



# City of Pacific, Missouri Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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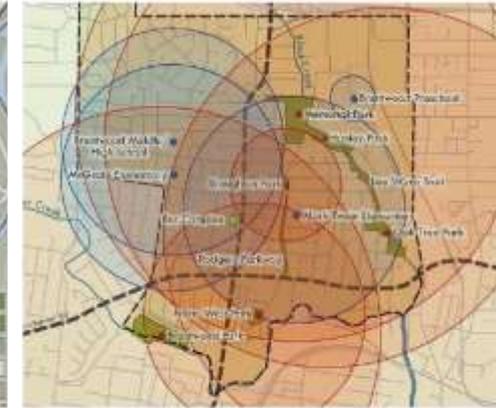
# Consultant: Planning Design Studio (PDS)



- Established in 2006
- Located in St. Louis
- 8 Landscape Architects (6 Licensed)
- 3 LEED Professionals
- Parks and Recreation Focused
- Numerous Award-Winning Projects



St. Louis County Parks



Brentwood Parks



Kirkwood Park



Family Sports Park



Alton Riverfront and Marina



Mississippi River Greenway



# Project Overview

## Phase I – Data Collection

- Parks Tour
- Assessment / Inventory of Facilities
- Demographic Profile
- Background Data & Input
- Community Survey
- Public Input Meeting #1

## Phase II – Analysis/Needs

- Park Land Needs & Distribution
- Projected Recreation Needs
- Review Reports by Others
- Public Input (Webinar/Online)

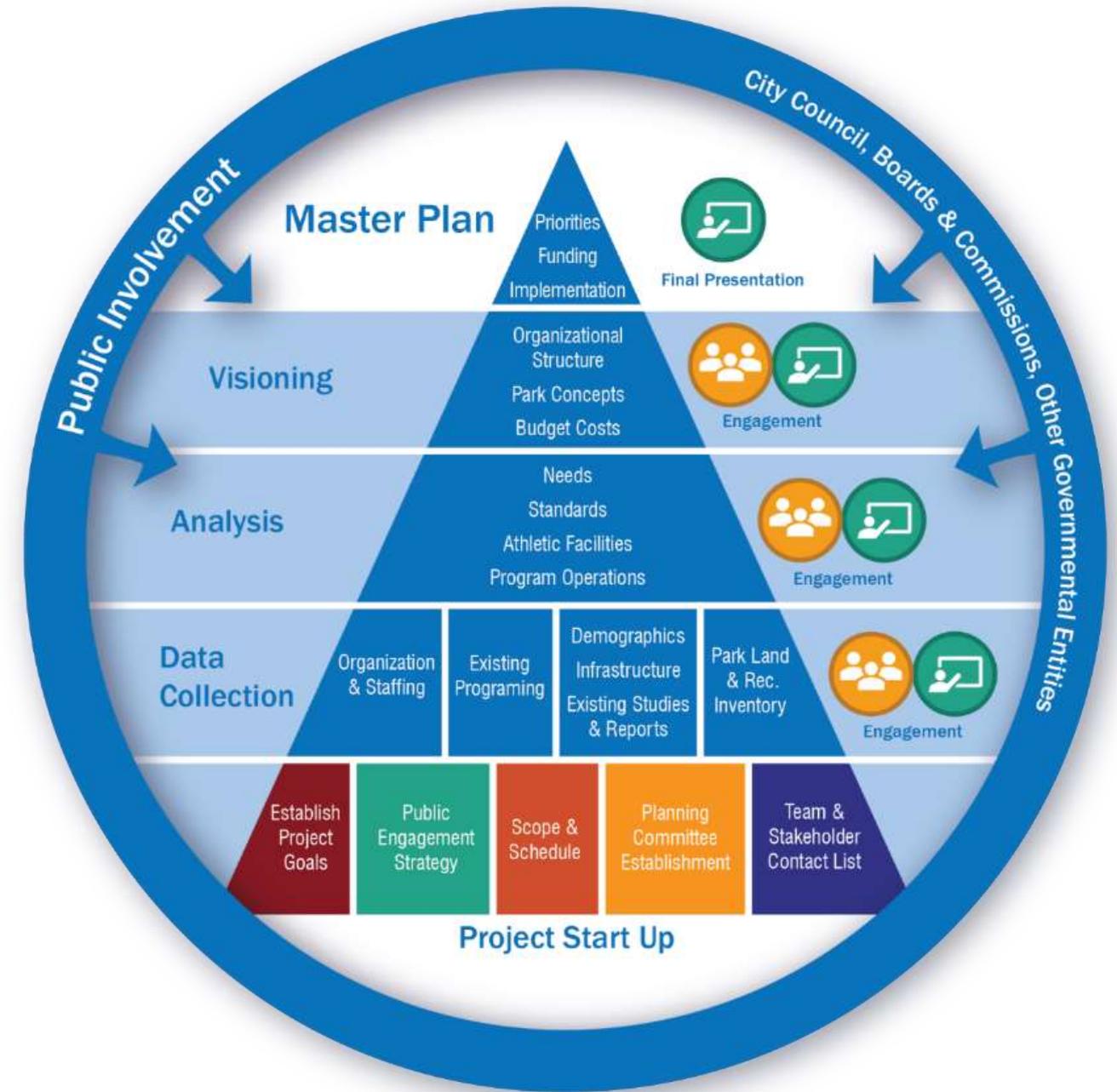
## Phase III – Visioning

- Development of Options
- Draft Recommendations & Concepts
- Public Input Session

## Phase IV – Master Plan

- Recommendations & Design Concept
- Implementations and Funding Strategies
- Public Open House

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# City of Pacific Parks



Blackburn Park

Adam's Garden

Community Park

Liberty Field Park

Jensen's Point Park

Red Cedar Inn

Great Rivers Greenway



# Data Collection - Park Assessments & Park Tour

- PDS staff & Pacific staff completed assessments for each city park
- Results from each assessment were compared to determine a final facility rating
- PDS staff recorded observations and made initial recommendations
- PDS attended a park tour with Mayor Steve Myers & City Administrator Steve Roth to review observations and suggestions

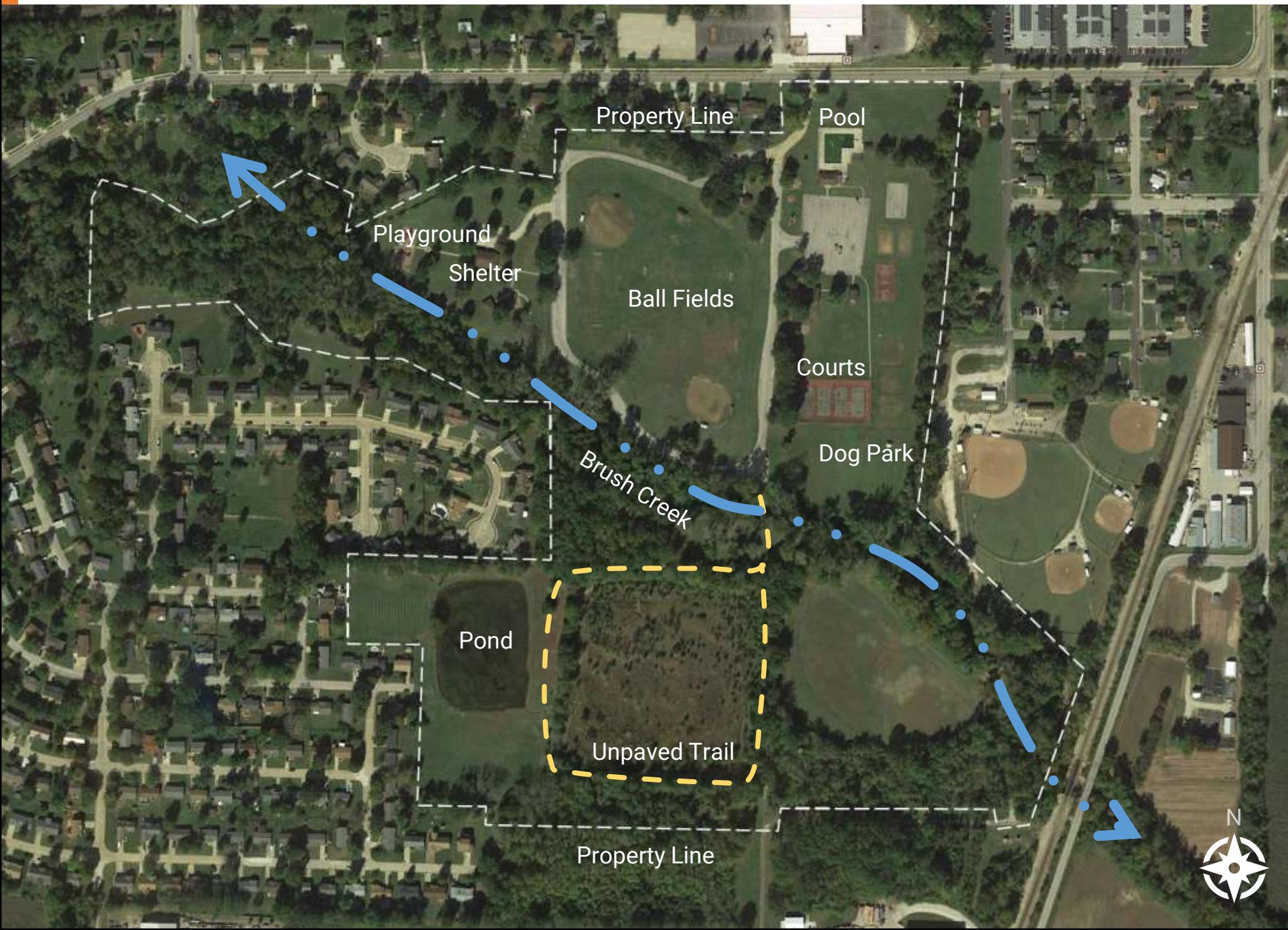
**Pacific Parks & Recreation Master Plan**  
 Liberty Fields Park  
 101 East Pacific Street  
 Park Site Condition Assessment Form  
 Date: 12/11/17 Prepared by: Dennis Wood

**Rating Guide**  
 A = New/Recent    B = Good    C = Fair (Needs Repair)    D = Poor (Needs Replacement)

	Rating	Comments
<b>Roads, Bridges and Parking Lots</b>		
Road Name _____ Length <u>110'</u> Width <u>23'</u> Material <u>Asphalt</u>	<u>A</u>	
Road Name _____ Length <u>375'</u> Width <u>152'</u> Material <u>Gravel</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Parking Lot</u>
Road Name _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____	A B C D	
Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____	A B C D	
Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____	A B C D	
Ped. Bridge _____ Length _____ Width _____ Material _____	A B C D	
# of Parking Lot Spaces <u>180</u> Material <u>Asphalt</u>	<u>A</u>	
# of Parking Lot Spaces <u>7</u> Material <u>Asphalt</u>	<u>B</u>	
# of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____	A B C D	
# of Parking Lot Spaces _____ Material _____	A B C D	
# of Road Parking Spaces _____ Material _____	A B C D	
<b>Sidewalks/Paths That Connect Parking/Pedestrian Access to Playgrounds, Shelters, Restrooms, ETC.</b>		
Length <u>183'</u> Avg. Width <u>7'</u> Material <u>Asphalt</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>To Shelter Gazebo</u>
Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____	A B C D	
Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____	A B C D	
Length _____ Avg. Width _____ Material _____	A B C D	
<b>Restrooms/Play Areas/Shelters</b>		
Restroom Name <u>Men's</u> Size <u>24' x 9'</u>	<u>D</u>	
Wall Material <u>Concrete Block</u>	A B C D	
Roof Material <u>metal</u>	A B C D	
# of Toilets <u>2</u> # of Urinals <u>2</u> # of Sinks <u>2</u>		
<u>Heated</u> (Unheated (circle one))		
<u>Public Sewer</u> (Sewer Plant / Soptic (circle one))		
Other _____		
Restroom Name <u>Women</u> Size <u>24' x 9'</u>	<u>D</u>	
Wall Material <u>Concrete Block</u>	A B C D	
Roof Material <u>metal</u>	A B C D	



# Data Collection - Community Park Assessment Summary



- Park is well maintained
- Newer Restrooms
- Popular park is frequently used
- Shelters are in good condition
- Park needs separate path along roadway for walking
- Safety surface at large playground is deteriorated
- Drainage issues on ball fields
- Courts are deteriorated
- Pool needs repairs
- Brush Creek needs invasive species removal, trash cleanup but has potential as park asset
- Better access and use of space needed for pond and unpaved trail at south

# Data Collection - Liberty Fields Assessment Summary



- Newer restroom/concession building in good condition
- Perimeter asphalt path in good condition
- Opportunity to connect to Meramec Greenway
- Perimeter path too narrow
- Park subject to flooding
- Open space to the north opportunity
- Rodeo area needs improvements to seating, parking, and pathways.
- Fields lack sufficient lighting, signage, spectator seating, handicapped accessible pathways

# Data Collection - Blackburn Park Assessment Summary



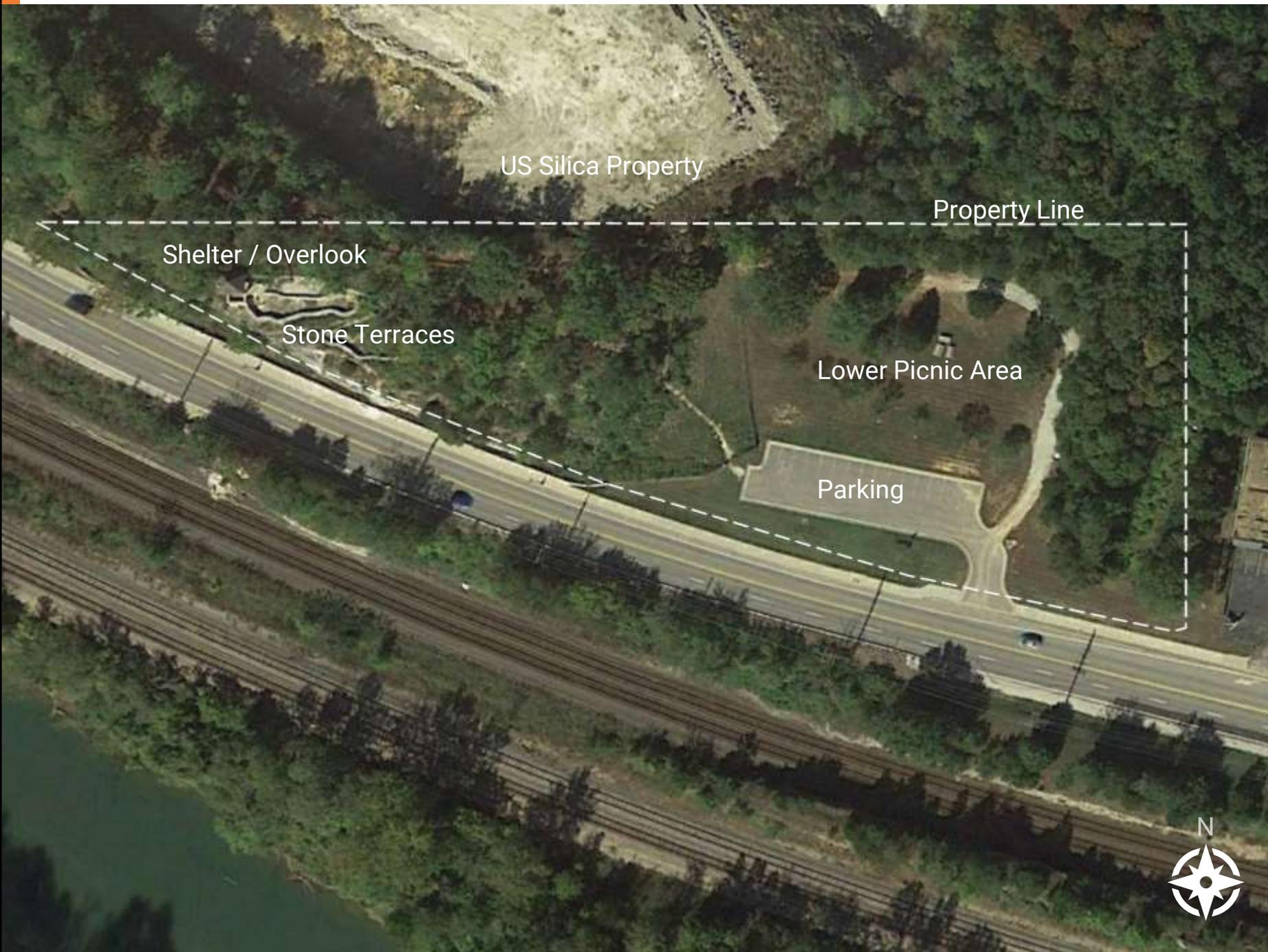
- Park offers unique overlook views of community
- Cannon plaza in good condition
- Safety fences at overlook detracts from view
- No clearly marked parking stalls
- Insufficient directional and park identification signage
- Lacks trail connection to Adam's Garden
- Limited handicapped accessibility due to steep slopes

# Data Collection - Adam's Garden Assessment Summary



- Memorial features in good condition
- Iconic rock bluff and caverns great scenic feature
- Backout parking onto main street is undesirable
- Handicapped accessible pathways needed to picnic tables
- No permanent restrooms
- Park signage not prominent
- Chain-link fence is unsightly

# Data Collection - Jensen's Point Assessment Summary



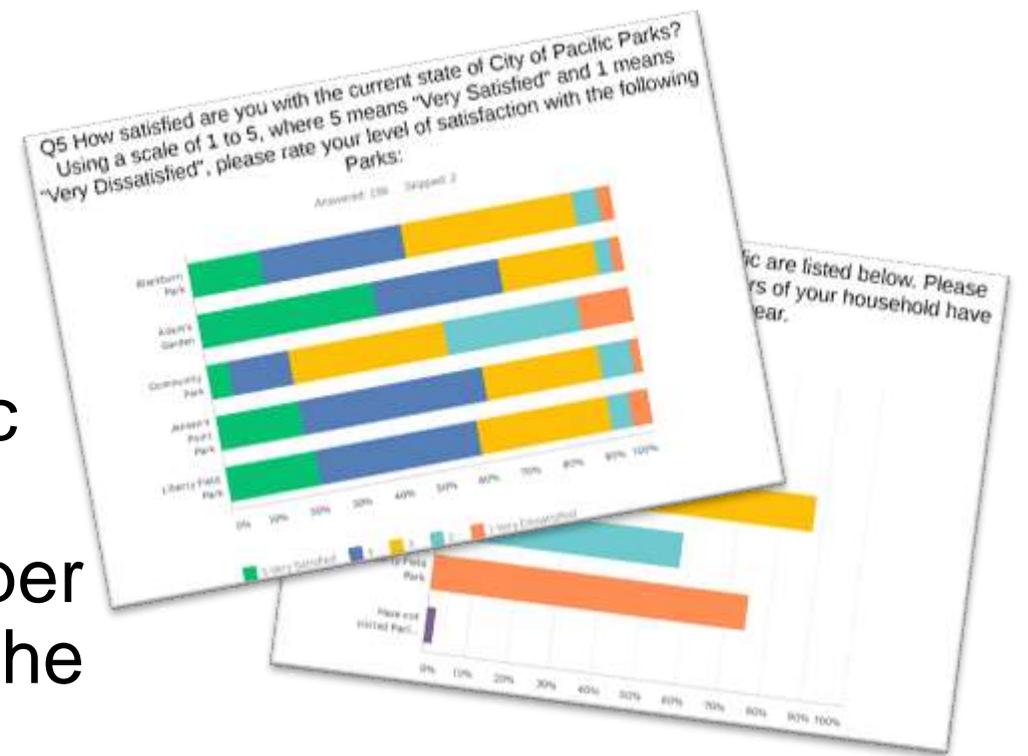
- Parking lot is in good condition
- Historic stonework is in good condition
- Graffiti in stone shelter
- No handicapped accessible route to shelter
- Lower level picnic area can be improved
- Unsightly views to US Silica area north of park
- Lacks informational signage on history of site

# Data Collection – Community Input

As part of the Data Collection process, the planning team administered an online survey and held a Public Meeting. The survey link was available on the City of Pacific website and shared through social media. Paper copies of the survey questionnaire were available at the first Public Meeting.

200+ Responses to the survey were collected from January-February 2020. A summary of the responses are included in the following slides.

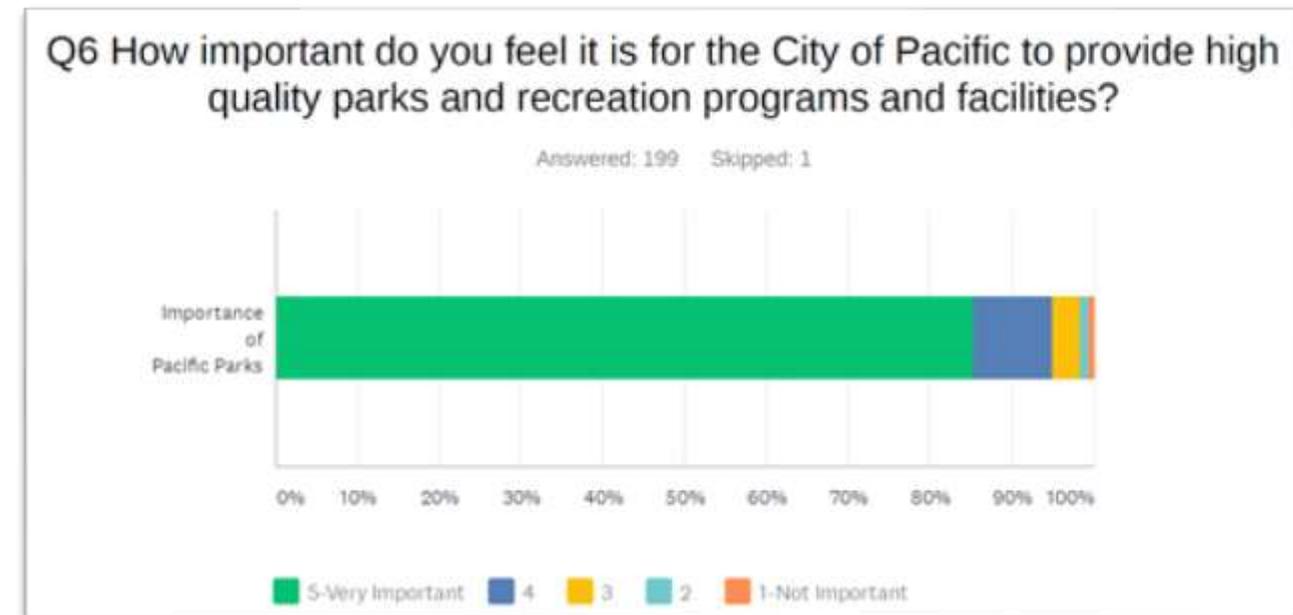
*\*A complete summary can be found in the draft Data Collection chapter.*



# Data Collection - Community Survey Results Summary

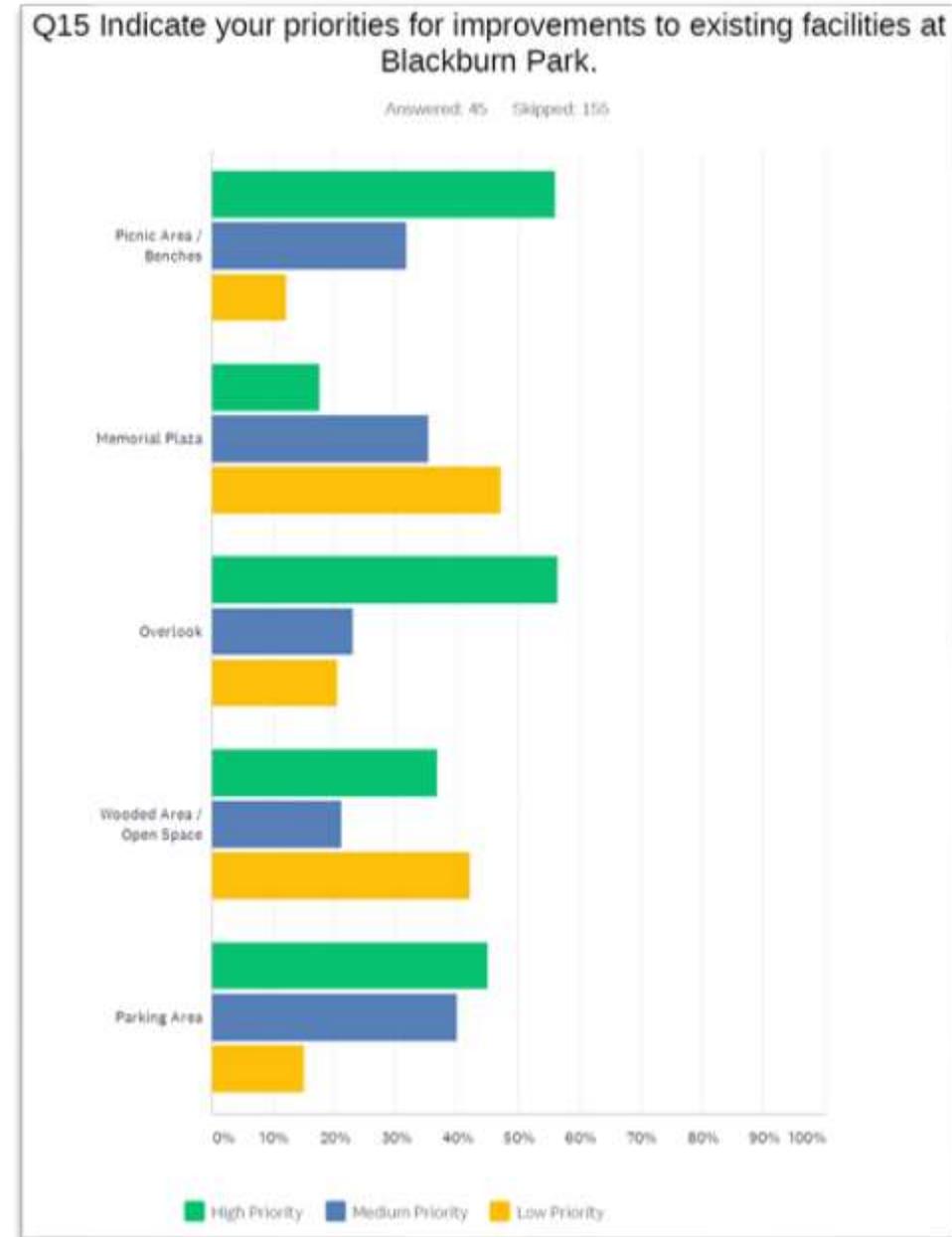
- Survey respondents are park users
  - 36% visit a few times per month
  - 30% visit a few times per week
    - *Insights: Respondents know the parks and use the facilities regularly. Their insight is significant.*
- Most visited parks
  - 1. Community Park
  - 2. Liberty Fields
  - 3. Blackburn Park
- Park Satisfaction
  - Most satisfied with Adam's Garden
  - Least satisfied with Community Park
    - *Insights: Helps to identify where priorities for improvements should be focused.*

- 85%+ of respondent believe it is *Very Important* for Pacific to provide high-quality parks and recreation programs and facilities
- 52%+ of respondents feel the parks have a high impact on their lives, property values and health.
  - *Insights: Confirms that investment in parks is a community benefit and will bring value to Pacific as a whole.*



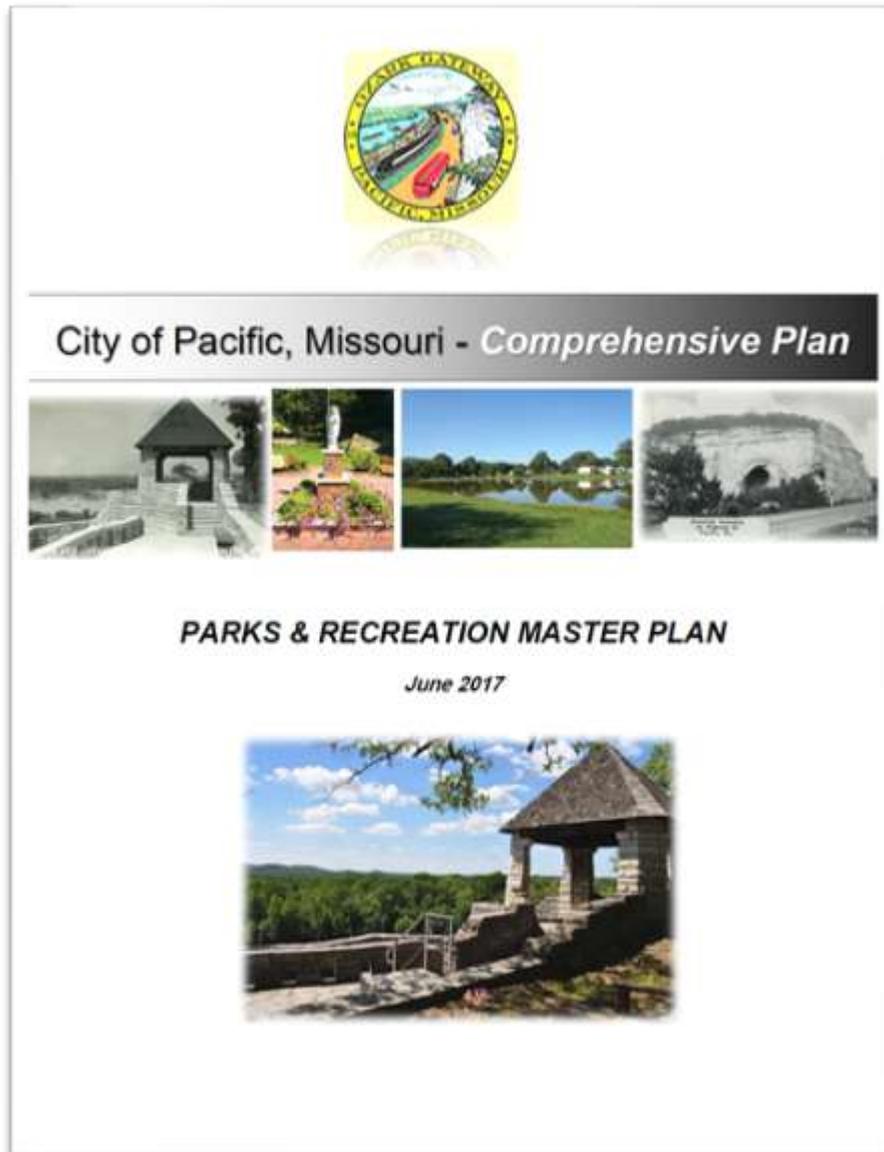
# Data Collection - Community Survey Results Summary

- Recreation Program Popularity
  - 1. Farmer's Market
  - 2. Hiking/Walking
  - 3. Environmental Education/Nature Study
  - 4. Wellness Programs
  - 5. Children & Youth Camps
  - 5. Training/Certification/Education
    - *Insights: Facilities such as trails, open natural environments, athletic fields, restrooms, pavilions, playgrounds, etc. will help to support the desired recreation activities of the community.*



# Analysis - Park Land and Recreation Program Needs

2017 Comprehensive Plan Update



In order to analyze Pacific's park land and recreation programs needs, the planning team utilized the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, completed in 2017. They expanded on the 2017 study in two ways:

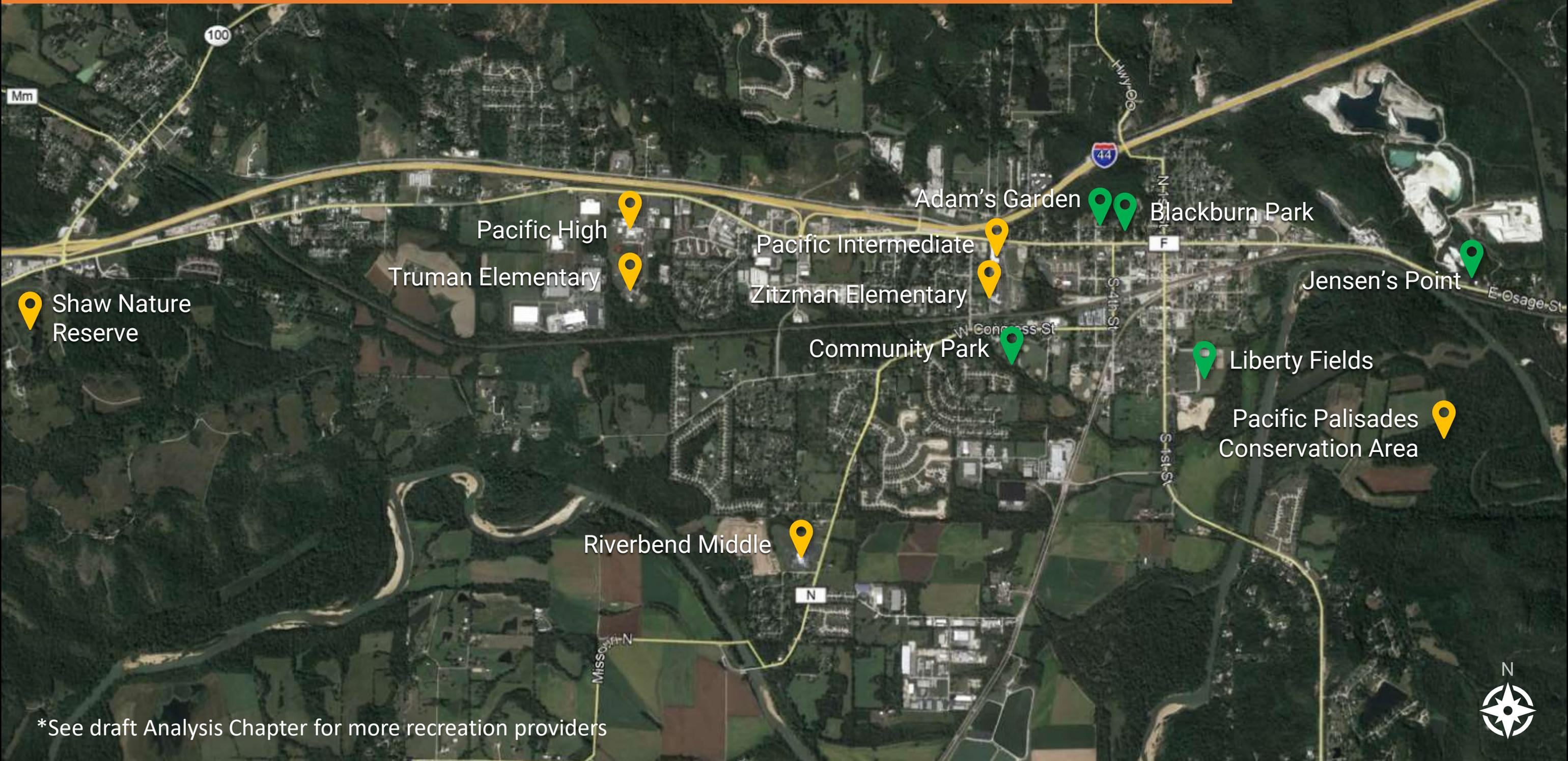
1. The analysis was updated based on the current known population - U.S. Census Bureau 2017 (7,236)
2. The analysis included programs and land not operated by the city of Pacific, but still accessible by the city's residents.

## Standards Used for Analysis:

- National Recreation and Parks Association (NPRA)
- St. Louis County Park Classifications
- St. Louis County Standards for Park Land
- St. Louis County Recreation Facilities Standards
- Missouri Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Plan (SCORP)



# City of Pacific Parks + Other Recreation Providers



\*See draft Analysis Chapter for more recreation providers

# Analysis - Park Land Needs

This analysis verifies that Pacific meets standards for acreage of park land or identifies a need for more park land.

- 3-acre surplus of Neighborhood Parks (Blackburn)
- 13-acre surplus of District Parks (Liberty Fields)
- 95-acre surplus of Metropolitan Parks (Community)
- 43-acre deficit of Regional Parks (10k+ surplus when factoring for parks not owned by Pacific)

No new park land is needed to meet current standards, however the city should consider additional park land as needs and opportunities arise.

Park Type Classification			
Park Type Classification	Acreage Range	Service Area	Park Land Need Standard
Neighborhood Park	5-15 acres	1 mile	1.5 acres / 1,000 people
District Park	16-79 acres	3 miles	2.4 acres / 1,000 people
Metropolitan Park	80-250 acres	5 miles	4 acres / 1,000 people
Regional Park	>250 acres	30 miles	6 acres / 1,000 people

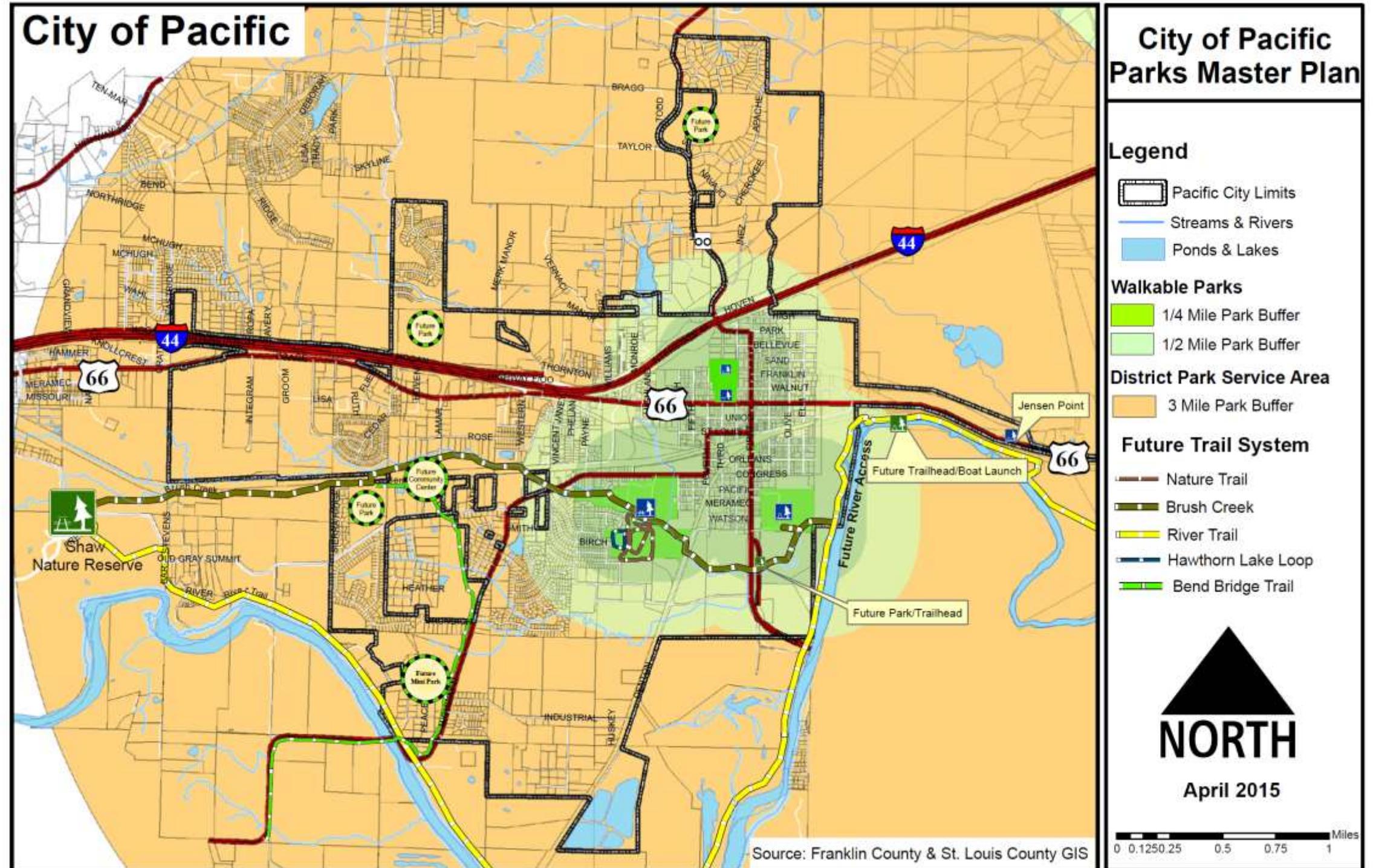


# Analysis - Park Land Distribution

This map (from the 2017 Comprehensive Plan) evaluates how evenly park land is distributed throughout the City of Pacific.

The map illustrates that the western side of the city is currently under served by the city's park system.

I-44 also acts as a barrier from the northern city residents to the city parks, which all reside south of the highway.



# Analysis - Recreation Needs

This analysis verifies that Pacific meets standards for recreation facilities or identifies a need for additional facilities.

## Recreation Needs Summary (deficiency)

- Trails: Bicycle, Paved, and Nature (5 miles)
- Pavilions (1)
- Ballfield (1)
- Sport Courts
  - Basketball (0-1)
  - Volleyball (2)
  - Multi-use (1)
- Playgrounds (1-3)
- Lake / Pond (0.5 acres)
- Amphitheater (1)

Pacific should focus on addressing the above recreation deficiencies as opportunities and needs arise.

Recreation Facility	Standard Population Based Demand <sup>1</sup>	Facility Demand <sup>2</sup>	Pacific Facility Inventory <sup>3</sup>	Other Facilities within 3-miles of Pacific	Facility Need (Pacific Facilities Only)	Facility Need (Including Facilities Owned by Others)
Park Land Acres	1 acre / 47 people	155	172	447	0	0
Multi-Purpose Trail (Paved)	1 mile / 4,446	2	0.7	0	1	1
Nature Trail (unpaved)	1 mile / 4,814	2	1	0	1	1
Bicycle Trail	1 mile / 2,624	3	0	0	3	3
Swimming Pool	1 / 6,500	1	1	0	0	0
Picnic Table	1 / 128	57	61	0	0	0
Picnic Pavilion	1 / 1,356	5	4	0	1	1
Baseball / Softball Diamond	1 / 1,545	5	2	2	3	1
Soccer Fields	1 / 3,274	2	3	1	0	0
Multi-Purpose Field	1 / 7,886	1	2	0	0	0
Football	1 / 10,000 <sup>2</sup>	1	0	1	1	0
Golf Course (9 Hole)	1 / 25,674	0	0	0	0	0
Tennis Court	1 / 2,333	3	3	0	0	0
Basketball Court	1 / 4,410	2	1	1	1	0
Volleyball Court	1 / 4,659	2	0	0	2	2
Multi-Use Court	1 / 6,073	1	0	0	1	1
Playground	1 / 1,379	5	2	2	3	1
Lakes and Ponds	1 acre / 14,000 <sup>3</sup>	1	0	0	0.5	0.5
Outdoor Amphitheater	1 / 10,000 <sup>3</sup>	1	0	0	1	1
Skate Park	1 / 50,000 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Roller Skating Rink	1 / 50,000 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Community Center	1 / 25,000 <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	0



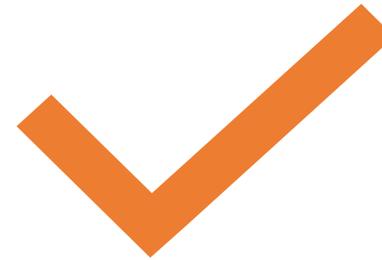
# Next Steps



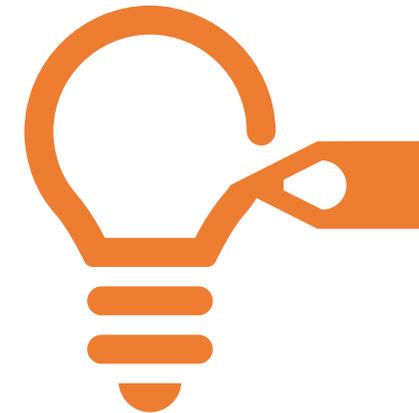
Incorporate Community Input.

**Please click link below to take survey:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pacific\\_Parks](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pacific_Parks)



Develop Initial Park  
Recommendations



Develop Park System  
Concepts



# Thank you!

Thanks for your interest in the parks master plan.

For more information or questions about the project contact:

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