

Summary of Goals and Future Needs

The Master Plan document outlines needs for the next five years. It is important, for consistency of plan implementation, that emphasis be placed on the following:

General Objectives

- Define a means to provide adequate and ongoing funding for maintenance and capital repair of existing facilities and parks
- Explore opportunities to cooperate with adjoining cities, counties, and special districts to provide parks and recreation services through inclusion or intergovernmental agreements

Facilities

- Qualify needs and design plans for expansion of fitness space at existing facilities (The Peak and The Ridge)
- Explore public/private opportunities to serve District residents
- Expand indoor and outdoor aquatics features at several locations to enhance opportunities for play and fitness
- Evaluate, implement, and promote community events and programs that enhance the use of District parks and facilities
Special consideration should be given to corporate and specialized events at regional parks and recreation centers including concerts, festivals and sports tournaments

Land Use

- Research and evaluate opportunities to expand boundaries into areas south and west of the existing District boundary
- Pursue additional park lands and development with an emphasis on planning and funding for completion of neighborhood parks, particularly in those areas where partially completed or undeveloped sites exist
- Develop a strategic plan to address capital repair needs
- Work with the Jefferson County Open Space Advisory Committee to acquire land and lease agreements





Parks and Programs

- Initiate development of the Fehringer Ranch Regional Park in accord with the Board approved master plan; approval of a District-wide bond election will be required to fund construction of additional multi-use playfields, field house and outdoor active and passive use activities
- Complete improvements and capital repairs for park sites in the four planning areas identified within this plan (see pages 12-14)
- Pursue construction of synthetic play fields to include at least one synthetic field at each regional park site, and ensure that synthetic fields occupy 20% of the District field inventory by 2020
- Complete a field use agreement with the R-1 Schools to program and maintain elementary or middle school fields
- Finish construction of the Dutch Creek Trail to complete the regional connection between the Platte River corridor and the C-470 Heritage Trail
- Complete development of Easton Regional Park per existing site plan
- Implement a formal “Art in the Park” program for public art, sculptures, gardens, paths and seating areas at District facilities and within community parks
- Continue development at selected larger sites of botanical gardens, skate parks, disc golf courses, off-leash dog parks and other facilities and programs that enhance the outdoor experience
- Develop and market outdoor community events and excursions that promote recreational learning such as camps, wildlife habitat and fish education programs
- Expand seniors programming to match the need for fitness and wellness activities
- Create opportunities for special needs citizens through use of social and sports programming
- Provide facilities and field space for expansion of sports and athletic programs, specifically for youth indoor activities such as basketball and outdoor programs such as lacrosse and rugby

Water Resources

- Aggressively pursue acquisition of ditch water rights and/or shares from water providers (or whatever sources are available) with a focus on water supply for golf courses and regional parks
- Enhance existing water conservation policies to ensure long term conservation practices remain in place, including use of automated systems to monitor and track water use at golf courses and parks sites
- Provide resources to ensure ongoing maintenance of existing lakes, ponds, dams and drainage corridors to avoid loss of water or restriction of water flow to District sites

Golf

- Enhance marketing programs to retain core user groups and attract new golfers and families to District facilities

Foothills Golf Course

- Implement operation of the Harriman Mutual Reservoir Company to ensure a reliable water resource
- Secure additional water rights and, through use of development funds, construct new storage ponds
- Use excavated materials from the pond sites to construct planned improvements in accord with the approved Master Plan
- Develop and implement an “irrigation replacement fund”

The Meadows Golf Club

- Pursue construction of the new golf maintenance center in accord with the Board approved plan
- Construct the new Golf Learning Center and combination Par 3 course with practice holes
- Replace the existing customer parking lot surface

Management and Administration

- Plan for expansion of District staff to meet the increase in user needs
- Create new and update existing technology to provide customer convenience, effective communication and reliable service
- Update and expand systems to enhance customer service; examples include the District Web site, online registration, gift cards and point of sale programs
- Explore marketing/advertising efforts that will increase usage at all facilities and parks sites

Finance

- Develop a range of funding alternatives to finance development and improvement to facilities and equipment
- Use general obligation bond funds, potential mill levy increase (voter approval required), refinancing of existing resources, revenue bonds, private sector funding, corporate partnerships, lease purchase and grant programs to enhance existing facilities and provide opportunities for new construction

Strategic Plan

- The District should appoint a citizen advisory group to discuss and solicit additional public comment on this plan. This group should concentrate on setting development priorities and recommend funding strategies.

