



CHAPTER 3 - PARK SYSTEM INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, (BREC) has worked with citizens to develop its park system for several decades. As the system has evolved, it has amassed 184 parks, 5,600 total acres of developed and undeveloped land and 3,500 acres of developed land.

Community opinion polls in 1990 and 2004 have indicated citizen support for its park system and natural areas. They recognize the benefits of a park system and have a strong desire to conserve and protect natural areas in the Parish. Research has indicated that the chance to enjoy natural areas on a day-to-day basis is valued highly by the public nationally, and locally, contributes to a higher quality of life. Park systems typically include natural systems that provide many benefits to the public including flood protection, air and water quality improvements, protection of wildlife habitats, and mitigation of noise pollution.

METHODOLOGY USED FOR PARK SYSTEM ANALYSIS

Overall evaluation of the park system was accomplished by field observations from the landscape architecture team of the consultant.

Methodology - Field Observations

To evaluate the current condition of the park system, the planning team (BWR) conducted a site visit and review of 153 selected parks to produce an inventory of features in each and to review the condition of the facilities. Two of the exceptions to this were the Zoo (because of the special nature of this facility) and the golf courses (because an independent study of these was already under way).

The team prepared inventory forms for the parks and made special note of facilities that required immediate attention because of safety concerns, inoperability or some unusual situation. Other elements of each park were rated for future use in developing capital improvement budgets.

Park Rating Criteria

As previously mentioned, each park's condition was rated as excellent, good, fair or poor. Those conditions are defined as follows:

Excellent is reserved for those parks that are state-of-the-art in both construction and design. These parks will not require any major repairs or modernization for at least ten years. Very little leeway is given for imperfections such as deferred maintenance, or unsafe conditions, such as inadequate play area surfacing, etc.

Good is a rating given to those parks whose design and amenities are strong in appearance but are showing the normal wear and tear expected throughout a park system. Maintenance appears to be regular,



the grass is mowed, play area surfacing is kept at an acceptable depth and free of weeds, structures are painted and major repairs or renovation is at least five to ten years away.

Fair is a rating in which the property itself may very well be attractive but the amenities are in a state of decline. Maintenance is less frequent or at least can not turn back the clock on normal decline. Play equipment is still safe but maybe rusting, bleaching or covered with mildew; structures such as restroom buildings are in need of repairs such as paint, shingles or cleaned of graffiti; ball fields are playable but the infields are grass covered creating a hazard, fencing is warped or rusting, dugouts are undersized or may flood when it rains and bleachers are not up to code. These parks need major repairs or renovation within three to five years.

Poor is a rating for which the park and its amenities, as a whole, are at the end of their life cycle. Typically, a park in poor condition is not well maintained. There may be trash on site as well as glass and weeds. The amenities are out of date and in many cases are unsafe or fail to meet current codes. Frequently, parks in this category appear to have been all but abandoned. These parks need rebuilding following a new master plan as soon as it can be scheduled.

PARKS RATED BY CONDITION

Table 3.1: – Parks Rated By Condition “Excellent”

Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
129	Palomino Drive Park	14100 Palomino Drive	Community Park	Excellent
161	Seventh Street Senior Citizens Park	Seventh Street	Mini-Park	Excellent
156	Longridge Park	Longridge at Newcastle	Neighborhood Park	Excellent
170	Kernan Avenue Park	333 Kernan Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Excellent
176	Greenwood Park	13350 Highway 19 (Baker)	Regional Park	Excellent
71	Magnolia Mound	2161 Nicholson Drive	Special Use Park	Excellent
138	Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center	10503 North Oak Hills Parkway	Special Use Park	Excellent
174	Oak Villa Park	2615 Oak Villa Boulevard	Special Use Park	Excellent

Figure 3.1: – Image of Excellent Park at Bluebonnet Swamp & Nature Center



Table 3.2: – Parks Rated By Condition “Good”

Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
21	City Park	1442 City Park Avenue	Community Park	Good
56	Independence Park	7500 Independence Boulevard	Community Park	Good
86	Perkins/Olympia Park	7122 Perkins Road	Community Park	Good
10	Belfair Park	4390 Fairfields Avenue	Mini-Park	Good
17	Camelot Park	3166 Lancelot Drive	Mini-Park	Good
75	Leeward Drive Park	4800 Menlo Drive	Mini-Park	Good
122	Gayosa Street Park	2129 Gayosa Street	Mini-Park	Good
171	Acadian Thruway Park	Acadian Thruway	Mini-Park	Good
3	Alsen Park	601 Old Rafe Meyer	Neighborhood Park	Good
8	Baker Center Park	1420 Alabama Street	Neighborhood Park	Good
13	Brooks Park	1650 Eddie Robinson Sr. Drive	Neighborhood Park	Good
24	College Town Park	201 Amherst Street	Neighborhood Park	Good
64	Lafitte Street Park	400 Lafitte Street	Neighborhood Park	Good
88	Progress Park (or Mary J. Lands Park)	802 North 30th Street	Neighborhood Park	Good
116	Eastgate Park	Eastgate Drive	Neighborhood Park	Good



Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
127	Woodlawn Acres Park	6300 Woodlawn Acres Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Good
137	Alaska Street Park	3014 Alaska Street	Neighborhood Park	Good
141	Elvin Drive Park	8350 Antigua Drive	Neighborhood Park	Good
153	Brookfield Park	Brookfield Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Good
159	Erich and Lea Sternburg	Round Oak Subdivision	Neighborhood Park	Good
168	Lebrent Park	6401 Lebrent Ave	Neighborhood Park	Good
172	Warren O. Watson Park	Baker Estates	Neighborhood Park	Good
173	Industriplex Park	Industriplex Extension	Neighborhood Park	Good
175	Rue Le Boeuf	Rue Le Boeuf @ Rue Desiree	Neighborhood Park	Good
179	Santa Maria Playground	18460 Santa Maria Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Good
26	Comite Park	8900 Hooper Road	Special Use Park	Good
46	Goldsby Field	1502 Foss Street	Special Use Park	Good
70	Magnolia Cemetery	422 North 19th Street	Special Use Park	Good
95	Warren and Alice Farr Park and Horse Activity Center	6400 River Road	Special Use Park	Good
143	Burbank Park	12400 Burbank Drive	Special Use Park	Good
183	Blackwater Conservation Area	9385 Blackwater Road	Special Use Park	Good
714	Hyde Park	Lenexa	Special Use Park	Good

Figure 3.2: – Image of Good Park at City Park

Table 3.3: – Parks Rated By Condition “Fair”

Park ID	Park Name	<i>Location</i>	Classification	Overall Park Rating
4	Anna T. Jordan	1750 Stilt Street	Community Park	Fair
5	Antioch Park	6229 Antioch Boulevard	Community Park	Fair
38	Expressway Park	935 South 11 Street	Community Park	Fair
42	Forest Park	13950 South Harrell's Ferry Road	Community Park	Fair
52	Highland Park	14024 Highland Road	Community Park	Fair
53	Hooper Road Park	6661 Guynell Drive	Community Park	Fair
55	Howell Park	5509 Winbourne Avenue	Community Park	Fair
69	Lovett Road Park	13443 Lovett Road	Community Park	Fair
81	North Sherwood Forest Park	3140 North Sherwood Forest Drive	Community Park	Fair
90	Reames Road Park	23223 Reames Road	Community Park	Fair
100	Scotlandville Parkway	I-110 and Scotlandville Parkway	Community Park	Fair
118	Manchac Park	19010 Old Jefferson	Community Park	Fair
125	Plank Road Park	19550 Plank Road	Community Park	Fair
158	Kathy Drive Park	1801 Kathy Drive	Community Park	Fair
103	South 15th Street Park	520 South 15th Street	Mini-Park	Fair
106	Terrace Street Park	7000 Terrace Street	Mini-Park	Fair
115	North Boulevard Park	1640 North Boulevard	Mini-Park	Fair
123	Madison Avenue Park	1820 Madison Avenue	Mini-Park	Fair
162	Mary Ruth Park	Mary Ruth Avenue	Mini-Park	Fair
2	Alexander Street Park	6000 Alexander Street	Neighborhood	Fair



Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
			Park	
6	Mills Avenue	424 Woodpecker Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
7	Baker Park	4331 Jefferson Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
9	Baywood Park	2001 Pride-Baywood Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
11	Byrd Station Park	2623 Michelli Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
12	Blueberry Street Park	1870 North Ardenwood	Neighborhood Park	Fair
14	Brown Heights Park	11500 Ellen Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
16	Cadillac Street Park	6117 Cadillac Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
18	Cedarcrest	2490 Silverest Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
19	Chamberlain Park	16900 Chamberlain Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
20	Church Street Park	3210 Church Street - Zachary	Neighborhood Park	Fair
22	J. S. Clark Park	2455 Thomas Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
29	Dover Street Park	7300 Dover Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
31	Droze Road Park	7700 Droze Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
32	Drusilla Park	2546 Drusilla Lane	Neighborhood Park	Fair
33	Duchess Drive Park	1701 Duchess Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
35	East Polk Street Park	1700 East Polk Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
41	Cedar Ridge	13301 Cedar Ridge Drive	Neighborhood	Fair



Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
			Park	
44	48th Street Park	628 North 48th Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
45	Gentilly Court	14443 Gentilly Court	Neighborhood Park	Fair
47	Goodwood Park and Playground	6025 Seven Oaks Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
51	Harding Park	4037 Harding Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
54	South Magnolia Park	2409 South Magnolia	Neighborhood Park	Fair
57	Jackson Park	12250 Sullivan Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
58	James Watson Park	10800 Foster Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
59	Jefferson Park	3503 Jefferson Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
60	Jefferson Terrace Park	10202 Cal Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
62	Kerr Warren Park	4100 Geronimo Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
65	Lanier Drive Park	3901 Lanier Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
66	Ligon Road Park	21600 Ligon Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
67	Little Farms Park	3754 Little Farms Drive, Zachary	Neighborhood Park	Fair
68	Longfellow Park	5201 Longfellow Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
72	Maplewood Park	8200 Maplewood Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Fair
73	Mayfair Park	650 Flora	Neighborhood Park	Fair
74	Meadow Park	8300 Meadow Park Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair



Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
78	Myrtle Park	5408 Myrtle Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
82	North Street Park	4100 North Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
83	Old Hammond Highway Park	8900 Old Hammond Highway	Neighborhood Park	Fair
84	Parklawn Park	12248 Parklawn Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Fair
85	Parkview Park	9000 North Parkview Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
87	Pride Park	16440 Pride-Port Hudson Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
91	Red Oaks Parks	2100 Green Oaks Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
93	Rita Street Park	2315 Rita Street, Zachary	Neighborhood Park	Fair
94	Riverbend Park	Riverbend Subdivision	Neighborhood Park	Fair
96	Rollins Road Park	5794 Rollins Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
97	Roosevelt Park	1011 West Roosevelt Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
98	Saia Park	855 Donmoor	Neighborhood Park	Fair
102	Sharp Road Park	501 Sharp Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
104	Spain Street Park	2101 Spain Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
105	Tams Park	11600 Tams Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
107	Thirty Ninth Street Park	3451 Thirty Ninth Street - Zachary	Neighborhood Park	Fair
108	Thomas W. Maher Park	8200 Oakview Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair



Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
109	Tristian Park	5209 Tristian Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Fair
114	Barringer Park	7401 Barringer Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
117	Cunard Avenue Park	2290 Cunard Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Fair
119	Spanish Town Park	1300 Spanish Town Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
120	Sugarland Park	4700 Sugar Land Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
124	North 18th Street Park	1801 Gayosa Street	Neighborhood Park	Fair
131	West Brookstown Park	4500 East Brookstown	Neighborhood Park	Fair
132	Louisiana/Claycut Park	6998 Antioch Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
140	Pinehurst Drive Park	Pinehurst Drive	Neighborhood Park	Fair
144	T.D. Bickham Jr. Park	6859 Pettit Road - Baker	Neighborhood Park	Fair
145	Starwood Court Park	Starwood Court	Neighborhood Park	Fair
148	Clifford T. Seymour Sr. Park	Highway 19	Neighborhood Park	Fair
150	Jefferson Highway Park	8133 Jefferson Highway	Neighborhood Park	Fair
154	Boulevard de Province Park	Boulevard de Province and Old Hammond Highway	Neighborhood Park	Fair
163	Ben Burge Park	1702 Gardere Lane	Neighborhood Park	Fair
165	Highland Creek Park	Highland Creek Subdivision	Neighborhood Park	Fair
177	St. Jean Apartments Senior Center	16441 South Harrell's Ferry Road	Neighborhood Park	Fair
1	Airline Park and Fairgrounds	17200 Airline Highway	Special Use Park	Fair

Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
30	Doyle's Bayou Park	7801 Port Hudson-Pride Road	Special Use Park	Fair
49	Greenwood Park	13350 Highway 19	Special Use Park	Fair
112	Webb Park	1351 Country Club Drive	Special Use Park	Fair
126	Stanford Park	901 Stanford Avenue	Special Use Park	Fair
136	The Baton Rouge Zoo	3601 Thomas Road	Special Use Park	Fair
149	Jones Creek Park	Old Hammond Hwy and Buckingham Ave.	Undeveloped Park	Fair

Figure 3.3: – Image of Baton Rouge Zoo





Table 3.4: – Parks Rated By Condition “Poor”

Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
40	Flannery Road Park	801 Flannery Road	Community Park	Poor
76	Monte Sano Park	2701 Greenwell Street	Community Park	Poor
15	Buchanan Street Park	2300 Buchanan Street	Mini-Park	Poor
27	Corporate Park	33 East Corporate	Mini-Park	Poor
36	East Brookstown Park	4300 East Brookstown	Mini-Park	Poor
111	Tuscarora Street Park	4200 Tuscarora Street	Mini-Park	Poor
157	Dayton Street Park	Dayton Street at I-110	Mini-Park	Poor
37	Evangeline Park	4201 Evangeline Street	Neighborhood Park	Poor
39	Fiesta Park	1000 Fiesta Court	Neighborhood Park	Poor
43	Fortune Addition Park	5900 Peerless Street	Neighborhood Park	Poor
48	Greenwell Springs Park	7550 Shady Park Drive	Neighborhood Park	Poor
50	Gus Young Park	4200 Gus Young Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Poor
77	North 14th Street Park	100 North 14th Street	Neighborhood Park	Poor
89	Railey Roshto Park	11601 Norway Pine	Neighborhood Park	Poor
92	Rio Street Park	6900 West Rio Drive	Neighborhood Park	Poor
99	Samuel D'Augustino Park	10300 Scott Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Poor
121	Yatasi Drive Park	Yatasi Drive	Neighborhood Park	Poor
164	Kolby Park	Central Woods Subdivision	Neighborhood Park	Poor
63	LaFayette Street Park	151 LaFayette Street	Special Use Park	Poor
151	Pawnee Recreation Center	2100 Scenic @ Pawnee	Special Use Park	Poor

Figure 3.4: – Image of Poor Park at 14th Street

PARKS RATED BY TYPE AND CONDITION
Table 3.5: – Parks Rated by Type and Condition “Mini Parks”

Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
161	Seventh Street Senior Citizens Park	Seventh Street	Mini-Park	Excellent
10	Belfair Park	4390 Fairfields Avenue	Mini-Park	Good
17	Camelot Park	3166 Lancelot Drive	Mini-Park	Good
75	Leeward Drive Park	4800 Menlo Drive	Mini-Park	Good
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123	Madison Avenue Park	1820 Madison Avenue	Mini-Park	Fair
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63	LaFayette Street Park	151 LaFayette Street	Mini-Park	Poor
15	Buchanan Street Park	2300 Buchanan Street	Mini-Park	Poor
27	Corporate Park	33 East Corporate	Mini-Park	Poor
36	East Brookstown Park	4300 East Brookstown	Mini-Park	Poor
111	Tuscarora Street Park	4200 Tuscarora Street	Mini-Park	Poor
157	Dayton Street Park	Dayton Street at I-110	Mini-Park	Poor

Figure 3.5: – Image of Camelot Mini Park



Table 3.6: – Neighborhood Parks

Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
156	Longridge Park	Longridge at Newcastle	Neighborhood Park	Excellent
170	Kernan Avenue Park	333 Kernan Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Excellent
3	Alsen Park	601 Old Rafe Meyer	Neighborhood Park	Good
8	Baker Center Park	1420 Alabama Street	Neighborhood Park	Good
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141	Elvin Drive Park	8350 Antigua Drive	Neighborhood Park	Good
153	Brookfield Park	Brookfield Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Good
159	Erich and Lea Sternburg	Round Oak Subdivision	Neighborhood Park	Good
168	Lebrent Park	6401 Lebrent Ave	Neighborhood Park	Good
172	Warren O. Watson Park	Baker Estates	Neighborhood Park	Good
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89	Railey Roshto Park	11601 Norway Pine	Neighborhood Park	Poor
92	Rio Street Park	6900 West Rio Drive	Neighborhood Park	Poor
99	Samuel D'Augustino Park	10300 Scott Avenue	Neighborhood Park	Poor
121	Yatasi Drive Park	Yatasi Drive	Neighborhood	Poor

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164	Kolby Park	Central Woods Subdivision	Neighborhood Park	Poor

Figure 3.6: – Image of Longridge Neighborhood Park



Table 3.7: – Community Parks

Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
129	Palomino Drive Park	14100 Palomino Drive	Community Park	Excellent
21	City Park	1442 City Park Avenue	Community Park	Good
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118	Manchac Park	19010 Old Jefferson	Community Park	Fair
125	Plank Road Park	19550 Plank Road	Community Park	Fair
158	Kathy Drive Park	1801 Kathy Drive	Community Park	Fair
40	Flannery Road Park	801 Flannery Road	Community Park	Poor
76	Monte Sano Park	2701 Greenwell Street	Community Park	Poor

Figure 3.7: – Image of Palomino Drive Community Park


Table 3.8: – Regional Parks

Park ID	Park Name	Location	Classification	Overall Park Rating
49	Greenwood Park	13350 Highway 19	Regional Park	Fair
52	Highland Park	14024 Highland Road	Regional Park	Fair

Figure 3.8: – Image of Regional Greenwood Park





Table 3.9: – Special Use Parks

Park ID	Park Name	<i>Location</i>	Classification	Overall Park Rating
71	Magnolia Mound	2161 Nicholson Drive	Special Use Park	Excellent
138	Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center	10503 North Oak Hills Parkway	Special Use Park	Excellent
174	Oak Villa Park	2615 Oak Villa Boulevard	Special Use Park	Excellent
26	Comite Park	8900 Hooper Road	Special Use Park	Good
46	Goldsby Field	1502 Foss Street	Special Use Park	Good
70	Magnolia Cemetery	422 North 19th Street	Special Use Park	Good
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30	Doyle's Bayou Park	7801 Port Hudson-Pride Road	Special Use Park	Fair
136	The Baton Rouge Zoo	3601 Thomas Road	Special Use Park	Fair

Figure 3.9: – Image of Magnolia Mound



OBSERVATIONS

Based on field observations by the landscape architecture team, comparison with criteria developed by the Trust for Public Lands and experiences of the planning team in other similar projects, several observations have been developed:



- The park system features 5,699 acres of parks.
- Undeveloped park acres in the park system total 2,199.
- Developed park acres in the park system total 3,500.
- Per acre maintenance budget is \$1,700.
- Developed park acres per 1,000 citizens is 8.5.
- Total acres provided per 1,000 citizens is 13.8.
- Emphasis has been placed on neighborhood, close to home, parks.
- There are no downtown parks.
- There are no existing riverfront parks provided by BREC, however, one park is in the planning stages.
- There are no parks which meet the criteria for a Signature Park.
- The park system has 143 playgrounds. The quantity needs to be evaluated to determine which, if any, need to be eliminated from the inventory.
- The quantity of close to home parks must be evaluated to determine which should be upgraded for quality neighborhood parks, which should be designated as playgrounds, which should be designated as unimproved green space, and, which, if any, should be eliminated from the inventory.

Of the one hundred and fifty-five (155) parks reviewed in this survey, the team rated only eight (8) of them as excellent. This equates to five (5) percent of the inventory that will require little or no action at this time.

- Eight (8) parks received a rating of excellent.
- Thirty two (32) parks received a rating of good.
- Ninety five (95) parks received a rating of fair.
- Twenty (20) parks received a rating of poor.

The total of fair and poor ratings equals one hundred and fifteen (115) parks; this is equal to seventy (70) percent of the inventory that will require a major investment in capital to bring these parks to an acceptable service level.

The most common issue seen was the increasing age of inventory and a lack of uniformity of maintenance operations. The inventory forms used for each park also recommend immediate action for any hazardous conditions and for the removal of graffiti. By prioritizing these issues, BREC will be able to develop budgets and schedules to deal with the needs of each park in an orderly fashion.

The second most encountered issue was the lack of ADA required access to parks and their facilities.

Abandon or Land Bank - Another observation from the inventory exercise is that there are several parks that have been all but abandoned and several more where the neighborhood around the park has been demolished or has changed into an entirely different land use. These parks require a reaffirmation of need study before they are considered for refurbishment. Perhaps their purpose has been negated and the land should now be serving another purpose or at least land banked until needed as public open space. These parks include the following:



- Tuscarora Street Park
- Dayton Street Park
- North 14th Street Park
- Corporate Park
- Spanish Town Park
- Buchanan Street Park
- Corporate Park
- East Brookstown Park

Undeveloped Open Space - Although BREC needs more park land for the future, not every current piece of park land needs to be developed beyond simple mowed open space. There is good budgetary reasoning to provide simple open space. Some properties that fit into this category include the following:

- Jones Creek Park
- Alexander Street Park

If this recommendation to provide simple open space is followed, it will be necessary to develop a sign system, or methodology, to differentiate open space parks from parks that are going to be developed or redeveloped as active parks.

Master Development Plans – Each Park should have a master plan that: a) directs its development; or, b) restricts inappropriate development. The Plan can also recommend conservation or restoration. Before a major investment in new or replacement equipment is made, the master development plan should be in place. The process of developing the plan will also help in the evaluation of need for not only the improvements but the land.

Recreation Facilities – Recreation facilities are evaluated elsewhere in this report and the need for several of them is in question. If any are removed from parks of very small acreage the remaining open space should go through a reaffirmation process, not just held as a remnant of prior need.