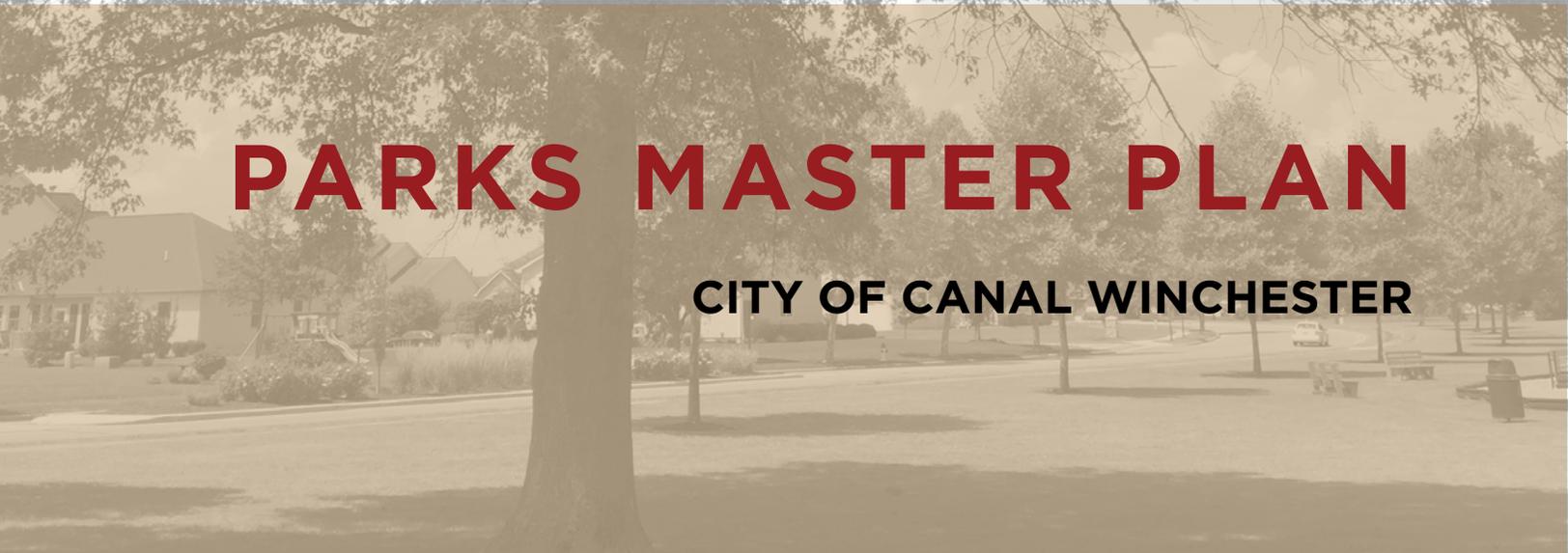




# **PARKS MASTER PLAN**



**CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER**

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## INTRODUCTION

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# 01

# PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

## GUIDE...

...the community in evaluating existing conditions in Canal Winchester’s park system, throughout extensive public engagement and technical analysis.

## INFORM...

...current residents and City leaders of best practices in park planning, along with the public’s vision for the future of Canal Winchester’s parks.

## DEVELOP...

...a unique vision for each of the City’s parks based on their own set of challenges and opportunities.

## MEASURE...

...future progress and implementation of park improvement efforts across the Canal Winchester Parks system.

## 1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Canal Winchester has witnessed a pattern of growth and development in recent years. Revitalization of Old Town Canal Winchester has brought in new businesses and a revived energy to the district. The arrival of BrewDog has brought jobs to the City while helping transform Canal Winchester into a regional destination in Central Ohio. As Canal Winchester continues to build off this momentum, and improve its quality of life for its residents, employees, and visitors, it recognized an important need to define a vision for the City’s parks. In 2017, the City of Canal Winchester initiated a process to prepare a system-wide parks master plan to create and define a vision for its park system, and to develop an implementation strategy to achieve this vision.

## 1.2 PLAN PROCESS

OHM Advisors was retained to guide the park planning process. OHM Advisors is an integrated engineering, architecture, and planning firm specializing in community involvement and urban design. The process involved dialogue with a project working group, park stakeholders, city residents, city staff, and elected officials. Through a series of working group meetings, stakeholder interviews, public meetings and an extensive survey, the planning team ensured that its recommendations would be both informed and supported by park users.

A more detailed explanation of the aforementioned group’s roles, responsibilities, and process results is outlined in Chapter 2 Public Engagement.

## 1.3 PLAN INPUTS

Many elements come together within the Plan to create a holistic and informed blueprint for future growth and development. These elements were established from quantitative and qualitative analyses alongside public input and include the following:

### EXISTING CONTEXT

Developing a complete and nuanced understanding of each park in the system is critical to making informed recommendations for the plan. At the outset of the planning process, the project team toured each of the parks in Canal Winchester, took photographs, and made detailed observations about the challenges and opportunities unique to each Park. Site visits were a critical component to ensuring a successful plan.



*The Plan is centered on the fusion of three elements: existing context, public input, and best practices in park planning.*

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Robust and thoughtful public engagement ensures a plan that has public buy-in and is informed by the people who know the City parks the best: its users. A detailed survey was completed by nearly 1,000 residents, who answered a range of questions about how they use each of the parks currently, and what they may like to see in the future. Furthermore, an initial Open House was held at the beginning of the planning process, in order to hear directly from City residents.

## BEST PRACTICES

When it comes to evaluating and prioritizing municipal park improvements, Canal Winchester doesn't have to reinvent the wheel. A number of communities, advocacy organizations, and national experts have identified a series of best practices for park planning, development, and implementation. By paying close attention to these practices,

and applying lessons to its own system where appropriate, Canal Winchester can ensure that its park system will be high-quality for its citizens.

## 1.4 PLAN OUTCOMES

Chapter 3 summarizes the relevant plan inputs for each park and gives a series of recommendations, along with a detailed implementation strategy to ensure that the park recommendations can realistically become reality.

## PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

After conducting existing conditions research, consulting closely with the public, and researching best practices in park planning, the project team synthesized this initial information into an overall set of recommendations for

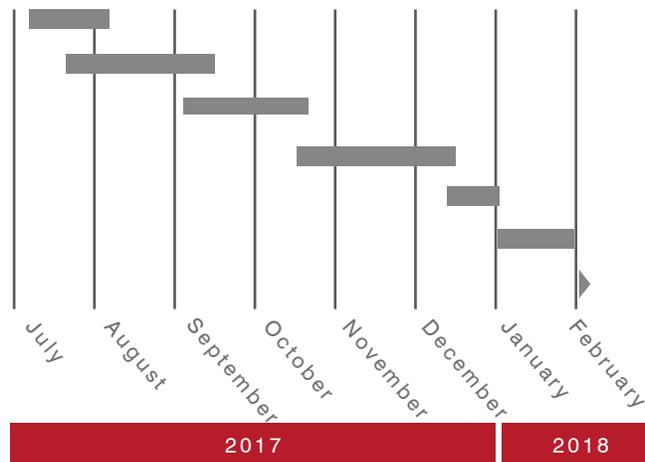
each Park. This set of recommendation strategies includes a list of amenities and features needed for each park, along with a maintenance schedule to ensure that the park can be kept up to the highest quality of standards.

## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Finally, a recommended implementation strategy for each park will help guide stakeholders and city staff with carrying out the unique vision identified for each of Canal Winchester's parks. This includes identifying specific actions along with corresponding cost estimates. Finally, each action is ranked by priority, which was determined by members of the project working group, to help prioritize the direction of limited resources.

## 1.5 PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Project Launch
- Existing Conditions Analysis
- Community Engagement
- Develop Park Recommendations
- Draft Plan Production
- Final Plan and Adoption



# INTRODUCTION

## 1.6 NATIONAL CONTEXT

To provide greater context to the condition and scope of Canal Winchester's park system, national park criteria was evaluated. Understanding the national benchmarks may be useful in determining how Canal Winchester compares to the average park and recreation system across the country.

According to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the typical park and recreation agency in the United States has:

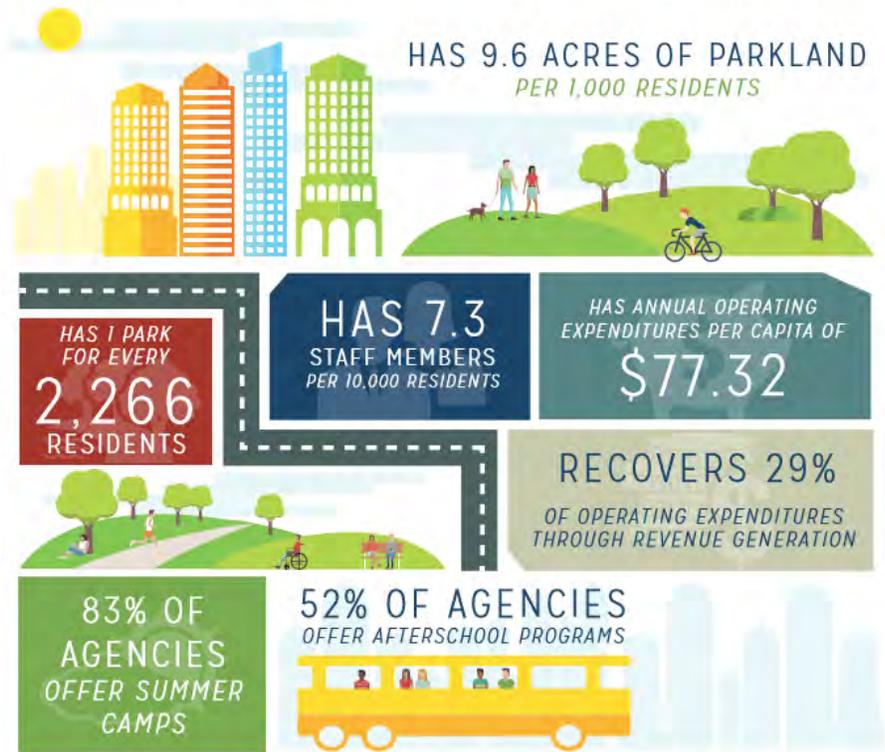
- 9.6 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents
- 1 park for every 2,266 residents
- 7.3 staff members
- Annual operating expenditures per capita of \$77.32
- 29% recovery of operating expenditures through revenue generation

In addition, 83% of agencies offer summer camps and 52% offer after-school programs.

### HOW DOES CANAL WINCHESTER COMPARE?

Canal Winchester boasts more park acres per 1,000 residents than the NRPA benchmark. When compared with jurisdictions of similar population, Canal Winchester falls below the median number of residents per park, meaning that the City provides more park space for each individual resident than in similarly-sized communities. In fact, Canal Winchester has over three times the amount of park land per 1,000 residents

### THE TYPICAL PARK AND RECREATION AGENCY...



#### Typical Park Metrics

Source: [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org)

### CANAL WINCHESTER PARK STATISTICS

Number of Parks	12
Park Acreage	+ 272.5 ac
2016 Estimated Population	7,905
Population per square mile	951.2 people
People per Park	718 people
Park Acres per 1,000 People	34.5 ac

#### Survey of Canal Winchester Parks

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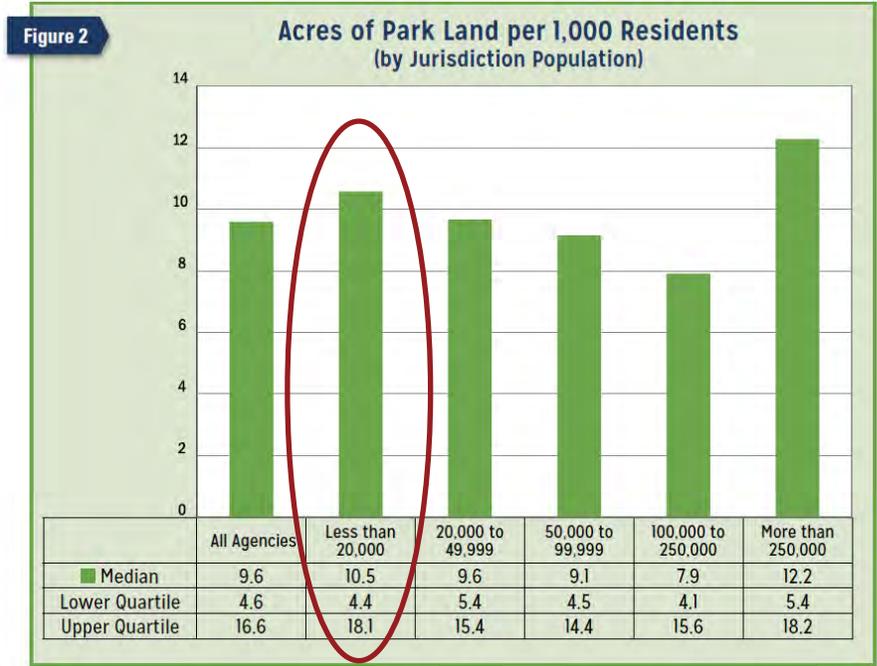
than a typical jurisdiction with less than 20,000 residents.

Canal Winchester also fairs well when comparing its appropriation of amenities. For the amenities offered in Canal Winchester parks, only youth baseball fields have a higher number of people per amenity than the national average for jurisdictions of similar population.

**CONCLUSION**

When evaluating Canal Winchester’s park space in relation to its population, the City is well-situated to serve its residents in an appropriate capacity. Its number of park acres per person is greater than the national benchmark, even when narrowing the parameters to park jurisdictions with less than 20,000 residents.

As the community looks to improve its park services, Canal Winchester may take advantage of its ample land to expand services and amenities in existing parks. As discussed in Chapter 2, the public expressed interest in more multi-purpose parks where amenities are available for a variety of ages, interests, and abilities. In addition, the types of amenities offer through the Canal Winchester parks system is limited- especially when compared with national benchmarks.



Acres of Park Land per 1,000 residents by Jurisdiction Population  
Source: www.nrpa.org

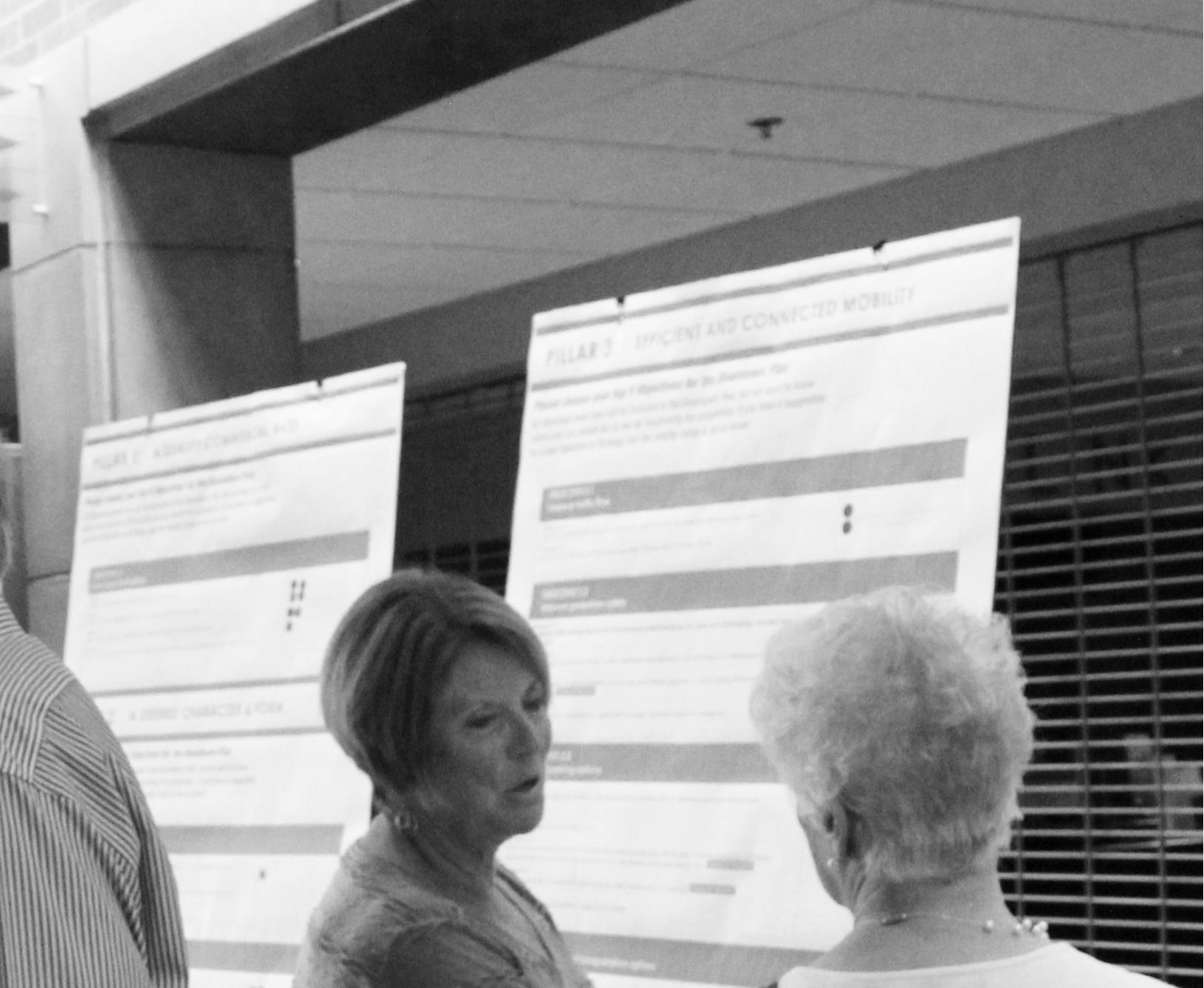
**PEOPLE PER AMENITY**

AMENITY	NATIONAL PEOPLE PER AMENITY	CANAL WINCHESTER PEOPLE PER AMENITY
Playgrounds	4,100	3,952
Basketball Courts	7,604	3,952
Diamond Fields: Baseball-Youth	5,722	7,905
Diamond Fields: Softball-Youth	9,078	2,635
Rectangular Fields: Multi-purpose	7,868	2,635

\*AVERAGE PEOPLE PER AMENITY FOR JURISDICTIONS WITH 500 TO 1,500 PEOPLE PER SQUARE MILE; ACTUAL OBSERVED FIELDS MAY SERVE MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS, AND MAY BE CONFIGURABLE FOR DIFFERENT SPORTS.

Park Amenity Metrics  
Source: www.nrpa.org





## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## 2.1 PARTICIPANTS

The success of master plans is built in large part on the inclusion of the public's ideas into the overall plan vision. Throughout the course of the planning for the future of Canal Winchester's parks, an exhaustive public engagement effort solicited thousands of ideas and comments to help solidify the vision for the future of Canal Winchester's parks. These ideas provide the foundation of this Plan's recommendations.

Through the outreach and engagement process, roughly 1,075 community members contributed their thoughts and ideas for the improvement of the parks system. Individual meetings with the Working Group and conversations with local stakeholders provided the planning team a unique and nuanced perspective on the park system as a whole, along with specific recommendations for each park.

### WORKING GROUP

Comprised of eight community members, the Working Group met regularly throughout the six month planning process. The Working Group included representatives from the City administration and staff, planning commission, Canal Winchester Joint Recreation District (CWJRD), the school district, and residents. The Working Group guided the development of the final Plan by providing firsthand insight into the conditions and use of Canal Winchester's parks by providing recommendations for public engagement, and by vetting the analysis and the recommendations presented by the planning team. Additionally, the Working Group functioned as stewards of the Plan, encouraging friends, family, and neighbors to attend public meetings and provide the planning team feedback in the survey.

### STAKEHOLDERS

In addition to receiving guidance and insight from the Working Group, the planning team conducted phone interviews with seven other community stakeholders. These smaller, interview-style conversations were designed to solicit in-depth perspectives about the park system from well-informed community members. Stakeholders included Canal Winchester residents and business owners,

and were nominated by members of the Working Group.

### THE PUBLIC

Canal Winchester residents were encouraged to participate on multiple occasions throughout the planning process. A public open-house meeting was held where attendees were encouraged to share their feedback about existing park conditions and programming, along with their vision for the future of Canal Winchester's parks. In September 2017, a community survey was launched and sent out with the City of Canal Winchester's water utility bills, posted online on the City's website, and shared via social media with residents and school students. Activities from the public meetings and the community survey are outlined in more detail in subsequent sections of this Plan.

### PLAN REVIEW

At the conclusion of the planning process, the final Plan was presented in a public meeting, and posted to the city website for public review.

*[Reserved for additional info related to the public presentation and review]*

# 1,075 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

WORKING GROUP	8
STAKEHOLDERS	8
PUBLIC MEETING #1	± 40
ONLINE SURVEY	848
MAILED SURVEY	171

**PLAN ADOPTION**

*[Reserved for summary of plan adoption]*

**2.2 SCHEDULE**

The project schedule below illustrates the time-frame of the six-month planning process. Guidance from the Working Group, results from the public meeting and community survey, along with an assessment of each of Canal Winchester’s parks, helped the planning team understand the conditions, which in turn informed the Plan’s final strategies.



*Open House flyers were distributed online and across the community to ensure residents had an opportunity to share ideas.*

	2017						2018	
	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
<b>PHASE 1: UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT</b>								
Working Group Meeting 1	●							
Park Tours and Assessments		●						
Working Group Meeting 2		●						
Community Survey			■					
Public Meeting 1: Big Idea Gathering			●					
Stakeholder Interviews				●				
<b>PHASE 2: DEVELOP A STRATEGY</b>								
Working Group Meeting 3				●				
Working Group Meeting 4					●			
Public Meeting 2: Draft Plan						●		
<b>PHASE 3 - FINALIZE THE PLAN</b>								
Final Plan Preparation						■		
Final Plan Presentation								●

## 2.3 MEETING ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

On September 19th, 2017, the planning team hosted a public meeting at the Frances Steube Community Center in Olde Towne Canal Winchester. The meeting was in an open house format, providing the planning team and City staff the opportunity to engage in small group conversations while providing the public an opportunity to provide feedback in a structured way. Open House activities are highlighted to the right, while the key themes gathered at the meeting are noted below.

*Parks and open space with walking trails are popular among residents.*

*Residents indicated a preference for festivals and programming that bring the community together.*

### WHAT DO RESIDENTS CURRENTLY LIKE ABOUT THE PARKS SYSTEM?

**Objectives:**

- 1 IDENTIFY THE TYPES OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MOST PREFERRED BY RESIDENTS
- 2 IDENTIFY CURRENT PROGRAMMING IN PARKS THAT RESIDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONTINUE

	RANK	PARK TYPE	VOTES
WHAT TYPE OF PARK DO YOU USE MOST OFTEN?	1	Passive (Natural areas, walking trails, etc.)	11
	2	Multi-Use (Recreational fields surrounded by walking trails)	10
	3	Arts and Cultural (Public art and events)	6
	4	Active (Recreational fields and courts)	5
	5	Children's Play Areas (Playgrounds)	3

	RANK	ACTIVITY TYPE	VOTES
WHICH ACTIVITIES DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN MOST OFTEN?	1	Festivals/ Events	11
	2	Youth Activities	6
	3	Aquatics	4
	3	Arts	4
	3	50+ Activities	4
	6	Adult Activities	3
	6	Athletics	3

## WHAT DO RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE IN THE PARKS SYSTEM MOVING FORWARD?

### Objectives:

- 1 UNDERSTAND THE BIG IDEAS AND VISION THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE FOR THE PARKS SYSTEM



**Preserve** the opportunity to offer athletics and games.

**Build** more playgrounds.

**Connect spaces** within and between parks with bike paths.

**Improve** the pool and build a splash pad.

**Strengthen** creek and water access across parks where possible.

**Add** a dog park.

**Ensure** security and staffing at parks when possible.

**Maintain and upgrade** shelters and facilities.



## 2.4 STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Stakeholders were nominated by the Working Group to provide detailed recommendations for each of the parks. The stakeholder group included people with different family types, tenure as Canal Winchester residents, and different experiences with the Canal Winchester parks system. Phone interviews were conducted with each stakeholder, and the wide-ranging conversations yielded a series of rich ideas recommendations for individual parks and system-wide improvements. A recap of these ideas is provided to the right.

### STAKEHOLDERS' KEY IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF CANAL WINCHESTER'S PARKS:

1

#### MAKE CRITICAL PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Park upkeep and cleanliness is good, but the amenities and structures need to be updated.
- Add more paths along the creek to be in nature and provide connections.
- Create a paddling route from Old Town Tavern (at bridge) and access points along the way to Walnut Creek Park.

2

#### IMPROVE CURRENT PROGRAMMING

- Older demographic seems to not be well represented in park activities. (dog parks, more walking trails, volleyball)
- Adult and multi-generational activities should be offered.
- Improve the awareness of the unknown parks.

3

#### BECOME A LOCAL AND REGIONAL DESTINATION

- Rock climbing or “bouldering” is an under-served activity and could serve the Athens and Columbus markets.
- The system needs a park big enough to host events, weddings, birthdays.
- Make parks more multi-use, and rentable as destinations.

## 2.5 COMMUNITY SURVEY

A robust and comprehensive community survey was included in Canal Winchester's September water bill, and was also hosted online on the homepage of the City's website. The survey was distributed to school students as well via social media, and 454 respondents indicated being age 18 or under. Residents completed a 13 question survey covering a range of issues in the Canal Winchester park system. A total of 1,019 responses were received, equivalent to 13% of the city's population.

The survey provided valuable feedback into the direction Canal Winchester residents would like to see the parks system improve and how the area is being utilized currently. The results of the survey in its entirety are included in the Plan appendix. In general the Canal Winchester community has indicated positive support of the parks system and a desire to see the system continually improve.

If yes, what elements do you like most about the system?

792 out of 1019 people answered this question

1	Trails and Bike paths	243 / 31%
2	Recreation facilities (Athletic Fields, Skate Park, Pool)	203 / 26%
3	Parks (passive open spaces such as woods, meadows, open lawns for informal ga...)	161 / 20%
4	Programs (CWJRD Sports, Adult Rec League, Little League, etc.)	82 / 10%
5	Events (Movie Night, Music/Art Performances, Farmers Market, Art in the Park, etc.)	73 / 9%
6	Events (Move Nite, Music/Art Performances, Farmers Market, Art in the Park, etc.)	30 / 4%

*Trails, connections, active recreation facilities, and passive park-space is appreciated by the respondents.*

How often do you use the Canal Winchester parks system?

1004 out of 1019 people answered this question

1	A couple times a month	280 / 28%
2	Twice a week or more	235 / 23%
3	A couple times a year	194 / 19%
4	Once a week	151 / 15%
5	Never	144 / 14%

*Approximately 40% of respondents use the parks every week, and approximately 70% every month.*

If a new park was to be added to the Canal Winchester park system, what type of park should it be?

952 out of 1019 people answered this question

1	Multipurpose: Such parks include elements of each of the above park types	383 / 40%
2	Passive: Such parks consist of informal areas for spontaneous games, picnicing, et...	228 / 24%
3	Active: Such parks may include facilities dedicated for organized sports or activities	200 / 21%
4	Trails: Such as unimproved (mown, dirt) nature trails, or improved (paved) walking,...	141 / 15%

*Respondents expressed strong support for flexible, multi-use facilities that provide a range of activities.*

## 2.6 CONCLUSION

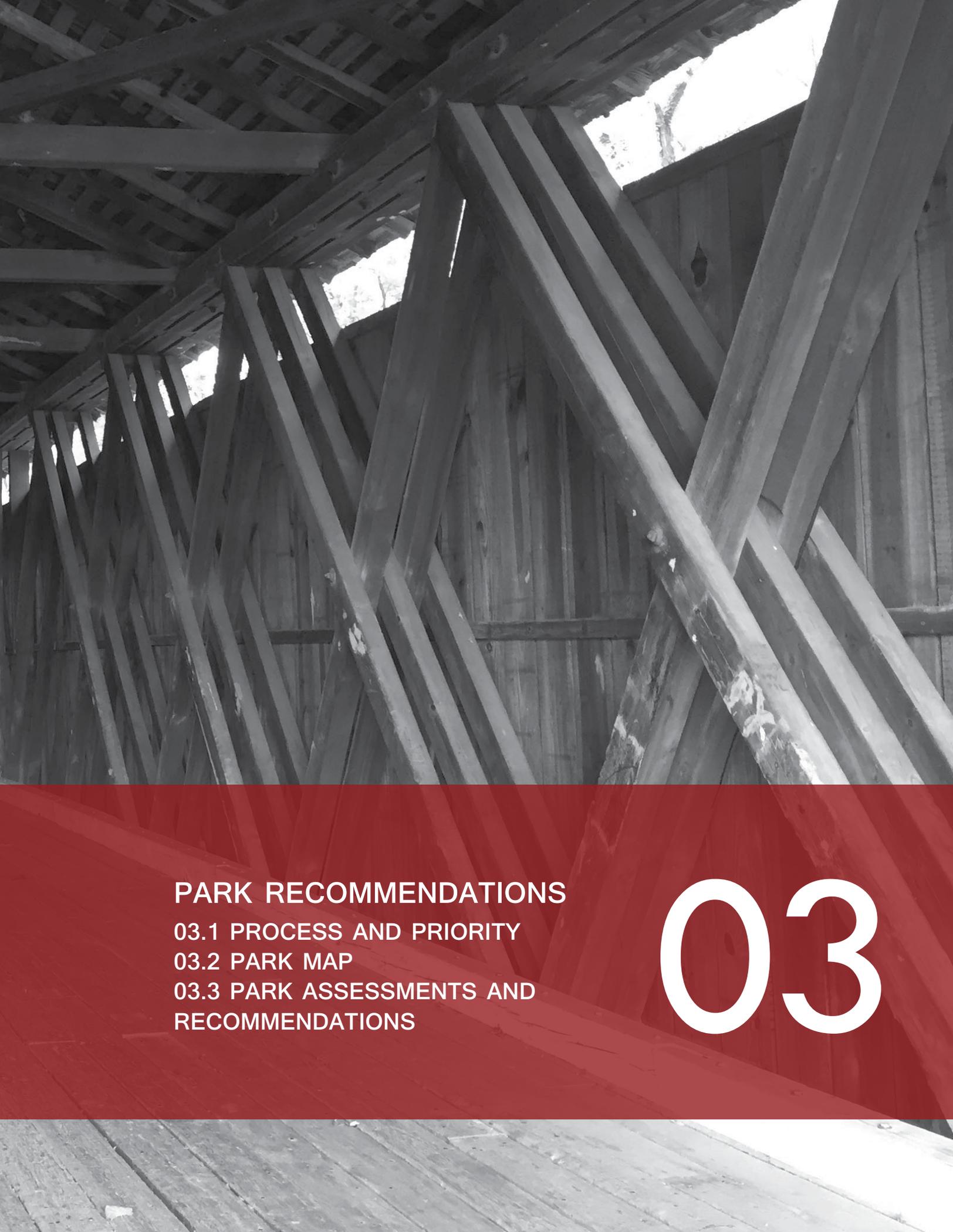
After summarizing the input of more than 1,000 community members, the planning team determined key takeaways for consideration moving forward. Participants in the public engagement portion of the Plan process provided valuable insight to the priorities for short-term maintenance and updates, as well as long-term additions and improvements to the parks system. The comments and concerns received during this process were instrumental in crafting Plan recommendations most appropriate for the future of Canal Winchester.

### WHAT DID WE LEARN? PRIORITIES FOR THE PARKS SYSTEM MOVING FORWARD.

- 1 THERE IS A NEED AND SUPPORT FOR A MULTI-PURPOSE RECREATION COMPLEX.
- 2 THE BASICS ARE IMPORTANT (BENCHES, TABLES, TRASH CANS, ETC.)
- 3 THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES NEED CONSIDERATION WHEN ADDING OR EXPANDING THE CURRENT PARKS:
  - Community gardens
  - Dog parks
  - Ice skating
  - Bike and walking trails
  - Restrooms
  - Play structures
  - Splashpad
- 4 CONTINUITY OF FURNISHINGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
- 5 CONSISTENT AND UPGRADED WAYFINDING AND SIGNAGE IS IMPORTANT
- 6 THERE IS A NEED FOR SHADE STRUCTURES AND TREES
- 7 CONSIDER DESTINATION BASED ACTIVITY (SUCH AS ROCK-CLIMBING)
- 8 PLAN FOR MULTI-GENERATIONAL SPACES AND ACTIVITIES
- 9 EXPAND SKATEPARK AND INTEGRATE INTO EXISTING PARK
- 10 A CENTRALLY LOCATED SIGNATURE EVENT/ COMMUNITY SPACE IS IMPORTANT







## PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

03.1 PROCESS AND PRIORITY

03.2 PARK MAP

03.3 PARK ASSESSMENTS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS

# 03



# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

## 3.1 RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

The recommendations for each park are developed from a process that included on-site observation, site analysis, and working group analysis of strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and constraints. The recommendations reflect the working groups attitudes towards the positive steps to improve each park, and incorporate ideas that were generated from the public survey and open house, and stakeholder interviews.

Each park includes a brief summary of its features, strengths, weaknesses, and suggested improvements and amenities. Recommendations are suggested with an approximate figure of cost for planning purposes. Costs will depend on actual design and programming and will vary over time. The recommendations are further separated into proposed new amenities, and maintenance of existing features.

### PARK PRIORITIZATION

The working group was asked to consider each park's recommendations overall and comparatively, and vote on the priority each park should carry in the city's overall park improvements process. This ranking offers guidance to the city administration when looking ahead at future funding opportunities and park improvement projects. The prioritization is intended to serve as a guide, and parks projects may be emphasized at any time to fit an immediate need or funding opportunity.

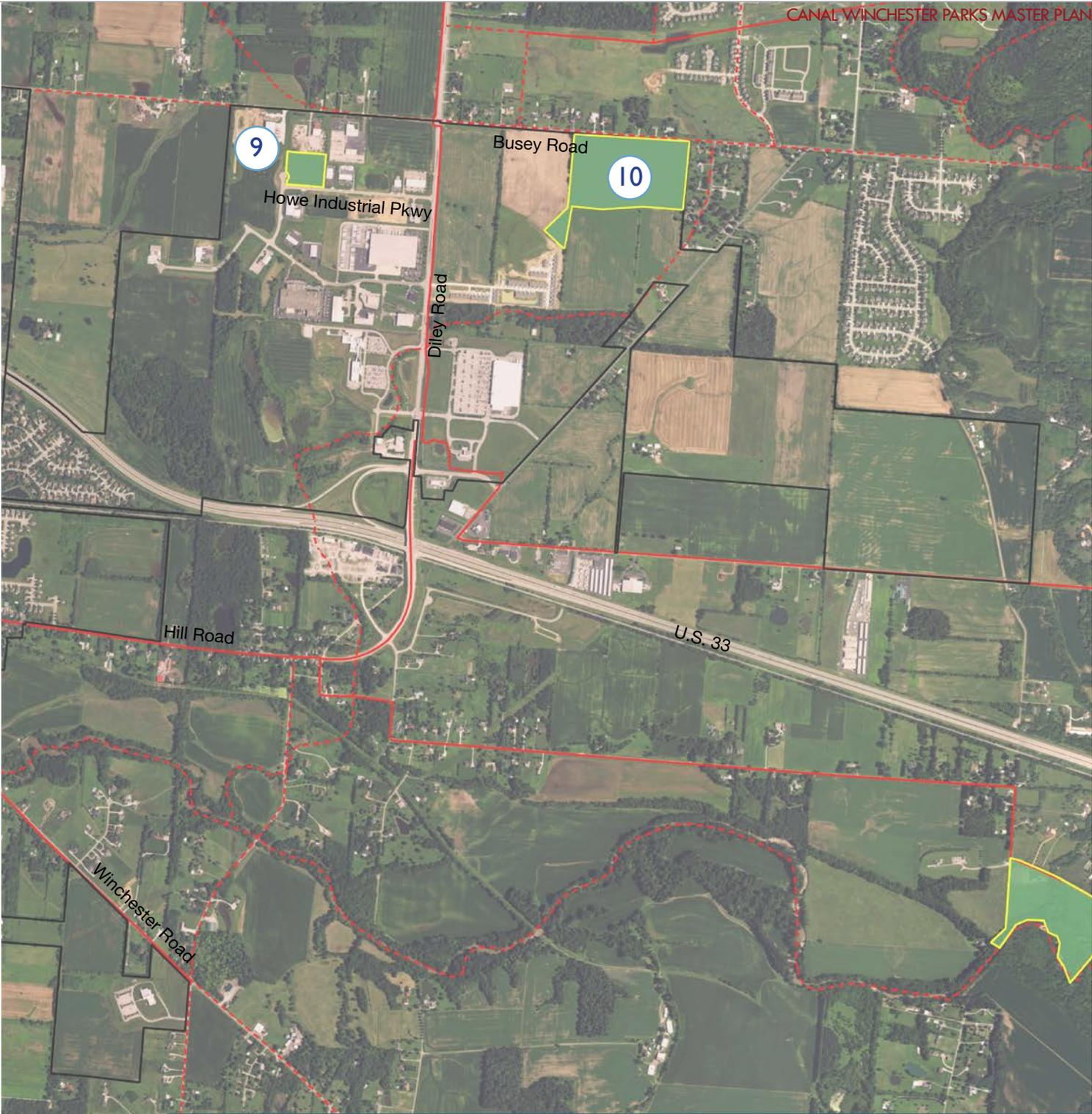
## Park Priority

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- 1. Westchester Park** (9 votes)
- 2. Walnut Creek Park** (7 votes)
- 3. Guiler Park** (5 votes)
- 4. Roger Hanners Recreation Fields** (4 votes)
- 5. Kelley Preserve** (3 votes)
- 6. Stradley Place** (2 votes)
- 6. Canal Lands Bike Path** (2 votes)
- 8. Municipal Pool** (1 vote)
- Howe Pond** (0 votes)
- Pfeifer Park** (0 votes)
- Busey Road Park** (0 votes)

# RECOMMENDATIONS





- |   |                                 |   |                |    |                      |
|---|---------------------------------|---|----------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Walnut Creek Park               | 5 | Guiler Park    | 9  | Howe Pond            |
| 2 | Westchester Park                | 6 | Municipal Pool | 10 | Busey Road Park      |
| 3 | Kelley Preserve                 | 7 | Stradley Place | 11 | Canal Lands          |
| 4 | Roger Hanners Recreation Fields | 8 | Pfeifer Park   | 12 | McGill Park (future) |

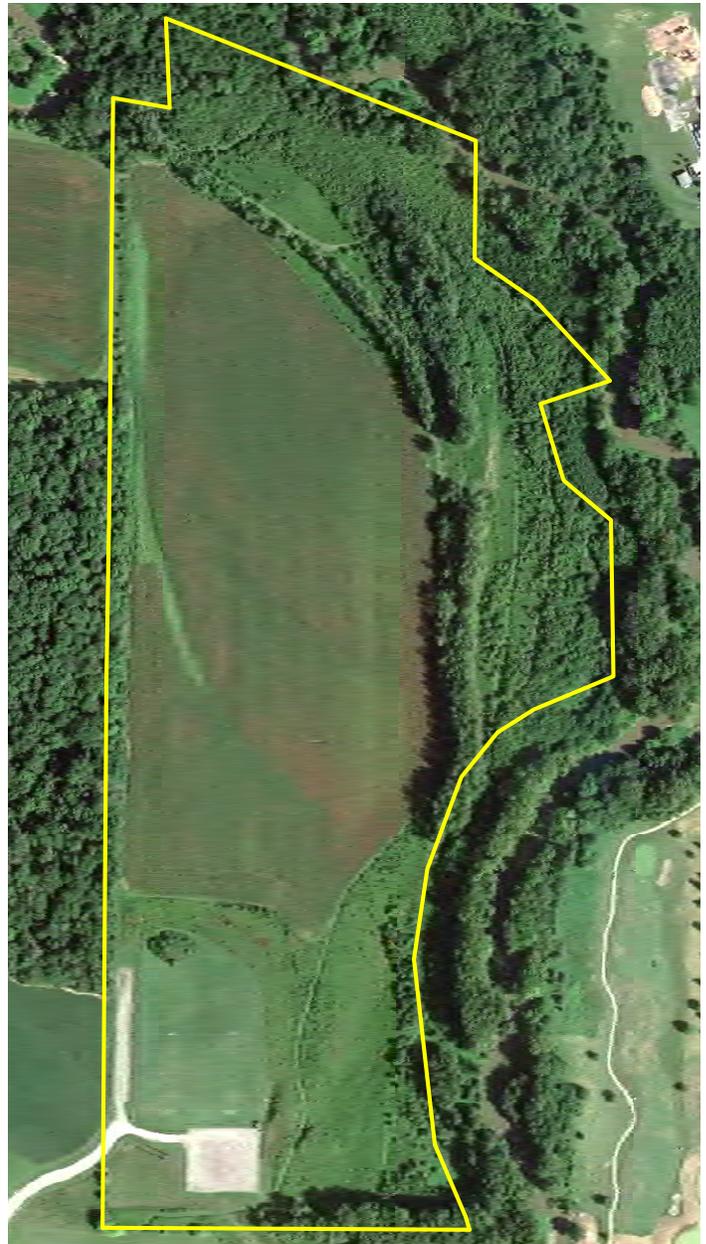
# WALNUT CREEK PARK

“Everybody needs beauty as well as bread,  
places to play in and pray in, where Nature  
may heal and cheer and give strength body  
and soul alike.”

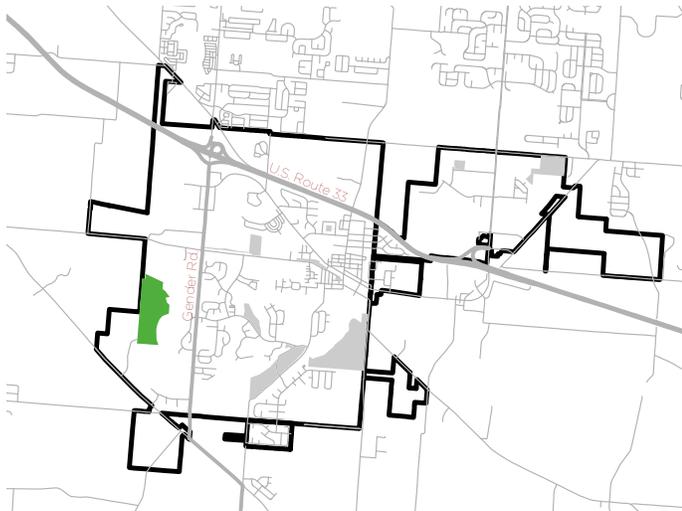
- John Muir

*Walnut Creek Park is nestled in the Walnut Creek basin, located just north of Canal Winchester Middle School. The park offers easy access to a multi-use recreation field and nature trails routed through meadows, woods, and the creek basin. The park is 76 acres, and currently 32 acres are held in agricultural use.*

<b>Park Acreage</b>	± 76 acre
<b>Park Features</b>	Multipurpose field
	Approximately 140 parking spaces
	Mown turf and dirt nature trails
<b>Park Strengths</b>	Mix of active and passive uses
	Potential creek access
<b>Park Weaknesses</b>	Potential new use for field which is currently farmed
	Gravel parking
	Temporary restroom, no water
	No trail map or identity signage
	No shelters or benches



**CITY CONTEXT**



# RECOMMENDATIONS



## PARK OBSERVATIONS

Good mix of nature and active recreation.

- 2 youth soccer fields; or 1 high school soccer field.
- Mown path through meadow; creek basin
- Path identification bollards need maintenance
- Gravel Parking: approx. 140 spaces possible
- Creek access is not improved/ limited/ cross-access via school property and private property.
- No shelter/ shade in rec field area
- Portable restroom – no screen enclosure



*Identifying signage is limited and internal.*



## PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- Need for improved signage and public awareness
- Possible opportunity for play structure
- Needs bike access from across creek
- Flood / weather protection; recovery improvement
- Improved creek access for paddling



## RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

**This park should include:**

- **Identity signage at Lithopolis Road, wayfinding leading to park, and trail map**
- **Improved surface and drainage of trails**
- **A Frisbee Golf Course**
- **Improved creek access with paddle launch**
- **Extended trail connectivity to Groveport Road**
- **A Pavilion**



**IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Upgrade trash receptacles (2 common CW Park style)	Short-term	\$4,000
Screen fence for portable restroom	Short-term	\$2,000
Lithopolis Road identity sign	Mid-term	\$15,000
Add shade trees (13 trees)	Short-term	\$6,500
Upgrade trail markers	Short-term	Allow \$5,000
Install a park map	Mid-term	\$5,000
Frisbee Golf Course (9-hole)	Short-term	\$10,000
Shelter	Not a priority	\$50,000
Improve creek access; canoe/kayak launch	Mid-term	\$15,000
Trail improvements (drainage and compacted gravel surface)	Mid-term	\$32,800
Bike/pedestrian bridge	Long-term	\$120,000
Permanent restroom facility (not including utility extensions)	Not a priority	\$200,000
Ball field drainage improvements, regrading, reseeding	Mid-term	\$50,000



**MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES**

- Screen portable restroom and add landscaping
- Improve ball-field drainage
- Upgrade trash receptacles to Canal Winchester family of details
- Add shade trees near ball-fields

**FUTURE PARK CHARACTER**



*Enhanced park identity with increased recreational opportunities*

# WESTCHESTER PARK

“We don’t stop playing because we grow old;  
we grow old because we stop playing.”

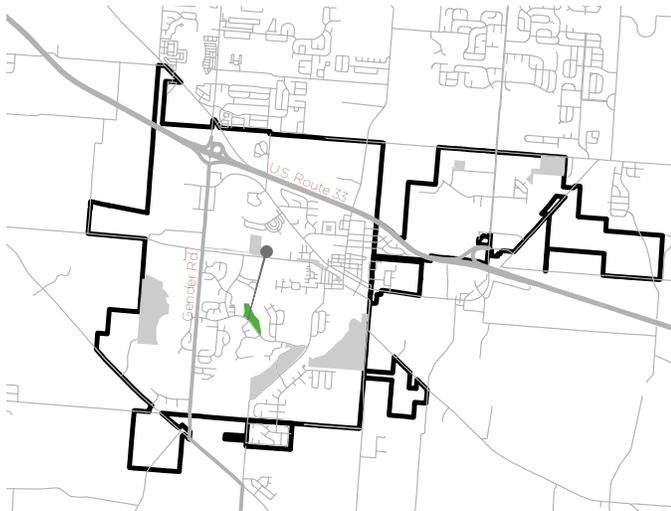
-George Bernard Shaw

*Westchester Park is an 11 acre neighborhood park nestled within the Westchester community. The park is a popular attraction for children of the neighborhood, and also from around the city, being one of only 2 city parks that feature a play structure. The park includes a flex-use lawn space and wooded trail.*

<b>Park Acreage</b>	<b>± 11 acre</b>
<b>Park Features</b>	<b>Playground with play structure, swings, climbing rock</b>
	<b>Small paved/curbed parking with 9 spaces</b>
	<b>Large open multi-use lawn; perimeter asphalt walking path</b>
	<b>Woods with dirt nature trail</b>
	<b>Portable restroom with enclosure; no landscaping</b>
<b>Park Strengths</b>	<b>Play structure</b>
<b>Park Weaknesses</b>	<b>Benches and trash receptacles are different style than other parks</b>



**CITY CONTEXT**



# RECOMMENDATIONS



## PARK OBSERVATIONS

Well-used park in the heart of the neighborhood.

- Existing large shade trees provide some shade, but most of the central field is wide open and in the sun.
- Portable restroom is enclosed with a screen fence, but lacks landscaping.
- Bike parking is via a portable rack
- There is an approved park master plan that is part of the development plan for the neighborhood.



*The Park holds potential for a variety of uses.*



## PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- Open lawn could serve other activities- possibly frisbee golf
- Very busy, could use more/ updated types of play structures
- Needs permanent restrooms
- Water – drinking, restrooms
- More benches
- Bike racks
- Shelter house
- Trailhead for biking loop



## RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

**This park should include:**

- Expanded parking
- Expanded play structure (nature play)
- Basketball courts
- A permanent restroom with water
- Security lighting and path lights



### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Upgrade bike parking (6 fixtures)	Short-term	\$13,000
Portable restroom landscaping	Short-term	\$1,500
Add shade trees (9 trees near playground and paths)	Short-term	\$4,500
Compacted gravel trail through woods	Mid-term	\$5,000
Full Size Basketball courts (2 courts)	Long-term	\$30,000
Expand play structure with nature play	Mid-term	\$50,000
Permanent restroom with water	Long-term	\$200,000
Security lighting and pedestrian scale lights along path	Mid-term	\$34,000
Expand parking area	Short-term	\$25,000
Add pavilion and shade structures	Short-term	\$20,000 -\$50,000



### MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

- Upgrade bike parking to permanent fixtures
- Add landscaping to buffer restroom enclosure
- Add shade trees

### FUTURE PARK CHARACTER



*A safe, family-friendly environment for exercise and play*

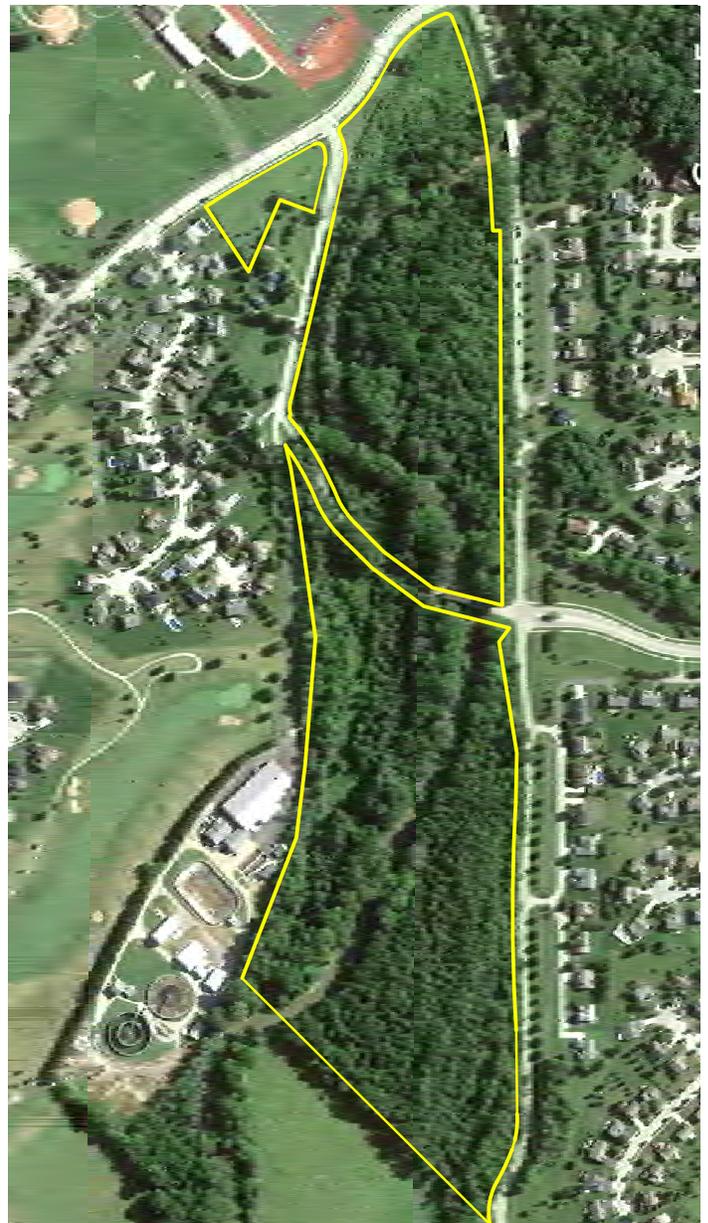
# KELLEY PRESERVE

“How will we know it’s us without our past?”

-John Steinbeck, Grapes of Wrath

*Kelley Preserve is a 48 acre wooded riparian corridor located between the Westchester and Ashbrook neighborhoods. The central feature of the park is a historic covered bridge and Ohio Historical Marker. Little Walnut Creek can be accessed from different parts of the park.*

<b>Park Acreage</b>	± 48 acre
<b>Park Features</b>	Little Walnut Creek winds through length of park Mix of creekside dirt paths and mown trails Opportunities for creek access Historic covered bridge as central feature
<b>Park Strengths</b>	Walkable proximity to two neighborhoods and a school
<b>Park Weaknesses</b>	No clear identification Very limited parking



**CITY CONTEXT**



## RECOMMENDATIONS



### PARK OBSERVATIONS

Park offers nature and solitude in the midst of two neighborhoods.

- No signage from Washington Street
- Approach from Ashbrook Road does not allow for vehicular turnaround
- Access to and identification of trails needs improvement.
- Benches are inconsistent with styles used in other parks.
- Trails were overgrown and cluttered with downed trees
- Opportunity to tell more of the site's story through interpretive signage, park exploration, and feature discovery

*The trails and historic covered bridge provide a unique and intimate connection to nature.*



### PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- Improve trails and keep them clear
- Better identity signage and visibility
- Park map
- Wayfinding to future park (short-cut bike and walk route)
- More parking
- Maintain character – ability to get lost in nature
- Improve creek access (for people wading and for boats)



### RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

This park should include:

- Additional parking spaces (+/- 16)
- Stairs to improve trail and creek access
- Water access for canoes and kayaks
- A park and trail map
- Improved trails with compacted gravel
- Outdoor classroom/environmental education amenities



## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Upgrade park benches (4 benches)	Short-term	\$8,000
Build stairs for access from covered bridge to creek	Short-term	Volunteer
Park and trail map	Short-term	\$5,000
Replace trail markers and bollards	Mid-term	Allow \$5,000
Washington Street Identity Signage	Mid-term	\$20,000
Canoe/kayak launch area	Mid-term	\$15,000
Compacted gravel trail improvements	Mid-term	\$12,000
Provide bike parking (4 fixtures)	Mid-term	\$9,000
+/- 16 parking spaces	Long-term	\$20,000
Outdoor classroom (small amphitheater, stone seats)	Long-term	\$15,000
Environmental and historical education signage	Long-term	Allow \$10,000
Permanent restroom	Not a Priority	\$200,000



## MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

- Clean up and maintain trails
- Replace broken and missing trail marker bollards
- Upgrade benches using Canal Winchester Parks family of details

## FUTURE PARK CHARACTER



*Recreational and community activity through improved programming*

# ROGER HANNERS RECREATIONAL FIELDS

“Never let the fear of striking out get  
in your way.”

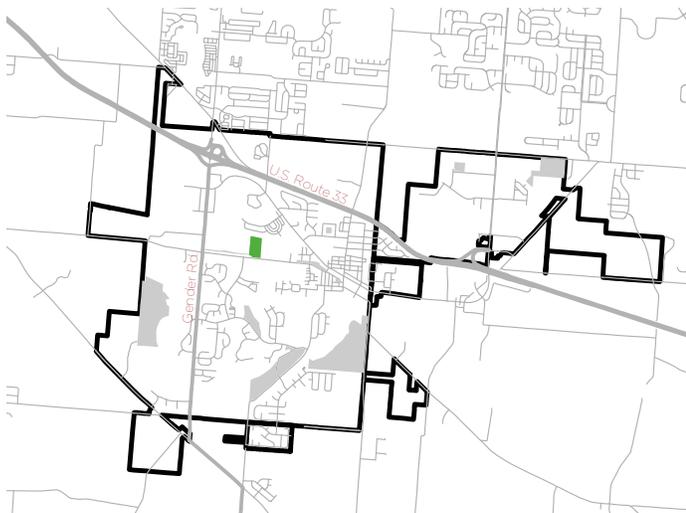
- Babe Ruth

***Roger Hanners Recreation Fields is the active recreation hub of the Canal Winchester park system. The 12 acre park features tournament level baseball and softball fields, a concession stand, paved parking area, tee-ball fields, and a skatepark. The park has a maintenance building on-site and direct access to the Groveport Road bikepath.***

<b>Park Acreage</b>	<b>± 12 acre</b>
<b>Park Features</b>	<b>Asphalt parking: 89 spaces</b>
	<b>6 Ball fields</b>
	<b>Portable restroom with enclosure and landscape</b>
	<b>Concessions building with 3 picnic tables</b>
<b>Park Strengths</b>	<b>Highly developed ball fields</b>
	<b>Unique amenity (skate park)</b>
	<b>Undeveloped lawn area could be repurposed</b>
<b>Park Weaknesses</b>	<b>Limited parking for all fields</b>
	<b>No water or sewer access</b>
	<b>Seating is limited to bleachers</b>
	<b>Limited shade</b>



**CITY CONTEXT**



# RECOMMENDATIONS



## PARK OBSERVATIONS

Active recreation park is intensively used.

- Repaired ruts along drives
- Clean up graffiti at skate park
- Trash receptacle at skatepark needs replaced
- Large diamond dugouts lack shade
- Repair bull-pens
- Repair infield turf edges
- Upgrade lighting for safety purposes
- Level of service/ accessibility could be improved with expanded parking - turf area is used for additional parking already.



*One of only a few parks which provide fields for organized sports*



## PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- Expand and improve skate park
- Permanent restrooms
- Lights for ball fields
- Expand parking – grass field used for parking is not suitable for athletics
- Avoid expanding recreational baseball and soccer fields due to overlap with schools and churches – consider mix-use fields at McGill Park; tournament baseball ok to expand



## RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

**This park should include:**

- Expanded, paved parking area
- Enhanced skatepark
- A permanent restroom
- Additional shade pavilion at concessions building



### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Add shade trees (15 trees in spectator areas and parking areas)	Short-term	\$7,500
Expand parking (+/- 100 spaces)	Mid-term	\$100,000
Upgrade and add lighting for safety (5 parking light poles)	Short-term	\$22,000
Shade canopies for dugouts (8 dugouts)	Mid-term	\$32,000
Enhance/expand skatepark	Not a priority	\$135,000
Permanent restroom	Long-term	\$200,000
Shade pavilion at concessions building	Long-term	\$50,000



### MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

- Repair ruts along drives
- Add new trash receptacle at skatepark
- Add shade canopy for large diamond dugouts
- Repair bull-pens
- Repair infield turf edges
- Upgrade lighting for safety purposes
- Add shade trees in spectator areas and parking areas.

### FUTURE PARK CHARACTER



*A destination sports complex for the community.*

# GUILER PARK

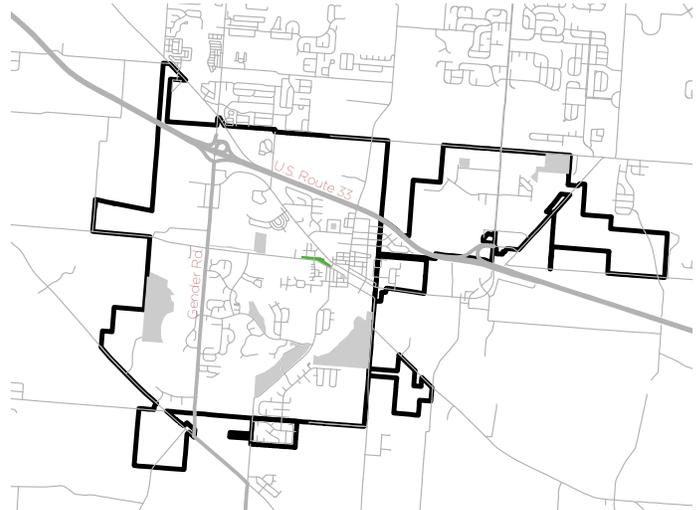
“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.”

-Mr. Rogers

*Guiler Park is the most centrally located playground in the city. The 1 acre park includes one of two play structures in the city parks, two small but well-used basketball courts, and walkable proximity to the adjacent pool and the central downtown business district.*

Park Acreage	± 1 acre
Park Features	2 small basketball courts
	Portable restroom
	Flagpole with paver pad
	14 paved parking spaces
	Picnic shelter with tables
	Small amphitheater
	Playground with play structure and swings
Park Strengths	Central town location
Park Weaknesses	Portable restroom
	No water
	Pedestrian access east side only
	Unscreened backs of commercial buildings

**CITY CONTEXT**



# RECOMMENDATIONS



## PARK OBSERVATIONS

One sentence narrative on the feel of the Park:

- Portable restroom has screen enclosure, but no landscaping.
- Flagpole with paver pad is disconnected from other park features
- Picnic shelter has some tables with warped tops
- Trash receptacles are inconsistent style
- Small amphitheater; stone slab seats with pea-gravel ground plane
- Decorative street-side fencing

*The park brings recreational amenities to the Downtown.*



## PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- Expand basketball and add lights for extended hours to keep kids out of trouble
- Add a permanent restroom
- Update equipment and play structure
- Add another pavilion
- Keep mulch in play areas maintained
- Relocate basketball and expand parking
- Repurpose the small amphitheater



## RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

- This park should include:**
- A remastered park plan
  - More efficient parking
  - A splashpad
  - Enhanced play structure
  - New signage for park identification
  - Enhanced landscaping along north property line, streetscape, and restroom



**IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Park Master Plan	Long-term	-
Update furnishing (4 benches; 6 picnic tables)	Mid-term	\$12,000
Upgrade amphitheater base material	Mid-term	\$5000
Enhanced play structure	Short-term	\$200,000
North property line landscape buffer	Long-term	\$10,000
Groveport Road streetscape landscape	Long-term	\$20,000
Restroom landscape	Mid-term	\$2,000
Upgrade signage	Short-term	\$20,000
Splash pad	Mid-term	\$300,000
Permanent restroom	Long-term	\$200,000
Pedestrian crossing warning lights at Washington Street	Short-term	\$50,000
Additional shade structure	Mid-term	\$50,000



**MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES**

- Repair/ replace picnic tables
- Upgrade furnishings (trash, picnic, bench) with CW family of detail

- Improve pedestrian access from the pool and to Old Town...coming along North of the pool
- Upgrade amphitheater base material

**FUTURE PARK CHARACTER**



*A fun space for kids, walkable within downtown.*

# RECOMMENDATIONS

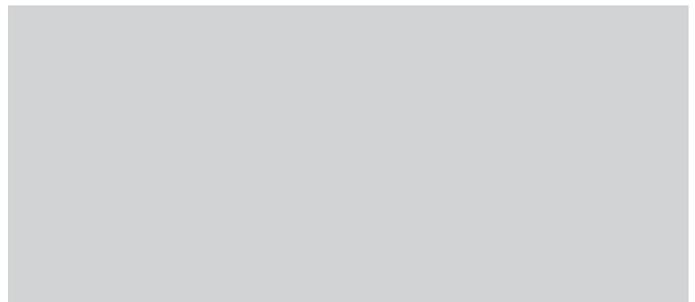
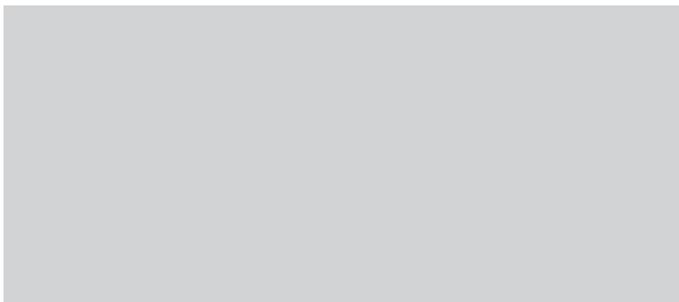
## THE FUTURE OF GUILER PARK

Guiler Park is uniquely positioned in a central location, near Canal Winchester's central business and historic district, civic center, and many neighborhoods. The park is also situated within the linear corridor that extends from Stradley Place to Gender Road, linking several parks and open spaces. The planning team envisioned how this park could be better utilized to make the most of its location and proximity to so many people. The visioning exercise considered the possibility of the park being completely redeveloped, with existing amenities being replaced with new, upgraded equipment, and new amenities and activities being introduced.

### CHARACTER INTENT: ACTIVE AMENITIES



### CHARACTER INTENT: PASSIVE AMENITIES



*Upgrade to new play equipment takes advantage of the newest innovations in active play and child (and grown-up!) development.*

*Integrate spaces to sit, watch, gather, eat, game, and picnic. Architecture should fit in with the historic Downtown appearance.*

### CONCEPT 1

This concept envisions a park with a central pavilion providing shaded seating, possibly an enclosed, rental venue, and restrooms. Parking allows users to park nearby and adds to the downtown parking spaces. Play grounds are replaced with new equipment that emphasizes creative play.

- LEGEND
- 1 SHELTER / RESTROOMS
  - 2 RECONFIGURED PARKING
  - 3 RELOCATED BENCHES (TYP. OF 6)
  - 4 SEATING AREA
  - 5 ENTRY COURT
  - 6 SEAT WALL
  - 7 EXISTING BUILDING TO REMAIN
  - 8 RELOCATED FLAGPOLE
  - 9 PICNIC TABLES (TYP. OF 4)
  - 10 EXPANDED PLAYGROUND
  - 11 RECONFIGURED BOULDERS
  - 12 ENTRY SIGNAGE
  - 13 ACCESS TO POOL AREA (FOR SWIM MEETS)



### CONCEPT 2

This concept builds off concept 1, potentially as a future phase. The parking is replaced with an arrival/ drop-off court. A splash pad is introduced to the program, offering a popular, multi-generational, and sculptural attraction. Proximity to the pool allows for the possibility of shared infrastructure and cross-access.

- LEGEND
- 1 SHELTER / RESTROOMS
  - 2 RECONFIGURED PARKING
  - 3 RELOCATED BENCHES (TYP. OF 6)
  - 4 SEATING AREA
  - 5 ENTRY COURT
  - 6 SEAT WALL
  - 7 SPRAYGROUND PUMP ROOM
  - 8 RELOCATED FLAGPOLES
  - 9 PICNIC TABLES (TYP. OF 4)
  - 10 EXPANDED PLAYGROUND
  - 11 RECONFIGURED BOULDERS
  - 12 ENTRY SIGNAGE
  - 13 SPRAYGROUND FENCE
  - 14 SPRAYGROUND ENTRY (POOL OR DROP-OFF)



# MUNICIPAL POOL

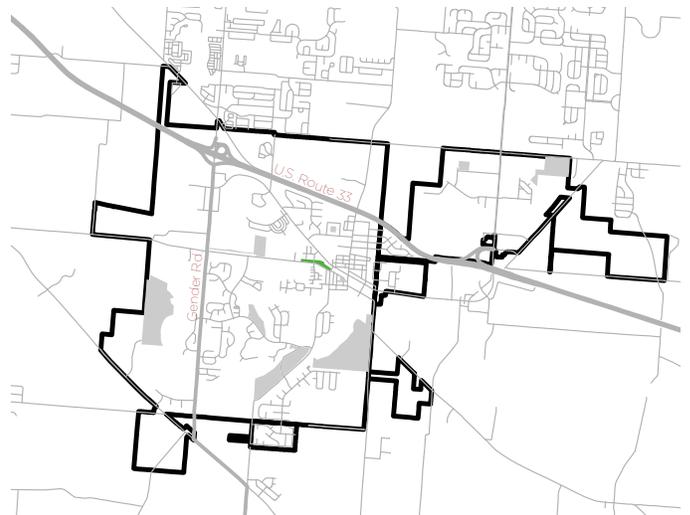
“If you want to learn to swim, jump  
into the water.

-Bruce Lee

*The Municipal Pool is a summertime respite in the middle of Canal Winchester. The 4 acre facility features a variety of swimming areas, flexible seating areas, locker rooms, and a concessions stand.*

Park Acreage	± 4 acre
Park Features	Climbing wall
	Controlled entry
	+/- 100 parking spaces
	Shade sails
	Lawn areas
	Bike path trailhead
	Leisure pool, wading pool, competition pool
Park Strengths	Central town location
Park Weaknesses	Limited bike parking
	Limited shade
	No buffer to the street

**CITY CONTEXT**



# RECOMMENDATIONS



## PARK OBSERVATIONS

The pool appears well used and generally in good repair.

- Parking lot paving requires repair
- Parking landscape areas are deteriorating into paved area
- Exposed views along street and rear property line; a better balance between open views, filtered views, and screening should be considered.
- Bike parking consists of some newer, sculptural bike racks, and a portable rack. Upgrade the portable parking.
- Additional shade should be considered, such as additional shade sails, trees, and cabanas.



*Pool furnishings could be enhanced with soft-seating, flexible furnishings.*



## PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, the following specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- Most stakeholders had no comments for changes/ improvements – cited a well-run facility, clean, and a good bargain for the activity it provides.
- Add classes – expand to include adults and seniors; aqua-aerobics
- Remove climbing wall



## RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

**This park should include:**

- Enhanced landscaping along north property line, streetscape, and restroom
- Additional sculptural bike racks
- Enhanced furnishings and seating
- Additional shade opportunities



### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Curbs in parking islands	Long-term	\$2,000
Additional sculptural bike parking (10 fixtures)	Mid-term	\$22,000
Soft seating (8 pieces)	Long-term	\$12,000
Cabanas (3)	Long-term	\$15,000
Enhance landscape buffer along north property line	Long-term	\$12,000
Enhance landscape frontage treatment	Long-term	\$20,000
Extend parking west (+/- 35 spaces)	Mid-term	\$35,000



### MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

- Resurface parking lot
- Repair parking lot landscape islands and add curbing to protect and contain planting beds.

### FUTURE PARK CHARACTER



*Upgraded pool furnishings, soft seating, and shade structures offer more variety of seating choices in the pool area. Landscaped edges can break up views into and out of the pool deck.*

# STRADLEY PLACE

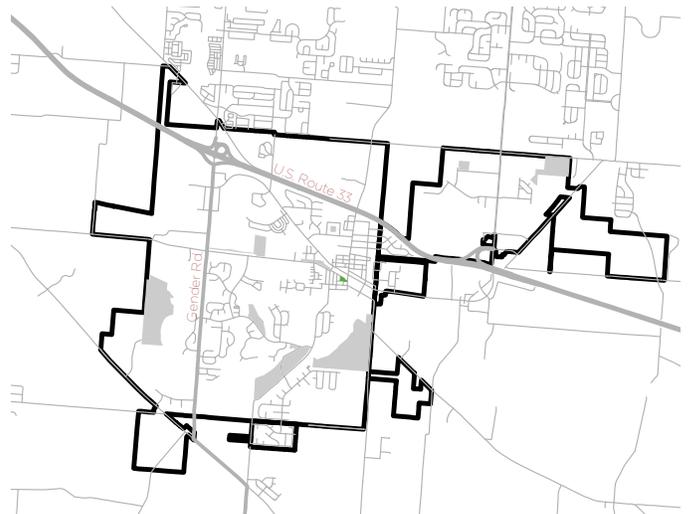
Communities should be planned with an eye to  
the effect on the human spirit of being continually  
surrounded by a maximum of beauty.

- Thomas Jefferson

*Stradley Place anchors the center of Downtown, serving as a venue for city events. This 2 acre park features an urban plaza with pavilion and various seating options, a fountain, a memorial flagpole, and a flex-use lawn. Public parking is integrated with the park and serves the adjacent downtown businesses.*

Park Acreage	± 2 acre
Park Features	Pavilion with trellis structures
	Open lawn and plaza
	+/- 20 parking spaces
	Bike parking
	Fountain
	Various seating areas
Park Strengths	Opportunity to expand
	Central town location
	Mix of uses
Park Weaknesses	No restroom, drinking water
	Parking cuts bisects park
	Plaza too tight for dynamic programming

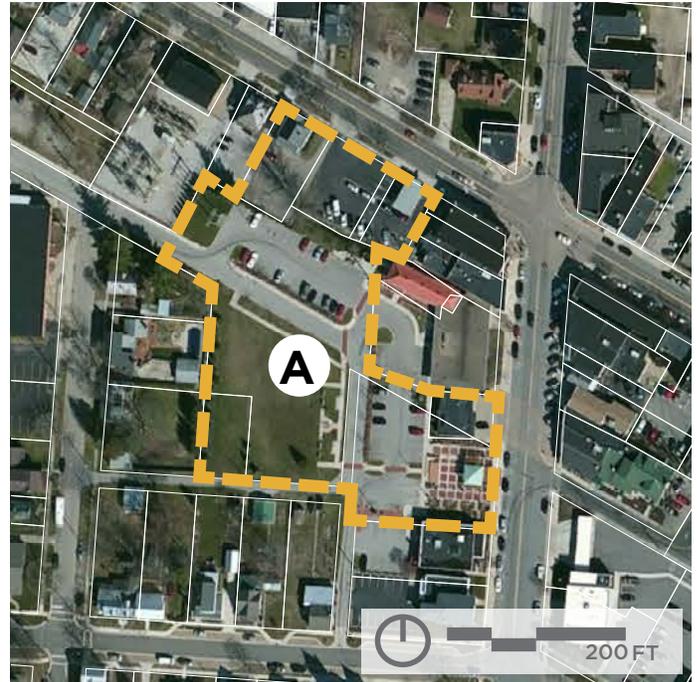
**CITY CONTEXT**



# RECOMMENDATIONS

## DOWNTOWN AREA PLAN

Stradley Place offers a central downtown park and plaza that provides a flexible setting for various events and uses. In 2016, the City of Canal Winchester commissioned a Downtown Area Plan, to envision potential improvements to maximize the values and uses of development and civic spaces. Stradley Place was contemplated in that study for a transformative redevelopment to improve its flexibility, and best position the site to the benefit of downtown district businesses and visitors. The recommendations of that plan for Stradley Place are mirrored here.



## KEY FEATURES

- Existing trellis retained
- Expanded lawn area
- New commercial use with patio seating
- Additional seating and tables for public use
- Sculpture garden

## SITE DATA

Area	+/- 2.6 ac.
# of Parcels	8
# of Owners	4
Current Use	Parking, Park, Retail
Suggested New Use	Parking, Park, Retail
Parking	72 spaces existing 130 spaces proposed



ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Park redevelopment plan per the recommendation of the downtown area plan	Mid-term	\$2 million



# HOWE POND

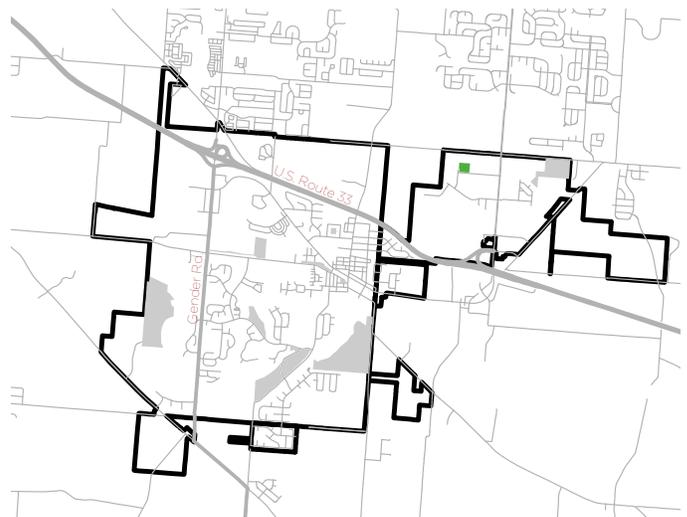
“There are always new places to go fishing. For any fisherman, there’s always a new place, always a new horizon.”

- Jack Nicklaus

*Howe Pond consists of 4.7 acres in the corner of Howe Industrial Park. The pond offers a local fishing spot, and passive open space for enjoyment within a business district. Ideally, this park will serve as a favorite lunchtime gathering place and work-day respite for nearby workers.*

Park Acreage	± 4.7 acre
Park Features	Stocked pond
	Benches
Park Strengths	Unique amenity located in business district
	Water feature
	Passive recreation opportunity
Park Weaknesses	Little shade
	No dedicated parking
	Furnishings do not match CW family of details
	No drinking water
	No gathering place
	No visibility from main road
	Access around pond is limited due to steep cross-slopes and concrete swale

**CITY CONTEXT**



## RECOMMENDATIONS



### PARK OBSERVATIONS

This park provides needed greenspace in the middle of a business park, but lacks a necessary gathering place.

- Benches require repair/ replacement.
- While some newer trees have been installed, the park lacks any significant shade
- Trash receptacles are not provided
- Appropriate parking locations are not identified
- Parks lacks visibility from Diley Road. Identity signage and wayfinding should be added to improve awareness of the park.
- Pier, dock, and pavilion should be considered for this site



*There is limited pedestrian accessibility around the perimeter.*



### PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- Most stakeholders were not aware of this park
- Improve visibility from main roads
- Improve signage to make clear its for public use.
- Provide more information on city websites and social media



### RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

This park should include:

- Additional shade trees around pond
- A pavilion and gathering space
- A pier/dock
- Park identity signage at Diley Road and internal wayfinding signage



### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Bench upgrades to CW family of details (10 benches)	Mid-term	\$20,000
Trash receptacle upgrades to CW family of details (2 units)	Short-term	\$4,000
Improve aerator and/or add fountain feature	Long-term	\$7,000
Add shade trees around pond (6 trees)	Short-term	\$3,000
Add identification Signage at Diley Road and internal wayfinding signage	Long-term	\$20,000
Build pier	Long-term	\$38,000
Build pavilion	Not a priority	\$50,000
Improve pedestrian accessibility around the pond perimeter	Not a priority	\$5,000



### MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

- Upgrade benches and trash receptacles with CW family of details
- Improve circulation around pond
- Improve aeration/ add fountain.

### FUTURE PARK CHARACTER



*Pier and seating improvements will allow Howe Pond to become a favorite mid-day worker destination.*

# BUSEY ROAD PARK

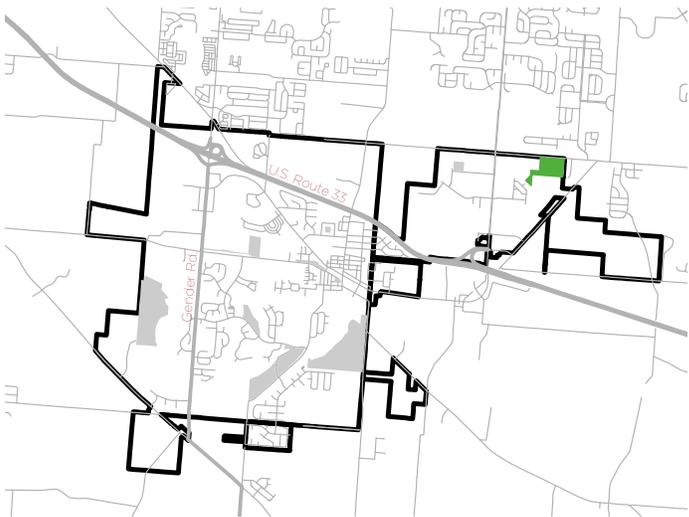
When we walk, we naturally go to the fields and woods: what would become of us, if we walked only in a garden or a mall?”

– Henry David Thoreau”

*Busey Road Park represents joint interest between the City of Canal Winchester and Violet township to provide a range of open space opportunities to local residents. This 28 acre park functions as a nature park, complete with woods, open meadow, gravel walking trails, and picnic shelters.*

<b>Park Acreage</b>	+/- 28 acre
<b>Park Features</b>	Picnic tables with shade structures
	Gravel drive and parking area
	Wooded area with mulch trails
	Meadow area with gravel trails
<b>Park Strengths</b>	Natural setting
	Benches in the woods
	Opportunity for additional programming
	4 newer picnic shelters with tables
<b>Park Weaknesses</b>	No trash receptacles
	No water or restrooms
	Parking lots are gravel

**CITY CONTEXT**



## RECOMMENDATIONS



### PARK OBSERVATIONS

Busey Road Park provides a nature trail through meadow and woodlands.

- Existing drive and parking areas are loose gravel
- Some gravel paths exhibit erosion
- Bird houses could be added to meadow areas.
- Upgrade mulch trails in woods to compacted gravel
- Addition of historical structures as this is owned and maintained by Violet Township
- Extend pedestrian access to adjacent neighborhoods.



*The park provides natural, open spaces for passive recreation.*



### PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- Most stakeholders were not aware of this park
- Potential location for frisbee golf



### RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

This park should include:

- Additional historical structures (through coordination with Violet Township)
- Trash receptacles
- Bird houses
- New signage



### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Bird houses	Short-term	\$100 -\$300 ea.
Trash receptacles- CW family of details (4 units)	Mid-term	\$8,000
Dumpster enclosure (wood fence and gate)	Mid-term	\$5,000
Install park and trail map	Mid-term	\$5,000
Upgrade mulch trails to compacted gravel	Mid-term	\$12,000
Upgrade Busey Road signage	Long-term	\$20,000
Pave drive and parking areas	Long-term	\$80,000
Permanent restroom	Not a priority	\$200,000
Add historic Violet Township structure	Mid-term	By others



### MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

- Pave drive and parking areas
- Repair gravel trails; drainage and erosion control
- Upgrade mulch trails to compacted gravel

### FUTURE PARK CHARACTER



*A unique place to enjoy nature and community history*

# CANAL LANDS BIKE PATH

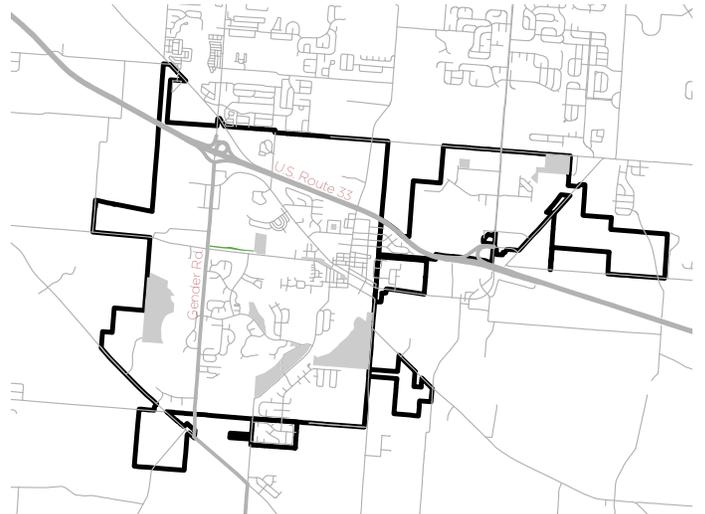
“Nothing compares to the simple  
pleasure of riding a bike.”

— John F. Kennedy

*The Canal Lands consist of a corridor that stretches from Hanners Recreation Fields to where Walnut Street connects to Groveport Road. The name is reflective of the footprint of the former canal that connected Canal Winchester to Columbus. The eastern portion of the land is already used for a bike path. The west portion is slated for future bike path extension.*

Park Acreage	± X acre
Park Features	Multi-use path
	Adjacent historic canal grounds
Park Strengths	Bike path corridor
	Historical connection to the canal
	Extends toward Walnut Woods Metro Park
Park Weaknesses	Bollards are in disrepair
	Limited path length and connectivity

**CITY CONTEXT**



## RECOMMENDATIONS



### PARK OBSERVATIONS

This bike corridor serves as the foundation for the city-wide bike path network.

- Existing bollards in the bikepath at Gender Road are in disrepair and present a safety hazard with handles that encroach on bike pedals.
- The existing bike path follows the route of the former canal. However, there is no identification of the historic context along the path.



*Path drainage and selection of more bike-safe site furnishings will improve path safety.*



### PUBLIC INPUT

Through interviews with stakeholders, responses from the survey, and the Open House, the following specific themes emerged regarding the future vision of this Park. This includes the following:

- No Specific comments
- In general, bike path connectivity throughout the city and between parks and neighborhoods was a recurring theme.



### RECOMMENDED PARK PROGRAM

**This park should include:**

- **Implementation of City plans to expand the bike path west**
- **New, bike-safe, decorative bollards**
- **Interpretive signage along the corridor to illustrate the historic context of the canal**



## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

ACTION	PRIORITY	COST
Replace utility bollards with bike-safe decorative bollards (3 bollards.)	Short-term	\$6,000
Extend bike path west	Short-term	\$70,000
Add canal history interpretive signage along the corridor	Mid-term	\$10,000
Historic restoration of a portion of the canal channel	Long-term	-
Extend bike path to Walnut Woods Metropark	Mid-term	-



## MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

- Repair erosion areas and poor drainage.
- Repair or replace broken bollards; eliminate bike hazards, such as handles that could catch bike pedals.

## FUTURE PARK CHARACTER



*Connected bike path that tells the story of the historic land use of the canal system.*

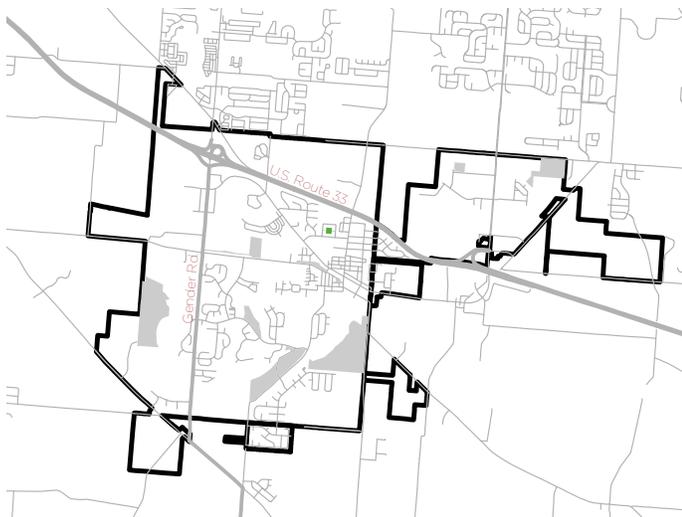
# PFEIFER PARK

*Pfeifer Park is a 2 acre greenspace tucked quietly behind a small collection of homes. Truly a neighborhood park, this site is generally unknown to the public. The greenspace is not programmed in any way, and serves as a flex-use lawn area for the immediately adjacent residents.*

Park Acreage	± 2 acre
Park Features	Open lawn with storm drain
Park Strengths	Open lawn area holds potential for flexible uses
Park Weaknesses	“Private” space to adjacent neighbors
	No apparent public access or identification



**CITY CONTEXT**



**PUBLIC INPUT**

- Most stakeholders were not aware of this park
- Suggested small walking path, kids play structure, or dog park
- Adjacent neighbors should guide direction for park



*Although owned by the City, the park functions as private space.*

**The future of this park should include:**

- Engagement from neighborhood, especially adjacent neighbors, to determine specific wants and needs
- No recommendations at this time.

# MCGILL PARK

“There is nothing like a dream to create the future.”

— Victor Hugo

*McGill Park offers the opportunity to create a mixed-use, multi-faceted recreation experience for a wide range of park users. Programming and amenities ranging from active recreation fields, nature trails, and community gathering facilities will broaden the scope of Canal Winchester Parks system.*

Park Acreage	± 67 acres
Park Features	Mixed Uses
	Pending final design

**CITY CONTEXT**



<b>ACTION</b>	<b>COST</b>
Park development plan implementation	\$5.3 million



# RECOMMENDATIONS





## Legend

### PHASE I:

- 1 Dog Park (Gravel Parking)
- 2 Connection North to Trine St.
- 3 Pedestrian Bridge
- 4 Multi-Use Trail (Asphalt)
- 5 Creek Trail (Gravel)
- 6 Creek Overlook
- 7 Baseball Fields + Shelter
- 8 Event/Shelter
- 9 Maintenance Building
- 10 Playground
- 11 Main Parking (227 Spaces)
- 12 Parking Drop-Off
- 13 Restroom/Concession Facility
- 14 Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- 15 Widened Entry Drive
- 16 Additional Parking Spur (146 Spaces)
- 17 U-15 Soccer Fields

### PHASE II:

- 18 Vehicular Bridge
- 19 Secondary Parking (209 Spaces)
- 20 Parking Drop-Off
- 21 Kayak/Canoe Launch
- 22 Multi-Use Trail (Asphalt)
- 23 Creek Overlook
- 24 Shelter
- 25 Maintenance Building
- 26 Baseball Field
- 27 Baseball Practice Field
- 28 U-15 Soccer Fields
- 29 U-8 Soccer Fields

### PHASE III:

- 30 Extend Entry Drive
- 31 Event Center (Existing Barn Conversion)
- 32 Event Center Overlook
- 33 Secondary Events
- 34 Outdoor Amphitheater

