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APPENDIX A – PARKLAND ACQUISITION & FINANCING

Communities are strengthened by a sufficient supply and variety of parks, trails and pathways, open space, and natural areas. A holistic approach that focuses on community desires and local capacity is effective in improving the parks system for current users as well as accommodating future growth and changing needs of the community. Based on the assessment and evaluation of the current Phoenix parks system and input from the community and Parks Committee, this appendix outlines developed parkland needs, identifies target areas for future parkland acquisition and development, and discusses financing for new park development and capital improvements for existing parks using revenue from System Development Charges (SDCs).

Part 1: Level of Service (LOS) Analysis

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) advocates for a system-wide parkland level of service (LOS) standard. NRPA does not advocate a specific LOS standard for all communities. Rather, the NRPA advocates a community-based approach—the LOS standard should be based on an assessment of local demand and desires for park facilities and the local vision for the park system.

The basic function of the LOS is to ensure quality and equity of service delivery by ensuring that the City is working over the long term to (1) provide adequate park facilities, and (2) ensure they are equitably distributed throughout the community. Moreover, the LOS standard is a measurable target for parkland development (typically measured as developed acres per 1,000 population) that provides the foundation for meeting future community parkland needs and leveraging funding.¹

The LOS is used to project future land acquisition needs based on forecast population growth and appropriately budget for those needs through the City budget process and the Capital Improvement Plan. Since it functions primarily as a target, adopting a LOS standard does not obligate a city to provide all necessary funding to implement the standard—it simply provides the basis for leveraging funds. Moreover, it does not obligate a city to actually acquire and develop land to meet the standard—it establishes a communitywide target or norm.

As part of the park inventory, the parks planning team assessed the level of service provided to residents of Phoenix by the existing parks. Table A-1 shows that Phoenix currently has 29.65 acres of developed parkland in its system. According to the Population Research Center at Portland State University, Phoenix had a 2015 population of 4,955 persons. This equates to a 2015 level of service of 5.98 acres per 1,000 persons.

¹ NRPA does not advocate that cities establish standards for open space, sports courts, bikeways, or other facilities.

Table A-1. Existing Level of Service by Park Classification (Phoenix, 2015)

Classification	Existing Parkland (Acres)	Level of Service (acres per 1,000 residents)
Neighborhood	5.30	1.07
Pocket	0.35	0.07
Urban Plaza	0.00	0.00
Community	24.00	4.84
Total Parks	29.65	5.98

The 1997 Phoenix Comprehensive Plan – Parks Element does not formally establish a system-wide parkland level of service standard.² The 1997 plan simply identified a need for 16.4 additional acres of parkland – 10 acres in a new community park and 6.4 acres for a new neighborhood park.

Phoenix will need to acquire and additional parkland over the 20-year planning horizon to maintain the current LOS of 5.98 acres per 1,000 residents. The official state coordinated population forecast for Phoenix is 6,883 people in the urban growth boundary by 2035. To maintain the current LOS of 5.98 acres per 1,000 residents, Phoenix will need to acquire and develop 11.2 more acres of parkland.

To accommodate regional growth, Phoenix participated in the Regional Problem Solving (RPS) process. That process, acknowledged by the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission in 2013, established a set of urban reserve areas (URAs) for the City of Phoenix. The analysis identified a need for 416 gross acres of residential land and 376 gross acres of employment land.³ Importantly, the RPS process identified a need for 69 acres of parkland in Phoenix. The city of Phoenix RPS summary states:

The park acreage demand is reasonably proportional with employment growth and population projections for the City of Phoenix. This is especially true when accounting for the transfer of employment and population in the Phoenix-Medford Urban Containment boundary which is essentially builtout and contains minimal urban amenities such as park land and for a fairly sizable built-out employment and population area.⁴

In short, rather than establish an LOS standard, Phoenix established a park land need through the RPS process.

The Phoenix parks planning team identified a need for specific developed park facilities to meet the 69-acre parkland need identified in the RPS process. Table A-2

² Amended ORD 774. February 3, 1997

³ “Greater Bear Creek Valley Regional Plan.” 2013. p. 4-107.

http://www.friends.org/issues/regional_problem_solving

⁴ *Ibid.*

shows that Phoenix will need four new neighborhood parks, four pocket parks, and one community park. In addition, the City will dedicate about eight acres for new bikeways/linear parks and about 20 acres to open space and natural areas.

Table A-2. Parkland Needs, 2015 – 2035

Classification	Facility Need	Average Size	Needed Acres
Bikeway/Linear Park	Opportunity for bikeway/linear park system in Ph-5	na	8.0
Neighborhood	Four neighborhood parks needed.	5.00	20.0
Pocket	Four more pocket parks needed.	0.25	1.0
Urban Plaza	Probably sufficient once new Wetlands Park and Community Center are developed.	na	
Community	One additional large community park needed.	20.00	20.0
Open Space/Natural Areas	As identified to protect significant natural resource areas	na	20.0
Total Parks			69.0

The level of service analysis identified significant areas of Phoenix as underserved by parks. The northwest areas of Phoenix do not have any public parks, but are primarily built out and provide limited opportunity for new parks. Eastern Phoenix (east of I-5) also does not have any public parks, but unlike northwest Phoenix, the area is less developed and presents greater opportunity for park development.

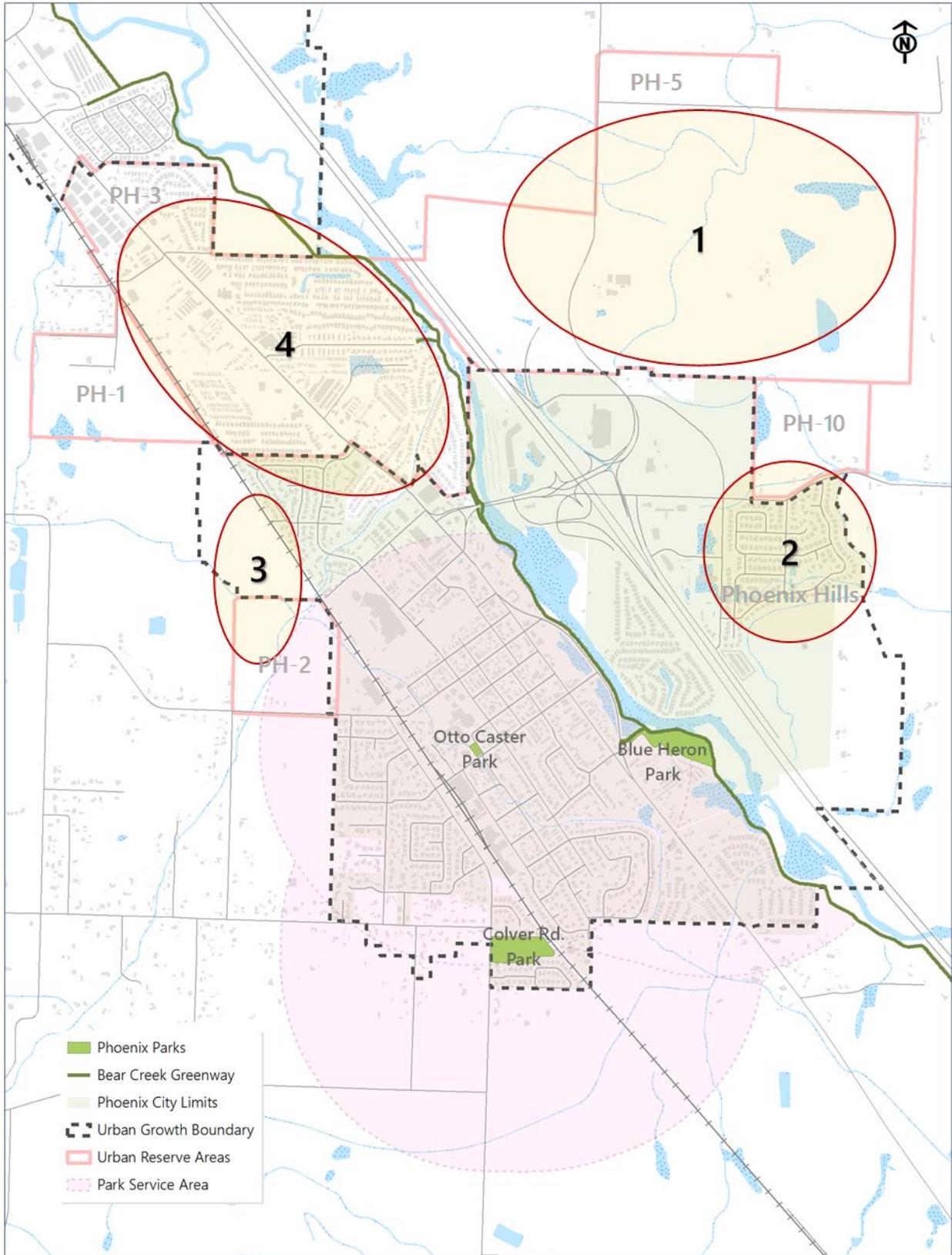
Table A-3 identifies parkland need by urban reserve area. The RPS identifies 20 acres of parkland in PH-2 and 49 acres in PH-5.

Table A-3. RPS Parkland Need by URA

URA	Developable Area (acres)	Park/Open Space	
		Percent	Acres
PH-2	40	50%	20.0
PH-5	412	12%	49.4
Total	452		69.4

Map A-1 on the following page represents the park planning team’s consensus for areas of the city (including urban reserve areas) where future park development should occur. The recommendations for park system expansion listed in Chapter 6 of the main plan provide suggestions for the type, quantity, and size of parks that should be developed in four different sections of the city (circled and labeled on Map A-1). In total, this new development should provide about 70 new acres of parkland for Phoenix residents in the next 20 years, with a *minimum* of 11.2 additional acres required to maintain the current level of service.

Map A-1. Areas for future parkland development.



Part 2: Parkland Acquisition and Development Framework

This section provides evaluation criteria for land acquisition decisions and design guidelines for park development. This framework should help the City set priorities for how it will acquire land and develop the desired new parks identified in Part 1 and Chapter 6 of the main Parks Master Plan.

Note that this plan does not identify specific tax lots or parcels for acquisition; rather, it identifies areas of need consistent with the RPS and matches them with opportunities and approximate locations for future parks (as depicted in Map A-1). Identification of specific parcels for acquisition would place a significant burden on both the City and property owners. It would not allow for reasonable negotiations to occur between the City and property owners during a land acquisition. Moreover, it would place the City at a competitive disadvantage in those negotiations by identifying the City's interest in a property and potentially inflating prices.

Acquisition Considerations

As the City begins to consider property acquisition in areas underserved by parks, it must carefully evaluate land options to ensure that the land will (1) meet the city's needs and (2) have minimal accompanying regulatory burdens. Prior to parkland acquisition, the City should conduct or require an environmental assessment of the proposed lands. The City should also assess the following factors when deciding whether to purchase or accept land:

Factors	Desired attributes
Topography, geology, ingress/egress options, parcel size, and location of land	Property is conducive to park development.
Vehicular and pedestrian access	Property provides flexible and easy-to-access options for vehicles and pedestrians.
Nearby property	Property that is adjacent to previously acquired property for parks should be given preference as this expands options for park development.
Land value	The average value per-acre of comparable land over the past three years should not greatly exceed the City's available park development funds.
Environmentally sensitive areas	New parks should be able to provide either minimal adverse effects on environmentally sensitive areas, or beneficial impacts.
Parks Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan	The property should be compatible with the recommendations and policies of the plans governing park development.

After evaluating potential parkland using these guidelines, the City may decide to purchase or accept donated land. The City must then turn its attention to park development. The park design guidelines tables (Table A-4) on the following pages

provide baseline standards to ensure that parks are designed in a way that promotes enjoyment, safety, accessibility, comfort, and sustainability.

Table A-4. Design Guidelines for Phoenix Parks

Program Area	Overview	Guidelines
<p>Safety</p>	<p>Spaces need to be designed to deter transient, illegal, or potentially threatening uses in parklands. Park design should emphasize transparency in public areas while also providing spaces for visitors to feel unmonitored.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation that is directly adjacent to pedestrian areas should be greater than 7 feet or less than 2 feet in height. Shrubs in the formal areas of the park that are taller than 2 feet should be limbed up to provide visual access to users and authorities. • Built structures should be situated for easy observation from areas of frequent use and convenient access by police. • Vehicle access to the park and amenities should allow authorities to patrol parks with some ease and proficiency. This access can also provide emergency services and maintenance. • Sidewalks and paths intended for vehicle use should be at least 8 feet wide. Those that are concrete should be at least 7 inches thick. • Rounded corners at park edges will provide protection from invisible intersections with adjacent areas.
<p>Plantings</p>	<p>The use of native and other drought tolerant vegetation can enhance park design and support the ecological systems unique to the region. The following vegetation and irrigation guidelines assist in the creation of efficient, distinctive, and lush spaces.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation along trail systems, waterways (creeks, rivers, bioswales and storm water) and within linear parks should consist of native plants and flora. The use of non-native species should be buffered by a broad band of native seed (i.e., tufted hair grass) between lawn and native vegetation. • New planting areas should be designed to require no irrigation after establishment (irrigation should be reserved for areas such as sports fields). The use of native and other drought tolerant vegetation will reduce the need for irrigation. To establish plants, consider using a temporary irrigation system or hand watering. Design the irrigation system so that irrigation heads spray underneath plants or into them, not above them. • Trees planted in groups increase the efficiency of mowing and maintenance. When designing tree groups, it is important to provide a flush border around groups to ease irrigation and mowing. • Planting areas in parking lots should be designed to provide continuous coverage within 3 years. The plants should be hardy, with a track record that indicates their survival in extreme environments. At least 400 cubic feet of the appropriate soil per tree in a planting strip is recommended. • Trees should not be planted next to restrooms because they may provide unwanted access to the roof as well as create hiding places near the structure. Shrubs surrounding restrooms should be less than 4 feet in height and should be limbed up to allow visual access under them. Plantings should allow maintenance access to the roof.

Program Area	Overview	Guidelines
Turf Areas	Turf areas allow different experiences in parks. Groomed areas provide field sports, picnicking, and free play, while rough mowed areas provide an aesthetic to the park while buffering natural and riparian areas. The process of maintaining and mowing turf should be efficient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rough mown areas are mowed once or twice a year. There should be 15 feet between vertical obstacles in these areas. Maximum mowing slopes for rough turf or natural areas should be less than 5:1. Use native grasses such as Spike Bentgrass (<i>Agrostis exarta</i>), California Oatgrass (<i>Danthonia californica</i>) or Tuffed Hairgrass (<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i>), especially in areas buffering waterways. • Groomed turf slopes should be less than 4:1, with less being preferable. Irrigation systems should take into account solar aspect, wind, and topography to minimize the overuse of water. The minimum distance between vertical objects is 7 feet for mower access. Design for continuous mowing, taking care to avoid the creation of dead ends, tight corners, or areas where a mower cannot easily reach. Provide a concrete mowing strip around vertical objects such as fence posts, signs, drinking fountains, light poles, and other site furniture with a 12" minimum off set between the object's vertical edge and turf. Also, plant trees in groups (see Planting). • Providing vehicular access for maintenance personnel is an important consideration. Curb cuts should be provided in logical areas such as turn-a-rounds. Curb edges should have large radial corners to protect adjacent planting or lawn areas. • Herbicide use should be limited to promote stream health as well as health of nearby flora, fauna, and humans.
Parking	Parking lots should be representative of the experience the user will have at the park. The entrance to the parking area should be considered an entrance to the park itself, with trees, other plantings, and signage included.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 3 to 5 spaces per acre of usable active park area should be provided if less than 300 lineal feet of on-street parking is available. • Park design should encourage access by foot or bicycle. • Provide bicycle racks at each primary access point and at restrooms. • The size of planting areas within the parking lot should be as large as possible with adequate room for maintenance to be performed safely. • Water runoff should be diverted into a bioswale before entering the storm water system to reduce the impact of pollution on stream and creek systems. To achieve water purification and cooling, bioswales should be planted with native or other drought tolerant vegetation (see Planting).

Program Area	Overview	Guidelines
Restrooms	Restrooms are an important public amenity in high-use park facilities. The components, design, and placement of restroom structures are important decisions to consider when specifying facilities. Restroom facilities should be safe, easy to maintain, and consistent with the park system vision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interior surfaces and exterior surfaces of restrooms should be non-porous for easy cleaning (i.e., glazed block, glazed tile, painted block or painted concrete). The use of heavy concrete partitions between stalls is recommended. Specify only stainless steel restroom fixtures. • The drain inside the structure should always operate correctly. If the facility is near an athletic field, such as volleyball courts or a spray park, there should be an area outside the restroom with a faucet/ shower and drain for users to rinse off. • Including separate storage areas adjacent to the restroom structure can increase efficiency. Storage areas may house recreation equipment for fair weather activities and maintenance supplies for park crews. • Skylights can maximize the use of natural light. Minimizing light fixtures helps prevent tampering, destruction, and keep costs down. Facilities that are open in the evening should have lighting that is designed with vandalism in mind. Use LED lights whenever possible to minimize replacement and energy costs. • A 5 to 6 foot apron around the structure should be provided to protect the building from debris and water. Trees should be avoided next to the restroom (see Plantings).
Play Areas	Playgrounds should meet the needs of children of different ages and abilities. Playground facilities should ensure accessibility and safety for children of all ages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks that have playground equipment, sports fields and spray parks should be accessible to all children under sixteen. • Play areas should be level to reduce the surface substance from slumping to low points. Consider using beach sand as a cost- effective, low-maintenance playground surface. Do not use engineered wood chip surfaces because decomposition will result in regular and expensive replacement. • Play structures and equipment come in many different materials. Avoid specifying wood because: wood footings will rot, they are prone to termite infestation, the shrink/ swell defect of moisture loosens bolts and creates a safety hazard, and pressure treated wood contains chromate copper arsenate (CCA), a carcinogen. • Wooden play structures that exist presently should be sealed every two years to prevent arsenic leaching. • Natural play areas created from boulders, logs and land forms and playground equipment made from 100% recycled plastic or steel is recommended. Steel can become very hot in the summer months. If it is necessary to use steel, planting trees or other structures to shade the play area is recommended.

Program Area	Overview	Guidelines
Site Furnishings	<p>The selection of site furnishings (i.e., benches, trash receptacles, light poles, etc.) should be based on an established standard for Phoenix. The water fountains, benches, light fixtures and posts, signage and bike racks used in the parks should be consistent with those used in City civic spaces, along streets, and vice versa. Consistency in site furnishings will help establish an identifiable civic image, through the use of repeatable aesthetic elements, for Phoenix and the park system as a whole. These furnishings should offer comfort, aesthetic beauty and be of formidable stature to prevent vandalism.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating should be made from a material that is comfortable both in winter and the heat of summer while being able to withstand vandalism. Benches should be provided to offer places of rest, opportunities to experience views, and congregate. • Drinking fountains should be available at a ratio of 1 per acre with the exception of pocket parks (typically smaller than 1-acre) which should have one. Drinking fountains should be complementary to other site furnishings, such as benches, and be operational in freezing conditions. Consider drinking fountains that are friendly not only to human users but to canines as well. • Signage should be located in every park in areas visible to all users. For example, place a sign at the entrance of the park that is visible to vehicular traffic, also place signs along greenways and trails to inform pedestrians and bicyclists. Signage should be easy to read and informative. Interpretive signs fall into this category as well. They can be useful in natural and historic areas. When used in natural areas these signs should be placed outside environmentally sensitive areas (i.e., wetlands and endangered habitat) and should be placed in areas that are accessible to all.

Part 3: Financing Land Acquisition and Park Development

This section addresses the cost of land acquisition and park development and provides an evaluation of the existing (2016) System Development Charges (SDC) structure – the City’s main built-in mechanism for park development financing. Additional suggestions for park development financing are included in Chapter 7 of the main Parks Master Plan.

Cost of Land Acquisition

The RPS presents an acknowledged parkland need for Phoenix URAs of about 69 acres. A key question is “How much will it cost to acquire the 69 acres?”

The answer to that question depends on a number of factors including how much of the City’s system is acquired through donations, when acquisitions occur, where they occur, and a myriad of other factors that affect real estate values. Land acquisition costs estimates are needed for the purpose of the plan, and for setting the City’s parks system development charges (SDCs). The estimates presented here are based on the assumption that different types of land have different values:

- Vacant land inside the UGB is more expensive than the vacant land outside the UGB
- Serviced land is more valuable than land without services
- Platted residential lots in subdivisions are more valuable than residential tracts
- Lands closer to existing developed areas are more valuable than lands further from development

Data from Zillow and Realtor.com support these assumptions. Tract land inside the Phoenix and Medford UGBs averages approximately \$250,000 per acre. Land outside the UGBs is considerably less valuable—\$50,000 to \$100,000 per acre. Table A-5 presents a range of land acquisition cost estimates to meet the 69-acre parkland need adopted in the RPS Urban Reserve plan.

Table A-5. Estimated Parkland Acquisition Cost (69.4 acres)

Scenario	Per-Acre Assumption	Total Cost Estimate
Low Cost (per acre)	\$50,000	\$3,472,000
Medium Cost (per acre)	\$100,000	\$6,944,000
High Cost (per acre)	\$150,000	\$10,416,000

Note: Assumptions based on broad averages observed for land for sale on Zillow and Realtor.com in October 2016

The results suggest that land acquisition costs could range from \$3.5 million to \$10.5 million or more. The actual cost of land acquisition will depend on a broad range of factors that cannot be fully modeled. As a general principle, the City

should encourage land donations or bargain sales. Acquiring land in the URAs well ahead of when they are brought in to the urban growth boundary and city limits should result in lower overall costs.

Cost of Park Development

Once the City of Phoenix acquires parkland, the land must be developed. To provide a rough estimate of the costs of developing the RPS stipulated 49 acres of parkland⁵, we use the following per-acre park development estimates⁶:

- **Linear park** - \$82,000/acre (includes grading, irrigation, seeding, landscaping (trees), pathway, site amenities, parking)
- **Neighborhood park** - \$131,000/acre (includes grading, irrigation, seeding, landscaping (trees), playground, picnic area, picnic tables, pathway, basketball and tennis courts, small shelter building, misc. paving and site amenities, signage)
- **Pocket park** - \$107,000/acre (includes grading, irrigation, seeding, landscaping (trees), playground, picnic area, picnic tables, Pathway, misc. paving and site amenities, signage)
- **Community park** - \$113,000/acre (includes grading, irrigation, seeding, landscaping (trees), playground, picnic area, picnic tables, pathway, basketball and tennis courts, large and small shelter buildings, misc. paving and site amenities, signage, sports fields, parking and restrooms)

Based on these estimated development costs, Table A-6 shows projected development costs for the proposed additions of bikeway/liner park acreage, four neighborhood parks, four pocket parks, and one community park. In total, we estimate development of these parks would cost around \$5.6 million.

Table A-6. Estimated Costs of Parkland Development

Classification	Needed Acres	Development Cost	Total
		per Acre	Development Cost
Bikeway/Linear Park	8	\$82,000	\$656,000
Neighborhood	20	\$131,000	\$2,620,000
Pocket	1	\$107,000	\$107,000
Urban Plaza		na	-
Community	20	\$113,000	\$2,260,000
Total Parks	49		\$5,643,000

⁵ We assume that the 20 additional acres called out by RPS will remain as undeveloped open space and natural areas. These acres are not therefore not included in parkland development estimates.

⁶ Estimates developed by Greg Oldson based on figures from Willamalane Parks and Recreation District.

We therefore estimate the combined cost of new parkland acquisition and development over the next 20 years to be somewhere between **\$9.1 million and \$16.1 million**.

Current System Development Charges

In 2008, the City of Phoenix adopted a methodology for calculating system development charges (SDCs) and adopted a base rate for the Park SDC.⁷ Since then, the City has increased the base rate from \$423 per person (the 2008 rate) to \$444.03 per person. To determine the amount charged to a developer, the City multiplies the base rate by an accepted “persons per unit” figure, depicted in Table A-7, then multiplies this by the number of units proposed by the developer.

Table A-7. Per-Unit Park SDC Fee

Housing Type	Persons per Unit	Total SDC Fee
Single Family Units	2.84	\$1,261.05
ADU’s – 65% of SFR	1.84	\$819.68
Attached 2-4 Units	2.12	\$941.85
Multi-family (5 or more)	1.62	\$719.25
Mobile Home Park	1.64	\$728.70

Updating the Park SDC

In light of updated population growth projections and the new proposals for future parkland development yielded by this parks master plan update, we recommend that the City of Phoenix re-evaluate and adjust its SDC base rate. SDCs are an important mechanism for more equitably spreading the costs associated with increased infrastructure use to those creating increased pressure on public facilities (developers and new residents).

To properly update Phoenix’s SDCs, the City should hire an external consultant (as they did in 2008). Here, we provide some resources that should inform the consultant’s update process and assist the City Council as it considers what to adopt.

Total Capital Improvement Cost Estimates – Existing and New

Table A-8 provides a summary of the total costs estimated over the next 18 years. Depending on the cost of land acquisition, we estimate that total costs will be between \$10.1 million and \$17.1 million.

Tables A-9 through A-14 provide more specific cost estimates for capital improvements to Colver, Otto Caster, and Blue Heron Parks. Note that these estimates do not include labor.

⁷ City of Phoenix, Resolution 736. June 16, 2008.

The consultant hired to update Phoenix's SDCs can use these cost estimates when calculating a new fee structure.

Table A-8. Summary of Capital Improvement Estimates FY17-18 through FY34-35.

Existing Park Improvements	
Capital Improvements - Colver and Otto Caster	\$ 266,799
FY17-18 - FY22-23	\$ 238,125
FY23-24 - FY28-29	\$ 28,674
Blue Heron Improvements	\$ 770,277
FY17-18 - FY22-23	\$ 333,078
FY23-24 - FY28-29	\$ 204,796
FY29-30 - FY34-35	\$ 68,644
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 1,037,076
Future Land & Development Acquisition	
Land Acquisition - Low Estimate	\$ 3,472,000
Land Acquisition - Mid Estimate	\$ 6,944,000
Land Acquisition - High Estimate	\$ 10,416,000
Future Park Development	\$ 5,643,000
<i>Low Subtotal</i>	\$ 9,115,000
<i>Medium Subtotal</i>	\$ 12,587,000
<i>High Subtotal</i>	\$ 16,059,000
Low Total	\$ 10,152,076
Medium Total	\$ 13,624,076
High Total	\$ 17,096,076

Table A-9. Capital Improvement Estimates FY17-18 – FY22-23 for Colver and Otto Caster Parks.

Program Element	Quantity	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total
Colver Park				
C-1: LED luminaire (every ~50 ft on major pathways)	40	Each	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 60,000.00
C-2: Remodel bathrooms	1	Each	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
C-3: Repair horseshoe pits	--	--	--	--
Replace south fence (4ft high)	1	Each	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
Replace cement walkways	1	Each	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
C-6: Swing set with Dyna cushion mats	1	Each	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 5,900.00
<i>Subtotal</i>				\$ 97,500.00
Otto Caster Park				
OC-1: LED luminaire	10	Each	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
OC-2: Build 2 bathroom facilities	1	Each	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
<i>Subtotal</i>				\$ 90,000.00
SUBTOTAL				\$ 187,500.00
<i>Add 10% Design/Engineering</i>				\$ 18,750.00
<i>Add 15% Contingency</i>				\$ 28,125.00
<i>Add 2% Fees</i>				\$ 3,750.00
TOTAL				\$ 238,125.00

Table A-10. Capital Improvement Estimates FY23-24 – FY28-29 for Colver and Otto Caster Parks.

Program Element	Quantity	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total
Colver Park				
C-7: Fence for 1-acre dog area	834	Linear Ft.	\$ 17.00	\$ 14,178.00
C-7: Dog Park-specific furnishings	--	--	--	--
Seating benches	2	Each	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Information kiosk/Doggie bag station	1	Each	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
			Subtotal	\$ 19,178.00
Otto Caster Park				
OC-3: Fence	200	Linear Ft.	\$ 17.00	\$ 3,400.00
			Subtotal	\$ 3,400.00
			SUBTOTAL	\$ 22,578.00
			<i>Add 10% Design/Engineering</i>	\$ 2,257.80
			<i>Add 15% Contingency</i>	\$ 3,386.70
			<i>Add 2% Fees</i>	\$ 451.56
			TOTAL	\$ 28,674.06

Table A-11. Blue Heron Improvement Estimates FY17-18 – FY22-23.

Program Element	Quantity	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total
Central Parking and Playground Area				
Parking Improvements				
Parking cost per space (does not include demolition and removal of existing materials)	33	1 space	\$ 1,692.50	\$ 55,852.50
Playground Improvements				
Splash pad (1200 - 1500 sq. ft.)	1	Each	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
2-5 year old play area (1000 sq. ft.)	1	Each	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Site Amenities				
Sand volleyball court (50' x 80' with concrete border)	1	Each	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Paths				
Paved paths (4" concrete)	5,300	Sq. Ft.	\$ 7.50	\$ 39,750.00
Solar lighting (45' spacing along major pathways)	35	Each	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 52,500.00
Vegetation				
Trees (2" caliper)	24	Each	\$ 250.00	\$ 6,000.00
Planting beds (Soil prep, fertilizers, plant materials, mulch)	6850	Sq. Ft.	\$ 3.50	\$ 23,975.00
			Subtotal	\$ 333,077.50

SDC Reference Points

Every few years, the League of Oregon Cities conducts a survey of Oregon jurisdictions regarding their SDCs. The most current survey is from 2013. Table A-15 on the following page provides some examples of SDC rates in other cities near Phoenix based on the results of the League of Oregon Cities' SDC Survey Report.

It is unlikely that the City will be able to cover all of the projected costs of capital improvements and land acquisition by increasing SDCs – the SDC base rate would have to be much higher than the public is likely to tolerate. These reference points should help the City Council determine a reasonable rate for Phoenix that will cover some of the park development costs while remaining palatable to developers.

Currently, the City of Phoenix does not collect SDCs on non-residential developments. As the City Council considers mechanisms for funding the additional 69 acres of parkland identified through Regional Problem Solving process, we recommend that Council consider adding a non-residential SDC. Over 40% of the acreage in Phoenix's Urban Reserve Areas is designated for employment (rather than residential) land. Adding an SDC for non-residential development will assist with covering the costs for new parks.

Table A-15. SDCs for Cities near Phoenix

City	Residential				Nonresidential			Basis of Fee
	Improvement	Reimbursement	Other Fee	Total	Improvement	Reimbursement	Total	
Phoenix	\$79	\$1,134	\$5	\$1,218			\$0	\$444.03 Base rate (Improvement fee = 6.52%; Reimbursement fee = 93.48%; Administrative fee = 3.81%). SDC = Base rate*x persons per unit (for example, 2.84 for single family residential)
Ashland				\$1,041			\$488	Residential SDC is a per unit charge. The nonresidential parks and recreation SDC applies to tourist accommodation developments only. A base rate of \$488 is multiplied by the number of tourist accommodation rooms in the development.
Talent	\$867	\$518	\$74	\$1,459			\$0	Cost of existing land owned by city and projected park facilities based on projected population
Medford	\$3,433			\$3,433	\$4,590		\$4,590	Based on type and number of residential units, or number of employees for commercial/retail. City uses the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code to determine the number of employees per business type. Current fee is \$85 per employee for commercial/retail. The SDC for nonresidential was based on 54 employees.
Central Point	\$1,746	\$548	\$85	\$2,379			\$0	Single Family Dwellings are categorized as 2.69 people per household. Our SDC is \$853 per person plus a 3.7% admin fee.
Eagle Point				\$2,304				Set rate per dwelling unit, reduced rate for RV/Trailer spaces. Unsure of breakdown between improvement fee and reimbursement fee.
Grants Pass	\$637	\$512		\$1,149	\$2,917	\$2,277	\$5,194	Improvement fee is acquisition SDC and reimbursement fee is development SDC. Residential is per unit, nonresidential is per parking space.

Source: League of Oregon Cities. "SDC Survey Report – Summary Data and Tables." Summer 2013.

http://www.orcities.org/Portals/17/Premium/SDC_Survey_Report_2013.pdf

Source: City of Ashland. System Development Charges webpage. <http://www.ashland.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=15787>

APPENDIX B – RESOURCES

This appendix compiles resources requested by the Phoenix Parks Commission to assist with taking action on the recommendations included in the main parks plan. It includes information about park system staffing, resources for forming a nonprofit “Friends of the Phoenix Parks” organization, and a preliminary plan for horseshoe pit upgrades provided by the Rogue Valley Pitchers.

Park System Staffing

As the Phoenix park system grows to accommodate population growth and better serve underserved areas, the City must consider the additional effort required to maintain parkland and manage recreational programming. We investigated four Oregon cities with populations between 9,000 and 10,000 to understand how these larger cities manage their parks. This research revealed that park staffing can vary greatly even in cities of a similar size. Ultimately, the City of Phoenix will have to determine what is appropriate for its particular needs, but these case studies provide a starting point for the discussion about future park staffing.

Baker City, Oregon

Population: 9,828

No designated Parks Department. Maintenance is contracted and YMCA recreation centers are shared with the City. 1 FTE for water and street maintenance and 2 FTEs allocate part of their hours to Parks.

Cottage Grove, Oregon

Population: 9,686

Designated Parks Department housed under Public Works with 2 FTEs who split their time between Parks and Buildings & Maintenance Departments.

Newport, Oregon

Population: 9,989

Designated Parks Department with 1 FTE for recreation and 2 FTE and 1 PTE for maintenance (hire extra employees for summer season).

Sandy, Oregon

Population: 9,570

Community Services Department with 1 FTE who oversees multiple facets including Parks and the Parks Board. The Parks maintenance is handled by Public Works Department.

Resources for Forming a Nonprofit “Friends of” Organization

In Goal 5, Recommendation 3, we recommend that the Phoenix Parks Commission work with community members to form a “Friends of the Phoenix Parks” foundation that can accept charitable contributions. This will require the official

formation of a nonprofit corporation by filing documents with the IRS and Oregon Secretary of State.

We suggest the Phoenix Friends identify an existing “Friends of” organization that may be willing to share their bylaws. Phoenix residents can then easily adapt these existing documents to suit their needs. Ashland has a parks foundation (established in 1995) that might serve as a model:

- Ashland Parks Foundation
<http://www.ashlandparksfoundation.com/Index.asp>

Another example, more centered around habitat restoration, native landscapes, and trail work, is the Friends of Hendricks Park organization, based in Eugene, OR:

- Friends of Hendricks Park <http://friendsofhendrickspark.org/index.html>

For additional guidance, we recommend interested residents make use of resources from the Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO). NAO’s website offers comprehensive guidance on forming a nonprofit. NAP also has knowledgeable, helpful staff who can answer questions.

- NAO’s resources for starting a nonprofit:
https://www.nonprofitoregon.org/helpline_resources/tools_information/aqs/starting_a_nonprofit

Other useful sources of information include:

- Oregon Secretary of State:
<http://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/nonprofit.aspx>
- The Foundation Center:
<http://foundationcenter.org/gainknowledge/map/oregon.html>

Rogue Valley Pitchers Preliminary Plan for Horseshoe Pit Upgrades

The following text was provided by Alan Ringo of the Rogue Valley Pitchers to assist with planning for upgrades of the horseshoe pits located in Colver Road Park.

Horseshoe Pitching at Colver Park

When was the last time you stopped by Colver Park? Was it taking kids to the playground? Or a Sunday picnic to use one of the covered areas there? Have you hiked in the park on the walkway around the main field and seen the softball/baseball field there? But, have you noticed there are 12 horseshoe courts in the park? And, maybe you have been at the park when a tournament was taking place or a group was practicing or a couple of people were enjoying a game of horseshoes at the courts. How many of you have pitched horseshoes or wondered about the sport as you watched these events? Did you know there is an organized, local club that regularly practices and competes at the Colver Park Horseshoe courts?

The first sanctioned tournament was held on June 29, 1985. City utility foreman Jim Wear and Bill Stoner donated 350 hours labor to install the pits. To this day there has been a horseshoe club active at the courts. The club now goes by “The Rogue Valley Pitchers.” The group would like everyone to know about them and encourages new members to join in the fun. All ages and skill levels can participate and get instruction. Many members pitch year round – our retired pitchers meet regularly on Tuesday mornings. The busiest time for the club is April thru September. In addition to Tuesday mornings, club members also pitch Mondays at 5pm at Colver Park, Wednesdays at Grants Pass, and Thursdays at Rogue River. Pitching on Saturdays may take place at any of these courts. Beginners can get instruction and everyone can have fun and improve. Those interested in higher levels of competition may opt for local tournaments or joining the Oregon Horseshoe Pitcher’s Association. Winter tournaments and practice are now being scheduled. For more information, contact Alan Ringo at 541-779-6867.

More about the Rogue Valley Pitchers at Colver Park

The membership has ranged from 20-35 members from 2010-2015. This is a group that comes from Southern Oregon (not just Phoenix). The Rogue Valley Pitchers pitch every Tuesday morning year round (weather permitting) and from April – October has a scheduled group practice one evening a week. So, scheduled practice days will see the courts used 75-100 days a year. This does not count random days that members will come to use the courts. I know that others use the courts and picnic groups often include horseshoes in their activity selection. During the April – October time frame we have averaged hosting about 6-8 tournaments a year.

Court and/or Safety Improvements Needed

30-35 years of wear and tear on the cement walkways have seen the walkway cement chipped away on the outer edges of each walkway. Other than an occasional backboard or peg being replaced, there has been little improvements made since the building of the courts in 1985. One exception was the replacement of the North fence about 10-12 years ago, changing the 3-foot fence to that of the present 4-foot fence – a big safety improvement. The courts could stand some improvements for safety and longevity reasons. Some of the possible improvements that would be recommended depending on the budget available would be (there is no particular order of priority in this listing):

1. Replacement of the backboards in all courts.
2. A 4-foot fence on the South side of the courts with 1-2 gates.
3. Fence in the East and West ends – leaving a drive-thru gate on the West end for access and maintenance and small gate on the East end to access water.
4. Add a second gate on the North side near the basketball court area.
5. Cement walkways redone in some or all courts. Bend, Oregon has recently refurbished the entire horseshoe facility at Juniper Park – a good model.
6. Make all pits surrounded by cement (even if front) with imbedded angle iron on the front foul line – this will prevent any foul board/cement replacement in the future.

7. Proper drainage and upgrade of the material covering the infield between pits.

Depending on the budget available, some or all of this could be done. Safety should be the number one concern and longevity a close second so repeat refurbishing is at a minimum. Keep in mind that the Rogue Valley Pitchers do a lot of volunteer upkeep and maintenance throughout the year.

Contact: Alan Ringo – Rogue Valley Pitchers (779-6867) or avringo@charter.net

20 Year Plan for Horseshoe Courts at Colver Park

The main expense in upgrading the horseshoe courts at Colver Park would be cement work and fence replacement. The other repair and upkeep items would be minimal after the initial work. Looking at the original construction being done in 1985 and lasting to the present, if redone properly, the main expenses would occur in the first 4-5 years of the plan with minimal upkeep in the years that follow. Part of the plan has already occurred this year. See a recommended time-line below, if year one is this year with item one already being done:

1. Year one (2016) – Backboard replacement was done in May, 2016. Materials were paid for by the city and the local Rogue Valley Pitcher's horseshoe club did the work.
2. New, four-foot fencing on the South side of the courts – estimate given at \$1600.00 would be the recommended next step for the next budget year. The local horseshoe club would replace foul boards and do basic maintenance at the courts. The city would continue their normal weed spraying schedule, leaf removal at the park as they normally do .
3. The most expensive step would be redoing the cement walkways/pads in some or all of the 12 horseshoe courts. Ideally, having all 12 redone would be the recommendation, but an alternate plan could have 2 or 3 courts done each year over a period of time so that a lesser amount could be budgeted annually for a period of 4-6 years. \$2000-\$2500 each of 4 years would finish 3 courts per year. The costs will vary with the quality of the materials requested. The city of Phoenix may have some contractors that have done quality cement work in the past and seek their expertise in the project.
4. As courts are done, the fill material between all the cement pads would be added. I don't know the cost or what would be chosen.
5. The 14-20 years that follow would require minimal upkeep and replacement – broken backboard and foul board replacements (no foul board replacement if cement/angle iron protection done in front of each horseshoe pit).

The horseshoe courts at Colver Park in Phoenix, along with All Sports Park in Grants Pass, are the only NHPA (National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association) sanctioned courts in Southern Oregon. Roseburg and Bend are the next closest sanctioned courts. Rogue River and Merlin have useable courts for recreational use. The Colver Park horseshoe courts can be used in their present state, but continued breakdown of the edges of the walkways make it more likely to have ankle/knee injuries as the surface becomes more uneven. Few of these injuries occur, but prevention is the goal.

APPENDIX C – COMMUNITY INPUT

This appendix describes the process for gathering input that informed the Phoenix Parks Master Plan and documents the findings from the various public comments we received.

Public Workshops

Armadillo Technical Institute Workshop: May 18, 2016

The first of two workshops at high schools in Phoenix was designed with the intent of getting input from youth, a demographic strongly affected by parks development but which is often not the target of regular community outreach.

At the ATI workshop, the CSC team worked with around 15-20 middle school and high school aged youth, who were strong advocates for the addition of a skate park to Phoenix. The participants enumerated the reasons they believe a skate park is needed in Phoenix and participated in a visioning activity where they drew and designed their ideal park on worksheets.

The students voiced concerns that Phoenix does not offer sufficient activities and recreation for youth, and this lack of options can sometimes lead to behavior deemed “delinquent” such as loitering and skating in non-sanctioned spaces. Whether in the form of a skate park or other diversions for young adults, ATI students hoped that additions to the parks system would intentionally seek to serve young adults, not just children.

Phoenix-Talent HS Workshop: May 18, 2016

The CSC team also met with students in an AP Environmental Science class in Phoenix High School. The class of 25-30 upperclassmen participated in the same “ideal park” visioning activity as in the ATI students in small groups, and then shared their ideas with the whole class in a group debrief.

While their requests were less centered on the idea of a skate park, they also seemed to echo the sentiment that Phoenix needs more activities for youth. Common themes to emerge from the students’ brainstorm included activities-based spaces, such as sporting facilities, holistic and natural design appearance, and water features.

Phoenix Parks Open House: May 18, 2016

The first public workshop was designed to introduce residents to the parks master plan update process and gather initial input on how residents would like to see the parks expand and change.

Activities included dot posters which allowed attendees to select up to 3 features they would like to see incorporated into the current parks by placing dots on a poster displaying a variety of potential park amenities and designs. Workshop

visitors also used a map of Phoenix to indicate where they would like to see future parks, and wrote comments about the park system on a comment board.

Blue Heron Design Workshop: June 4, 2016

The CSC team used a workshop in Blue Heron Park to gather design ideas and feedback for the park's redesign, as well as additional input on the entire parks system. Workshop visitors again participated in the dot poster and map activities, as well as a mini-survey about Blue Heron and general comment boards. The CSC team's landscape designer was present to assess design potential of the park and to gather concept ideas from participants.

Dog Days of Summer Workshop: July 24, 2016

The CSC team staffed a booth at the Dog Days of Summer festival in late July to gather public feedback on the Blue Heron design concepts produced by the team's landscape designer. The three design concepts were displayed on posters, and a landscape architecture student facilitated conversation and critiques to help assimilate the most popular elements of the three posters into a final design concept.

Other CSC team members invited further feedback on parks and recreation needs and desires with the public using the same activities present at the Blue Heron design workshop and through open conversation.

Stakeholder Interviews

Diane Reiling: President of the Garden Club

- Discussion in this interview centered on environmental preservation, especially of pollinator species. The Garden Club was involved in the creation of the current monarch waystations in Blue Heron Park and Reiling would like to see more presence of environmental activism and education in Phoenix parks.
- The Garden Club may be interested in one-time or small scale assistance with installing or maintaining gardens in the parks.

Sandra Wine: Active member of the Community Garden

- The discussion surrounded the community garden and its success as a component of Blue Heron Park. The garden is very active and most plots are usually filled.
- Wine was also involved in starting a small community garden affiliated with a low-income apartment complex. She believes such projects could be a key to civic engagement and food security, especially with the city and parks department's support.

Theresa Sayre: Phoenix-Talent School District Superintendent

- Interview focused on the overlapping needs and services of public parks and school grounds and facilities. School grounds can serve a function similar to parks for the community, but only after school hours or with reservations for some facilities (i.e. track for large groups).

- Sayre believes there is a need for more activities and spaces for teens, particularly those living in trailer parks and apartments. She would also like to see infrastructure improvements around town to make parks more accessible by biking and walking, particularly to serve the North areas of Phoenix that are further from the current parks' service radius.

Mike Foster: Reverend of Presbyterian Church

- Conversation centered on making sure parks developments serve as wide a demographic as possible and are inclusive to all residents. Rev. Foster sees parts of the community that don't typically have a voice in outreach and city government events.
- Phoenix is a fairly low-income community and so parks activities and events should take care to be economically inclusive, either free or at a low price. The City should also put effort into having events that aren't centered on spending disposable income.

Clarkie Clarke: Community member and skate park advocate

- This interview concerned the possibility of building a skate park in Phoenix to create more activities for young adults and serve the community's skateboarder population.
- Skate parks can be a valuable asset to bring in people from out of town and provide entertainment. There is already a group of youth forming to advocate for one through petitions and other measures.

Aaron Spohn: Skate park builder, located in California

- Interview concerned gaining information about the practicality of skate park development and possible strategies for implementation.
- There are many different funding strategies that can remove much of the burden from the City. Oregon has a strong grant program for skate park development that will match city funds at a higher proportion. Skater advocates can also engage in fundraising to raise money, support, and awareness, as well as convey their commitment to creating a skate park.
- Breaking down the stigma surrounding skateboarding and getting it to be seen as a legitimate sport is an important step, which can be accomplished with public forums and data-based proof.

Sharon Schmidt: Business owner and active member of Bee City USA

- Focused on creating "pollinator and people friendly habitats", as well as educating people about the importance of pollinator preservation and low pesticide use.
- The parks can play an important role in this mission by planting pollinator friendly habitat, lowering the use of pesticides, and offering classes and educational information about pollinator preservation.
- Bee City USA would be interested in helping with creating more pollinator gardens in the future, as well as teaching educational classes about the need for pollinators and beekeeping.

Community Survey

The community survey was created to obtain more expansive input on park usage, satisfaction, comments, and funding strategies from a broader range of residents than those who attended public workshops and other outreach events.

Methodology

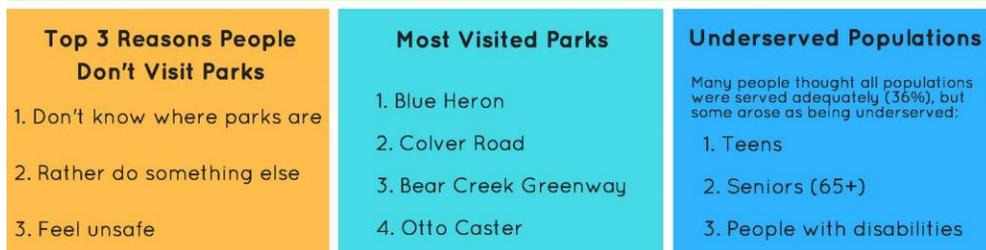
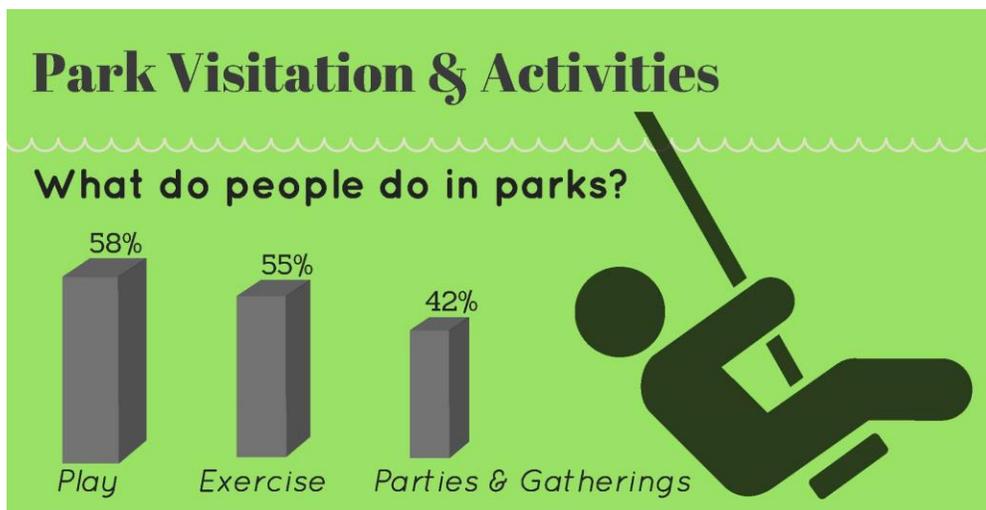
The survey was mailed twice to lists of registered voters in Phoenix (first to a random sample of 1,040 voters, then later to a random sample of 750 voters using a more up-to-date voter registration list). The survey was also made available in paper form at the public library and online. The City of Phoenix promoted the survey link using their Facebook page. In total, the survey received 190 responses.

Since the survey was not conducted as a strict random-sample, the results should not be generalized as representative of the entire Phoenix population's desires. The results, however, do provide insight into what some residents see as priorities for their parks.

Responses

The parks planning team created the following visual summary of key points to emerge from the responses to the survey. We also provide a full summary of responses to each of the survey's 26 questions (aside from those questions recorded under text responses).

Summary of Key Themes



Priority INDOOR Activities



Lots of interest in...

1. Swimming pool or splash pad
2. Community Center

HIGH

Moderate interest in...

1. Running or walking track
2. Volleyball
3. Basketball
4. Fitness & exercise equipment
5. Tennis

MEDIUM

Not much interest in...

- Art studio & gallery (display space)
- Racquetball
- Performance venue

LOW

Priority OUTDOOR Activities

Lots of interest in...

1. Water, spray, or splash play features
2. Restrooms
3. Green space/natural areas
4. Sheltered/covered areas
5. Picnic tables

HIGH

Moderate interest in...

1. Cooking facilities
2. Tennis Court
3. Basketball Court

MEDIUM



Not much interest in...

- Skatepark
- Football field
- Baseball field

LOW

Funding for Parks

On average, people want to spend the most on

1. Improving existing parks
2. Building new parks



83%

Support using a portion of the cannabis tax for parks

Support a new fee on the utility bill for parks **38%**

48% Would be willing to pay \$1 - \$3 for this fee

Full Survey Responses

The following pages contain the full responses to the parks survey, excluding questions that required text responses. Text responses are recorded at the end of this appendix.

Text Responses

The following are categorized text responses for survey questions that asked respondents to write in answers. As categories are broad and some residents offered lengthier responses, some responses could fall into multiple categories; however, they have only been recorded here only in one.

Question 4: Please write any specific comments or concerns you have about parks and greenways in Phoenix in the box below. Consider landscaping, safety, maintenance, etc.

Parks System as a whole

General comments

- I'm very happy parks are in Phoenix
- All fine!
- I think Blue Heron Park is great for families
- In general, I am satisfied
- Nice signs accompanying the park entrances
- Overall good job!
- Overall I'm happy with the park options we have in Phoenix.
- So important as a resource for the people who live in Phoenix
- The parks are great!
- Very happy with everything.

Cleanliness and maintenance

- Bathroom cleanliness is very important to me. I have young children and appreciate a clean place for them to use the restroom while we are out!
- Bathrooms could be kept cleaner
- Functional maintenance of the spaces - like having holes in the fields.
- Great maintenance for small staff number
- I feel our parks staff have done a great job with maintenance
- It seems that when something breaks it takes a long time to get fixed, or just gets removed.
- More maintenance in general
- Mostly in good repair and free of graffiti.
- Restrooms are clean!!
- Should be mowed more frequently
- The fences along Clover Park should be replaced.

Safety

- Greenway safety
- I think all the parks in Phoenix should be smoke free. I am tired of smelling people smoking cigarettes and pot.
- I would like more lighting even though they would be closed at night. I feel the lack light can hide people, drugs, etc.
- I would like more lighting to deter people using the park after hours
- Most locations are great would just like to see more security to monitor certain areas better
- Personal safety around transient population

- Please keep transients away from the park. Police patrols would alleviate this problem.
- Provide for residents first. Keep safe from bums/vagrants/panhandlers
- Safety and keeping them free of homeless and drugs.
- Shady people, drug addicts, bums and spare changers are ruining the greenway - people take this path to and from work a lot
- The greenway is horrible
- These would be important, but for the fact most people would not venture there alone!
- With many kids to watch, I want good visibility of strangers for safety reasons - I want to see them coming far off in case we need to leave quickly

Desired Additions

- I feel like the Phoenix area could use some beautifying and parks are a great way to do that.
- I really appreciate the large open spaces in Colver and Blue Heron, however Otto Caster has no public restroom.
- I think the kids get a little bored of just climbing, there are no longer slides, swings and merry-go-rounds in most parks, all of which I too enjoyed. Maybe we need a big/ little kid and senior combo park or some unique play toys! I think there is equipment for seniors available, it would be fun to participate with the kids instead of just observe. I think the slats in the plastic equipment could cause compound fractures if a foot or an arm were through one and the child fell.
- I would like to see the area behind the high school developed into a walking greenway along the TID and connect park space to be developed near Dano.
- I would love if there were some hiking trails through Phoenix and more spaces for community gardens.
- I'd like to have Dog-inclusive parks, with no leash requirements
- We also need a skate park for the youth. They have nothing else to do in Phoenix, the only town without a skate park in southern Oregon. Let's fix that.
- Less homeless and more water fountains. And more lighting
- More lights on all parks for walking at night
- More shade, garbage pits, water rec, ponds, waterfalls, etc.
- My family has had several children's birthday parties at the Blue Heron Park and especially the Clover Road Park. We would like to see additional playground equipment installed at the Clover Park. Overall, we love these parks. They are quiet, clean and well maintained.
- Need more restrooms, would be nice to have a water feature or pool for those in the Phoenix area
- Needs a water/splash pad and a dog park
- Phoenix needs a dog park!
- Shade trees are great!
- There needs to be a dog park in Phoenix. I live in East Phonics on the east side of the interstate. No parks at all over here for that matter. A dog park and a park over here is needed.
- There should be a basketball court. There should be a park near the Phoenix Hills subdivision.
- Too much empty space. A skate park needs to be built its good for the community
- Would love to see a splash area at colver rd
- Would love to see more trees. Also more for teens like an indoor or outdoor skate park so they don't have to skate on the roads.

Infrastructure and Community Needs

- Need a sidewalk on at least one side of Colver Rd Park. Is there city fund for a park with a "country" view? Which parks have fitness courses?
- Need better access for wheelchairs and bikes. Need ramp in corner closest to the greenway, going straight in.
- Parks are fine the road sucks!
- I think cleaning up the storefronts along 99 should be priority. Returning the road to 2 lanes is also a good idea.
- Get rid of the "road diet" through town
- Need a pool and fitness center in Phoenix

Other comments

- My main concern is that the city stop using astronomical water fees to support anything other than the purchase and delivering of water
- Not Used
- Since I lost my husband 3 years ago I have not revisited our parks as much. I take my grandchildren to the parks when they visit and occasionally have lunch with a friend.
- You have to think about what activity you want to do then decide which park would best work for that

Blue Heron Park

General comments

- Beautiful park, not sure what it offers
- Coming along nicely, keep it up!
- Constantly Improving
- Blue Heron is coming along nicely. When my kids were little, we didn't use the park much because there wasn't much shade. I was nervous to let the kids explore because of the Greenway (transient activity)
- Good
- Good
- Great for families
- Great park! Perfect to take my three year old to just like the other two. Great for a not so hot day
- I haven't been there that often, but when I have, I thought that it was well maintained.
- I like the park
- I really enjoy the open area with all the grass.
- I really like the community garden and fun equipment, thank you
- It's nice, love the community garden.
- Lots of beautiful improvements for families and groups. Community Garden!
- love the band shell
- Nice addition to the community. Improvements have been attractive.
- Our newest and most beautiful park in a very good location along the greenway, Could use more development
- Overall we are lucky to have this park and its connection to the greenway.
- Plenty of green grass. I wrote on another note that if I'm available this fall I could volunteer or spring.
- Popular, well used, like using the community garden

- Happy it has grass and is getting some shade.
- Very attractive and clean
- Very nice capital improvements in the past 5 years have created a lovely space.
- Very nice park - feels safe and well maintained
- Very pretty, it is my favorite Phoenix park
- Very pretty after recent improvements. Look forward to bandshell being utilized more.
- We enjoy this park
- Well maintained

Cleanliness and Maintenance

- Bandshell has chalk drawing on it and has not been cleaned/tended too
- Dogs off leash - people not cleaning up after pet and themselves
- Drinking Fountains need attended
- Goat heads all over the park
- I wish those water pumps were on at the 2 shelters every day
- Needs bark replaced more often and equipment fixed
- Needs more attention to puncture vine (goal's heads) used control. Weeds already growing and setting seeds by bandstands!
- Stop Vector Control from spaying poisons on our bees and Monarch Stations at Blue Heron and other bee, Monarch friendly cities.
- The play structures could be maintained a little better
- Too many goat heads!
- Wish driving fountain was alias on and worked better

Safety

- There seems to be a lot of odd behavior at Blue Heron Park, not sure if it's due to its seclusion but I never feel safe when I go there.
- Due to homeless/transient use of bathroom, they should be checked more often/ have found them disgusting more than once.
- Last few times we have went we ended up leaving shortly after due to strange activity and drug deals.
- safety issues due to greenway use
- Safety with the Greenway right there and dense trees at the play equipment - Love the shade but want visibility at play equipment with several children - would love fence along Greenway for safety
- The tire swing seems a bit too hard and heavy because if a toddler should get loose and run into its path he could be very injured, maybe a little fence around it. I don't like the bums being there.

Desired Additions

- Functional. Good for children. Not so pleasing to the eye.
- Good park - needs a skate park for kids and maybe a water fountain for kids to play in
- How about lighted tennis courts
- It's hard to watch the kids play from the covered tables when we have parties there. It would be nice if it had an additional party area where the kids could play on the playground equipment and be visible to the adults at the tables.
- Large paved track or area for kids to ride bikes. Gets a bit scary or greenway with heavy bike traffic

- Skate park needs to be built ASAP
- Needs more for Kids.
- Needs to be a venue for a festival the puts Phoenix on the map. Take advantage of our Hispanic Heritage. Have a giant Hispanic Themed festival
- Nicely kept - more plants, flowers, sitting areas
- Not enough bathrooms, needs shade, electricity for covered areas, water features, dog area to let off leash
- There could be a better surface under playground equipment and the amphitheater is inadequate for anything but a very small group venue...no natural slant of ground to enhance viewing even on blankets on the ground...what was the thinking for this project?
- Skate park needed for our youth.
- I would like to see a venue board at the highway so we don't miss any fun things like concerts.
- Might need more parking or a shuttle if there is a well-attended event.
- Also would be a great place for a dog park.
- Would like to see more added
- Would like to see more public garden plots

Water Features and Shade

- Could use more play area shade
- More shade
- Need more shade trees!
- Needs a sprinkler park area for kids there is no shade to speak of yet until the tree grows
- Be nice to have a couple of lush places with shade and seating.
- Needs more trees, there isn't any shade
- Would love to have a splash pad.
- Maybe more shaded areas?
- Too much direct sun, but understand it will change with tree growth
- This park needs more shaded areas and a splash pad or skate park would be great. Phoenix has no water park or skate park which would greatly benefit kids of all ages!

Other comments

- Never been yet
- The ingress egress for the bike path is not easy right there.
- Too close to a trailer park, not a very nice looking one either, needs a new location. I would never go there. Also runs along Bear Creek Greenway yuck! See below.
- Use the space better as well as the bandshell

Colver Road Park:

General comments

- Beautiful and quiet
- Beautiful! Wonderful shady park. Perfect for kids parties
- Best of all - leave big field alone
- Clean well maintained

- I love that they keep it clear so there is visibility all the way to the tracks, nowhere for bums to hide and that I am able to see the kids no matter where they run, I like the fence, the shade, parking, shelters, fruit to pick and the walk way. If the building is rent-able it would be nice if the info. Were posted. The trash bin NOT in a shady parking spot and so close to the kids is nice but I think it should have a lock on it as I see many people that might be bringing their home trash to dump.
- I think they do a pretty good job maintaining the park. It is hard to keep up with the litter thrown by irresponsible visitor, (and I try to help when I am able to walk) overall they do a darned good job
- It's a great open space, easily accessible from my neighborhood
- Kept in good condition although paths are cracked, not a big deal.
- Love it.
- Love seeing folks using this park...softball, picnics, playground, horseshoes!
- Love the horseshoe pits
- Love the little park. Did a birthday party here
- Love this park - it is off the road for play, shaded, but visibility of whole park is great
- Love this park! It is vital to the community!
- The park is in great shape and well taken care of but there is minor work like removing fallen branches from the trail.
- Very nice park.

Cleanliness and Maintenance

- Baseball diamond field and infield in despair
- Better landscape maintenance. Field needs to be smoothed out.
- Could be maintained better
- Could use more often clean-up crews! It is a home people do not pick up after themselves! I see more people leave a mess and I or other people pick up trash!
- Ground is very uneven and should be smoothed out
- We frequent the baseball diamond, and the dugouts are often filthy with garbage and drug paraphernalia.
- It would be nice of the grass was in better shape
- Wish drinking fountains functioned better
- hoping for updated bathrooms
- Would like to see more upkeep! Better maintenance thank you.
- Maintenance doesn't seem as good as it has been in past (green space)
- Need field work for ball field and all grass many holes!
- Would like playground and park to be better maintained
- Very dirty bathrooms. No child changing tables

Desired Additions

- Again a splash pad would be a great addition to this park.
- Basketball court needs to be fenced in better so that we are not chasing ball in the bushes or parking lot. Perhaps some lighting for the courts
- Big open area - Have adult casual player softball league
- I would like meow benches/picnic tables. I like the park too
- I would love see upgraded bathrooms at Colver.

- If there aren't any swing sets, that needs to be added. Same goes for basketball hoop. If dogs aren't allowed then they need to be allowed and add a cleanup station. The city also needs a pool.
- It would be nice if you could expand the playground (swings, slides, more climbing obstacles, etc.) Also a sprinkler park would be a nice addition.
- My son loves this park, although it would nice to have some swings
- Need more for kids... trees, anyone can take a big field and call it a park...
- Needs a dog park - perfect place for one
- needs swings, would be nice if Colver rd had a side walk that ended at the park
- Needs walking path around green area
- Nice open field, could use more shade around play structures
- No swings for children. Need doggy park,
- Swings for children. Pathway cracks need fixing
- Swings needed
- This would be an ideal spot for a splash park, the younger children and toddlers need a safe place to play too.
- Upgrade playground
- We miss the swings!
- Were it up to me I would remove the horseshoe area and place a water feature
- Would have some swings at this park. A water park would be awesome!
- Would love to have swings.

Landscaping

- Blue Heron is the nearest to my residence so I haven't visited this park for a few years, but at the time we were going there it could have used a little more landscaping as I remember.
- Good for children, walking, horseshoes, basketball etc. Seems to be a sports park. Wouldn't call it beautiful, pleasing to the eye. What about Rose gardens. Koi ponds in one of the parks. I suppose it's costly.
- Make it look more appealing, Colorful landscape and plants from the road e.g. around sign at Colver park
- More flowers and trees
- More places to sit along the park and shaded areas
- Uneven ground in the field

Other comments

- Again, the playground equipment is VERY far away from the covered tables.
- COLVER Road Park needs more accessibility for people in wheelchairs. More sidewalks - to the picnic area, etc. Picnic tables need wheelchair accessible seating. Playground is NOT accessible in any way, shape, or form. Upgrade the basketball court and add lights for evening use.
- Don't have any
- I don't know
- I'd like to see the baseball diamond being used more.
- In the summer/spring there are people that are noisy at 10 & 11pm.
- Needs improvement, I like the doggie bags provided thank you.
- No idea
- ok
- Walk through it

- Where are they?
- Many people hang out in car, strange vibe. They don't use parks. Creeps.
- Safety issue with uneven black top in areas.

Otto Caster Park

General Comments

- cute park for little kids
- Cute park great for kids
- Excellent park. No complaints
- Good for children
- Great park for small children /
- Great place for children, being close to library
- I like the fence that's around it to keep the energetic toddlers in.
- It is mostly play equipment which is nice
- Like the tall trees
- Look like a fun family and school place
- Love it
- Small but great
- This very small park seems adequate as is mainly used by smaller children
- Very nice location and very clean
- Very nice.
- We appreciate the upgrades. Feels safer

Safety and Maintenance

- As the park nearest the school it seems the security could be better with regular patrolling perhaps by volunteers.
- Last time I visited there was a lot of gang graffiti on the picnic bench
- There should be more safety precautions near the streets, such as a latching gate to keep children from running into traffic.
- I think for safety reasons it would be nice to have a latching gate to the entrance when you're coming off the sidewalk from 1st street. Considering it's so close to the road I think it would give parents peace of mind knowing their little ones would be slowed down by a gate if they were to run off. At this time it's just an open gap. Toddlers & small kids are quick even if you are diligently watching them.
- This park is so small and sweet. I would love to see this park cleaned up a little. Most of all the stones what the kid made are broken or in the creek, there was broken glass all around the tables.

Desired Additions

- A restroom would be nice
- Add a swings, public restroom, picnic table because parents would like to sit and watch kids play. Might be dirty to use library bathroom and not always open.
- Bathroom needed
- Bathroom?
- More lighting. I use the park during the day
- Really small park. but would be nice to expand
- We were so excited about the "accessible" playground. It didn't really turn out to be that way. In fact, the little ramp thingy into the playground isn't even usable. Once you get a wheelchair user in there, then what?

Other Comments

- Don't have any
- Haven't seen it
- I don't know
- N/A
- Never been
- never been
- Never used it
- No idea
- Phoenix
- We have never been to this park
- We haven't visited in years :(
- Where are they?

Bear Creek Greenway

General Comments

- Great in morning for bike rides.
- Good attempts to keep side growth down!
- I think the greenway is really good
- My husband and I used this a lot while we were able - walking and bike riding. It's great and always wished it would have been created much sooner,
- satisfied with city's commitment
- Use our bikes on it

Cleanliness and Maintenance

- I love the Greenway. I'd like to help remove debris I have experience cutting and maintaining trails.
- Blacktop is in need of maintenance
- Keep the vegetation off the path
- More needs to be done about litter and animal waste as well as the presence of vagrants
- Need to clean up, weed, and remove black berry infestation along the Phoenix stretch
- Needs more/regular maintenance
- Some garbage along path and still don't feel very safe in the area but still ride our bikes. Looking forward to having path down to the main path (near intersection) completed through.
- Some of the thorn bushes extend into the path.
- The Greenway is interspersed with uneven terrain due to tree roots growing through.
- There are numerous cracks and potholes that need attention.
- Tree roots causing bulging on the pike path needs to be dealt with and brush needs to be kept back
- With 1/4 mile markers were repainted to see them better. Otherwise good.

Safety

- Dangerous for people who are on it along given opportunity for homeless to live and harass people - Plus more cost to maintain and for the police to check on
- Do not feel safe to be on the greenway at any location.

- Don't feel safe walking alone
- Don't feel safe walking the Greenway with the homeless living along the creek
- Don't feel safe walking there
- As a woman alone I feel unsafe or trapped on the greenway because there are not enough exits to leave if I should feel threatened. The Blue Heron Park is next to the greenway and creek which I love but I see many bums ruining the park for me as they lurk around, lay on the tables and destroy the restrooms.
- Personal safety is a concern with transient population. I would like to see volunteers on golf carts patrolling or a more visible police presence.
- Feels unsafe due to certain users. I do not allow my teen to use unsupervised.
- Safety issues
- Do not feel safe towards evening. I think it will be better when the remodel is done.
- Homeless camping issue - need safe trails too. Open water way spots for nature observation.
- Homeless camping spots in hidden areas
- homeless people
- Homeless people camping
- I don't think I would feel safe on the greenway
- I feel less safe in this park, because of homeless.
- I frequently walk here and encounter transient persons and have concerns for my safety
- I hardly use the greenway due to safety concerns. Are there conversations about lighting?
- I have not been on the Bear Creek Greenway since the construction on the bridge started. When I did, I thought that it was a very nice way to bike around the valley. There is a problem with vagrancy, but that goes without saying in most parks and areas like the Greenway.
- I think the Greenway does have a problem with people who I've "outdoors" (the homeless). But that issue must be resolved by our local and state government - it to beyond the scope of the parks.
- I want it to be safe for my family to go on.
- It feels closed off and dangerous for a single woman to run on this path. I wish it was more open.
- It would feel more comfortable with lighting or less brush. Also (though this'll likely be fixed with updated road) it is a hazard to cross the bridge with the busy traffic.
- My concerns are transient activity, and theft. It's a wonderful system to travel by bike, but if I park my car in the parking lot to travel the Greenway, how safe is my vehicle?
- Not safe
- Not very safe in my opinion
- A fence along the path and the water would make it much safer for my young grandchildren to walk and ride their bikes without the fear of them getting too close to the edge.
- bikes and skateboarders that I think they own the path - Bikes that don't warn walkers - have been almost hit several times and small dog sideswiped - don't use path alone if a senior.
- Only use it once in a while. Feels unsafe to go too alone.
- Pretty but to many homeless hiding

- safety
- Safety
- Safety and homeless
- Seems unsafe because of homeless. No access conveniently for last 2 years. More benches, more patrol. Better paving and cleaning of bike trail.
- Should be patrolled for homeless people more often
- Sketchy/unsafe
- There are many homeless camps along the Greenway that make us question safety
- The Greenway is not a safe place. It is a Rape/Murder waiting to happen. Too bad it could be a great place
- The greenway just seems to attract the worst kinds of people and never seems safe, and being a close resident of it, I wish it was removed.
- This bike path is fine. Too many homeless camps around it. Costs too much money. Should be lanes through town. I hate the "road diet" we need 2 lanes both directions. Bike riders should use the expensive greenway!!!
- too many homeless hang out along Bear Creek
- Too many homeless people camp out along there. I do not feel safe even riding my bike there. That whole area needs to be supervised by police in my opinion.
- Too over grown, dangerous
- Very sketchy and unsafe
- Well maintained, but it's the Greenway (scary) county wide issue. I do feel it is a safer stretch than Medford.
- Worried about safety. Homeless people
- Would like it patrolled for safety
- Would love to utilize the Greenway more with my children but have been afraid because of past experiences with transients. If I felt more secure I would utilize the Greenway much more. Volunteers bike patrollers for safety? Phoenix police (Jackson County) hiring bike officers for the Greenway? (Yes I know it would be an additional tax)

Desired Additions

- In my opinion, need more flowers. Pretty things to look at.
- Lighted path would be great
- Need more restrooms along the way - especially if walkers are going far on the trail. Also, because of the fencing which is understandable - it doesn't always feel safe if a person (not criminal or vagrant) needed to exit the trail sooner than planned

Other Comments

- Excited for the construction to be completed on Fern Valley.
- good after construction of Exit 24
- Creek is not visible - no access available
- I wish bikes used our \$22,000,000 Greenway instead of tearing up our roads and using my taxes to make a 4 lane road 2 lanes with bike lanes I never see anyone use!
- Is this handicap accessible? Where is the access?
- Needs TLC
- Never used it
- None

Question 5: Have you visited a park or greenway in Phoenix in the last 12 months? 5a. If you answered NO, what are the main reasons you DIDN'T use a park or greenway?

- Don't know about accessibility
- I have dogs I would like to bring there and no kids yet
- My dog passed away
- Not much opportunity to do it
- Personal Limitations
- There's no dog parks!

Question 7: What activities do you and your family use the parks for?

Biking, boarding, active transport

- Bicycling
- biking
- Biking
- Cycling
- Relaxation and biking
- Skate boarding, rollerblading, BMXing
- walking
- relaxing and strolling
- Walking

Leisure and socializing

- Enjoyment of outdoors
- Just chilling
- leisure
- relaxation
- relax,
- relaxing and strolling
- Relaxing by Boat Creek,
- to relax
- picnics
- eating during lunch break
- picnicking, lunch
- picnic lunch

Gardening

- Garden
- Garden plot
- community garden use
- gardening at Blue Heron
- Visiting the community garden

Other

- A little of this, a little of that
- bird watching
- bird watching
- Rest stops

Question 9: Check any and all populations you feel are underserved by Phoenix's parks.

- access from parking lot
- Animals
- Different parks serve different groups
- I am disabled and need to sit, please add picnic tables to all parks
- I didn't pay attention to whether or not all populations were being served
- I don't know
- need soccer fields/ tennis courts, more team sports activities
- Our fur babies (pups)... Dogs
- people with dogs/pets
- Water based facilities would be nice
- Water sport needed

Question 10: How important are the following indoor park facilities to you or your household? Mark your preference for future investment in the improvement or addition of the following park facilities.

- community dance classes
- Does the community center mean YMCA? If yes, then it would be medium investment. If anything else, low interest
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Outdoor spaces should be prioritized
- pickle ball
- Sauna, jacuzzi, steam room
- skate park
- SKATEPARK
- soccer field
- Universal Access for all users
- Wall for wallball, and lacrosse
- gymnasium
- outdoor tennis courts
- skate park
- SKATEPARK
- Splash pad
- skate park
- SKATEPARK

Question 11: How important are the following outdoor park facilities to you or your household? Mark your preference for future investment in the improvement or addition of the following park facilities.

- lush creative landscape
- Maybe disc golf
- Obstacle Course

- Pickle ball
- skate park
- Skate Park
- Universal Access for all
- comfortable seating to sit and read...
- ponds, waterfalls

Question 14: If you think Phoenix needs additional parks, please tell us what kind of parks and types of facilities you would like.

Water feature, park, or pool

- a splash park
- Splash park
- A waterpark (aquatic center)
- A water park for the summer
- A water park of some sort would be really nice. Maybe an addition to a current park or in a whole new location all together.
- A water park would be great!
- Splash pad
- water feature parks
- Maybe a water park.
- I would love to see a water park
- splash/ water play area for kids
- Pool and Rec center
- Splash parks, shaded play areas
- Spray park would be wonderful!
- Swim/Rec
- Swimming pool and water park
- Swimming pool, splash park, tennis courts, swings, rock climbing wall
- Swimming pool/community rec/fitness center
- swimming pools
- Water features, covered play areas, and more restrooms
- Water park
- Water park! with restrooms, shaded areas, enough parking
- Water park
- Water/Spray park
- A pool that is indoors, not everyone can afford a pool and it gets very hot here!

Dog Park

- Dog park
- Dog park
- Dog park
- Dog parks
- Doggy parks
- Pup parks please!
- Dog Park

- A dog park would be great (maybe in C)?
- dog park
- A dog park!
- We really need an off leash dog park with trees and covered picnic area
- Dog park

Gardens/landscaping/natural

- A botanical garden would be cool
- A nature park with rock climbing features would be fantastic!
- Comfortable, lush, beautifully landscaped
- Community farms / botanical learning center
- gardens and open areas
- I feel like something more recreational than just a large span of grass would be great.
- I would like to see natural parks with green spaces, shade trees, and natural looking walking trails
- Maybe even a botanical garden in addition if finances permit
- Indoor facilities or a botanical garden.
- Community garden space.
- More gardens, nature education like, something that pertains to the eco-system. Place where teens and children would enjoy going to.
- botanical gardens with tables

Sports/Activity facility

- A dog. disc golf course along greenway by blue heron park
- A skate park is a must with bowls and street trick equipment.
- Tennis courts
- Skate parks
- Exercise park or to play sports
- I would like some fitness equipment along with an area for small children to play.
- Indoor pool / fitness center
- Music hall, concert venue, build an amazing venue where people can have fun. Families and adults
- Outdoor self guided fitness station
- Pickeball / picnicking
- performance venues, covered venue areas
- FOR MUSIC PERFORMANCES LIKE BRIT
- I'd love to see a performance venue and/or playground in the middle of town. We need to unite the town of phoenix and that starts at the core. We need the town to also look good to attract more families. If we have a nice central area, we could have weekly farmer's markets and other outdoor events.
- Performance community spaces
- Skate Park is desperately needed. Lots of skaters in town with no legal place to skate. Every city except Phoenix has one. There is not enough for teens to do.
- Skate park or bike terrain tracks to give teens something to do.
- SKATE PARK PLEASE!!!
- regulation height basketball
- Tennis courts
- Tennis Courts, Disc Golf
- Performance venue.
- volleyball/basketball court
- skatepark, an area for sand volleyball & tennis courts

Specific location/demographic

- I think that every family (and person) should be able to walk to a playground, park, and picnic table area!
- Family friendly
- Family parks, water fan, picnic tables and bike paths especially with changes downtown.
- A multi-use park, similar in layout to Colver Rd park in desperately needed on the east side of the freeway
- Better play or gathering area for young children age 0-3 to play and learn.
- Playgrounds for children
- Elder friendly park in the south Hwy 99 area.
- Even a small park so seniors and kids could walk from most places they live, a place seniors could congregate while kids play.
- Just a family park like Cover would be nice. There are no parks over in section C, so even a small park would be good.
- One that would attract local seniors. Covered patio table, horseshoes, and cooking facilities.
- There are no parks across the freeway.
- There is nothing on the A side of the freeway, like Phoenix hills. Children and parents need a park to walk/bike to. This becomes critical as they get to junior high and start creating trouble for neighbors in their gardens. We need a park in A.
- Universal Access for all in all aspects. Isn't it easier to make it right from the start so all can play?
- more activities for adults and teens, and all ages.
- A flat trail to talk/ride bikes on for elderly/ disabled in east Phoenix.
- We also need a shooting range in East Phoenix! behind Home Depot area. A park with swings and a slide and picnic table that allows dogs with a public restroom in East Phoenix behind Home Depot.
- We live off Fern Valley Rd in section A. We have no destination parks or stores or coffee houses or restaurants to walk to in our area (other than big box store Home Depot - don't get me started on that) It would greatly improve the quality of our lives to have some options on this side of the freeway.. and now I hear we're getting another storage facility just around the corner. Really can't we add a cute park, good bean coffee or healthy farmer's market store/restaurant to improve our community?
- Young kids parks. 0-5 yrs olds

Trails

- Off leash nature-walk parks
- Larger parcels of land that presence trees. Putting in parks that could connect up to possible hiking trails.
- Jogging paths
- Also more walking paths
- natural walkways to provide connectivity from open space to park to pocket parks or playgrounds...get away from the need for cars to access park lands with parking, runoff, vehicle related costs.
- Parks with walking trails that aren't isolated or that could be dangerous for a person to be alone.
- nature walks
- Walking trails

- Walking trails next to waterways - examples: / Eugene - Willamette River all thru town / Springfield - Clearwater Park and trail / Sacramento - American river walk / In Phoenix - Community center - like the YMCA in Medford
- hiking trails without homeless campers

Basic facilities/similar expansion

- Playground, Swings
- Playgrounds with coverings. Dog parks
- Pocket parkwith playground and picnic area
- Play area, grass, picnic tables & cooking bbq
- More of the same
- Grass, picnic area, tennis court, playground.
- Restrooms
- Similar to Blue Heron and Colver Rd
- Young kid playgrounds with shade areas.

Other

- Get the state to drop the "wet lands" crap on the meadow view property and make it "natural park" - the residents would help.
- Small local fairgrounds
- The giant sandbox in medford's Hawthorne park is also a great feature.
- Colver road park is what I would suggest modeling future parks after.
- For beauty - rest - relaxation - for community - take some of the ... out of B and replace with beauty parks
- Map shoes colver park at wrong side of road. Country View. In old growth tall trees.
- Parks and rec program for children and teens
- Smaller versions of Hawthorne Park and Lithia Park

Question 15: Do you think the City of Phoenix should allocate a portion of the Cannabis Tax towards park improvements, improved maintenance, and/or new parks?

Don't support use of cannabis

- I do not even approve of all the places here that sell it
- I don't believe cannabis should be used at all. Its a drug. I don't support any part of it, even taxing it.
- Not supportive of cannabis for recreational use. I don't know how to support funding from it.
- You don't want growers in your city you should not collect any tax

Use for other needs

- I think they should use it to put the road back to what us tax payers paid for!
- Parks are important, but if the cannabis tax is better served to improve overall quality some place else, then it is better where it should be.
- Should go to police and schools
- Should help pay far above for roads, police and fire debts and schools

Other

- I don't want to over tac these businesses. They create economic opportunity from nothing and invest locally
- If it's going towards a skatepark
- not sure what it goes toward now

- Where else would the money go?
- Who knows?
- YES! AND SCHOOLS!!!

Question 16: Would you support a new fee on your utility bill to pay for park improvements, improved maintenance, and/or new parks?

Depends on amount

- A marginal increase would be fine.
- depends how much
- depends on how high the fee is
- depends on how much
- Depends on money increase
- Depends on price. Would prefer cannabis tax
- How much it costs?
- How much?
- It depends on how high it would be.
- Not a property tax, but if its a decent fee it may be considered if its on a utility bill.
- on how much money is used
- On the amount and the length of time
- What's the plan? How much money?

Depends on what it goes to

- Depends on cost. Would be willing to support dog park.
- Depends on what is improved if I want to contribute
- If it was going towards a skatepark
- Only if it its only for the parks
- What is provided and how often maintained
- yes to build water features, dog park, pool, and fitness center

Other

- I don't live here. I would do it
- I don't live in the city limits.
- I rent and live in apartments. Senior. If fee goes up to owners then rent goes up
- set fee? percentage? permanent? temporary? would it increase over time as most taxes do?
- would first like to see it come from those profiting in our town before those on fixed incomes are asked.
- Would see a proposal to vote on

Question 17: If you were given \$100 to spend on parks in Phoenix how would you divide it among the following categories? You may put it all in one category or in any combination of categories.

- Activity staff. Seasonal youth activities
- Benches on teh Creek
- bills
- Cameras/patrol - greenway
- offset taxes with it
- organizing venues
- pet park
- Pool or water feature
- Skate park

- skate park
- to help add tennis courts, horseshoes, basketball etc

Question 18: Do you have any additional comments or suggestions about how to improve Phoenix's parks and recreation facilities?

General comments

- As Phoenix develops, I am hopeful it will continue to develop in a community oriented direction. Parks will be essential in expanding community and bringing more families to the area.
- Glad you brought up parks. Need nice in every park, especially Blue Heron
- Good job with Blue Heron. Now look at neighborhoods. Thank you.
- I enjoy the small town feeling of our current parks. I feel comfortable taking my young kids to play. Bear Creek or Hawthorne in Medford are too big and then feel dangerous to me.
- I love that you're asking the public. Thank You. I also think cannabis dispensaries should be permitted in phoenix =. It would bring a lot of money in the town I feel there's a strong support of that in Phoenix
- Keep up the good work!
- Thank you for asking us about our opinion

Park Additions

- A zen garden with water features would be nice. / / The more nature (grass, tress, birds) the better.
- Both blue Heron and Colver parks have wide open spaces, which is nice to have to some degree, but I feel we can add more activities to parts of these parks to provide more to do in town for local residents. Our parks are fine if I want use a playground, shoot baskets, or just walk. But much of the time we end up going to the parks in Talent and Ashland.
- Bring in a skate park for the skaters and the youth.
- Changing tables in bathroom for babies
- EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE PARKS. MAKING ALL THE PARKS SMOKE FREE. CONSIDER WATER PARKS, DISC GOLF, UNPAVED TRAILS AND MORE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS. WE HAVE PLENTY OF PARKS IN PHOENIX. LETS FOCUS ON IMPROIVING THEM BEFORE DECIDING TO MAKE MORE PARKS.
- I don't believe we need more parks, we need to improve the ones we have and add on to them what we lack. A dog park is a must have for the community. Gang graffiti must be painted over right away.
- Improving current park qualities and adding a dog park would be great
- Just to have more options for teenagers & adults. It's great we gave the horseshoe pits but it would be nice to have skateparks, volleyball or tennis courts in addition.
- Look into San Diego's "Old Town". Need a reason for people to come to Phoenix. Need food trucks, fiestas, music, artist colony, tiny businesses, pop up stuff. Flea market, xmas bazaar in July promote community for up and coming families. It can all be done in our parks
- Dog park or fenced dog area in existing park.
- Need a pool in Phoenix
- Remove some of the many features for younger kids and add skate obstacles. A full sized skate park is also needed due to the large population of skateboarders and teens in general with no place to hang out outside of school.
- Skate park
- Skatepark for teens. Activity based improvements/additions for middle school, teens, and families.

- We need pet parks and a disc golf course
- Would like to see more county farm look features. Brick designed ground entry to pathways.
- To me the most beautiful and used parks are those that provide shade during the warm months. Trees and water features or water play areas are what draw my family to a park during the summer. I think its important make the park experience that's pleasing to the senses. You can have nice playground equipment, but if the grounds aren't pleasing and visually it's less likely families will want to go there.
- More shade trees. Schools track -fields basketball courts - playground equipment close by and so is down the road 99 to nature
- More greenery, shade, and water features
- Both blue Heron and Colver parks have wide open spaces, which is nice to have to some degree, but I feel we can add more activities to parts of these parks to provide more to do in town for local residents. Our parks are fine if I want use a playground, shoot baskets, or just walk. But much of the time we end up going to the parks in Talent and Ashland.
- A community center that offers classes for hobbies such as sewing, art, jewelry making, gardening, cooking, and classes for youth. Then for teenagers classes such as sports, fitness, music, art, drama, woodshed, gun safety,/ shooting/outdoors, bow shooting, auto shop. I don't see a place for extra curricular activities outside of school for kids. I also didn't see a place offering classes/hobbies/activities for ages 20-40 either that are for a housewife, that is not attending college and can't work/doesn't. All I have is the library and genealogy library. I get very bored and didn't want to go to Medford. / / A shooting range and outdoor/nature park in East Phoenix! Plenty of space for it and a need on this side of the interstate. One that allows dogs, has a flat bike and walking trail and public restroom with picnic tables. / / There's no park whatsoever in East Phoenix! We really need one over here! Especially since the new interchange has moved the over pass north of Home Depot. I have 2 dogs, plan on starting a family and I am disabled. I am unemployed and cannot walk until the afternoon so I would love a dog park over here, an indoor pool, a park to take my future kids to and a safe trail that is flat (not uphill) to ride my bike on or go walk. These areas also need extra surveillance due to the homeless and thefts in this area I've had twice!

Maintenance and operations

- Ability to make reservations at specific locations for parties/get togethers.
- At this point I do not feel that security is an issue.
- Clean up vegetation by the creek. Add security along path.
- Community garden space should be given to community members first before out of town folks are considered...we all pay for the resource with water, space etc. So it should be open to Phoenix citizens first. Let them create a community garden in their own areas. / Summer rec programs would be nice....perhaps hiring an outdoor educator with any new revenue. A splash park would be a great addition to Blue Heron similar to the Jville or south Medford ones.
- Fix the bumpy, broken, path around colver park
- More consistent maintenance.
- Time and effort on fields
- Clean up vegetation by the creek.

Programing/publicity

- announce happenings in many places and early since not every one gets a newspaper, watches/listens to the news etc. maybe fliers at businesses, library, water bills... I hate seeing how wonderful an event "was" on the news as it is too

late to go! So have news radio announce "before" events. We need a water play area.

- Better coverage where the otto caster and colver rd parks are
- A summer parks and rec program would be beautiful
- summer program for teens

Security

- Greenway - improve security open up more
- I think the parks in Phoenix are great and well maintained, although I would safer if there was more of law enforcement even if it was just a drive by through the parking lot. Blue heron and cover park are pretty secluded during the weekdays and have had a to leave a few times due to feeling unsafe.
- I would like to see more lighting. I have had experiences finding people sleeping at the park. hiding int the play structures. When it begins to get dark some shady characters are arriving at the parks.
- More lighting in all parks
- More lighting on sidewalks and trails
- more security.
- We feel the greenway could be made safer.
- Security police on bikes thru greenway and parks patrolling.
- Add security along path.
- All in all the city does a fine job the only true issue area to me is the greenway. If there were a way to reduce access from neighborhoods via wall or fence and monitored with cameras, other means I feel it would improve the city as a whole!

Other

- I think this questionnaire went way overboard fir a city the size of Phoenix. Maybe you were thinking of Phoenix, AZ where they can expand into the rest of the desert
- The way they put the lanes to one lane is not very helpful in my opinion.
- I'm not from here nor live here. Tire blew back and forth from Ashland, Medford, and Grants Pass. (Josephine County Historical Society) Stayed at the Bavarian for 2 weeks2 months ago and discovered Bear Creek Greenway. / / I would like to apply as the maintenance worker or do some volunteer work.
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- Some of my earlier comments may belong here
- No
- No
- No
- No
- Though I chose no on Q15 & Q16 I agree with weed tax and would be ok with a utility fee if the funds were directly injected in Phoenix Schools. By improving our schools we can increase our property values and increase the tax base. With increased tax revenue we can explore truly great park ideas.
- I would have the city keep my \$100 and pay the cost of a money managing course for police chief Bowker, who's done nothing but damage to the city by learning behind a distressed property (Rose & 5th) only to move east medford and buy a distressed property on his wife's name/credit. At the same time, Bowker has Phoenix committed to ridiculously leveraged contract. Lower all city officials salaries! More importantly whats Bowker doing with his money?