

**UNIVERSAL CITY
PARKS, RECREATION
& OPEN SPACE
MASTER PLAN**

2013-2023

May 31, 2013



RESOLUTION NO. 800

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN 2013-2023 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the Texas legislature has approved the Park and Wildlife Code, Section 24.005, for the purpose of allowing the political subdivisions of the State of Texas to participate in the Texas Local Parks, Recreation and Open Space Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Universal City, Texas (hereinafter called "City"), desires to assess the current and future needs of the community for recreational facilities and open space areas; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to survey the availability of recreational opportunities and passive areas such as green belts and nature preserves suitable for designation as open spaces within the community and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to identify those areas in the city that could be targeted for acquisition and/or development as public parks or as permanent open spaces; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to identify public and private sources of funding and potential donors of land to support the acquisition of land for public parks and open spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS, THAT the following Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Development is hereby adopted:

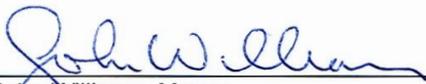
OBJECTIVES

1. To expand recreational opportunities for all Universal City citizens;
2. To maximize the usability of existing facilities and available open space;
3. To develop and maximize the diversity of recreational service offered in the City;
4. To establish a level of high quality parks throughout the City;
5. To seek future opportunities to work cooperatively with surrounding cities, counties, state agencies, local school districts, civic organizations, and private partnerships on major park improvement projects that serve the entire area;
6. To identify potential sources of funding support for the acquisition and development of parkland;
7. To develop a request for funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for funding support for needed recreational and open space opportunities.

MAJOR COMPONENTS INCLUDED IN THE MASTER PLAN

1. Recommendation for improvements and expansion to existing facilities;
2. Recommendation for the general location of new facilities;
3. Recommendations for the development and protection of open spaces and conservation areas;
4. Recommendations for coordinating municipal programs and facilities with other overlapping services within the community;
5. A recommended ten-year plan for community recreation and open space improvements, including phasing of priorities.

PASSED and ADOPTED this the 4th day of June, 2013.


John Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Alene Patton, City Clerk

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Universal City, Texas partnered with the park planning and design firm LUCK Design Team to prepare the *Universal City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2013-2023*. City personnel, members of the Universal City Parks and Recreation Commission and staff from LUCK Design Team developed the plan between May 2012 and May 2013. *The Universal City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan 2013-2023* reflects a range of issues and levels of planning within the broad-scale contextual relationships of parks in the community.

The City would like to thank all the residents who completed the parks needs assessment survey. The design team would also like to thank the individuals below who contributed to the vision, development and completion of the Master Plan.

City Council

Mayor John Williams
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LUCK Design Team, LLC

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2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the development of this Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, the City of Universal City wanted to ensure that residents and visitors had excellent park, leisure, and recreational experiences.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) provides cities with grant monies for park acquisition and development and recommends that a new Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan be developed every five years. This plan must be adopted by the City and approved by TPWD for the City to be competitive in the Outdoor Recreational Grant Program scoring system.



In 1998, the City of Universal City adopted its first city-wide Parks Master Plan and completed its last Parks and Open Space Plan in March of 2006. In May of 2012, the City of Universal City contracted with LUCK Design Team to assist in planning and formulating the *Universal City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan 2013-2023*.

The design team first met with the City of Universal City Parks and Recreation Commission and City Staff to establish overall objectives for the *Universal City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan 2013-2023* (shown below) and to give direction regarding the future planning of the park and open space system.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN:

- To expand recreational opportunities for all Universal City citizens
- To maximize the usability of existing facilities and available open space
- To develop and maximize the diversity of recreational service offered in the City
- To establish a level of high quality parks throughout the City
- To seek future opportunities to work cooperatively with surrounding cities, counties, state agencies, local school districts, civic organizations, and private partnerships on major park improvement projects that serve the entire area



During the summer of 2012, the Parks and Recreation Commission and City Staff developed and distributed the City of Universal City Parks, Open Space and Trails Plan Survey 2012-2022 to allow residents to identify park needs and recreation priorities. In September of 2012, surveys were mailed to residential dwelling units within Universal City; were available for pickup at selected municipal buildings; and were accessible on the City's web-site. The City received 409 completed surveys from Universal City residents.

The design team completed a physical inventory of the entire park system of Universal City that included park acreage, park classification, and the existing amenities located in individual City parks.

Park acreage and amenity standards were then developed with the Parks and Recreation Commission to guide the City in future planning and development. The City is expected to reach its full population build-out at 21,970 residents between 2020 and 2023. Using a hybrid of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards, the City developed its park standards to more accurately fit the needs of Universal City and to continue to provide a high level of excellent service to its residents as the City continues to grow. Using these amenity standards, guidelines for park acreage and additional facilities were developed for projected populations in the calendar years of 2018 and 2023. These guidelines for acreage included existing parks and undeveloped park land currently owned by the City.

The needs assessment surveys were gathered and results were tabulated as high, moderate, and low priorities for both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities. The weighted input and survey response from the general public, City Staff, and the Universal City Parks and Recreation Commission determined these priorities (shown above). Once these priorities were developed, the Commission outlined an implementation plan with recommendations and potential time frames within which to accomplish the priorities.

The design team provided the Parks and Recreation Commission with draft copies of the *Universal City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan 2013-2023* in May. At the May 28, 2013 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the final draft was recommended for Council approval, and upon adoption by the City Council, the plan was forwarded to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for its review and approval.

Outdoor Recreational Facility Priorities

High Priority Needs

- 1) **Trails to serve the entire population**
- 2) **Playscapes / Playgrounds**
- 3) **Pavilions/ Shelters**
- 4) **Dog Park**
- 5) **Baseball Fields / Softball Fields**
- 6) **Basketball Courts**
- 7) **Disc Golf**
- 8) **Miscellaneous Park Maintenance Improvement:**

Medium Priority Needs

- 9) **Natural Areas and Open Space**
- 10) **Picnic Areas**
- 11) **Fishing Access Areas**

Low Priority Needs

- 12) **Outdoor Pools**
- 13) **Tennis Courts**
- 14) **Soccer Fields**
- 15) **Community Gardens**
- 16) **Water Playscapes**
- 17) **Botanical Gardens**
- 18) **Skate Parks**
- 19) **BMX Parks**
- 20) **Volleyball Courts**
- 21) **Football Fields**



3. UNIVERSAL CITY IN CONTEXT

LOCATION

Universal City is located in Central Texas approximately sixteen miles northeast of San Antonio. Universal City is defined by the North Gate of Randolph Air Force Base on State Highway 78, Loop 1604, State Highway 218, and the Southern Pacific Railroad on the northern edge of San Antonio in Northeast Bexar County. It was named by the developer to designate the universal importance of the Randolph Air Force Base community.

<u>Proximity to Major Metros</u>	<u>(Distance in Miles)</u>
San Antonio	16

<u>Nearby Cities</u>	<u>(Distance in Miles)</u>
Live Oak	2.4
Converse	2.5
Selma	2.6
Schertz	2.9
Cibolo	4.8

GEOGRAPHY

The terrain of Universal City ranges from hilly, undulating land to low, flat areas. The highest point of the City lies in the northeast corner of Bexar County and slowly descends six hundred feet to the southeast corner. Though the terrain is sometimes very flat, the majority of the City is hilly, especially in the residential areas north of Pat Booker Road.

VEGETATION

Much of the native vegetation in Bexar County is made up of medium-height grasses and evergreen trees. Edwards Plateau is vegetated with grasses, live oaks, junipers, and mesquites. In the Blackland Prairie region, the central most part of Universal City, tall grasses are the dominant plants, supplemented by live oaks, mesquites, and succulents.



CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY- 2010 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE DATA

TOTAL POPULATION¹: 18,530

AGE¹

Median Age:	36.1 years old	
Under 5 years	1,370	7.4%
5 to 9 years	1,181	6.4%
10 to 14 years	1,217	6.6%
15 to 19 years	1,249	6.7%
20 to 24 years	1,393	7.5%
25 to 29 years	1,385	7.5%
30 to 34 years	1,229	6.6%
35 to 39 years	1,171	6.3%
40 to 44 years	1,160	6.3%
45 to 49 years	1,371	7.4%
50 to 54 years	1,214	6.6%
55 to 59 years	1,126	6.1%
60 to 64 years	1,114	6.0%
65 to 69 years	797	4.3%
70 to 74 years	563	3.0%
75 to 79 years	474	2.6%
80 to 84 years	294	1.6%
85 years and older	222	1.2%

GENDER¹

Males:	8,927	48.2%
Females:	9,603	51.8%

RACE¹

Total Population	18,530	
Hispanic/Latino	5,980	32.3%
Mexican	4,610	24.9%
Puerto Rican	333	1.8%
Cuban	43	0.2%
Other Hispanic	994	5.4%
Not Hispanic/Latino	12,550	67.7%
White Alone	9,746	52.6%
Black or African	1,731	9.3%
American Alone		
American Indian/ Alaska Native Alone	76	0.4%
Asian Alone	505	2.7%
Native Hawaiian Alone	45	0.2%
Some Other Race Alone	31	0.2%
Two or more Races	416	2.2%



TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS ¹	7,575	
Households with individuals under 18	2,503	33.0%
Households with individuals 65 years+	1,687	22.3%
Average Household Size	2.45	
HOUSING TENURE¹		
Owner- Occupied Housing Units	4,273	56.4%
Renter- Occupied Housing Units	3,302	43.6%

SOURCE:

1. U.S. Census, 2010 Census; source: http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=DEC_10_DP_DPDP1; retrieved 8.28.12



4. OBJECTIVES OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

The goals and objectives for the *Universal City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan 2013-2023* (stated below) were originally developed by the City of Universal City Parks and Recreation Commission as part of the 2006 Parks Master Plan. The Commission agreed that these objectives were still paramount to the vision of the *Universal City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan 2013-2023*.

These objectives include:

- OBJECTIVE 1:** To expand recreational opportunities for all Universal City citizens
- OBJECTIVE 2:** To maximize the usability of existing facilities and available open space
- OBJECTIVE 3:** To develop and maximize the diversity of recreational service offered in the City
- OBJECTIVE 4:** To establish a level of high quality parks throughout the City
- OBJECTIVE 5:** To seek future opportunities to work cooperatively with surrounding cities, counties, state agencies, local school districts, civic organizations, and private partnerships on major park improvement projects that serve the entire area



5. INVENTORY

To project future park and recreation needs for the *Universal City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan 2013-2023*, an accurate inventory and assessment of existing park lands has been divided into the following four categories:

Existing Developed Park Land –

This category includes all park facilities that are recognized as parks by the City of Universal City and have a developed park infrastructure.

Undeveloped Land Owned by the City of Universal City –

City-owned lands that are not designated park land or developed as parks but are currently used as natural open space areas.

Existing Park and Recreation Facilities Financed or Maintained by the City -

Facilities in this category are owned by private entities or other governmental agencies and the City helps finance or maintain them. The Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center is a stand alone, financial entity at the City and therefore not included in the inventory of the City's existing park and recreation facilities.

Joint Use Facilities with Local Independent School Districts –

Park and recreation amenities associated with local Independent School Districts. Although not owned, operated or maintained by the City of Universal City, these facilities do serve the residents of Universal City and should be noted.



The following pages of Existing Park Inventory include all designated and developed park land owned by the City of Universal City. Each inventory includes the location of the park, acreage, existing and proposed park classification, and the recreational facilities located in each park. The pictures associated with each park were taken in the summer of 2012.



ATHENIAN DOG PARK ATHENIAN DRIVE



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Pavilions	3		3		Yes
Picnic Tables	9	9			Yes
Large Dog Park	1		1		Yes
Small Dog Park	1		1		Yes

ACREAGE: **1.10 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **COMMUNITY**



ATHENIAN PARK ATHENIAN DRIVE



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Asphalt Trail	0.36			0.36	Yes
Benches	3	3			Yes
Picnic Tables	2	2			Yes

ACREAGE: **6.17 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **NEIGHBORHOOD**



CIMARRON PARK 368 WAGON CROSSING



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Basketball Goals	1	1			No
BBQ Grills	1	1			No
Benches	1		1		No
Community Buildings	1		1		No
Picnic Tables	2		2		No
Playgrounds - (for 2-5 year old age group)	1		1		No

ACREAGE: **0.47 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **NEIGHBORHOOD**



MEADOW OAKS PARK MEADOWLAND DRIVE/TUMBLEBROOK



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Basketball Goals	2			2	No
Picnic Tables	2			2	No
Playgrounds - (for 2-5 year old age group)	1	1			No
Tennis Courts	1			1	No

ACREAGE: **1.15 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **NEIGHBORHOOD**



NORTHVIEW PARK PARKVIEW/NORTHVIEW



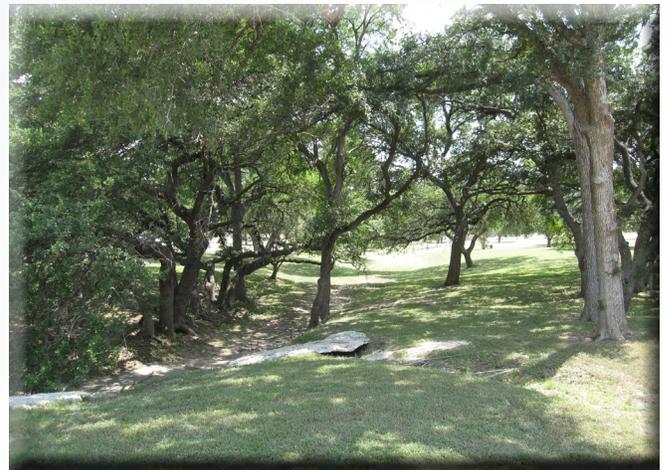
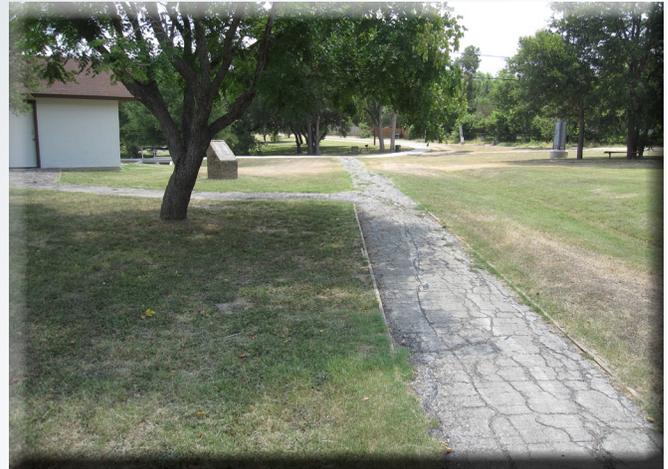
EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Basketball Goals	1			1	Yes
BBQ Grills	2	2			No
Benches	1		1		No
Decomposed granite trail with edge	.35 mile	.35 mile			Yes
Metal Climbers	1		1		No
Multiuse Field	1		1		Yes
Picnic Tables	2		1	1	No
Playgrounds - (for 5-12 year old age group)	1		1		No
See-Saws	1		1		No

ACREAGE: **4.75 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **NEIGHBORHOOD**



RED HORSE PARK NORTH BLVD/MEADOW WAY INTERSECTION



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Basketball Goals	1			1	Yes
BBQ Grills	3	2	1		No
Benches	7	2	3	2	No
Futsal / Tennis Courts	1	1			Yes
Grilling Smokers	1	1			Yes
Large Pavilions	1		1		No
Picnic Tables	12	10	2		No
Playgrounds - (for 2-5 year old age group)	2		1	1	No
Softball Fields - 180'	1	1			No
Trail	0.39			0.39	Yes



RED HORSE PARK CONTINUED



ACREAGE: **12.00 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **COMMUNITY**



UNIVERSAL CITY PARK NORTH BLVD/CARL J. MEAD PARKWAY



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Ball field - all clay infield; no lights	2	2			No
Ball field 1 - 256' outfield fence; lighted	1	1			Yes
Ball field 2 - 279' outfield fence; all clay infield; lighted	1	1			Yes
Ball field 3 - 200' outfield fence; lighted	1	1			Yes
Basketball Goals	2	2			Yes
BBQ Grills	8	8			Yes
Benches	14	13	1		Yes
Disc Golf Standards	18	18			No
Football Fields	1	1			No
Large Covered Pavilions	1	1			No
Picnic Tables	19	18	1		Yes
Playgrounds - (for 5-12 year old age group)	1	1			No
Trail	0.48	0.48			Yes
Volleyball Courts (Sand)	2	2			Yes



UNIVERSAL CITY PARK CONTINUED



ACREAGE: **21.81 ACRES**

CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: **COMMUNITY**



Existing Parks Acreage Table

Park Facility Name	Location	Acres	Park Classification
Athenian Park (Dog Park Location)	Athenian Drive	1.10	Community Park
Athenian Park (Open Space and Trail Outside of Fenced Dog Park Location)	Athenian Drive	6.17	Neighborhood Park
Cimarron Park	368 Wagon Crossing	0.47	Neighborhood Park
Meadow Oaks Park	Meadowland Drive / Tumblebrook	1.15	Neighborhood Park
Northview Park	Parkview / Northview Intersection	4.75	Neighborhood Park
Red Horse Park	North Blvd. / Meadow Way Intersection	12.00	Community Park
Universal City Park	North Blvd. / Carl J. Mead Parkway	21.81	Community Park
Total		47.45	
UC Population=	18,530		

Recreational Amenities Table - City of Universal City

Park Facility Name	Baseball Fields (including T-ball)	Basketball Goals	BBQ Grills	Benches	Concession Buildings	Disc Golf Standards	Futsal Courts	Football Fields	Meeting Rooms	Multi-Purpose Fields	Pavilions	Picnic Tables	Playgrounds	Softball Fields	Tennis Courts	Trails (in Miles)	Volleyball
Athenian Park (Dog Park Location)											3	9					
Athenian Park (Open Space and Trail Outside of Fenced Dog Park Location)				3								2				0.36	
Cimarron Park		1	1	1					1			2	1				
Meadow Oaks Park		2										2	1		1		
Northview Park		1	2	1						1		2	1			0.35	
Red Horse Park		1	3	7	1		1			1	12	2	2	1	1	0.39	
Universal City Park	4	2	8	14	1	18		1		1	19	1	1	1		0.48	2
Total	4	7	14	26	2	18	1	1	1	5	48	6	2	2	1.58	2	



UNDEVELOPED LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY

The second parkland inventory category involves land owned by the City of Universal City that is either undeveloped for recreational purposes or has not officially been designated as “parkland” by the City.

The City of Universal City has two tracts currently designated for parkland. 8.69 acres of land (located along Aviation Boulevard where it intersects Cibolo Creek) has been master planned and designated as a Veterans Park. Proposed amenities in the park include parking, pavilions, a playground, amphitheater, rest room and 1/4-mile walking trail. (See “Appendix” for master plan.)

The City also owns 2.42 acres of land at the intersection of Universal City Boulevard and Gothic Drive. This acreage has also been master planned as a neighborhood park and includes pavilions, a playground, parking and a walking trail. (See “Appendix” for master plan.)

In addition, 64.78-acres of land in the Northlake Area of the City have been earmarked as the future location of the Universal City Recreation and Sports Complex. (See “Appendix” for master plan.) This land is owned by the City of Universal City and managed by the Universal City Industrial Development Corporation (IDC). The transfer of this land to the City was recommended by IDC and approved by City Council on February 7, 2006.



EXISTING PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES FINANCED OR MAINTAINED BY THE CITY

The third category for park land inventory in this master plan involves land that is not owned by the City of Universal City, but is financed or maintained by the City for recreational purposes.

Currently, the 53.00 acres of Natural Area Preservation Association (NAPA) land along Cibolo Creek is maintained but not owned by the City.

The Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center is independent of the City’s park system but is financially supported by the City.

CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY SUPPORTED RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND LOCAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

Through the use of its parks system, the Universal City supports several area youth sports associations in the area, including Tri-City Baseball, Tri-City Softball, and the Metrocom Youth Association.



The City also supports the Live Oak Disc Golf Alliance and their use of the disc golf course in Universal City Park.

Currently, Universal City has two independent school districts that have educational and recreational facilities within City limits. The tables on the following pages document district schools, their locations and recreational facilities.

JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

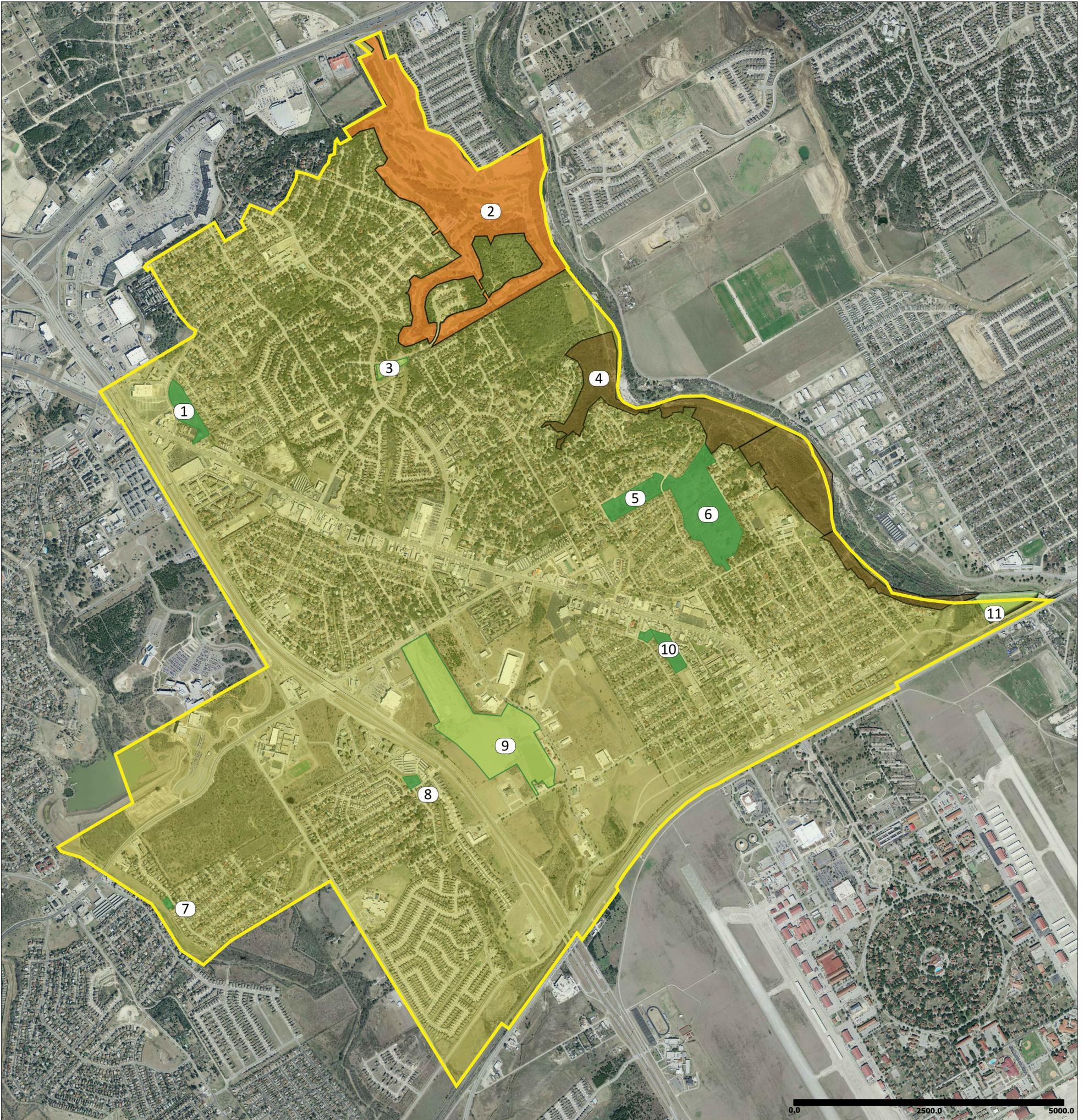
NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TYPE OF SCHOOL	RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT SCHOOL
Coronado Village Elementary School	213 Amistad	Elementary School Pre-K thru 5th	(2) Basketball (3) Benches (2) Picnic Tables (2) Playground (1) Soccer (1) Swimming Pool (1) Volleyball
Salinas Elementary School	10560 Old Cimarron Trail	Elementary School Pre-K thru 5th	(1) Playground (1) Practice Baseball
Olympia Elementary School	8439 Athenian	Elementary School	(2) Basketball (2) Benches (2) Picnic Tables (3) Playground (1) Practice Baseball
Kitty Hawk Junior High School	840 Old Cimarron Trail	Middle School	(4) Basketball (1) Football (1) Practice Baseball (4) Tennis Courts (1) Track

SCHERTZ-UNIVERSAL CITY (SCUC) INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TYPE OF SCHOOL	RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT SCHOOL
Rose Garden Elementary School	506 North Boulevard	Elementary School	(1) Basketball (3) Benches (8) Picnic Tables (1) Playground (1) Soccer (3) Pavilions

The recreational facilities at the school are not owned by the City of Universal City; however, either officially or unofficially, they do provide recreational opportunities for Universal City residents. As such, the facilities are included in this Parks and Open Space Master Plan for contextual purposes.





- City-Owned Developed Parkland
- City-Owned Non-Developed Parkland
- Privately Owned City Maintained Conservation Land
- City-Owned Golf Course (Financed and Maintained Independently of the City's Park System)

Existing Parks Legend:

1. Athenian Park / Athenian Dog Park
2. Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center
3. Future Summit Park
4. Nature Conservancy Lands
5. Red Horse Park
6. Universal City Park
7. Cimarron Park
8. Meadow Oaks Park
9. Future UC Recreation and Sports Complex
10. Northview Park
11. Future Veterans Park

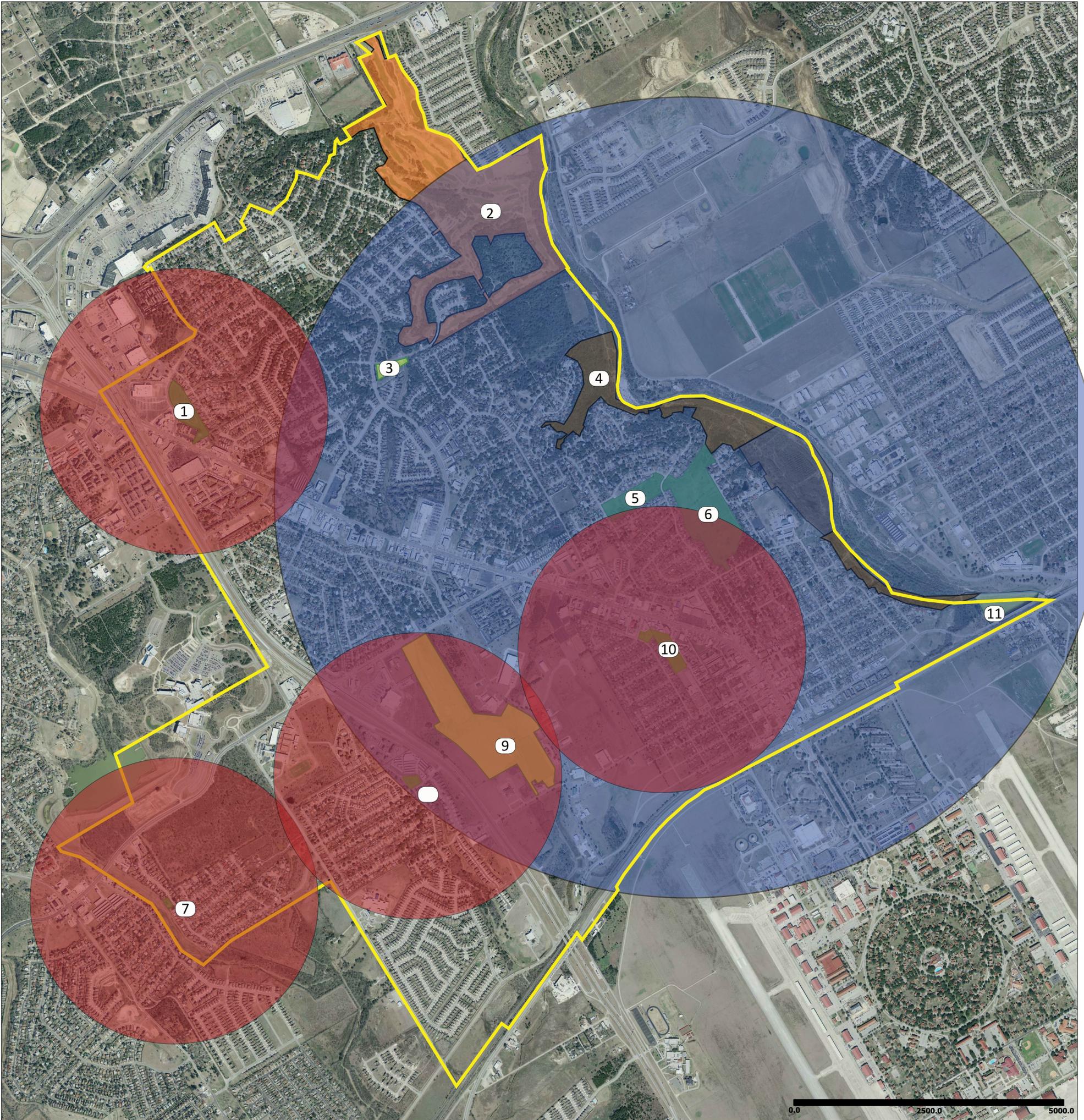
Existing Parks Plan

City of Universal City

LUCK DESIGN TEAM

May 20, 2013





- Neighborhood Park Service Radius - 1/2 Mile
- Community Park Service Radius - 1 1/2 Mile

Existing Parks Legend:

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2. Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center
3. Future Summit Park
4. Nature Conservancy Lands
5. Red Horse Park
6. Universal City Park
7. Cimarron Park
8. Meadow Oaks Park
9. Future UC Recreation and Sports Complex
10. Northview Park
11. Future Veterans Park

Existing Parks - Service Radius Plan

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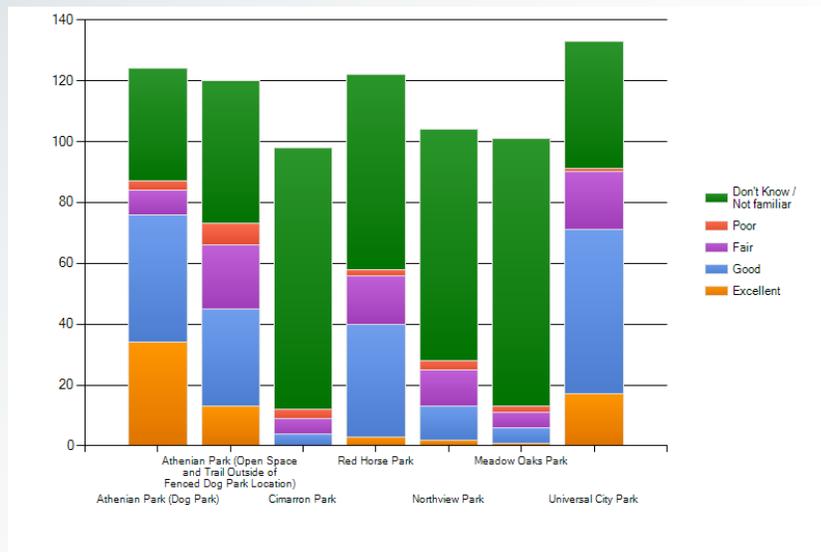


6. NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

In September of 2012 the City distributed the Universal City Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trail Plan Survey 2012-2022 to citizens to solicit public input regarding the general growth and direction they would like for the City park and recreation system. (Survey included in Appendix.) Through mail and the web-based responses, the City received 409 completed surveys. Survey results are provided on the following pages.

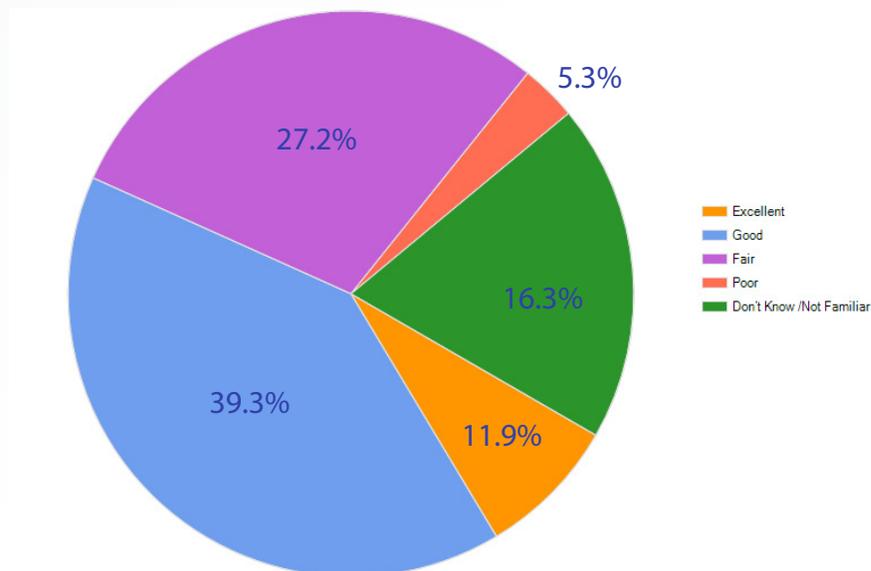
QUESTION 3:

How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Universal City? (Please indicate one answer.)



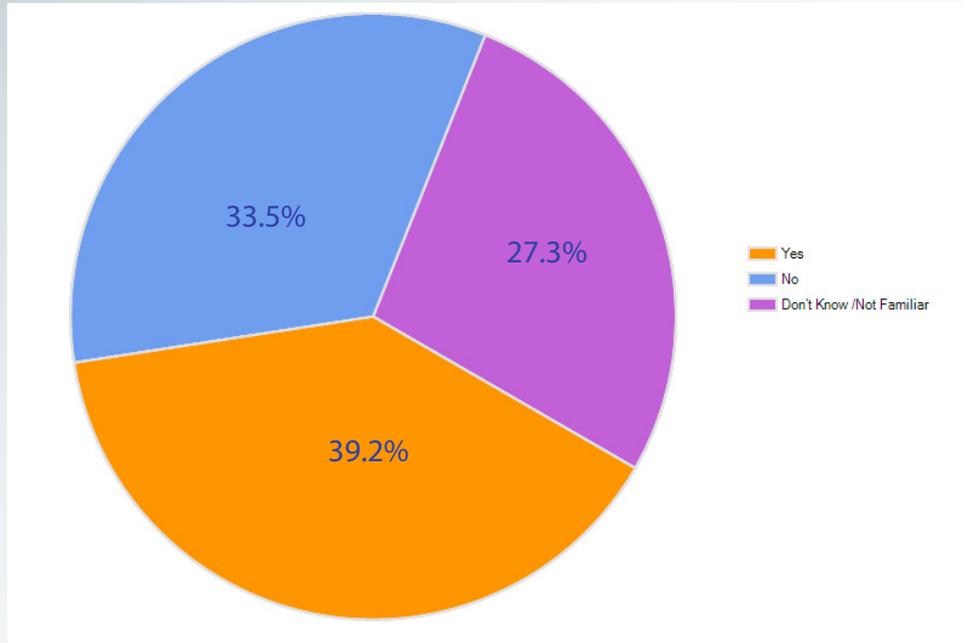
QUESTION 4:

How would you rate the physical condition of the parks and recreation opportunities in Universal City? (Please indicate one answer.)



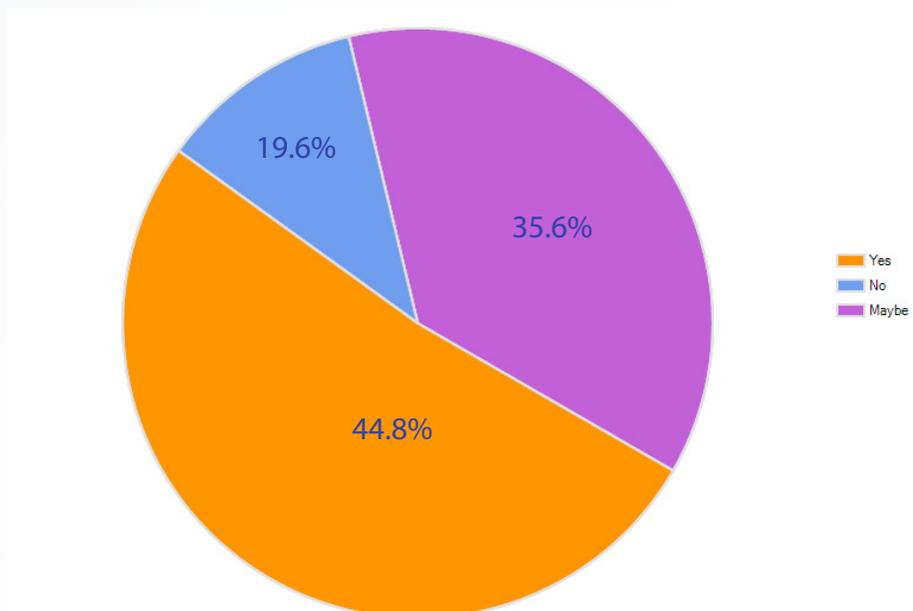
QUESTION 7:

Does the City have enough parkland? (Please indicate one answer.)



QUESTION 8:

Would you support a Bond Election for funds to develop new and existing public parks and recreation facilities?



QUESTION 11:

11) From the FACILITIES listed in Question 10, please indicate the top three that are the most important to your household? (Write in your preference below.)

Overall

Categories	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Score
Trails	91	61	33	428
Senior Center	52	21	22	220
Playscapes / Playgrounds	47	10	23	184
Natural Areas and Open Space	27	36	29	182
Outdoor Pools	28	30	24	168
Dog Parks	30	16	11	133
Multi-Purpose Indoor Center	12	23	27	109
Picnic Areas	12	15	28	94
Indoor Pools	13	18	10	85
Tennis Courts	13	10	7	66
Fishing Access Areas	6	11	18	58
Pavilions/Shelters	2	20	3	49
Soccer Fields	10	6	6	48
Baseball Fields	7	9	5	44
Community Gardens	3	7	11	34
Water Playscapes	1	9	10	31
Basketball Courts	4	5	8	30
Disc Golf	3	7	5	28
Botanical Gardens	2	8	6	28
Softball Fields	4	4	4	24
Skate Parks	2	6	3	21
BMX Track	3	4	2	19
Volleyball Courts	1	1	3	8
Football Fields	2	1	0	8

NOTE:

1. The text highlighted "blue" in the table above designates indoor facilities.
2. Scoring is based on 3 points for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place and 1 point for 3rd place.



QUESTION 11 continued:

The survey asked respondents to identify which area they reside in Universal City based on the areas indicated in the map below. As a result, the survey identified the top three facilities that are the most important to each of the designated living areas on the following two pages.



Area A

Categories	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Score
Trails	31	17	12	139
Senior Center	16	7	5	67
Playscapes / Playgrounds	17	3	4	61
Natural Areas and Open Space	10	13	9	65
Outdoor Pools	6	11	9	49
Dog Parks	13	6	5	56
Multi-Purpose Indoor Center	4	8	7	35
Picnic Areas	2	3	10	22
Indoor Pools	5	8	4	35
Tennis Courts	6	4	2	28
Water Playscapes		1		2
Football Fields	1	0	0	3
Fishing Access Areas	2	3	2	14
Pavilions/Shelters	1	6	1	16
Soccer Fields	3	2	3	16
Baseball Fields	2	2	1	11
Community Gardens	1	3	5	14
Basketball Courts	0	4	0	8
Disc Golf	1	1	3	8
Botanical Gardens	0	4	1	9
Softball Fields	1	3	1	10
Skate Parks		2	1	5
BMX Track	3	1	0	11
Volleyball Courts				0

Area B

Categories	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Score
Trails	14	7	3	59
Playscapes / Playgrounds	9	1	3	32
Senior Center	5	4	2	25
Natural Areas & Open Space	1	7	8	25
Dog Parks	4	3	0	18
Multi-Purpose Indoor Center	3	3	3	18
Outdoor Pools	2	0	6	12
Tennis Courts	1	4	1	12
Picnic Areas	2	1	3	11
Baseball Fields	1	3	1	10
Fishing Access Areas	1	1	2	7
Basketball Courts	2	0	1	7
Community Gardens	0	2	2	6
Indoor Pools	1	0	1	4
Soccer Fields	1	0	1	4
Disc Golf	0	2	0	4
Water Playscapes	0	1	1	3
Botanical Gardens	0	1	1	3
Pavilions/Shelters	0	1	0	2
BMX Track	0	1	0	2
Football Fields	0	0	0	0
Softball Fields	0	0	0	0
Skate Parks	0	0	0	0
Volleyball Courts	0	0	0	0

Area C

Categories	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Score
Trails	21	13	3	92
Natural Areas and Open Space	6	5	4	32
Playscapes / Playgrounds	7	2	5	30
Senior Center	6	3	2	26
Outdoor Pools	3	5	4	23
Multi-Purpose Indoor Center	2	5	5	21
Baseball Fields	1	3	2	11
Picnic Areas	1	1	5	10
Pavilions/Shelters	1	2	1	8
Disc Golf	0	3	1	7
Dog Parks	0	3	1	7
Soccer Fields	1	2	0	7
Indoor Pools	2	0	0	6
Water Playscapes	1	1	1	6
Basketball Courts	1	0	2	5
Skate Parks	1	1	0	5
Tennis Courts	1	0	2	5
Community Gardens	1	0	1	4
Softball Fields	1	0	1	4
Botanical Gardens	0	1	1	3
Fishing Access Areas	0	0	3	3
Volleyball Courts	0	0	1	1
BMX Track	0	0	0	0
Football Fields	0	0	0	0

Area D

Categories	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Score
Trails	8	8	4	44
Playscapes / Playgrounds	6		4	22
Senior Center	5	1	5	22
Dog Parks	6	1	1	21
Indoor Pools	5		3	18
Natural Areas and Open Space	3	4	1	18
Outdoor Pools	1	7	1	18
Picnic Areas	2	4	4	18
Multi-Purpose Indoor Center	2	4	3	17
Soccer Fields	4		1	13
Fishing Access Areas		2	3	7
Pavilions/Shelters		3	1	7
Softball Fields	2		1	7
Botanical Gardens	1	1	1	6
Tennis Courts		2	2	6
BMX Track		2	1	5
Skate Parks	1	1		5
Baseball Fields	1		1	4
Disc Golf		1	1	3
Volleyball Courts	1			3
Football Fields		1		2
Water Playscapes		1		2
Community Gardens			1	1
Basketball Courts				0

NOTE:

1. The text highlighted "blue" in the tables above designates indoor facilities.
2. Scoring is based on 3 points for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place and 1 point for 3rd place.



Area E

Categories	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Score
Trails	6	6	3	33
Outdoor Pools	7	3	2	29
Picnic Areas	4	4	4	24
Playscapes / Playgrounds	5	2	2	21
Natural Areas and Open Space	4	1	3	17
Pavilions/Shelters	1	7	0	17
Senior Center	3	2	4	17
Fishing Access Areas	0	3	4	10
Multi-Purpose Indoor Center	1	1	5	10
Baseball Fields	2	1	0	8
Water Playscapes	0	3	2	8
Community Gardens	1	2	1	6
Disc Golf	2	0	0	6
Basketball Courts	0	1	3	5
Indoor Pools	0	2	1	5
Botanical Gardens	1	0	0	3
Dog Parks	1	0	0	3
Softball Fields	1	0	0	3
Tennis Courts	1	0	0	3
Skate Parks	0	0	2	2
Soccer Fields	0	1	0	2
BMX Track	0	0	1	1
Football Fields	0	0	0	0
Volleyball Courts	0	0	0	0

Area F

Categories	1st	2nd	3rd	Total Score
Senior Center	13	3	3	48
Trails	8	9	6	48
Outdoor Pools	8	2	2	30
Dog Parks	6	3	4	28
Natural Areas and Open Space	3	5	4	23
Indoor Pools		8	2	18
Playscapes / Playgrounds	3	2	4	17
Fishing Access Areas	2	2	4	14
Picnic Areas	1	3	2	11
Multi-Purpose Indoor Center	1	2	2	9
Soccer Fields	1	1	2	7
Softball Fields	1	1	1	6
Tennis Courts	2	0	0	6
Skate Parks	0	2	0	4
Water Playscapes	0	2	0	4
Community Gardens	0	1	1	3
Football Fields	1	0	0	3
Volleyball Courts	0	1	1	3
Basketball Courts	0	0	2	2
Botanical Gardens	0	0	1	1
Baseball Fields	0	0	0	0
BMX Track	0	0	0	0
Disc Golf	0	0	0	0
Pavilions/Shelters	0	0	0	0

NOTE:

1. The text highlighted "blue" in the tables above designates indoor facilities.
2. Scoring is based on 3 points for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place and 1 point for 3rd place.



7. STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) provides the industry standard for parks, recreation, and open space design as recognized by park planning professionals throughout the country. This master plan follows the latest published nomenclature and standards as outlined by NRPA in the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines 1990 edition.

NRPA has directed that each municipality or governmental agency develop and provide its own guideline for growth and park planning as dictated by local conditions. As such, a numerical nationwide template of standards for parks growth does not exist, although the development of a standard for each municipality is exhorted. Previously, NRPA had directed a minimum of 11-acres of parkland /1000 population.

With that background the following standards and guidelines are to be used by the City of Universal City as a guide for minimum goals to be achieved by the City as its park system further develops. As with any issue that arises, the practice of these standards to specific situations should be applied with the wisdom of the local needs.

For purposes of this master plan, Universal City has divided park classifications into the following categories:

ORNAMENTAL PARKS – Typically, Ornamental Parks vary from 2500 SF to 1 acre in size and service the immediately surrounding area up to a 1/4 mile radius. Amenities in these parks are unique to the area and in some cases are simply open space areas.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS -

As the basic unit of any City's park system, neighborhood parks serve residents in a 1/4 to 1 mile area. Typically, there is little if any parking and roadway infrastructure at the park and the focus tends to be on informal activities and servicing passive recreational needs.

COMMUNITY PARKS -

Active program elements such as ball fields and larger community based recreation needs are served by the Community Park classification. Typically, these parks range from 16 to 99-acres in size and have a mile and a half level of service area.

NATURAL RESOURCE PARKS - These are natural areas that are set-aside as scenic buffers or preservation. They are intended for limited passive recreation opportunities.

LINEAR PARKS/GREENWAYS -These are the connectors that link the park system together as well as to other neighborhoods and cultural amenities. Width varies to accommodate specific user, site requirements, and safety needs.



COMPARISON OF PARK ACREAGE TO ADOPTED STANDARDS - PROJECTIONS FOR 2010 AND 2015

In order to assist the City in acquiring additional parkland to meet the needs of a growing population, the following tables have been developed. Each table reflects a desired acreage amount per 1000 unit of population for each park classification group. These desired acreages are compared to existing park acreages within the City limits. The differences between the existing and desired acreages offer a guideline for the years 2013, 2018, and 2023, and provide the City of Universal City with a systematic park acquisition goal to meet the needs of the population.

EXISTING AND UNDEVELOPED PARK LAND ACREAGE – CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY

This table documents parkland inventory acreage as indicated in ‘Section 5 - Inventory’ of this master plan, including three proposed parks (parkland that is owned by the City but not yet developed).

Park Classification	Existing and Proposed Parks	Acreage
Ornamental Parks	Total Ornamental Parks Acreage =	0.00
Neighborhood Parks	Athenian Park	6.17
	Cimarron Park	0.47
	Proposed Summit Park	2.42
	Meadow Oaks Park	1.15
	Northview Park	4.75
	Total Neighborhood Parks Acreage=	14.96
Community Parks	Athenian Dog Park	1.10
	Proposed UC Recreation and Sports Complex	64.78
	Red Horse Park	12.00
	Universal City Park	21.81
	Proposed Veterans Park	8.69
	Total Community Parks Acreage=	108.38
Natural Resource Parks	Nature Conservancy Lands	53.00
	Total Natural Resource Parks Acreage=	53.00
Linear Parks/Greenways	Total Linear Parks / Greenway Acreage=	0.00
		TOTAL PARK ACREAGE=176.34



Universal City Park Acreage Guidelines

Park Facility	Existing 2013 Population of 18,530~ Existing Parks AC/1000	Guidelines for 2018 Population of 20,771+ Suggested AC/1000	Guidelines for 2023 Population of 21,970+ Suggested AC/1000
Ornamental Parks	0 .00ac/1000	0 .00ac/1000	0 .00ac/1000
Neighborhood Parks	14.96 0.81 ac/1000	14.96 .72 ac/1000	14.96 .68 ac/1000
Community Parks	108.38 5.85/1000	108.38 5.22ac/1000	108.38 4.93 ac/1000
Natural Resource Parks	53.00 2.86 ac/1000	53.000 2.55 ac/1000	53.00 2.41 ac/1000
Totals	176.34 9.52 ac/1000	176.34 8.49/1000	176.34 8.02 ac/1000

~- Source: 2010 U.S. Census

+ - Source: Population Projections for 2018 extrapolated from the "2016 Regional and 2017 State Water Plan Projections Data: Region L Draft Population and Municipal Water Demand Projections". Note: the projections in this plan show Universal City reaching its maximum population of 21,970 between 2020 and 2025. For the planning purposes of this document, maximum population buildout is shown in 2023. Source: <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/waterplanning/data/projections/2017/demandproj.asp>



FACILITY BASED GUIDELINES

As shown below, information from the NRPA guidelines is listed along with facility development guideline recommendations from LUCK Design Team specific to the City of Universal City. The recommendations from LUCK Design Team refer to facilities that were not covered in the NRPA recommendations. Proposed facility guidelines are for fiscal years 2018 and 2023.

Universal City Park Facility Guidelines

Activity / Facility	Guidelines Recommended For Facilities Per Population	Facilities In Universal City Pop. of 18,530~	Facilities Proposed For 2018 Pop. of 20,771+	Facilities Proposed For 2023 Pop. of 21,970+
Amphitheaters	1/20,000 [^]	0	1	1
Baseball Fields	1/5,000*	4	8	8
Basketball Goals (outdoors)	1/5,000*	7	4.5	6.5
Benches	1 bench/400 [^]	26	23	23
Disc Golf	18 holes/20,000 [^]	18	18	18
Fishing Areas/ Docks	1/10,000 [^]	0	3	3
Football Fields	1/20,000*	1	1	1
Futsal Courts	1/20,000 [^]	1	1	1
Golf Course	1/50,000*	1	1	1
Pavilion/Shelters	1/2,000*	5	10	15
Picnic Tables	1 table/300*	48	42	45
Playgrounds	1 area/1,000*	6	8	9
Recreation Centers	1/20,000-30,000*	0	0	0
Skate Parks	1/20,000 [^]	0	0	0
Soccer Fields	1/5,000*	0	0	0
Softball Fields	1/5,000*	2	4	4
Splash Pads	1/10,000 [^]	0	0	0
Swimming Pools	1/20,000*	0	0	0
Tennis Courts	1/5,000*	2	1	1
Trails	1/2-1 mile/1,000*	1.58	2.08	5.00
Volleyball Area (outdoors)	1/5,000*	2	3	3

* - Source: Guidelines from Appendix A in Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, p. 60-61, 4th printing 1990, a publication of the National Recreation and Park Association.

[^] - Source: LUCK Design Team professional recommendation for the City of Universal City.

~ - Source: 2010 US Census, Demographic Profile Data

+ - Source: Population Projections for 2018 extrapolated from the "2016 Regional and 2017 State Water Plan Projections Data: Region L Draft Population and Municipal Water Demand Projections". Note: the projections in this plan show Universal City reaching its maximum population of 21,970 between 2020 and 2025. For the planning purposes of this document, maximum population buildout is shown in 2023.

Source: <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/waterplanning/data/projections/2017/demandproj.asp>



8. PARK NEEDS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The most important part of any parks, recreation and open space master plan is the identification of the priorities through inventory analysis, needs assessment, public input, and suggestions from the Parks & Recreation Commission and City Staff. Once this process is completed, the establishment of an implementation program is the next step.

This section outlines a 10-year implementation and action plan focused along two congruent tracks: outdoor facility improvements and indoor facility improvements.

OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The first part of the implementation plan focuses on outdoor facilities. Questions Eight and Nine of the needs survey focused on identifying needs for park facilities and amenities. The design team tabulated the surveys, reviewed the results and developed the following list of priorities.

Outdoor Recreational Facility Priorities

High Priority Needs

- 1) Trails to serve the entire population
- 2) Playscapes / Playgrounds
- 3) Pavilions/ Shelters
- 4) Dog Park
- 5) Baseball Fields / Softball Fields
- 6) Basketball Courts
- 7) Disc Golf
- 8) Miscellaneous Park Maintenance Improvements

Medium Priority Needs

- 9) Natural Areas and Open Space
- 10) Picnic Areas
- 11) Fishing Access Areas

Low Priority Needs

- 12) Outdoor Pools
- 13) Tennis Courts
- 14) Soccer Fields
- 15) Community Gardens
- 16) Water Playscapes
- 17) Botanical Gardens
- 18) Skate Parks
- 19) BMX Parks
- 20) Volleyball Courts
- 21) Football Fields



City of Universal City PARKS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

Outdoor Facility Improvements

Implementation and Action Items

**Years One
Thru Five**

HIGH PRIORITIES

- 1) Trails (Primary, Secondary and Connector)

Provide trail (softscape) and paths (hardscape) connectivity to cultural amenities within the City: to parks, City Hall, City Library, etc.; investigate powerline easements for potential trail corridors.

Future Veterans Park: Add 1/4 mile loop trail

Red Horse Park: Repave Asphalt trails

Future Summit Park: Add 1/4 mile loop trail

Develop Cibolo Creek Trail

Future UC Recreation and Sports Complex: develop loop trail at lake.

Athenian People Park: develop asphalt trail with exercise station.

Construct accessibility compliant sections of paths to park components at each park.

Start an annual playground audit program.

Cimarron Park: Replace swing apparatus; remove bench in playground area and bring in a new piece of equipment.

Northview Park: Replace two swing set apparatus and climber; look at replacing some panels or the whole playground unit for ages 5-12.
Add container band and replace sand fall zone material with engineered wood fiber.
Provide accessibility.

Future Veterans Park: Add playground.

Future Summit Park: Add playground.

Red Horse Park: replace selective equipment off North Blvd.; make accessible. Replace swing set at playground unit interior to park and add container band; replace sand fall zone material with engineered wood fiber. Provide accessibility.

- 2) Playscapes / Playgrounds

City of Universal City

PARKS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

Outdoor Facility Improvements

Implementation and Action Items

Universal City Park: Add container band; replace sand fall zone material with engineered wood fiber to all play apparatus; provide accessibility. Replace playground structure that was removed at entry.

Athenian People Park: add playground.

Cimarron Park: Add pavilion at picnic pad.

Meadow Oaks Park: Add pavilion at existing concrete slab.

Northview Park: Add pavilion at existing playground and at existing loop trail.

Future Veterans Park: Add (1) large pavilion; add (5) smaller pavilions.

Future Summit Park: Add pavilion

Red Horse Park: Add pavilion at existing playground off North Blvd.

Universal City Park: Add 16' x16' pavilions with 2-3 picnic tables per pavilion.

Add rest room facility at existing dog park.

Add Parking at existing dog park.

Future UC Recreation and Sports Complex : Construct new baseball / softball facilities comprising fields per the preliminary master plan.

Cimarron Park: Repave asphalt at existing half court and replace standard.

Meadow Oaks Park: Convert tennis courts to basketball courts (replace concrete slab, replace basketball standards and remove chain link on 3/4 of the sides); provide lighting

Northview Park: Add basketball court to loop trail area.

Red Horse Park: Replace existing basketball standard in asphalt parking area.

3) Pavilions/ Shelters

4) Dog Park

5) Baseball Fields / Softball Fields

6) Basketball Courts

City of Universal City PARKS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

Outdoor Facility Improvements

Implementation and Action Items

7) Disc Golf

Future UC Recreation and Sports Complex: Develop two basketball courts

The existing disc golf course is managed by the Live Oak Golf Alliance; parking and signage need to be added to the existing course.

8) Misc.

Cimmaron Park: Replace chain link fence with black steel fence; replace entry asphalt drive area with path and turf; remove the gate and add angled parking off Wagon Crossing.

Meadow Oaks Park: Replace perimeter chain link fence with black steel fence; replace concrete walks.

Northview Park: Replace chain link fence with black steel fence;

Add park identification signage at each of the parks; develop a unified park sign system.

Develop infrastructure at Veterans Park so that people may access and interface with Cibolo Creek.

9) Natural Areas and Open Space

Develop trail along Cibolo Creek.

10) Picnic Areas

Start annual picnic table replacement rotation (recommend 4/year: City currently has 39 tables).

11) Fishing Access Areas

Develop at Veterans Park so that people may access and interface with Cibolo Creek.

Add pond access at Future UC Recreation and Sports Complex

LOW PRIORITIES

12) Outdoor Pools

Note: Items 12-21 ranked as low priorities during the needs assessment process. These amenities and their priorities ranking will be re-evaluated after five years.

13) Tennis Courts

14) Soccer Fields

15) Community Gardens

16) Water Playscapes

17) Botanical Gardens

18) Skate Parks

19) BMX Parks

20) Volleyball Courts

21) Football Fields

INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Throughout the parks needs assessment, indoor recreation facility priorities ranked at or near the top of needed park facilities for the City. To the right are the top three indoor facilities as ranked by the public survey response and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Indoor Recreation Facility Priorities

High Priority Needs

- 1) Senior Center
- 2) Multi-Purpose Indoor Center
- 3) Indoor Pools

All are deemed “High Priorities” for the City; however, each has a large infrastructure development cost and maintenance cost. As the ‘Parks Implementation Plan’ indicates on the following page, the City has as a plan to review the potential of acquiring Northview School and converting its use to a Senior Center.

In regards to the Multi-Purpose Indoor Center and Indoor Pools facilities, the City will investigate pursuing public/private partnerships to meet this community need. The City does not have the capital resources or personnel available to adequately fund and staff either of these two needs with its current budget allocation.



City of Universal City PARKS IMPLEMENTATION ACTION PLAN

Indoor Facility Improvements	Implementation and Action Items
<p>HIGH PRIORITIES</p> <p>1) Senior Center</p>	<p>Investigate potential of acquiring Northview School.</p>
<p>2) Multi-Purpose Indoor Center</p>	<p>Investigate pursuing public/private partnerships to meet this community need.</p>
<p>3) Indoor Pools</p>	<p>Investigate pursuing public/private partnerships to meet this community need.</p>
<p>MEDIUM PRIORITIES</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>LOW PRIORITIES</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>

Universal City Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trail Master Plan Survey 2012-2022

The City of Universal City is in the process of preparing the Universal City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2012-2022. We are asking for Universal City citizens to participate in this study so the City can plan future parks and recreation programs based upon your needs.

The City produced the previous Universal City Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan in 2006. That plan drove substantial improvements in all city parks, including: children’s playscapes; disc golf; walking trails; accessible restrooms; sports fields; trees and landscaping; drainage; the Universal City Dog Park and many other improvements. The 2006 plan mapped improvements that eclipsed **\$1,000,000** in public and private funds.

Please complete this survey by indicating the answers that best reflect your attitudes and opinions and return within 7 business days to:

**City of Universal City
Attn: Randy Luensmann, Director of Public Works
2150 Universal City Blvd.
Universal City, TX 78148**

Your opinion is important and the City would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

1) How often have you or members of your household visited parks or used recreation facilities in Universal City in 2012? *(Please indicate one answer.)*

		Once a week	More than once a month	Once a month	Two or more times during the year	Never
A	How often do you visit parks in Universal City?					

2) Which park facilities do you use? *(Multiple answers may be indicated.)*

Athenian Park (Dog Park Location)	
Athenian Park (Open Space and Trail Outside of Fenced Dog Park Location)	
Cimarron Park (on Wagon Crossing)	
Red Horse Park (on North Boulevard)	
Northview Park (next to Library)	
Meadow Oaks Park (on Meadowland)	
Universal City Park (off North Boulevard)	

3) How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Universal City? *(Multiple answers may be indicated.)*

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know / Not Familiar
Athenian Park (Dog Park)					
Athenian Park (Open Space and Trail Outside of Fenced Dog Park Location)					
Cimarron Park					
Red Horse Park					
Northview Park					
Meadow Oaks Park					
Universal City Park					

4) Overall, how would you rate the parks and recreation opportunities in Universal City? (Please indicate one answer.)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know / Not Familiar
Parks and Recreation Opportunities					

5) From the list below, please mark the top four ways you learn about parks and recreation activities offered in Universal City? (Indicate only four answers.)

City website		City Newspaper – “The Gateway”	
Radio		Calling/talking to City Park employees	
Television		Social Media (twitter/Facebook/etc.)	
Word of Mouth		Notifications posted at Park Facilities	

Other (List): _____

6) If you selected “social media” in Question 5 as one of the top four ways you learn about parks and recreation activities offered by the City of Universal City, which social media platform do you prefer? (Indicate only one answer.)

Facebook	
Twitter	
YouTube	

_____ Other (List): _____

7) Does the City have enough parkland? (Please indicate one answer.)

Yes		No		Don't Know /Not Familiar	
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If you answered “No” where do you think new parks are needed?

8) Would you support a Bond Election for funds to develop new and existing public parks and recreation facilities?

Yes		No		Maybe	
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9) What is the single most important issue or need concerning City of Universal City parks or recreation programs? (Write in any comments.)

10) From the FACILITIES listed below, please indicate how well you or someone in your household feels this need is currently being met in existing parks in Universal City. (Please indicate one answer for each program activity for each activity.)

This need is:	Fully Met; No Additional Facilities are Needed	Nearly Met	Half Met	Somewhat Met	Not Met At All	No Opinion
Baseball Fields						
Softball Fields						
Soccer Fields						
Football Fields						
Basketball Courts						
Tennis Courts						
Volleyball Courts						
Skate Parks						
BMX Track						
Dog Park						
Disc Golf						
Playscapes/Playgrounds						
Pavilions/Shelters						
Picnic Areas						
Trails						
Natural Areas & Open Space						
Fishing Access Areas						
Community Gardens						
Botanical Gardens						
Water playscapes/Splash pads						
Outdoor Pools						
Indoor Pools						
Senior Center						
Multi-Purpose Indoor Center						

11) From the FACILITIES listed in Question 10, please indicate the top three that are the most important to your household? (Write in your preference below.)

_____1st _____2nd _____3rd

12) Please list any FACILITIES not noted in the survey that the City of Universal City should consider constructing in the future. (List & write in any comments.)

13) From the PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES listed below, please indicate if you or someone in your household has a need for each of the activities or recreational programs. (Please indicate yes or no for each activity.)

This need is:	Fully Met; No Additional Facilities are Needed	Nearly Met	Half Met	Somewhat Met	Not Met At All	No Opinion
Youth Sports						
Adult Sports						
Outdoor Adventure Sports						
Lifetime Fitness & Wellness						
Senior Programming						
Visual & Performing Arts						
Creative Arts & Crafts						
Swimming & Aquatics						
Indoor Recreation						
Music in the Park						
Movies in the Park						
Snowfest						

14) From the PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES listed in Question 13, please indicate the top three that are the most important to your household? (Write in your preference below.)

_____1st _____2nd _____3rd

15) Please list any PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES not noted in the survey that the City of Universal City should consider providing in the future. (List & write in any comments.)

About you:

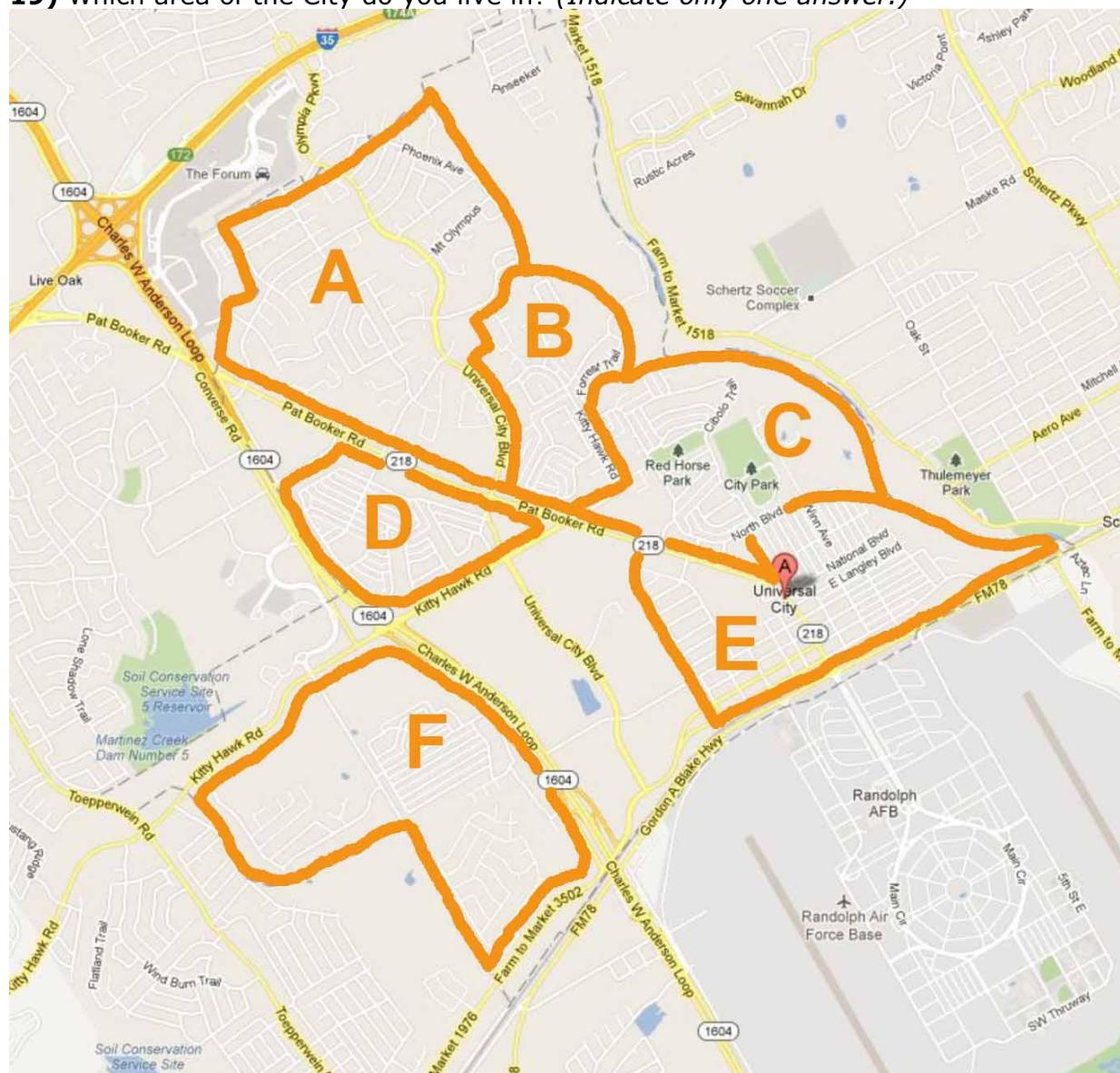
16) I am **Male** / **Female**

17) I **Own** my home / **Rent** my home

18) I have lived in Universal City for _____ years. *(Indicate only one answer.)*

A	Less than a year	
B	1 - 5 years	
C	6-10 years	
D	11-20 years	
E	21 + years	

19) Which area of the City do you live in? *(Indicate only one answer.)*



Area A	
Area B	
Area C	
Area D	
Area E	
Area F	

20) I am: *(Indicate only one answer.)*

A	Employed full-time	
B	Self employed	
C	Employed part-time	
D	Unemployed	
E	Homemaker	
F	Student	
G	Retired	

21) Including yourself, indicate the NUMBER of people in your household who are in the following age categories. *(If none, write "0".)*

Under 6 yrs		25-44 years	
6-12 years		45-64 years	
13-18 years		65 yrs & older	
19-24 years			

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS SURVEY. YOUR INPUT WILL HELP DEVELOP THE FUTURE VISION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY.

APPENDIX

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE NEEDS SURVEY

What is the single most important issue or need concerning Universal City parks or recreation programs? (Write in any comments.)

1. Trails and playscapes
2. More fitness trails/fitness oriented parks
3. Availability of multi-style functioning parks - trails for walkers and bikers, exercise stations
4. Trees in dog park; pavilion; swimming pool; senior activity center
5. Need easier access. Now we often use parks in Live Oak and other areas of San Antonio
6. Health and fitness; kids playgrounds; please stop focusing on dogs and start focusing on "PEOPLE" in UC
7. Tennis Courts - Red Horse was converted to soccer
8. Pool; senior facilities
9. Have more police present in the community; more activities
10. Renovate and modernize current parks; paths, water fountains, shade, picnic tables, benches, playgrounds, new or improved frisbee golf course; not enough parking during events
11. Must appeal to young and teen youths
12. Top notch sports facilities with great concession stands and rest rooms
13. Dog trails and walking paths
14. Only one visit but seemed uninviting and run down
15. Not enough for teens
16. More fishing lakes
17. Clean, neat, organized
18. More activities including walking trails and in/outdoor swimming



19. Bike paths and trails - why should people drive to the park? let's walk or ride
20. More dog park
21. Selling part of park touching Kitty Hawk rendering the resulting long narrow strip less usable as park. If this first part is sold, then it's easy to rationalize the sale of the other part touching Kitty Hawk.
22. I would support a bond fund; just because I and my wife do not use parks does not mean we do not want to see them. We had kids once that used them in another city.
23. More advertising of activities and programs available
24. No increase in taxes
25. More tree areas, nicer walking paths
26. Wasting tax dollars
27. Security
28. More police patrols are needed at nights to curb graffiti
29. Park maintenance and improvements
30. Looks to me you are doing a good job for what you have
31. I used to visit both Red Horse and UC Parks but can no longer walk alone due to strokes and blindness
32. Too much money being thrown around at empty spaces which should remain empty; paraphrased: "upset at the water being used on the fields during Stage 2 restrictions".
33. Pool
34. More basketball courts, walking trails
35. Safety - would we be safe if especially we were alone?
36. Swimming pools
37. Keeping existing spaces well maintained, well lit, attractive and useful; including the surrounding grounds - grass is in very bad state and full of ants



38. We need green areas with trees, walking trails, benches and open areas where children can throw a ball
39. Updating the facilities a little; better directional signs on the disc golf course
40. Clean working rest rooms; tennis courts; new playground equipment; more safe parking
41. Need much more marketing and publicity for UC parks and rec. to include prominent signage and direction along Pat Booker Blvd and radio/tv advertising
42. Tennis courts - public pool: that's 2
43. City needs more large playscapes for young children
44. I am not a good person to ask since I usually do not use the program
45. Park space is becoming increasingly scarce or unavailable; get it now before it is gone
46. We need a really nice park; to my knowledge ours are all small ones spread out
47. Clean areas for children and pets for sports events and like recreational events such as concerts and outdoor movies
48. Safety, quality
49. Are they utilized or just land? Spend money more effectively!
50. Rest rooms
51. Keeping them beautiful
52. Developing more green space and walking areas
53. We absolutely love Red Horse Park; only concerns are no working water fountains; we take water but the kids finish and want more
54. More biking trails
55. Not sure but I did visit a Schertz park and it was dirty; play sets were cruddy and rest rooms had odor and dirt
56. Need more adult softball fields
57. Opportunities for activities such as softball, soccer etc.; hike and bike trails
58. Library



59. Water faucet for Northview Drive
60. That the community gets to use the facility fairly between games; get rid of football field parking between houses - not good for park. You put that football field in without family input; now put their parking elsewhere
61. Repaving Red Horse paths; Parking at UC Park
62. More open spaces
63. Keeping children entertained by multiple equipment areas
64. A decent library, not another sports park
65. Safety
66. We need to be concerned in activities for all ages
67. Generating building funds without bonds or tax increases
68. Quality of the new parks proposed; if you can't afford to build nice facilities don't put up anything
69. Maintaining existing parks and associated costs with development of parkland not developed yet
70. To improve what we already have
71. Why not use empty buildings like Northview School Building for Seniors, etc.
72. Proximity for mature adults
73. Upkeep is most important
74. Put in after school youth centers with supervised programs; add a cat sanctuary - then we'll talk. Desperately need after school facilities so kids have someplace decent to hang out, get tutoring, be cared for and about until parent(s) get home whether they work or not.
75. Parking at UC Park on weekends for sporting events
76. We need a walking/jogging bike riding trail for the "F" section closer by a walking distance with a few picnic areas; a stocked pond for fishing with rest rooms;
77. Meadow Oaks park does not have rest rooms



78. Toddler Areas
79. Safety / Security
80. Security and safety
81. Swimming pool
82. Build a pool! All of the surrounding communities have them but not us
83. Keeping them clean and painting everything that needs it; i.e. benches, snack stand, etc.
84. Keep golf course
85. More advertisement
86. Financial reserves
87. Parking
88. Swimming pool
89. Do you have one?
90. Not any skate parks to keep young kids off the streets - need to make bike trails around parks not just for joggers and others who want to walk for exercise
91. Senior Center
92. Walking trails and rest room
93. Playground equipment needs to be repaired, and rest rooms could use updating
94. Keep the good works
95. Give the deer and other wildlife some refuge areas
96. Appearance, upkeep, safe, friendly, useful
97. Grounds could be cleaner; water in parking lot after sprinklers are used; too much lighting during non-use hours
98. Keeping mowed - clean and in good repair
99. Beautifications (Athenian)



100. Run bike paths
101. Upkeep at current parks
102. Effective spending of City Budget - still fighting recovery from golf course
103. More walking trail
104. Development of natural areas for enjoyment
105. I assume all facilities are safe and clean
106. New Library
107. Bike trails in Veterans Park that could go through the Cibolo Creek and come out by Kitty Hawk
108. Thanks for the upgrades in the small bathrooms (by the ball field) in Red Horse Park
109. Would like more soccer fields
110. Updating current park equipment
111. Clean up the dump site at the proposed Veterans Park
112. Getting families outdoors in a fun safe environment
113. Security Now
114. Need a pool
115. Improve children playground equipment; have tennis court somewhere take down ugly siding around playground on park court
116. Community needs to respect the facilities
117. No Community pool
118. Shaded playscapes
119. More sitting there
120. Open Safe play space for children
121. We need a swimming pool



122. Upkeep of bathrooms and equipment as it goes
123. Upkeep!!!
124. Public pools
125. Well patrolled
126. Establish a softball complex that will draw teams from the region
127. Access and shade
128. Lighting (in all 8 parks)
129. Better advertising; I had no idea half of your parks and things existing and I still have no idea what is offered there.
130. Baseball fields needed, basketball courts needed; pool needed! multipurpose center needed.
131. Development of facilities in parks - not much available @ my park
132. More security
133. Availability
134. Cleanliness and safety
135. Play areas for children - safe with covered equipment
136. Unattended kids
137. Need more open, wild green space; more trees. No more commerce and residential!!
138. If you sell the land for business development, those funds are to be used to develop and buy land for a new park; don't go bond!
139. Right now we are almost completely covered with concrete and want areas that are natural be left natural.
140. Need a public swimming pool
141. Safety = lighting and safe access for kids on bikes
142. Activities - walking trails, bike path, benches, rest room



143. Adequate rest rooms
144. Lack of advertising, lack of use
145. More opportunities (ie, pool or tennis courts, basketball courts) coordinated to also protect lands and wildlife. Also include walking trails.
146. My wife and I have a pool and are too old to pass judgement on this question; 87 & 95 respectively; besides we are backyard family types
147. Swimming pool, develop what's there now; Veterans Park needs to be developed, meet with disc golf at Cibolo Creek
148. Creating monthly social events at a pool (indoor)
149. Almost no facilities for seniors; indoor gym/pool /fitness center would be used daily by many if available
150. Better picnic areas. Update pools and track/walking paths
151. Access!
152. Swimming
153. Maintenance of grounds
154. Atmosphere
155. Maintenance / Beautification
156. Senior Citizens / civic center
157. Seniors; sports
158. No comment
159. Need clean bathrooms and water fountains
160. Would City consider survey of needs for a new library building; been waiting 27 years for this consideration; better building for library
161. We need a pool
162. Not sure how to answer
163. Upgrade play equipment; develop sports complex



164. Need nice paths / trails for recreation
165. Residents not knowing about the parks or events
166. I'd like some running trails. Me and friends go to San Antonio trails to run and I'd love to have some around here.
167. Safety, well lit, well maintained
168. More open space; walking /hiking trails
169. Senior Center; daytime activities for seniors; movies, yoga, Tai Chi, etc.
170. UC Park is full of Converse residents playing sports most weekends; it's crowded and loud.
171. Upkeep of existing parks, especially Northview - that one is so old.
172. Safety / lighting
173. Safety
174. No issues sufficient
175. A pool; bike paths off road with distance markers
176. Safety and accessibility for children
177. We needs a park with bicycle and hiking trails - I'm hoping Veterans Park will open soon with biking trails
178. The more trees the cooler the City, pick up trash; you have a lot of people who litter
179. Lighting
180. Safe playground equipment
181. Safe parks (no drugs, kids hanging out, loose dogs)
182. UC park needs places to picnic - some things for children besides ball
183. Parks make a friendly town; parks are inviting for people to move here. It makes it family friendly. Promotes healthy living! Parks in neighborhoods - meet whoever you live near. UC lacks a town feel
184. Parks need to be updated



185. Maintain the value of the neighborhoods and individual homes by having an adequate mix of well maintained parks and rec services
186. Need Tennis Courts
187. Need long attractive running paths; can be pavement path around a golf course - a pretty area
188. Senior Citizen Center
189. Need Bicycle and hiking trails and which take you down Pat Booker
190. Dog park was well conceived and executed
191. More picnic tables, benches; more bar-b-que grills
192. Senior Center
193. Hike and bike trails
194. Cleanliness - parks need to look clean to draw people to them
195. Update and clean them
196. Clean and maintain existing parks; new parks are not needed
197. Update playscapes at all parks
198. Pests ants and mosquitoes
199. Clean, family friendly
200. Shade, running area
201. Better designed walking trails for people and dogs; frisbee park decaying
202. Mountain bike trails
203. Making sure the parks stay clean and safe
204. We have enough; let's fine tune the existing ones
205. Develop the parks that we have; we have land but there's nothing on it
206. No restroom facilities at northview park



207. Consistent funding and community involvement
208. Bathroom accessibility should be kept cleaner; have liquid soap and towels available and toilet paper
209. More trails, running paths, biking
210. Too much noise from sports in Universal City parks
211. Providing a place for children, teens and families to play safely. A public pool is sorely needed in UC
212. Playground equipment needs to be changed to more modern one; kids not excited by old equipment
213. More bicycle trails!
214. Updated shaded playscapes
215. Safe family facilities
216. Currently do not have information on a lot of your programs
217. May have an aging population. Not use what you offer them
218. More running trails; perhaps some exercise equipment such as pull up bars, dip bars, etc.
219. More picnic areas
220. Place for families to enjoy
221. More parking
222. We need a pool and tennis courts
223. Parking at UC Park during football season
224. Hiking biking trails
225. No bond if it raises my taxes
226. Do not use enough to know what to reply to about
227. Safety; handicap accessible



228. Acquiring land to develop in right location for right purposes so all residents can receive benefit of parks
229. Real usable parks area; leaving nature whole
230. Keep up the good work you are doing; don't know how to motivate dog owners at dog park to pick up after their pets - problem
231. Grass in dog park
232. Probably get more information out about programs/events
233. Need more walking trails and benches to sit on
234. Not sure at this time
235. Parks look good but the neighborhood is beginning to look very trashy
236. UC Park - football practice - absurd people drive fast in park and thru town! parking on grass and on the drive - where "no parking" signs posted
237. Overcrowded parking in UC Park
238. Lack of events
239. More family friendly - i.e. pools, indoor/outdoor, softball fields, walking trails
240. More open spaces for walking (i.e., nature trails) with information about plants and animals
241. The park is really isolated; don't feel safe when walking in park when walking alone
242. Senior Citizen Activities
243. My concerns are the deer populations that are isolated in areas with no avenues of escape; i.e. Northlake - subdivision to east/ RR and 78 & AFB south; 1604 west / subdivision north
244. As near as I can tell the better facilities are in Olympia; the other parks except Athenian are old, small and not updated.
245. Shaded walking paths and play areas
246. N/a; enough available locally
247. Need for more fields; if you have been to UC park during football season, its overcrowded; playscapes for kids, walking trails, bike access



248. No swimming facility
249. Would love to see bike paths
250. Clean rest rooms
251. Too few parks and too little parkland; the outlook is not good. The City converts open space to commercial usage at every opportunity. Eventually all the open space will be gone
252. Do not know
253. Walking trails and accessibility
254. Access to and better care and maintenance to Cibolo Creek Trails. Better focus on community gardening
255. Need to police parks to keep out drug dealers and slobs who throw their trash anywhere
256. We have sufficient parkland but need to develop more of it.
257. More development in park lands, hiking trails, fitness stations, bike trails, picnic tables
258. The fact that the city turns revenue down from adult sports leagues
259. Educational information not being exchanged
260. Better, SHADED playground play structures would be a huge improvement. We currently use the Olympia Elem. playground due to the shade structure and shade from the trees. A natural trail section of parkland would also be good for our local Scout groups.
261. Safety and maintaining the property. Don't go because they don't seem to be maintained.
262. Develop the existing land
263. Safety
264. Get more running trails, sidewalks and bike trails
265. Need organized activities for school age kids
266. I'm not sure why you asking for a bond election - when are wasting our money on the eye sore you have created in our community- really a dog park - we must have more important things than a dog park- I'm very disappointed in our city management
267. Maintain and improve quality of existing facilities

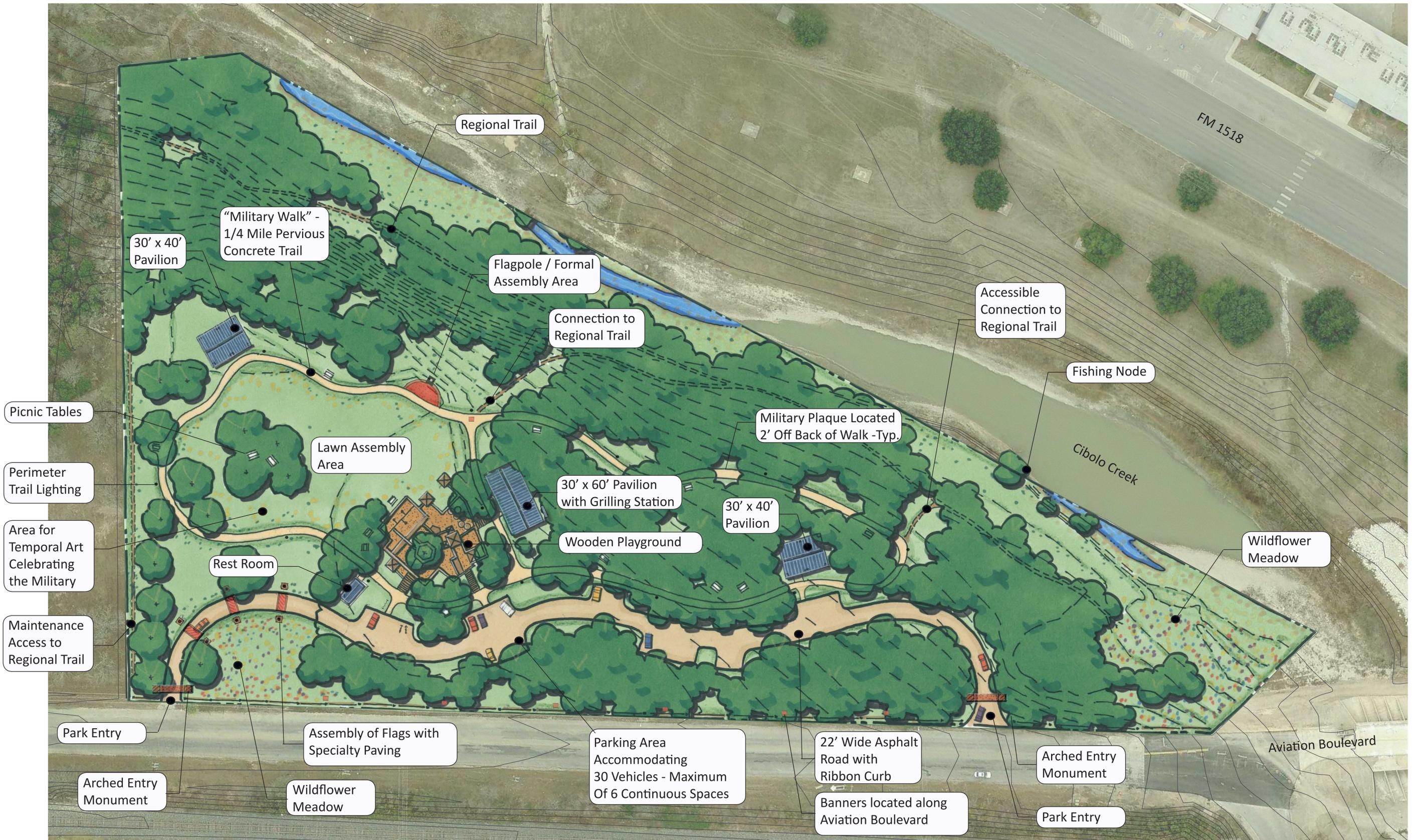


268. Paved Trail Bike roads like new ones throughout SA.
269. Convenience to multi family dwellings
270. Parking and parking enforcement
271. When will Veterans Park be open? I think having one with possible fishing recreation would be very beneficial.
272. Safer equipment
273. Keeping them maintained
274. Safety and lighting police patrolling events and parks
275. Several miles of walk/run/bike trails
276. Traffic safety at library and adjoining park. Need speed bumps.
277. Update equipment - old, safety issues
278. Continue to improve what we now have.
279. Fixing the baseball fields, especially the softball fields and also upgrading the snack bars at red horse as well as universal city park.
280. Biking trails would be nice. More planned outdoor/nature activities. Fix/improve play scapes. Schertz new playscape is amazing. No more sand. Consider a splash pad for little ones. Everyone would be there.
281. Swimming facilities
282. Need more tables/grills
283. A mapped guide
284. We need a park for older children and more family friendly. Maybe a walking trail with huge play area for all kids, especially those in 5th grade and up.
285. Impact of increased traffic on homeowners.
286. Public Swimming Pool
287. Don't forget who they are for, i.e., keeping kids off the streets and as a place where citizens can relax and do things with family and groups, i.e., Snow Fest and ball games.



288. Biking, walking, aesthetics
289. Playscapes need updating desperately. Dog park needs grass.
290. Safe play equipment and area for children
291. New equipment and cleaning up the grounds.
292. UC park on North Blvd. is over developed and crowded. More free space is needed.
293. Recreation spaces under healthy trees
294. Parking issue, lack of respect for our parks by people using and abusing it, and layout of UC Park
295. FINISH UC VETERANS PARK
296. More walking trails.
297. The development of the Sports Park Property
298. Playground equipment
299. No park area with large area for small children
300. Equipment old, unsafe, tripping hazards, material under swings coming up
301. Need more parks, green space, animal sanctuaries
302. Cooperation between citizens and landowners in order to beautify our great city
303. More for toddlers
304. Need to finish development of park land we own
305. Security
306. SWIMMING POOL IN UC PARK





VETERAN'S PARK - Preliminary Master Plan

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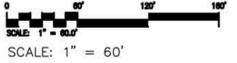
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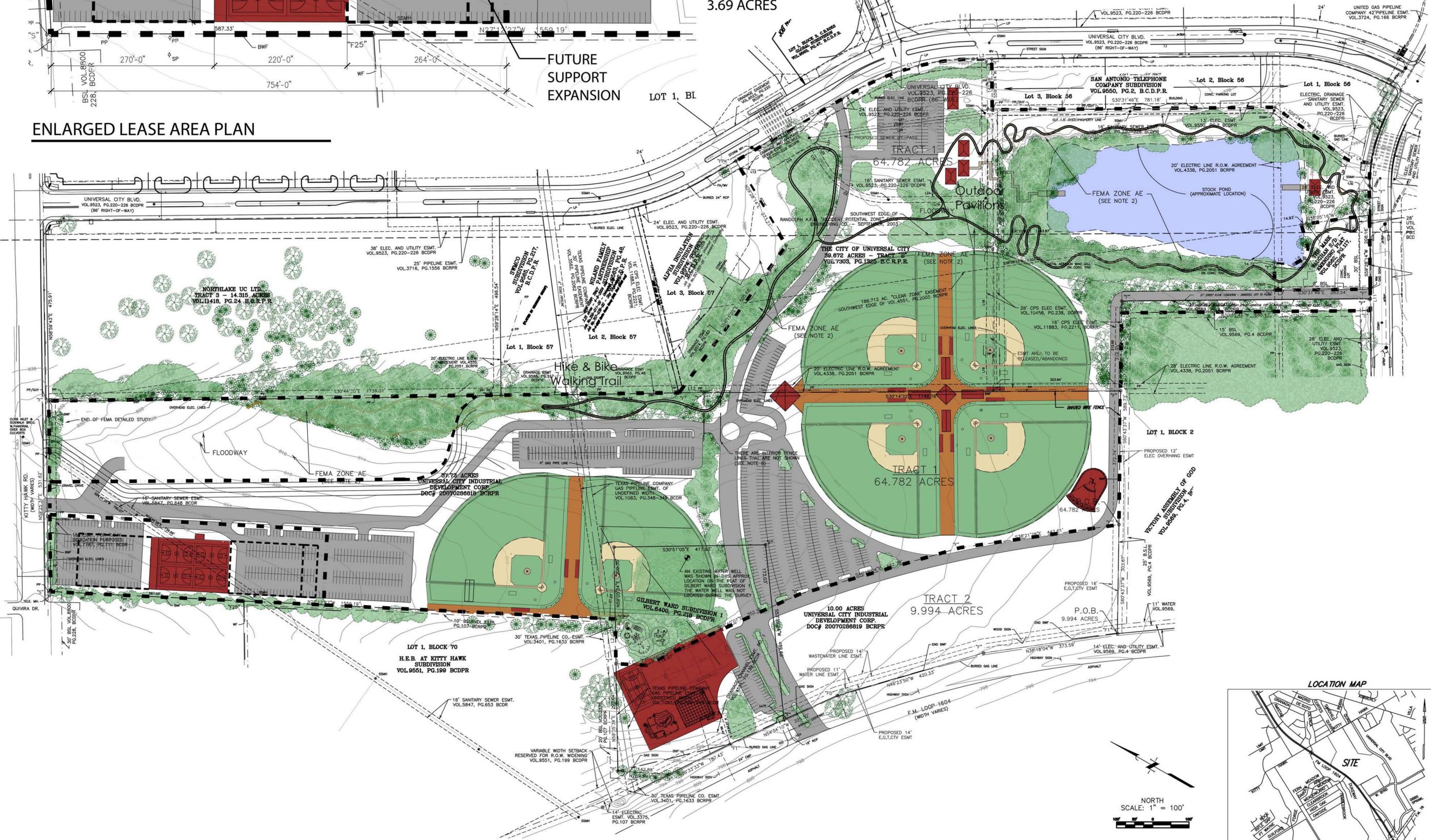
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PROPOSED LEASE AREA
160,825 SQ. FT.
3.69 ACRES

ENLARGED LEASE AREA PLAN



Gothic Dr

Universal City Blvd



Gothic Park Master Plan

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