



City of La Grange

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan

(PROST Plan or Parks Plan)



Agenda

Community Meeting #1
June 26, 2025



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Interactive Stations

What?

- 10-year plan, followed by 5-year updates
- Parks-specific and system-wide recommendations
- Creates an Action Plan
- Helps guide City decisions and investments

Who?

- FNI w/ City Admin & Parks Staff facilitate the process
- La Grange community identifies issues and vision
- Stakeholders provide topical insights
- City Council adopts the plan
- City staff work with the community to implement the plan

Why?

- Builds consensus
- Identifies current and future priorities
- Plans for future population growth
- Provides Parks Staff with a road map for planning & budgeting
- TPWD Compliance & Funding

Background

Comprehensive Plan (2018)

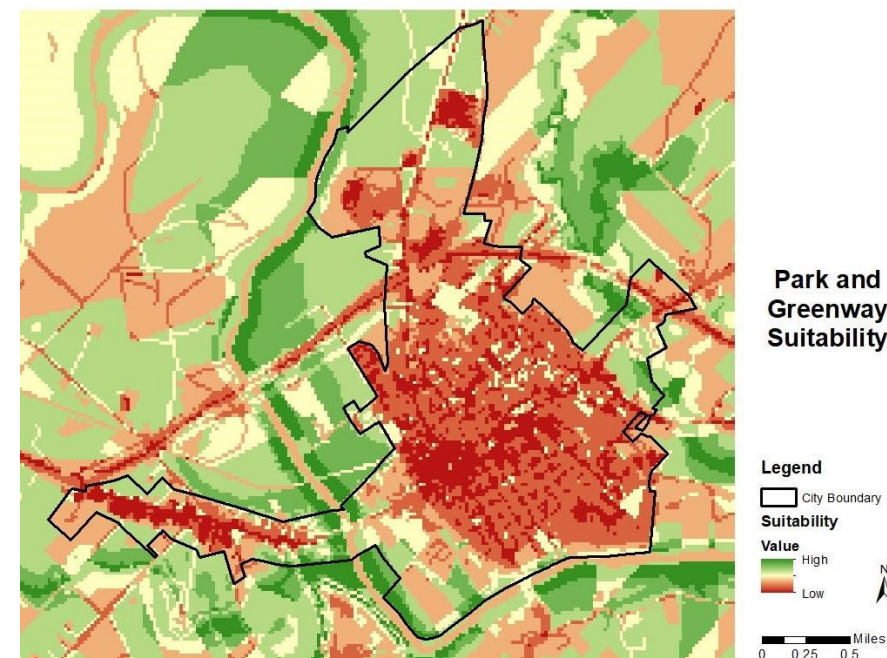


Chapter 8 PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Chapter 8 – *Parks & Environment*

Public feedback emphasized:

- More river access for recreation.
- Improved park signage and lighting.
- Need for amenities like public restrooms near the river.
- A suitability analysis identified optimal areas for greenways and park expansion based on flood zones, land use, and proximity to the river.



Comprehensive Plan (2018)



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Goal 8.1: Inviting and functional parks.

Objective 8.1.1: Provide proper maintenance of parks and public open spaces by 2023 to raise all parks to the same level of appearance and usage.

Goal 8.2: Develop a private-public partnership to develop a river trail that is accessible, preserves the natural environment, and is a prime source of educational advancement.

Objective 8.2.1: Provide educational opportunities for people of all ages to learn about the ecological benefits of the environment.

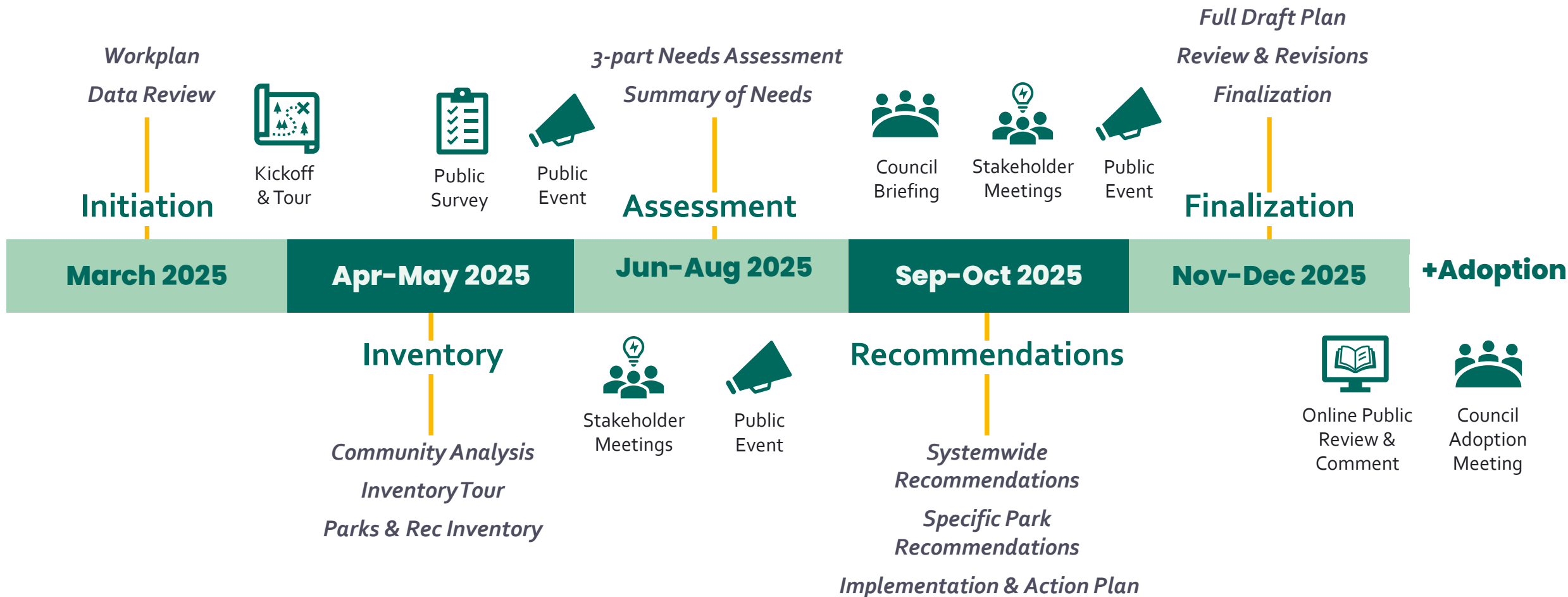
Objective 8.2.2: Make the river more accessible and user friendly.

Objective 8.2.3: Preserve natural environment.

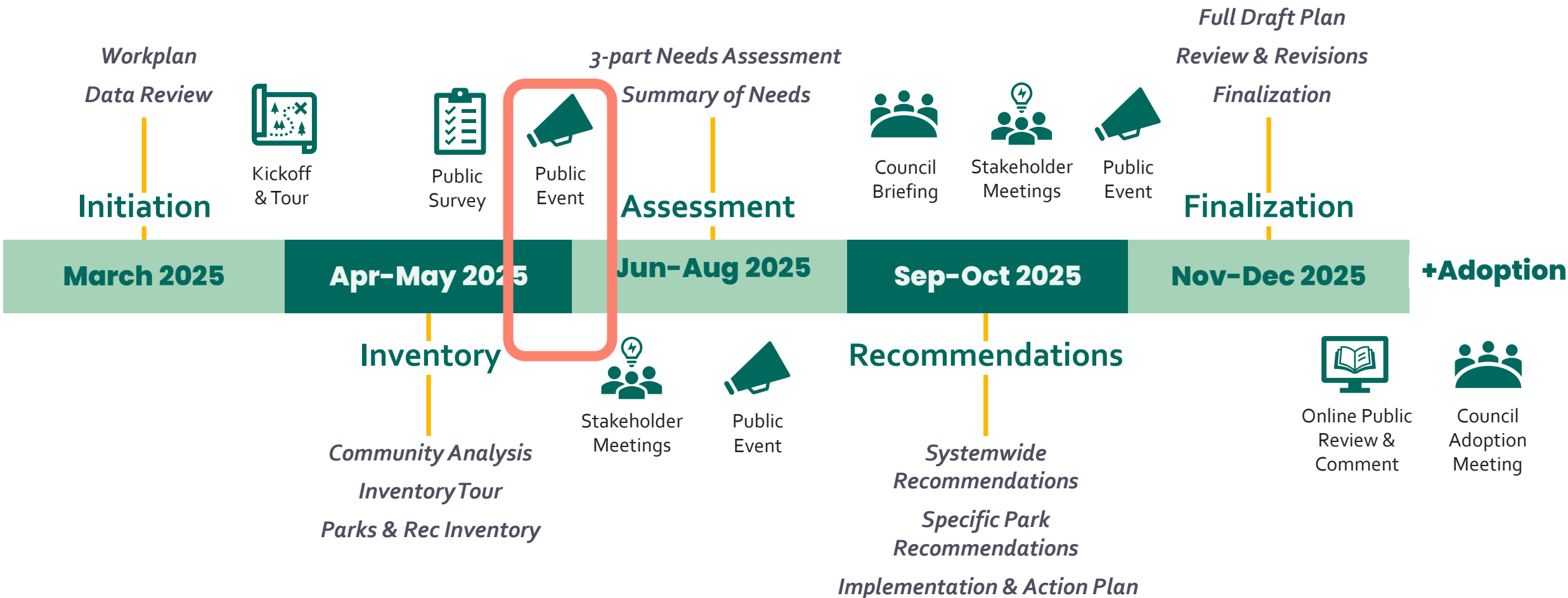
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Process Overview

Project Timeline



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Document Elements

Parks Inventory



Pocket Parks

Typ. Size: 0.25-1.0

ac

Service Area:

¼ mile radius

Common Features:

Seating, Small
Playground

Local Examples:

Randolph Rec
Center Park



Neighborhood Parks

Typ. Size: 1-10 ac

Service Area:

¼ - ½ mile radius

Common Features:

Playground,
courts, paths,
pavilion, lawn

Local Examples:

Kruschel, Heritage,
Hope Hill



Community Parks

Typ. Size: 10-100 ac

Service Area:

1-3 mile radius

Common Features:

Athletic fields, pool,
trails, signature
open spaces

Local Examples:

White Rock



Regional Parks

Typ. Size: Varies

Service Area:

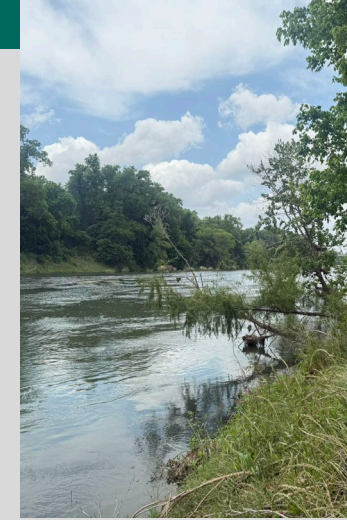
Up to 50-mile radius

Common Features:

Nature areas,
athletic complex,
event spaces

Local Examples:

County Fairgrounds



Open Space & Natural Areas

Typ. Size: Varies

Service Area: Varies

Common Features:

Trails, observation
points, picnic areas

Local Examples:

Northside, Buffalo
Trail, Parts of
Fairgrounds and
White Rock



Special Use Parks

Typ. Size: Varies

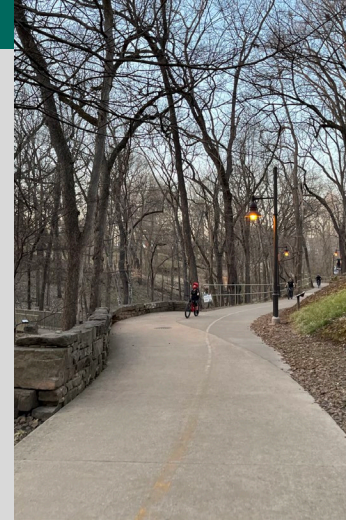
Service Area: Varies

Common Features:

Skate park, dog
park, tennis
complex, golf
course

Local Examples:

None



Greenbelts and Linear Parks

Typ. Size: Varies

Service Area: Varies

Common Features:

Waterways, Trails,
Connections

Local Examples:

None

Parks Inventory

- **179+ Acres**
- **8 City Parks**
- **1.7 Miles of Trails**
- **5 with Restrooms**
- **4 with River Access**
- **1 Regional Park**
- **Limited small-scale parks**
- **No skate park, dog park or pool**
- **Good Geographic Distribution**



Needs Assessment

3-Part Needs Assessment

Demand-based

Standards-based



Resource-based

Standards Based Assessment

Acreage Level of Service
Quantity of parks.

2024 NRPA Agency Review:
Acres of Parkland per 1,000 residents

	Cities 4,000-8,000 pop.
Lower	11.4
Median	21.6
Upper	33.5

<https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/ParkMetrics/>

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Park Classification	Existing Level of Service (LOS)		Recommended Level of Service (2024)			Recommended Level of Service (2035)	
	Existing Acreage (2024)	Current LOS (based on 42,545 population*)	Recommended Target LOS (2024-2035)	2024 Recommended Acreage (based on 42,545 pop.*)	Surplus/ Deficit Acreage (2024) ***	2035 Recommended Acreage (based on 56,302 pop.*)	Surplus/ Deficit Acreage (2035) ***
Close-to-Home Parks (focused on benefit to nearby residents)**							
Pocket Parks (City-owned)	7.4	0.17 Ac/1,000 Residents	0.25 Ac/1,000 Residents	10.6	-3.2	14.1	-6.7
Pocket Parks (City + HOA)	7.9	0.19 Ac/1,000 Residents			-2.7		-6.2
Neighborhood Parks (City-owned)	157.3	3.7 Ac/1,000 Residents	4.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	170.2	-12.9	225.2	-67.9
Neighborhood Parks (City + HOA)	186.7	4.4 Ac/1,000 Residents			16.5		-38.5
Community Parks (City-owned)	71.1	1.7 Ac/1,000 Residents	5.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	212.7	-141.6	281.5	-210.4
Community Parks (City + HOA)	71.1	1.7 Ac/1,000 Residents			-141.6		-210.4
Close-to-Home Parks Subtotal (City-owned)	235.8	5.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	9.25 Ac/1,000 Residents	393.5	-157.7	520.8	-285.0
Close-to-Home Parks Subtotal (City + HOA)	265.7	6.2 Ac/1,000 Residents			-127.8		-255.1
Other Parks Types** (All City-owned)							
Regional Parks	231.6	5.4 Ac/1,000 Residents	4.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	170.2	61.4	225.2	6.4
Linear Parks/ Greenways	60.8	1.4 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Open Space/Nature Park	67.9	1.6 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Parks	13.4	0.3 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Parks Subtotal	373.7	8.8 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
All Park Types (City-owned)	609.5	14.3 Ac/1,000 Residents	13.25 Ac/1,000 Residents	563.7	45.8	746.0	-136.5
All Park Types (all facilities)	639.4	15.0 Ac/1,000 Residents			75.7		-106.6

Standards Based Assessment

Facility Level of Service

Park offerings & amenities.

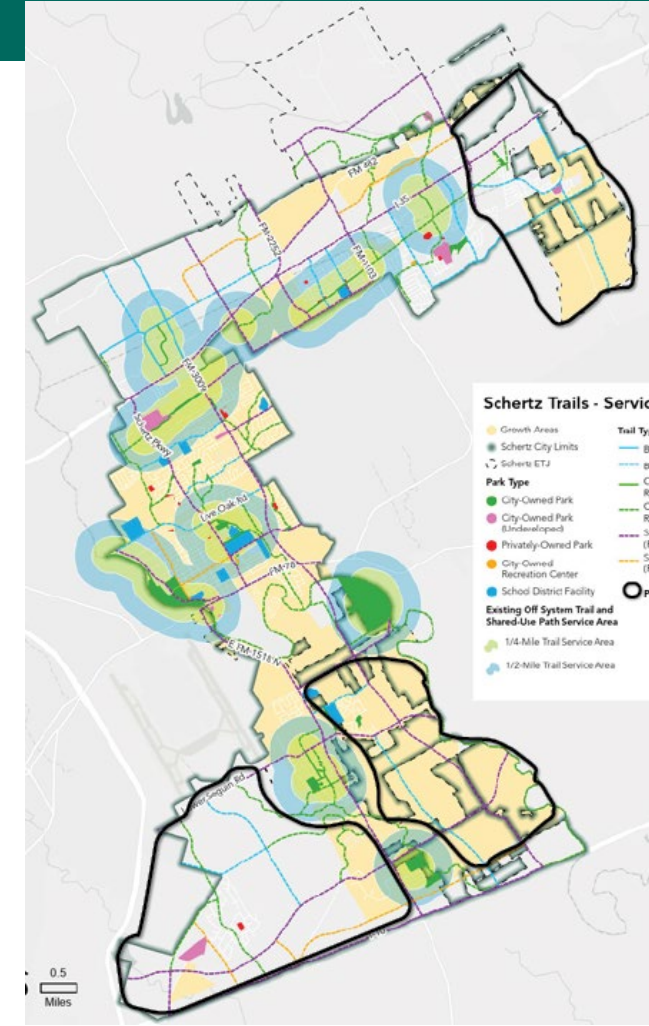
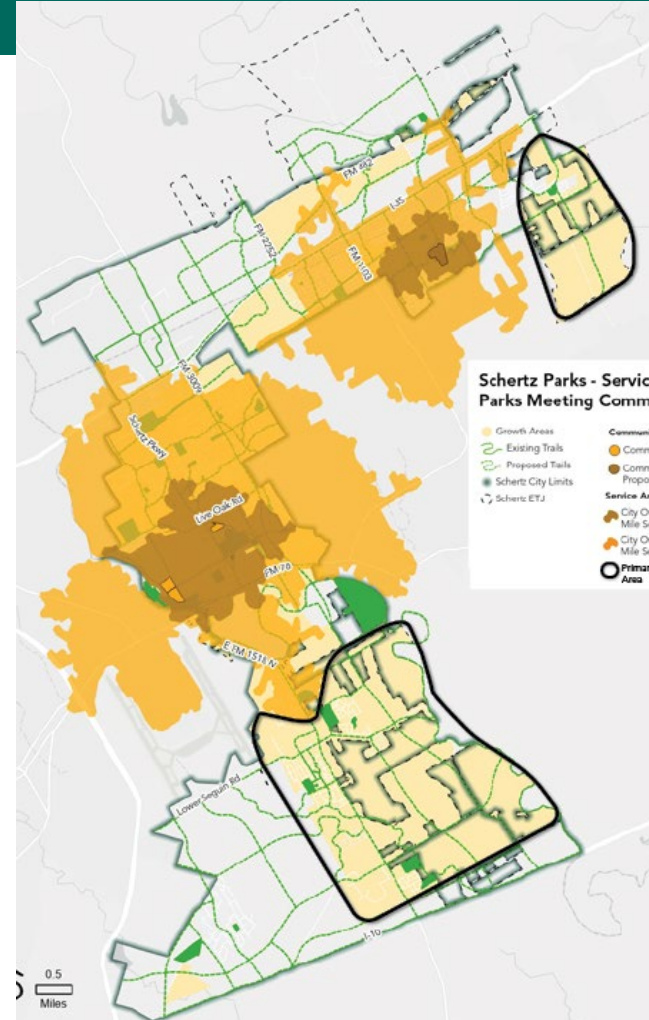
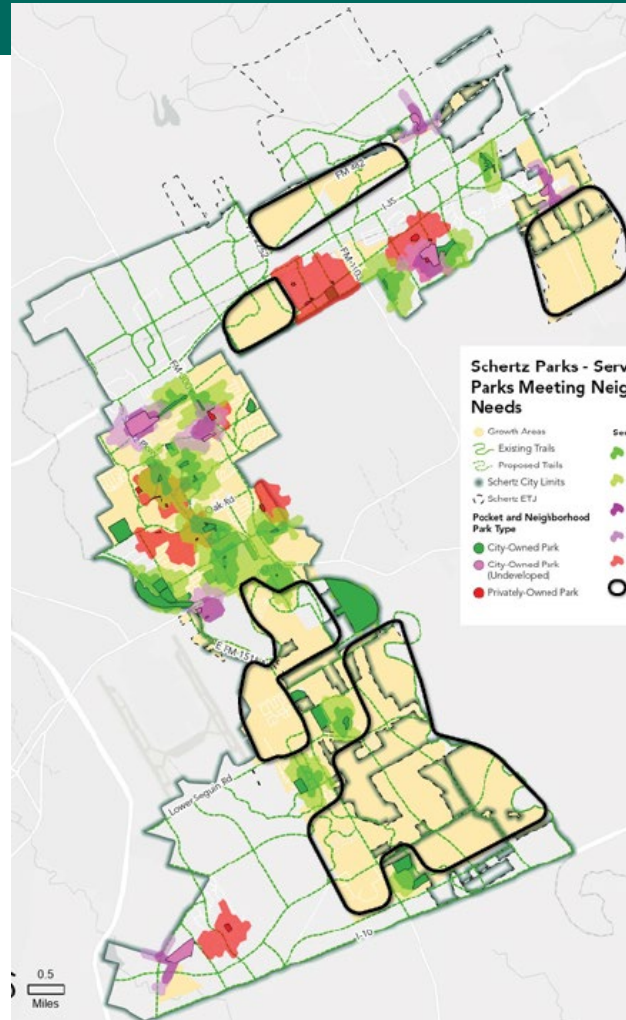
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	Facility/Amenity	Current Available^	Current LOS (1 Facility per # Residents)	Target LOS (Per Residents)	2024 Need (based on 42,545 pop. *)	2024 Deficit or Surplus ***	2035 Need (based on 56,302 pop. *)	2035 Deficit or Surplus ***	2024 NRPA Agency Review (some facility categories are not included in the Agency Review)	
									Cities 20,000-49,999	Cities 50,000-99,999
Active	Baseball/Softball Fields	12	3,545	1 per 3,500	13	-1	17	-5	Diamond fields 1 per 3,007	Diamond fields 1 per 3,675
	Backstop	5	8,509	1 per 6,000	8	-3	10	-5		
	Basketball Courts	0	0	1 per 8,000	6	-6	8	-8	1 per 7,501	1 per 8,363
	Pickleball Court	0	0	1 per 8,000	6	-6	8	-8	1 per 7,737	1 per 10,500
	Multipurpose Court (basketball, pickleball)	7	6,078	1 per 8,000	6	1	8	-1	1 per 13,000	1 per 12,972
	Disc Golf	0	0	1 per city	1	-1	1	-1	1 per 29,445	1 per 58,603
	Fitness Equipment Circuit	0	0	1 per 30,000	2	-2	2	-2	1 per 27,262	1 per 35,000
	Skate Park	1	42,545	1 per city	1	0	1	0	1 per 33,167	1 per 60,904
	Multipurpose Field**	8	5,318	1 per 4,000	11	-3	15	-7	Rectangular fields 1 per 3,333	Rectangular fields 1 per 4,070
	Soccer Fields	12	3,545	1 per 3,500	13	-1	17	-5		
	Tennis Courts	0	0	1 per 13,000	4	-4	5	-5	1 per 5,461	1 per 5,865
	Volleyball Courts (Outdoor)	0	0	1 per 15,000	3	-3	4	-4	1 per 14,280	1 per 26,612
	Trails (miles)	20	2,127	1 per 2,000	21.3	-1.3	29	-9.0	Median 10 total miles	Median 18.1 total miles
Passive	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space	2	21,273	1 per 15,000	3	-1	4	-2		
	Dog Park	1	42,545	1 per 30,000	2	-1	2	-1	1 per 27,508	1 per 55,135
	Picnic Shelters/ Pavilions	10	4,255	1 per 3,000	15	-5	19	-9		
	Picnic Facilities (e.g., public parks with picnic tables)	14	3,039	In all publicly accessed parks	In all publicly accessed parks	-26	In all publicly accessed parks	-26		
	Playscape Units	39	1,091	1 per 1,200	36	3	47	-8	Playground 1 per 3,105	Playground 1 per 3,707
Water	Fishing Piers	1	42,545	1 per 15,000	3	-2	4	-3		
	Outdoor Aquatic Facility	1	42,545	1 per 25,000	2	-1	3	-2	Pool: 1 per 27,081 Water park: 1 per 32,812	Pool: 1 per 46,363 Water park: 1 per 76,780
	Indoor Aquatic Facility	1	42,545	1 per city	1	0	1	0	1 per 31,000	1 per 60,824
	Splash Pad	2	21,273	1 per 6,000	8	-6	10	-8	1 per 30,629	1 per 54,100
Misc.	Recreation Center	1	42,545	1 per 30,000	2	-1	2	-1	1 per 24,486	1 per 39,886
	Other Quality of Life Facilities ^^	6	7,091	Where feasible	Where feasible	Varies	Where feasible	Varies		
	Restrooms/Portable (in parks)	9	4,727	Where feasible	Where feasible	Varies	Where feasible	Varies		

Standards Based Assessment

Spatial Level of Service.

Distribution of parks and trails.



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Park Recommendations

- Parks & Recreation Goals
- Top Priority Needs
- Parkland Acquisition
- System-wide Recommendations
- Existing Park Enhancements
- Recreational Programs
- Asset Resilience
- Funding Strategies



Action Plan

Rank	Action Items	Initiation Timeframe				Potential Cost Range	
		Short-term (1-2 yrs)	Mid-term (3-7 yrs)	Long-term (8-10+ yrs)	Ongoing		
Goal 3: The City will implement system-wide improvements that enhance access, usability, and aesthetics of existing and future parks.							
1	3.1	Implement the City-wide Trails Plan.			◆		-
2	3.4	Increase shade within parks.	◆			◆	▪ Shade structures \$75,000 - \$150,000 per each ▪ Shade Sails - \$25,000 - \$75,000 depending on complexity ▪ Shade trees - \$600 - \$800 per each
3	3.8	Develop Park Design Guidelines.	◆				-
4	3.3	Improve park beautification efforts.	◆			◆	▪ Landscape material varies in cost, but a budgeting \$700-\$1000 per tree (30gal-45gal size). Costs could be reduced by having city staff procure and plant these materials. ▪ Planting bed installation costs typically range between \$4.50 - \$7.00 per SF.
5	3.2	Conduct an ADA Assessment.	◆				-
		Offer of a "Wild Flower"...					

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Preliminary Survey Results

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371 Contributions



66% live in La Grange, 31% in Fayette County.



Most Used: Public parks, playgrounds, sports fields, trails.



Most Wanted: New aquatics facility.



Need More: Restrooms, better playgrounds, picnic shelters.



Top Ideas: Riverfront park, nature/birding areas, dog park, gardens.



High Priority: Trail & sidewalk connections to parks & schools.



Popular Programs: Aquatics, festivals, farmers markets, family events.

Next Steps

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- **Take the survey.**
- **Spread the word!**
- **Participate in our interactive stations.**

Visit the Plan Website!



www.LaGrangeParksPlan.com