop Entrance and Fox Run Loop Entrance. The trail runs north of Moffett Road, east to F.M. 842 E. and just north and west of the softball fields.

The trail is a popular destination for pedestrians and cyclists.

PARK FEATURES, IMPROVEMENTS AND CONDITION ASSESSMENTS

Summarized in **Appendix B: Parks Inventory a**re typical park offerings found at multiple sites, as well as unique features only at particular sites. The appendix also documents the condition of the amenities at each City park as compiled by the City and spot checked by KKC. This information is needed for purposes of this Master Plan, and also to compare against the perceived quality of the community's parks and recreation system based on public input to this Plan. The quality appearance and maintenance of a local park system contributes to community image and the perception of its livability. Therefore, it is essential for the City to maintain its facilities in good condition and provide diligent care of its grounds and improvements, especially as this is a consideration of grant agencies and organizations when they evaluate applications for funding.

While the City of Lufkin Parks and Recreation Department is continually working to address various recognized needs and issues within its system, as time and resources allow, key conditions noted for improvement (as mentioned in meetings and observed during Fall 2024) are included below and apply to all parks unless otherwise noted.

Maintenance and Safety Enhancements



- Upgrade outdated playground equipment and repair non-functioning lights.
- Address safety concerns with exposed tree roots, algae growth, and overgrown vegetation.
- Increase shaded areas, especially near playgrounds with metal equipment.
- Improve lighting in parks and along trails for safety.
- Clear underbrush and address safety concerns related to homeless encampments.

Accessibility and Inclusivity

- Add features to parks that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including accessible swings and play spaces.

- Install toddler-friendly fencing and provide parent-child swings.
- Focus on creating inclusive parks with soft, rubberized surfaces and modern amenities.

Trail and Park Connectivity



- Expand and improve paths for shared use, with dedicated lanes for different user types (e.g., pedestrians and joggers relative to cyclists).
- Enhance trail connectivity between parks and Downtown Lufkin.
- Create longer, interconnected trail systems similar to successful models in other cities.

Modernized Amenities

- Introduce modern playground and park equipment, including splash pads with water slides.
- Use low-maintenance surfaces like turf or rubber to reduce upkeep costs.
- Replant trees lost to drought and improve park infrastructure, such as fencing near highways.



Bike-Friendliness and Pedestrian Safety

- Build safer, well-marked bike paths with improved connectivity.
- Provide better infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians, such as safer crosswalks.
- Address hazards like encounters with unleashed dogs and speeding cars near on-street paths or at crosswalks.

Community Engagement and Event Hosting



- Promote park activities and amenities more effectively, using QR codes or other tools.
- Host more community events, such as 5K races, and install timing pads to attract visitors for tracking your running/ biking time.

Focused Resource Allocation

- Prioritize building standout parks with high-quality facilities instead of spreading resources too thin across smaller parks.

OTHER COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSETS

For purposes of this Master Plan, it is important to document other area recreation assets that are available to residents and visitors, and to consider these when evaluating where the City should focus its energies and resources in seeking to upgrade the City parks and recreation system. These other recreation options are available through other public entities, as well as non-profit organizations and private commercial operations as itemized below.

LUFKIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (LISD)

While the boundaries of Lufkin ISD extend well beyond the Lufkin city limits, all of the schools listed below are within the city limits. This includes six primary schools, five elementary schools and three secondary schools. Most of the school amenities such as playgrounds, tracks, sports courts and fields are currently gated and are not available to the public when not in use for school purposes.

Primary Schools

- Burley Primary (502 Joyce Lane)
- Dunbar Primary (1807 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard)
- Garrett Primary (229 Leach Street)
- Herty Primary (2804 Paul Avenue)
- Kurth Primary (521 York Drive)
- Trout Primary (1014 Allendale Drive)

Elementary Schools

- Anderson Elementary (381 Champions Drive)
- Brandon Elementary (1612 Sayers Street)
- Brookhollow Elementary (1009 Live Oak Lane)
- Coston Elementary (707 Trenton Street)
- Slack Elementary (1305 Fuller Springs Drive)

Secondary Schools

- Lufkin Middle School (1255 Tulane Drive)
- Lufkin High School (309 S. Medford Drive)
- Early College High School (309 S. Medford Drive)

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Boys and Girls Club at 909 S Angelina includes football, pools, and summer and after school programs.

PRIVATE RECREATION ASSETS

Multiple private fitness and sports facilities exist within the City of Lufkin, and many more are located in the greater Lufkin area outside of the city limits. While not an exhaustive list, all the facilities below were operational at the time of this Master Plan:

- Anytime Fitness (2950 S John Redditt Drive)
- Changing Lives Dance Center (1526 S Chestnut St Drive)
- CrossFit Lufkin (1606 N John Redditt Drive)
- ET Fight Academy (3116 S John Redditt Drive)
- Extreme Cheer and Gymnastics (2101 Centralia Avenue)
- F.I.F.T.H. Quarter Performance (2109 W Frank Avenue)
- Fit and Firm (120 Christie Street)
- Fitt Life (533 S Chestnut Street Suite B)
- Gipson Boxing School of Sharks (2562 US 69)
- Go Hard Fitness Center (205 Herndon Street)
- LiveWell Athletic Club (1616 Tulane Drive)
- Loudhouse Crossfit (205 E Frank Avenue Suite D)
- Planet Fitness (400 N Timberland Drive)
- Shake It Fitness Studio (509 Locke Street)
- Tall Timbers Gymnastics (2101 N John Redditt Drive)
- Ultrafit Gym and Fitness Center (124 W Burke Avenue)
- XLR8 Gymnastics (1601 W Frank Avenue)

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Needs Assessment

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This Master Plan section provides an assessment of current and future needs in Lufkin related to parks, trails and related facilities. This assessment is an essential input to the next step of defining specific potential projects and improvements to address the identified needs. The assessment results will also help prioritize candidate projects based on factors such as cost/benefit, complexity, availability of partners and potential infusions of grant dollars or other external funding.

The needs assessment in this section combines two approaches. The first method compares the local conditions documented in the **Area and Facility Inventory** section of this plan with national metrics – published by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) – and with localized standards found in the **Concepts and Standards** section. Secondly, this section considers community interest in and demand for specific facility types, from community input during the Master Plan process. Combining these two assessment methods creates a resource-based approach to determine the potential kinds of amenities that should be added or re-purposed to enhance Lufkin's overall parks system, create new recreation choices and avoid unnecessary duplication.

The assessment focuses first on public park sites and facilities provided and maintained by the City of Lufkin. Then the assessment also takes into account recreation offerings in the area provided by other public agencies (e.g., Angelina College, Angelina County, Lufkin Independent School District, etc.) and non-government entities (e.g., neighborhood pools, playgrounds and other recreation facilities maintained by homeowner associations or the Salvation Army; Boys and Girls Club facilities; commercial fitness and sports facilities; etc.).

The needs assessment results can be used by City officials and staff to identify potential areas for future property acquisition or dedications, influence the design and features of new recreation areas, guide redevelopment and sometimes re-purposing of existing parks, and point toward possible partnerships to provide the greatest benefits to Lufkin's residents. Ensuring equitable opportunity and access to parks, trails and recreation facilities is a key objective of the needs assessment.

BENEFITS AND USE OF NATIONAL METRICS DATA



The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publishes an annual *NRPA Agency Performance Review* that includes Park Metrics across a variety of topics, and categorized by population size of the communities served by local park and recreation systems. The newest 2024 edition presents data from more than 1,000 unique park and recreation agencies across the nation as reported between 2021 and 2023.

This NRPA publication is an essential reference guide, serving as "the benchmarking resource that assists park and recreation professionals in the effective management and planning of their operating resources and capital facilities."

Taken together, the 2024 *NRPA Agency Performance Review* and NRPA Park Metrics feature the most comprehensive collection of park and recreation-related benchmarks and insights that apprise professionals, key stakeholders and the public about the state of the park and recreation industry.

However, NRPA emphasizes these key points:

- Data is a powerful tool, but does not, by itself, provide final answers to the question of what is best for your individual park and recreation agency. The combination of insights from the *NRPA Agency Performance Review*, along with information about your community's specific needs and experiences, will help you craft the optimal mix of facilities and programming your agency should deliver.
- The *2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review* does not present park and recreation "standards," nor do the benchmarks represent any standards against which every individual park and recreation agency should measure itself. The reason for this is simple: there is not one single set of standards for parks and recreation because different agencies serve different communities that have unique needs, desires and challenges.

QUANTITY OF PARKLAND

The needs assessment begins with consideration of benchmarks for park quantity and acreage relative to population. Within the **Introduction, Context and Overview** section of this plan, the Demographics portion highlights that Lufkin had reached a population of 35,336 persons as of Census 2020. The latest interim estimate from the U.S. Census Bureau shows Lufkin with an estimated 34,181 residents within the city limits at that point.

The *NRPA Agency Performance Review* presents national metrics data in various community population ranges, with Lufkin falling within the 20,000-49,999 population category. This is important to keep in mind when reviewing the metrics in this section as each data point is the median (midpoint) from among the surveyed communities in the population range. Although Lufkin's city population is at the midpoint of this range, the city serves a larger regional population, which could influence how the data should be interpreted.

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RESIDENTS PER PARK IN LUFKIN

A first NRPA Park Metric considers the number of parks in a community relative to its population. For 2024, NRPA reported a national metric of 2,062 residents per park within the 20,000-49,999 population category. With 16 current park sites in Lufkin and a population of approximately 35,000, the Lufkin figure is roughly in line with this metric at 2,188 residents per park.

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PARKLAND ACRES PER 1,000 LUFKIN RESIDENTS

This NRPA Park Metric considers the amount of developed and actively-used acreage in the current park system for every 1,000 residents in the city's population. For 2024, the NRPA reported a national metric of 11.2 parkland acres per 1,000 residents within the 20,000-49,999 population category. With a total of 653 acres across its 16 current and active park sites in the city (not including Kurth Lake as the Lake is outside of the city limits), Lufkin had 19 acres per 1,000 residents in its estimated 34,181 population in 2023, which is notably higher for this NRPA metric. Although Four Seasons Park is not technically developed, it is included in this figure because it is used as an open field for various activities.

Lufkin's position for this metric in the upper quartile of cities with populations between 20,000 and 49,999 is largely attributed to its abundance of recreational facilities and its ability to host numerous tournaments. These well-maintained fields and events not only attract local athletes but also draw participants and visitors from surrounding areas, boosting the city's reputation as a regional sports hub. Lufkin's commitment to fostering community engagement through recreational activities has made it a popular destination for both competitive sports and leisure, contributing significantly to its positive image.

POPULATION IMPLICATIONS FOR PARK ACREAGE NEEDS

Assuming Lufkin's population growth rebounds from recent estimates and increases at a modest rate, a projected population of 40,000 was used to demonstrate the potential impact on the city's parkland needs.

Table 5.1, Park Acreage Need Based on Varying Population-Based Standard

Lufkin Population	Developed Acres in 2024	6.2 Acres per 1,000 Residents	11.2 Acres per 1,000*	18 Acres per 1,000
35,000 (2023)	653 acres	217 acres	**392 acres**	630 acres
40,000 (peak?)	--	248 acres	**448 acres**	720 acres

*11.2 Acres per 1,000 is the median per the 2024 *NRPA Agency Performance Review*.

The numbers in **Table 5.1** show that, for a population of approximately 35,000 persons, Lufkin should have 392 acres of developed parkland for public use to meet the national metric of 11.2 acres per 1,000 residents. The other columns show the parkland acreage that should be available if the lower or upper quartile metric were used. Then, for a potential future population of 40,000 residents, 448 acres would be needed to stay in line with the metric of 11.2 acres per 1,000 residents.

Finally, if Lufkin were to reach a population of 40,000 residents within its city limits, it would also need 19-20 parks in its inventory to satisfy the current 2024 NRPA metric of 2,062 residents per park in communities with 20,000-49,999 residents. The City currently manages 16 park sites within the city limits.

PARK LOCATIONS AND GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

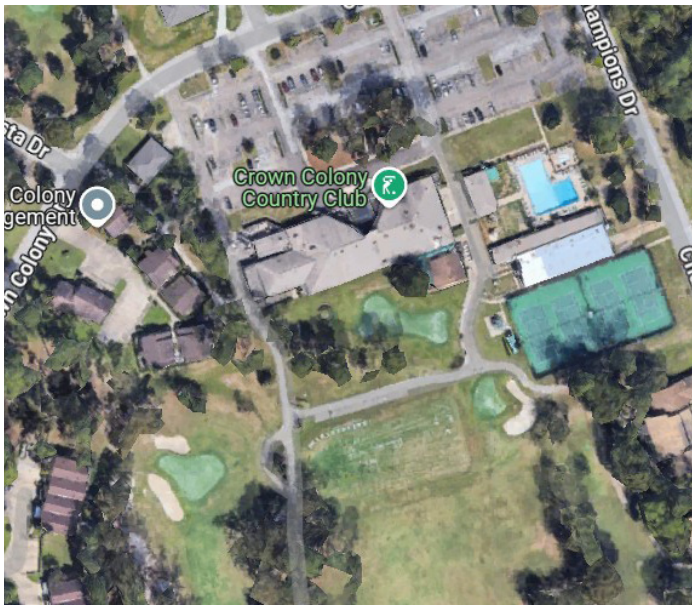
Along with the number of parks and parkland acreage considerations in the previous section, a geographic evaluation is also essential to determine how well the existing and future park system will serve the community's residents. Park sites should be distributed across the City's jurisdiction and located strategically so they are conveniently accessible to all populated areas. While a City's park inventory may have plenty of land from an acreage standpoint, a primary service area evaluation illustrates whether there is sufficient geographic coverage and where new or enlarged parks are needed to address any underserved areas.

The primary service area evaluation involves drawing a service area buffer around each Mini/Pocket, Neighborhood, Community and Regional park site as well as Special Use Facilities. The City's 16 existing parks were categorized this way in **Table 4.1** in the **Area and Facility Inventory** section of this plan. A 1/4-mile primary service area is applied to each Mini/Pocket and Neighborhood park; and each Community, Regional and Special Use park has a two-mile primary service area.

Taken together, the two-mile service areas of all Community, Regional and Special Use parks should encompass nearly all existing neighborhoods and areas planned for future residential development. Neighborhood parks usually have more targeted locations to serve particular residential developments and other population concentrations. However, they should still have a relatively even distribution across the community to ensure that most all residents can enjoy basic park amenities in fairly close proximity to home. In areas where population is more dispersed, a well-located Community or Regional park also helps fulfill the Neighborhood park function.

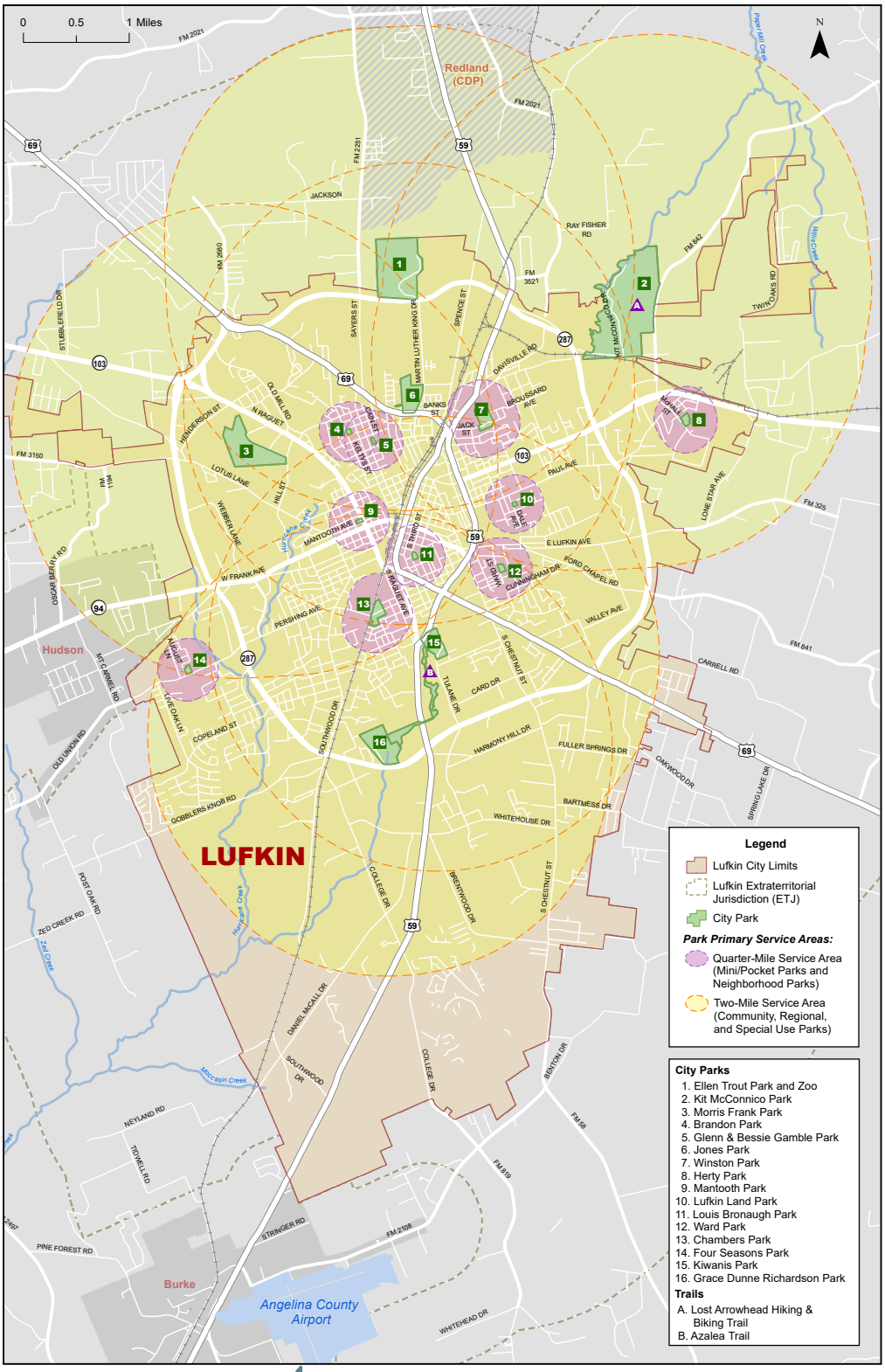
FINDINGS FROM THE PRIMARY SERVICE AREA EVALUATION

Map 5.1, *Existing Park Primary Service Areas*, shows the geographic coverage provided by the City's current public parks inventory. Key observations include:



- Much of Lufkin falls within the two-mile primary service areas of its Community and Regional parks, except for the southernmost part of the city.
- The majority of the City's Mini/Pocket and Neighborhood parks are concentrated near Downtown.
- The Crown Colony neighborhood, located on the southeast side of the city, offers private recreational assets such as two pools, tennis courts and a golf course, all maintained by the homeowner's association, but does not appear to include a playground.
- In addition to these non-City recreation amenities, Lufkin ISD campuses can also supplement the public park sites and facilities maintained by the City.
- While Kit McConnico and Morris Frank Park are classified as Regional parks especially because of their size, they primarily function as Community parks for Lufkin based on their features and use.
- Any future annexation of additional territory into the city or significant residential development outside of the current populated areas will require careful evaluation of existing primary service areas. This will help ensure appropriate geographic adjustments are made to the City's provision of parks and recreation services.

Map 5.1, Existing Park Primary Service Areas



QUANTITY OF FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

As part of its national surveys, NRPA compiles information from communities on the quantity of various recreation facility types they provide. Presented in **Table 5.2** are several ways of considering this information for the facility types listed in the first column. The second column shows, for communities in the 20,000-49,999 population range, the median number of people per one unit of the facility type (e.g., a median of 3,105 persons for every one playground in a community). Then the third and fourth columns estimate the quantity of each facility type to satisfy the needs in a community of approximately 35,000 persons (2023 Lufkin population estimate) and one with 40,000 residents (if Lufkin were to reach that population level within its city limits). Finally, the rightmost column confirms the facility amounts currently provided by the City, which could be supplemented by facilities operated and maintained by other area entities (e.g., Angelina College, Angelina County, Lufkin ISD, Boys and Girls Club, etc.), helping to address local deficits compared to the NRPA benchmarks. Items in black text in the last column meet the NRPA metric, green text means it exceeds the metric, and red text indicates items that are currently below the metric.

While benchmarks such as these are useful, it is important to establish local standards and priorities for park and recreation system improvements that are based on unique local considerations, such as area demographics and user characteristics, participation trends, natural environment, climate and other factors.

Table 5.2, Median Population per Facility Type

Facility Type	Median Population per Facility (20,000 to 49,999 population)	Estimated Facilities Needed based on Population of 35,000 (Lufkin 2023 estimate)	Estimated Facilities Needed based on Population of 40,000 (Lufkin projection)	Existing Lufkin Inventory
Playgrounds or Play Structures	3,105	12	13	16 + LISD
Diamond Fields	3,007	12	14	21 + LISD
Basketball Courts, Standalone	7,501	5	6	9
Rectangular Fields	3,333	11	12	20 + LISD
Tennis Courts	5,461	7	8	4 + LISD
Dog Parks	27,508	2	2	**2**
Tot Lots	12,744	3	4	**3**
Community Gardens	27,262	2	2	0
Swimming Pools	27,081	2	2	1
Skateboard Parks	33,167	2	2	1
Multi-use Courts - Basketball, Volleyball, Etc.	15,531	3	3	0
Pickleball	7,737	5	6	8*
Multi-use Courts - Tennis, Pickleball	13,000	3	4	0
18-Hole Golf Course	32,812	2	2	0
Driving Range Stations	12,700	3	4	0
Synthetic Rectangular Fields	23,189	2	2	**2**
Volleyball Courts, Standalone	14,280	3	3	**3**
Splash Pads, Spray Grounds or Spray Showers	30,629	2	2	3
Fitness Zones / Exercise Stations	27,262	2	2	1

Disc Golf Courses	29,445	2	2	**2**
Walking Loops / Running Tracks	18,585	2	3	**3**
Nine-Hole Golf Courses	38,333	1	2	**0**
Racquetball/Handball/Squash Courts	21,791	2	2	**0**
Waterparks	32,812	2	2	**0**
Recreation Centers (Including Gyms)	24,486	2	2	**1**
Community Centers	27,858	2	2	**2 + 1****
Senior Centers	31,985	2	2	**0 + AC**
Performance Amphitheaters	32,255	2	2	2
Nature Centers	33,669	2	2	**1**
Aquatics Centers	31,000	2	2	**0 + BGC**
Permanent and Semi-Permanent Restrooms	4,905	8	9	**18**
Stadiums	32,299	2	2	**0 + LISD**
Teen Centers	31,785	2	2	**0**
Arenas	24,838	2	2	**0 + LISD**

Legend

ACC = Angelina College AC = Angelina County BGC = Boys & Girls Club LISD = Lufkin Independent School District

* Includes pickleball courts that are currently under construction.
** Includes Kurth Lake, located in the ETJ.






Kit McConnico Park
FM 842 E.
LOST ARROW
Hiking & Biking Trail
Moffett Road
Old Jeep Road
Park Entrance
Kit McConnico Dr.
Softball Fields
Youth Soccer Fields
Arrowhead Loop Entrance
Softball Fields
Parking
Parking
Fox Run Loop Entrance
MAP LEGEND
Total Trail Length - 5.46 miles
Lost Arrow Loop - 1.07 miles
Jeep Loop - 0.35 miles
High Ridge Trail - 0.45 miles
Rock Garden - 0.34 miles
Arrowhead Loop - 1.29 miles
Entrance - 0.16 miles
Interpretive Loop - 0.06 miles
Fox Run Loop - 1.82 miles
Fox Crossing - 0.33 miles
Lost Arrow Bridge
Old Jeep Road
Bridge
Rock Pile
Helmets Strongly Recommended • No Horses or Motorized Vehicles

TRAIL NETWORK NEEDS

Standards and benchmarks for municipal park systems are more prevalent than for public trails. Generally, trails can put another form of recreational asset within reach of populations that may not have a park nearby. Trails are most accessible for convenient and frequent use when they are within one-quarter to one-half mile of neighborhoods (and other population concentrations), and depending on their route and design, can serve a linear park function for those in close proximity.

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MILES OF TRAIL MANAGED

This NRPA Park Metric considers miles of public trails (excluding internal park paths) managed by local parks and recreation agencies. For 2024, the NRPA reported a national median of 10 miles of trail managed by communities in the 20,000–49,999 population category. Currently, Lufkin manages 7.4 miles of trail, including the Azalea Trail and the Lost Arrow Hiking and Biking Trail. Trails within Ellen Trout, Herty, Jones and Kiwanis Parks were not included in this total as they are considered internal park paths. If these park trails were included, Lufkin would manage approximately 11 miles of trail.

Along with the universal need to improve accessibility to trails and other recreational sites for all abilities and ages, typical areas of focus specifically related to trail system development include:

- **Potential Trailhead Locations:** Could range from a few parking spaces or signage to possible amenities such as drinking fountains, restrooms, lighting, emergency notification systems, etc., depending on the site size and conditions.
- **Trail Continuity and Extension Opportunities:** Continuity and opportunities for extensions that enhance connectivity.
- **Trail Enhancements:** Could include mileage markers, wayfinding signage, benches, interpretive/educational signage, stretching/exercise stations, etc. to improve the user experience.
- **Trail Loop Opportunities:** Looped trails that are accessible from and to main trails, especially near neighborhoods, to provide easy access and varied routes for users.
- **Multi-Use Trail Design:** Trails designed for multi-use, with adequate width (typically 10-15 feet) to safely separate bicyclists from walkers, joggers, strollers and wheelchair users.
- **Natural vs. Developed Trails:** Trails left in a more natural state versus those in more developed areas and/or with amenities, based on the setting and intended use.

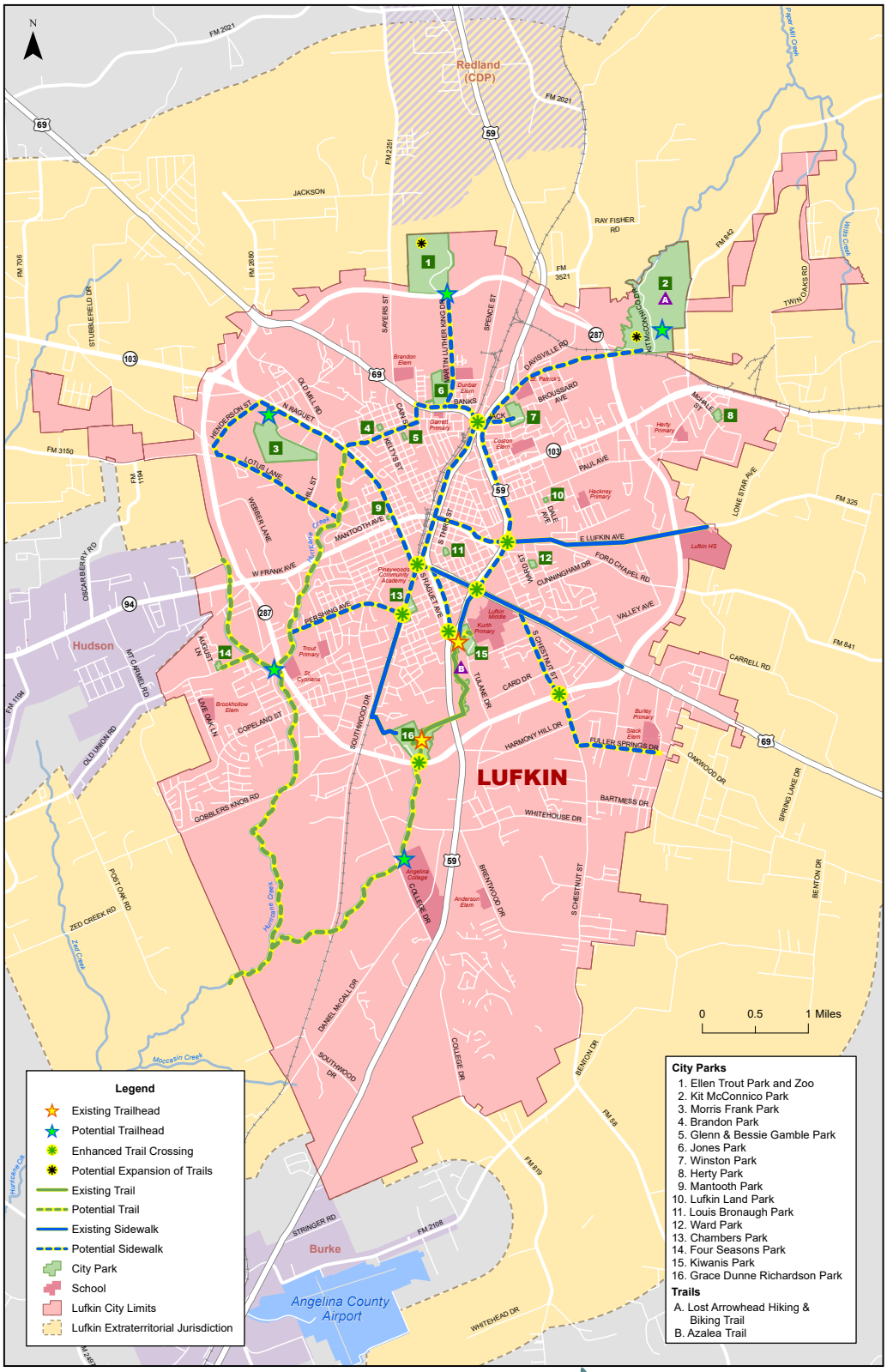
APPROACH TO TRAIL SYSTEM PLANNING FOR LUFKIN

Displayed on **Map 5.2,** *Connectivity Possibilities,* are numerous potential alignments across the Lufkin city limits and ETJ that would open up more opportunities to move about the community on foot or by bike, involving both long-distance possibilities and shorter routes and loops appropriate to all ages and capabilities. The map was developed with the following considerations and priorities in mind, some of which are reflected by the features called out in the map legend:

1. Expand the Azalea Trail by creating a central "spine" along Angelina Street and Feagin Drive, extending northeast-southwest through Lufkin's core area, and expanding the Lost Arrow Hiking and Biking Trail (Kit McConnico Trail) west of Kit McConnico Drive.
2. Connect this backbone trail along the creeks and to local parks and key community destinations, such as Downtown, Lufkin ISD campuses, Angelina College, the Angelina County Senior Center, the Boys and Girls Club and homeowner association/private recreational sites.
3. Ensure both continuity and loop options for the trail while considering potential regional connections beyond Lufkin. Recognize that this plan may exceed what the City of Lufkin can build or maintain independently.
4. Utilize existing infrastructure such as sidewalks and park paths to fill gaps, and explore the use of local streets for bike lanes with appropriate signage and markings.
5. Evaluate where bike/pedestrian bridges may be necessary, especially over creeks and drainage channels. Consider factors like land or easement ownership, physical constraints, proximity to populations, nearby developments and connections to other paths and destinations when determining trail routing.
6. Design for accessibility, ensuring that trails, sidewalks and paths are usable by individuals of all ages and abilities, including those with mobility challenges.
7. Investigate the use of utility corridors and easements for trails, while being mindful of property owners' restrictions on public access and any limitations on improvements.
8. Seek opportunities to route trails under major roadways and emphasize that future road and bridge projects should integrate trail system connectivity, with considerations for intersection design, enhanced crosswalks, roundabouts and vertical clearance under bridges.
9. Promote healthier lifestyles by encouraging walking, biking and other forms of active transportation, reducing reliance on vehicles.

Map 5.2, *Connectivity Possibilities,* outlines a long-term vision for developing an interconnected network of sidewalks, paths and trails in and around Lufkin. This vision acknowledges that it will take many decades to fully realize, depending on available resources and feasibility, but should be approached with an opportunistic mindset. The starting point is expanding the Azalea and Kit McConnico Trails, which will build momentum, support and commitment for future efforts. Safety and ongoing maintenance costs beyond initial design and construction must be key considerations. Additionally, the cost-effectiveness of trail use per mile should be evaluated, particularly in less densely developed areas. In these locations, sidewalks may offer a more financially viable option for improving connectivity and walkability compared to the cost and maintenance of a full trail system.

Map 5.2, Connectivity Possibilities

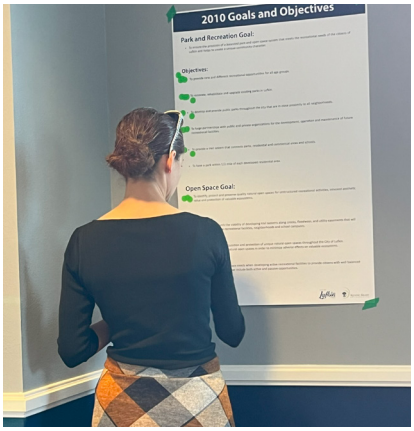


COMMUNITY INPUT TO NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This component of the needs assessment incorporates the perspectives and opinions of Lufkin residents who are users of local parks, trails and other recreational facilities and programming. Even if not frequent users, due to age or other factors, most citizens generally value this aspect of municipal services and have certain expectations for what types and levels of parks and recreation service should be available to residents, as well as for visitors to the community.

NEEDS AND WANTS

According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, a "need" is defined as "something that a person must have; something that is needed in order to live or succeed or be happy." Meanwhile, a "want" is defined as "something that is desired or needed." Clearly, there is some overlap between these definitions, but the "must have" aspect of a need is one way to distinguish from the "wish list" nature of a want.



A principal responsibility of local government is to promote public health, safety and welfare. To the extent that park sites and recreational facilities are maintained in good condition, then examples of public safety issues that may arise include when a piece of playground equipment needs repair, when a trail segment needs shoring up after a flooding episode to prevent any erosion-related hazards to trail users or when the police department is made aware of and takes steps to alleviate a security concern at a particular public location.



With regard to public health, a core function of local parks and recreation systems is to promote physical fitness, enable residents of all ages to play and enjoy leisure time outdoors and provide opportunities for both youth and adults to participate in sports and other "active" recreational pursuits. Access to public parks and preserved natural areas within cities has always had a mental health component as well, especially in providing "passive" recreation options as a respite from hectic lives, busy streets and other characteristics of an urban environment.

Public welfare is a broader concept that builds on health and safety to include the general livability and attractiveness of a community. This is also where local parks, trails and sports facilities can contribute to the economic success of a city, as appealing "quality of life" elements and as another driver of tourism and visitation.

GAUGING PUBLIC SENTIMENT



Appendix A: Public Involvement Summary documents wide-ranging input to this Master Plan obtained through:

- A series of presentations to and discussions between the Master Plan consultant and the Special Committee.
- Four rounds of informal listening sessions attended by City staff, residents, members of the area business community and others.
- An online community survey conducted throughout November 2024 that drew more than 900 responses.
- Conversations with users of Jones, Brandon, Ellen Trout, Winston, Chambers, Kiwanis and Grace Dunne Richardson Parks and the Kurth Memorial Library during brief visits to these locations by City staff and consultant personnel.
- A public open house at the Lufkin City Hall in April 2025.

The Public Involvement Summary captures various requests and ideas from Lufkin residents about what is needed to enhance the City's parks and recreation system, along with compilations of other desires and expectations for the future. Some of this input would translate to the City doing more of some things it already does (e.g., recreational programming and popular community events), less of other things (e.g., tot lots or pools that are already available at local LISD campuses, the Boys and Girls Club, etc.), and some entirely new things (e.g., all-inclusive park or all-inclusive elements at existing parks). One can locate such hopes and desires through quick word searches of the appendix section, such as:



- Park-Specific Improvements.
- Opportunities.

PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS

Many of the most commonly heard themes and items are also reflected in the responses to a key question from the online community survey:



Question 12: Please select your top 5 priorities for improving parks and trails in Lufkin.

The top five priorities selected from among 17 options were:

- Increase safety measures (lighting, visibility, police, etc.) (79.2%)
- Upgrade outdated play equipment in the parks (including the areas immediately under and around the equipment) (55.2%)
- Renovate restrooms (48.4%)

- Increase maintenance (more frequent trash pickup, landscaping, etc.) (47.8%)
- Add trails and sidewalks convenient to neighborhoods that connect to schools, parks and trails (42.7%)

One other items fell in the 30% range: Develop an all-inclusive park featuring equipment for all ages and all abilities (35.6%).

A final open-ended survey question (#26) yielded a long list of ideas for ideas for improvement and amenities that could be added to Lufkin parks and trails:

- **Maintenance:** Clean and repair current parks and trails, including splash pads and equipment.
- **Safety:** More lighting, police patrols and security, particularly on trails.
- **New Amenities:** Longer, connected trails, biking paths and more activities for all age groups, including seniors and teenagers.
- **Investment:** Revitalize the city by creating appealing outdoor spaces, drawing inspiration from other towns, and fostering a stronger community connection through well-maintained parks and trails.

More detail can be found in the **Appendix**.



Lufkin Parks and Trails Master Plan Survey

Welcome!

The City of Lufkin is preparing a new master plan for its parks and trails system. This plan will help the City's elected officials, advisory boards and staff – as well as others in the community – consider the strengths of the existing system, assess current and future needs, and set priorities for near- and longer-term action and public investments. This survey provides an additional way for residents to share their input on this planning effort.

How to Take the Survey

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete, depending on how much time you spend where further comments are requested (which also have length limits). You may skip any question with which you are uncomfortable or have no opinion at this point.

1. Do you live in within the City of Lufkin?

(If you are unsure and would like to check before answering below, click this link: https://lufkingis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html. Click on the magnifying glass on the bottom right-hand corner. The search bar will appear on the upper left-hand portion of your screen. Type your address in the search bar. A pin will appear on the map. Zoom out to determine whether your home is within the City limits.)

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Unsure

Question 21 also asked survey respondents to provide suggestions for how Lufkin parks and recreation services could achieve an "A" grade if they had not already rated it that high:

- **Updates and Continuous Maintenance:** Parks need updates and improvements to equipment. More accessible parks for all ages and abilities, including children with special needs.
- **Safety Concerns:** Poor lighting and lack of security make parks feel unsafe. Presence of vagrants and fear of muggings deter park use. Calls for increased police presence, better lighting and visible security.
- **Cleanliness and Upkeep:** Parks often have litter, including cigarette butts and overflowing trash. Regular maintenance like mowing, trash pick-up and equipment repair is needed. Restrooms are dirty and require cleaning and updating.
- **Better Funding and Resource Allocation:** Improved funding should be directed toward upgrading equipment, safety features and park maintenance. Strategic use of funds could revitalize parks and make them more inviting.
- **Bike Lanes and Walking Trails:** Lack of bike lanes and safe walking paths limits outdoor activity. Requests for improved and wider trails, with better signage and maintenance.
- **Playgrounds and Family-Friendly Amenities:** Desire for new, safer and more inclusive playground equipment. Addition of shaded areas, splash pads and activities for older kids and teens (e.g., pickleball courts). Well-maintained restrooms, benches and water fountains are needed.

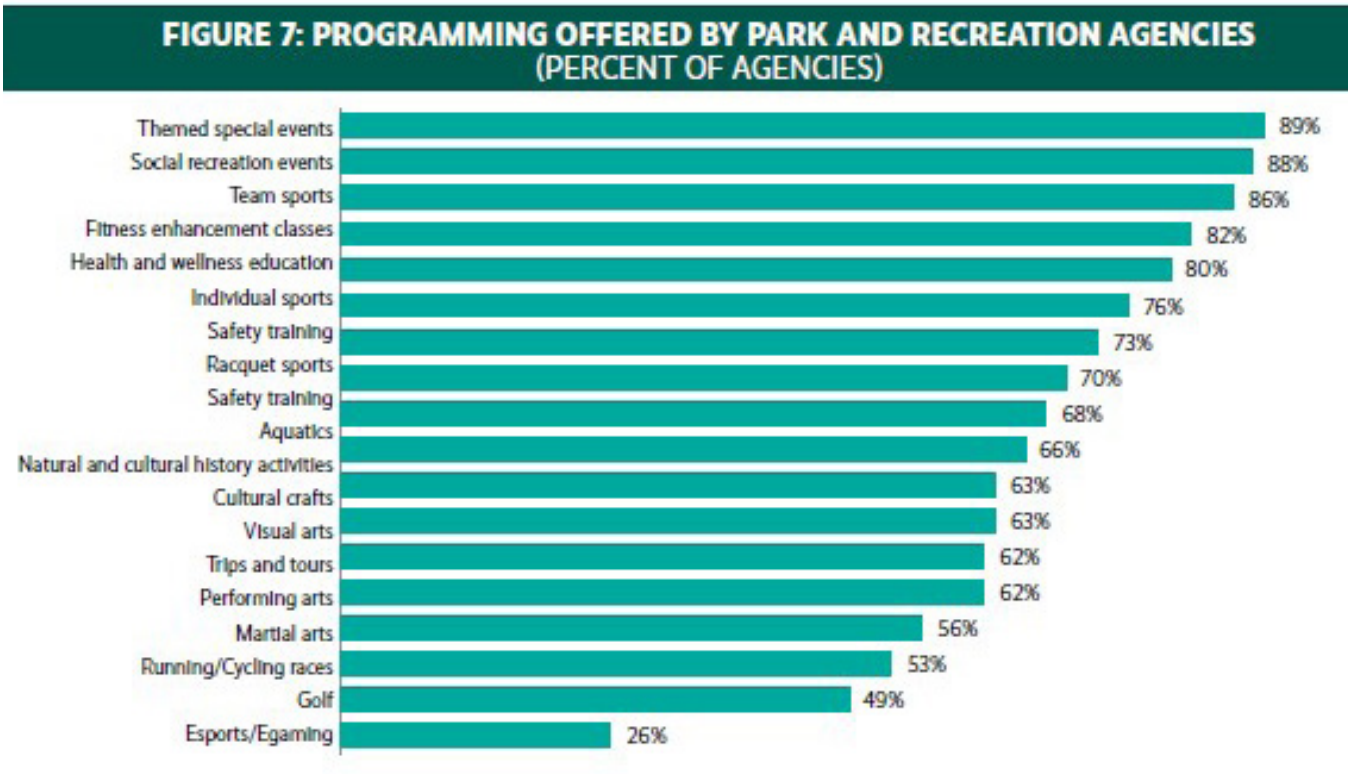
- **Community Involvement and Vision:** Calls for planning that involves community input and a vision to enhance Lufkin parks. Some suggest starting with one major park overhaul and expanding improvements across all parks over time.
- **Additional Suggestions:** More scenic nature trails and parks away from roads. Improved signage, distance markers on trails and possible vendors like coffee or snow cone stands. Reduced presence of transients and safety measures to improve comfort for families visiting parks.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING

With the City of Lufkin Parks and Recreation Department already interested in building on its existing recreational programming offerings, and with residents providing their suggestions, it is helpful to consider NRPA survey findings regarding programming. The chart below from the 2024 *NRPA Agency Performance Review* shows the percentage of local agencies, across communities of all population sizes, that provide various types of programming.

The next table from NRPA shows the percentage of local agencies that provide specific programming types for target populations, with the column highlighted for communities in the 20,000-49,999 population range.

It is notable that the City's Parks and Recreation Department currently focuses on the top items in both the chart above (themed special events) and the table above (summer camps).



Source: National Recreation and Park Association

FIGURE 8: TARGETED PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
(PERCENT OF AGENCIES BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)

	Percent of Agencies	Less Than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More Than 250,000
Summer camps	83%	65%	86%	92%	84%	92%
Specific senior programs	78	63	79	88	82	82
Specific teen programs	67	50	64	77	69	78
Programs for people with disabilities	66	37	62	78	75	86
STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs	57	41	49	66	59	74
After-school programs	52	44	41	51	58	71
Preschool	34	26	34	46	32	36
Before-school programs	19	17	17	23	15	22
Full-day care	7	7	2	8	6	12

Source: National Recreation and Park Association

STAFFING AND ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

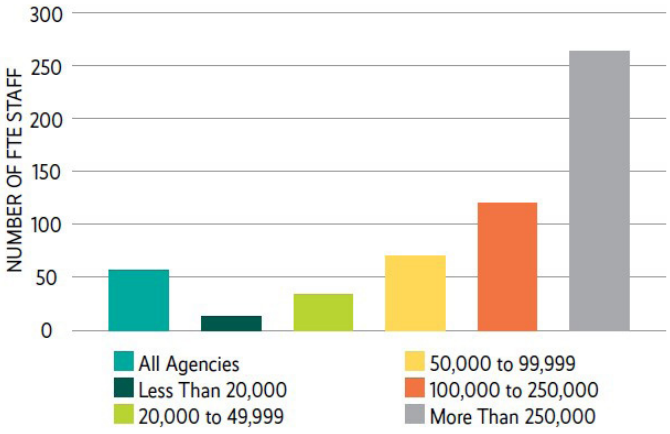
With the City of Lufkin Parks and Recreation Department focused on optimizing its staffing levels and managing annual operating expenditures, it is essential to examine current trends and benchmarks in park management. By understanding how similar-sized communities allocate resources, Lufkin can better assess its needs. The following data from the 2024 *NRPA Agency Performance Review* highlights typical staffing patterns and operating expenditures for local parks and recreation departments across various community sizes.

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FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

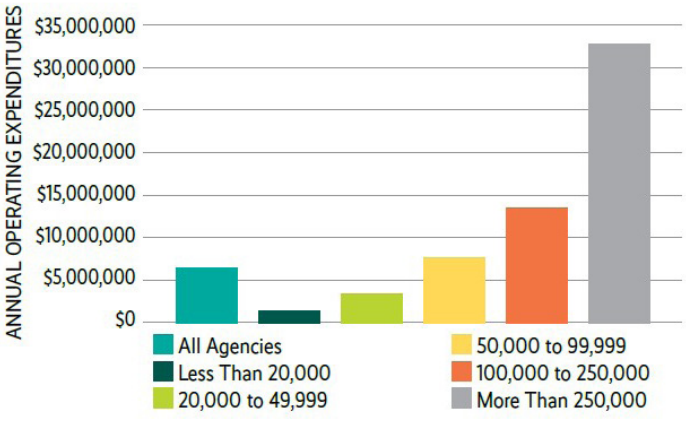
This NRPA Park Metric evaluates the City of Lufkin's Parks and Recreation Department staffing through Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs). FTE is a unit that measures the total number of full-time hours worked by employees, combining both full-time and part-time staff. One FTE equals the hours worked by a full-time employee, typically 40 hours per week or 2,080 hours per year. To calculate FTE, the hours worked by part-time employees are added together and divided by the full-time hours (2,080) to determine their equivalent contribution. For 2024, the NRPA reported a national median of 34.2 FTEs for communities with populations between 20,000 and 49,999, offering a benchmark for Lufkin as it assesses its staffing needs. Currently, Lufkin has 28 full-time employees.

FIGURE 11: PARK AND RECREATION AGENCY STAFFING: FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTEs)
(BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)



	All Agencies	Less Than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More Than 250,000
Median	57.6	14.0	34.2	70.3	120.0	263.0
Lower Quartile	20.4	6.1	19.9	46.5	61.3	123.0
Upper Quartile	143.7	30.0	66.9	121.0	181.2	471.5

FIGURE 14: ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES
(BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)

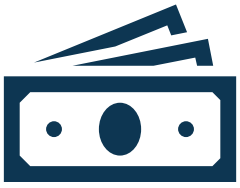


	All Agencies	Less Than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More Than 250,000
Median	$6,453,357	$1,451,763	$3,462,654	$7,710,075	$13,552,112	$32,700,000
Lower Quartile	$2,295,873	$707,145	$2,003,128	$5,348,266	$6,800,000	$15,091,825
Upper Quartile	$16,247,943	$3,004,473	$7,853,006	$13,394,323	$23,399,020	$59,286,392

Source: National Recreation and Park Association

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ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES



This NRPA Park Metric evaluates the annual operating expenditures of the City of Lufkin's Parks and Recreation Department. Operating expenditures include costs related to staff salaries, maintenance, programming and other services necessary for the department's operations. For 2024, the NRPA reported a median annual operating expenditure of $3,462,654 for communities with populations between 20,000 and 49,999. In comparison, Lufkin's annual operating expenditure in 2024 was $2,717,615, which falls below the national median for similar-sized communities. This data provides valuable insight into how Lufkin's parks and recreation budget aligns with national trends and helps identify potential areas for investment or cost-efficiency improvements.

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Priorities and Implementation

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This final section of the Master Plan outlines an action agenda to expand, improve and diversify Lufkin's parks, recreation sites, trails and facilities. The agenda builds on earlier sections that examined Lufkin's local characteristics, demographic trends, population growth projections and public goals for parks and recreation. It also considers the current inventory of sites and facilities, identified system needs based on planning analysis, national benchmarks and input from the community and City leadership.



Establishing an implementation strategy is the most essential step of the planning process. Even after the plan is adopted, it will remain a "working" document that should be reviewed regularly and updated periodically to ensure decisions and actions continue to meet evolving community needs and priorities. Also of paramount importance is ongoing consistency between this Master Plan and other City of Lufkin plans and policies (e.g., Comprehensive Plan, utility infrastructure and street improvement plans, storm drainage plans, land development regulations, etc.).

IMPORTANCE OF THIS PLAN

This plan is designed to ensure the City continues providing quality parks and recreation amenities at a sustainable service level, within its available budget and staff resources. However, the action agenda includes a recommendation to increase staffing and budget not only to address maintenance needs identified in the **Public Involvement Summary** in the Appendix, but also to support the planned expansion of parks and facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION SUCCESS FACTORS

Several key factors will be integral to the successful implementation of this plan, including the dedication of the City's leadership and staff, continued public involvement, integration of this plan's priorities into other capital projects, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

DEDICATION OF THE CITY'S LEADERSHIP



Members of the City Council, City staff and the community must assume ownership of the plan for its vision and priorities to become reality. Of particular importance is an annual review process to update and amend the plan, as warranted, and to keep current its project and programming recommendations. The City's annual and ongoing capital projects planning should reflect completed park and recreation system improvements and next priorities and initiatives for upcoming years.

ONGOING PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The City solicited the community's input and ideas during the preparation of this plan to help prioritize facility and programming needs. This input should continue by way of regular listening sessions, periodic online surveys, social media updates, social media polls for feedback on improvements made, and continued interaction with local volunteer groups, such as Angelina Beautiful Clean and The Salvation Army, as well as parents of school-age children and representatives of the Lufkin Independent School District.

INTERNAL COORDINATION

Along with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, other City departments have roles in implementing this plan. This may include, among others:

- City Manager for annual budget support and bond program oversight.
- City Engineer for capital projects planning and pertinent street and utility infrastructure considerations.
- Finance Department for annual budgeting and fee-based programming.
- Fire Department for general public safety and emergency medical services response.
- Planning Department for ongoing coordination with overall city planning and guidance of land development activity, which may involve potential land dedications to the City and/or private provision of recreation facilities and open space.
- Police Department for general public safety, especially for those walking, jogging and biking for recreation, and for security at the City's park sites and facilities.
- Public Works for implementation of City capital projects, maintenance support, and utility and drainage considerations.
- Senior Services for complementary activities and programming involving parks and recreation.
- Tourism and Marketing for promoting Lufkin's recreational assets and welcoming visitors to the community.

COLLABORATION WITH KEY PARTNERS

Collaboration with local and regional partners is increasingly important given fiscal constraints and considering shared missions and objectives across public, private and non-profit organizations. This plan advises the City to actively promote strong partnerships through intergovernmental and/or cooperative agreements for the provision and maintenance of park and trail facilities, public and semi-public open space, and recreation programs. Working with various partners will enable the City to build on past successes and lessons learned by others involved in parks and recreation. Such collaboration can lead to leveraging of limited resources, gaining efficiencies and ultimately achieving a multi-faceted park, trails and recreation system. The City's key partners include:

- Angelina Beautiful Clean.
- Angelina College.
- Angelina County.
- Angelina County and Cities Health District.
- Angelina Thrive.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Deep East Texas - Lufkin Clubhouse.
- Concerned Black Men of Lufkin, TX Inc.
- Deep East Texas Council of Governments.

- Deep East Texas Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Friends Of Ellen Trout Zoo.
- Gateway Community Partners, Inc.
- House of Compassion of Lufkin.
- Impact Lufkin.
- JD's Center of Hope.
- Junior Achievement of Angelina County.
- Junior League of Lufkin.
- Lufkin / Angelina County Chamber of Commerce.
- Lufkin Creative.
- Lufkin Economic Development Corporation.
- Lufkin Independent School District.
- Rotary Club of Lufkin.
- Sarah's Hope Foundation.
- Texas Department of Transportation.
- Texas Forestry Museum.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- The Coalition.
- The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin.
- The Salvation Army.
- T.L.L. Temple Foundation.
- Visit Lufkin.
- Wendy's Misfits Animal Rescue.
- Winnie Berry Humane Society of Angelina County.
- Area drainage districts.
- Area homeowner and community associations.
- Local employers and business community.

The opportunity to build partnerships should be an ongoing process during the initial five-year Master Plan horizon and beyond.

ROLE OF THE CITY

The City's role will be to increase its commitment of financial and human resources concurrent with the changing dynamics of the parks and recreation system. The addition of new or re-purposed amenities and programming may also warrant additional staffing, equipment and operations-and-maintenance budget to manage and maintain City properties and facility assets effectively. Undoubtedly, the City will face challenges in implementing this plan, including escalating maintenance costs, potential land acquisitions, permission to use rights-of-way controlled by other public or private entities, and increased fees commensurate with rising costs, among others. As noted above, one way to lessen these challenges is through partnerships with other providers and supporters. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will likely be a key funding source and technical assistance provider given its lead role at the state level. It is advisable to make maximum use of these financial assistance programs to leverage funding, especially for the most significant projects. A list of this and other potential funding sources and programs is included later in this section.



EVALUATION



As with any plan, this Master Plan must be kept up to date on a regular basis. Although this plan considers community needs over the next 10 to 20 years, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recommends a five-year plan focus. Therefore, City staff should look ahead to a full update of this plan by 2030-31 at the latest. During the interim, staff and the City Council should annually review and periodically amend the plan to reflect any changes in near-term priorities, funding availability and the community's evolving needs and attitudes. Annual reviews will ensure that the recommended actions are viable, realistic and reconciled with the City's capital and operating budgets. These reviews will also help Lufkin officials gauge progress made in meeting the plan's goals and objectives.

MASTER PLAN ACTION AGENDA

The action agenda is presented in **Table 6.1,** *Project Priorities and Implementation Considerations,* which includes the following information:

What is the relative priority of each project? In accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department guidance for local master plans, five highest-priority initiatives to pursue in the near term (Years 1-5) are listed in **Table 6.1** and ranked in priority order, although it is anticipated that the City will take some level of action on all of these items starting in Year 1 and then continuing over multiple annual budget cycles. Once detailed project planning proceeds, each of these can be broken down into smaller chronological steps and phases, including potential interim investments and tangible "early win" outcomes.

What type of project is it? The Master Plan process has resulted in identification of mostly outdoor recreation needs and priorities. Then, projects are classified as involving entirely new improvements, some form of enhancement of existing sites, or more significant renovation or redevelopment of current facilities. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department defines "renovation" as "work on existing facilities to completely renew, update, or modernize such facilities so the finished product will meet present-day standards and be comparable with newly constructed similar facilities." Projects classified as "redevelopment" go even further as they involve "the removal of obsolete facilities and construction of new ones."



What are key considerations for each project? Such considerations involve reasons a project is needed, potential benefits that justify its relative ranking, and other factors that may make implementation easier or more difficult compared to other projects.

What are potential resources for accomplishing the project, both financial and otherwise? This column in **Table 6.1** identifies typical funding sources as highlighted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, including City resources, in-kind labor and other forms of non-monetary support (e.g., land donations, easement access, etc.), grant opportunities (whether from state and federal agencies, foundations or other non-profit entities), and sponsorships and donations (whether from large or small businesses, partner organizations or individual philanthropic donations of land and/or cash).

Who are potential partners to lead, cost-share or otherwise assist the City in advancing a specific project? Partnership possibilities can come in all forms, so the ones listed in **Table 6.1** are often the most obvious but should be only a starting point for project implementation efforts.



What is the potential magnitude of cost, and what cost factors are involved? **Table 6.1** indicates a relative cost-range level of High ($$$), Medium ($$) or Low ($) at this early stage, pending more details on project design, level of amenities and other specific cost factors.

The year cited for each initiative in **Table 6.1** indicates **when activity would potentially begin,** recognizing that some of these items are already progressing. Steps that start a project in motion can include preliminary planning and conceptual design, budgeting, grant applications and other fundraising, new and renewed partnerships, etc. Some relatively inexpensive and "low hanging fruit" projects can be completed relatively quickly while others will require multiple years of determined effort before a ribbon cutting can be scheduled.

Table 6.1, Project Priorities and Implementation Considerations

Priority	Project Type: New	Project Type: Enhancement	Project Type: Renovation / Redevelopment	Project	Project Considerations[1]	Time Frame[2] (by fiscal year)	Anticipated Funding Sources[3]	Potential Partners[4]	Relative Cost Level and Considerations[5]
Near-Term Priorities (1-5 Years)									
1			●	**Targeted Lighting Upgrades**	» Projects to consider in order of priority: » Azalea Trail » Kit McConnico Park (softball fields, soccer fields) » Kiwanis Park (walking trail) » Ellen Trout Park Trail » Herty Park (throughout the park) » Ensure that lighting eliminates dark spots where potential hazards or security risks could occur. » Consider lighting that supports camera visibility or enhances natural surveillance, making parks and trails feel safer. » Ensure well-lit paths, entrances, exits, and parking lots to reduce the risk of tripping or accidents. » Consider solar-powered options to reduce energy consumption and operating costs. » Consider emergency call boxes or panic buttons at intervals along trails and in parks.	FY 2025	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Deep East Texas Crime Stoppers, Inc. » Utility companies » Lighting and technology manufacturers » Lufkin Police Department » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $1,500,000 – $2,250,000 *Scope Assumptions:* Install solar-powered light poles at the following locations: » Azalea Trail: $425,000 – $575,000 (approx. 64 poles) » Kit McConnico Softball and Soccer Lighting Upgrades: $575,000 – $1,000,000 » Kiwanis Park: $35,000 – $60,000 (approx. 10 poles) » Ellen Trout Park Trail: $425,000 – $575,000 (approx. 64 poles) » Herty Park: $30,000 – $35,000 (approx. 8 poles)
2			●	**Disc Golf and Pickleball Courts Completion**	» Complete disc golf projects at: » Morris Frank Park (in progress) » Kiwanis Park (in progress) » Complete pickleball courts at Kiwanis Park (in progress).	FY 2025	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $60,000 – $80,000 *Scope Assumptions:* » Install 9 new disc golf baskets and tee pads at Morris Frank Park » Relocate existing baskets to Kiwanis Park

Priority	Project Type: New	Project Type: Enhancement	Project Type: Renovation / Redevelopment	Project	Project Considerations[1]	Time Frame[2] (by fiscal year)	Anticipated Funding Sources[3]	Potential Partners[4]	Relative Cost Level and Considerations[5]
3			●	**Upgrade Outdated Play Equipment**	» Projects to consider in order of priority: » Ellen Trout Park » Chambers Park » Jones Park » Kiwanis Park » Consider replacing safety surfacing materials, such as rubber tiles, poured-in-place rubber, engineered wood fiber, or sand, to cushion falls and reduce injury risk. » Redesign park to include play areas for all ages and abilities, considering its size and location. » Design the playground to offer a diverse range of play experiences, including physical challenges (climbing, balancing), sensory play (textures, sounds), social play (group seating areas), and imaginative play (role-play structures). » Make sure play equipment is spaced to prevent overcrowding, with safe zones around swings, slides, and climbing structures to avoid collisions and falls. » Consider durable, low-maintenance materials like high-quality plastics, steel, or wood that can withstand heavy use, weather conditions, and vandalism. » Consider materials with anti-graffiti coatings or tamper-resistant hardware. » Consider incorporating cultural or local themes into the playground's design to reflect the unique character of the community. » Add a natural barrier, such as bushes, between the roadway and park or playground areas.	FY 2026	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Thrive » Lufkin Creative » Lufkin Independent School District » Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » The Coalition » The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin » The Salvation Army » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $1,200,000 – $1,600,000 *Scope Assumptions:* Replace play structures and install safety surfacing at: » Ellen Trout Park: $320,000 – $400,000 » Chambers Park: $280,000 – $400,000 » Jones Park: $280,000 – $400,000 » Kiwanis Park: $320,000 – $400,000
4		●		**System-Wide Restroom Renovations**	» Projects to consider in order of priority: » Renovate and maintain both restrooms at Jones Park » Renovate restrooms at Kiwanis Park » Renovate restrooms at Chambers Park » Maintenance of restrooms at Grace Dunne Richardson » New restrooms at Mantooth Park	FY 2026	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $180,000 – $300,000 *Scope Assumptions:* » Renovate restrooms at Jones, Kiwanis, and Chambers Parks: $80,000 – $150,000 » Construct new restroom at Mantooth Park: $100,000 – $150,000

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5		●	●	**Azalea Trail Enhancement Project**	» Resurface and widen the trail. » Improve trail maintenance. » Install water fountains along the trail. » Create rest or observation areas at intervals with interactive features like bird signage and watching or fitness equipment. » Install new mileage markers and directional signs along the trail.	FY2026	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina College » Lufkin Independent School District » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $400,000 – $650,000 *Scope Assumptions:* » 2 water bottle filling stations » Outdoor gym equipment » 2 trailhead signs » Trail improvements (asphalt or concrete surface)
6			●	**Splash Pad Renovations**	» Renovate the splashpad at Chambers Park, including full replacement, enlarging the area, installing a new surface and adding a covered seating area. » Explore renovating and expanding the spray pad at Kiwanis Park, considering floodplain challenges.	FY 2027	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Lufkin Creative » Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $800,000 – $1,100,000 *Scope Assumptions:* » Chambers Park: $450,000 – $650,000 (full replacement and new features) » Kiwanis Park: $350,000 – $450,000 (renovation of existing spray pad)
7	●	●	●	**Kit McConnico Trail, Roadway and Sidewalk Project**	» Widen trails to accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, strollers, wheelchairs and other users, ensuring they are wide enough for groups to pass and individuals to overtake one another. » Improve trail maintenance. » Explore adding an additional trail west of Kit McConnico Drive with fewer jogs and curves and add a boundary trail around the ball and soccer fields. » Focus on sidewalk extensions for accessibility to all areas of the park, including soccer fields, concession stands, parking lot, playground, etc. » Add benches, repair or replace older ones and add trash cans. » Plant trees in open areas and add water bowls on drinking fountains for dogs. » Widen and straighten out the driveway to accommodate increased traffic during soccer season and to reduce the blind spot where the road curves. » Add sidewalks and trail loops around the fields. » Consider hiring a third-party ADA accessibility consultant to provide an accessibility audit and transition plan to ensure all parks and trails are accessible. » Install new mileage markers and directional signs along the trail.	FY 2028	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Lufkin Creative » Lufkin Independent School District » Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $200,000 – $300,000 *Scope Assumptions:* » Expand trail (with in-kind crew support and/or dedicated trail crew) » Install sidewalk around soccer and ball fields » Add trailhead and directional signage

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8			●	**Soccer Field Renovation at Kit McConnico Park**	» Add lighting to soccer fields for potential tournaments. » Upgrade irrigation. » Add a concession stand closer to the soccer fields. » Construct restrooms closer to the soccer fields. » Plant trees around the soccer fields for shade. » Consider turf soccer fields.	FY 2029	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Lufkin Independent School District » Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $500,000 – $1,000,000 *Scope Assumptions:* » New concession stand and restrooms » Lighting costs not included *(see Priority #1)*
9			●	**Softball Field Renovation at Kit McConnico Park**	» Start with renovating the 4 northern softball fields and eventually renovate all of them as funds are available. » Replace scoreboards. » Renovate restrooms at the southern end of the park. » Consider replacing bleachers.	FY 2029	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Lufkin Independent School District » Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $300,000 – $400,000 *Scope Assumptions:* » Renovate 4 northern fields » Replace 4 scoreboards » Renovate southern park restrooms » Lighting costs not included *(see Priority #1)*
10	●		●	**Skate Park Expansion or Renovation at Kiwanis Park**	» Conduct a feasibility study to relocate and expand the skate park south of Kiwanis Park on the 3.73-acre City-owned tract between Tulane and Armory Drive[6] (the land appears to be outside the floodplain, which currently limits renovation efforts). » If park cannot be expanded to the 3.73-acre City-owned tract, then: » Remove round rail and install square rail. » Smooth out concrete. » Fix the coping at the top of the ramp. » Add a mini ramp with quarters on each side. » Add a half-pipe. » Add skateboard bowl. » Have an art contest to paint the existing skatepark.	FY2031	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Lufkin Independent School District » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	*Total Estimate:* $40,000 – $60,000 *Scope Assumptions:* » Replace round rail with square rail » Repair and smooth concrete surface » Repair coping at top of ramp

Priority	Project Type: New	Project Type: Enhancement	Project Type: Renovation / Redevelopment	Project	Project Considerations[1]	Time Frame[2] (by fiscal year)	Anticipated Funding Sources[3]	Potential Partners[4]	Relative Cost Level and Considerations[5]
Near-Term Administration Priorities (1-5 Years)									
1				**Resource Optimization Initiative**	» Review and consider allocating additional resources, including increasing staff capacity and adjusting the budget, to enhance the upkeep of the parks and trails.	FY2025 - Ongoing	» City funds » Annual budget » Capital projects budget	» Local employers and business community » Community organizations and volunteers	N/A
2				**Safe Trails and Parks Initiative**	» Hire security personnel or partner with local law enforcement for regular patrols. » Encourage community policing by organizing neighborhood watch groups to monitor the parks during busy and off-peak hours. » Introduce the presence of police officers on bikes, particularly in large parks and trails where visibility is essential. » Use drone surveillance for larger or more remote areas, providing an aerial view that complements ground patrols. » Ensure there is reliable cell service or provide Wi-Fi coverage to enable visitors to quickly call for help if needed. » Install CCTV cameras in strategic locations, especially at entrances, exits and less frequented areas. » Consider implementing smart surveillance systems with AI that can detect suspicious behavior or emergencies and alert authorities in real time. » Use natural surveillance by maintaining clear sightlines with regular trimming of overgrown vegetation. » Eliminate secluded areas where criminals can hide or engage in illegal activities by ensuring open and visible spaces. » Use entry/exit checkpoints during late hours or in areas prone to criminal activity, particularly the trails, ensuring proper monitoring (i.e., gates at the trailheads). » Consider controlled hours of operation with the park or trail closed during night-time hours when fewer people are present. » Organize events and activities that increase positive social presence, deterring negative behaviors (i.e., tennis classes, walk-a-thons, concerts, festivals, plays, food trucks, etc.). » Offer self-defense classes or safety awareness training for regular park users. » Run safety awareness campaigns to educate the public on how to stay safe in parks and on trails. » Promote buddy systems and encourage people to use trails in groups, particularly during quieter times.	FY2025 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Angelina College » Angelina County » Angelina County and Cities Health District » Angelina County Sheriff's Department » Angelina Thrive » Boys & Girls Clubs of Deep East Texas - Lufkin Clubhouse » Deep East Texas Crime Stoppers, Inc. » Impact Lufkin » JD's Center of Hope » Lufkin Creative » Lufkin Independent School District » Lufkin Police Department » Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » The Coalition » The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin » The Salvation Army » T.L.L. Temple Foundation » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	N/A

Priority	Project Type: New	Project Type: Enhancement	Project Type: Renovation / Redevelopment	Project	Project Considerations[1]	Time Frame[2] (by fiscal year)	Anticipated Funding Sources[3]	Potential Partners[4]	Relative Cost Level and Considerations[5]
3				**Community Engagement Plan**	» Design a community engagement plan to follow for each project. » Collaborate with LISD, Angelina College and hold a series of public engagement activities and contests to design a theme for each park.	FY2025 - Ongoing	» City funds » Annual budget	» Angelina College » Lufkin Independent School District » Community organizations and volunteers	N/A
4				**Salvation Army Partnership**	» Discuss with the Salvation Army the possibility of allowing public use of its playground located across the street from Louis Bronaugh Park.	FY2025 - Ongoing	» City funds » Annual budget	» Salvation Army » Community organizations and volunteers	N/A
5				**LISD Community Facilities Partnership**	» Contact the SPARK Park Program in Houston to learn more about their program and see if there is a potential to form a similar program in Lufkin. » Approach Lufkin ISD to discuss the potential future opportunities to create a formal joint-use agreement. » Create a line item(s) in the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to fund sidewalks and trails from neighborhoods and parks to LISD campuses. » Explore broad ways to fund the development, operation and maintenance of parks and facilities, including Lufkin ISD facilities through use of a variety of funding mechanisms and community involvement.	FY2025 - Ongoing	» City funds » Annual budget » Capital projects budget	» Lufkin Independent School District » Community organizations and volunteers	N/A
6				**Master Plan Annual Review and Periodic Update**	» Assess and update this Master Plan annually, as needed, to determine revised areas of need based on recent developments and modify the capital improvement plan according to changing circumstances and priorities. » Complete comprehensive update of Master Plan in five years at most to maintain the City's competitiveness for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grants.	FY2026 - Ongoing	» City funds » Annual budget » Capital projects budget	» Local employers and business community » Community organizations and volunteers	N/A
Long-Term Priorities (6+ Years)									
1	●		●	**System-Wide Wayfinding Campaign**	» Install new mileage markers and directional signs at Ellen Trout Trail and Jones Trail. » Develop a wayfinding signage master plan, including both monument and directional signs, to improve navigation to and within the parks. » Provide interactive park maps with layouts, walking paths, trails, parking areas and key facilities, along with a downloadable PDF guide for residents and visitors. » Produce printed park brochures available at City Hall, libraries, visitor centers, and local businesses, outlining all parks, their amenities, and activities. » Start a monthly or quarterly newsletter that includes park events, maintenance schedules, upcoming developments and community stories. » Develop and advertise an approved route for long distance runners.	FY2031 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Thrive » Lufkin Creative » Lufkin Independent School District » Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively LOW to MEDIUM cost range ($-$$)** given number of projects, increasing staff and then ongoing operation and maintenance costs.

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2			●	**Chambers Park Renewal and Trail Connections Project**	» Add a backboard to the tennis courts. » Build a basketball court. » Create a walking trail around the park. » Add amenities such as benches, picnic areas and trashcans. » Improve landscaping. » Add mid-block street crossing to connect both sides of the park. » Connect Chambers Park to Kiwanis Park with a trail.	FY2031-Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Lufkin Creative » Lufkin Independent School District » Rotary Club of Lufkin » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » The Kiwanis Club of Lufkin » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively MEDIUM to HIGH cost range ($$-$$$)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.
3			●	**Ellen Trout Park: Trail Enhancement Project**	» Resurface the trail. » Add lights to the walking path. » Address the secluded nature of the trails and provide emergency exits. » Provide family-friendly seasonal activities.	FY2032 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Lufkin Independent School District » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively LOW to HIGH cost range ($-$$$)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.
4		●	●	**Grace Dunne Richardson Park: Active Play and Recreation**	» Resurface the basketball court and add a permanent fence barrier near the landscape. » Add additional park features. » Renovate the volleyball area by adding sand and resetting the poles. » Consider water fountains at the dog park. » Add sidewalks and trail loops around the park perimeter and play equipment.	FY2032 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Lufkin Independent School District » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively LOW to HIGH cost range ($-$$$)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.

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5		●	●	**Jones Park Splashpad Renovation and Park Enhancement Project**	» Consider renovating the splashpad, including full replacement, enlarging the area, installing a new surface and adding a covered seating area. » Add a natural barrier, such as bushes, between the roadway and park.	FY2033 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Lufkin Independent School District » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively LOW to MEDIUM cost range ($-$$)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.
6			●	**Morris Frank Park Trail**	» Add a trail around the ball fields.	FY2034 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively LOW to MEDIUM cost range ($-$$)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.
7	●			**Park Beautification Initiative**	» Gauge interest in establishing a community garden. » Plant trees near playgrounds to provide shade.	FY2034 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Angelina College » Angelina County Master Gardeners » Dogwood Garden Club » Lufkin Independent School District » Lufkin Urban Garden and Market » Pine Tree Garden Club » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively LOW cost range ($)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.

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8			●	**Park System-Wide Updates**	» Upgrade outdated play equipment system-wide and install a soft landing surface. » Grace Dunne Richardson Park » Herty Park » Ward Street Park » Winston Park » Kit McConnico Park » Brandon Park » Mantooth Park » Lufkin Land Park » Glen & Bessie Gamble » Add a natural barrier, such as bushes, between the roadway and each park. » Redesign each park to include play areas for all ages and abilities, considering its size and location. » Add unique features or themes to each park. » Consider hiring a third-party ADA accessibility consultant to provide an accessibility audit and transition plan to ensure all parks and trails are accessible.	FY2035 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Lufkin Independent School District » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Visit Lufkin » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively HIGH cost range ($$$)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.
9	●			**Crown Colony Park**	» Partner with the Crown Colony Homeowner Association to develop a park in the neighborhood to serve the residents of southeast Lufkin. » Include play areas for all ages and abilities, considering its size and location. » Include unique features or themes to the park. » Implement clear mapping and signage to help users navigate the park. » Include a natural barrier, such as bushes, between the roadway and park.	FY2036 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Crown Colony Homeowner Association » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively HIGH cost range ($$$)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.

Priority	Project Type: New	Project Type: Enhancement	Project Type: Renovation / Redevelopment	Project	Project Considerations[1]	Time Frame[2] (by fiscal year)	Anticipated Funding Sources[3]	Potential Partners[4]	Relative Cost Level and Considerations[5]
10	●			**Brookhollow Park**	» Develop a park in the neighborhood to serve the residents of southwest Lufkin. » Include play areas for all ages and abilities, considering its size and location. » Include unique features or themes to the park. » Implement clear mapping and signage to help users navigate the park. » Include a natural barrier, such as bushes, between the roadway and park.	FY2036 - Ongoing	» City funds » Potential bond referendum » Annual budget » Capital projects budget » Potential grant funding » Potential partnerships to leverage funds » Potential sponsors / donors » Potential in-kind volunteer labor	» Angelina Beautiful Clean » Texas Parks and Wildlife Department » Local employers and business community » Other community organizations and volunteers	**Relatively HIGH cost range ($$$)** depending on variety of potential projects and upgrades and their specific parameters, from relatively quick/easy additions to more involved projects requiring planning, design and construction.

Table Notes:

1. Project considerations are a starting point based on community input and the needs assessment. It is recommended that once a project is selected, the City engage the community again to gather more detailed input before any design or construction begins.
2. The programming of the timeframe should be determined through the annual budget prioritization and funding process.
3. Additional potential funding sources can be found in the Funding Sources section of this Master Plan.
4. There may be additional potential partners not listed in this table. It is recommended to reach out to all area organizations and create a comprehensive volunteer and sponsor database for each project as it is considered.
5. Cost levels are based on order-of-magnitude estimates. A range is provided as actual costs will depend on the specific projects and equipment selected, plus potential cost inflation depending on how long until a project proceeds.
6. Location of potential skate park below:



OTHER POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS



The **Needs Assessment** section of this plan includes a longer "needs and wants" list. Some are ambitious "big ticket" items that will remain for longer-term consideration after more immediate priorities are satisfied through the action agenda above, or until some change in circumstances (e.g., emergence of a willing and eager partner/financier) that causes a reassessment of priorities through a later Master Plan update. Example items that fit this description include:

- Bike skills/pump track.
- Mountain bike trail features.
- Pickleball courts (stand-alone, not by re-striping existing tennis courts, etc.).
- Public swimming pool and/or waterpark.
- Professionally-designed skate park with bowls and ramps.
- Larger splash pad, with coverings for summer.

Other items on the "needs and wants" list are smaller-scale ideas or special interest features that might be incorporated as a component of larger projects or pursued on their own when certain factors are in place (e.g., a definitive funding vehicle, a willing and eager partner, a targeted donation, etc.). Example items that fit this description include:

- Climbing structures.
- Community garden and flower gardens.
- Historical signs.
- Security call boxes (where electrical lines readily available).
- Water bottle refill stations (where potable water lines readily available).

SITE-SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS

Appendix A: Public Involvement Summary includes items and ideas that were identified for specific park and trail sites, including the:

- Park-Specific Comments noted during Listening Sessions and Mobile Meetings;
- Public Open House comments on specific parks and trails; and
- Other comments scattered throughout the Appendix and online survey where particular park or trail names are called out.

Many of these observations and requests would amount to "repairs and maintenance" that are not eligible for grant assistance through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, although other partners, sponsors or donors may take interest in assisting with particular items.



Also important not to overlook through this Master Plan are "the basics" of park and trail design, site amenities and recreational programming that should be incorporated across the parks and recreation system where most needed, appropriate and affordable. Example features, which may involve upgrades to or renovation of existing features, include:

- Accessibility improvements to parks, trails and areas around sports fields for better accommodation of disabled residents and visitors.
- Beautification plantings (flowers, shrubs and trees) and use of low-maintenance landscape options.
- Drinking fountains.
- Family-oriented activities and programming, including low-cost options.
- Fencing where needed near or around certain activity areas (e.g., playgrounds, sports courts, etc.).
- Informal fields (for sports practice with backstops, sports play, random use).
- Lighting, including playgrounds, pavilions, trails and sports fields, as appropriate.
- Parking.
- Pavilions.
- School play/field areas (greater informal public use beyond school hours).
- Seating.
- Shade features (trees/vegetation or structural).
- Trail enhancements (e.g., mileage markers, benches, interpretive/educational signage, stretching/exercise stations, etc.).
- Trail loops.
- Trash and recycling receptacles.

POTENTIAL PRIORITIES FOR NEXT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Considerations for the next Master Plan update, which were beyond the scope and available budget for this Parks and Trails Master Plan for Lufkin, include:

Staffing Assessment. Complete an analysis of current City parks and recreation staffing relative to overall departmental responsibilities and operations and maintenance demands, with comparison to staffing arrangements at comparable cities with similar parkland, facility and recreational programming scenarios. This is another area where metrics and comparison data are available from the annual *NRPA Agency Performance Review* published by the National Recreation and Park Association and is provided in the **Needs Assessment** section of this plan.

Recreational Programming Assessment. After the City expands on its current recreational programming, conduct an in-depth assessment, especially as this may help clarify additional partnership opportunities and grant possibilities to pursue through the Indoor Recreation portion of the Local Parks Grant Program administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

FUNDING SOURCES

This final portion of the plan highlights funding sources, besides the City's financing tools and revenue streams, that may be relevant to implementing this Master Plan. The following list highlights the most pertinent, along with additional opportunities. Much of this information is drawn from the Parks and Natural Areas Funding Opportunities webpage maintained by the Houston-Galveston Area Council, which the City can readily monitor for new additions and updates, at: https://www.h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/funding-opportunities.

FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING SOURCES

Challenge Cost Share Program

The Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Challenge Cost Share program is intended to support specific National Park Service mission-related projects that align with the goals of project partners, including local governments. Challenge Cost Share projects must support one or more of the following funding themes:

- Community Resiliency;
- Conservation Projects (Lands and Waters); and
- Outdoor Recreation.

The maximum allotment per project is $25,000. The partner organization is required to match the amount of the Challenge Cost Share program funding received with an equal share from the partner(s). Any combination of dollars and in-kind services can be counted toward the partner's cost share requirement, as long as the match comes from non-federal sources. More information is available at: https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1837/index.htm.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

While this Master Plan was nearing completion, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) had begun its next annual application round for its Local Parks Grants Program. This program is highly popular with – and very competitive among – cities and other local units of government statewide that provide public recreation services (e.g., counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts and other special districts).

The seven sub-programs provide a range of matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants. All grant-assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public. Program funding comes from a portion of the state sales tax on sporting goods, supplemented by federal offshore gas royalties through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Lufkin is eligible for these programs as they are designated for political subdivisions of the State of Texas legally responsible for providing public recreation services to their citizens.

The application process is handled entirely online at https://tpwd-recgrants.intelligrants.com/login2.aspx. TPWD evaluates submitted applications using its Priority Scoring System, and funding recommendations are presented to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for final grant award decisions. All related program information and contacts for assistance are available at:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/#outdoor

LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM: NON-URBAN OUTDOOR RECREATION

Assists eligible entities from non-urban communities with a population of 500,000 or less with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout Texas.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Cities, counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts and other special districts
Max Award per Project	$750,000
Match Required	50%
Applications Due	August 1
Website for Details	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants

LOCAL PARK GRANT PROGRAM: NON-URBAN INDOOR RECREATION

Assists eligible entities from non-urban communities with a population of 500,000 or less with indoor recreation areas and facilities throughout Texas.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Cities, counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts and other special districts
Max Award per Project	$1.5 million
Match Required	50%
Applications Due	TBD
Website for Details	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants

COMMUNITY OUTDOOR OUTREACH PROGRAM (CO-OP)

Provides reimbursement grants for programming that introduces underserved populations to outdoor recreation, conservation and environmental education activities. Eligible expenses can include personnel, food, travel expenses, participant liability insurance, entrance fees, outdoor recreation equipment and environmental education supplies.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Tax-exempt organizations such as local government, Universities, school districts and non-profit organizations
Max Award per Project	$100,000
Match Required	N/A
Applications Due	November 1
Website for Details	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/community-outdoor-outreach-program-co-op-grants

RECREATIONAL TRAILS FUND

Provides funding for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities and to acquire trail corridors. Funding is provided on a cost reimbursement basis.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Local governments, river authorities, municipal utility districts, other special districts, federal land managers, nonprofits
Max Award per Project	$300,000 (Non-Motorized), $500,000 (Motorized/Off-Highway Vehicle)
Match Required	Reimbursement grants up to 80%
Applications Due	February 1
Website for Details	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants

OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP (ORLP) GRANTS

Assists underserved communities with a population of at least 25,000 with the acquisition and/or development of, or substantial renovation of public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Local governments, nonprofits, tribes, community groups
Max Award per Project	$15,000,000
Match Required	50% minimum
Applications Due	April 15
Website for Details	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/orlp-grants

BOATING ACCESS GRANT

Provides 75% matching grants for planning and constructing new or renovating existing public boat ramps that provide public access to public waters for recreational boating.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Local, state and federal governments
Max Award per Project	$250,000
Match Required	25%
Applications Due	February 1
Website for Details	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boating-access

BOAT SEWAGE PUMP-OUT

Provides funds for the construction and/or renovation, operation and maintenance of pumpout and portable toilet dump stations.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Local, state and federal governments
Max Award per Project	75%
Match Required	25% minimum
Applications Due	TBD
Website for Details	https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boat-sewage-pumpout

CONSERVATION GRANT FUNDING (BIRDING)

Provides conservation funding for nature tourism and habitat restoration, enhancement and acquisition projects.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Local, state and federal governments, nonprofits, tribes, community groups
Max Award per Project	$1,000 – $10,000
Match Required	Not required, but encouraged
Applications Due	May each year
Website for Details	https://tpwd.texas.gov/events/great-texas-birding-classic/prizes

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FUNDING PROGRAM

Provides funding for locally sponsored bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects across Texas.

Offered By	Texas Department of Transportation
Eligible Entities	Local government
Max Award per Project	N/A
Match Required	N/A
Applications Due	February 21
Website for Details	https://www.txdot.gov/business/grants-and-funding/bicycle-pedestrian-local-federal-funding-programs.html

PRIVATE PROGRAMS

CHRISTOPHER AND DANA REEVE FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM

Provides funding for projects and initiatives that foster inclusion, involvement and community engagement, while promoting health and wellness for those affected by paralysis in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Offered By	Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
Eligible Entities	Nonprofits, municipal and state governments, school districts, recognized tribal entities and other institutions such as community or veterans hospitals
Max Award per Project	$40,000
Match Required	N/A
Applications Due	March 14
Website for Details	https://www.christopherreeve.org/todays-care/get-support/grants-for-non-profits/program-overview/

ENTERGY OPEN GRANTS PROGRAM

Provides funding opportunities in the areas of arts and culture, education and workforce development, poverty solutions and social services, healthy families, and community improvement.

Offered By	Entergy
Eligible Entities	Nonprofits, municipal and state governments and school districts
Max Award per Project	TBD
Match Required	N/A
Applications Due	Ongoing
Website for Details	https://www.entergy.com/communities/open-grants/

SHADE STRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Funds the installation of permanent shade structures to cover outdoor areas not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools or recreation spaces.

Offered By	American Academy of Dermatology Association
Eligible Entities	Public schools, nonprofits
Max Award per Project	$8,000
Match Required	None
Applications Due	December 15
Website for Details	https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/shade-structure-grants/shade-structure-grant-application

SKATEPARK GRANTS

Promotes building new, high quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States.

Offered By	The Skatepark Project
Eligible Entities	State and local agencies, nonprofits
Max Award per Project	$25,000
Match Required	None
Applications Due	Annual
Website for Details	https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/

UNION PACIFIC COMMUNITY TIES GIVING PROGRAM

Assists community-based organizations and related activities that improve and enrich the general quality of life in community spaces. This includes helping communities prevent and prepare for incidents and emergencies, ensuring residents return home safely, empowering underrepresented groups to achieve family-sustaining careers, fostering unique cultural and recreational experiences, and promoting environmental sustainability.

Offered By	Union Pacific Foundation
Eligible Entities	Nonprofits in communities served by Union Pacific Railroad
Max Award per Project	$30,000
Match Required	N/A
Applications Due	May 14
Website for Details	https://www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/index.htm

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS) - RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

The NPS's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (NPS-RTCA) supports locally-led conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. NPS-RTCA assists communities and public land managers in developing or restoring parks, conservation areas, rivers and wildlife habitats, as well as creating outdoor recreation opportunities and programs that engage future generations in the outdoors.

NPS-RTCA does not provide financial assistance or monetary grants. As a collaborative partner, NPS provides professional services to help achieve local conservation and outdoor recreation project objectives. Through an application process, local governments are among those eligible for the technical assistance program, along with community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and state and federal agencies. Details are available at: https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm.

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Several additional funding sources can be explored to enhance a project's financial sustainability and ensure its successful implementation. Key options include:

- National Endowment for the Arts
- Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Department of Transportation
- Urban Agriculture Resilience Program

In addition to these, other potential sources of funding, donations or volunteer/partner in-kind support may include:

- Adopt-a-Park
- Business sponsorship opportunities
- Friends groups
- Homeowner Association parkland dedication
- Service groups
- User fees
- Youth service providers

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APPENDIX A: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

This appendix section documents and provides highlights from the various leadership, stakeholder and community engagement activities that were completed in support of the Master Plan process. These activities occurred from October 2024 through April 2025, after which a final proposed plan was the subject of a City Council public hearing in June 2025 and then considered by Council for adoption as an official Parks and Trails Master Plan of the City on August 5, 2025.

LISTENING SESSIONS

KKC personnel facilitated a series of four informal listening sessions and one Special Committee meeting at Lufkin Parks and Recreation on October 21-22, 2024. Approximately 40 individuals were engaged throughout this activity. Participants ranged from individuals who work in the community but live elsewhere to individuals who were born and raised in Lufkin alongside their families.



Session attendees were asked questions about strengths and opportunities for Lufkin parks and trails. The same general list of questions framed each session and certain topics were expanded upon. The overall listening session results are summarized below.

Those KKC visited with emphasized that they value the local parks but see a clear need for significant improvements, particularly in the areas of maintenance, safety, accessibility and connectivity. While they appreciate the abundance of green spaces, they consistently voice concerns about outdated playground equipment, non-functioning lights, exposed tree roots and algae growth on splash pads. Many parks lack shaded areas, which is a particular issue at playgrounds where metal equipment can become dangerously hot. Listening session attendees indicted the need for safer bike trails and the creation of separate, dedicated bike lanes for added safety.



Several key improvements were suggested. These include adding ADA-compliant features to make parks more inclusive, installing toddler-friendly fencing and introducing modern amenities such as splash pads with water slides, climbing structures and updated bike paths. The use of low-maintenance surfaces like turf or rubber in parks was also recommended to reduce the ongoing costs of upkeep. Another recurring suggestion was to focus resources on creating standout parks with high-quality facilities instead of spreading efforts too thin across multiple smaller parks.

Safety is a major concern, particularly for families, runners and cyclists. Those participating cited issues with poorly

lit areas, overgrown vegetation and traffic near parks. There were also reports of homeless encampments near some parks, which raised safety concerns for people using nearby trails. Suggestions for enhancing safety include improving lighting along trails, widening paths, clearing underbrush and exploring the use of video surveillance. For cyclists and pedestrians attendees emphasized the need for better infrastructure, including sidewalks and safer crosswalks, to reduce the risk of accidents, which have been common in some areas.



Trail connectivity and expansion emerged as a priority for many, with numerous calls for better integration of parks with downtown and other key areas of the community. Several participants pointed to other cities, such as Georgetown, Texas, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as models, where long, interconnected trail systems make parks more accessible and encourage recreational use. Listening session participants also suggested hosting more community events, such as 5K races, and adding timing pads for races, which could attract visitors and enhance the appeal of local parks.

Another area of focus is the need for modernized, inclusive play spaces. The participants proposed the installation of ADA-friendly swings, parent-child swings and splash pads to ensure that parks cater to people of all abilities. Additionally, they advocated for the creation of more toddler-safe spaces and multipurpose open fields that could be used for youth sports or community events. The listening session attendees also highlighted a desire for more inclusive playgrounds with soft, rubberized surfaces to replace the aging, hard-metal structures currently in use.



Communication about park activities and amenities was another area that participants felt could be improved. While some parks and recreation facilities, like splash pads and sports fields, already draw visitors, attendees expressed a need for better promotion of these attractions. Ideas such as adding QR codes at park entrances to provide information about nearby parks and upcoming events were proposed to increase community engagement.

Bike-friendliness is another concern as some parts of the city are more accessible to cyclists than others. Participants pointed out that while a local bike club helps maintain some trails, the lack of safe, well-marked bike paths forces many cyclists to ride off-trail, which presents risks like encounters with dogs and speeding cars. There is a desire for better connectivity between parks and longer, safer bike routes for both recreational and commuter cyclists.

In terms of priority improvements, participants highlighted the need for immediate upgrades to outdated equipment, the replanting of trees lost to drought and better trail maintenance. Some parks were singled out as needing fencing improvements, particularly near highways or major roads, to increase safety.

In summary, while local parks are a valued part of the community, there is a strong call for improvements in safety, maintenance, accessibility, connectivity and modernized amenities. Listening participants want to see better lighting, safer trails, more inclusive play spaces and an overall focus on making parks more attractive, functional and welcoming for all. By addressing these concerns and enhancing communication about park offerings, the City could better meet the recreational needs of its residents while also making the parks a more significant draw for visitors.

PARK-SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS

During each listening session, participants were asked to write down upgrades that they would like to see or any other park-specific feedback. Below is a consolidated list of comments.

Brandon Park



- Needs more trees/landscaping
- Improve Community Center
- Pull resources from Mantooth and Gamble
- Repairs
- Splash pad

Chambers Park



- Area around splash pad - inadequate drainage, retains water near seating
- Shaded areas closer to splash pad
- Broken equipment - safety hazard
- Retaining wall is collapsing around shaded play equipment
- Please keep tennis courts and add nets and backboard
- Pickleball
- Update restrooms
- More handicap accessibility including playground and parking
- Better fencing around playground
- Refresh and update splash pad
- More lighting
- Different ground choice

- Add parent/baby swings
- Changing table/area to change for kids at splash pad
- Finish sidewalk coming up from Feagin Drive and connect it to the sidewalk on Angelina Street
- Needs updating and make innovative

Ellen Trout Park

- Love walking trail - more lighting might be good
- More handicap accessibility - sensory driven for conditions such as autism and down syndrome and more handicap parking
- New park with shade to replace the one that burned down and add fencing
- Sidewalk around zoo near road / expo center to connect trail
- Fix trail to prevent future washouts
- Extend trail through back woods for runners
- Fencing around park for water safety
- Connect sidewalk around lake for bikes
- Fix exposed roots and add more shade



Four Seasons Park

- Sell it
- Could this be a play space?
- This would be a great park/area for a 100% handicap accessible park and play area
- Soccer fields
- Great area for multi-use fields open to any public use
- Better signage that this is a City park and open to any public use

Herty Park

- General maintenance
- Lighting
- Track width
- Consistency of the functional pieces
- Extension of play area/playgrounds
- Trees



Jones Park

- Add shaded area to pool - the water gets warm quickly
- Better maintained - glass and roots on ground, unsafe for children
- Security is the biggest issue
- More shading, more trees
- Changing area for the swimming pool



Kit McConnico Park

- Trail signage
- Swings needed
- Disc golf course
- Love the trails, wish trailheads and trails were better marked/indicated
- Pickleball
- Shaded play areas, comfortable benches under shade
- A circular trail around fields for jogging or biking within sight of fields
- ADA swing needed
- New trails with fewer turns for runners
- Fix that last turn before going downhill into parking. People cut that curve short onto oncoming traffic.
- Partner with biking and running groups to maintain trail
- Water fountain and trailhead

Kiwanis Park

- Homelessness addressed
- Updated restrooms
- Splash pad is terribly maintained (pine straw, algae, broken seating and poor drainage)
- Additional lighting
- Pickleball court
- More handicap accessible parking
- Updated trail - needs to be smoother and maintained
- Updated basketball courts - needs maintenance
- Disc golf course needs renovation (new baskets and tee pads)
- Mosquito control
- Fenced play area for kids
- Add sidewalks to the skate park for more riding



Glenn & Bessie Gamble Park

- Pool resources to Brandon Park

Grace Dunne Richardson Park

- Restroom is poorly maintained - smell permeates the area
- Toddler accessible play equipment for smaller children
- Wish fitness trail felt safer
- Need all abilities section
- Better material under play areas
- Fix pavilion (general updates) or tear it down
- Clean up landscaping
- Playground equipment update
- More frequent patrolling by local police
- Shade over park, better benches for parents



Lufkin Land Park

- Curious how often it's used



Louis Bronaugh Park

- Add playground here
- Closer to downtown for events
- Music, art needed
- Wish we utilized amphitheater for family events
- Outdoor concerts, movie nights, etc.
- Add shade for seating

Mantooth Park

- No place to park
- Gate it for safety
- Restroom
- Change wood chips to something else
- Lights - safety
- Repairs to playground
- Repair or remove water fountain



Morris Frank Park



- Disc golf course needs to be renovated; currently unplayable
- Playground sun-bleached - paint or replace
- Great park!!
- Playground equipment upgrade
- Better soccer fields
- Walking trail

Ward Street Park

- Doesn't feel safe. Could be a fun space. Revamp equipment.
- Too isolated
- Funds pushed to Winston
- Repair steps; they are rusty and too tall for little ones to climb up
- One side of the unit is missing something to climb so it is an open hole and is dangerous

Winston Park

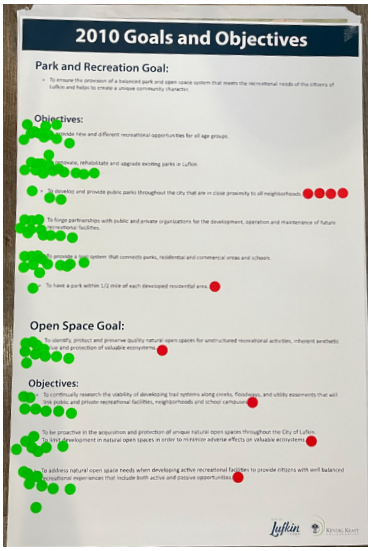


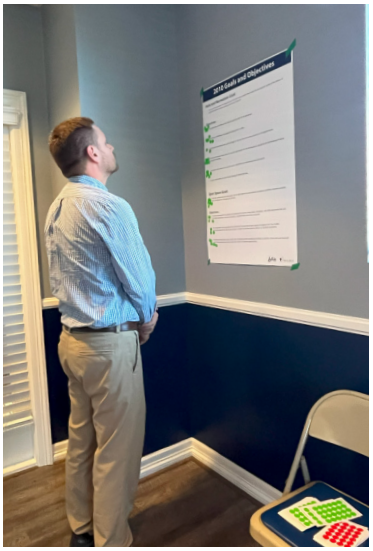
- Underutilized
- Walking path/trail?
- More covered pavilions
- Roots
- Large grass area could be good for events if more tables, etc.
- Too secluded

2010 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

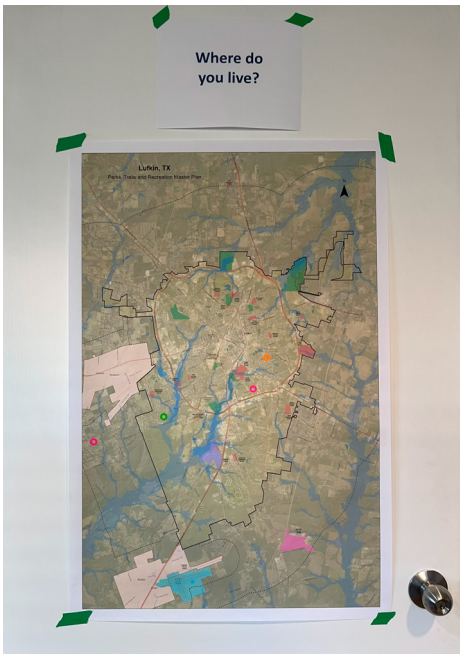
During each listening session, participants were asked to review the 2010 goals and objectives, placing a green sticker dot next to items they still agreed with and a red sticker dot next to items they disagreed with. The results can be found on the next page and were incorporated into **Section 2**, *Goals and Objectives.*

2010 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES		
GOAL/OBJECTIVES	**# OF GREEN DOTS**	**# OF RED DOTS**
Park and Recreation Goal:		
To ensure the provision of a balanced park and open space system that meets the recreational needs of the citizens of Lufkin and helps to create a unique community character.	0	0
Objectives:		
To provide new and different recreational opportunities for all age groups.	11	0
To renovate, rehabilitate and upgrade existing parks in Lufkin.	14	0
To develop and provide public parks throughout the city that are in close proximity to all neighborhoods.	3	4
To forge partnerships with public and private organizations for the development, operation and maintenance of future recreational facilities.	11	0
To provide a trail system that connects parks, residential and commercial areas and schools.	12	0
To have a park within 1/2 mile of each developed residential area.	1	1
Open Space Goal:		
To identify, protect and preserve quality natural open spaces for unstructured recreational activities, inherent aesthetic value and protection of valuable ecosystems.	10	1
Objectives:		
To continually research the viability of developing trail systems along creeks, floodways, and utility easements that will link public and private recreational facilities, neighborhoods and school campuses.	7	1
To be proactive in the acquisition and protection of unique natural open spaces throughout the City of Lufkin.	7	1
To limit development in natural open spaces in order to minimize adverse effects on valuable ecosystems.	0	0
To address natural open space needs when developing active recreational facilities to provide citizens with well balanced recreational experiences that include both active and passive opportunities.	8	1


2010 Goals and Objectives
Park and Recreation Goal:
Objectives:
Open Space Goal:
Objectives:






Where do you live?

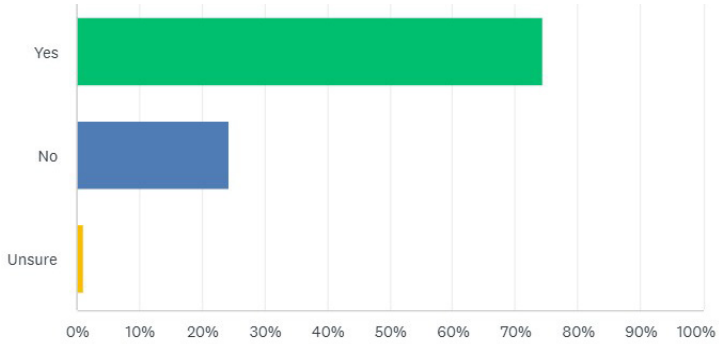

Parks you have visited

ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

As part of the community input for the Parks and Trails Master Plan, an online survey was available throughout November 2024. City officials and staff promoted and distributed the survey through various channels. Designed to encourage participation with quick completion in mind, the survey consisted of 19 multiple-choice questions and several open-ended questions for respondents living within the city limits or nearby. For those living outside these areas, it included 2 multiple-choice questions and 1 open-ended question. The survey drew 915 total responses.

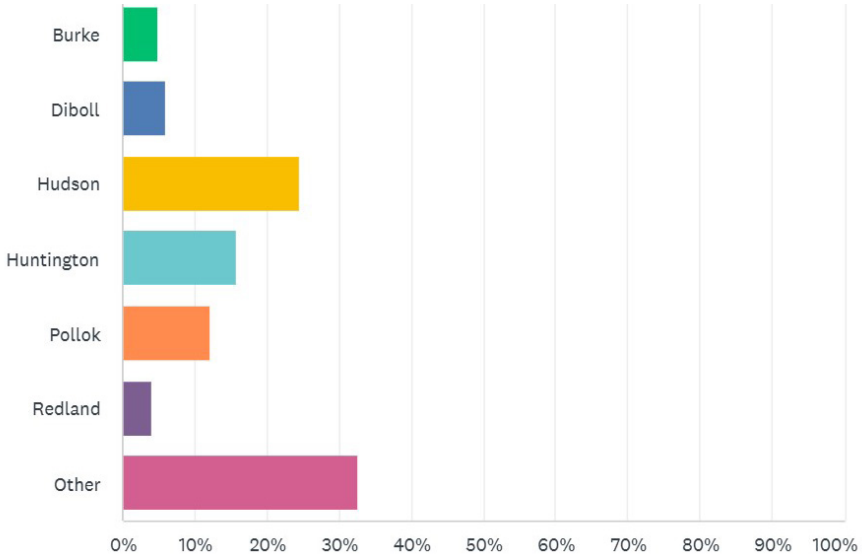
QUESTION 1: Do you live within the City of Lufkin?

Of the 915 respondents, 914 responded to the first question, with 74.5% saying they live in Lufkin, 24.4% they do not and 1.1% were not sure.



QUESTION 2: Please select the city in which you live.

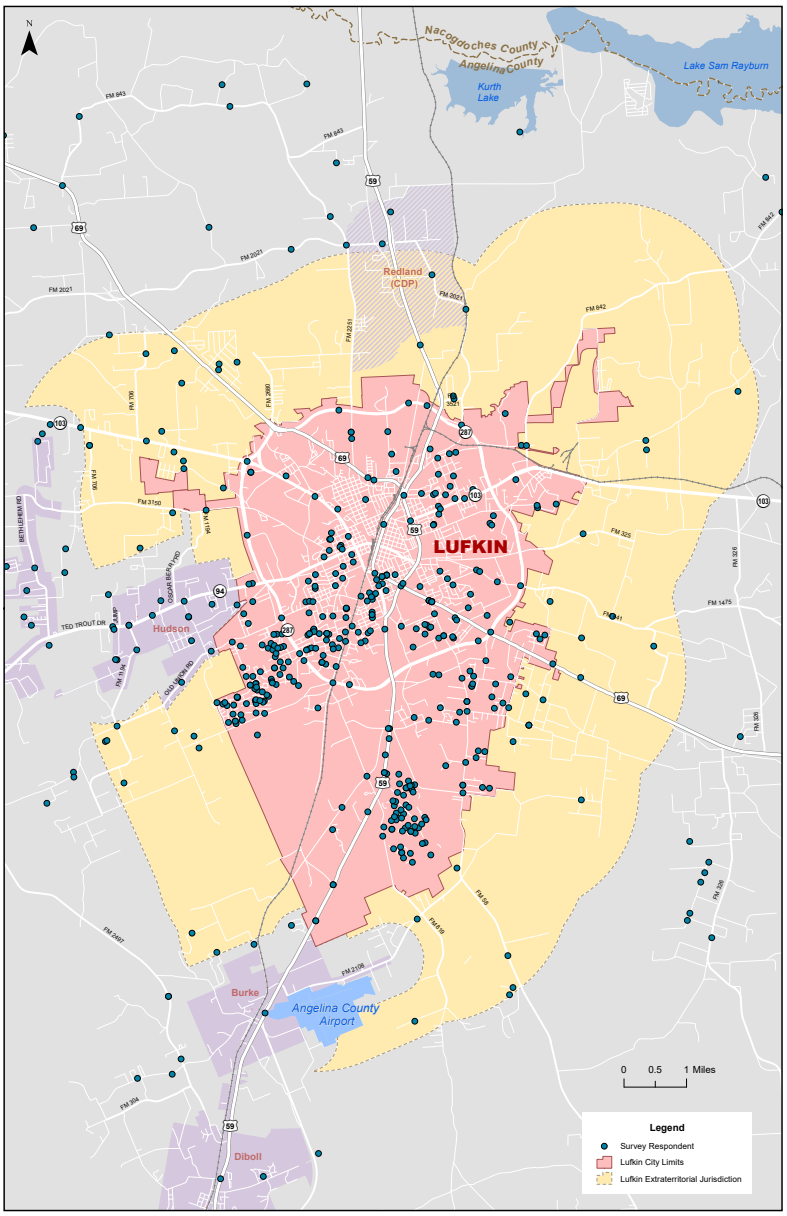
Of the 223 respondents eligible to answer this question, 221 provided a response. The highest percentage of participants (32.6%) reported living in a city not listed, followed by those from Hudson (24.4%), Huntington (15.8%) and Pollok (12.2%).



QUESTION 3: Physical address or nearest intersection

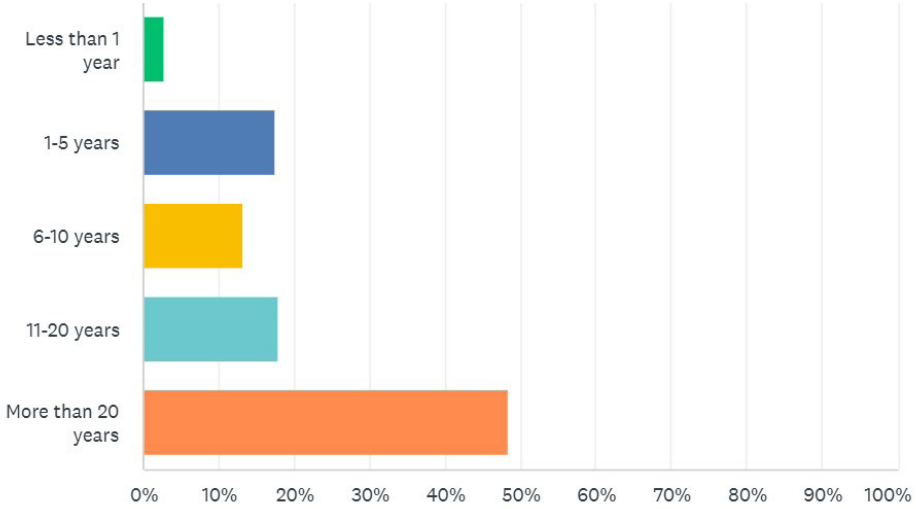
This question asked participants to provide their address – or nearest intersection – so the general geographic coverage of the survey response could be made visual on a map. The number of respondents who provided an answer was 619 (89.5%). Approximately 77% of these responses involved specific addresses or other relatively accurate locations (e.g., intersections) that could be readily mapped. In many of the other cases, just a street and/or subdivision name was provided, so a point was placed on the map at the midpoint of the named street within the Lufkin area unless a specific subdivision was also called out.

The mapping results are shown below. While the map reflects only those who provided a location response, it does indicate coverage of most residential areas in Lufkin, additional responses from Lufkin extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) locations, as well as participation from others in surrounding cities.



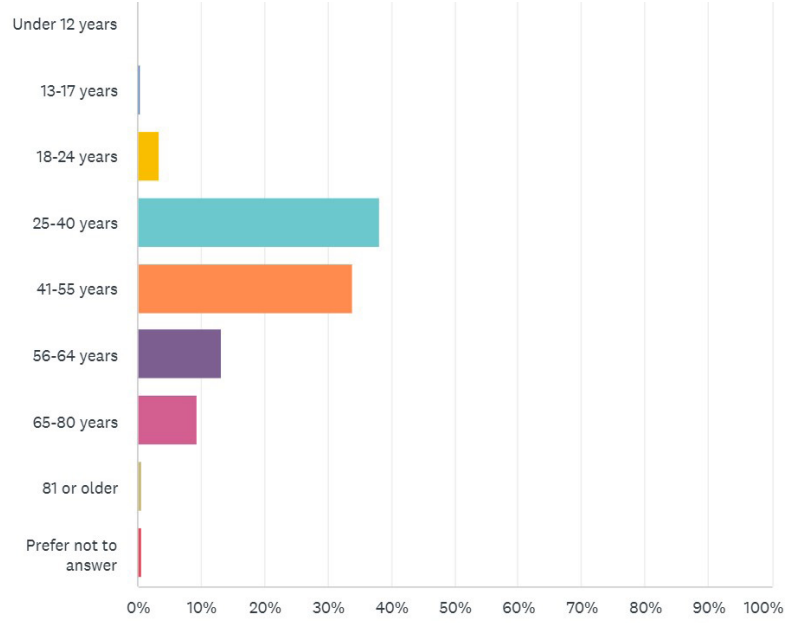
QUESTION 4: How long have you lived in the city?

Just over 66% of survey participants who answered this question have lived in Lufkin for more than 10 years. In addition to long-time Lufkin residents, approximately one-third (31%) of survey participants have lived in Lufkin between one and 10 years. [706 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



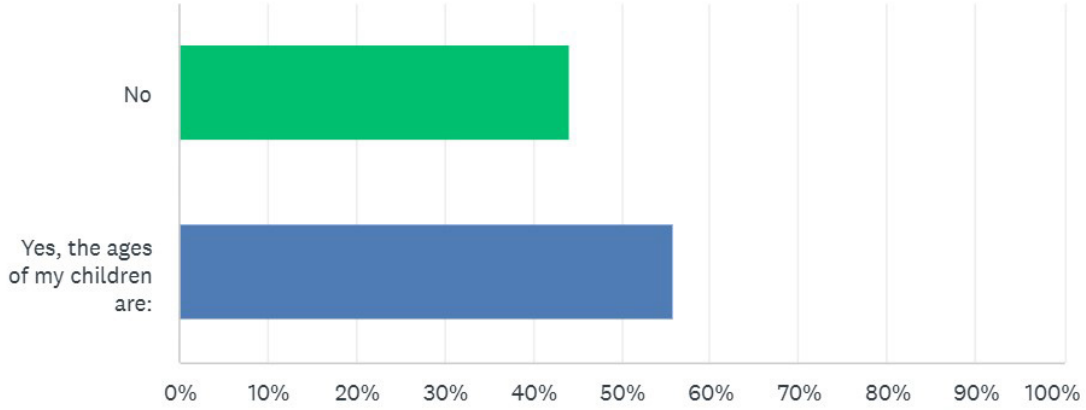
QUESTION 5: In which age range are you?

As shown in the chart below, survey participants represent a wide range of ages in each of the available categories from under 12 years old to 81+. Of the survey respondents, 72% are between the ages of 25 and 55 years old. [708 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



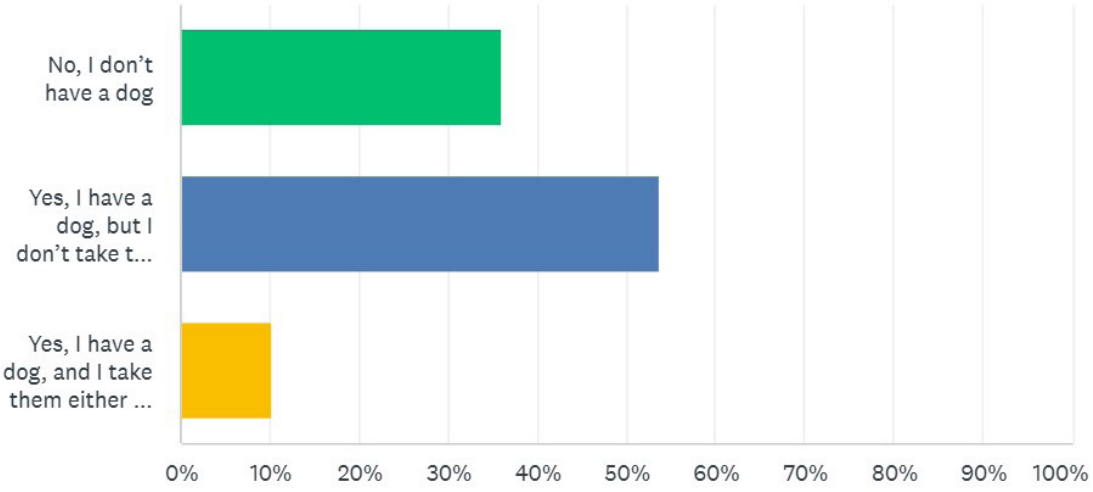
QUESTION 6: If you are an adult, do any children up to age 18 live in your household?

More than half of the respondents (56%) indicated that they have children under 18 living in their household, with ages ranging from newborn to 18 years old. The top 5 most mentioned ages were 16, 8, 17, 12 and 10. [709 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



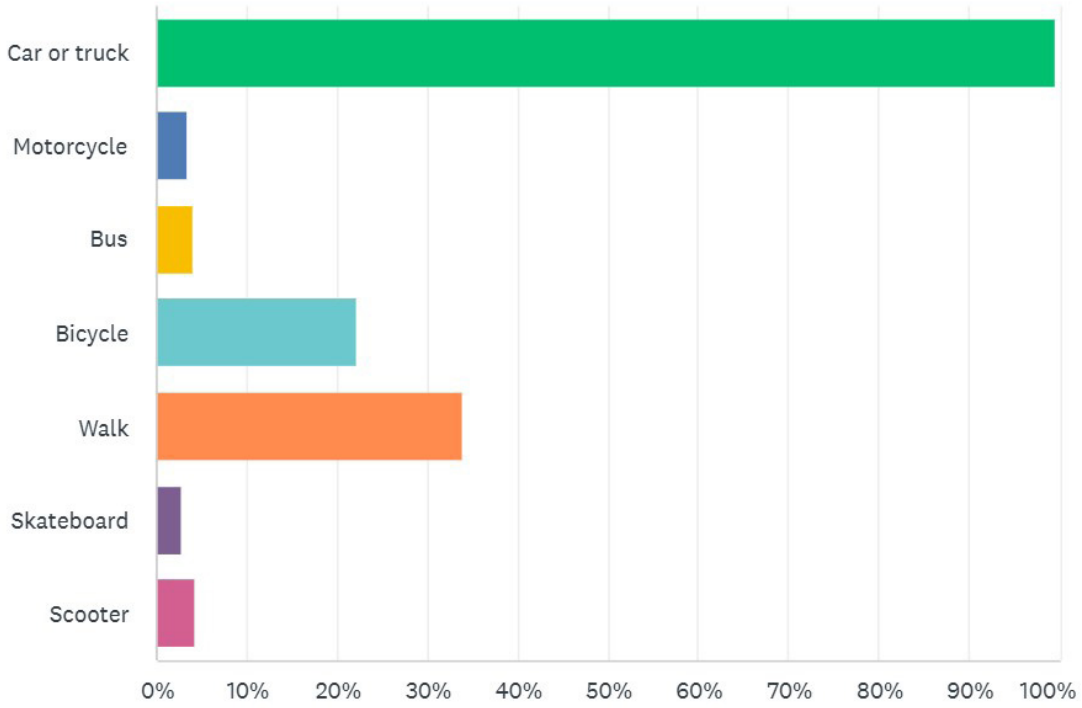
QUESTION 7: Do you own a dog, and if so, do you take it to the park?

As shown in the chart below, more than half of the respondents (54%) indicated that they have a dog but don't take it to the park. Of the 10% of respondents who said they take their dog to the park, the most commonly mentioned parks were Ellen Trout, Grace Dunne, Kiwanis and Kit McConnico Park. Some respondents mentioned using all the parks, and a few also listed parks in Nacogdoches. [710 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



QUESTION 8: Please select all of the following modes of transportation that you currently use or wish to use in the future to get to your destinations.

As shown in the chart below, nearly all survey participants currently use or wish to use their own personal vehicle to get to their destinations (99.6%). 34% either currently walk or would like to walk, 22.1% either use a bicycle or would like to use a bicycle, and approximately 3-4% said they would use or would like to use the following: scooter (4.2%), bus (4%), motorcycle (3.4%), and skateboard (2.8%). [709 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

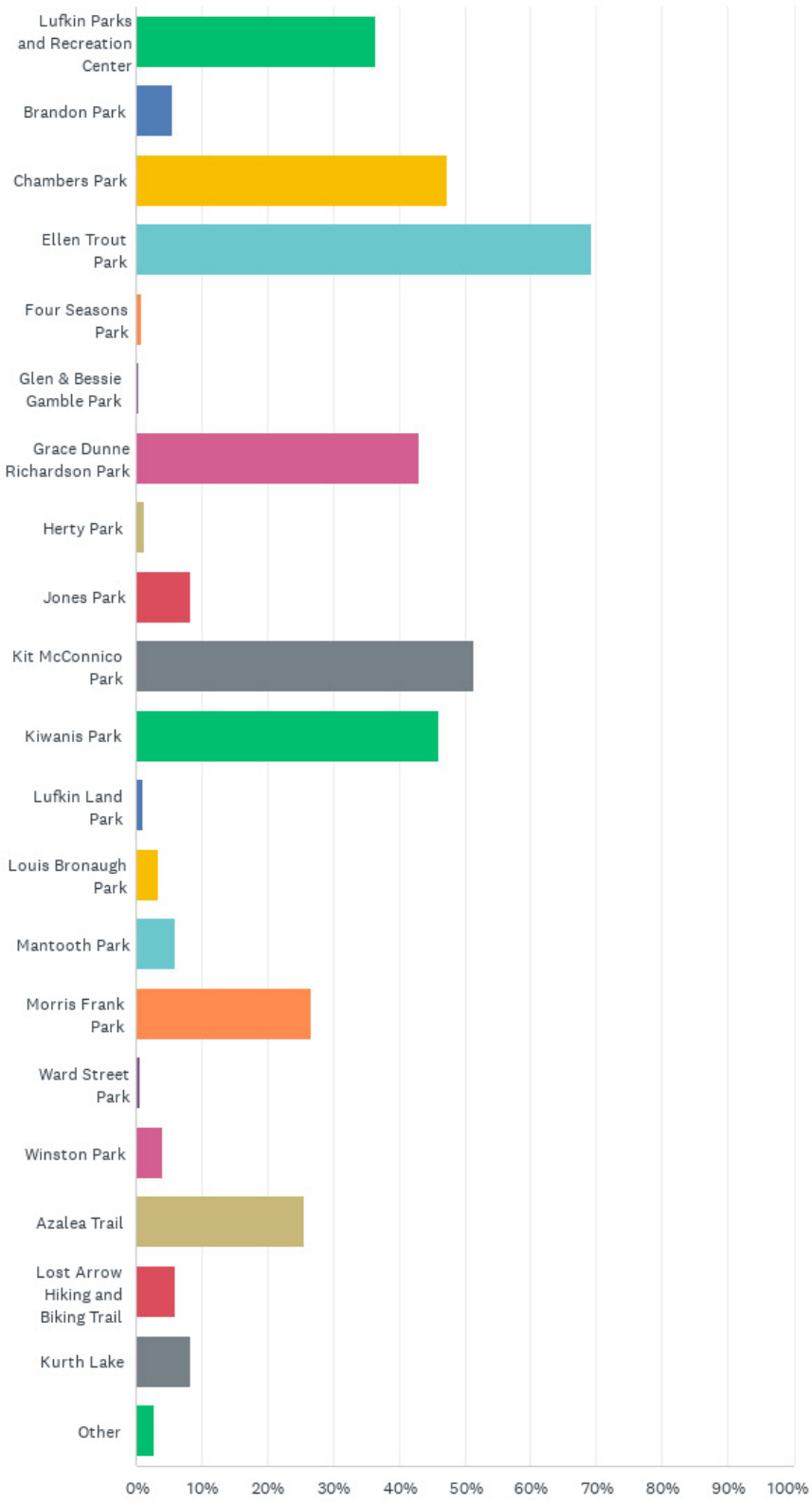


QUESTION 9: Which park(s) or recreation facilities located within the City of Lufkin do you visit at least once each year? (Select all that apply.)

As shown below and on the next page, the top 5 parks or recreation facilities visited by respondents at least once each year are:

- Ellen Trout Park (69.3%)
- Kit McConnico Park (51.4%)
- Chambers Park (47.4%)
- Kiwanis Park (46%)
- Lufkin Parks and Recreation Center (36.5%)

[631 of the 915 participants answered this question.]


Lufkin Parks and Recreation Center
Brandon Park
Chambers Park
Ellen Trout Park
Four Seasons Park
Glen & Bessie Gamble Park
Grace Dunne Richardson Park
Herty Park
Jones Park
Kit McConnico Park
Kiwanis Park
Lufkin Land Park
Louis Bronaugh Park
Mantooth Park
Morris Frank Park
Ward Street Park
Winston Park
Azalea Trail
Lost Arrow Hiking and Biking Trail
Kurth Lake
Other
0%
10%
20%
30%
40%
50%
60%
70%
80%
90%
100%

QUESTION 10: Of the parks and facilities you selected in Question 9, which parks do you visit most often, how often and why?

More than half of the respondents (56%) indicated that they make frequent visits to various parks in Lufkin, primarily for sports activities, family outings and recreational purposes. A summary of the responses are provided below.

- **Ellen Trout Park** is a favorite for its proximity to the zoo, walking trails, shade and perceived safety. Many families visit for picnics, hiking and the zoo.
- **Kit McConnico Park** is popular for sports, especially soccer, and its spaciousness, which allows for outdoor activities such as walking.
- **Chambers Park** is often visited for its splash pad, playgrounds, tennis courts and open space, while its proximity and safety are appreciated by many.
- **Kiwanis Park** is preferred for its walking trails, splash pad, skate park, disc golf and playgrounds, though some visitors have concerns about safety.
- **Morris Frank Park** is primarily visited for disc golf, baseball and other youth sports.
- Other parks like **Kurth Lake, Grace Dunne Richardson** and **Mantooth Park** are mentioned for specific attractions like the dog park, shade at Grace Dunne, playgrounds, fishing at the lake and proximity to visitors' homes.

Overall, safety, cleanliness and proximity are key factors influencing park choices. Several respondents also mentioned visiting for community events or participating in activities like prayer groups, hiking or birthday parties.

[541 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 11: Do you visit parks, trails or recreation facilities outside of Lufkin? If so, what is the park name, what city is it in, and what features do you like?

Just over a third of respondents (34%) wrote a response to this question. A summary of the responses is below.

Popular parks and locations mentioned include Faulkner Park, Nacogdoches parks (such as Pioneer and Pecan Park), Lincoln Parish Park in Ruston, Louisiana, and Lady Bird Trail in Austin. Scenic parks like Boykin Springs, Ratcliff Lake and Mission Tejas State Park are favored for their natural beauty. Other notable locations include parks in Tyler, Diboll, Houston and College Station.

Commonly enjoyed activities include mountain biking, hiking, walking, running and playgrounds for children. Disc golf and pickleball are highlighted, especially in Old Orchard Park (Diboll) and Maroney Park (Nacogdoches), which is also praised for its wooden play structure. Fishing and water features are also popular.

Safety and cleanliness are top priorities, with parks like Old Orchard Park, Boykin Springs and many in Nacogdoches praised for their maintenance and safe environments. However, Lufkin parks were criticized for lacking amenities and having safety concerns.

Scenic beauty is a strong attraction, particularly for parks with water features, shaded areas and natural trails. The Azalea Trail in Nacogdoches, Tammany Trace Trail in Louisiana and Faulkner Park were frequently mentioned for their aesthetics.

Many respondents noted frequent visits to parks while traveling, such as Zilker Park in Austin, Hermann Park in Houston and Teton National Park in Wyoming, all appreciated for their variety of activities, spaciousness and modern amenities.

Overall, respondents emphasized the desire for parks with modern amenities, scenic beauty, safety and diverse activities for both children and adults. Parks like Huntington Park, Centennial Park and Pecan Park in Nacogdoches stood out for their beauty, walking trails and playgrounds.

[436 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 12: Please select your top 5 priorities for improving parks and trails in Lufkin.

Respondents were asked to select their top five priorities for improving parks and trails in Lufkin from 17 possible options. The final option, "Other," allowed participants to specify additional priorities not listed. Below are the top five most frequently selected priorities:

- Increase safety measures (lighting, visibility, police, etc.) (79.2%)
- Upgrade outdated play equipment in the parks (including the areas immediately under and around the equipment) (55.2%)
- Renovate restrooms (48.4%)
- Increase maintenance (more frequent trash pickup, landscaping, etc.) (47.8%)
- Add trails and sidewalks convenient to neighborhoods that connect to schools, parks and trails (42.7%)

Of the 15.2% of respondents who selected "Other," their specified priorities include:

- Pickleball courts.
- Bike skills/pump track and improve/expand bike trails.
- **Playgrounds:** Upgrade outdated playgrounds, improve safety with better materials and add sensory-friendly equipment for children with disabilities.
- **Walking/Hiking Trails:** Expand and connect trails between parks and other community locations, improve pavement and add benches for longer trails.
- **Safety & Security:** Concerns over homeless populations in parks, requests for better police presence and improved safety measures like surveillance and lighting.
- **Park Maintenance:** Need for better upkeep, including regular mowing, landscaping and repairs of playgrounds, restrooms and fields.
- **Restrooms:** Requests for cleaner and safer restrooms, ensuring they are fully equipped and maintained.
- **Splash Pads:** Calls for larger splash pads with shaded areas and safer surfaces.
- **Skate Parks:** Desire for an expanded and professionally designed skate park.

- **Dog-Friendly Amenities:** Suggestions for improving dog parks and adding more water stations, clean-up areas and off-leash spaces.
- **Additional Amenities:** More places to picnic, concert spaces, putt-putt golf, water parks and other interactive features to make parks more enjoyable for all ages.
- **Tree Planting & Landscaping:** Requests for planting more trees, adding colorful foliage and improving the aesthetic appeal of parks year-round.
- **Soccer Fields:** Improve and maintain soccer fields, add more fields and widen driveways for better traffic flow.
- **Homelessness & Crime:** Strong concerns about homeless individuals in parks and suggestions to address crime and drug use in public spaces.
- **Inclusive Parks:** Support for parks designed for children and adults with disabilities, including sensory-friendly play areas.
- **Animal Control:** Requests for better handling of stray dogs to ensure safe walking areas.
- **Unique Features:** Suggestions to incorporate distinctive, engaging features to draw more visitors to the parks and improve their appeal.

[607 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 13: For what purpose(s) do you or would you use the trails? (Select all that apply.)

Respondents were asked to select why they use or would like to use the trails in Lufkin from 9 possible options. The final option, "Other," allowed participants to specify additional reasons not listed. Below are the top five most frequently selected reasons:

- Walking (90.4%)
- Nature observation (48.7%)
- Running (31.9%)
- Bicycling (28.4%)
- Access to parks/recreation facilities (21.6%)

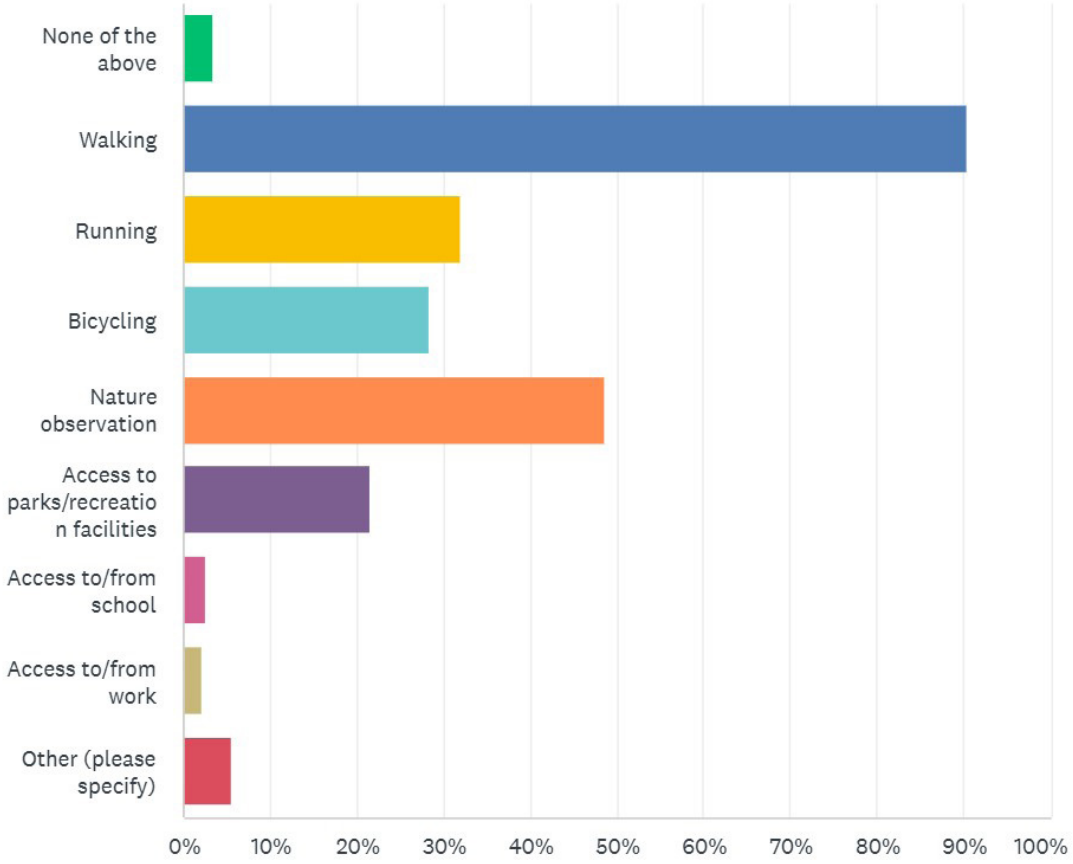
Of the 5.5% of respondents who selected "Other," their specified priorities include:

- Pickleball and Disc Golf.
- Family Gatherings and Outings.
- **Fitness & Exercise:** Including fitness stations, walking, running and dog walking.
- **Children's Activities:** Athletic events, parties and creating memories.
- **Relaxation & Enjoyment:** Meditation, reading, sitting outdoors and taking in nature.
- **Fishing & Access to Water:** Rivers, ponds or lakes.
- **Community Events & Social Interaction:** Pokémon Go, homeschool classes and community gatherings.
- **Safety Concerns:** Many respondents avoid using trails or parks due to safety issues related to homeless

individuals and crime.

- **Improved Facilities:** Requests for better volleyball, baseball and basketball courts.

[602 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



QUESTION 14: If you use the trail to get to/from a place, specifically which park, school, workplace, retail store, public facility or other location is your destination? Where would you like to see a trail lead to?

Just over 10% (10.8%) of respondents took the time to provide a written response to this question. Some of their responses included:

- **Safety Concerns:** Many respondents express discomfort using the trails due to safety issues, particularly the Azalea Trail. Reports mention homeless individuals, drug use, lack of police presence and unsafe conditions for women, especially when alone.
- **Connectivity & Accessibility:** A strong desire for trails that connect key areas like parks, downtown, retail spaces and neighborhoods is prevalent. Suggestions include linking trails to grocery stores, parks and schools, with some asking for better sidewalks or trails on specific streets, such as First Street and FM 58.

- **Recreation & Fitness:** Some respondents use trails for running, walking or biking, but they emphasize the need for safe, uninterrupted routes for long-distance runs. Several expressed the need for trails that loop for easier navigation and recreation.

- **Potential Improvements:** Many request more visible, open trails that are less secluded, with suggestions to build new trails in areas like Crown Colony and Brookhollow. Others mention examples of well-maintained trails in nearby towns, like the LaNana Creek Trail in Nacogdoches.

- **Historical & Nature Preservation:** A few suggest incorporating historical markers or preserving nature along the trails, including creeks where people can engage in water activities like wading and kayaking.

- Overall, safety, connectivity and accessibility are the major concerns, with an emphasis on better maintenance and linking trails to important community destinations.

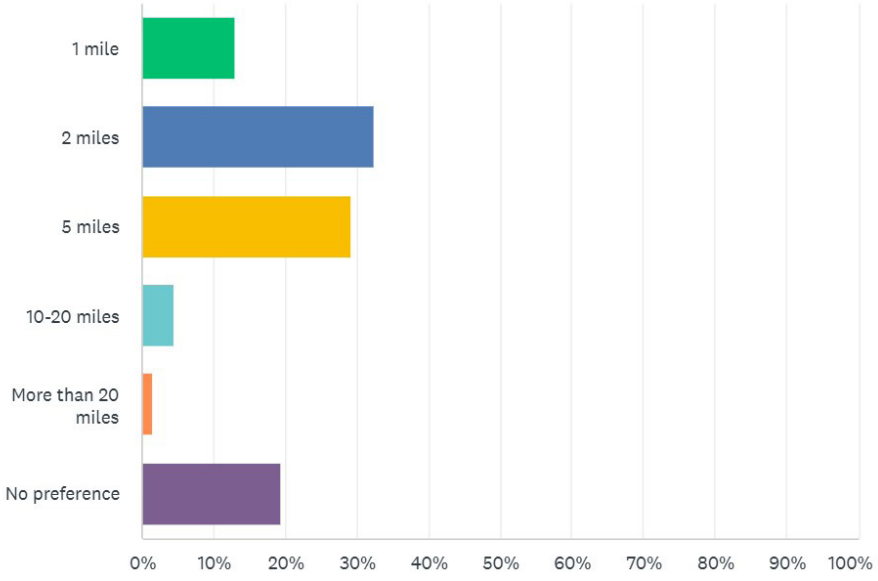
[99 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 15: What distance of a continuous trail would be suitable for your needs?

Almost two-thirds (64%) of the participants answered this question. The top three most selected responses were:

- 2 miles (32.5%)
- 5 miles (29.2%)
- No preference (19.3%)

[585 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



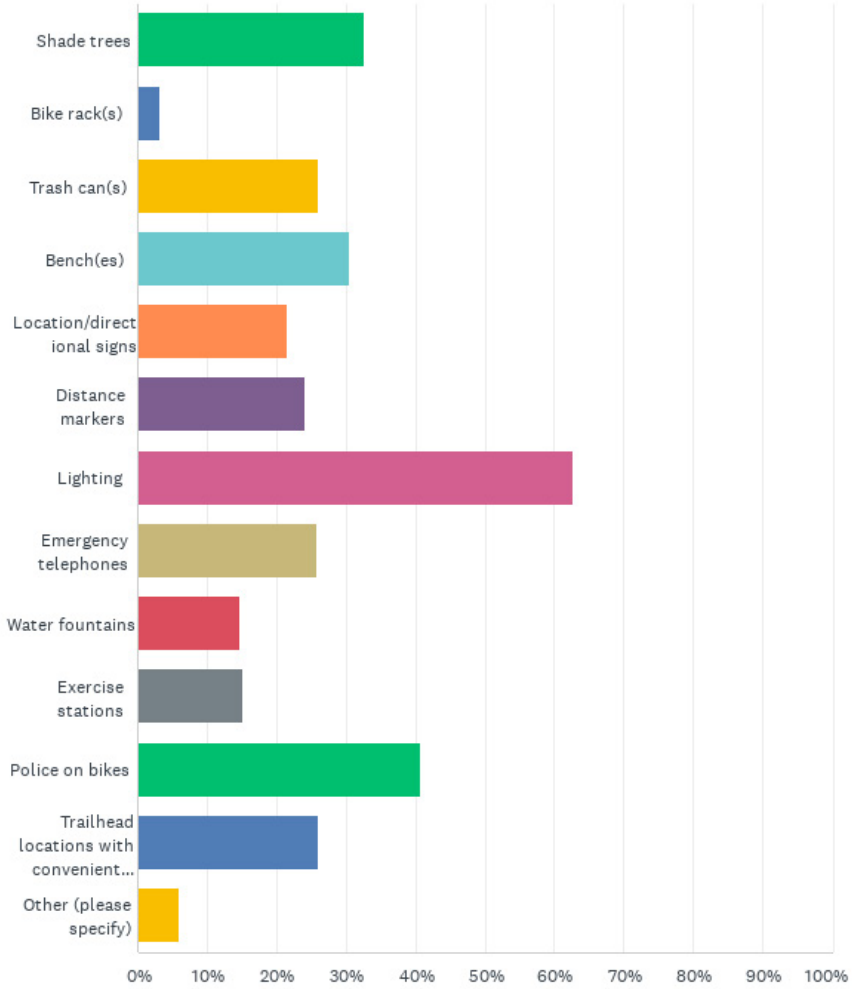
QUESTION 16: Please select your top 3 priorities that you would like to see improved or added along the trails.

Almost two-thirds (64.6%) of the respondents selected their top three priorities for improving trails in Lufkin from 13 possible options. The final option, "Other," allowed participants to specify additional priorities not listed. Below are the top three most frequently selected priorities:

- Lighting (62.6%)
- Police on bikes (40.8%)
- Shade trees (32.7%)

Of the 6% of respondents who selected "Other," their specified priorities include:

- **Playground & Trail Maintenance:** Requests for new or improved playgrounds, updated lighting and renewed asphalt walkways along trails.
- **Security & Safety Concerns:** Strong emphasis on improving safety, especially on Azalea Trail, with calls for better lighting, surveillance cameras and police presence to address drug use and homelessness.
- **Restrooms & Accessibility:** Need for clean restrooms, especially for children and improved accessibility for people with disabilities, including paved trails for strollers and mountain bike trails.
- **Environmental & Aesthetic Improvements:** Suggestions to plant more trees, add colorful foliage, flowers, art, birdhouses and cooling/misting stations along the trails.
- **Cleanliness & Maintenance:** Requests for trash pickup, especially



around creeks and along the trails and measures to prevent homelessness and debris buildup.

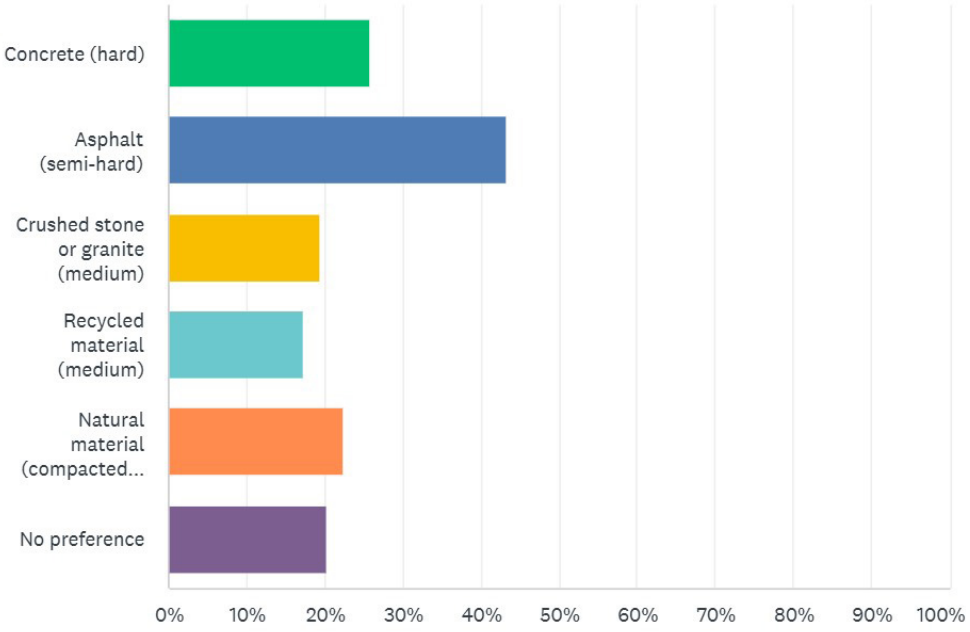
- **Additional Amenities:** Calls for picnic tables, dog stations (with water and cleanup), fishing ponds and rails along trails for safety.
- **Trail Expansion:** Interest in more walking trails, better connections (e.g., sidewalks leading to local businesses) and safer locations for trails.

[591 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 17: What type of trail surface do you prefer? Please select your top 2 preferences.

Nearly two-thirds (65.5%) of the participants answered this question. The top two most selected responses were:

- Asphalt (semi-hard) (42.2%)
- Concrete (hard) (25.7%)



[599 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 18: Why do you not use the trails or walking paths? (Select all that apply.)

More than half of the participants (59.1%) selected the following as their top choices from the 10 options provided:

- Fear of harm (77.6%)
- Poor condition (40.9%)

- Not enough loop trails or routes, I have to go one direction and then return on the same route (25%)

[541 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 19: What local partner organizations could help build, maintain or fund trails, adaptive play equipment, playground equipment, other park enhancements, etc.?

Of the 19.3% who answered this question, some of the local partner organizations that were mentioned were:

- **Sponsorship & Donations:** Local businesses (e.g., Brookshire Brothers, Whataburger, Walmart), civic organizations (Kiwanis, Lions Club, Rotary Club) and corporate donors (Lockheed Martin, Pilgrim's Pride) could sponsor items like playground equipment, benches or lighting in exchange for advertising or naming opportunities.
- **Volunteer & Civic Engagement:** Groups like the Boy/Girl Scouts, high school/college clubs, church groups and civic associations could adopt parks for cleaning and maintenance projects. Volunteer days organized by groups like Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the Park or Angelina Beautiful Clean could also help.
- **Grants & Foundations:** The Temple Foundation, Kurth Foundation, Texas Parks and Wildlife grants and other state/federal funds could provide financial support.
- **Special Events & Programs:** Ideas include hosting fundraising events (purse bingo, pickleball tournaments) or implementing an "Adopt-a-Park" program for maintenance. Tax revenue and City bond initiatives were also mentioned as potential funding avenues.

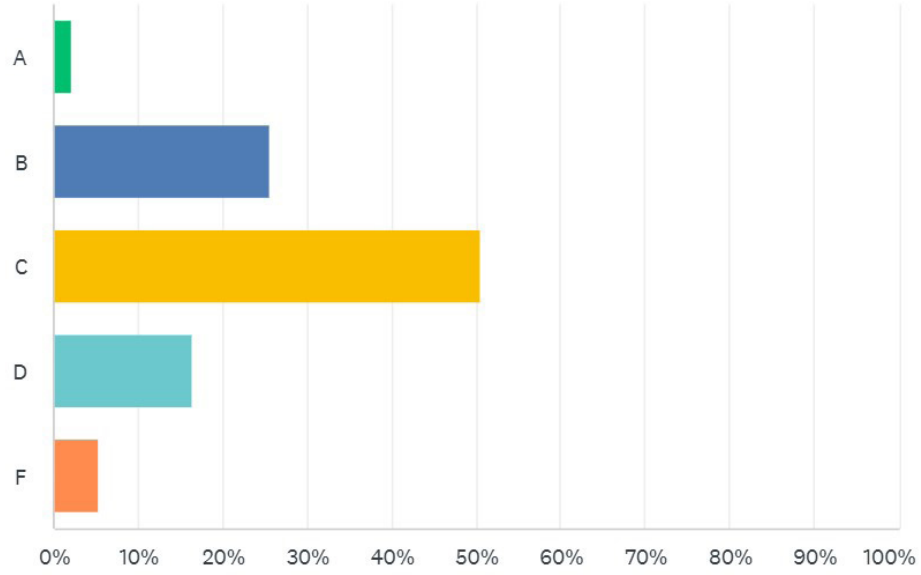
[177 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 20: What overall grade do you give to the parks, trails and recreation facilities in Lufkin?

Of the 62.6% that responded, the top two choices were:

- C (50.4%)
- B (25.7%)

[573 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



QUESTION 21: In the previous question, if you ranked Lufkin parks and trails offerings lower than "A," what would it take to achieve an A?

Nearly half the respondents (45.4%) provided a written answer to this question. A summary of the responses is below:

Updates and Continuous Maintenance:

- Parks need updates and improvements to equipment.
- More accessible parks for all ages and abilities, including children with special needs.

Safety Concerns:

- Poor lighting and lack of security make parks feel unsafe.
- Presence of vagrants and fear of muggings deter park usage.
- Call for increased police presence, better lighting and visible security.

Cleanliness and Upkeep:

- Parks often have litter, including cigarette butts and overflowing trash.
- Regular maintenance like mowing, trash pick-up and equipment repair is needed.
- Restrooms are dirty and require cleaning and updating.

Comparison to Nacogdoches:

- Nacogdoches parks have seen significant improvements and serve as a model for Lufkin.
- Residents travel to Nacogdoches to enjoy its parks due to better facilities and maintenance.

Better Funding and Resource Allocation:

- Improved funding should be directed toward upgrading equipment, safety features and park maintenance.
- Strategic use of funds could revitalize parks and make them more inviting.

Bike Lanes and Walking Trails:

- Lack of bike lanes and safe walking paths limits outdoor activity.
- Requests for improved and wider trails, with better signage and maintenance.

Playgrounds and Family-Friendly Amenities:

- Desire for new, safer and more inclusive playground equipment.
- Addition of shaded areas, splash pads and activities for older kids and teens (e.g., pickleball courts).

- Well-maintained restrooms, benches and water fountains are needed.

Community Involvement and Vision:

- Calls for planning that involves community input and a vision to enhance Lufkin parks.
- Some suggest starting with one major park overhaul and expanding improvements across all parks over time.

Additional Suggestions:

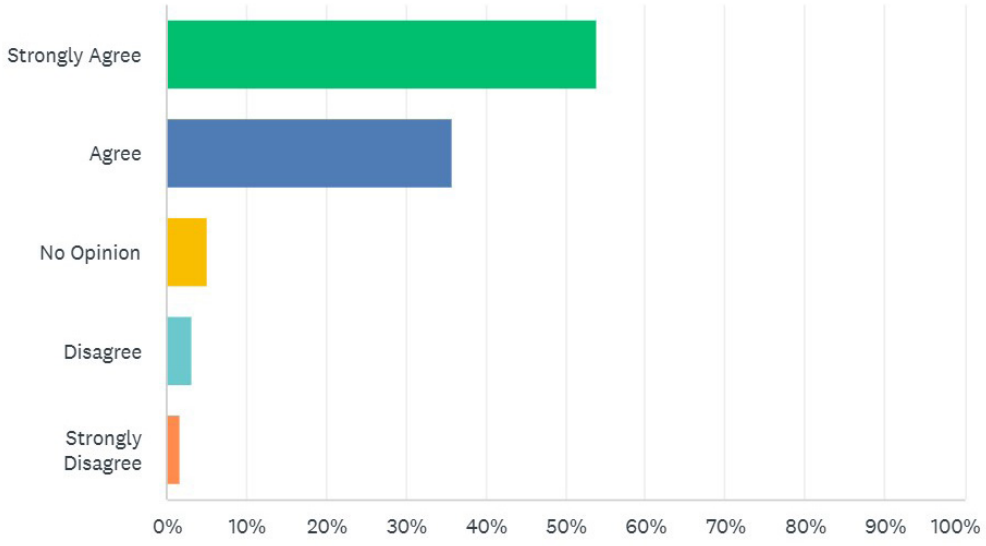
- More scenic nature trails and parks away from roads.
- Improved signage, distance markers on trails and possible vendors like coffee or snow cone stands.
- Reduced presence of transients and safety measures to improve comfort for families visiting parks.

[415 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 22: The City should continue to balance the maintenance needs of existing sites and facilities with the possibility of adding new or enhanced pieces to the system.

The majority of participants agreed with this statement (89.8%). This was the highest level of agreement among questions 22 through 25.

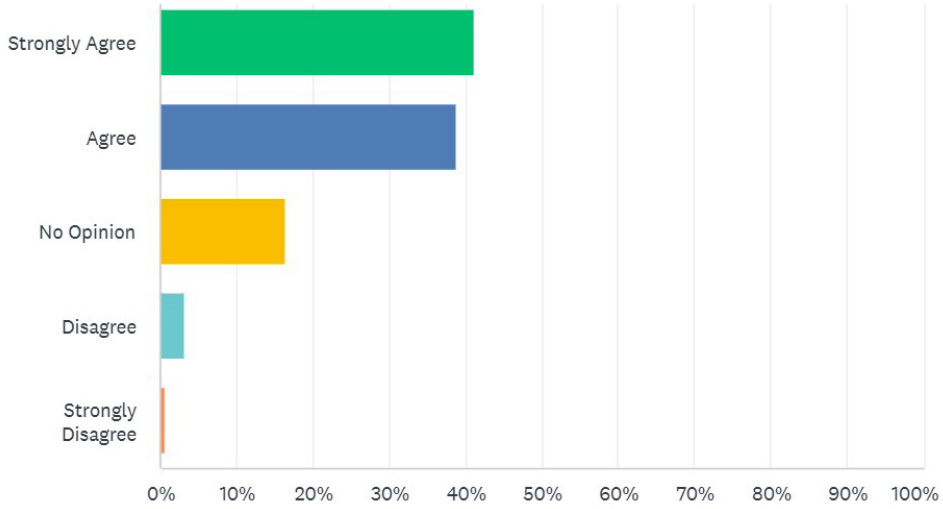
[556 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



QUESTION 23: Preservation of local environmental resources, including drainage areas, should be a major focus of park/trail acquisition, expansion and design.

Of the 60.9% participants who responded to this question, 79.9% agreed with this statement. This was the second highest level of agreement in this series of questions.

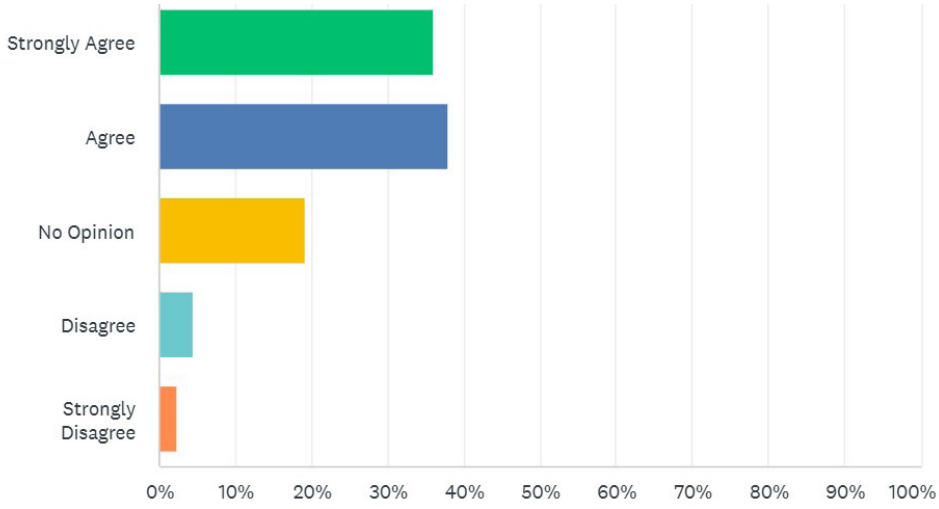
[557 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



QUESTION 24: A trail system that connects neighborhoods to parks, schools and natural amenities should be developed across more of the city.

Almost three-fourths of the participants (73.9%) agreed with this statement. It is also important to note that this question received the highest percentage of participants who selected no opinion (19.2%).

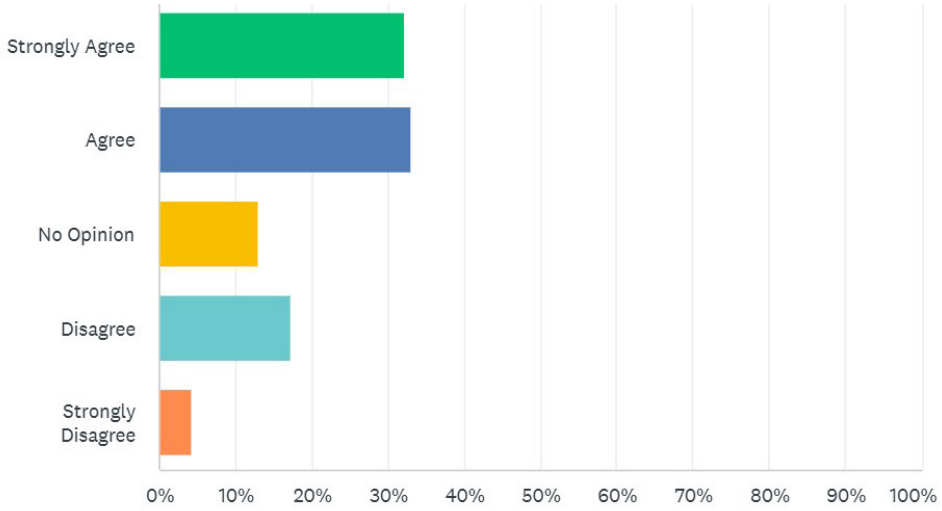
[556 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



QUESTION 25: The existing trail system is sufficient, but maintenance issues need to be addressed, such as removal of brush and dead trees, repairs to lighting and cracked trails, etc.

Although almost two-thirds agreed with this statement (65.3%), surprisingly this question received the highest level of disagreement in this series of questions (21.7%).

[553 of the 915 participants answered this question.]



QUESTION 26: As you think about the future of parks and trails in Lufkin, do you have any other hopes or concerns that you did not see covered in the questions above?

Many in the community are urging for better maintenance and upgrades to Lufkin's parks and trail systems. Many parents express disappointment with the condition of facilities, particularly the water splash pads and emphasize the need for safer and more inviting spaces for families. A strong call was heard for improvements to the trail system to make it safer, with added police presence, better lighting and better maintenance of overgrown foliage.

Some residents are advocating for longer and more connected trails, suggesting that better outdoor infrastructure could make Lufkin more appealing, not just for families but also for retirees who want to remain active. Residents also feel Lufkin is lagging behind nearby towns like Nacogdoches in terms of outdoor recreation opportunities.

One respondent highlights the need for a longer trail system and bike lanes, adding that improving these systems could revitalize the city. He points out, "Retirement doesn't mean dead," and urges city planners to "think outside of the box" like other towns have done successfully.

A general sentiment was also heard that parks should be kept clean, safe and well-maintained. Many also mentioned the importance of having modern and accessible equipment for children, with one person lamenting the state of Winston Park, which was once a favorite.

Residents propose new additions like pickleball courts, more playgrounds and organized community activities such as wellness classes, sports and even adult ballroom dancing. They also request amenities like safe pathways, longer and well-connected trails and more attractions for all age groups.

In summary:

- **Maintenance:** Clean and repair current parks and trails, including splash pads and equipment.
- **Safety:** More lighting, police patrols and security, particularly on trails.
- **New Amenities:** Longer, connected trails, biking paths and more activities for all age groups, including seniors and teenagers.
- **Investment:** Revitalize the city by creating appealing outdoor spaces, drawing inspiration from other towns, and fostering a stronger community connection through well-maintained parks and trails.

[235 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 27: Which park(s) or recreation facilities located within the City of Lufkin do you visit at least once each year? (Select all that apply.)

Respondents who answered "Other" in question 2 were asked this question, which is the same as question 9 for residents or those who live in the immediate surrounding area. Only 6.2% of the participants answered this question. The top five parks that were most frequently selected were:

- Ellen Trout Park (75.4%)
- Chambers Park (42.1%)
- Kiwanis Park (38.6%)
- Kit McConnico Park (33.3%)
- Grace Dunne Richardson Park (30%)

[57 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

QUESTION 28: I would use City parks, trails or recreation facilities more often if:

Residents suggest that Lufkin's parks and trails could be more appealing with improvements in safety, cleanliness and amenities. Many express concerns about security, especially women and parents, who feel uncomfortable due to a lack of police presence and the presence of homeless individuals. Suggestions include better lighting, security patrols and improved maintenance, particularly on the Azalea Trail, which is currently seen as unsafe and overrun with sand.

Key improvements proposed include:

- Longer and better-maintained trails for walking, biking and scooters, with smoother surfaces and proper upkeep.
- Additional amenities such as toddler swings, places to roller skate, water mist areas and pavilions for events and concerts.

- Enhanced safety with more visible security, better lighting and secure restroom facilities.
- Cleaner parks with regular maintenance to address issues like broken equipment and the presence of drug paraphernalia.
- Accessibility improvements, including handicap-accessible trails and well-marked maps for newcomers.

The survey confirmed a desire for a better trail system, RV/camping options and a greater variety of outdoor activities. Residents also wish for cleaner, more attractive parks with updated play equipment and safer, well-lit areas for families and children.

[35 of the 915 participants answered this question.]

MOBILE MEETINGS AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

KKC personnel and City staff facilitated one Special Committee meeting at Lufkin Parks and Recreation on January 15, 2025, and several mobile "pop-up" meetings on January 16, 2025, which were open to the public. Approximately 20 individuals participated in the mobile meetings, most of whom were local residents, with the exception of a few visitors. The visitors included a couple from Montgomery who frequently visit Ellen Trout Zoo and Park, and an individual from Nacogdoches who regularly uses the skatepark. Parks were visited multiple times throughout the day to gather a range of feedback. Although there were no visitors at some parks, the parks and facilities visited included: Jones, Brandon, Ellen Trout, Winston, Chambers, Kiwanis and Grace Dunne Richardson Parks and the Kurth Memorial Library.

Mobile meeting participants were asked questions about the strengths and opportunities for Lufkin's parks and trails, as well as their wish list for enhancing the parks and trails system. The overall results are summarized below.



Azalea Trail

- More lighting and security.

Chambers Park

- Dangerous intersection at Feagin Drive and Pershing Avenue.
- Need more water fountains or bottle-filling stations.
- Bathrooms need renovation.
- More slides and more swings.
- More barbecue pits.

Ellen Trout Park

- Love to fish there and use the docks.
- Appreciate how safe and open it feels.
- Like the trail, lake and pavilions.

- Need more or closer restrooms.
- Need more kid-friendly activities/events and replacement of the playground that burned down.
- Need to remove dead trees at the back portion of trail.
- Need more picnic tables on the back side of the trail.
- Would love an all-inclusive park. If not at Ellen Trout Park, then elsewhere in the city.

Four Seasons Park

- Potential for a trail around the park.

Jones Park

- Lake has too much vegetation.
- Restroom doors need fixing.





Kit McConnico Park

- Loops have too many jogs.
- Restrooms are always locked.

Kiwanis Park

- Concern about the homeless people.
- Restrooms are too far. More restrooms on the other side of the park would be nice.
- Skatepark needs maintenance/upgrades: suggestions include installing a square rail, removing a dangerous round rail, smoothing out concrete, fixing the coping at the top of the ramp, adding a mini ramp with quarters on each side, and adding a half-pipe and skateboard bowl.

Louis Bronaugh Park

- Would like a trail around the park.



City-Wide

- Need more places like D-BAT with batting cages.
- Would like to see more Wi-Fi city-wide and in parks.

APPENDIX B: PARKS INVENTORY

In December 2023, the City of Lufkin conducted an inventory of its parks, documenting the available amenities, their quantities, and their condition. In October 2024, KKC visited the parks to validate the accuracy of this inventory through spot checks. The following pages present the original inventories provided by the City.

Park Name: Brandon Park

Amenity	Present in	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	Yes	2	*Good*
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	Yes	1	Good
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	2	Good
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	6	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	No		
Fences	No		
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	4	Good
Light Poles	Yes	4	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Good
Pavilions	Ye	1	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	6	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	1	Good
Stationary Picnic Tables	No		
Trash Bins	Yes	7	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	1	Good
Swings	Yes	6	Good
Swings	Yes	5	Good
Employee Name		Wayne	12/29/2023

Landscaping Areas	
Wayfinding Maps	
Monuments	
Donor Plaques	1

Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Bronaugh Park

Amenity	Present in	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	No		
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	Yes	1	Good
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	Yes	1	Good
Side Walks	yes	2	Good
Stairs	Yes	1	Good
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	15	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	No		
Fences	No		
Flag Pole	Yes	16	Good
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	2	Good
Light Poles	Yes	17	Good
Park Name Signs	No		
Pavilions	No		
Picnic Tables	Yes	1	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	No		
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	1	Good
Trash Bins	Yes	3	Good
Water Fountains	No		
Swings	No		
Slides	No		
Employee Name		Wayne	12/28/2023

Landscaping Areas	
Wayfinding Maps	5
Monuments	5
Donor Plaques	15 (14 Flag) (1 Bed)

Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Chambers Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition
			(Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	Yes	1	*Good*
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Fair
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	Yes	1	Fair
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	Yes	2	Fair
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	Yes	1	Good
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	4	Good
Stairs	Yes	1	Good
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	Yes	2	Good
Benches	Yes	16	Fair
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	Yes	2	Fair
Fences	Yes	4	Fair
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	2	Good
Light Poles	Yes	16	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	4	Fair
Pavilions	Yes	4	Fair
Picnic Tables	Yes	17	Fair
Recycling Bins	Yes	6	Good
Restrooms	Yes	1	Fair
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	2	Fair
Trash Bins	Yes	14	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	1	Good
Swings	Yes	8	Good
Slides	Yes	5	Good
Employee Name	Wayne		12/28/2023

Landscaping Areas	
Wayfinding Maps	0
Monuments	
Donor Plaques	

Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Ellen Trout Zoo

Amenity	Present in	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	2	Fair
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	Yes	1	Good
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	4	Good
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	Yes	1	Good
Structures			
BBQ Grills	Yes	2	Good
Benches	Yes	5	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	No		
Fences	No		
Flag Pole	Yes	2	Good
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	10	Good
Light Poles	Yes	26	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Good
Pavilions	yes	2	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	16	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	1	Good
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	3	Good
Trash Bins	Yes	18	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	2	Good
Swings	Yes	9	Fair
Slides	Yes	2	Good
Employee Name		Wayne	12/28/2023

Landscaping Areas	
Wayfinding Maps	
Monuments	4
Donor Plaques	3

Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Glenn and Bessie Gamble Park

Amenity	Present in	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	No		
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	2	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	No		
Fences	No		
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	Yes	1	Good
Informational Signs	Yes	1	Good
Light Poles	Yes	1	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Good
Pavilions	Yes	1	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	2	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	No		
Stationary Picnic Tables	No		
Trash Bins	Yes	2	Good
Water Fountains	No		
Swings	Yes	3(1 baby, 2 regular)	Good
Slides	Yes	1 large double	Good
Employee Name		Wayne	

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Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Grace Dunne Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	Yes	1	*Good*
Dog Park	Yes	1	Good
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Fair
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	Yes	1	Good
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	Yes	2	Fair
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	Yes	2	Good
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	2	Good
Stairs	Yes	2	Good
Walking Trails	Yes	2	Good
Structures			
BBQ Grills	Yes	3	Good
Benches	Yes	10	Good
Bike Rack	Yes	1	Poor
Bleachers	Yes	2	Good
Bridges	No		
Fences	Yes	1	Good
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	Yes	1	Good
Informational Signs	No		
Light Poles	Yes	15	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Good
Pavilions	Yes	1	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	8	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	1	Good
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	6	Good
Trash Bins	Yes	9	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	3	Fair
Swings	Yes	6	Good
Slides	Yes	3	Good
Rocker	Yes	1	Good
Employee Name	Wayne		12/28/2023

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Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Herty Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	Yes	1	*Good*
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	Yes	1	Good
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	1	Fair
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	Yes	1	Fair
Structures			
BBQ Grills	Yes	3	Fair
Benches	Yes	10	Fair
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	No		
Fences	Yes	1	Good
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	10	Fair
Light Poles	Yes	3	Fair
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Fair
Pavilions	Yes	1	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	7	Fair
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	1	Fair
Stationary Picnic Tables	No		
Trash Bins	Yes	4	Good
Water Fountains	No		
Swings	Yes	2	Good
Slides	Yes	2	Good
Employee Name	Wayne		12/28/2023

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Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Jones Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	Yes	2	*Good*
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	Yes	1	Good
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	Yes	1	Good
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	Yes	1	Good
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	Yes	1	Good
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	1	Good
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	Yes	1	Good
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	6	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	Yes	3	Good
Fences	Yes	1	Good
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	3	Good
Light Poles	Yes	6	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Good
Pavilions	Yes	3	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	5	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	2	Good
Stationary Picnic Tables	No		
Trash Bins	Yes	13	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	4	Good
Dock	Yes	1	Good
Slides	Yes	6	Good
Swing Sets	Yes	4	Good
Employee Name	Wayne		

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Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Kit McConnico Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition
			(Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	Yes	7	Fair
Sports Soccer Fields	Yes	14	Fair
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	Yes	7	Fair
Outdoor Seating	Yes		Good
Side Walks	Yes	4	Good
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	Yes	7	Fair
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	18	Good
Bike Rack	Yes	1	Good
Bleachers	Yes	12	Fair
Bridges	No		
Fences	Yes	7	Good
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	1	Good
Light Poles	Yes	38	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Good
Pavilions	Yes	2	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	6	Fair - Need Repairs
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	2	Good
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	3	Good
Trash Bins	Yes	30+	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	2	Good
Swings	No	0	
Slides	Yes	1	Good
Employee Name	Jarvis McFarland		

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Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Kiwanis Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition
			(Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	Yes	1	
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	2	
Pool	No		
Skate Park	Yes	1	
Splah Pad	Yes	1	
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	Yes	18	
Tennis Court	Yes	2	
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	No		
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	Yes	1	
Structures			
BBQ Grills	Yes	1	
Benches	Yes	19	
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	Yes	4	
Bridges	Yes	3	
Fences	Yes	1	
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	Yes	1	
Informational Signs	Yes	3	
Light Poles	Yes	12	
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	
Pavilions	Yes	3	
Picnic Tables	Yes	15	
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	1	
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	11	
Trash Bins	Yes	33	
Water Fountains	Yes	4	
Disc Golf Baskets	Yes	9	
Teq Ball Table	Yes	1	
Swings	Yes	12	Good
Slides	Yes	8	Good
Employee Name			12/28/2023

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Park Name: Lufkin Land Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition
			(Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		*Coverd Courts*
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	1	Good
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	3	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	No		
Fences	No		
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	1	Good
Light Poles	Yes	2	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Fair
Pavilions	No		
Picnic Tables	Yes	1	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	1	Good
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	1	Good
Trash Bins	Yes		
Water Fountains	Yes	1	Poor
Swings	Yes	4	Good
Slides	Yes	2	Good
Employee Name	Wayne		12/29/2023

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Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Mantooth Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition
			(Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	Yes	1	Good
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	No		
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	4	
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	Yes	2	Fair
Benches	Yes	11	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	No		
Fences	No		
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	1	Poor
Light Poles	Yes	3	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Good
Pavilions	Yes	1	Good
Picnic Tables	No		
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	No		
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	6	Good
Trash Bins	Yes	3	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	1	Good
	Yes	4	Good
	Yes	3	Good
Employee Name	Wayne		12/28/2023

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Park Name: Morris Frank Park- Girls

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	No		
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	Yes	6	Good
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	Yes	24	Good
Side Walks	Yes	12	Good
Stairs	Yes	1	Good
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	Yes	1	Poor
Benches	Yes	8	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	Yes	12	Good
Bridges	No		
Fences	Yes	16	Good
Flag Pole	Yes	1	Good
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	37	Good
Light Poles	Yes	20	Good
Park Name Signs			
Pavilions	Yes	6	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	10	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Tes	2	1-Good 1-Poor
Stationary Picnic Tables	No		
Trash Bins	Yes	11	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	2	Poor
Swings			
Slides			
Employee Name	Wayne		1/2/2024

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Monuments	0
Donor Plaques	0

Source: City of Lufkin

Park Name: Morris Frank Park - Boys

Amenity	Present in	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	Yes	7	Good
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	Yes	18	Good
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	Yes	19	Good
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	12	Good
Stairs	Yes	8	Good
Walking Trails	Yes	19	Good
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	2	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	Yes	29	Good
Bridges	No		
Fences	Yes	13	Good
Flag Pole	Yes	3	Good
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	18	Good
Light Poles	Yes	42	Good
Park Name Signs	Yes	3	Good
Pavilions	Yes	1	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	12	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	4	Good
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	6	Good
Trash Bins	Yes	17	Good
Water Fountains	yes	2	Poor
Swings	Yes	4	Good
Slides	Yes	2	Good
Employee Name			

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Monuments	1
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Park Name: Ward Park

Amenity	Present in	Qty	Rate Condition (Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	No		
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	1	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	Yes	1	
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	No		
Volleyball Court	No		
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	No		
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	2	Good
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	No		
Bridges	No		
Fences	Yes	1	Good
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	No		
Light Poles	Yes	1	Good
Park Name Signs	No		
Pavilions	No		
Picnic Tables	Yes	1	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	No		
Stationary Picnic Tables	No		
Trash Bins	Yes	2	Good
Water Fountains	No		
	Yes	6	Good
	Yes	2	Good
Employee Name			12/28/2023

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Park Name: Winston Park

Amenity	Present in Park	Qty	Rate Condition
			(Poor, Fair, Good)
Recreation			
Basketball Ball Court	Yes	1	*Poor*
Dog Park	No		
Fitness Stations	No		
Playground	Yes	2	Good
Pool	No		
Skate Park	No		
Splah Pad	No		
Sports Fields	Yes	1	Poor
Tee Boxes (Disc Golf)	No		
Tennis Court	Yes	1	Poor
Volleyball Court			
Leisure			
Event Spaces/Stage	No		
Nature Trails	No		
Outdoor Seating	No		
Side Walks	Yes	1	Good
Stairs	No		
Walking Trails	No		
Structures			
BBQ Grills	No		
Benches	Yes	5	Fair
Bike Rack	No		
Bleachers	Yes	1	Good
Bridges	No		
Fences	Yes	2	Fair
Flag Pole	No		
Gazebo	No		
Informational Signs	Yes	3	Good
Light Poles	Yes	17	Fair
Park Name Signs	Yes	1	Good
Pavilions	Yes	2	Good
Picnic Tables	Yes	8	Good
Recycling Bins	No		
Restrooms	Yes	1	Good
Stationary Picnic Tables	Yes	2	Good
Trash Bins	Yes	9	Good
Water Fountains	Yes	2	Poor
Swings	Yes	13	Good
Slides	Yes	5	Good
Employee Name	Wayne		12/29/2023

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