

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

**August 13, 2018 at 11:30 AM**  
Winter Park Community Center  
721 West New England Avenue / Winter Park,  
Florida



- 1: Consent Agenda**
- 2: Action Items**
- 3: Discussion**
  - a. Parks Master Plan Draft**
- 4: New Business**
- 5: Staff Report**
- 6: Adjourn**

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## Agenda Item Summary

### Parks Master Plan Draft -

#### **Summary:**

#### **Background:**

##### ATTACHMENTS:

##### Description

Parks Master Plan Draft

Inventory Report Review Draft

Park Condition Assessment Report Draft

Policy Standards Report Review Draft

Programming Report Review Draft

Public Survey Report Draft

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## City of Winter Park Parks and Recreation Department



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## Master Plan Update 2018



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## Mission Statement

*To enhance the quality of life for our community by providing outstanding parks, recreation facilities, activities and services*

## Definitions, Terms and Abbreviations

Board .....	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
City .....	City of Winter Park
Commission.....	Winter Park City Commission
Comprehensive Plan .....	Winter Park Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Element
Department .....	Parks & Recreation Department
FDEP .....	FL Dept. of Environmental Protection
GIS .....	Geographic Information System
Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.....	MLK, Jr. Park
Master Plan .....	Winter Park Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan

# Executive Summary

This update of the ***City of Winter Park Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan*** (Master Plan) provides an overview of the operational and planning aspects of the department. The Master Plan format and review/update process that is proposed focuses on the following goals:

1. Identify the recreation needs of the community, and develop strategies to meet those needs
2. Meet the requirements of the ***City of Winter Park Comprehensive Plan, Recreation and Open Space Element*** (Comprehensive Plan)
3. Provide higher level of accountability and transparency by increasing the update frequency and focusing the oversight (City Commission) on critical policy decisions
4. Improve consistency, and reduce duplication of effort through concurrent preparation of budgets, annual reports, master plan updates and standard operating procedures
5. Consolidate data into one location (GIS) to improve reporting accuracy and consistency

Master Plan updates will be prepared annually and presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for review and comment. The recommendations of the Board will be presented to the City Commission as a component of the Parks and Recreation Department's budget request and annual report process.

## Data Collection & Analysis

- Inventory - The City of Winter Park owns 57 parks covering 395.5 acres. Parks fall into one of five categories based on their primary function. The data obtained from the city's GIS mapping system provided updated acreage values.
- Condition Assessment – Staff conducted field inspections and performed condition assessments on community parks, neighborhood parks and special purpose parks.
- Comprehensive Plan Consistency Review – This analysis compared current programs and practices to the 45 recreation policies contained in the Comprehensive Plan. Six policies require action to ensure compliance. The six policies flagged pertain to four issues; Master Plan updates, park condition, lake access and interconnecting parks (implementing bike trails).
- Programs - Winter Park offers a wide range of programming through the Parks and Recreation Department. By utilizing a large volunteer force and forging numerous partnerships with local businesses and organizations, the Recreation Division is able to provide high quality programs for people of all ages, abilities and interests.
- Public Input – UCF Research Foundation, Inc. conducted a public survey of 300 residents. Overall, the residents of Winter Park are very happy with the parks that are available to them. 86.5% of participants rated the quality of the parks as excellent or good while 86.1% rated the general condition of the parks as excellent or good. In terms of specific parks, the most popular are Central Park, MLK, and Phelps Park. Residents also use the parks often with over

three quarter of respondents stating they visit a park in Winter Park at least once a month. Many respondents offered ideas as to what is missing at the parks however no one idea received more than 18 supporters.

## Needs Assessment and Recommendations

Each data report includes a needs assessment that identifies any deficiencies that warrant corrective action, and resulted in the identification of seven recommended action items. Alternatives were developed and evaluated for each action item. The five-year plan includes project details and estimated costs for preferred alternatives.

1	Mead Botanical Garden	Safety - poor bridge and trail conditions
2	MLK, Jr. Park & Ward Park	High use athletic fields in poor condition
3	Lake Baldwin Park	Poor condition rating, beach policy questions
4	Recreation Standards	Some state standards not applicable to W.P.
5	Golf course	Use Designation - Maintenance building
6	Policy review/clarification	Lake Access, Connectivity, Land Acquisition
7	Ward Park – Parking	Playing fields used for vehicle parking

## Five-Year Plan

The five-year plan is composed of three elements, the Capital Improvement Plan, Planning and the Operations. The **Capital Improvement Plan** lists six projects for 2019 fiscal year with a total requested outlay of \$720,000.00. There is also the potential to begin development of the Howell Branch Ecology Trail system. This could result in additional expenditures, but they will be reimbursable under a grant agreement with FDEP. Projects proposed for the subsequent four years include significant upgrades to high use athletic fields, trail development on the Howell Branch Creek parcels and continuing the lighting upgrades at the city's athletics facilities.

The **Master Plan process** includes annual updates. The Department will bring an updated plan to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the City Commission annually. Updates will follow a five-year cycle that addresses all components of the Master Plan at least once in the process.

The **Operational Plan** does not follow a year-by-year format due the nature of the tasks involved. Each annual update will evaluate the status of the previous year's goals and will provide information on any new efforts. Projects underway or planned include:

- Developing Parks Standard Operating Procedures
- Cross training to maximize the available manpower
- Outreach & website expansion



## Section 1

### Introduction

The City of Winter Park's parks and natural lands offer a rich diversity of recreational opportunities. The range of facilities and open space includes a modern community center with fitness and educational programming, over 100 acres of wetlands and forests. Between those extremes, the city's 57 parks offer boating and swimming on the city's lakes, professionally landscaped gardens, a nationally recognized golf course and many other places to relax or play.

To ensure that future generations may continue to enjoy these community assets, Winter Park has relied on a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to identify needs and to serve as a road map for park development and management. As a means to improve the efficiency of this process, this update introduces a new Master Plan format and update schedule. In order to facilitate this change much of the content contained in previous master plans (objective data related to inventory, conditions and programming) will be generated and updated by staff. For this update, Parks and Recreation Department staff have created five reference documents (listed below) that collectively provided the data used to determine needs, develop alternative solutions and make recommendations. The full text of these reports are located on the City of Winter Park web site at [www.cityofwinterpark.org/parks](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org/parks)

*Parks & Recreation Department Inventory Report, 2018*

*Parks & Recreation Department Condition Assessment Report, 2018*

*Parks & Recreation Department Programming Report, 2018*

*Parks & Recreation Department Policy & Standards Review*

*Parks and Recreation Public Input Report, 2018*

What is retained in the Master Plan, the document that will be go through commission review and approval, is a needs assessment and a five year plan that is intended to be updated, reviewed and approved annually (concurrently with the budget development process). The purpose of these changes is to provide a planning process that improves efficiency and provides cost effective procedures by allowing rapid response to changing conditions and trends, concentrating consultant dollars on specific projects and focusing City Commission time on policy decisions rather than objective data.

## Section 2

### Data Summary

#### **2.1 Park Inventory**

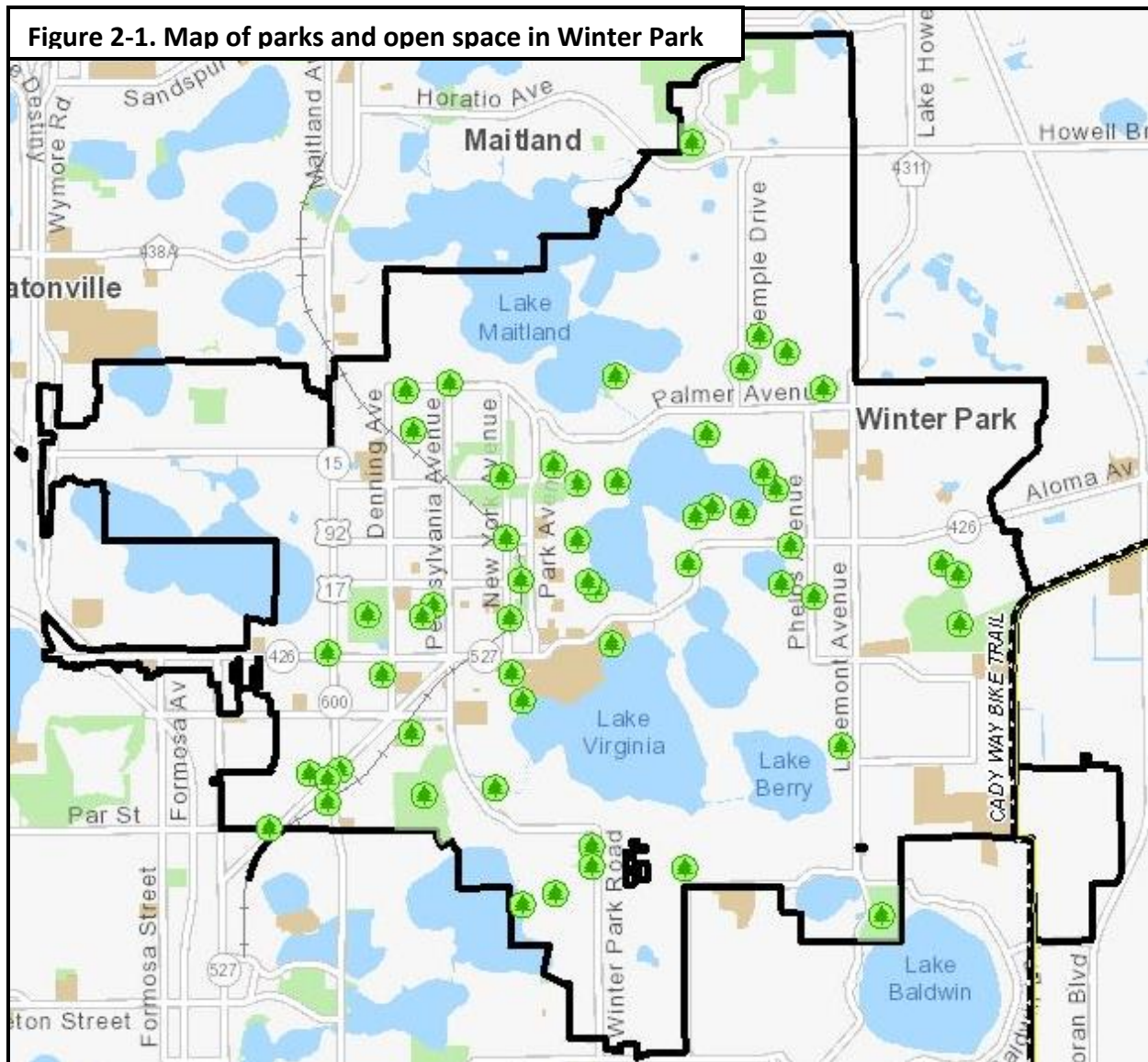
##### [Inventory Report Link](#)

The City of Winter Park owns and maintains 57 parks covering approximately 395.5 acres of land area (Figure 1). These parks are broken into five categories (Table 2-1) based on their primary functional type. Park acreage does not include:

- Lakes and other waterways except in cases where a water body lies completely within the boundaries of a managed park.
- Trails that do not lie within a named park (trail mileage is reported for all recreational trail inventory (Table 2-2).
- Cemeteries
- Other maintained lands (road shoulders & medians, building grounds and parking lots).

**Table 2-1. Summary of park and trail inventory**

Type of Park	Number	Acreage	Ac./ 1,000 res.
Community Parks	9	192.6	<b>6</b>
Neighborhood Parks	4	13.5	<b>0.4</b>
Special Purpose Parks	2	47	<b>1.5</b>
Open Space Parks	4	112	<b>3.6</b>
Mini-Parks (includes four lakes)	38	30.9	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>395.5</b>	<b>12.8</b>
Type of Trail	Number	Miles	Mi./10,000 res.
Recreational Trails	5	2.6	<b>1.0</b>
Fitness/Walking Trails (within parks)	3	1.3	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>



### 2.1.1 Park Specific Master Plans

Years one and three of each master plan cycle includes a review of previously performed master plans or studies for individual parks, listed below. Recommendation for revisiting these plans or developing plans for other parks will be included in the evaluation report.

- Mead Garden Master Plan
- Central Park Master Plan
- Ward Park
- Howell Branch Preserve
- Lake Baldwin Park Conceptual Site Plan
- Martin Luther King, Jr. (Lake Island) Park Conceptual Site Plan
- City Tree Farm Conceptual Site Plan

### 2.1.2 Action Items - Inventory

None.

## 2.2 Park Condition Assessment Summary

### [Condition Assessment Report Link](#)

Winter Park's system of Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks and Special Purpose Parks are in good condition (Table 2.1). One park, received low rating and one received a "Specific Need" designation.

**Table 2-1. Summary of park and field condition rankings**

Type of Park	Inventory	Good	Fair	Poor	Specific Need
Community Parks	9	6	1	1*	1
Neighborhood Parks	4	3	1	0	0
Special Purpose Parks	2	1	0	0	1
Cemeteries	2	1	0	0	1
Type of Field	Inventory	Good	Fair	Poor	Specific Need
Ward - Baseball Fields	10	9	1	0	0
Ward – Multi-use Fields	7	2	1	0	4
MLK, Jr. Multi-use Fields	3	0	1	0	2
MLK, Jr. – Rollins Field	1	1	0	0	0
Ward – Stadium	1	1	0	0	0

### 2.2.1 Action Items - Parks Condition

- Mead Botanical Garden – Specific need related to the condition of two bridges
- Athletic Field Condition (Ward & MLK Jr.) - Specific need related to worn turf from overuse
- Ward Park overflow parking
- Baldwin Park – Poor condition due to beach erosion and turf loss
- Golf course maintenance operations/Palm Cemetery building

## **2.3 Comprehensive Plan & Recreation Standards review**

### **[Comp Plan Review Report Link](#)**

#### **2.3.1 Comprehensive Plan review results**

Six of the 45 Comprehensive Plan policies require action based on the status of park operations or conditions (Table 4-1).

- Four involve required evaluation of specific subjects during any Master Plan update. Subsequent sections of this report address these requirements.
- One pertains to park condition. Section 2 includes condition related action items.
- The remaining policy issue relates to the requirement to provide public beach access to Lake Baldwin.

**Table 4-1. Comprehensive Plan policies requiring action or review**

Policy #	Subject	Comments
6-3.4.4	Integration of parks/bike trails	Review required
6-2.1.5	Land Acquisition	Review required
6-2.1.3	Lakefront open space	Review required
6-2.5.4	Public Input	Parks Survey required
6-3.2.1	Maintenance of existing parks	Lake Baldwin Park – beach erosion, turf damage
6-2.1.2	Beach access to Lake Baldwin	Lake Baldwin beach access is limited

#### **2.3.2 Recreation Standards Review**

Recreation standards developed by FDEP and contained in the report *OUTDOOR RECREATION IN FLORIDA - 2008, A Comprehensive Program For Meeting Florida's Outdoor Recreation Needs* were also reviewed and compared to existing inventory. The city's current program meets all but four of these population based guidelines. The four guidelines not met are not directly applicable to Winter Park's local conditions, and the only action item identified is for the development of locally specific standards to be used in future assessments.

#### **2.3.3 Action Items – Policy & Standards Review**

- Review policies below and consider modifications
  - **6-2.1.3 Lake access**
  - **6-3.4.4 park connectivity,**
  - **6-2.1.5 land acquisition**
- Develop Winter Park Specific recreation standards



## **2.4 Community Programming Summary**

### **Programming Report Link**

Winter Park offers a wide range of programming through the Parks and Recreation Department. By utilizing a large volunteer force and forging numerous partnerships with local businesses and organizations, the Recreation Division is able to provide high quality programs for people of all ages, abilities and interests. The Winter Park Community Center encompasses approximately 38,000 square feet and offers recreational opportunities for all ages. Amenities include a state-of-the-art fitness center, two regulation basketball courts, media center and banquet space that can accommodate events both large and small. In addition, the Community Center has an outdoor amphitheater overlooking Shady Park and a multipurpose pool with zero-depth entry and lap lanes. In addition to the Community Center swimming pool, the Department operates a second pool at Cady Way Park.

### **2.4.1 Summary of programs offered**

Programming for seniors - Currently there are 33 different programs aimed at seniors including fitness classes, educational activities and social activities.

Summer Camps & After School Programming – After school activities include daily after school programs for K-5 during the entire school year. Programming for teens and include fitness and educational activities.

Aquatics – Two pools (Cady Way and the Community Center) allow the Department to offer a variety of aquatic programs throughout the summer that include swim lessons, infant rescue swimming, and much more.

Athletics –The city currently runs two adult sports leagues. Men's Basketball and Men's Flag Football each have two season throughout the year. Basketball is located at the Winter Park Community Center and flag football at MLK Park. Leagues are at capacity for basketball each season and flag football program continues to grow.

New programs - The public's interest is the primary factor in determining the types of programs offered. The information presented in this Master Plan is a snapshot of current programming. As interests and recreational trends change, the programming offered by Winter Park also changes. Recently added programs designed to meet include the 8 to 80 program (in partnership with the Winter Park Health Foundation) and the Family Fun Events program.

## 2.4.2 Action Items - Programming

None

## 2.5 Public Input Summary

### [Public Survey Report Link](#)

Overall, the residents of Winter Park are very happy with the parks that are available to them. 86.5% of participants rated the quality of the parks as excellent or good while 86.1% rated the general condition of the parks as excellent or good. In terms of specific parks, the most popular are Central Park, MLK, and Phelps Park. Residents also use the parks often with over three quarter of respondents stating they visit a park in Winter Park at least once a month. Many respondents offered ideas as to what is missing at the parks however no one idea received more than 18 supporters. Thus while a handful of residents thought more events or more dog parks were needed, no one idea was cited by more than a few people. In terms of respondents' neighborhood parks, increasing the number of benches and tables and improving "overall maintenance" were the most popular suggestions for improvements. While some improvements or changes could be made, the results of the survey show that overall, residents are very pleased with the parks and they are taking advantage of what the parks have to offer.

#### **Top five parks**

Central Park  
MLK, Jr. Park  
Phelps Park  
Lake Baldwin Park  
Mead Garden

#### **Top five suggestions**

Overall maintenance  
More benches/tables  
More restrooms  
Tree planting /maintenance  
Drinking fountains

#### **Top five activities**

Walking  
Relaxing  
Playground  
Place to bring kids  
Viewing nature

## Section 3

### Alternatives Analysis & Recommendations

The needs assessment resulted in the identification of seven action items (summarized in Table 3-1). Alternatives and recommendations developed to address the needs focused on several factors including:

- Solving the problem
- Minimizing cost
- Limiting impacts on existing users
- Finding solutions that solved multiple problems.

The proposed five year Capital Improvement Plan includes project details and estimated costs for each preferred alternative presented.

**Table 3-1. Summary of identified action items**

Item #	Location/Facility	Description
1	Mead Botanical Garden	Safety - poor bridge and trail conditions
2	MLK, Jr. Park & Ward Park	High use athletic fields in poor condition
3	Lake Baldwin Park	Poor condition rating
4	Recreation Standards	Develop W.P. specific criteria
5	Golf course	Condition - Maintenance building
6	Policy Review	Lake Access, Connectivity, Lakefront Land Acquisition
7	Ward Park – Parking	Acquire additional land for parking

Some of the needs noted in the review process involve topics that generate significant interest and vigorous debate. An attempt was made to offer as many practical alternatives as possible. In cases where existing policies are not being met, options were limited to changing the conditions or changing the policy. Preferred alternatives were identified for operational needs. Options for policy related needs are presented for consideration, but no preferred alternatives are identified.

## **Action Item #1: Mead Botanical Garden**

Overall, the function and condition of Mead Botanical Garden is Good/Fair there are two safety related problems that need to be addresses. First, the two wooden bridges that are part of the garden's trail system are in poor condition. Second, erosion on some of the trails has resulted in tripping hazards in several areas. Due to the safety aspect of this item, a "no action" alternative has not been presented.

**Alternative 1** Replace the small bridge and repair the large bridge

Pros Corrects the safety concerns

Cons Not currently budgeted – estimated cost \$15,000 - \$20,000

Large bridge is old enough that it could suffer additional failure in spite of the repairs

**Alternative 2** Replace both bridges

Pros Corrects the safety concerns

Cons Not currently budgeted – estimated cost \$28,000.00.

**Preferred Alternative:** Alternative 1, replacing the northern bridge and repairing the southern bridge will solve the safety concerns and maximize the benefits of the original investment.

**Figure 3-1. Mead Botanical Garden pedestrian bridges**



## **Action Item #2: Athletic fields**

Comprehensive Plan Policy 6-2.4.3 requires that parks be well managed and well maintained. Currently, athletic fields in Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and Ward Park suffer from overuse where actual time of use exceeds industry standards. The result is that fields often have bare spots. The options for addressing this type of problem are limited and will have an impact on budget and/or field availability. The Department has adopted a new standard operating procedure involving more and longer field closures coupled with periodic re-sodding, but it has not been implemented due to advanced field rental bookings. The rental bookings run out early in the 2019 fiscal year. Costs associated with the extra sod replacement are included in the 2019 budget request.

**Alternative 1** No action alternative

Pros Maximum field availability  
No increase to budget

Cons Fields continue to be overused

**Alternative 2** Rebuild 4 high impact fields to current standards (\$120,000 per field)

Pros Increases field performance & may reduce maintenance

Cons Requires significant financial outlay  
Does not guarantee results

**Alternative 3** Alt. 2 plus install artificial turf on 2 high impact fields (\$700,000 per field)

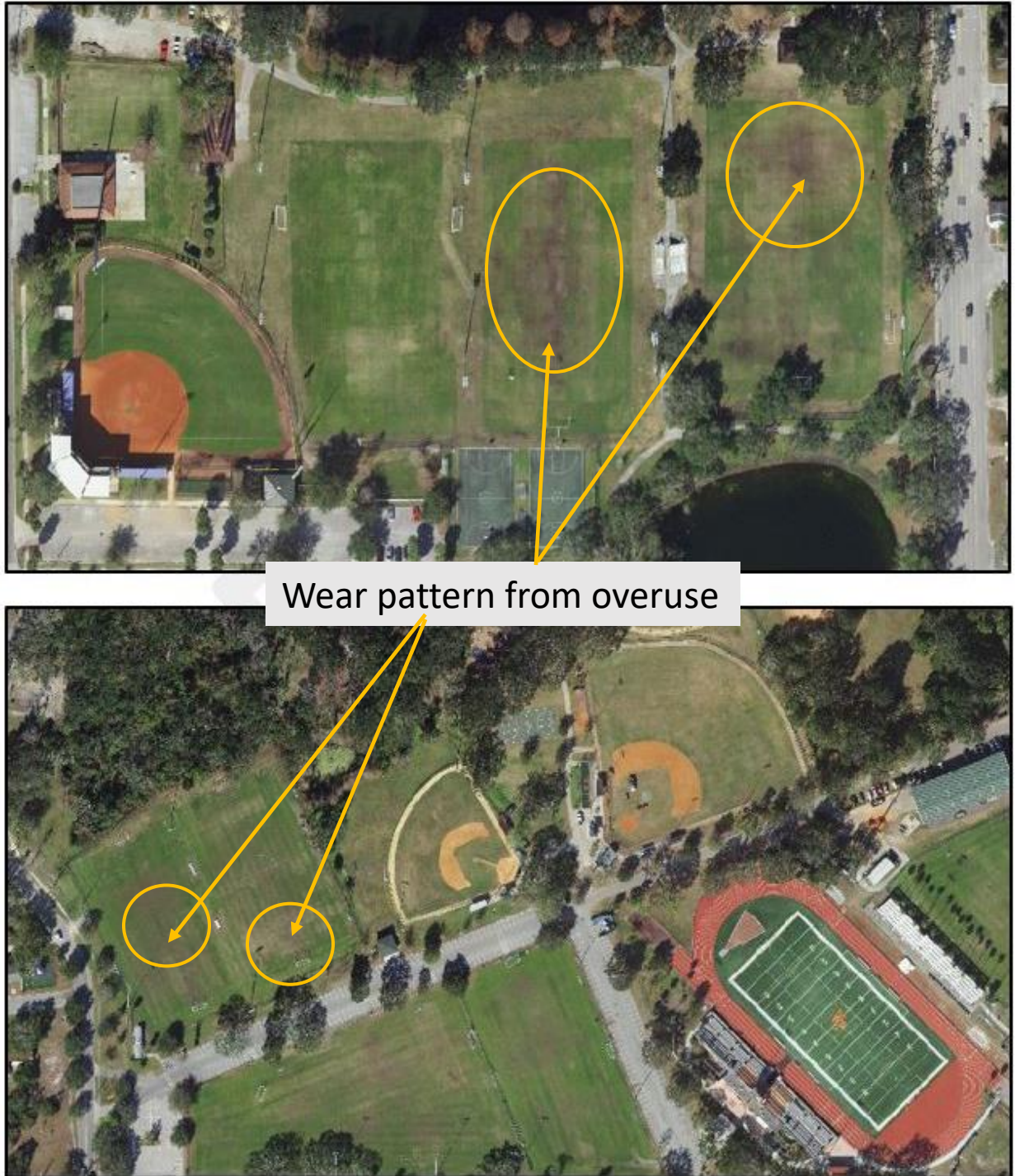
Pros Reduces maintenance  
Allows for maximum use

Cons Not preferred by many users,  
High Initial cost

**Preferred Alternative:** Alternative 3, with re-evaluation annually. Note: The recommended changes do not begin until Year 4 of the five-year CIP. One field rebuild is included in F.Y. 2022 and one in 2023. The artificial turf option is not included until the F.Y. 2024 CIP. This will allow time to observe the effects of the new field operating schedule and allow the need for this recommendation to be reevaluated before scheduled implementation.



Figure 3-2. General purpose fields at MLK, Jr. Park (above) and Ward Park



### **Action Item #3: Lake Baldwin Park – Condition & Beach access**

The park received low ratings for condition due to turf loss and beach erosion. Reviewers also were unsure of the intent of the Comprehensive Plan policy (6-2.1.2) that requires Winter Park to “maintain public beach access to Lake Baldwin”. Currently, the use of this park as an off-leash dog park significantly limits the use of this facility for aquatic recreation. Due to the elevated potential for infection by microscopic pathogens carried in dog waste, swimming is prohibited and warnings are posted regarding the elevated potential for exposure to microbial pathogens including bacteria and parasites. Clarification of the policy regarding beach access is recommended.

**Figure 3-3. Aerial photos from 2007 (left) and 2018 showing loss of turf**



**Alternative 1** No action

Pros Avoids controversy of eliminating existing use.

Cons Beach use by people remains restricted.  
Beach and sod restoration remain infeasible  
Comp plan clarification recommended

**Alternative 2** Construct separate activity zones opened on a rotational basis to allow turf time to recover. Beach and lake still accessible for dogs

Pros: Maintains existing use  
May allow beach and sod restoration in some areas

Cons: Beach use by people remains restricted  
Requires infrastructure modifications (fencing and gates)  
Comp plan clarification recommended

**Alternative 3** Restrict dogs from beach and lake and reduce off leash area

Pros Allows people to use the beach safely for recreation  
Will allow restoration of impacted turf and shoreline area  
Provides an off-leash dog area on site

Cons Likely to be controversial  
Requires infrastructure modifications (fencing and gates)

**Alternative 4** Restrict dogs from the beach and lake & eliminate all off leash activity.

Pros Allows people to use the beach safely for recreation  
Will allow restoration of impacted turf and shoreline area  
Does not require infrastructure modifications (fencing and gates)

Cons Eliminates off-leash dog areas from the city\*  
Likely to be controversial

\* An option to Alternative 4 would be to create a new off-leash dog park in another location, to mitigate the loss of this use at this park.

**Preferred Alternative:** None. This issue is primarily a policy question. The use of the beach and lake by dogs is incompatible with recreational use by people. Factors to consider include:

- The park is very popular and is heavily used year round
- There are currently no other off-leash dog parks in Winter Park
- Paddle sports (canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding) have become very popular and public access points for these activities are in high demand

## **Action Item #4: Recreation Standards**

State recommended guidelines have been used in the past to develop recommendations for City park acquisition and management. These standards do not always pertain to local operations due to site specific conditions. This can result in expensive projects that do not improve the recreational opportunities for the community. Comparison of current inventory show deficits in four categories (racquetball courts, multi-purpose fields, fishing piers and boat ramps). These deficits did not rise to the level of a need that required for the following reasons:

**Alternative 1** No action alternative

Pros None

Cons Without local standards, other, less relevant guidelines may be used

**Alternative 2** Develop Winter Park specific recreation standards

Pros Helps target resources into projects that will provide community benefits

Cons Could require a monetary outlay if the work is outsourced

**Preferred Alternative:** Alternative 2, creating recreational standards based on state guidelines and tempered by local conditions and needs, will ensure that park development funds are providing the best possible value. Standards development has been added to the Year 3 Master Plan tasks.



## **Action Item #5: Golf Course Maintenance Building**

The golf course maintenance division currently stores equipment in two locations, the western half of the existing cemetery building, and an obsolete Quonset hut near hole 6 on the golf course. The current budget (FY 2018) earmarked \$200,000.00 for the expansion of the existing cemetery building to accommodate the equipment that is now stored in the Quonset hut. During the planning process, several constraints surfaced that affect the feasibility of the project as originally planned. Review of the project details identified opportunities to solve several ongoing operational concerns in addition to creating the additional storage.

### **Constraints:**

- The project as proposed provides just enough space for current golf course operations (2,000 sq. ft. existing + 2,000 sq. ft. proposed – 4,000 sq. ft. total)
- The restrictions on the uses of the golf course property appear to prohibit the construction of additional buildings
- Expanding the existing building will adversely impact views from the cemetery

### **Ongoing maintenance concerns:**

- Cemetery, golf course and country club suffer aesthetics problems caused by the placement of refuse bins, bulk material stockpiles and fuel tanks (Figure 3-4)
- The maintenance crews for Central Park currently work out of Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and have to travel on streets with carts and lawn mowers to their work area
- Projections indicate the Palm Cemetery will reach capacity in ten years
- Creating 25% more space (1,000 sq. ft.) in the maintenance building would allow Central Park and CRA crews to house their equipment closer to their work area
- An alternate location to the cemetery would allow refuse bins, debris piles, bulk materials storage, wash down areas and fuel tanks to be relocated

### **Opportunities:**

- Current trends show that cremation is becoming more common and the ability to utilize the existing maintenance space to construct an indoor columbarium could result in \$4 million increase in future revenue for the Palm Cemetery and allow significant improvements to both cemetery and golf course aesthetics (Figure 3-5)
- The City's former Swoope Avenue water plant site is large enough to house all current and future golf course and downtown maintenance operations, house refuse bins, storage bins and fuel tanks and possibly accommodate some level of private development to offset costs (Figure 3-6)

- Alternative 1** Repair or replace the Quonset hut in its current location
- Pros
    - Provides necessary maintenance storage space
    - Does not adversely impact cemetery views
    - Can be completed with existing budget
  - Cons
    - View of golf course from the old water plant site would remain partially obstructed (could affect the value if sold)
    - Maintenance operations remain split
- Alternative 2** Utilize the old water plant site to build a new maintenance facility,
- Pros
    - Solves multiple operational needs with an existing city owned property
    - Allows expansion of Palm Cemetery
    - Accommodates all golf course, cemetery and Central Park maintenance
    - Improves cemetery and country club aesthetics
  - Cons
    - Property would remain off the tax rolls
    - May require additional funding than was originally budgeted
- Alternative 3** Find a new location to accommodate the golf course maintenance needs
- Pros
    - Could accommodate other needs depending on the location and size
    - Provides necessary maintenance storage space
  - Cons
    - Would require a cash outlay to secure the property,
    - Takes property off the tax rolls (cost offset by selling the water plant site).

**Preferred Alternative:** Alternative 2, the use of the existing City property will solve several operational problems. The site appears to be large enough to allow some private development as well as the municipal operations, which could offset costs.

**Figure 3-4. Existing building shared by Palm Cemetery and golf course maintenance.**



**Figure 3-5. Palm Cemetery with columbarium replacing the golf course maintenance shop.**



**Figure 3-6. Conceptual layout of the former water plant site.**



## **Action Items #6: Policy Review**

- **Lake Access/Use Designation**
- **Integrating Park System and Bicycle Trails**
- **Acquiring Lakefront Property**

These three action items have similarities and overlapping components that warrant discussing them together. All three are complex in nature and involve multiples departments. The existing policies governing their implementation are qualitative and general. Developing specific criteria and identifying funding sources and priorities increases the likelihood of successful implementation of programs related to these policies. This effort will require coordination between a number of City departments, and oversight will involve multiple advisory boards as listed below.

### **Staff level coordination**

Administration  
Communication  
GIS  
Parks & Recreation  
Planning & Zoning  
Public Works

### **Oversight - Advisory**

Transportation  
Parks and Recreation  
Planning and Zoning  
CRA

### **Oversight - Policy Approval**

City Commission

### **Alternative 1** No action

- Pros Does not require Comprehensive Plan changes
- Cons Does not improve the efficacy of affected programs

### **Alternative 2** Address each policy individually

- Pros Verifies the policy intent - through affirmation of current language or through revision.  
Potential improvements to the programs covered by these policies
- Cons Multiple evaluations and reviews could be required  
Could require Comprehensive Plan revisions

### **Alternative 3** Address these three policies together

- Pros Verifies the policy intent (through affirmation of current language or through revision.  
Potential improvements to the programs covered by these policies  
Requires only one process
- Cons Could require Comprehensive Plan revisions



### **Options for implementation of Alternatives 2 and 3**

**Option 1:** Direct Staff to develop draft policy language solicit recommendations from relevant advisory board(s) and bring the results to the Commission for final disposition.

**Option 2:** Conduct a workshop for each policy and direct staff to use the resulting input to draft policy language to present to the Commission. This will maximize input from staff, advisory boards and the public (improves transparency).

**Preferred Alternative:** Alternative 3, with the option to conduct a workshop. Looking at the potential evolution of the Parks and Recreation Department's program in a holistic approach allows Winter Park to meet changing needs efficiently, avoid missing opportunities and prevent unintended adverse impacts. The goal of this process is to improve the efficacy of these three policies by taking their overlapping goals and concerns into account in each individual policy. While this report does not recommend policy, there are considerations listed in the Policy and Standards Review that may facilitate the workshop discussion.

### **Action Item #7: Increase Available Parking at Ward Park**

Ward Park general use fields B and C accommodate overflow parking during large events. This use exacerbates existing condition problems related to turf wear. There are limited alternatives for on-site parking expansion.

#### **Alternative 1** No action

Pros Requires no capital outlay

Cons Field condition problems will continue and intensive maintenance will be required, offsetting the cost savings

#### **Alternative 2** Purchase property near Ward Park to alleviate the parking deficiency

Pros Increases the ability to maintain the turf on the athletic fields

Potential improvements to safety and convenience related to parking

Cons Requires capital outlay

**Preferred Alternative:** Alternative 2, Investigate the feasibility of acquiring property near Ward Park. Two properties identified in an earlier study and discussed in Section 7 (317 Perth Lane, 1.31 acres and 100 St. Andrews Boulevard 1.35 acres) are near Ward Park. This item is not contained in the proposed five year capital improvement plan budget. A property search and evaluation is proposed in Year 2 (F.Y. 2020) of the upcoming Master Plan cycle.

## Section 4

### Five Year Plan

Winter Park recently completed a visioning process that described the future city that residents wish to create, and a series of goals and strategies to make that vision a reality. Many of the goals developed through this effort have a direct bearing on parks and recreation in Winter Park. Concepts important to the vision helped guide the development of this Master Plan update and included:

Stewardship of the city's tree canopy and lakes  
Mobility and connectivity  
Sustainability and diversity  
State-of-the-art management practices

#### 4.1 Capital Improvement Plan

Current year capital projects includes \$1,910,000 (1,570,000 CIP + 320,000 General Maintenance) in project costs. Since the original budget approval, the scope and/or schedules for some of the projects changed. The status of the 2018 capital projects is provided below

- **Golf course maintenance building** – delayed due to golf course deed limitations and the potential for moving the location to address other
- **Dinky dock renovation** - moved to F.Y. 2019
- **Central Park Restrooms** - moved to F.Y. 2021
- **Complete Azalea Lane** – Under way. Project expanded to include building improvements
- **Field lighting** – Under way
- **Parks and Recreation Master Plan** – Under way
- **Phelps Park Playground replacement** – moved to F.Y. 2020

Costs associated with implementation of recommendations outlined in Section 3, are included in the 2019, capital improvement budget request (Table 4-1). Each year the list will roll forward after review, reprioritization and new project development.

**Table 4-1. Five year plan Capital Improvement Plan budget**

<b>Fiscal Year 2019</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Complete Azalea Lane	City CIP	\$100,000.00
Dinky dock renovation	City CIP	\$200,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$125,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$75,000.00
Golf course maintenance building	City CIP	\$200,000.00
Mead Garden bridge replacements	City CIP	\$20,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>\$720,000.00</b>
Howell Branch Ecology Trail	FDEP	\$1,000,000.00
Pineywood cremation garden	Perpetual Care Fund	\$150,000.00
<b>F.Y. Total</b>	<b>All sources</b>	<b>\$1,870,000.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2020</b>		
Sand Volleyball courts	City CIP	\$50,000.00
Phelps Park playground	City CIP	\$170,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$125,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$75,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>\$420,000.00</b>
Howell Branch Ecology Trail	FDEP	\$1,000,000.00
<b>F.Y. Total</b>	<b>All sources</b>	<b>\$1,420,000.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2021</b>		
Central Park restrooms/maintenance building	City CIP	\$250,000.00
Pavilions at Ward & Phelps	City CIP	\$134,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$125,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$75,000.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>\$584,000.00</b>
Palm Cemetery columbarium	Perpetual Care Fund	\$500,000.00
<b>F.Y. Total</b>	<b>All sources</b>	<b>\$1,084,000.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2022</b>		
Lighting	City CIP	\$125,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$75,000.00
Athletic field rebuild (1)	City CIP	\$120,000.00
<b>F.Y. Total</b>	<b>All sources</b>	<b>\$320,000.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2023</b>		
Lake Baldwin Park	City CIP	\$350,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$125,000.00
Lighting	City CIP	\$75,000.00
Athletic field rebuild (1)	City CIP	\$120,000.00
<b>F.Y. Total</b>	<b>All sources</b>	<b>\$670,000.00</b>
<b>Total City Funds</b>		<b>\$2,714,000.00</b>
<b>Total Plan Cost</b>		<b>\$5,364,000.00</b>

## 4.2 Planning (5 year cycle)

Annual updates of the Master Plan will ensure that Winter Park is adequately addressing the recreational needs of the community. The proposed frequency of updates varies by task as detailed in the schedule below. All components will be updated at least once during each cycle.

### Annual or Ongoing

- Update Inventory, Public Input & Programming Reports
- Needs Assessment
- Fee Schedule Review
- Update Five Year Plan
- Evaluate need for public input based on upcoming projects or policy revisions.
- Grant activity summary
- Board Review & Commission Approval

### Year 1 (FY 2019)

- Develop Public Input Process (first cycle only)\*
- Review/prioritize individual park master plans & schedule for upcoming years
- Mini-Park, Trails and Open Space Parks condition assessments

### Year 2 (FY 2020)

- Community, Neighborhood and Special Purpose Parks assessments
- Develop recreation standards
- Report on status of individual park master plans

### Year 3 (FY 2021)

- Report on status of individual park master plans
- Mini-Park, Trails and Open Space Parks assessments
- Report on status of individual park master plans

### Year 4 (FY 2022)

- Community, Neighborhood and Special Purpose Parks assessments
- Update on operational improvements – Field SOP's
- Report on status of individual park master plans

### Year 5 (FY 2023)

- Comprehensive Plan & Recreation Standards Review
- Report on status of individual park master plans

## 4.3 Operations Plan

Departmental operations include many tasks that do not lend themselves to a year-by-year plan. Recurring tasks such as mowing and preventative maintenance do not vary from year to year while tasks driven by environmental conditions and changing public such as facility repairs or programming need to be responsive to changing conditions. In addition to routine or recurring tasks and events, New Initiatives the Parks and Recreation Department will be focusing on the following areas over the next five years.

### 4.3.1 Improving Efficiency and Responsiveness

Several projects are underway that are intended to enhance the operational efficiency of the department and improve the flow of information to residents and park visitors.

- **Parks Standard Operating Procedures** – The Winter Park Personnel Policy provide general framework for operations. There are specific issues that every department and division has to manage that go beyond the guidance of the personnel policy. The SOP's being developed will clarify operational procedures for critical departmental responsibilities
- **Manpower Cross Training** – Currently the Parks Maintenance Division and the Landscape Division are conducting a cross training program to improve flexibility in task assignments and to make sure that urgent problems can be addressed quickly regardless of the staff that is on duty. If the program evaluation is positive, the department will expand the program to other areas of parks operations. The entire program should be in place by fiscal year 2020.
- **Outreach & Website updates** – The Parks and Recreation Department has recently updated portions of the Department's website to reflect current conditions and operations related to community programming and the Winter Park golf course.

### 4.3.2 New Programs & Initiatives

**Family Fun Program** - Winter Park's Parks & Recreation Department has launched the new Family Fun Event Program that focuses on promoting a series of events to encourage healthy families and fun recreational activities at various parks throughout the city. These events will be located throughout out city's parks that will bring awareness to the "not so known" parks and creating an environment that is unplugged and family driven. There will be 2-3 events every month at different park locations throughout the city to draw attention to our great programming and beautiful amenities.

**8 to 80** – This permanent addition to the City's programming element of the Master Plan is a partnership with the Winter Park Health Foundation to develop an intergenerational activity program at Ward Park to promote healthy lifestyle habits for people of all ages. The project, dubbed 8 to 80, will include facilities that will support activities like pickleball, volleyball, shuffleboard and croquet. The planned connection of this area of the park to the Cady Way

recreational trail creates connections to other communities and significantly increases the range of activities available. Winter Park will match the WPHF grant funds other grant funds and in-kind staff resources.

**Natural Places** - The City's involvement in natural lands management has been ongoing for 20 years, but has primarily been behind the scenes. That has changed with the acquisition of lands along Howell Creek near the northern boundary of the city, and the increased efforts in restoring natural habitats in Mead Botanical Garden and in Ward Park. Like native vegetation, ornamental plants can provide important ecological functions including shelter for wildlife, food for many species of bird and butterfly and raising ecological awareness. Tying all of these components together is Winter Park's renowned tree canopy. Our Urban Forestry section has the responsibility of protecting the city's tree and keeping it healthy, diverse and beautiful. Ecologically, trees provide homes and food for many native species and provide connections between natural land for migratory animals such as birds and butterflies.

To showcase the City's environmental management programs, a new web page is being developed to augment the Parks and Recreation Department's website. The new page will offer links to information on the City's abundant natural resources and ongoing management efforts.

- Wetland restoration projects
- Flora and Fauna lists and identification guides
- Tree selection guide for homeowners
- Lists of seasonal plantings - What is in bloom?
- Helpful horticultural tips for urban gardeners

Depending on available manpower and public interest, a series of guided tours may be added so residents may learn firsthand from local experts. Topics of the tours will include a variety of plant and wildlife identification tours but could be expanded to include cultural topics.

The working title of the collaborative effort is "See the Natural Winter Park, from Styled to Wild" and the web based material is scheduled to be in place by September, 2018.



### 4.3.3 Connecting neighborhoods, cities and countries

Corridors and connections come in many forms. Natural features such as rivers and lakes, connect neighborhoods and cities. Human interests have always been cosmopolitan but advances in technology have resulted in personal connections that are truly global in nature. The steady progress that has been made preserving and enhancing the City's natural resources has resulted in a framework that will allow the concepts discussed below to become reality.

**Blueways** - Howell Branch Creek and the associated Winter Park Chain of Lakes are the most dominant geographical features visible on any map or aerial photo of the city. A tributary of the St Johns River, the creek is a natural corridor that runs the length of the city from south to north. Most of the length of this waterway is accessible to boaters (power and paddle) and future, planned improvements, such as the Stirling Avenue bridge replacement and the Howell Branch canoe trail, will help expand that accessibility.

**Greenways** - Along the creek's course lie several natural areas that provide wildlife habitat. Future efforts to improve the area as a wildlife corridor might include land acquisition or participation in back yard habitat programs.

**Cyber-connections** – Connectivity extends beyond physical links. The City of Winter Park has developed a reputation around the globe as birding destination due to the high use of Mead Botanical Garden as a stopover for migratory birds moving to and from their wintering grounds. This word-of-mouth (or keyboard) generated interest was created almost entirely by interest groups. Using technology to expand the City's outreach efforts can facilitate connections that can raise awareness and appreciation of the area's natural resources. Some of the opportunities available to accomplish this goal include:

- Developing partnerships with eco-based organizations to help attract desirable tourism that creates economic activity for the community.
- Using GIS and web based information to create virtual trails where signs are not desired or feasible.
- Promoting feedback and creating a mechanism for residents to convey their comments

## Section 5

### Funding Opportunities & Partnerships

The Primary funding mechanism for the City of Winter Park Parks and Recreation Department is property tax revenue. The FY 2017 budget was \$6.675 million. The department does create revenue, primarily through event venue rentals, and has a cost recovery of 37% (\$2.5 million). Other sources of funding are important for the development of park properties and program offerings. A summary of partnerships and funding sources is provided below.

#### 5.1 Partnerships

The Department provides many services and facilities at no cost to the users including park access, special events, and maintenance of greenspace and streetscapes. Funding for these services represents one half of the Department's budget (\$3.3 million).

Other activities such as after school and summer programming are offered at very low costs. Partnerships help to defray the significant costs associated with making these programs successful. Winter Park is fortunate to have many community minded partners that make it possible to provide such rich diversity of programming. Much of the help received is in the form of in-kind services making it difficult to put a monetary value on the assistance they offer. Collectively, the time, materials, funding and other services that these partners bring to the table is priceless, regardless of the actual monetary value. This year's programming efforts involved 36 partnerships. The full list of the and can be found in the ***City of Winter Park Parks & Recreation Department Programming Report, 2018***.

- Seniors program partners - 29
- After School program partners - 7
- Golf Course Partnerships - 2
  - Rollins College: Title Sponsor
  - Hoar Construction: Corporate Sponsor



## 5.2 Revenue

The use of rental buildings and purchase of cemetery spaces are market based. All of these pricing levels generally bring the cost recovery levels of a typical department to a national average of 27 percent of the expenditure budgets, according to NRPA. Winter Park total cost recovery for Fiscal Year 2017 was 37 percent.

The Winter Park Cemeteries division is funded by property tax revenues, but revenues from the sale of cemetery spaces goes into a perpetual care fund to maintain the cemetery well into the future.

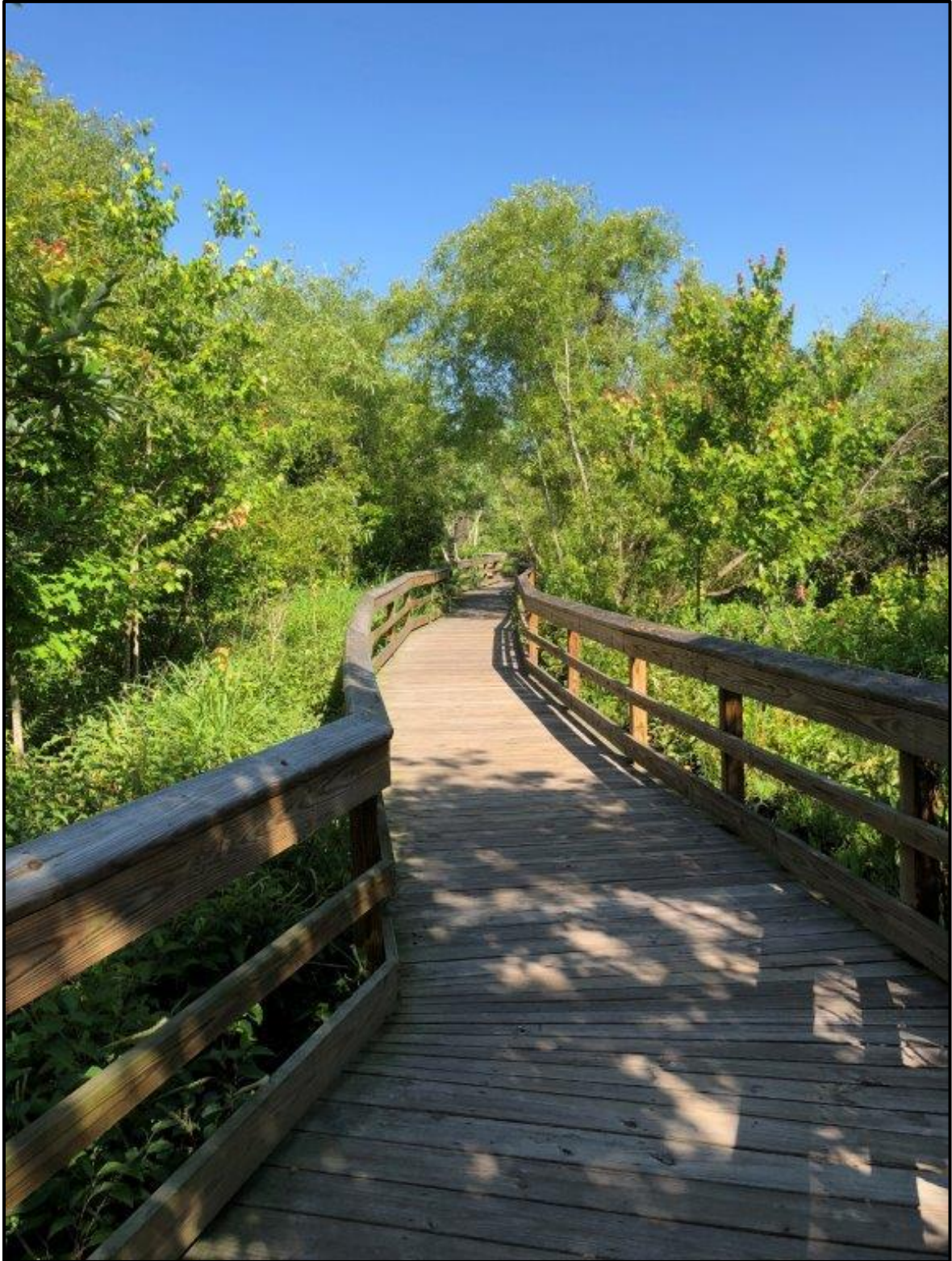
All new residential buildings in Winter Park contribute to the Parks Acquisition Fund to purchase new property to meet comprehensive plan requirements. These funds can only be used to acquire and develop new property.

## 5.3 Grants and Donations

Grants are utilized to enhance and acquire new properties as well as fund new programs. These include grants from the Florida Recreation Development and Assistance Program and the Florida Department of Transportation among many others.

- Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Kaboom!
- Community Foundation of Central Florida
- Healthy Central Florida
- Florida Youth Sympathy
- National Recreation and Parks Association
- United States Tennis Association
- Winter Park Health Foundation
- Winderweeple Haines Ward Woodman PA

The City has been successful in securing a wide variety of grants and while no specific recommendation has been identified, the inclusion of a grant activity summary in each year's Master Plan update has been added to the five year plan cycle.





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## Definitions, Terms and Abbreviations

**Community Parks:** a community park is a drive-to park typically 20 acres in size that serves a population within a three mile radius. It is designed to serve the needs of several neighborhoods. A community park offers a variety of recreational activities including community center programming, ball fields and courts, fitness trails, playgrounds, and picnic areas. An aquatic center may be a suitable component depending on the neighborhood. As for parking, adequate off-street parking is advisable. Community parks serve as a gathering place for area residents.

**Neighborhood Parks:** Parks less than five acres in size, that serve a population within a one mile radius and can be reached by walking or biking fall into the category of neighborhood parks. A neighborhood park should be accessible without crossing heavy traffic. It is desirable to locate this type of park adjacent to an elementary school because they serve the same population, share compatible land uses, and contain complimentary recreation facilities. Neighborhood parks typically include playground, picnic, small ball court facilities, and a small multipurpose field and may support both passive and active uses.

**Special Purpose Parks:** provide specific amenities for a limited number of recreational activities. The City of Winter Park has two special purpose parks: the Winter Park Tennis Center and the Winter Park Golf Course.

**Open Space Parks:** Generally a minimum of one acre in size, open space parks provide resource-based recreation such as nature trails and serve a population within a half mile radius. The City of Winter Park further defines open space as nature preserve, conservation land and/or undeveloped recreational land.

**Mini-Parks:** Mini-Parks contain benches, fountains, or other street furniture, and provide opportunities for passive recreation. Mini-parks function similar to neighborhood parks, but often have less active uses and are far smaller in size.

**Trails:** Trails are linear facilities that serve two primary purposes, recreation and fitness. Recreation trails often referred to a bike trails or ped/bike trails typically provide a connection between points (park to park, city to city, etc.). Recreation trails may also serve as transportation facilities in some areas. Fitness trails provide safe, convenient venues for aerobic exercise. Fitness trails are often loops within existing parks to allow walkers or joggers to travel any distance they choose.

# Section 1

## Introduction and Summary

### 1.1 Data Collection

Information from the City of Winter Park Geographic Information System (GIS). The mapping system database contains information on city properties, utilities, transportation features and numerous other features. To date, park related features the system contains:

- Parks (differentiated by type)
- Parks Department maintained properties
- City owned properties
- Water bodies
- Athletic field lighting facilities
- Commemorative benches
- Ped/Bike trails, lanes and road share facilities

### 1.2 Inventory Summary

The City of Winter Park owns 57 parks covering approximately 392 acres of land area. These parks are broken into six categories (listed below) based on their primary functional type. Park acreage does not include lakes and other waterways except in cases where a water body lies completely within the boundaries of a managed park. Four such properties (Lake Chelton, Lake Knowles, Lake Midget, and Lake Wilbar) are included in this inventory.

**Table 1-1. Summary of park types and acreages**

Type of Park	Number	Acreage	ac./1000 residents
Community Parks	9	192.6	6
Neighborhood Parks	4	13.5	0.4
Special Purpose Parks	2	47.0	1.5
Open Space Parks	4	112.0	3.6
Mini-Parks (includes four lakes)	38	30.9	1
Total	57	395.5	12.8

### 1.3 Needs Assessment

No specific needs were identified related to park inventory.

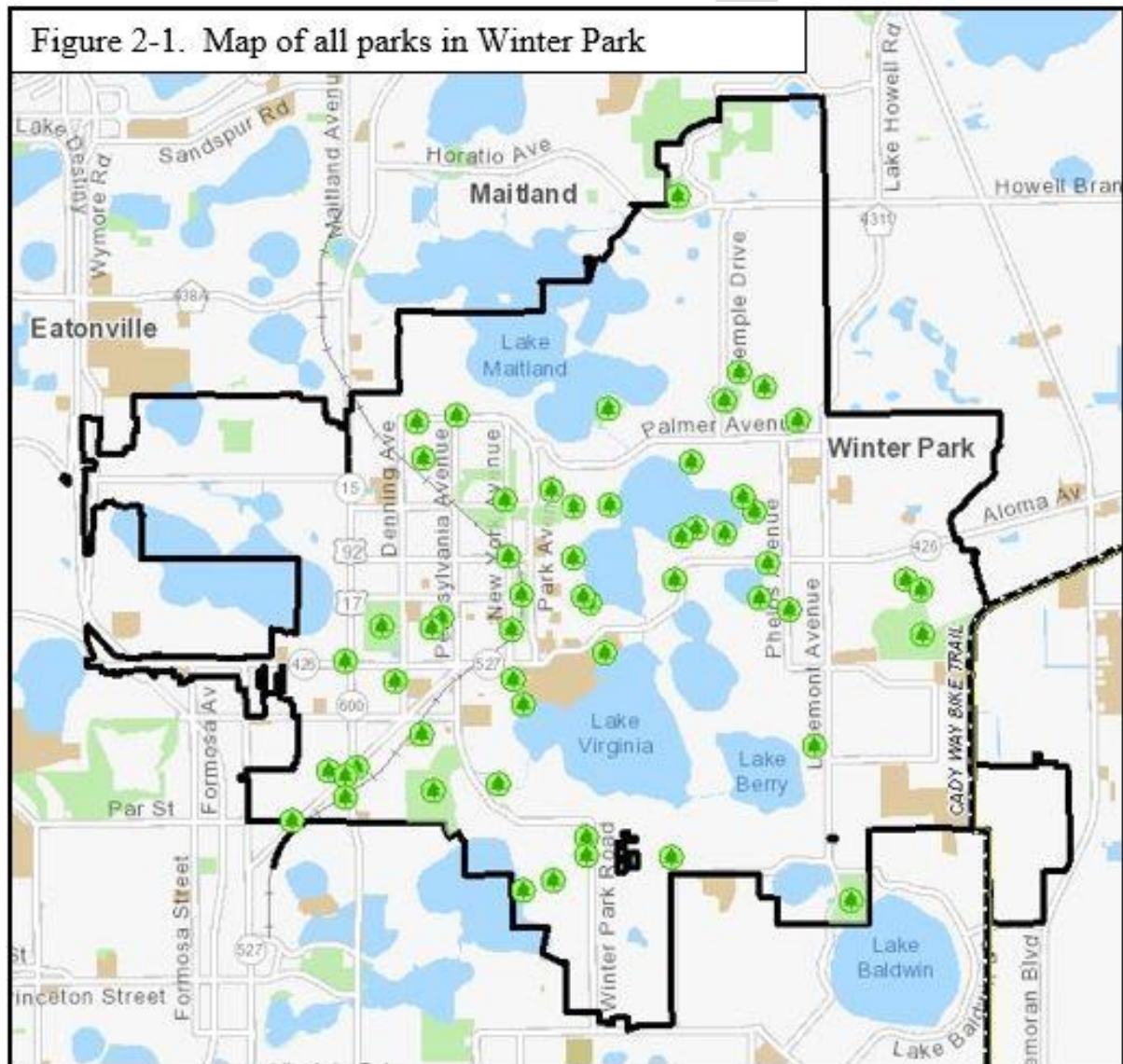


## Section 2

### Park Inventory

#### 2.1 Park System Summary

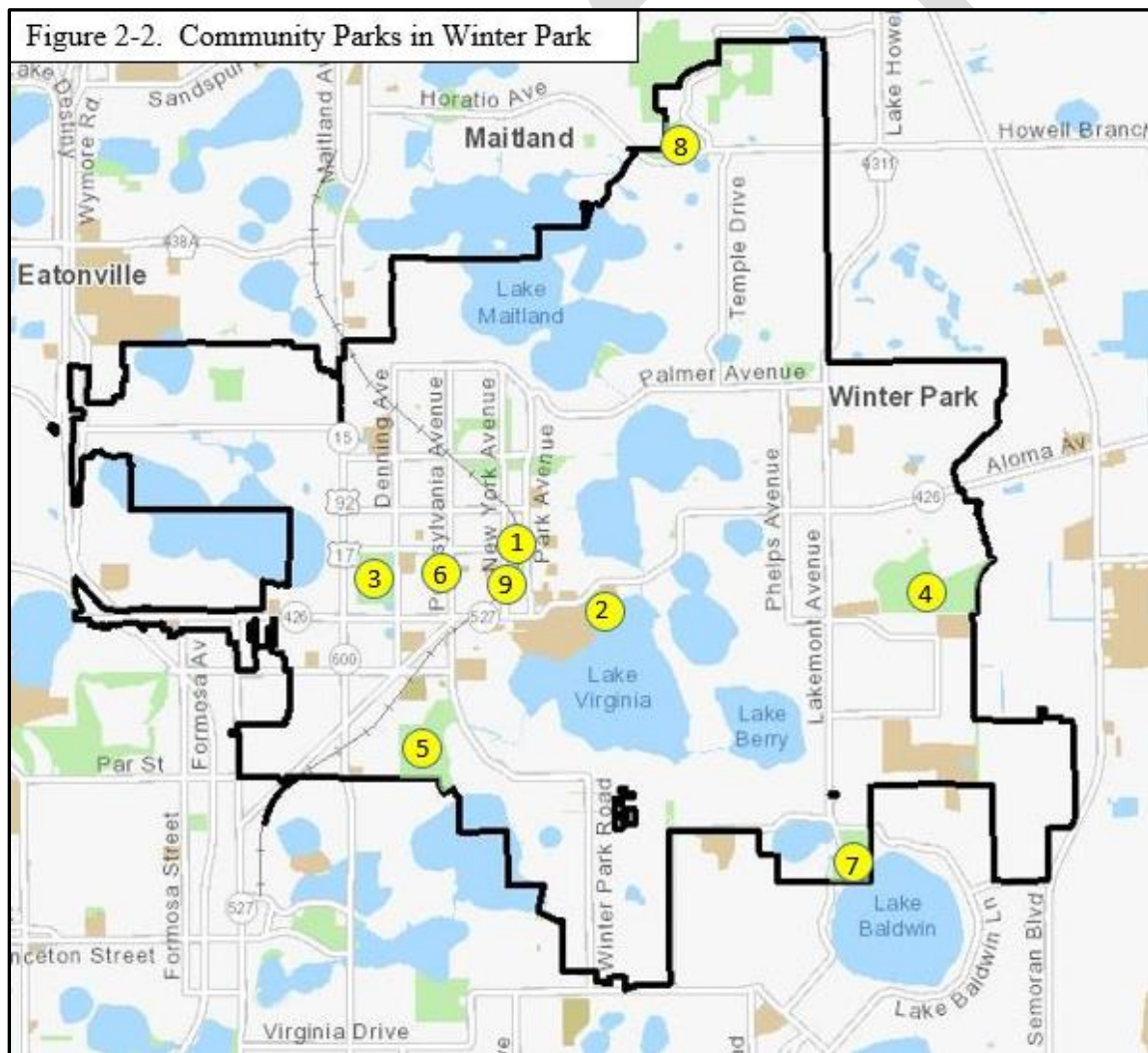
The City of Winter Park owns 57 parks covering approximately 392 acres of land area (see Figure 1.). These parks are broken into five categories (listed below) based on their primary functional type.



## 2.2 Community Parks

Winter Park currently maintains nine community parks that cover 192.6 acres (see Figure 2-2).

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|--|----------|
| 1. Central Park (including West Meadow)      | 8.0 ac.  |
| 2. Dinky Dock                                | 1.6 ac.  |
| 3. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park          | 28 ac.   |
| 4. George Morgan Ward Memorial/Cady Way Park | 67 ac.   |
| 5. Mead Botanical Garden                     | 48 ac.   |
| 6. Community Center/Shady Park Complex       | 4.7 ac.  |
| 7. Lake Baldwin Park                         | 24 ac.   |
| 8. Howell Branch Preserve                    | 10.7 ac. |
| 9. Winter Park Farmer's Market Property      | 0.9 ac.  |

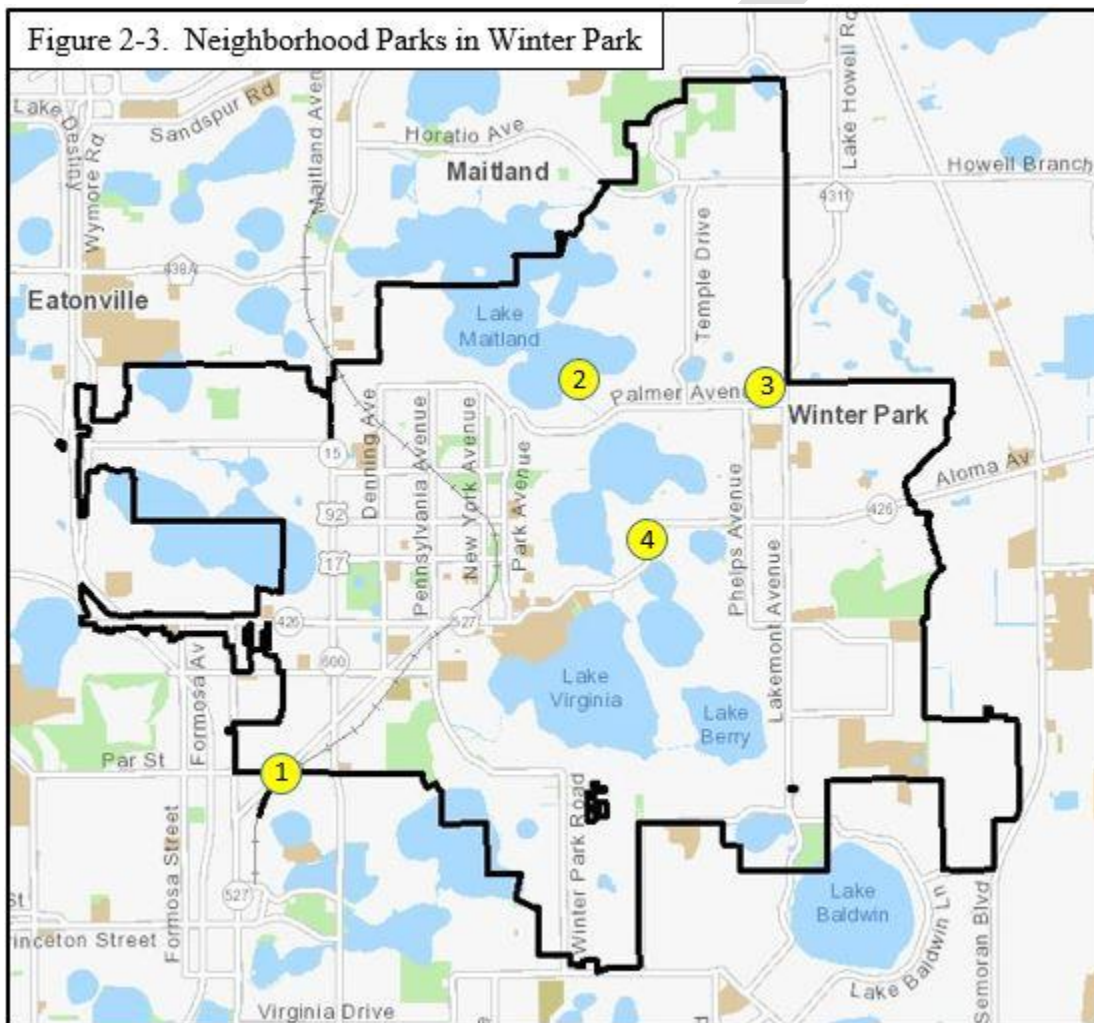




## 2.3 Neighborhood Parks

Winter Park currently maintains four neighborhood parks that cover 13.5 acres (see Figure 2-3).

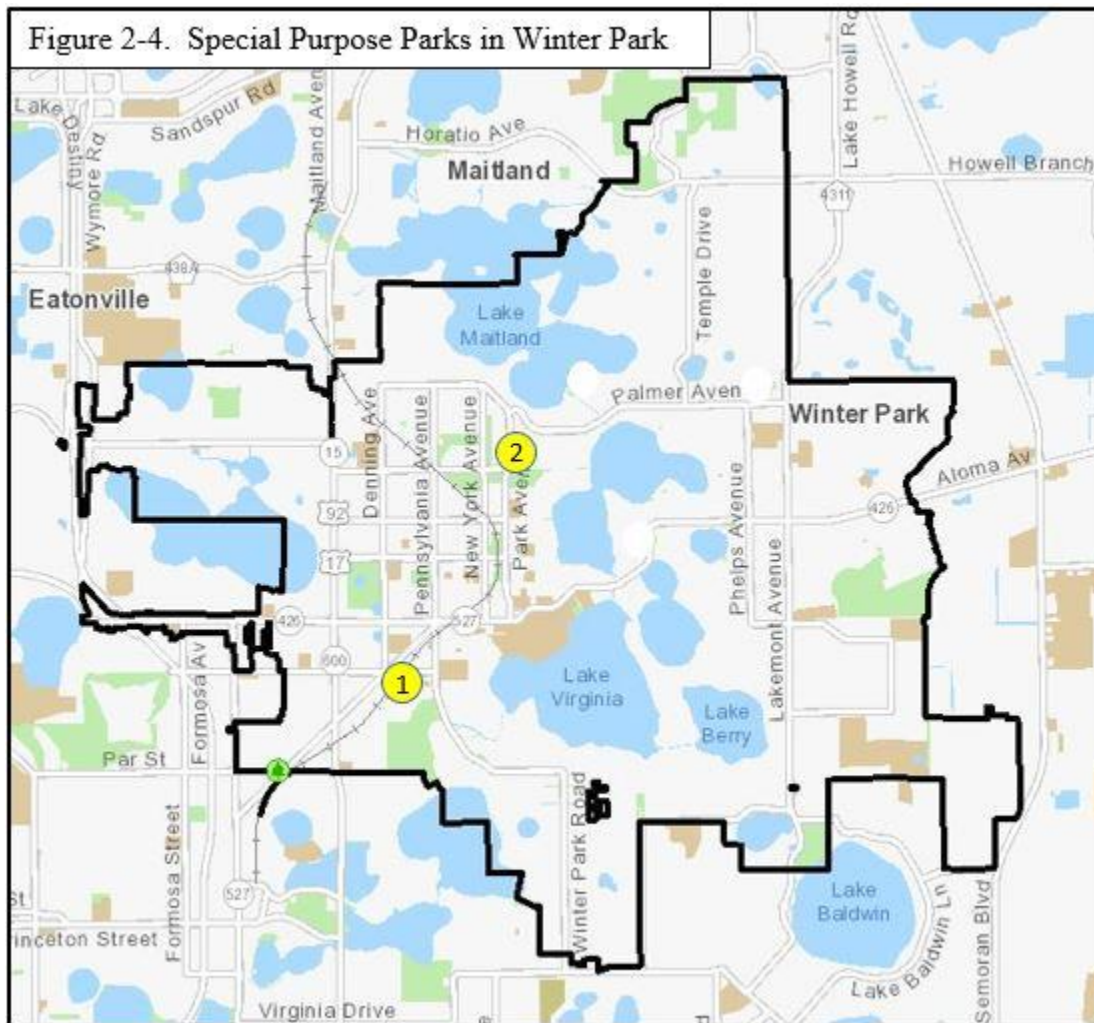
1. Orwin Manor Park 0.9 ac.
2. Kraft Azalea Garden 5.2 ac.
3. Phelps Park 6 ac.
4. Trismen Park 1.4 ac.



## 2.4 Special Purpose Parks

Winter Park currently maintains two special purpose parks that cover 47 acres (see Figure 3.).

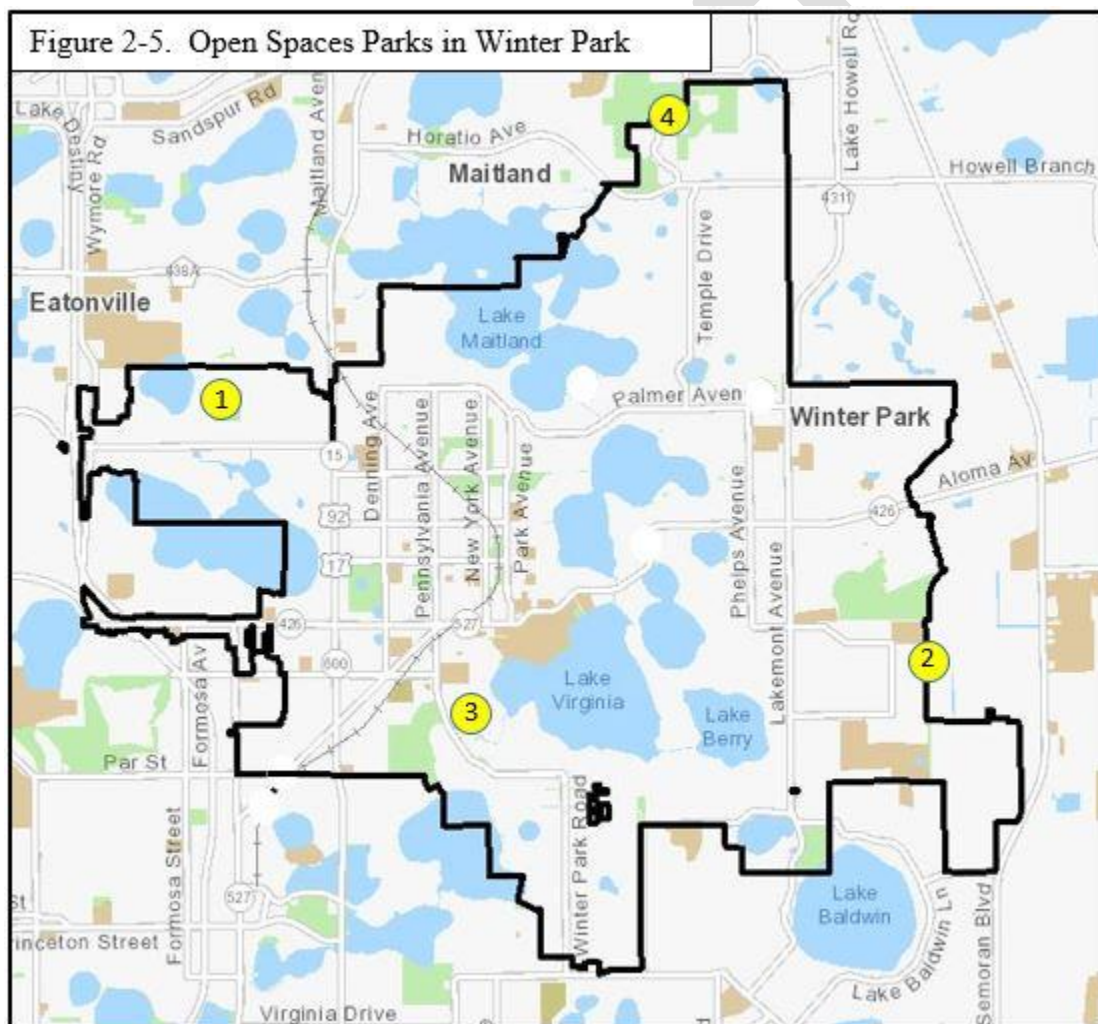
1. Winter Park Golf Course 40.8 ac.
2. Tennis Center 6.2 ac.



## 2.5 Open Space Parks

With the recent acquisition of 55.6 acres along Howell Branch Creek, the total acreage of Winter Park's open space parks now exceeds 100 acres. Collectively, these properties provide residents with tree canopy, wildlife habitat, lake frontage and creek access.

- |                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Tree Farm-Northwest Open Space | 14.2 ac. |
| 2. Cady Way Trail Space           | 3.7 ac.  |
| 3. Pennsylvania Avenue Creek Lot  | 0.82 ac. |
| 4. Howell Creek Basin Lots        | 85.9 ac  |



## 2.6 Mini-Parks

Winter Park owns 38 Mini-Parks that cover a total of 30.9 acres. The nature of these parks varies considerably ranging from small green spaces within road rights of way to parcels surrounding entire lakes or ponds. Collectively, these min-parks provide a natural break from the urban landscape and many of them add significant recreational opportunity to the surrounding neighborhood.

Alberta Drive \*  
Lake Midget \*  
Golfview  
Kings Way  
Laughlin  
Reading Way  
Alberta/Courtland  
Cavendish/Harmon  
Tyrel Lane  
Bonita Drive  
Fawcett Road  
Hooper Park  
Lakefront

Hamilton Place  
Lake Knowles\*  
Loch Lomond/St. Andrews  
Smiley  
Alexander Place \*  
Worthington Court  
Chelton Circle \*  
Harland Park  
Grove  
Lakeview  
Canton/Interlachen  
Via Bella  
Jay Blanchard

Canton/New York  
Morse  
Sunset/Chestnut  
Alfred J. Hanna  
Fairbanks/Orlando  
Harris Circle\*  
Lake Wilbar\*  
Orange/Harmon  
General Rees/Glenridge  
Pulsifer  
Lansbury/Maiden  
Place/Interlachen

\*Indicates waterfront property

## 2.7 Trails

Most trails are located within existing parks. Only trail acreage that lies outside of a park boundary counts toward the overall park area. The trails themselves are broken into two categories, recreation trails and fitness trails.

### 2.7.1 Recreation Trails

Pedestrian and bicycle trails within Winter Park help to connect the city with neighboring communities. The trail miles listed below are facilities or segments that are within the Winter Park city limits.

- Cady Way Trail – 1.1 miles in Winter Park connects Orange County, Seminole County and Orlando
- Mead Garden – 0.3 miles in Winter Park connects Orange County and Orlando
- Lake Baldwin- 0.4 miles in Winter Park connects Orlando, Orange County, Seminole County
- Denning Drive - 0.5 miles
- Blake Avenue - 0.3 miles

### 2.7.2 Fitness Trails

These trails are walking/exercise loops that are wholly contained within a city park. Linear distances shown are for a single traverse of the loop and any connector spurs.

- Howell Branch Preserve – 0.8 miles
- Ward Park – 0.3 miles
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Park – 0.2 miles

## 2.8 Other Maintained Properties

The City of Winter Park Parks and Recreation Department also maintains an additional 56.3 acres of right-of-way, medians, and other properties that provide general open space but do not contribute to the City's overall level-of-service for parks.

### 2.8.1 Cemeteries

The City owns and operates two cemeteries Palm Cemetery (14.2 acres) and Pineywood Cemetery (10 acres). Cemetery acreage is not currently counted in the park acreages total. Under current conditions and operational policy, both facilities are projected to reach capacity in approximately 10 years. With funereal trends moving toward more cremations, an opportunity exists to convert remaining space to columbarium or cremation garden facilities that will increase capacity and revenues.

### 2.8.2 City Buildings, Rights of Way & Roadway Related Properties

The Department maintains approximately 31.8 acres of non-park open space within the city. These sites are not counted in the park acreage total.

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|-------------------------|------------|
| • Parking lots          | 2.5 acres  |
| • Road rights-of-way    | 11.2 acres |
| • City building grounds | 14.0 acres |
| • Traffic islands       | 4.1 acres  |

## 2.9 Park Specific Master Plans

Previously performed master plans or studies for individual parks are listed below. Year 1 of this master plan cycle includes a review of the status of these plans and assessment of the need for additional studies.

- Mead Garden Master Plan
- Central Park Master Plan
- Brookshire Relocation/Cady Way Community Center Study
- Ward Park/Showalter Field/Brookshire Elementary Facility Sharing Plan
- Villa View Park Site Design
- Howell Branch Preserve
- Lake Baldwin Park Conceptual Site Plan
- Martin Luther King, Jr. (Lake Island) Park Conceptual Site Plan
- City Tree Farm Conceptual Site Plan

## Section 3

### Needs Assessment

#### 3.1 Needs Related to Inventory

The following needs were identified during the evaluation of park related properties.

1. Develop columbarium and cremation garden options for Palm Cemetery and cremation garden options for Pineywood Cemetery
2. Review status of individual park master plans

#### 3.2 Action Items

Due to overlap in identified needs, action items related to cemetery capacity addressed in the 2018 *City of Winter Parks & Recreation Department Condition Assessment Report*.



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# Section 1

## Introduction and Summary

The City of Winter Park performs regular maintenance and repairs on all parks. Even with regular attention, there is a functional lifespan associated with most park features from infrastructure like buildings, sidewalks and playground equipment to natural elements like turf and landscaping. In addition to the natural degradation of infrastructure that occurs over time, parks or park features can become outdated and functionally obsolete. City staff inspected 15 parks and assigned a condition status based on the criteria below.

- **Good** – meets all its intended uses and is not in need of repairs or significant maintenance.
- **Fair** – meets all of their intended uses but may have features that are in need of maintenance or are approaching the end of their functional lifespan
- **Poor** – does not meet one or more of its intended uses and/or needs extensive repairs (any park with safety concerns).

**Table 1-1. Summary of park condition rankings by type**

Type of Park	# in Inventory	Good	Fair	Poor	Specific Need
Community Parks	9	6	1	1*	1
Neighborhood Parks	4	3	1	0	0
Special Purpose Parks	2	1	0	0	1

\*Lake Baldwin Park

**Table 1-2. Summary of athletic field condition rankings**

Type of Field – Inventory	# in Inventory	Good	Fair	Poor	Specific Need
Ward - Baseball Fields	10	9	1	0	0
Ward – Multi-use Fields	7	2	1	0	4
MLK, Jr. Multi-use Fields	3	0	1	0	2
MLK, Jr. – Rollins Field	1	1	0	0	0
Ward – Stadium	1	0	1	0	0

## **Condition related needs**

One park (Lake Baldwin Park) received “Fair/Poor” condition rating. The rating was due to erosion of the beach area and the loss of turf in the upland activity areas. Both issue are related to heavy use of the off-leash dog areas.

Several parks received acceptable overall condition ratings but had specific features or amenities that are in need of work. A separate condition rating of “Specific Need” was created to document these items. Two pedestrian bridges at Mead Botanical Garden and 4 athletic fields received “Specific Need” designation.

### **Condition Action Items**

- Lake Baldwin Park – Condition of the beach and upland areas are poor due to heavy off-leash dog activity

### **Specific Need Action Items**

- Mead Botanical Garden – Safety related specific need poor condition of two wooden bridges and trail erosion problems
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Park &
- Ward Park Fields

## Section 2

### Rating Methods

Under the proposed Master Plan cycle, park condition assessments will be done twice during each five year cycle. The current fiscal year is considered Year 0 (zero) and serves as a transition into the new reporting procedures. Inspections performed for this update follow the proposed schedule for Years 2 & 4. The schedule below outlines the timing of future condition assessments.

Years 1 and 3: Mini-parks, Open Space Parks

Years 2 and 4: Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks & Special Purpose Parks

Athletic fields are in high demand in Winter Park, which can result in overuse. An individual field may be in need of significant work even while the park in which the field is located receives a high rating. Performing separate evaluations of these facilities ensures that any condition problems receive appropriate attention. Field evaluations will be performed on the same schedule as the parks in which they are contained. Current field inventory is contained within two community parks (Ward/Cady Way and MLK, Jr.), and will be inspected during years 2 and 4 of the Master Plan cycle.

### 2.1 Rating System

Parks evaluations consist of two components, function assessment and condition assessment. The overall rating is the average of the component scores. Park inspections took place during daylight hours on a weekday in May or June of 2018. Each inspector used the guidelines below (and included on the inspection form) to develop the condition rating for each park.

#### 2.1.1.1 Function Assessment Guidelines

Function refers to features that allow visitors to utilize the park for its intended purpose.

Factors affecting function rating are:

- Parking, traffic flow – adequate spaces, ease of getting in and out of the lot
- Accessibility & Safety – crosswalks are safe, access for disabled visitors
- Special features related to its intended use (list in comments) - boat ramps where lake access is intended, exercise equipment on fitness trails, etc. – are there enough to handle the number of users, are they in the correct location for convenient use.

Score 4-5: GOOD - Park meets all its intended uses

Score 2-3: FAIR - Minor shortfalls in no more than two features Example: Available parking always at capacity, long waits for equipment or facilities

Score 0-1: POOR - Does not meet one or more of its intended uses, minor shortfalls in more than two intended uses, or does not receive use.

### **2.1.2 Maintenance Assessment Guidelines**

Maintenance level refers to the general upkeep of the facilities such as litter control and landscaping and the condition of the parks features and amenities (boat ramp, playground equipment, fences, parking surface, buildings, etc). Items to inspect and consider in determining the rating are:

- Vegetation - Turf, plant/flower beds and trees
- Hardscape features – Parking areas, sidewalks, pavers
- Facilities – Benches, fountains sculptures, buildings

Score 4 – 5: GOOD - All components of the park are in good condition and properly maintained

Score 2 – 3: FAIR - Minor work needed on no more than two components

Score 0 – 1: POOR - Any safety issue such as dead trees, broken equipment, tripping hazards which might pose a danger to visitors, or major repairs needed on any component (describe in comments)

### **21.3 Overall Condition Score**

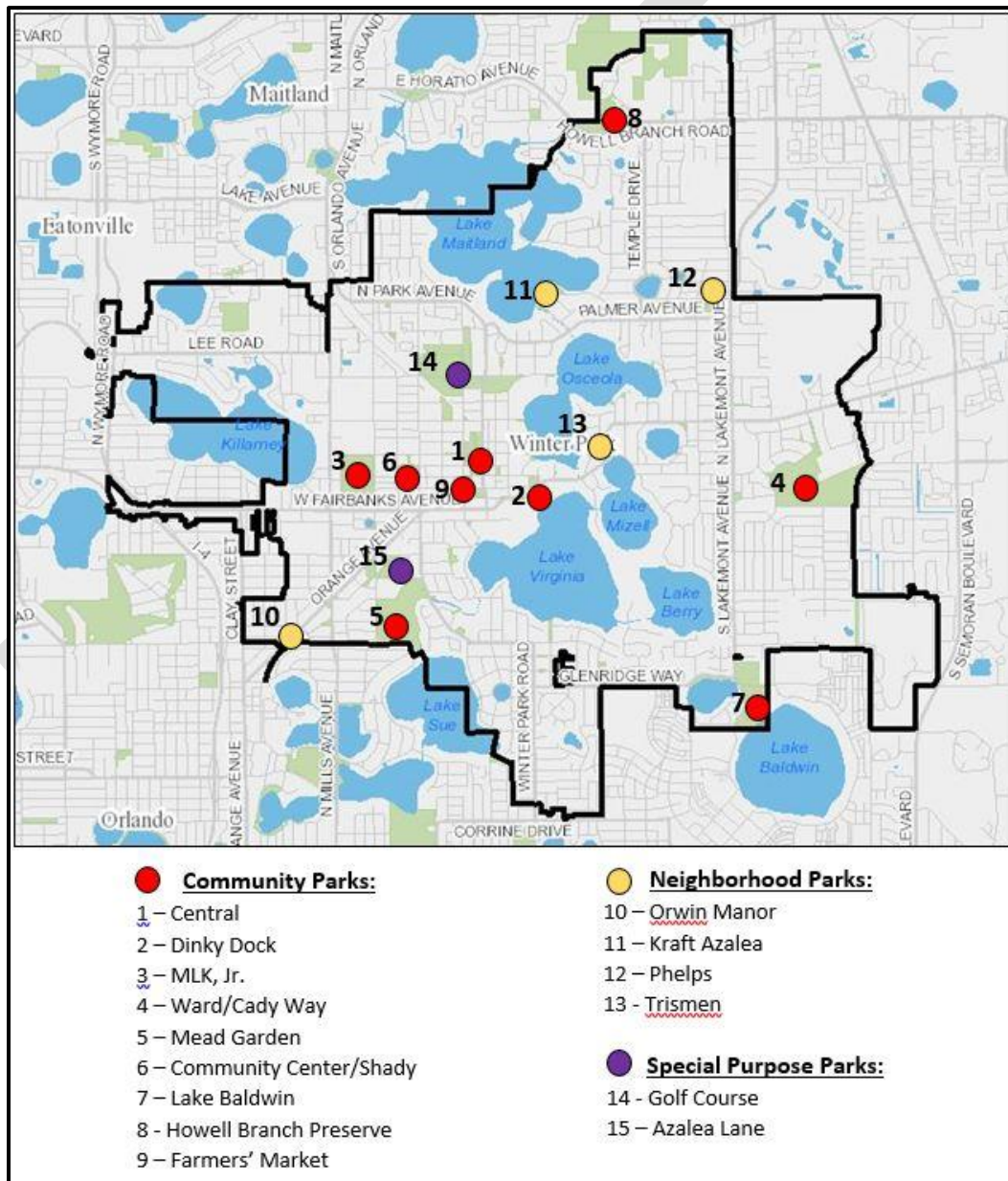
The average of the two component scores is the overall park score. Fractional scores that fall between categories receive a joint designation (i.e. 1.5 = fair/poor). Conditions resulting in an overall rating of POOR or FAIR/POOR.

## Section 3 Results and Discussion

### 3.1 Park Condition Assessments

Exhibits 1 – 15 contain the individual park assessments for the city's community parks, neighborhood parks and special use parks and associated athletic fields (see Figure 2-1). Needs are identified in accordance with the methods described in Section 1.

Figure 2-1 Parks (by type) inspected during this update process



# Central Park

Community Park  
251/111 Park Avenue  
6.73 acres

## Description/Comments:

Central park serves as the perfect foil to the commercial backdrop of Park Avenue. Park goers and shoppers can enjoy green space, fountains, benches and a stunning array of flowering beds, capped off by a rose garden. The park also serves as a gathering place for the community, hosting world famous art festivals, holiday events and more. Central Park is the pinnacle park of the community and offers many amenities for visitors.

Central Park meets all of its intended uses. The addition of public restrooms would increase the convenience level for visitors. The popularity of this park for special events can cause problems for the landscaping elements, especially the turf.

Central Park received a “good” rating.

## Amenities:

- rose garden
- benches
- water fountains
- a covered stage,
- trash receptacles
- public art
- well maintained landscaping

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 5
- Maintenance Rating: 4
- Overall Rating: 4  
(Good)





# Dinky Dock Park

Community Park

410 Ollie Avenue

1.6 acres

## Description/Comments:

Dinky Dock Park provides powerboat and paddle craft access. Swimming is allowed but not officially sanctioned (swim at your own risk). Green space and picnic tables allow for general park uses. The docks, decks and walkways are reaching their functional obsolescence and are scheduled to be replaced in the next fiscal year (F.Y. 2019). Erosion has reduced beach area and exposed roots and knees of cypress trees growing on the beach.

## Amenities:

- Two lane boat ramp with a pier
- Dock with covered seating area
- Restroom building,
- Parking - 17 vehicle spaces & eight boat trailer spaces
- Picnic tables
- Unsupervised swimming area

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Maintenance Rating: 3
- Overall Rating: 4  
(Good/Fair)





# Shady Park/Community Center

Community Park  
250 S. Capen Avenue  
4.3 acres

**Description/Comments:** The Winter Park Community Center provides a wide range of indoor recreation and fitness facilities and serves as a popular events venue, hosting civic meeting, corporate workshops and private parties and weddings. Community programming offerings include activities and educational classes for seniors, after school and summer camps for children and teens.

Shady Park, on the grounds of the community center, is a popular gathering place for residents and a peaceful stopover for patrons of the many restaurants and shops in the areas. Benches and picnic table set under oak trees and a large pavilion provide ample shade.

## Amenities – Shady Park

- Sidewalks
- Parking
- Picnic tables
- Pavillion

## Amenities – Community Center

- Indoor basketball courts
- Exercise/weight room
- Recreation room
- Television lounge
- Community pool
- Computer room
- Meeting/event spaces
- Restrooms

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 5
- Maintenance Rating: 3
- Overall Rating: 4  
(Good)



# Howell Branch Preserve

Community Park  
1205 Howell Branch Road  
10.5 acres

**Description/Comments:** Howell Branch Preserve has become a very popular location for birthday parties. The adjacent wetland is managed for invasive vines and is now in better condition than it was when the park was created. Winter Park has recently acquired an additional 55 acres of wetland forest along Howell Branch Creek and there are plans to provide trails, educational signs and a canoe/kayak launch. Between the properties owned by Winter Park and other publicly owned, natural lands in this area, there is over 150 acres of contiguous wetland habitat adjacent to this park.

The landscaping along the slope adjacent to the wetland is in need of replacement and new designs are currently in development.

## Amenities:

- Restroom building
- Large playground
- Pavilion
- Wetland overlook
- Fitness trail
- Benches

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 3
- Condition Rating: 4
- Overall Rating: 3.5  
(Good/Fair)



# Farmer's Market

Community Park  
200 W. New England Avenue  
0.7 acres

## Description/Comments:

The Farmers' Market, near Winter Park's historic downtown, is a popular events venue in addition to hosting its award winning, namesake Saturday market. The building was once a railroad depot, with historical significance to city and region. The property has recently been connected to Central Park via a new trail section (8 foot wide sidewalk) constructed between the building and the adjacent railroad line.



## Amenities:

- 45 parking spaces
- Indoor and covered. outdoor use areas
- wood gazebo, and
- Six concrete picnic tables under a canvas awning
- Pedestrian trail to Central Park

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Condition Rating: 4
- Overall Rating: 4  
(Good)





# Lake Baldwin Park

Community Park

2000 S. Lakemont Avenue

23.2 acres

**Description/Comments:** Most of Lake Baldwin Park currently functions as an off leash dog park. Other functions include a boat ramp on Lake Baldwin, playground and access to the two mile (approximately) Lake Baldwin Recreational Trail, all accessible outside of the off-leash dog area.

Heavy dog use of the grounds has resulted in loss of turf and beach erosion. The beach is permanently posted “no swimming” both inside and outside of the off-leash area. The pavilion is no longer rented due to the fact that it lies within the off-leash area.



## Amenities:

- Off-leash dog area
- Beach
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Restrooms (inside and outside of off-leash area)
- Boat ramp
- Unpaved parking

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 3
- Condition Rating: 1
- Overall Rating: 2  
(Fair/poor)



# Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

Community Park

1050 W. Morse Boulevard

28.27 acres

**Description/Comments:** Martin Luther King Jr. Park is the site of the planned library and events center (replacing the existing civic center) three multi-use athletic fields, and the current home of Rollins Tars softball. Approximately 5 acres of stormwater management ponds ringed with a recreational trail was rated 'good' for function and 'good' for maintenance.

## Amenities:

- Wood playground
- Multi-use trail
- Picnic shelter
- Pedestrian bridge
- Multi use fields
- Basketball court
- Rollins College women's softball field with stadium
- Paved and unpaved parking
- Benches
- Restrooms

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Condition Rating: 4
- Overall Rating: 4  
(Good/Fair)



# Mead Botanical Garden

Community Park (Botanical Garden)

1300 S. Denning Drive

47.6 acres

**Description/Comments:** Mead Botanical Garden provides extensive open space with a variety of ecological habitats. The garden known internationally as an exceptional birding location, particularly during migration periods. Several popular wedding venues, including an outdoor amphitheater, are available. A boardwalk, walking trails and numerous benches and picnic tables allow for a wide variety of activities. Recent initiatives to restore native ecosystems will help to improve wildlife diversity and provides opportunities for environmental education.

## Amenities:

- Green house
- Gardens
- Amphitheater
- Bike trail
- Boardwalk
- Picnic shelter
- Picnic tables
- Stage and events area
- Indoor event venues
- Creek, ponds and 11± acres of wetland forest
- Restrooms

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Condition Rating: 3
- Overall Rating: 3.5  
(Good/Fair)





# Ward Park/Cady Way

Community Park

2525 Cady Way

66.5 acres

**Description/Comments:** Functionally serving as a sports complex, this property offers a wide variety of athletic opportunities for organized leagues and individuals alike. There is also a trailhead for the popular Cady Way Trail that connects Winter Park with Orlando to the south and the Cross Seminole trail to the north. Even with the intensive use for sports and recreation, the park still serves as a stopover for migratory birds taking advantage of the tree canopy, wetland and ponds that cover the northwest portion of the property.

## Amenities

- Showalter Stadium
- Cady Way Aquatic Center
- Softball fields
- Tennis courts
- Soccer fields (5)
- Little league fields
- Senior league field
- ADA playground
- Seniors' life fitness course
- Restrooms

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Condition Rating: 3
- Overall Rating: 3.5
- Good/Fair
- Specific Need:



# Kraft Azalea Garden

Neighborhood Park  
1429 Alabama Drive  
5.2 acres

## Description/Comments

Kraft Azalea Park is located on the shore of Lake Maitland. The most prominent feature of the park is its location, which gives park users the opportunity to view wildlife and enjoy the view of the lake. The trees in the park serve as a rookery for several species of wading birds and waterfowl. The number of nesting pairs can exceed 100, and many visitors come to the park specifically to photograph this annual occurrence. Kraft Azalea Garden is a popular wedding venue and the numerous old growth cypress trees create a peaceful setting for passive enjoyment of the lake and wildlife. The park is well maintained and the few condition related issues are due to natural phenomena. Heavy shade from the tree canopy makes turf management difficult and the use of the trees as a rookery creates a mess for six weeks every spring

## Amenities:

- Parking spaces, 12 total, two handicapped
- Benches
- Walking trails (improved shell paths)
- Dock
- Exedra
- Fountain

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Condition Rating: 4
- Overall Rating: 4  
(Good)



# Orwin Manor Park

Neighborhood Park  
1701 Orange Avenue  
0.85 acres

**Description/Comments:** Located on Winter Park's southwestern boundary, the park offers green space and recreational opportunities neighborhoods west of the 17-92 corridor. Well maintained, Orwin Manor Park and the maintained green space on the opposite side of Orange Avenue serves as an attractive welcome feature as you enter Winter Park.

## Amenities:

- Playground with swingset
- Picnic tables
- Sidewalks
- Sand play area
- Open turf area, and
- Significant landscaping.

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Condition Rating: 4
- Overall Rating: 4





# Phelps Park

Neighborhood Park

5.92 acres

**Description/comments:** A complement the adjacent Winter Park YMCA, Phelps Park provides both active and passive recreation opportunities. The park has outdoor basketball and tennis courts and the pavilions and playground are popular venues for birthday parties and other social gatherings.



## Amenities:

- Two playgrounds
- Restroom facility
- Picnic shelters
- Tennis courts
- Basketball court
- Large open turf area

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 5
- Condition Rating: 4
- Overall Rating: 4.5  
(Good)



# Trismen Park

Neighborhood Park

231 Brewer Avenue

1.36 acres

## Description/Comments:

Located on the busy Aloma/Fairbanks corridor, the park offers welcome green space and elegant landscaping to the surrounding neighborhoods. Sidewalks on the high traffic streets help to extend access well beyond the adjacent subdivisions.



## Amenities:

- Colorful landscaping
- Paved walkways
- Benches
- Shaded sitting areas

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Condition Rating: 4
- Overall Rating: 4  
(Good)



# Winter Park Country Club/Golf Course

Special Purpose Park

761 N. Interlachen

40.77 acres

**Description/Comments:** Recently upgraded, the Winter Park provides a high quality golfing experience in the heart of Winter Park. Within walking distance of Park Avenue and the downtown business district the golf course is busy year round. New fairways, rough and greens, combined with a state of the art irrigation system and a re-design by Keith Rhebb and Riley Johns of Integrative Golf, revitalized this second oldest course in Orlando. So much so that The Golf Channel, and Golf Advisor, named it the 5th Best Short Course in the entire country. The course is also featured in “The Finest Nines” a new book from Author Anthony Pioppi and Sky Horse Publications celebrating the best nine hole golf courses in North America.

## Amenities:

- Winter Park Country Club
- Clubhouse
- Pro shop
- 9-hole, par 35 golf course
- Historic structure

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 5
- Condition Rating: 5
- Overall Rating: 5  
(Good)





# Winter Park Tennis Center/Azalea Lane

Special Purpose Park

Azalea Lane

6.20 acres

**Description/Comments:** The Azalea Lane Recreation Center consists of offices, activity rooms, restrooms, kitchen, pro shop tennis courts and a playground. The eight clay courts and eight asphalt courts are in high demand. Scheduled replacement of the older, asphalt tennis courts and court lighting is underway. Included in this project are improvements to viewing areas, landscaping and the tennis center building.

## Amenities:

- Lighted tennis courts (clay and hard courts)
- Tennis center & gathering area
- Shaded viewing areas
- Locker rooms/restrooms.

## Rating:

- Functional Rating: 4
- Condition Rating: 3
- Overall Rating: 4  
(Good)



### 3.2 Athletic Fields Condition Assessment

Winter Park's location and the quality of its athletic facilities has resulted in high demand for rentals, which in turn has resulted in overuse of some fields. The City maintains eight multi-purpose Bermuda grass athletic fields, one multi-purpose synthetic turf stadium field, and 10 baseball/softball diamonds ranging from youth t-ball to high school/college dimensions. The eight multi-purpose, natural grass fields are currently utilized 46 out of 52 weeks per year with annual use exceeding 800 hours.

Natural grass fields fall into two categories, high impact and low impact, based on the type of use they receive. Over the past five years, there has been a noticeable decline in the conditions of the high impact fields. This decline is directly related to high demand and related use (Table 3-1).

Table 3--1. High impact activities vs. low impact

High impact activities	Low impact activities
Lacrosse (middle school & up)	Youth lacrosse (elementary)
Cross play (multiple games on one field)	Youth flag football
Adult leagues	Soccer (any level)
Rugby	
Tackle football	

Certain field types have experienced use patterns that have resulted in high wear on the turf (Table 3-2). Several trends in field use and league play have led to the current use patterns.

- A shift in both youth and adult sports to business ventures that look to maximize field space to provide greatest profit. This desire to maximize profit has led to the trend of cross-play (for games and practices), which causes heavier wear on fields compared to traditional use.
- The growth of lacrosse, which concentrates use on smaller sections of the field than other field sports.
- Winter Park's convenient, central location for leagues throughout the region. These factors will continue to place pressure on our natural grass fields.

Ward Park fields B & C receive additional stress due to their dual role as an overflow parking area for large events. Besides the direct damage to the turf, the weight of the vehicles causes soil compaction that inhibits growth.

Table 3--2. Current level of field use, and condition assessment

Ward Park	Condition	Comments
Showwalter Field	Good	Artificial turf
Baseball - 1	Good	
Baseball - 2	Good	
Baseball - 3	Good	
Baseball 4	Good	
Baseball 5	Good	
Baseball 6	Good	
Baseball 7	Good	
Baseball 8	Good	
Baseball 9	Good	
Baseball 10	Good	
General A1	Good	Low impact
General A2	Good	Low impact
General B	Fair/Poor	High impact
General C	Fair/Poor	High impact
General East 1	Fair	High impact
General East 2	N/A	Under construction
MLK fields	Condition	Comments
Rollins women's softball	Good	
General - 1	Fair	Low impact
General - 2	Fair/Poor	High impact
General - 3	Fair/Poor	Low impact

## **Section 4**

### **Needs Identification/Assessment**

Park condition assessments resulted in the identification of needs in four parks, Mead Botanical Garden, Lake Baldwin Park, Ward/Cady Way Park and MLK, Jr. Park. The following subsections detail the conditions that resulted in low ratings.

#### **4.1 Mead Botanical Garden**

The garden received an acceptable rating but safety concerns over the condition of two pedestrian bridges resulted in their designation as a specific need. The northern bridge is not repairable and is recommended for replacement. The southern bridge could be repaired and

#### **4.2 Lake Baldwin Park**

Lake Baldwin Park received a Fair/Poor rating due to excessive turf wear and beach erosion in the off-leash dog area.

#### **4.3 Athletic Fields Ward & MLK, Jr.**

These two parks were included for the same reason, excessive turf wear on their high impact, natural grass athletic fields. The discussion below pertains to both parks.

##### **4.3.1 Field use schedules**

Parks and Recreation Department adopted a new field use policy in 2017 that is designed improve the condition of the natural grass fields. Due to the two year advanced field booking window that was in effect, this policy cannot be implemented until the scheduled bookings run out. The maintenance closure periods have been extended to allow our high impact fields additional rest time and an additional early spring closure was added that allows for re-sodding of damaged area sustained over the winter months. Taking effect in January of 2019, the new procedures will:

- Reduce field use to a more sustainable annual hours of play (600-800 hours/year)
- Limit cross play
- Reduce adult league rentals
- Reducing the booking window from 2 years to a seasonal basis

#### **4.3.2 Field reconstruction**

In addition to the changes in field use schedules, reconstruction of all high impact fields is recommended. All fields within the department were built in house by City staff over 30 years ago. Fields are in need of upgraded irrigation, drainage, base materials, and re-crowning.

#### **4.3.3 Artificial turf**

While the department has made efforts to improve the quality of our natural grass fields, installing synthetic turf would allow Winter Park to offer a safe and consistent playing surface year round for high demand sports, while keeping our natural grass fields used for low impact athletics at an elevated level. Replacing at least two natural grass fields with a highly durable synthetic surface will allow unrestricted high impact use.

#### **4.3.4 Showalter Field (stadium)**

Ongoing projects are budgeted in the Parks Major Improvements list. As needs are identified they addressed based on their priority or available funding (higher cost projects may be held over until the fund balance can cover the expenses. Projects on the current list include locker room upgrades, showers and water/sewer upgrades.

### **4.4 Golf Course Maintenance Building**

The Winter Park Golf Course received an overall rating of “Good” with one identified specific need. The division responsible for golf course maintenance has their equipment storage split between two facilities. One of these buildings, a outdated, steel Quonset hut is in poor condition and needs to be repaired or replaced. A capital line item in the current (fiscal year 2018) budget allocated \$200,000.00 for expanding

### **4.5 Acton Items**

The needs discussed above resulted in the development of five recommended action items. The Master Plan includes

1. Mead Botanical Garden – Specific need related to the condition of two bridges
2. Athletic Field Condition (Ward & MLK Jr.) - Specific need related to worn turf from overuse
3. Ward Park overflow parking
4. Baldwin Park – Poor condition due to beach erosion and turf loss
5. Golf course maintenance operations/Palm Cemetery building

## Park Condition Assessment Form

Park name: \_\_\_\_\_ Park Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Function Rating (0 – 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Factors affecting function rating are:

- Parking, traffic flow
- Accessibility & Safety – crosswalks are safe, access for disabled visitors
- Special features related to its intended use (list in comments) - boat ramps where lake access is intended, exercise equipment on fitness trails, etc. – are there enough to handle the number of users, are they in the correct location for convenient use.

**Score 4-5:** Park meets all its intended uses – patron can use

**Score 2-3:** Minor shortfalls in no more than two features Example: Available parking always at capacity, long waits for equipment or facilities

**Score 0-1:** Does not meet one or more of its intended uses, minor shortfalls in more than two intended uses, or does not receive use (describe in comments)

### Maintenance Rating (0 – 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Items to inspect and consider in determining the rating are:

- Vegetation - Turf, plant/flower beds and trees
- Hardscape features – Parking areas, sidewalks, pavers
- Facilities – Benches, fountains sculptures, buildings

**Score 4 – 5:** All components of the park are in good condition and properly maintained

**Score 2 – 3:** Minor work needed on no more than two components

**Score 0 – 1:** Any safety issue such as dead trees, broken equipment, tripping hazards which might pose a danger to visitors, or major repairs needed on any component (describe in comments)

Overall Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Park Inventory Form

Park name: \_\_\_\_\_ Park Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Amenity – Check all that apply	Number	Notes
Bench		
Trails/paths		
Sidewalks		
Playground		
Pavilion		
Fitness equipment		
Fountains		
Picnic Tables		
Special Landscaping		
Art (statuary, murals, etc.)		
Restrooms		
Boardwalk		
Educational signs		
<b>Athletic Fields</b>		
Baseball		
Softball		
Multi (football, soccer)		
Open play areas		
Swimming Pool		
<b>Lakefront Parks</b>		
Boat ramp		
Dock/pier		
Fishing access (shore)		
<b>Other (List)</b>		

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Recreational Policy and Standards Review  
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## Section 1

### Introduction and Summary

The Parks and Recreation Department's current inventory and operational practices were evaluated against the policies and goals of the ***City of Winter Park Comprehensive Plan, Recreation and Open Space Element***. City inventory was also compared against the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Department ***OUTDOOR RECREATION IN FLORIDA - 2008, A Comprehensive Program For Meeting Florida's Outdoor Recreation Needs***.

Staff conducted a two-tiered review of the Comprehensive Plan's Recreation and Open Space element to determine whether the Parks and Recreation Department operations and Master Plan strategies are adequately meeting the policy requirements. The first tier involved determining the department(s) responsible for the implementation of each policy. Reviewers compared all Comprehensive Plan policies that were determined to be within the purview of the Parks and Recreation Department against departmental inventory and operations and rated each as to the level of compliance. The each policy received one of three status rankings based on the following criteria.

- Yes – Existing inventory or current operations appear to meet the policy.
- No – Existing inventory or current operations do not meet the policy. Each of these deficiencies is addressed as an operational need in the Master Plan.
- Review – Policy requires a particular subject to be included in Master Plan updates (regardless of their consistency status). Each of these deficiencies is addressed as an administrative need in the Master Plan.
- Comprehensive Plan policy goals that are not met by standing inventory or current operations were noted but not identified as needs requiring action.

Updated demographic information was used to determine the level of consistency between existing park inventory and the guidelines presented in the FDEP report. Ratios of facilities to population were calculated for existing conditions and for five year and 10 year population projections.

## Section 2 Demographics

### 2.1 Demographics Changes

Population estimates were derived from several sources including the U.S. Census Bureau and ESRI estimates from the City of Winter Park web site (2018 and 2028 estimates were extrapolated using calculated annual percentage changes from the Census Bureau data ).

• 2008	28,486	Previous Master Plan (estimated)
• 2010	27,856	U.S. Census Bureau
• 2016	30,208	U.S. Census Bureau (8.4% increase, 1.4% annual rate)
• 2018	31,060	Extrapolated using annual percent increase
• 2023	33,296	Extrapolated using annual percent increase
• 2028	35,692	Extrapolated using annual percent increase

The population growth realized since the previous (2008) Master Plan was lower than predicted. Recent projections also indicate a slower growth rate for the next 10 years than was indicated in the old report. Both the Comprehensive Plan and the FDEP standards rely on population to determine the number, type and size of recreation facilities and features needed to meet demand. Existing inventory was used to calculate acreage to population ratios or number of facilities to population. Additional demographic information can be found on the City of Winter Park website at <https://cityofwinterpark.org/docs/government/city-info/demographics.pdf>

## Section 3 Results

### 3.1 Comprehensive Plan Consistency

The Comprehensive Plan contains 45 individual policies. The review of these policies resulted in two types of action. Policies that were clearly not being met received a “No” rating and were included as defined needs. Policies that contain specific requirements to include a subject in any Master Plan update were flagged “Review” (see Table 3-1).

**Table 3-1. Consistency with Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space element**

Policy	Subject	Meets Policy?			Comments
		Yes	No	Review	
6-1.1.1	Parks Acreage Minimum LOS	X			
6-1.1.2	Parks Maintenance	X			
6-1.1.3	Parks Acquisition Fund, PMP	X			
6-1.1.4	Rauvadge – P&Z	X			P&Z Dept.
6-1.1.5	Park & Recreation Trust Fund	X			Finance Dept.
6-1.1.4	New neighborhoods	X			P&Z Dept.
6-1.1.7	Parks in each service area	X			
6-1.1.8	Howell Branch Preserve	X			
6-1.1.9	Annexation	X			
6-1.1.10	Master Plan Update		X		
6-2.1.1	Promote Quality of Lake Recreation Opportunities PW	X			Police, Finance, Public Works
6-2.1.2	Public Access to Lakes		X		Lake Baldwin beach
6-2.1.3	Lakefront Open Space	X			
6-2.1.4	Maintain Lake Access	X			
6-2.1.5	Prioritize Waterfront Acquisition			X	Howell Branch parcels
6-2.2.1	Accessibility to neighborhoods	X			P&Z Dept.
6-2.2.2	Equitable Distribution of Parks	X			
6-2.3.1	Lake Setbacks	X			P&Z Dept.
6-2.3.2	Promote Access to Water Bodies	X			
6-2.4.1	Park Land Change of Use	X			Admin
6-2.4.2	Protect Park Acreage LOS	X			
6-2.4.3	Maintenance of Land and Facilities	X			
6-2.4.4	Preservation of Central Park	X			
6-2.4.5	Preservation of Mead Garden	X			
6-2.5.1	Public Use of Non-city Facilities	X			

**Table 3-1. Continued**



6-2.5.2	<b>Recreation Programs</b>	<b>X</b>			
6-2.5.3	Facilities for the Disabled	X			
6-2.5.4	Parks Survey – Local Demand			X	
6-2.6.1	Promotion of Cultural Arts	X			
6-3.1.1	Recreation Impact Fee	X			P&Z Dept.
6-3.1.2	LDC/Comp Plan Consistency	X			P&Z Dept.
6-3.1.3	FRDAP	X			
6-3.2.1*	Maintenance of Existing Parks		X		Athletic Fields
6-3.2.2	Annual Maintenance Funding	X			
6-3.2.3*	Annual Fee Review	X			
6-3.2.4	Maintenance Funding and Staffing	X			
6-3.3.1	Rec & CIP	X			
6-3.3.2	CIP Criteria	X			
6-3.4.1	Link Parks & Open Space			X	
6-3.4.2	Cady Way Trail	X			
6-3.4.3	Howell Creek	X			
6-3.4.4*	Integration Parks/Bike Trails			X	Connectivity GIS Map
6-3.4.5	Bike Parking in Parks	X			Connectivity GIS Map
6-3.4.6	Coordination with Trans. Element	X			Connectivity GIS Map
6-4.1.1	Reaccreditation 2020	X			On schedule

Three policies received “No” ratings where current operations do not appear to fully meet the stated requirements. Four additional policies have specific requirements to review or include a particular subject in any Master Plan update. The policy deficiencies or process requirements are included in the needs assessment with the exception of the Master Plan update and the Public Input Survey, which were completed as part of this update.

### **3.1.1 Comprehensive Plan Population Based Park Area Requirements**

There is one policy requirement and two policy goals related to per capita park area. Current inventory exceeds the requirement for overall park acreage (through 2028). Comprehensive Plan Policy 6-1.1.1 requires 10 acres of parks per 1,000 residents. This equates to 310 acres at current population levels and 357 acres by 2028. The current park inventory of 392 acres exceeds the policy requirement under both current and future (2028) conditions. Policy 6-2.2.2 sets a goal of 2 acres of parks per 1,000 residents for community and neighborhood parks. This equates to 62 acres at current population levels and 73 acres by 2028. The 192 acres of community park acreage exceeds the goal under both current and future (2028) conditions. The by the Neighborhood parks with a total area of 13 acres do not meet the goal, but the combined acreage

of these two park types provides 6.6 acres per 1,000 residents. This total exceeds the combined goal acreage under both current and future conditions

### 3.1.2 Comprehensive Plan policies with compliance deficiencies

- Policy 6-1.1.10 - Master Plan Update Overdue
- Policy 6-2.1.2 - Public Access to Lakes - Lake Baldwin beach access
- Policy 6-3.2.1 – Pertains to maintenance of existing parks. Three parks have condition related problems.
  - Lake Baldwin Park – beach erosion, turf damage
  - Ward Park - Specific need related to athletic field turf
  - Martin Luther King, Jr. - Specific need related to athletic field turf

### 3.1.3 Comprehensive Plan policies requiring review during Master Plan updates

- 6-2.1.3 Lakefront Open Space - Policy Review
- 6-2.5.4 Public Input - Parks Survey Required
- 6-3.4.4 Integration Parks/Bike Trails - Policy review
- 6-2.1.5 Waterfront acquisition

## 3.2 State of Florida Recreation Standards

The FDEP has developed guidelines for determining the appropriate amount of recreation facilities needed based on population. Table 3-2 compares Winter Park's inventory to these guidelines for current population and for the projected five and ten year conditions.

**Table 3-2. FDEP guidelines for recreation facilities based on population served**

Facility Type	FDEP Guidelines	Existing	2018		2028	
			Demand	Surplus/ deficit	Demand	Surplus/ deficit
Tennis Court	1 per 2,000	25	16	9	18	6
Basketball Court	1 per 5,000	7	6	1	7	0
Baseball/Softball Field	1 per 5,000	10	7	4	7	3
Golf Course (9-hole)	1 per 25,000	1	1	0	1	0
Playground	1 per 10,000	8	3	5	4	4
Football/Soccer Field	1 per 6,000	9	13	-4	16	-7
Racquetball Court	1 per 10,000	0	3	-3	4	-4
Fishing Dock/Pier**	1 per 5,600	3	6	-3	6	-3
Swimming Beach	1 per 25,000	1	1	0	1	0
Swimming Pool	1 per 25,000	2	1	1	1	1
Boat Ramp***	1 per 5,000	2	6	-4	7	-5
Recreational Trail	1 mi/ 10,000	4 mi	3	0	4	0

### **3.2.1 Local conditions affecting standards compliance**

State recommended guidelines show deficits in four categories (racquetball courts, multi-purpose fields, fishing piers and boat ramps). These deficits did not rise to the level of a need that required for the following reasons:

**Athletic fields** - Winter Park has nine fields for football, soccer and lacrosse. All but one, Showalter Stadium, could be classified as multi-purpose fields or football/soccer fields. The guidelines are not clear if recommendations include both activity-specific and multi-purpose fields. The calculated demand for both categories were combined for comparison with Winter Park's field inventory

**Fishing piers** - Winter Park has three general use docks and two boat ramp piers where fishing is allowed. There are also four lakes where fishing from shore is allowed and one park where it is formally sanctioned. Together, these facilities offer more fishing access than adding additional piers would.

**Boat ramps** - The recommendation for additional boat ramps is based on population only and does not take the carrying capacity of the lake(s) into account. During peak times, the lakes in Winter Park are often at or exceeding guidelines for acres of water per boat. Adding ramps and/or parking would reduce safety and quality of the experience.

## Section 4

### Needs Assessment & Recommendations

#### 4.1 Needs based on Comprehensive Plan Review

Three policies have specific criteria that current practices do not meet. Three additional policies have specific language requiring inclusion of specific topics as a part of any Master Plan Update

1. **Update the Master Plan.** Policy 6-1.1.10 requires that the Parks and Recreation Department update the Master Plan “periodically.” Policy 6-2.5.4 clarifies the timing as being at least every five years. The last Master Plan update was in 2008.
2. **Improve public beach access at lake Baldwin or clarify pertinent policies.** Policy 6-2.1.2 requires the City to provide public beach access to Lake Baldwin. There is access but it is limited due to dog park activities. Visitors may use the boat ramp and beach area outside of the fenced off-leash area, but concerns over potential parasite transfer from dog to human, warning signs are posted that prohibit swimming and advise against contact with the water and soil in the beach area. The swimming area is tested for bacteria that are indicative of fecal contamination but there are no standards established for other pathogens like giardia or hookworm.
3. **Improve maintenance of specific features at four parks:** Policy 6-3.2.1 requires the City to employ management and funding techniques that ensure that parks are well managed, and well maintained. While the parks listed below receive a high level of maintenance, there are specific needs that have a significant impact on the overall experience of visiting/using the park.
  - Mead Botanical Garden bridge repairs or replacements
  - Lake Baldwin Park – beach erosion & turf damage due to excessive off-leash dog traffic
  - Ward Park - Specific need related to athletic field turf wear caused by overuse
  - Martin Luther King, Jr. - Specific need related to athletic field turf wear caused by overuse
4. **Lakefront Open Space:** Policy 6-2.1.3 - Enhancing the water access features of existing lakefront properties to meet the Comprehensive Plan policy related to lake access (Policy 6-2.1.3) could include increasing parking access at lakefront parks, listing locations of, and allowable uses at lakefront properties on the website or constructing ramps or paddle craft launch facilities. There is a risk of compromising safety or quality of experience if changes result in use of the resource exceeding its carrying capacity (too many powerboats based on available lake area, or increased interaction between power boaters and paddlers, particularly in the canals

5. **Public Input:** Policy 6-2.5.4 requires the solicitation and evaluation of public input as part of any Master Plan update. The Department has included a public survey in the development of the Master Plan. The result of the study will be presented 2018 ***City of Winter Park Parks and Recreation Public Input Report*** and summarized in the Master Plan.
6. **Integration Parks/Bike Trails:** Policy 6-3.4.4 requires that the bicycle trail system interconnecting public places shall be included as a component of the next update of the Master Plan.

## 4.2 Needs Related to State Recreation Standards

The guidelines presented by the state standards are a helpful guidepost for determining the degree to which Winter Park meets the anticipated recreational needs of the community. The guidelines are not able to address local conditions, which can result in over or under estimating the needs for particular facilities. The City's accreditation organization allows development of local standards with public input.

## 4.3 Action Items

Needs identified in this report overlap with those identified in the 2018 City of Winter Park Parks and Recreation Condition Assessment Report.

### 1. Recreation Standards

- Develop Winter Park Specific recreation standards

### 2. Policy Reviews (required by Comprehensive Plan)

- Policy 6-2.1.3 existing lakefront properties to increase access
- Policy 6-2.1.5 Revise land acquisition policy to focus on needs over property type and to include guidelines for identifying and prioritizing potential purchases and, to the extent possible, identify funding source(s)
- Policy 6-3.4.4 Conduct a review of connectivity policies in a joint effort between the City Commission, the Transportation Advisory Board and the departments involved in the connectivity map project.

**Note: Because there is significant overlap in the factors affecting park connectivity, land acquisition and designated uses of City property, considering them together in any strategic planning efforts may benefit all of these efforts**

#### **4.3.1 Factors recommended for discussion in policy review process**

Looking at the potential evolution of the Parks and Recreation Department's program in a holistic approach allows Winter Park to meet changing needs efficiently, avoid missing opportunities and prevent unintended adverse impacts. The goal of this process is to improve the efficacy of these three policies by taking their overlapping goals and concerns into account in each individual policy. While this report does not recommend policy, there are considerations below that may facilitate the workshop discussion.

##### **Improving Lake Access (Policy 6-2.1.3)**

- Does Winter Park want to focus only on lakefront parcels? Periodic reviews of all properties may help determine if their current use is providing the highest benefit to the City's residents.
- Does the proposed use change create a potential for adverse impacts to the lake or surrounding neighborhoods?

##### **Lakefront Property Acquisition (Policy 6-2.1.5)**

- Are lakefront acquisitions the only concern?
- When a specific need is identified, consider conducting a review of the existing inventory to determine if the need can be met without acquiring additional property.
- When considering a choice between multiple properties, determining the potential of each to facilitate any connectivity improvements or meet outstanding park use needs could help make the right decision.

##### **Integrating Park System and Bicycle Trails (Policy 6-3.4.4)**

- Are there specific routes, destinations or geographic regions where improved connectivity is critical?
- Are bike lanes or lane sharing efforts satisfactory?
- Is there an available funding source that could be designated to allow rapid response to opportunities that arise?



# City of Winter Park Parks and Recreation Department



## Programming Assessment Report 2018

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## **Section 1**

### **Introduction and Summary**

Winter Park offers a wide range of programming through the Parks and Recreation Department. By utilizing a large volunteer force and forging numerous partnerships with local businesses and organizations, the Recreation Division is able to provide high quality programs for people of all ages, abilities and interests. The Winter Park Community Center, located at 721 W. New England Avenue, encompasses approximately 38,000 square feet and offers recreational opportunities for all ages. Amenities include a state-of-the-art fitness center, two regulation basketball courts, media center and banquet space that can accommodate events both large and small. In addition, the Community Center has an outdoor amphitheater overlooking Shady Park and a multipurpose pool with zero-depth entry and lap lanes. In addition to the Community Center swimming pool, the Department operates a second pool at Cady Way Park. Between the two facilities, Winter Park offers a variety of aquatic programs that include swim lessons and infant rescue swimming. The public's interest is the primary factor in determining the types of programs offered. The information presented in this Master Plan is a snapshot of current programming. As interest and recreational trends change, the programming offered by Winter Park also changes. Recently added programs designed to meet current interests include the Family Fun Events program and Senior (citizen) Prom event added to the seniors program activities.

**8 to 80** – Partnership with the Winter Park Health Foundation has resulted in a joint effort to develop an intergenerational activity program at Ward Park to promote healthy lifestyle habits for people of all ages. The project, dubbed 8 to 80, will include facilities that will support activities like pickleball, volleyball, shuffleboard and croquet. The planned connection of this area of the park to the Cady Way recreational trail creates connections to other communities and significantly increases the range of activities available. Winter Park will match the WPHF grant funds other grant funds and in/kind staff resources.

**Programming for seniors** - Currently there are 33 different programs aimed at seniors include fitness classes, educational activities and social activities. This year Winter Park held the inaugural Senior (citizen) Prom. Since women far outnumber the men at the community center, organizers invited the City's Police and Fire departments to add some young dance partners. The turnout was large with 89 seniors attending. Survey results showed that 100% rated that they had an excellent time and they are already getting ready for next year.

**Summer Camps & After School Programming** – After school activities include daily after school programs for K-5 during the entire school year. Programming for teens and include fitness and educational activities.

**Aquatics** – Two pools (Cady Way and the Community Center) allow the Department to offer a variety of aquatic programs throughout the summer that include swim lessons, infant rescue swimming, and much more.

**Athletics** –The city currently runs two adult sports leagues. Men’s Basketball and Men’s Flag Football each have two season throughout the year. Basketball is located at the Winter Park Community Center and flag football at MLK Park. We are at capacity for basketball each season and we continue to grow for flag football

**Family Fun** - Winter Park’s Parks & Recreation Department has launched the new Family Fun Event Program that focuses on promoting a series of events to encourage healthy families and fun recreational activities at various parks throughout the city. These events will be located throughout out city’s parks that will bring awareness to the “not so known” parks and creating an environment that is unplugged and family driven. There will be 2-3 events every month at different park locations throughout the city to draw attention to our great programming and beautiful amenities.

## **Section 2**

### **Programs for Seniors:**

The community center offers a daily program for our older adults from 9 a.m. to noon. Whether you are an active adult looking to get in shape or just looking to get out of the house and make see friends we have something for everyone. Our program offers social, education and health/fitness opportunities throughout day. Some of the programs offered are computer education, disease prevention seminars, wellness activities and social luncheons.

#### **Fitness:**

- Aerobic Jams
- Tai Chi
- Walking to the Oldies
- Water Aerobics
- Zumba
- Gentle Yoga
- Rise and Shine Walk & Talk
- Sit 2 Be Fit
- Belly Dancing
- Line Dancing
- Ballroom Dancing

#### **Specialty Classes:**

- Crealde Arts & Crafts
- Pottery w/ Liz (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month)
- Drums w/ Victoria
- Arts and Crafts w/ Care Plus
- Oasis Healthy Habit Peer 2 Peer
- University Of Florida Nutrition
- Computer Classes
- Fall & Prevention

#### **Social:**

- Senior Prom
- Victory Cruise
- Breakfast Day (Once a Month)
- Birthday Day (Once a Month)
- Bring a Snack Day (Once a Month)
- Movie Day (Once a Month)
- Bingo (Every Wednesday)
- Luncheons (Once a Month Themed based)
- Book Club
- Center for Change (6weeks Heath Classes)
- Winter Park Library (Once a Month)
- Trips/Outings
- Dollar Tree, Walmart, Meat market, Publix
- Local Restaurants
- Plays, Museums, Concerts, Event Venues
- University of Central Florida Nursing Students (Blood Pressure and Health Tips)
- Senior Expo
- Senior Harvest Food Fair

## **Section 3**

### **After School & Summer Camp Programs**

After-School Programs run throughout the entire school year and offer programming for grades K-5. All of programs feature structured activities and homework assistance. Once the school year ends, the summer camp programming begins, providing year round youth programming.

#### **Homework: Mentors & Volunteer program**

- Oasis Fitness & Healthy Habits
- Crealde Arts & Crafts
- Drums W/Victoria
- Pickleball
- UCF Nursing Program- Hygiene and Healthy Lifestyle

#### **Weekly Curriculum:**

- Creative Writing
- Creative Drawing
- Reading Comprehension
- Team Building
- Etiquette and Manners

#### **Summer Camp**

- Drums
- Winter Park Playhouse
- Integrated Arts
- Oasis
- Youth Can
- Reading Club
- Jeremiah Project

#### **Teens**

- Junior Achievement
- Chef Program
- Gardening Program
- Basketball program
- Fitness program
- Junior counselor program



## **Section 4**

### **Aquatics**

The City of Winter Park, Community Center Pool and Cady Way Pool provides a low-cost alternative for families to cool off. A perfect place for friends to connect, it's where children learn to swim and where water safety is taught. Both the Community Center Pool and the Cady Way Pool have programs for all ages with certified instructors and coaches including infant survival classes, learn-to-swim classes, senior water aerobics, hydro therapy, and swim teams. Enjoy hours of open swim, camp swim, and lap swimming times. Both also offer City summer pool parties, dive in movies, and birthday party packages for your event needs. There are almost endless of opportunities to have a fun and safe experience at the pools year round here at the City of Winter Park.

#### **Public Use**

- Open Public Swim/Family Swim
- Camp Swim
- Lap Swimming
- Splash pad

#### **Instructional Use**

- Group swim lessons for children 3 years and up for beginners
- Group Parent and child lessons for toddlers
- Advance group swim lessons for children 3 years and up
- Private and semi-private swim lessons for all ages and all levels of swimming ability
- Annual Swim Meet
- Water Aerobics
- Contracts
  - ISR- Infant Survival swim lessons (Denise and Harvey)
  - Aquatic Therapy (Vincezo with Felice Center for Pediatric Rehabilitation)
  - Blue Dolphins Swimming
  - Fast Lane Aquatics
  - Winter Park YMCA

#### **City Wide Pool Parties**

- Summer kickoff
- Dive-in movies
- Splash back to school

## Section 5

### Family Fun Program

The Family Fun Event Program focuses on promoting healthy, fun and family driven recreational activities. The program will provide two or three scheduled events each month at various parks throughout the city. The goal is to bring awareness to the “not so known” parks, and to provide conveniently located events for all neighborhoods within the city. The types of activities offered include:

#### City Wide Events

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Dinner on the Avenue
- July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Golf Course Events-** Plan events with the Golf course to bring awareness to the Golf Course and Parks and Recreation.

- Women’s National Golf Day
- Flick on the Fairway
- Wine and Nine
- Golf event for Kids

#### Pool and Recreation Events-

Work with the Aquatics department to plan events located at the Community Center and Cady Way pool.

- Splash into Summer
- Dive in Movie
- Splash Back to School
- Memorial Day
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day

**Family Fun Events** - Planned events throughout the community to bring awareness to the different parks we have and where they are located in Winter Park.

- BE Great Field Days
- Blooming for Mother’s
- Picnic with Father
- Mommy and Me Yoga
- Ice Cream Social
- Winter Park Paint Party
- Winter Park Rocks
- Bark in the Park

## Section 6

### Partnerships

The city is fortunate to have many community minded partners that make it possible to provide such rich diversity of programming. Much of the help received is in the form of in-kind services making it difficult to put an exact monetary value on the assistance they offer. Collectively, the time, materials, funding and other services that our partners bring to the table is priceless, regardless of the actual monetary value. Revenue share partnerships provide some income to the City, but also help defray the costs of the programs offered to the community by these organizations.

**8 to 80 Cities** is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in cities by bringing citizens together primarily to enhance mobility and public space so that together more vibrant, healthy, and equitable communities can be created. However, they also involve themselves with special city projects that go beyond the aforementioned mission. This organization is located in Canada but also conducts projects in the U.S. (Detroit, Michigan; Macon, Georgia; St. Paul, Minnesota). The founder and Chair of the Board, Gil Penalosa, has inspired and advised decision makers in 200 cities across the globe on how to create healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities for everyone regardless of age, gender or social status. 8 to 80 Cities offers consultation services that specialize in creating unconventional engagement strategies that get people informed, involved, and excited about new initiatives in their cities. They work with the citizenry, the city and elected officials and other city partners (such as foundations, businesses, etc.) and focus on playful, imaginative, and approachable engagement activities that attract a wide range of stakeholders. This organization was created and centered on a simple but powerful philosophy; if you create a great city for an 8 year old and an 80 year old, you will create a successful city for all people. Their website offers a range of information, including but not limited to the cities they have served, programs designed, a blog, resources and a monthly newsletter subscription. More information can be found on the website at <http://www.8-80cities.org>.

### **Senior Programming Partnerships**

- Winter Park Health Foundation
- Heritage Center
- CRA
- Crealde
- Oasis Healthy Habit
- Home Bank
- University of Florida Health and Nutrition
- Care Plus
- Winter Park Playhouse
- Winter Park Library
- United Healthcare
- Simply Healthcare
- PNC Bank
- Center for Change
- Medicare
- Vitas
- One Seniors Place
- University of Central Florida Nursing
- Compass Research
- FCB (Florida Community Bank)
- Suma Wellness
- Tea Craze
- Fresh Stop
- Healthy Central Florida (Move 60)
- Cyber Seniors
- 50Plus Resource Network
- Orange County Commission on Aging
- Seminole County Triad
- Senior Resource Alliance

### **After School Partners:**

- Crealde
- Oasis
- Winter Park Health Foundation
- Heritage Center
- CRA
- University of Central Florida Nursing
- AAU-Pickleball

### **Revenue share partnerships**

- NRG dance
- Central Florida Homeschool
- Pilates
- Boot Camp
- Kinder music
- Infant Safety Swim instruction

## **Section 7**

### **Needs Assessment**

No specific needs were identified, but there is enough demand to support expanding certain programs. The classes and programs offered by Winter Park are typically at or near capacity indicating that the activities offered are consistent with current trends and local demand. Because participation numbers are already extremely high in all areas, expanding the availability (number of classes/events) would allow more residents to take advantage of these popular programs. The space available is limited so increasing the days and hours of operation is the most practical way to accomplish this goal. There is also a desire to develop a youth basketball program. Attempts at having a contractor provide this service have not been successful and an in-house effort would require additional staffing to implement. Any expansion of programs offered will require staffing increase, but will not increase the programming budget beyond those personnel costs.



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## The Parks in the City of Winter Park 2018: Executive Summary

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## Executive Summary

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Between June 2018 and July 2018, 325 Winter Park residents were surveyed about their opinions of the City of Winter Park's parks, how they used the parks, their specific neighborhood parks, and any changes they would like to see in regards to the parks. Surveys were conducted over the telephone by trained ISBS employees. ISBS received a list of Winter Park residents' phone numbers from the utility company to allow for the survey to be conducted.

## Findings

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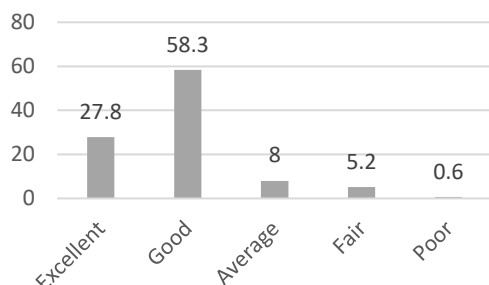
### Park Quality

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The first section of the survey assessed what residents thought about the quality of the city's parks. Respondents were asked to rate the quality overall of the parks, and the majority responded "Good," (51.1%) followed by "Excellent" (35.4%).



### Condition of Parks & Recreation Facilities



Respondents were then asked how they would rate the general condition of the parks and recreation facilities. Similarly, the majority responded "Good," (58.3%) followed by "Excellent" (27.8%).

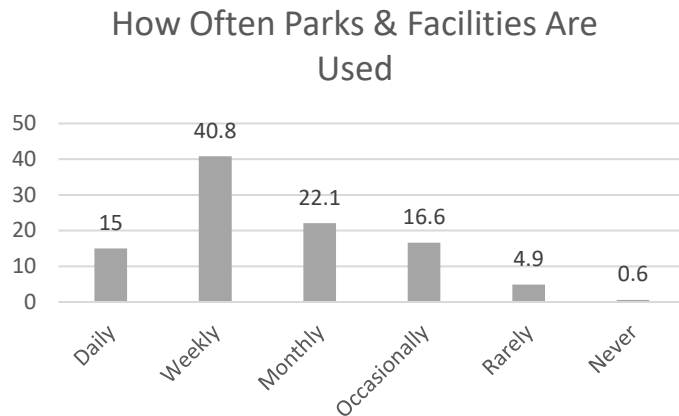
## Park Usage

Next, respondents were asked questions about park usage. Most residents (78.6%) reported that they visited the parks with others, as opposed to by themselves (21.4%).

When asked what parks respondents used, Central Park was reported as the most popular, with 166 residents using it. Other top parks were MLK (87 residents), Phelps Park (72 residents), and Lake Baldwin Park and Mead Garden (66 residents each). Respondents were additionally asked how they would rate the parks they used as either "Excellent," "Good," "Average," "Fair," or "Poor". Most users of Central Park rated it as "Excellent" (57.8%); MLK was most commonly rated as "Good" (47.1%), as was Phelps Park (50%), Lake Baldwin Park (51.5%), and Mead Garden (48.5%). Most users of all parks rated their parks as either "Excellent" or "Good."

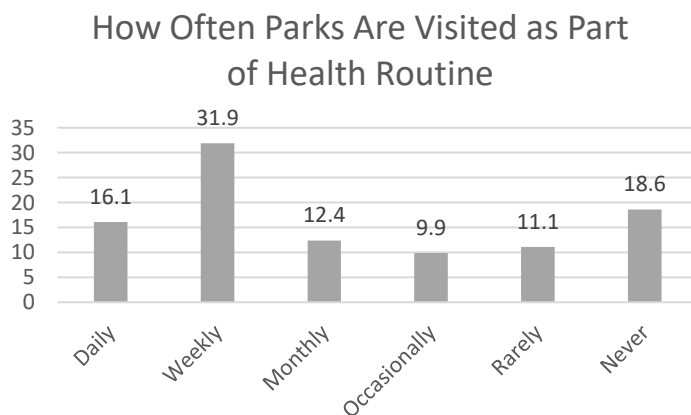
	N	Excellent (%)	Good (%)	Average (%)	Fair (%)	Poor (%)
Park Facility	8	75	12.5	12.5	—	—
Central Park	166	<b>57.8</b>	36.7	4.2	1.2	—
Shady Parks & Spray Ground	8	<b>37.5</b>	25	25	12.5	—
Lake Baldwin Park	66	36.4	<b>51.5</b>	7.6	1.5	3
MLK	87	33.3	<b>47.1</b>	12.6	6.9	—
Mead Garden	66	40.9	<b>48.5</b>	7.6	3	—
Ward Park	44	36.4	<b>45.5</b>	11.4	4.5	2.3
Winter Park Community Center	15	<b>46.7</b>	<b>46.7</b>	6.7	—	—
Dinky Dock	23	<b>39.1</b>	<b>39.1</b>	13	4.3	4.3
Farmer's Market	26	<b>53.8</b>	46.2	—	—	—
Cady Way Pool	13	<b>46.2</b>	30.8	15.4	—	7.7
Cady Way Bike Trail	33	36.4	<b>42.4</b>	21.2	—	—
Kraft Azalea Garden	49	<b>51</b>	44.9	2	2	—
Orwin Manor Park	3	—	<b>100</b>	—	—	—
Phelps Park	72	30.6	<b>50</b>	12.5	6.9	—
Trismen Park	2	—	<b>100</b>	—	—	—
Howell Branch Preserve	15	<b>53.3</b>	33.3	6.7	6.7	—
Winter Park Tennis Center	8	12.5	<b>62.5</b>	12.5	—	12.5
Azalea Lane Rec Center	38	28.9	<b>57.9</b>	2.6	10.5	—
Winter Park Golf Course	8	<b>62.5</b>	37.5	—	—	—
Other	51	45.1	<b>47.1</b>	—	2	5.9

Residents were then asked how often they use Winter Park's public parks and facilities. A plurality of residents (40.8%) answered "Weekly," followed by 22.1% reporting using them monthly.



Next, respondents were asked what activities they use the public parks and recreation facilities for. Most respondents reported using the parks for walking (182 residents), relaxing (103 residents), and the playground (90 residents).

	N		N
Walking	182	Dining/Picnic	22
Relaxing	103	Golf/Tennis	20
Playground	90	Soccer/Baseball	18
Place to bring kids	88	Other sports	15
Viewing nature	87	Swimming	8
Family time	59	Boating	8
Attending events	54	Learning/Education	6
Walking dogs	54	Fishing	4
Exercising	43	Volunteering	1
Biking	39	In-line skating	0
Other	26		



Participants were asked how often they visit the parks as a part of their exercise or health and fitness routine. The most common response was "Weekly" (31.9%) followed distantly by "Never" (18.6%).

The next question assessed what residents thought was missing from Winter Park's public park offerings. Top answers included holding special events, such as music and yoga events (18 residents), having more seating (9 residents) and areas for dogs (11 residents).

N		N	
Special events (music, yoga, food vendors)	18	Transportation for elderly patrons	1
Nothing	11	Better access to sport activities (not rentals)	1
More dog parks/areas for dogs	11	Better treatment of gardens	1
More seating areas	9	Back racks	1
More swimming pools	8	Crowded by outside residents	1
Water park/splash pads	8	Dead tree at Ward Park that needs to be cut down	1
Updated playground equipment	7	Disc golf course	1
More shaded areas	7	Better lighting	1
More open spaces for sports and activities	7	Longer hours for the Farmer's Market	1
Trash pick-up/maintenance	7	Mayor of Winter Park is not prioritizing Winter Park	1
Updated facilities	6	More community centers	1
More/updated restrooms	5	Rec center room needs more space/more workout equipment	1
More/improved walking and biking trails	5	Recycling bins	1
Surveillance/security	5	Outdoor pickle ball courts	1
Better regulation of dog rules	4	Relocation of pool of Hannibal Square made it small area; difficult to get out of	1
More/better parking	4	The [Cady Way Pool] hours don't make any sense	1
Water fountains	4	Sand volleyball court	1
More parks	3	Skate park	1
More cleaning	2	Summer camps for kids	1
More gardens	2	Improved tennis courts	1
Landscaping	2	Homeless people around park	1
Improve water quality	2	Water skiing	1



Respondents were asked if there was a recreation activity that was not currently in Winter Park that they wanted to see added and supported; 67.8% of respondents reported no. Of the respondents who said yes (32.2%), the most popular answers were “bike paths/trails” (10 residents); a community pool (8 residents); and a tennis court (6 residents).

	N
Bike paths/trails	10
Community pool	8
Tennis court	6
A recreation center with exercise equipment	5
Expand parks/activities for children	5
Yoga (indoor and outdoor)	5
Soccer field	5
Organized swimming activities	5
Canoes/kayaking	4
Disc golf	4
Elderly activities/exercise classes	4
Pickleball	4
More splash pads	4
Skate parks	4
Music activities	3
More access to boat ramps and aquatic activities	3
Paddle boarding	3
Tai Chi	3
Basketball courts	2
Beach volleyball area	2
Golf driving range	2
Shuffle board	2
Volleyball courts	2
Walking trails	2
Zumba	2
Racquetball	2

## Neighborhood Parks

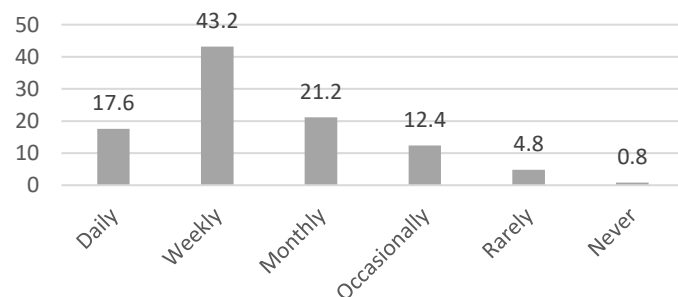
Residents were also asked about their neighborhood parks. Most respondents (77%) reported that they had a park that they considered their neighborhood park; 23% did not.

Next, respondents were asked which park they considered their neighborhood park. The most popular parks were Lake Baldwin Park (9 residents), Central Park (7 residents), and Mead Garden (6 residents).

	N		N
Azalea Lane Rec Center	3	Mead Garden	6
Lake Baldwin Park/Fleet People's Park	9	MLK	2
Cady Way Bike Trail	4	Orwin Manor Park	2
Cady Trail Pool	1	Park Avenue Park	3
Central Park	7	Phelps Park	5
Dinky Dock	1	Showalter Field	2
Howell Branch Preserve	3	Timberlane Shores	1
Kraft Azalea Garden	4	Trismen Park	1
Lake Chelton	3	Ward Park	4
Lake Island Park	2	Winter Park Community Center	1
Lake Midget Park	1	Winter Park Golf Course	1
Marvin Smiley Park	1		

How Often Neighborhood Parks Are Visited

When asked how often they visited their neighborhood parks, most residents responded "Weekly" (43.2%) or "Monthly" (21.2%).



Residents were asked what improvements or additions they would like to see added to their neighborhood park. Top suggestions included more overall maintenance (48 respondents), more benches or tables (42 respondents), and more bathrooms (47 respondents).

	N		N
Amphitheater	13	Sports courts/fields	10
Paths	18	Drinking fountains	32
Provide/increase park staff	14	Synthetic turf area	9
Pool	6	Gardens and flowers	30
Bathrooms	37	Track/fitness trail	12
Public art	17	Overall maintenance	48
Benches/tables	42	Tree planting/maintenance	35
Recreation/sports programing	11	Cleaning/litter removal	25
Children's play equipment	29	More trash cans	16
Security	18	Lighting	16

Children's spray park area	22	Disabled access	10
Signage	7	Other	81
Skate parks	5	None	63
Dog park area	22		

81 residents provided answers not on the survey. Top requests included more shade (8 residents), better parking (4 residents) and water fountains for dogs (4 residents).

	N
Add swings	3
More shade	8
Additional/updated exercise equipment	3
At Christmas park lights are typically distracting when red/too flashy	2
Band stand needs to be redone and updated	1
Basketball courts	2
Better bike lanes	2
Better water quality	2
Landscaping	3
Better parking	4
Better security	1
Dog waste bags	2
Water fountain for dogs	4
Don't like the library in its location	1
Eating areas	1
Vendors	1
More activities for kids	1
Expand park/more space	4
More variety	1
Grills	2
Picnic tables	1
Reduce the amount of homeless people	1
More gardens	1
Better maintenance of the pool	2
Liked it better when it was more "rustic/wild"	1
Enforce park rules during rentals	1
More bathrooms	3
Small dog park only	2
More bike racks	1
More trails	1
More concerts/shows	1
More culturally appropriate art	1
Better maintenance	3
More events at MLK	1
Soccer goals	1
More fencing	3
More seating	1
More play areas/playgrounds	3

More spray areas/splash pads	2
More trash pickup	1
Pest control	2
Preserve park spaces/no new buildings	1
Recreation activities for seniors	1
Recycling	1
Repairing boardwalk; be sure to prevent people from crossing it with borders; faster process for fixing the boardwalk	1
Replace equipment	2
Clean retention ponds	2
Solar energy on the train station	1
Update website	1
Splintering wood on play areas	1
Strongly opposed to dog parks	1
Tennis courts	1
Too plain	1
Utilizing West Meadow better	1
Water cooling systems tend to break down	1
Wish Showalter was open later in the evening	1
Wood repair on playground equipment	1

## Park Issues

Participants were asked to rate their opinion of the importance of certain park issues as "Very important," "Somewhat important," "Not very important," or "Not important at all." Most respondents (63.4%) reported that keeping user fees/admission at the current levels was very important; 49.4% said that it was somewhat important to enhance offerings at existing parks; 69.8% reported that maintaining and renovating existing parks was very important. Concerning developing existing city land for new parks, 38.9% said this was somewhat important; 32.5% considered acquiring land for new parks was somewhat important.

	N	Very important (%)	Somewhat important (%)	Not very important (%)	Not important at all (%)
Keep user fees/admission at current levels	320	<b>63.4</b>	25.9	5.6	5
Enhancing offerings at existing parks	318	30.2	<b>49.4</b>	16.4	4.1
Maintaining and renovating existing parks	321	<b>69.8</b>	26.8	3.1	.3
Developing existing city land for new parks	319	32.9	<b>38.9</b>	21.3	6.9
Acquiring land for new parks	320	31.3	<b>32.5</b>	25.6	10.6

Residents were also asked about their reluctance to use certain parks, and why they were reluctant. Only 16.1% of residents reported being reluctant to visit certain parks. At Lake Baldwin Park, residents cited not wanting to be around dogs as a reason for not visiting this park. Crime and safety was reported as an issue for Badger Park, Cady Way Trail, Splash Pad Park, Castle Park, Hannibal Square, MLK, Phelps Park, and Ward Park.

Badger Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Too much crime</li> </ul>
Lake Baldwin Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The dog park</li> <li>▪ Overcrowded</li> <li>▪ The dog park</li> <li>▪ The large dogs are not separate from the small dogs</li> <li>▪ People don't watch their dogs</li> <li>▪ Too many shrubs in certain area. Safety issue for exercising and walking</li> <li>▪ I do not support money going to this cause</li> <li>▪ The issue of dog poop and people maintaining their dogs when visiting. More doggy poop bags and trash cans requested</li> <li>▪ Does not want to go to a park with dogs</li> <li>▪ Does not support dog parks</li> <li>▪ Not enough lighting</li> </ul>
Cady Way Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There's some sketchy things on the bike trails</li> <li>▪ Due to past incidents</li> <li>▪ Issue with crime on trails</li> </ul>
Central Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Park does not allow dogs</li> <li>▪ Parking issues</li> </ul>
Dinky Dock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water levels</li> <li>▪ Limited parking</li> </ul>
Splash Pad Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safety reasons</li> </ul>
Castle Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safety reasons</li> </ul>
Hannibal Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safety</li> </ul>
Island Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rodent problem</li> </ul>
MLK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parking area is a mess</li> <li>▪ It is too difficult to supervise kids while they are on the playground/play areas</li> <li>▪ It is very easy for people to drive away with children</li> <li>▪ Safety concern</li> <li>▪ Too crowded</li> </ul>
Mead Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It was not as nice as expected. It felt safe but unkempt overall.</li> </ul>

Phelps Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Safety issues</li> <li>▪ Geared towards kids and family mostly</li> <li>▪ Security issues with theft</li> <li>▪ Heard a lot of drug dealings there</li> <li>▪ In despair</li> </ul>
Trotter's Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Doesn't offer much for kids</li> </ul>
Trismen Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Appears to be right in the middle of homes</li> </ul>
Ward Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Feels unsafe</li> <li>▪ Very open</li> <li>▪ Fence is not secure</li> <li>▪ Their paved parking</li> <li>▪ Not so clean and safe</li> </ul>
Winter Park Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Too many vagrants in area</li> </ul>
Additional Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Would not attend any park allowing dogs for safety reasons</li> </ul>

## Demographics

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- The respondents ranged in age from 21 to 93; most respondents were 35 to 70 years old.
- 57.6% of the participants were female; 42.4% were male.
- 75.8% owned their homes, while 24.2% rented.
- 65.9% had children under 18 in their homes.

## Conclusion

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Overall, the residents of Winter Park are very happy with the parks that are available to them. 86.5% of participants rated the quality of the parks as excellent or good while 86.1% rated the general condition of the parks as excellent or good. In terms of specific parks, the most popular are Central Park, MLK, and Phelps Park. Residents also use the parks often with over three quarter of respondents stating they visit a park in Winter Park at least once a month. Many respondents offered ideas as to what is missing at the parks however no one idea received more than 18 supporters. Thus while a handful of residents thought more events or more dog parks were needed, no one idea was cited by more than a few people. In terms of respondents' neighborhood parks, increasing the number of benches and tables and improving "overall maintenance" were the most popular suggestions for improvements. While some improvements or changes could be made, the results of the survey show that overall, residents are very pleased with the parks and they are taking advantage of what the parks have to offer.



## Appendix

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Q28

Surveyor ID number

Q29

Phone number

Q1

Hello,

I am a student from UCF doing a research survey on behalf of the City of Winter Park. I am not selling anything! This survey is anonymous and takes about 5-8 minutes.

[ADD AS NECESSARY:]

You are being asked to participate in this survey as part of the city's Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process. In an effort to continue providing the citizens of Winter Park with the best available parks and recreation facilities, the city has begun updating its current Master Plan which is a blueprint for growth and development of our parks system.

The information you provide through answering this survey will be compiled and used to establish the foundation and direction for the future of Winter Park's park and recreational facilities. I hope you will take a few minutes to provide us with your honest opinion about our existing amenities and programs, as well as what you envision for the future.

Although you will not be asked to provide your name, there are several questions regarding demographics. The information is critical and will only be used for statistical purposes.

Q2

I can only interview people aged 18 and older. Are you at least 18 years old?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Q3

And are you a resident of Winter Park?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q4

ok lets get started. Winter Park has more than 20 parks and public recreation facilities. Overall, how would you rate the quality of Winter Park's public parks? Would you say they are poor, fair, average, good or excellent?

- ☐ poor
- ☐ fair
- ☐ average
- ☐ good
- ☐ excellent

Q5

And using the same scale, how would you rate the general condition of Winter Park's public parks and recreation facilities? (re-read options if necessary)

- ☐ poor
- ☐ fair
- ☐ average
- ☐ good
- ☐ excellent

Q6

Which parks and recreation facilities are you or those in your household currently using and how do you rate each overall? (surveyor- only select the quality of the parks/facilities the participant names. After one park is named, ask if there are others they use and assess quality)

	poor	fair	average	good	excellent
Park Facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Central Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shady Parks & Spray Ground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lake Baldwin Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MLK	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	poor	fair	average	good	excellent
Mead Garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ward Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter Park Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dinky Dock	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Farmer's Market	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cady Way Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cady Way Bike Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kraft Azalea Garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Orwin Manor Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Phelps Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trismen Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Howell Branch Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter Park Tennis Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Azalea Lane Rec Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter Park Golf Course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q7

How often do you use Winter Park's public parks and recreation facilities? (read options)

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

Q8

What are you using the public parks and recreation facilities for? That is to say what do you typically do when you are at one of the parks? (record answers)

- ☐ Biking
- ☐ golf/ tennis
- ☐ place to bring kids
- ☐ playground
- ☐ in-line skating
- ☐ dining/ picnic
- ☐ attending events
- ☐ family time
- ☐ soccer/ baseball
- ☐ swimming
- ☐ exercising
- ☐ volunteering
- ☐ learning/ education
- ☐ fishing
- ☐ walking dogs
- ☐ other sports
- ☐ boating
- ☐ walking
- ☐ viewing nature
- ☐ relaxing
- ☐ other

Q9

What, if anything, do you feel is missing from Winter Park's public park offerings?

Q10

Is there one park you consider your neighborhood park?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Q11

What park would that be?

Q12

How often do you visit your neighborhood park?

- ☐ daily
- ☐ weekly
- ☐ monthly
- ☐ occasionally
- ☐ rarey
- ☐ never

Q13

What, if any, improvements or additions would you like to see made to your neighborhood park? (record verbatim)

- ☐ ampitheatre
- ☐ paths
- ☐ provide/ increase park staff
- ☐ pool
- ☐ bathrooms
- ☐ public art
- ☐ benches/ tables
- ☐ recreation/ sports programming
- ☐ children's play equipment

- ☐ security
- ☐ children's spray park area
- ☐ signage
- ☐ skate parks
- ☐ dog park area
- ☐ sports courts/ fields
- ☐ drinking fountains
- ☐ synthetic turf area
- ☐ gardens and flowers
- ☐ track/ fitness trail
- ☐ overall maintenance
- ☐ tree planting & maintenance
- ☐ cleaning/ litter removal
- ☐ more trash cans
- ☐ lighting
- ☐ disabled access
- ☐ other
- 
- ☐ none

**Q14**

Now I'm going to read a short list of park issues. Please rate the importance of each as not important at all, not very important, somewhat important, or very important.

	not important at all	not very important	somewhat important	very important
keeping user fees/ admission at current levels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



	not important at all	not very important	somewhat important	very important
enhancing offerings at existing parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
maintaining and renovating existing parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
developing existing city land for more parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
acquiring land for new parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### Q15

In general, do you tend to visit the parks alone or with others?

- ☐ Alone
- ☐ With others

#### Q16

How often do you visit parks as part of your exercise or health and fitness routine? (read options)

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

#### Q17

Is there a recreation activity that is not available in Winter Park that you would like to see offered and supported?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Q18

What recreation activity would you like to see?

Q19

Are there any Winter Park parks you are reluctant to use?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Q20

Which parks are you reluctant to use and why?

Q21

Just a few more questions for statistical purposes and we will be done:

Q22

What is your age?

Q23

What is your gender? (Only ask if not obvious)

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

Q24

Do you rent or own your residence in Winter Park?

- ☐ Own
- ☐ Rent

Q25

Do you have children under the age of 18 in your home?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Q26

How many children do you have under 18 living at home?

Q27

Thank you for your participation in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey! Have a great day!