

Chapter 7: Parks and Recreation

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...a guideline for the enhancement and well-being of residents.



7.1 INTRODUCTION

Pleasant Grove City recognizes that as *Utah's City of Trees* added attention needs to be given to parks and recreation areas. Parks and recreation facilities and services are necessary to enhance the health and well-being of Pleasant Grove residents. Pleasant Grove also sees the identification and preservation of open space as part of the scope and objectives of parks and recreation.

7.2 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

It is the objective of the City to prepare and adopt a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, to act as an appendix to this chapter. The focus of the master plan will be to assess current parks and recreation facilities, perform a needs analysis for parks and recreation facilities, create an open space inventory, and develop implementation goals. The end goal of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to create an official document that can act as a guideline for the



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enhancement of the health and well-being of Pleasant Grove residents through the improvement of community parks and recreation facilities and the preservation of open space.

7.3 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The two areas of emphasis for Pleasant Grove parks and recreation facilities are 1) to enhance existing City parks and recreation facilities following the objectives of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and 2) to establish potential sites for future parks and recreation facilities.

To enhance existing parks and recreation facilities, the City will determine where improvements to parks and facilities can be made. These improvements may include, but are not limited to, adding additional grass and trees, constructing covered pavilions, installing hardscape surfaces, or repainting the exterior of the facilities.

R/UDAT also recommended giving City parks and recreation facilities more meaningful names. For example, the current Downtown Park might be renamed after a founding father of Pleasant Grove, such as the City's first mayor Henson Walker. By enhancing the parks and recreation facilities Pleasant Grove already has, the residents will be able to better enjoy these facilities.

Within the city there are several parks and recreation facilities. The following is a list of existing city parks and facilities (see Exhibit 16, Parks, Recreation and Trails Map).

1. Anderson Park is 5-acre park located at 950 E 100 South and includes a pavilion, glass area, basketball courts, a playground, horseshoe pits, and a walking path.





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2. Battle Creek Park is a 7-acre park located at 850 E 200 South and includes a pavilion, glass area, two lighted tennis courts, two baseball diamonds, basketball courts, a playground, horseshoe pits, and a walking path.

3. Chrisville Park is a $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre park located at 145 W 900 North and includes a playground, grass area, and horseshoe pits.

4. Manila Discovery Park is a 23-acre park located at 1550 N 100 East and includes grass area, two pavilions, six lighted tennis courts, a four diamond baseball complex, a playground, and a walking path.

5. Downtown Park is a 2-acre park located at 100 South Main Street and includes a pavilion, playground, horseshoe pits, and grass area.

6. Kiwanis Park is a 15-acre park located at 1800 E 200 South and includes a pavilion, barbeque pits, hiking trails, and wilderness area.

7. Mahogany Park is a future 5.4-acre park located at 650 N 1010 West with an anticipated completion date of fall 2007.

8. Tank Park is a 4-acre park located at 350 S 1500 East with an anticipated completion in the fall of 2007.

9. Veterans Memorial Park is a 2.9-acre park located at 300 S. Locust Avenue, that includes a pavilion, grass area, a volleyball court, barbeque area, and a pool.





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10. Will's Park/Shannon Field is 9.4-acre park located at 220 South State Street and includes a pavilion, barbeque areas, two baseball diamonds, and the rodeo grounds.

11. Pioneer Park is a park located at 100 S 100 East. This park is a special site is marked by several pioneer era structures such as the Old Bell School, the Jeppa and Anna Nelson Granary, and the old Pleasant Grove Town Hall.



12. Leisure Services Building is located at 41 E 200 South.

13. Community Center is located at 41 E 200 South

14. Swimming Pool is located at 300 South Locust Drive in the Veterans Memorial Park.

15. Rodeo Grounds, located at 220 South State Street, is the location for the Strawberry Days Rodeo held every June.

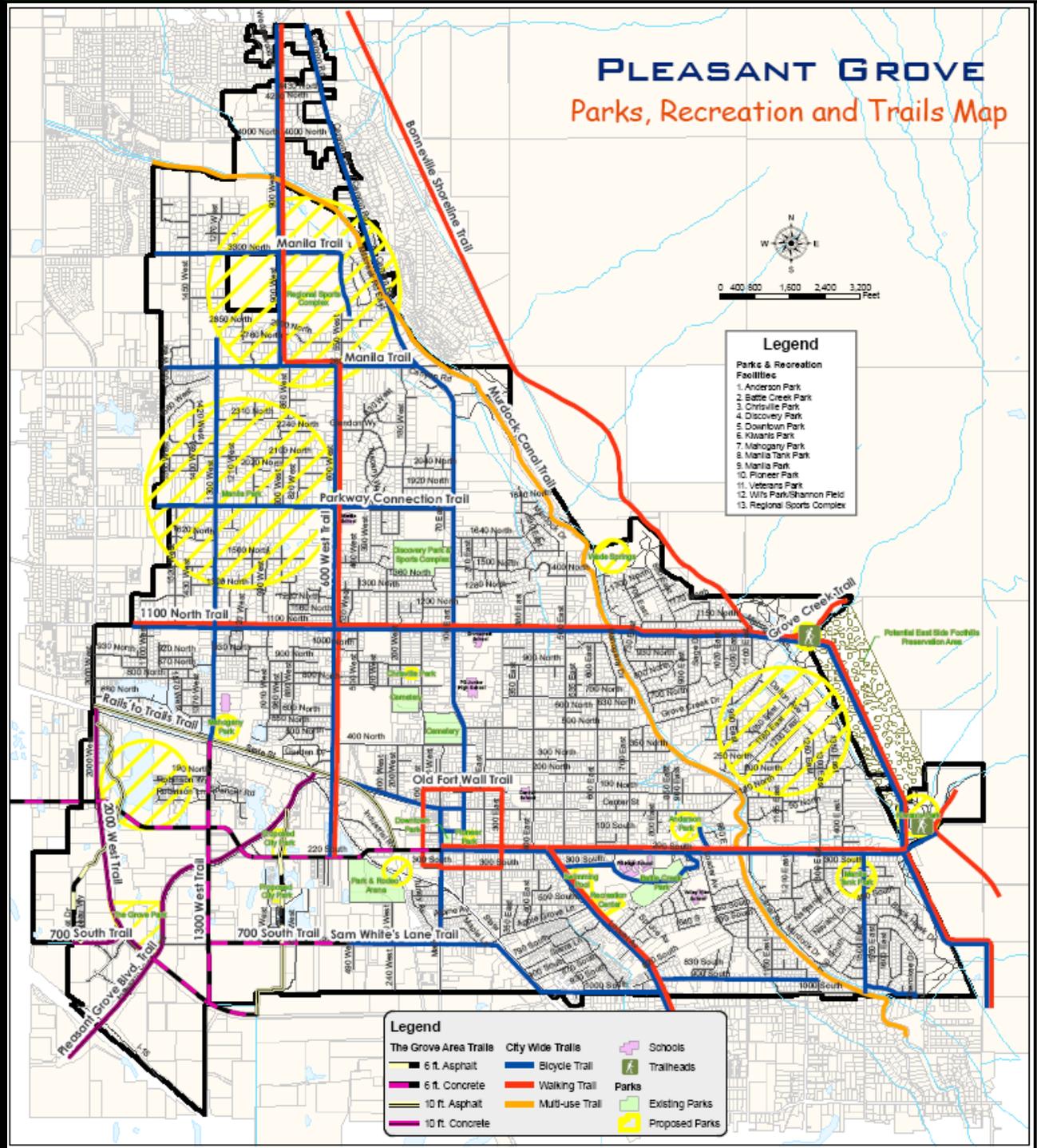
16. Future Parks and Facilities are anticipated in several areas throughout the City. These include the Mahogany Nature Park, The Grove, the Regional Park and Athletic Facility, the new Recreation Center, the 1300 West Nature Park, and the East Side Foothill Preservation Area.

Pleasant Grove has also identified several areas where additional parks are needed. These include parks in the North Field and Grove Creek neighborhoods where the only nearby park with adequate size is the Discovery Park. Parks with playgrounds are also needed in the Grove zone.



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EXHIBIT 16. PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS MAP





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Quality of life in a community is enhanced when it has trails.

7.4 RECREATIONAL TRAILS

The quality of life in a community is enhanced when it has a system of recreational trails and facilities. A trails system is also an asset to the city transportation network. Increased walking and bicycling due to the creation of trails will lead to a cleaner environment and a healthier population. Many local trips that Pleasant Grove residents currently make in their cars might be made on foot or by bicycle if they could do so on established safe trail corridors.

Where practical, bicycle and pedestrian paths in Pleasant Grove should 1) be separated from vehicular traffic, 2) be constructed with separated bike and pedestrian lanes, and 3) provide connection between parks and open spaces. Proposed trail alignments are shown on Exhibit 16, above.



Priorities for Pleasant Grove trail developments include:

1. Battle Creek Trailhead park.
2. Bonneville Shoreline Trail and Trailhead parks (upper and lower) – The upper trail to run along the base of the mountains, and the lower trail along the aqueduct road. Trails are to be both pedestrian and equestrian.
3. Wetlands in the Grove – Connect the trail system in current developments through the wetlands and into other City trail systems.
4. Bike paths (city wide) along existing roadways.
5. Murdock Trail – A bicycle and pedestrian trail following the canal through the community.

7.5 OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

Like most communities in Utah Valley, the history and character of Pleasant Grove is closely tied to the surrounding landscape. Today, these surroundings continue to play an important role in defining the character of Pleasant Grove.



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Open spaces such as parks, squares, playgrounds, and nature areas strengthen the connection between citizens and their community by helping to define the area they perceive as home. Citizens who closely identify with a place or

social group are more likely to be involved in activities that build the community. In addition, open space contributes to the vitality of Pleasant Grove by sustaining the regional ecosystem, supporting local economy, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and learning, and offering visual relief from urban landscapes. The preservation of open space contributes to the high quality of life in Pleasant Grove.



7.6 CULTURAL PROGRAMS

The City supports the Arts Commission of Pleasant Grove which oversees community theatre, music, and arts programs, including the Pleasant Grove Players, the Pleasant Grove Orchestra, Concerts in the Park, and Center Stage Youth Productions. Objectives of these programs include:

1. To guide the City in planning, developing, and implementing arts programs and activities.
2. To support the City's arts programs and other arts organizations in the community, according to the needs of Pleasant Grove residents.
3. To establish a gathering place for artistic and cultural events in Pleasant Grove.
4. To advocate the value of art in community life, including its benefits in education.
5. To serve all Pleasant Grove residents in some capacity.





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GOALS

Goals	Strategies	Actions	Timing	Agency
1. Provide for <u>parks and recreation facilities and services</u> to enhance residents' quality of life.	A. Establish a plan for the development and improvement of parks and recreation facilities and services.	i. Prepare, adopt and implement a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	0-5 years	City Council Community Development Leisure Services
		ii. Promote the participation of a citizens committee to assist in the planning.	0-5 years	City Council Leisure Services
	B. Provide parks that are well dispersed throughout the city.	i. Target areas in need of parks and follow recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	0-20 years	City Council Community Development Leisure Services
	C. Encourage the development of additional recreational facilities.	i. Assist development of the new recreation center near the High School.	0-2 years	City Council Community Development Leisure Services
		ii. Assess needs and develop plans for additional playground and picnic areas throughout the city.	0-5 years	City Council Leisure Services
		iii. Create and update priority list for the development of other needed facilities.	0-20 years	City Council Community Development Leisure Services
		iv. Plan for and fund the assessed facility and service expansion needs.	0-20 years	City Council Leisure Services



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1. (cont.) Provide for parks and recreation facilities and services to enhance residents' quality of life.	D. Encourage citizen participation in the park planning process to address fairly the needs of various areas and groups of people.	i. Encourage participation in the citizens committee to make recommendations on parks and recreation needs .	0-20 years	City Council Leisure Services
	E. Provide adequate recreation activities and programs to meet the needs of Pleasant Grove residents.	i. Annually assess the needs and demands for recreation programs.	Annually	City Council Leisure Services
	F. Provide excellent maintenance of existing parks and recreation facilities.	i. Develop a plan for improving maintenance, review needs regularly.	Annually	Public Works Leisure Services
2. Develop a system of recreational trails throughout the city.	A. Finalize and amend recreational trails development as shown in this chapter and in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	i. Submit recommendations for trail concepts and priorities to the City Council.	0-2 years	Leisure Services Citizen Committee
		ii. Prepare a detailed trails engineering and development plan.	0-5 years	City Council
		iii. Seek and acquire any available funding.	0-5 years	Leisure Services
		iv. Approve the plan and budget for each trail.	0-5 years	City Council
		v. Arrange participation of any in-kind and volunteer assistance.	0-5 years	Public Works Leisure Services
3. Provide cultural facilities and services to enhance residents' quality of life.	A. Support and encourage community cultural activities.	i. Offer assistance and support to the continuance and improvement of the annual Strawberry Days event.	0-20 years	City Council Leisure Services



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3. (cont.) Provide <u>cultural facilities and services</u> to enhance residents' quality of life.	A. (cont.) Support and encourage community cultural activities.	ii. Encourage and support the success of the Arts Commission and other local arts and cultural programs.	0-20 years	City Council Leisure Services
	B. Assess needs for and sponsor additional community events and celebrations.	i. Establish a volunteer community events board.	0-2 years	City Council Leisure Services
		ii. Review options and abilities to sponsor new events, celebrations, outdoor concerts and community theater presentations.	0-2 years	City Council Community Development Leisure Services