

2026 Kirkwood Parks & Recreation

MASTER PLAN

Executive Summary



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PURPOSE OF THE MASTER PLAN

The Park Board Mission is to enhance the quality of life through the programs we offer, the events we host, and the facilities we provide, while preserving and maintaining natural areas, open space, and native habitat. We will strive to provide the highest level of service to our citizens, while balancing the needs of the present and those of future generations.

This mission informs decisions made by the Parks and Recreation Department and the citizens who support it through the City Council, Park Board, and advisory commissions. It speaks to Kirkwood's shared values: promoting physical health, encouraging social connection, and protecting natural spaces.

This Master Plan was created to give clear, realistic guidance for how we move forward, where we focus energy, and how we allocate resources. It is intended for public officials, city administrators, staff, boards and commissions, and the residents of Kirkwood.

At its core, this plan is a tool for alignment. It helps us clarify what we have, understand what the community wants, and determine what we can realistically achieve with current funding levels.

We began with a thorough inventory and condition of existing parks, facilities, and programs, accompanied by an analysis of demographic and economic trends.

Next, we engaged the community. Through a statistically valid survey, two public open houses, and focused stakeholder interviews. We gathered ideas and priorities from our residents. These conversations offered insight into where the community envisions Kirkwood Parks and Recreation in the future.

Finally, we evaluated those community priorities using four key criteria:

- Alignment with our mission
- Availability and usability of land and facilities
- Stewardship of natural resources
- Financial feasibility

These filters helped translate community vision into actionable, realistic goals. That analysis drew on the expertise of City staff, the consultant team, and the Master Plan Steering Committee; a group of citizens, staff, Park Board, and City Council members committed to seeing this effort through.

This document is not a rigid blueprint, but a flexible guide to inspire action and ensure accountability. It reflects both the aspirations of Kirkwood residents and the real-world constraints that must be navigated. We hope it will be used often and wisely, and that it sparks meaningful progress.

To all who contributed ideas, time, and energy—especially the residents of Kirkwood—thank you. Your voices helped shape this plan, and your support will help bring it to life.



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Community Research

The planning team conducted extensive research to better understand the City of Kirkwood, including an analysis of schools and associated recreational facilities, available land suitable for park use, and the overall geographic context of the community. Transportation patterns and high-traffic corridors were also evaluated to understand access and connectivity throughout the city. In addition, demographic characteristics such as age distribution, population trends, household income, and other key indicators were analyzed. Together, this research provided valuable insight into how the community functions and helped ensure the master plan is aligned with the needs of current and future residents.



Park System Research

As the primary focus of the plan, a comprehensive assessment of the existing park system was conducted to evaluate current conditions and identify opportunities for improvement. Both indoor and outdoor facilities were inventoried and assessed to determine their quantity, quality, and overall condition. Park trails were also evaluated as an important component of the city's recreational offerings. In addition, existing recreation programs were reviewed to better understand park usage and how programming aligns with facility conditions. This integrated analysis allows the project team to identify priorities and guide recommendations throughout the master planning process.



Community Input

Community input was gathered in coordination with the park assessments and demographic research to ensure the plan reflects local priorities and values. Providing opportunities for residents and stakeholders to share their perspectives was a critical component of the process, helping ensure that proposed improvements are community-driven. Feedback was collected through surveys, stakeholder interviews, and multiple public meetings. The input received helped confirm which parks, facilities, and programs matter most to the community and identified targeted improvements to best meet community needs moving forward.

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COMMUNITY RESEARCH

History

Founded in 1853, the City of Kirkwood was for many residents an escape from City living. Given Kirkwood’s proximity to the City of St. Louis, the historic growth of Kirkwood can be partially attributed to individuals wanting to escape the noise, density, crime, and disease associated with 19th-century cities. As a result, Kirkwood’s primary land use is overwhelmingly single-family homes, accounting for up to 67% of Kirkwood’s 9.18 square miles of land area.

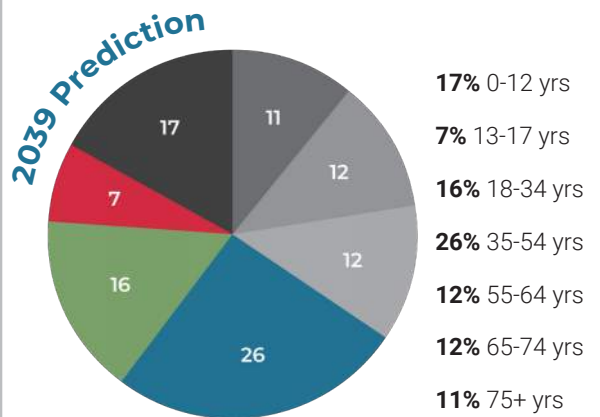
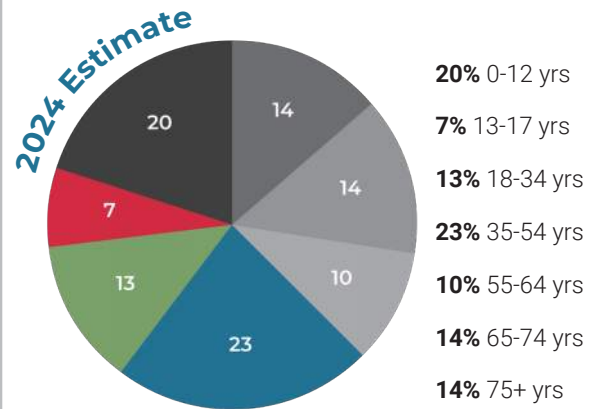
2024 AVERAGES

Total Population	29,138
Total Households	12,230
Median Age	42.9 yrs old
Median Household Income	\$114,095

2024 Demographic Comparison	City of Kirkwood	Missouri	U.S.A.
Population			
Annual Growth Rate (2020-2024)	-0.27%	0.42%	0.70%
Projected Annual Growth Rate (2024-2039)	0.27%	0.17%	0.38%
Households			
Annual Growth Rate (2020-2024)	-0.29%	0.68%	1.02%
Average Household Size	2.36	2.40	2.53
Age Segment Distribution			
Ages 0-19	26.1%	24.3%	23.7%
Ages 20-34	13.6%	19.8%	20.3%
Ages 35-54	25.6%	24.3%	25.4%
Ages 55-74	23.9%	23.3%	22.7%
Ages 75+	10.9%	8.1%	7.7%
Race Distribution			
White Alone	85.4%	76.2%	60.3%
Black Alone	5.6%	11.3%	12.5%
American Indian	0.2%	0.5%	1.1%
Asian	1.7%	2.3%	6.4%
Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Other Race	0.9%	2.3%	8.8%
Two or More Races	6.1%	7.2%	10.7%
Income Characteristics			
Per Capita Income	\$64,322	\$38,428	\$43,829
Median Household Income	\$114,095	\$68,138	\$79,068

POPULATION BY AGE SEGMENTS (BY PERCENTAGE)

0-12	13-17	18-34	35-54	55-64	65-74	75+
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COMMUNITY RESEARCH



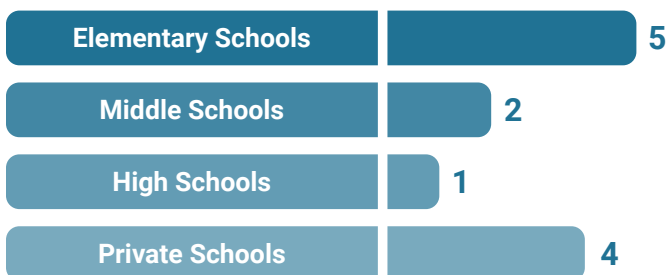
Location & Proximity

The City of Kirkwood is strategically positioned within the region’s transportation network, bounded by Interstate 270 to the west and Interstate 44 to the south. Several major regional arterials further enhance connectivity, supporting both local circulation and regional access.

Kirkwood Road (Lindbergh Boulevard) runs north-south through the city and carries approximately 25,000-35,000 vehicles per day, linking Kirkwood to South and North St. Louis County, including access to St. Louis Lambert International Airport. Manchester Road forms the northern edge of the city, carrying similar traffic volumes and connecting Kirkwood to West St. Louis County and major commercial centers, while Big Bend Boulevard links Kirkwood Road to I-44 and I-270, serving as a key county arterial with daily traffic volumes of 18,000-23,000 vehicles.


Schools

The schools in Kirkwood offer a range of indoor and outdoor recreational facilities that support play and athletics: elementary and middle schools have playgrounds and outdoor learning spaces, and the high school features extensive sports facilities including football and track fields, soccer/field hockey/lacrosse fields, baseball and softball diamonds, multiple gymnasiums, a large fitness center, tennis courts, and a competitive swimming pool (Walker Natatorium).



Demographic Key Findings

Below is a summary of the key demographic findings for the City of Kirkwood:




Population Trends: Kirkwood’s population is stable, suggesting a focus on retaining current users while expanding outreach to underserved or unserved residents.




Age Group Considerations: Minimal shifts in age distribution highlight the need for targeted programming for residents ages 55+ and 18 and under.




Diversity in the Community: Growing diversity within a predominantly single racial group underscores the importance of inclusive programming.



Income Levels and Pricing: Higher-than-average household incomes allow flexibility in program pricing while maintaining accessibility through options such as scholarships.



Program Relevance: In a stable community, recreational programs must remain dynamic and engaging to sustain participation.



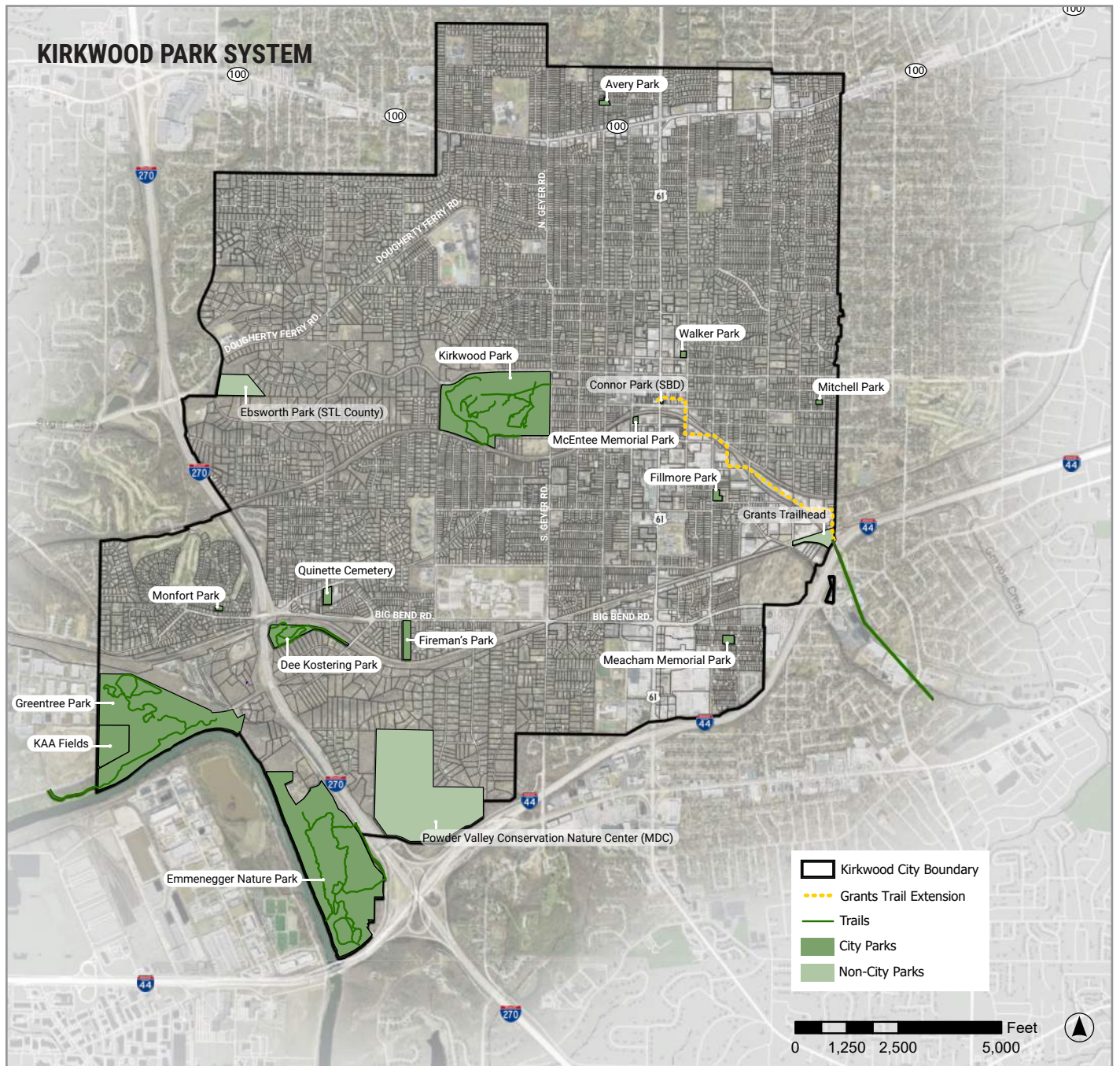
Facility Upkeep: Ongoing maintenance of parks and facilities is essential to retain current users and attract new ones.

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PARK SYSTEM RESEARCH - PARKS

Parks

Kirkwood's park system currently holds a total of 13 parks. Detailed observations were completed by both Kirkwood Parks and Recreation Department staff and the consultant team. These observations offered an overview of the current conditions of each park and highlight potential improvements, which have been provided through feedback gathered during the first public meeting and survey.



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PARK SYSTEM RESEARCH - PARKS

Avery Park



Dee Koestering Park



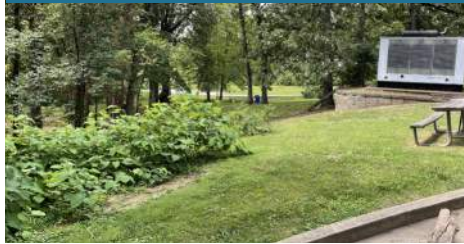
Emmenegger Park



Fillmore Park



Fireman's Park



Greentree Park



McEntee Park



Meacham Park



Mitchell Park



Monfort Park



Kirkwood Park



Quinette Cemetery



Walker Park



13 PARKS

within the
Kirkwood Park System

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PARK SYSTEM RESEARCH - OUTDOOR & INDOOR FACILITIES

Outdoor Recreation Facilities

Kirkwood Parks and Recreation offers a diverse range of outdoor recreation facilities that support residents of all ages and interests. Playgrounds and sports fields form the foundation of the system, providing spaces for casual play, organized athletics, and community gatherings. Baseball and softball fields are widely available and reflect strong participation in youth and adult leagues, while tennis courts and pickleball courts support both competitive and recreational play. Splash pads and similar amenities add seasonal variety and enhance family-oriented recreation opportunities.

Overall, Kirkwood's outdoor facilities are balanced and well distributed throughout the community, ensuring convenient access to active and passive recreation. The mix of playgrounds, fields, courts, and water features allows the park system to accommodate a wide range of users, from young children and families to teens and adults, while supporting both structured programming and informal use.

Indoor Recreation Facilities

Kirkwood provides an extensive and varied inventory of indoor recreation facilities that serve as year-round activity hubs. Community centers and multi-use facilities host indoor sports, fitness activities, classes, meetings, and special events, offering flexible space to meet changing community needs. The fitness studio and gymnasiums support individual wellness and group recreation, while meeting rooms provide space for programs, clubs, and community gatherings.

Kirkwood's indoor system is further strengthened by unique and specialized facilities, including an ice rink and a performing arts center, which expand recreational and cultural opportunities beyond traditional park amenities. A strong presence of multi-use spaces and indoor pickleball courts enhances flexibility and maximizes use across seasons, resulting in a comprehensive indoor recreation system that supports a broad range of activities and interests within the community.

Kirkwood Parks & Recreation Benchmark Analysis: Current Facilities

Outdoor Facilities

Baseball/Softball Fields	●
Basketball Court	●
Cricket Pitch	
Cross Country Course	●
Disc Golf Course	
Dog Park	
Lake/Ponds	●
Pickleball Courts	●
Playgrounds	●
Pool/Aquatic Center	●
Skate Park	
Soccer	●
Splash Pads	●
Sports Complex	●
Tennis Courts double lined for Pickleball	●
Tennis Courts	●

Indoor Facilities

Aquatic Center	
Basketball Court	●
Community Center	●
Fitness Center	
Golf Events Center	
Gyms	●
Ice Rink	●
Indoor Pool	
Meeting Room	●
Multi-Purpose Space	●
Performing Arts Center	
Pickleball Courts	●
Senior Center	●
Tennis Center	
Theater	●

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PARK SYSTEM RESEARCH - PARK TRAILS & RECREATION PROGRAMS

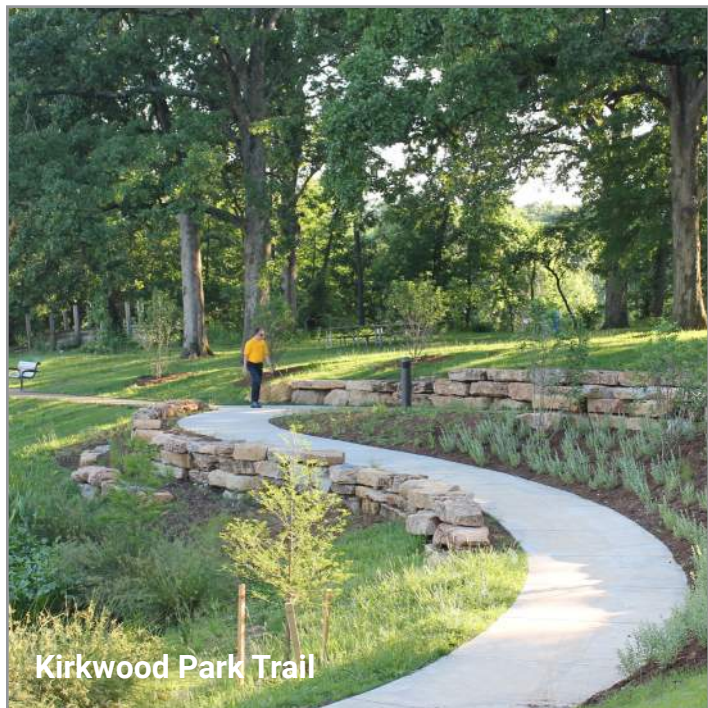
Trails

The City of Kirkwood, Missouri, offers trails that provide a variety of recreational opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts. In many cases, these trails are major attractions within the park itself, functioning as part of Kirkwood’s wide array of community spaces.




4 TRAILS
within the
Kirkwood Park System

- 1 Emmenegger Nature Park Trail
- 2 Greentree Park Trail
- 3 Kirkwood Park Trail
- 3 Dee Koestering Park Trail




Recreation Programs

KPRD currently offers a vibrant and diverse portfolio of recreational opportunities, including:




Sports Programs: Youth soccer, adult volleyball, softball, pickleball, and more. These programs encourage physical fitness, friendly competition, and social connection.




Fitness Classes: Taekwondo, Zumba, Pilates, and senior-focused wellness programs meet the demand for accessible health and wellness opportunities across age groups.




Outdoor Recreation: Family campouts, archery, and nature hikes connect residents with nature and promote stewardship of local parks.



Arts and Culture: Youth theater productions and programming at the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center (KPAC) foster creativity, expression, and cultural engagement.



Aquatics: Lap swim, swim lessons, water fitness classes, and lazy river at the Aquatic Center offer aquatic fitness and safety education.



Special Events: Events like the Greentree Festival, Turkey Day Run, July 4th Celebration, and the Spooktacular bring thousands together annually.

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COMMUNITY INPUT - NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

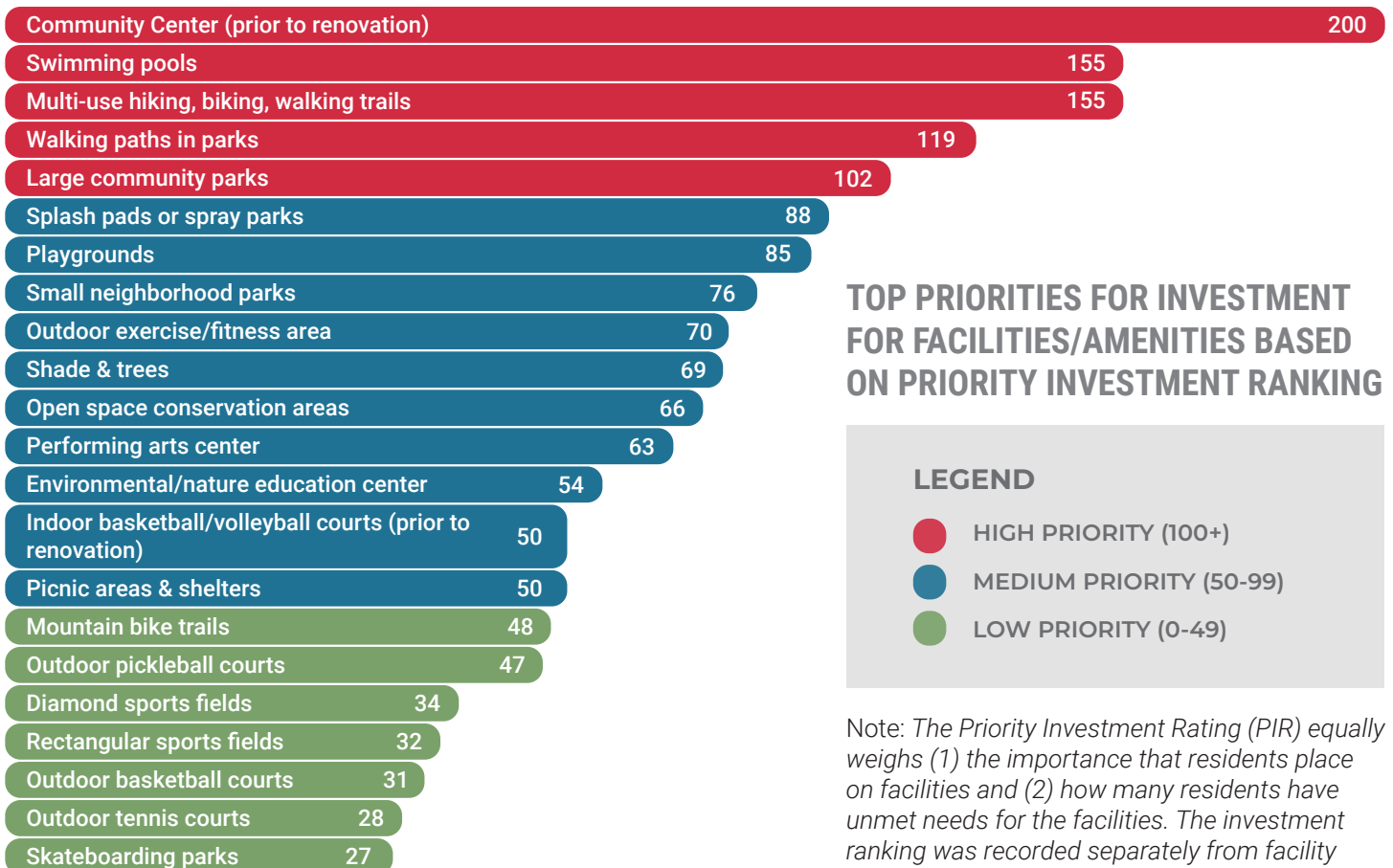
Recreation Facilities/Amenities Needs and Priorities

Facility Needs: Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 22 recreation facilities and amenities and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community that had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities. The three facilities with the highest percentage of households that have an unmet need include the following:

1. Walking paths in parks
2. Large community parks
3. Shade & trees

Facility Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each facility, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item. Based on the sum of respondents’ top five choices, these were the five facilities that ranked most important to residents:

1. Community center - prior to renovation
2. Swimming pools
3. Multi-use hiking, biking, walking trails
4. Walking paths in parks
5. Large community parks



TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT FOR FACILITIES/AMENITIES BASED ON PRIORITY INVESTMENT RANKING

LEGEND

- HIGH PRIORITY (100+)
- MEDIUM PRIORITY (50-99)
- LOW PRIORITY (0-49)

Note: The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) equally weighs (1) the importance that residents place on facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facilities. The investment ranking was recorded separately from facility needs and importance.

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COMMUNITY INPUT - NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Recreation Programs/Activities Needs and Priorities

Program Needs: A community survey evaluated demand for 27 recreation programs and how well current offerings meet those needs. The greatest unmet needs were identified as the following:

1. Adult fitness & wellness programs
2. Exercise classes
3. Performing arts events

Program Importance: In addition to assessing the needs for each program, the importance of these programs was also assessed. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, these were the four programs that ranked most important to residents:

1. Adult fitness & wellness programs
2. Exercise classes
3. Performing arts events
4. Pickleball/tennis lessons & leagues



TOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT FOR PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES BASED ON PRIORITY INVESTMENT RANKING

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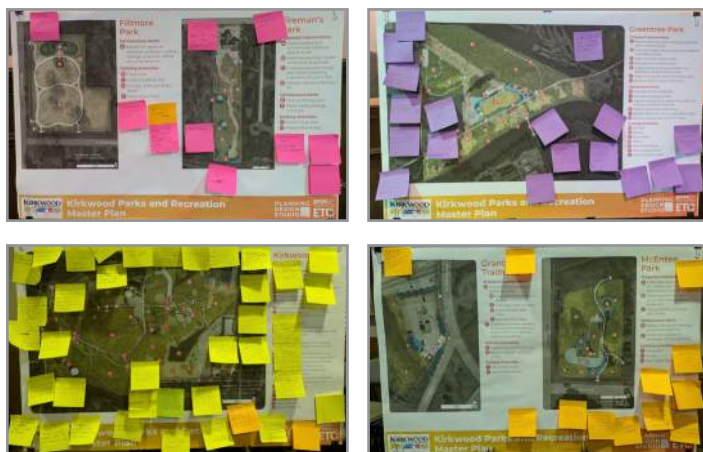
COMMUNITY INPUT - PUBLIC MEETINGS & STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Public Meeting No. 1

The first public meeting provided valuable insights into the community’s priorities and concerns regarding the Kirkwood Parks Master Plan. The strong emphasis on natural spaces, along with the demand for improved maintenance, trail systems, and the immediate need for a new pool, should be central considerations for the development of the plan. The significant conflicts of opinion on mountain bikes and fitness facilities suggest the need for a careful and balanced approach to planning.

Public Meeting No. 2

The second public meeting expanded on the community’s desire to preserve Kirkwood’s park system while making thoughtful, incremental improvements that enhance access, connectivity, and user experience. Residents consistently emphasized protecting existing park land, maintaining and improving trail systems, and balancing new amenities with respect for the character of each park. There is also broad support for improved trail connections, wayfinding, maintenance, and basic facilities such as restrooms, shade, seating, and drinking fountains, alongside interest in expanded programming, nature-based play, and age-inclusive recreational opportunities. Residents also shared differing views on how much development is appropriate, highlighting the need for thoughtful, context-sensitive design and collaboration with the community.



Greentree Festival	18	Active Recreation	8
Open Space	13	Park Maintenance Staff	7
Athletic Organizations	12	Recreation Staff	7
Youth	10	City Council	5
Institutional Users	9	Recreation Facilities	3
Walkers/Hikers/Bikers	9	Staff Programming	3



Positive Stakeholder Feedback

Stakeholders expressed strong support for Kirkwood’s park system, highlighting its natural spaces, convenient neighborhood parks, and wide variety of recreational opportunities. Popular amenities such as pickleball and tennis courts, multi-use parks, memorial features, and events like the Greentree Festival were frequently praised. Parks and Recreation staff were recognized for effective maintenance, and programs such as Camp Kirkwood were viewed as high-quality offerings that serve a broad range of ages and abilities.



Negative Stakeholder Feedback

Stakeholders noted several areas for improvement, including outdated pools, playgrounds, and the community center (prior to renovation), as well as the lack of a dog park, trails, and adequate field space and lighting. Concerns also included erosion, insufficient trail signage, parking challenges, and limited connectivity between parks and schools. Program-related issues included limited adult fitness options, full summer camps, and court reservation challenges, along with broader concerns about long-term maintenance capacity, costs, and balancing recreation with preservation of natural spaces.

VISION & GOALS

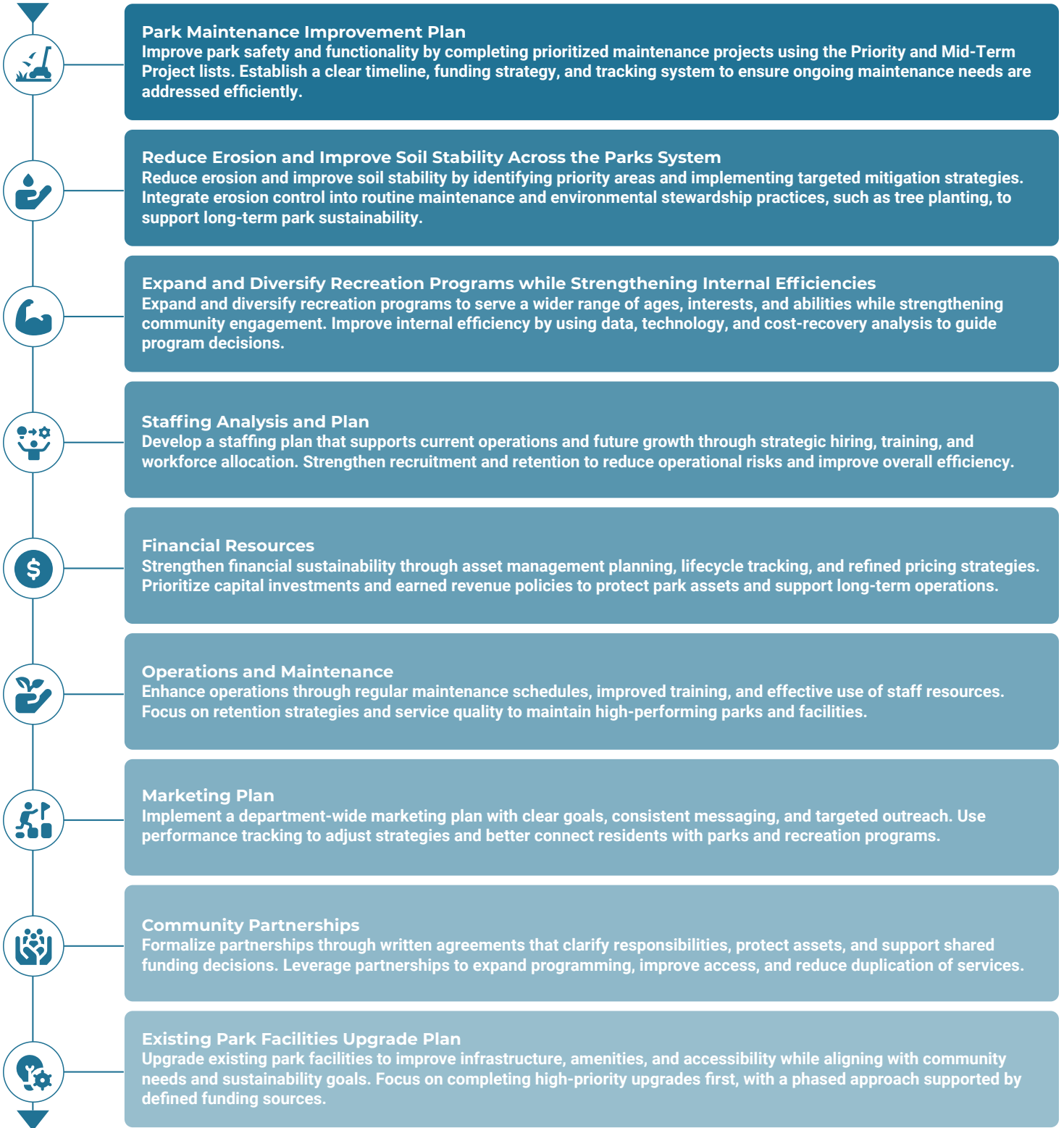


As data was collected throughout the planning process, a clear set of visions and goals for the plan began to take shape. These visions and goals reflect both near-term improvements that can be implemented as a result of the plan and a long-term perspective on how these improvements will influence and strengthen the community over time. Each goal is supported by measurable action items and progress-tracking strategies that provide a framework for implementation, management, and ongoing evaluation.



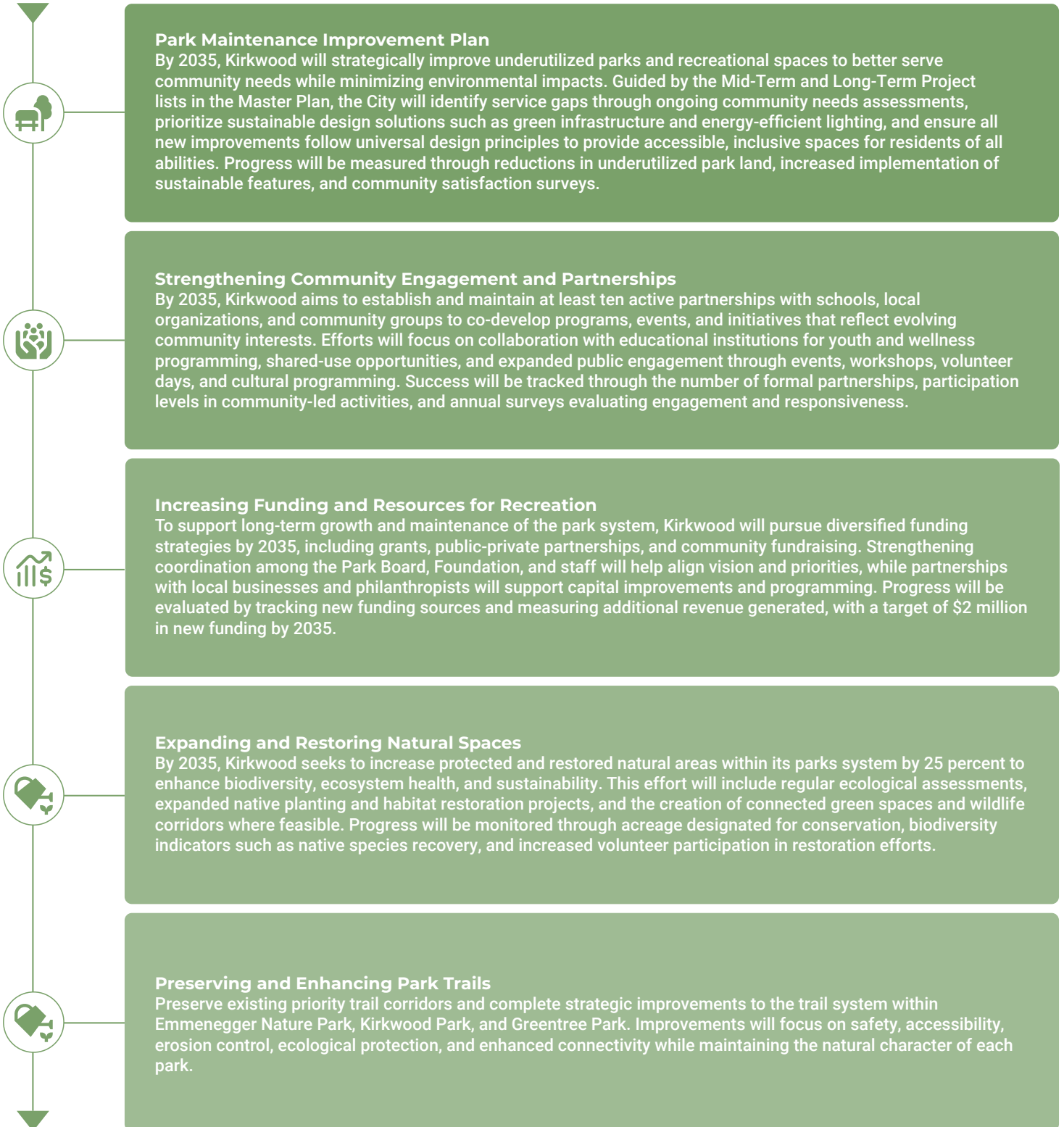
VISION & GOALS

SHORT-TERM GOALS (WITHIN NEXT 5 YEARS)



VISION & GOALS

LONG-TERM GOALS (WITHIN NEXT 10 YEARS)



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



Park Improvements

Based on the data collected throughout the planning process and guided by the community's established vision and goals, a comprehensive set of recommendations was developed to revitalize the Kirkwood park system. These improvements include the addition of new amenities and the enhancement of existing facilities at each park, as well as ongoing maintenance and reinvestment strategies necessary to ensure the parks remain safe, functional, and welcoming for public use over the long term.



Other Considerations

In addition to physical park improvements, the planning process identified a range of complementary considerations, including enhancements to the park trail network, recreation programming, and other operational and experiential aspects of Kirkwood Parks & Recreation. These recommendations were informed by extensive public and stakeholder input and are intended to support a well-rounded park system that responds to community needs, promotes active lifestyles, and strengthens overall park stewardship.



DESIGN EXAMPLES

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Avery Park

Proposed Improvements

- Shrub and perennial bed
- Shade trees
- Open lawn
- Convert gravel path to concrete

Maintenance Items

- Repair playground surfacing
- Repair retaining wall and court surface
- Replace logo on existing sign



Meramec Highlands Quarry at Dee Koestering Park

Proposed Improvements

- Nature trails
- Trail node (seating, signage, overlook)
- Quarry enhancements:
 - Trail access
 - Selective clearing
 - Signage
- Shelter

Maintenance Items

- Repair and refinish existing overlook deck
- Routine trail maintenance

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Emmenegger Nature Park **Proposed Improvements**

- Rebuild parking lot
- Convert road to ADA loop trail
- Park signage
- Replace restroom
- Nature playground
- Shade trees
- Overlook
- Trailhead

Maintenance Items

- Remove backstop
- Remove mulch pile
- Routine trail maintenance
- Passive/Natural area; restore to native prairie



Fillmore Park **Maintenance Items**

No current items (monitor for routine maintenance)

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Fireman's Memorial Park **Proposed Improvements**

- Expand parking lot
- Landscape screen
- Park sign
- Shelter
- Fire truck play equipment
- Loop trail
- Fence

Maintenance Items

- Repair bridge
- Maintain mowed path



Greentree Park **Proposed Improvements**

- Shelter
- Restroom
- Tree lawn
- Restore native landscape
- Remove parking
- Realign trail to avoid flood plain
- Landscape buffer
- Trail node (seating, signage)

Maintenance Items

- Renovate parking lot
- Renovate boat ramp
- Upgrade sport fields
- Routine trail maintenance

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Kirkwood Park

Proposed Improvements

- Add striped crosswalks
- Add 'Yield to Pedestrian' beacon
- Add raised crosswalk
- Install speed table
- Replace playground
- Repair or replacement of outdoor fitness stations

Maintenance Items

- Minor repairs to restrooms
- Renovate existing sports field
- Passive/Natural area; remove invasive plants
- Walker Lake maintenance
- Repair drainage channel
- Amphitheater renovation
- Minor repairs to parking lots
- Renovate existing pool



McEntee Park

Proposed Improvements

- Replace benches
- Picnic table area
- Landscape improvements
- Vegetative screen

Maintenance Items

- Minor landscape improvements at monument
- Minor landscape improvements at flagpole

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Meacham Park

Proposed Improvements

- Replace playground
- Landscape improvements
- Shaded picnic area
- New park entry signage

Maintenance Items

- Repair existing sidewalks
- Minor updates to sport court
- Clean and repair entry columns
- Minor repairs to shelter
- Replace water play area



Mitchell Park

An improvement plan for Mitchell Park was completed in 2023, and the implementation of this plan was later completed in early 2026.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Monfort Park

Proposed Improvements

- Add safety gate on southwest sidewalk

Maintenance Items

- Minor pavement repair



Quinette Cemetery

Proposed Improvements

- Seating area
- Screen plantings

Maintenance Items

- Repair brick edge along path
- Remove brush piles

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

PARK IMPROVEMENTS



Walker Park

Proposed Improvements

- Swing-set
- Screen plantings

Maintenance Items

- Replace logo on existing sign
- Minor shelter repairs
- Minor sidewalk repairs

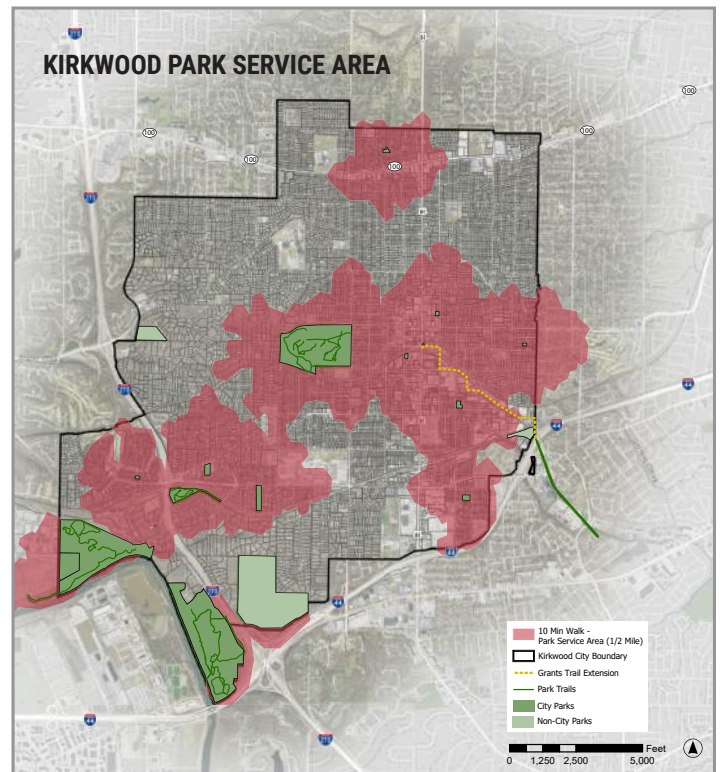
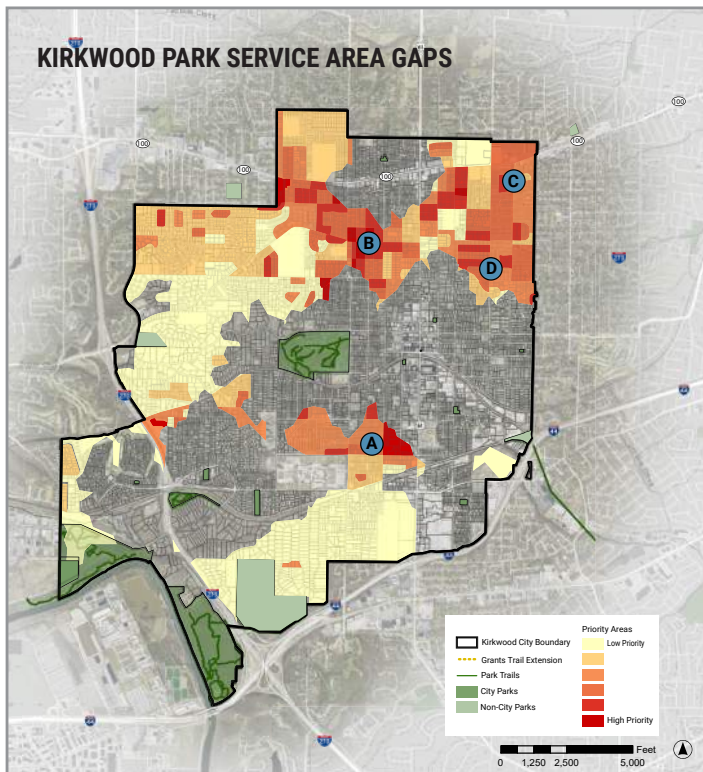
KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

New Park Land Considerations

Kirkwood’s current park system provides sufficient green space for the community, and population projections show no immediate need for large-scale park land acquisition. However, continued residential redevelopment in downtown Kirkwood may increase demand on existing parks, potentially creating a need for additional park space in that area. Overall, most neighborhoods have adequate park access due to the balanced distribution of public parks and school recreation spaces.

The analysis identified four areas where improved park access could increase equity. Areas A and B rely heavily on school green spaces, with Area B also facing walkability challenges due to South Geyer Road, suggesting a need for a new park east of the road. Areas C and D have the greatest need for new park space, which could be addressed with a strategically placed park south of Manchester Road.



Recreation Program Considerations

The success of Kirkwood’s parks depends on more than just physical spaces, it requires strong programs and efficient operations. Building on strategies outlined in the Master Plan, the City will expand inclusive programming, strengthen operations through training, technology, and maintenance, and ensure long-term financial sustainability through capital planning and diverse funding sources. These efforts will be supported by clear marketing, targeted outreach, and strong community partnerships to meet current needs and plan for future growth.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

System-Wide Park Considerations

Unified Park Identity: Adopt standardized furnishings, lighting, signage, and amenities across City parks to create a cohesive look, while preserving a natural aesthetic in nature parks.

Comfort and Shade: Increase shade through tree planting and structures to improve comfort and usability during warmer months.

Sustainability and Innovation: Integrate recycling, solar lighting, and stormwater management systems to support environmental stewardship and long-term resilience.

Health, Wellness, and Open Space: Consider a plan for a future fitness center at the Kirkwood Community Center while preserving open space and expanding passive recreation areas like trails and picnic areas.

Invasive Species Management: Implement a formal invasive species removal program, beginning in high-priority areas, and restore habitats with native plantings to protect ecological health.

Community Stewardship: Expand volunteer programs, education efforts, and partnerships to support park maintenance, invasive species control, and long-term stewardship.

Safety Enhancements: Increase police or ranger presence during high-traffic events to improve traffic control, pedestrian safety, and emergency response.

Trail Considerations

- Recognize trails as a key component of an active, accessible, and connected park system.
- Coordinate with the City's Public Works Department to support future park-to-neighborhood trail connections.
- Expand and upgrade internal park trails to better support walking and jogging.
- Improve trail surfaces and accessibility to ensure safe, inclusive use for all ages and abilities.
- Create looped trail systems where feasible to encourage continuous movement and varied user experiences.
- Enhance wayfinding and trail signage to guide users and highlight key destinations and amenities.
- Integrate trails with natural areas to provide scenic, immersive experiences that promote wellness and environmental awareness.
- Update trails that contribute to runoff into streams, such as Sugar Creek, using proper grading and partnerships to protect water quality and ecosystems.



FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION



Magnitude of Costs

The magnitude of costs provides a high-level overview of the anticipated expenses required to implement the proposed park improvements. The table summarizes the estimated construction costs for each park and compares them to the budgets allocated for these improvements.



Priority Project List


The priority project list aligns with the project vision and goals, as well as community feedback, to identify the recommended sequence for implementing improvements. Projects are organized into short-term, mid-term, and long-term priorities, creating a clear and flexible framework that can adapt as the community grows.



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FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION

MAGNITUDE OF COSTS

 Projected Order of Magnitude Costs	ROM Budget	Total Construction Cost
Avery Park	\$171,391	\$242,690
Meramec Highlands Quarry at Dee Koestering Park	\$300,310	\$425,239
Emmenegger Nature Park	\$1,153,565	\$1,633,448
Fillmore Park	\$5,000	\$7,080
Fireman's Memorial Park	\$555,030	\$785,922
Greentree Park	\$2,450,686	\$3,470,172
Kirkwood Aquatic Center (Recreation Funded)	\$20,000,000	\$28,320,000
Kirkwood Park	\$5,737,230	\$8,123,918
McEntee Park	\$412,855	\$584,603
Meacham Park	\$1,343,375	\$1,902,219
Mitchell Park	\$459,312	\$459,312
Monfort Park	\$5,640	\$7,986
Quinette Cemetery	\$126,195	\$178,692
Walker Park	\$144,350	\$204,400
	Total Project Cost*	\$18,025,680

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PRIORITY PROJECTS & ASSOCIATED COSTS (SHORT, MID, AND LONG-TERM)

Priority Projects (2026-2029)		
Proposed Improvements	ROM Budget	Total Construction Cost
Greentree Park		
Restroom (South)	\$375,000	\$531,000
Kirkwood Aquatic Center (Recreation Funded)		
Renovate Existing Pool	\$20,000,000	\$28,320,000
Kirkwood Park		
Playground Replacement	\$2,500,000	\$3,540,000
Add Raised Crosswalk	\$30,000	\$42,480
Install Speedtable	\$105,000	\$148,680
Mitchell Park		
Implement Master Plan	\$459,312	\$459,312
Meacham Park		
Replace Playground	\$670,000	\$948,720
Monfort Park		
Safety Gate at Barberry	\$1,200	\$1,699
Subtotal*		\$5,671,891
Maintenance Items	ROM Budget	Total Construction Cost
Kirkwood Park		
Repair Aging Infrastructure	\$130,360	\$184,590
Walker Lake Maintenance	\$325,000	\$460,200
Meacham Park		
Minor Updates to Sport Court	\$118,975	\$168,469
Replace Water Play Area	\$352,500	\$499,140
Quinette Cemetery		
Remove Existing Brush Piles	\$8,000	\$11,328
Subtotal		\$1,323,726
Total Project Cost*		\$6,995,618

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PRIORITY PROJECTS & ASSOCIATED COSTS (SHORT, MID, AND LONG-TERM)

Mid-Term Projects (2030-2033)

Proposed Improvements	ROM Budget	Total Construction Cost
Emmenegger Nature Park		
Replace Restroom	\$375,000	\$531,000
Nature Playground	\$475,000	\$672,000
Convert Road to ADA Loop Trail	\$15,000	\$21,240
Fireman's Park		
Expand Parking Lot	\$35,000	\$49,560
Nature Path	\$8,000	\$49,560
Landscape Screen	\$1,125	\$1,593
Greentree Park		
Restroom (North)	\$375,000	\$531,000
Kirkwood Park		
Outdoor Fitness Stations	\$65,000	\$92,040
Add Raised Crosswalk	\$30,000	\$42,480
Add Yield to Pedestrian Beacon	\$150,000	\$212,400
Install Speed Table	\$105,000	\$148,680
Quinette Cemetery		
Striped Crosswalk	\$1,000	\$1,416
Walker Park		
Install New Swing Set	\$30,000	\$42,480
Subtotal		\$2,357,817
Maintenance Items	ROM Budget	Total Construction Cost
Avery Park		
Repair Playground Surfacing	\$21,750	\$30,798
Repair Retaining Wall and Basketball Court Surface	\$72,042	\$102,011
Dee Koestering (Quarry Park)		
Repair and Refinish Existing Overlook Deck	\$35,000	\$49,560

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Mid-Term Projects (2030-2033)		
Maintenance Items	ROM Budget	Total Construction Cost
Emmenegger Nature Park		
Remove Backstop	\$5,000	\$7,080
Remove Mulch Pile	\$15,000	\$21,240
Fireman's Park		
Repair Bridge	\$20,000	\$28,320
Greentree Park		
Renovate Parking Lot	\$154,000	\$218,064
Kirkwood Park		
Minor Repairs to Restrooms	\$40,000	\$56,640
Quinette Cemetery		
Repair Brick Walkway and Edge	\$25,000	\$35,400
Walker Park		
Replace Logo with Existing Sign	\$25,000	\$35,400
Minor Shelter Repair	\$60,000	\$84,960
Subtotal		\$669,473
Total Project Cost		\$3,027,290

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Long-Term Projects (2034-Beyond)		
Proposed Improvements	ROM Budget	Total Construction Cost
Emmenegger Nature Park		
Rebuild Parking Lot	\$95,000	\$134,520
Park Sign	\$25,000	\$35,400
Expand Nature Trails	\$45,475	\$64,393
Fireman's Park		
Fire Truck Themed Play Equipment	\$350,000	\$495,600
Greentree Park		
Restore Native Landscape (Stewardship)	\$166,931	\$236,375
Remove Parking	\$190,355	\$269,543
Kirkwood Park		
Buffer Plantings at Shooting Range & Lions Facility	\$35,870	\$50,792
Quinette Cemetery		
Screen Plantings	\$18,750	\$26,550
Proposed Path	\$33,445	\$47,358
Subtotal		\$1,360,530
Maintenance Items	ROM Budget	Total Construction Cost
Dee Koestering (Quarry) Park		
Perform Routine Trail Maintenance	\$18,810	\$26,635
Kirkwood Park		
Renovate Existing Sports Fields	\$875,000	\$1,239,000
Amphitheater Renovation	\$85,000	\$120,360
Weed/Repair Drainage Channel	\$30,000	\$42,480
McEntee Park		
Minor Landscape Improvements at Monument	\$5,155	\$7,299
Minor Landscape Improvements at Flagpole	\$3,220	\$4,560
Subtotal		\$1,440,334
Total Project Cost		\$2,800,864

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