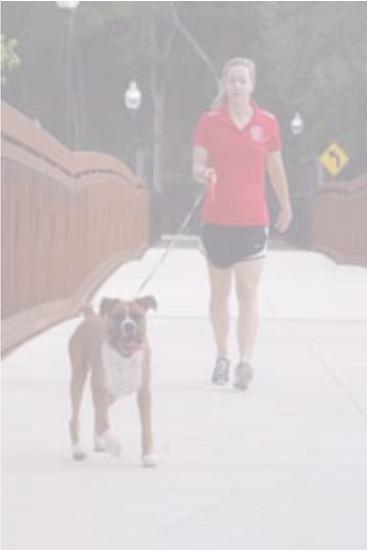


# PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN



**2016-2026**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### INTRODUCTION

The City of Belton is located in Central Texas and is the county seat in Bell County with pristine open space and historic architectures. Belton’s ideal location along Interstate 35 with convenient access to Austin and Waco make it a highly desirable place to live in the Bell County area.

The citizens of Belton understand that an exceptional parks and recreation system is a crucial component of their community’s outstanding quality of life. The City of Belton has developed a comprehensive Parks Strategic Master Plan that provides a series of recommendations that will guide the City of Belton as it seeks to preserve and enhance the parks system both now and for future generations.



The initial step towards analyzing and addressing the community’s vision for recreational services and facilities was accomplished in 1997 when the City Council of Belton adopted its first Park Master Plan. As a continuation of this process, the City Council adopted the 2004-2009 Parks & Recreation Master Plan as an analysis of the parks system

and as a guide for future development and subsequently the City of Belton Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan 2010-2020. After the Parks Board and City Staff reviewed the 2010-2020 plan in 2008, it became clear that a new perspective was needed because the goals set out on the plan were nearing completion, either by the City or by another community partner such as Belton Independent School District (BISD) or the University of Mary Hardin Baylor (UMHB).

The City contacted Luck Design Team to help them through the process. Luck Design Team, City Staff, together with the Belton Parks Board produced a document the City Council could support, the City of Belton Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan 2016-2026. The plan focuses on the entire parks and recreation spectrum, in detail over the next five years and in general terms over the next ten years. The document is a reflection of where we are, and where we want to go with our Parks and Recreation Department.

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Belton is a community of just over 20,000 people. Residential growth has been moderate but steady during the past twenty years, while the highest increase in population during this period has been in the northwest region of Belton, thanks to the development of several large residential subdivisions. Recently, population growth to the south is increasing, with several new developments planned or underway.

Although Belton is primarily a residential community, there is a healthy and developing commercial sector consisting of several business, manufacturing companies, and retail establishments. Many



residents choose to live in Belton and travel to other cities for employment. This is due in large part to the quality of the Belton educational system and the close proximity of unique recreational attractions such as Lake Belton and Stillhouse Hollow Lake. Since 2010, the City of Belton has been a designated “Scenic City”, one of only twenty Texas municipalities awarded this distinction by the Scenic City Certification Program of Scenic Texas.

The Belton’s parks system provides services and facilities for numerous populations outside the city limits that are not included in the census estimates, especially residents within the boundaries of the Belton Independent School District.

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan recognizes these impacts in the Belton community. Providing diverse, high quality parks and recreation opportunities is a valuable mechanism to attracting and retaining residents and businesses alike.

The City of Belton continues to set processes in place to provide an excellent quality of life for its citizens. Understanding our changing environment, economic opportunities and evolving demographics gives the City the ability to plan a park system for the future. The Parks Master Plan has been an effort guided by the Parks Board, public input , the Belton City Council and City Staff.



## EXISTING FACILITIES INVENTORY

The first step in the master planning process was to complete a comprehensive analysis of the existing facilities in the community’s parks system. The parks in Belton can be broken down into four distinct groups:

Community Parks are the largest parks, serving traditional family groups and alternate-use groups from the city and the outlying area populations. They have a wide variety of park facilities for recreation and competitive sports use that attract patrons during all seasons. Off-street parking is provided so that residents may drive from greater distances to utilize the park facilities. Community parks represent significant construction and maintenance investments by the taxpayers of a city. Belton has six community parks.



Neighborhood Parks are smaller than community parks, usually under 5 acres in size. They are primarily used by residents in the immediate walking area and require very little on-site parking. The goal of a neighborhood park is to provide a gathering place for nearby neighborhoods to utilize, take pride in, and help

with enhancement and maintenance. Belton has two neighborhood parks.

Special Purpose Parks/Facilities are designed to accommodate specialized recreational activities, such as a single playing field for softball games. By definition, special purpose parks only provide for one or two activities, but may include additional elements that support the primary activities. Belton has six special purpose parks.

Linkage Parks are open spaces that provide a linear connection between different sites in a community's parks system. They usually follow some natural or man-made feature, such as a creek bed or an abandoned utility or railroad easement. The Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail is a prime example of a creative and beneficial linkage park.

The City of Belton owns and maintains almost 175 acres of parkland. The parks system includes approximately 136 acres of community parks, 4 acres of neighborhood parks, and 17 acres of special purpose parks. The remaining acreage is land dedicated as parkland but undeveloped.

## PUBLIC INPUT

Gathering public input is a vital part of the master planning process. Objective feedback from those whom the parks system is designed to support is essential in determining if the community's needs are truly being met. A series of forums were conducted to gather public input, including:

- Public meetings served as an educational tool for citizens and park users, in addition to providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and input from park users. These meetings were held at the following dates and locations:
  - March 7, 2016 Harris Community Center
  - May 9, 2016 Harris Community Center
- A community survey was available online and distributed to attendees of the public meetings to receive input from the residents and property owners in Belton.



## PARKS GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

1. Facility Improvements – The first goal for the Implementation Plan focuses on “Facility Improvements”, with a specific emphasis on outdoor improvements. The implementation plan focuses on the highest outdoor priority facilities.
2. Parkland Acquisition – The City has several strategies in place for its second goal of acquisition of parkland, such as development requirements for parkland set-asides, but other fiscally responsible strategies to acquire parkland are needed. For example, use mapping technology to identify areas where the City has easements or may own property that is appropriate for parkland development, or may provide linkage or trails to existing park facilities.



## KEY NEEDS/PRIORITIES FOR MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Through a standard and resource-based analysis, a series of improvements have been recommended for Belton's parks system. The recommendations represent steps that may be taken to address various parks system needs, including the acquisition of additional park property. The prioritization of the improvements is based on community input, the needs assessment and direction from the Belton Parks Board. Some recommendations will be accomplished within the life of this master plan, which is effective until the year 2026. Other recommendations have a completion date ranging beyond the ten year horizon of this plan. The three priority categories are as follows:

- High Priority – to be completed within 5 years
- Medium Priority – to be completed between 5 and 10 years
- Moderate Priority – these items might be initiated during the life of the master plan, but they may not be completed within 10 years

As shown in the charts below, the park priorities are also divided into "Outdoor Recreation Priorities" and "Indoor Recreation Priorities":

### *OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY PRIORITIES:*

#### High Priority Items

1. Walking /Hiking Trails
2. Athletic Fields
3. Dog Park
4. Natural Areas and Open Space
5. Water Recreation  
(Fishing/Kayak/Canoe Areas)
6. Outdoor Swimming Pool

#### Medium Priority Items

7. Playscapes / Playgrounds
8. Flower / Community Gardens
9. Disc Golf
10. Water Playscape / Splash Pads
11. Picnic Shelters / Pavilions

#### Moderate Priority Items (Long-Range Items)

12. Tennis Court
13. Skateboard Park
14. Volleyball Court
15. Basketball Court
16. Pickleball

### *INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY PRIORITIES:*

#### High Priority Items

1. Multi-Purpose Indoor Recreation Center

#### Medium Priority Items

2. Indoor Pool



## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The City of Belton should develop and adopt several policies that enhance the planning and development of park facilities in Belton. These policies would help to maximize available funding by recognizing opportunities to create recreation facilities. Recommended policies and procedures include:

- Recreation Programming - The Parks Board and City Staff should focus on ways to increase the available recreation programming in the City. Exploring opportunities for expanded use of the Harris Community Center is recommended.
- Subdivision Ordinance for Parkland Development - Benchmark the existing subdivision ordinance for parkland development against those of surrounding cities and establish more restrictive ordinances regarding parkland donation for developers, especially for those requesting development incentives.
- Floodplain Ordinances - Establish ordinances that restrict development within the 100 year floodplain.
- Donation of Floodplain Corridors – Establish policies/ordinances that encourage the donation of creek or river corridors within the 100 year floodplain, or mandate public access to these areas.



## FUNDING FOR PARK FACILITIES

Funding for the recommended parks system projects will come primarily from local sources, including:

- General fund expenditure
- Bond funds, if required and appropriate
- User generated revenues
- Cash and equipment donations
- Land donations
- Funding assistance from other area public entities

The City should seek grant funding from state and federal government agencies, educational districts, and from private foundations to supplement local funds. Some grants that could help to further develop the parks and recreation system include:

- TRPA Grants – The Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) is administered and distributed by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD). The TRPA has been the primary source of parks and recreation grant funding in Texas over the past 10 years.



- Transportation Enhancement Grants – The funds are administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), with an emphasis on the need for safer, more efficient management of integrated, multi modal transportation systems.
- Safe Routes to School Grants – This grant is also administered by TxDOT, with the overall purpose to improve safety in and around school areas. Bicycle and pedestrian corridors would be eligible for this type of grant funding.
- Preserve America Grants – This federal grant is administered through the National Parks Service. Belton may apply because the City is a designated “Preserve America Community”. The grant could fund projects related to heritage tourism such as development or marketing of historic trails or other historic programming.

## CONCLUSION

In the next five years the City of Belton should at a minimum address these items:

- Expands its local and regional trail system within the frame work of the Killeen-Temple-MPO Regional Thoroughfare and Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan.
- Expand its parkland inventory for athletic fields, natural areas and open space.
- Evaluate the possibility of Heritage Park becoming a baseball/softball only facility and constructing a new soccer facility.
- Continue dialogue with the Belton Independent School District regarding potential inter local agreements for the potential recreational partnership opportunities.
- Construct a dog park.
- Conduct a feasibility study for both an Outdoor Swimming Pool and an Indoor Recreation Center.
- Enhance the annual parks maintenance fund to allow replacement or improvement of existing amenities and the parks maintenance facility.



# 3 METHODOLOGY

The City of Belton Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan 2016-2026 follows the general guidelines for local park master plans, as published in Appendix G: Master Plan Guidelines of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s Outdoor Recreation Grant Application. Development of the plan was carried out in seven chronological steps:

## 1. INVENTORY

The inventory assessed the condition of parks system facilities that provide recreational opportunities for Belton residents, and identified needed improvements for each location. Additionally, the inventory assessed recreational areas and opportunities provided by other entities in the city limits. Beginning in the spring of 2016, City Staff and staff from LUCK Design Team went to each park, photographically documenting the facilities, writing a detailed list of features, and charting each feature on a map of the park. The data was compiled into a table listing each City-owned park with a count of each feature or amenity in that park.



## 2. PUBLIC INPUT

Working with a LUCK Design Team, the City formulated a process for public input to gather ideas for the master plan. The elements for public input involved community meetings, an opinion survey from park users, and interviews with City Staff.

From March to May 2016, the Belton Parks Board, along with City Staff, hosted two community meetings at the Harris Community Center. The meetings were advertised through newspaper advertisements and articles. Through a slide presentation, attendees learned about Belton’s existing park system and had an opportunity to ask questions about facilities and programs. At the close of each meeting attendees had the opportunity to take the Belton Parks and Recreation Survey. An electronic version of the survey was also available through the City of Belton web site.



## 3. GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Analysis of the collected data and information resulted in a list of priorities that fit into one of five broad categories or Park System Goals. These

were then defined into specific objectives or “tracts” within the Implementation Plan.

#### 4. FACILITY NEEDS

Facility needs were assessed using standard and resource based methods utilizing information from the public input process.

#### 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Several recommendations were formulated for the parks system, based on the needs assessment and discussions with City Staff, the Belton Parks Board, and City Leadership. The recommendations fit into two main categories, Facilities Improvements and Parkland Acquisition.

#### 6. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

In August 2016, the Belton Parks Board formulated a recommendation for the Belton City Council regarding a prioritized plan of improvements based on the data collected. The Parks Board received and accepted the implementation plan at their August 15, 2016 meeting.

#### 7. ADOPTION

The City of Belton Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan 2016-2026 was adopted by the Belton Parks Board at their August 2016 meeting, and presented to City Council on September 13, 2016.

The plan is effective October 2016 through the end of 2026. Comprehensive updates to the plan will be made every five years.



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## INTRODUCTION

### A HISTORY OF BELTON

Established as county seat in 1850, Belton (current population: just over 20,000) is located in the center of Bell County, and in the center of Texas. The Texas State Capital, Austin, is located 60 miles to the south, and Dallas is located 130 miles to the north. Belton is also located in the center of many natural resources: the limestone hills of the Balcones Escarpment are on the western side of the city; the fertile soils of the Blackland Prairie are on the eastern side of the city; Belton Lake and the Leon River form Belton's northern border; the southern limit is near Stillhouse Hollow Lake and the Lampasas River; and Nolan Creek flows through the middle of town.

With its central location in the state, and natural resources, Belton is a natural trade and travel stop. There was a pre-historic settlement near Belton, and evidence can still be found in the area of the life and trade activities of native people. Native people relied on the land and food sources available, in order to survive. In more

modern times, location and resources remain critical factors in the town's survival, and are key to the economic health of the community. Belton was a stop on the cattle trails of the late 1800's, a great place for cowboys and cattle to rest, eat and find a drink. The cowboys also found a variety of vendors and merchants in Belton, stocking up on supplies for the next leg of the ride, and taking advantage of the recreational opportunities available, too! In the last quarter of the century the flow of cattle, cowboys, and their money became a trickle. Belton needed an economic boost, and the promise of a rail line was encouraging. However, in 1881 the Santa Fe Railroad skirted Belton and established Temple, a new town on the north side of the Leon River. Finally, in 1882 the much smaller Katy Railroad came to town, and in 1884 Belton raised \$31,000 to relocate the female branch of Baylor College from Independence, Texas. The City was able to spend the final years of the 1800's, and first years of the 1900's focused on critical infrastructure and quality of life improvements. Before the Great Depression, the City managed to construct a modern water system through town, and establish Confederate Park and Yettie Tobler Polk Park.

In the midst of the Great Depression, location and available resources again helped rescue the area's economy, as the government established Fort Hood on land in the northwest part of the county.



From World War II battle zones around the globe, American Soldiers returned “home” to Ft. Hood, Bell County, Texas. Surrounding communities boomed and business and industry expanded as soldiers and their families needed new homes, as well as new places to work, shop, and play.

Belton experienced significant growth post-war and is experiencing a surge in residential growth today, again by capitalizing on available resources and location. Centered in Texas, an hour’s drive north of the State Capital and two hours from Dallas, the City combined a generous water supply from the Leon and Lampasas Rivers to make Belton an attractive place for families and businesses after World War II, just as it does today.



## DEMOGRAPHICS

Understanding the size and character of the population in a parks system is a major component of the master planning process. By using demographic information as a tool for future parks system planning, the City is able to identify opportunities and provide enhancements that attract and provide essential services to previously excluded or under served populations.

The City of Belton Planning Department based the population projections used in this document based on existing census data and current building permits.



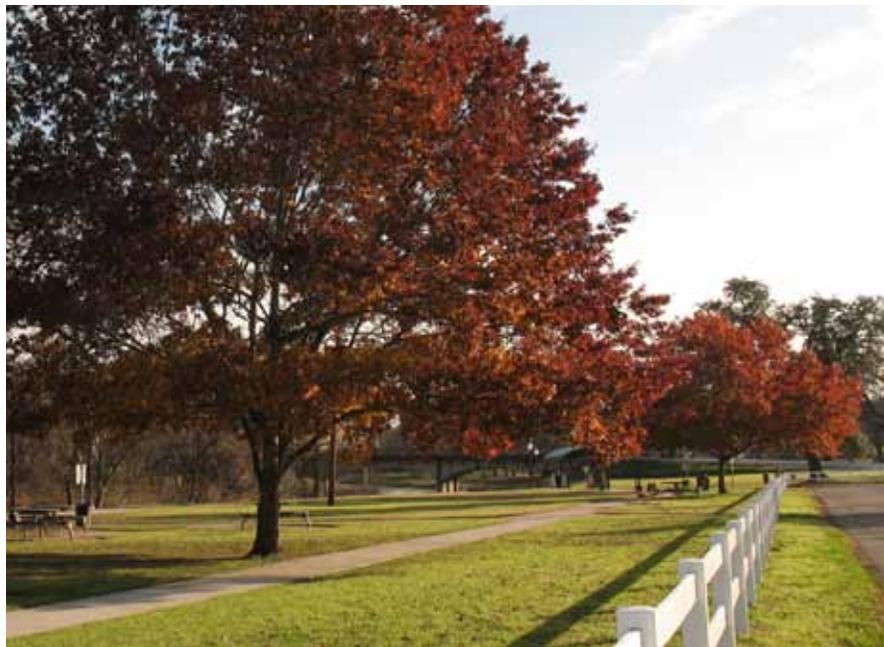
## CITY OF BELTON PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goals of the City of Belton Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan 2016-2026 were developed by the Belton Parks Board as a result of the communication received from the public meetings and discussions with City Staff. The Board agreed to the goals as stated below to guide the vision of the City of Belton Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan 2016-2026.

The goals include:

1. To expand and maximize the recreational programming options offered throughout the City and to communicate those opportunities to City of Belton residents.
2. To establish and maintain a high quality level of park facilities and amenities throughout the city's park system by meeting the park priority needs of residents through the continual addition and upgrade of park facilities.
3. To increase and develop the amount of park land and open space in the City available for active and passive recreation.
4. To enhance marketing efforts and outreach to residents in order to communicating the many different park, recreational and open space opportunities available to residents within the City.
5. Providing accessibility by safely connecting parks with residential areas and other cultural amenities throughout the City and providing access to park amenities within the spirit and guidelines of the Texas Accessibility Standards.

In order to implement the five goals of the parks master plan, specific objectives were identified as action items. These action items are further expanded upon in "Section 8 - Implementation Plan".



# 5 INVENTORY

In order to project the future park and recreation needs of the City of Belton, City Staff conducted a parks/facilities inventory review of the fifteen parks/facilities within the City's park system. Each of the parks were inventoried for the number and type of park amenities located at the park, documented with photographs as the parks looked in the spring of 2016, and categorized according to the following parks classification system:

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Neighborhood parks provide the foundation for recreation under the parks system. They are average sized parks, usually under 5 acres. Neighborhood parks provide recreational opportunities for the entire family and are primarily used by residents within immediate walking or biking distance. There are five neighborhood parks in Belton.

Neighborhood parks are places where neighbors gather, take pride in, and help with enhancement and maintenance. A neighborhood park in Belton should serve approximately 2,000

to 3,000 residents. Neighborhood parks can represent significant construction and maintenance investments, primarily because of the multiple sites throughout the community. In some instances, depending on location and facilities, community parks supplement the need for neighborhood park type service for residential areas within walking or biking distance.

Beall Park, located in north central Belton is an excellent example of a neighborhood park. With only 1.26 acres, it provides picnic facilities suitable for an entire family, a play area for younger children, and plenty of open space suitable for various recreational activities. It is centrally located in the neighborhood that it serves.

Size – The average neighborhood park in Belton should be 5 or less acres. However, the size of a particular park may vary greatly depending on the surrounding property and types of uses in the park itself. The park should be small enough not to encroach on the neighborhood by attracting too many visitors, but large enough to provide a variety of facilities. The layout of a neighborhood park should be very efficient, as room for expansion will be limited and any future development will have to take place within existing park boundaries.

Location – Neighborhood parks are located throughout the City and are accessible to residents living within a one-half mile radius. These parks are frequently located adjacent to elementary schools, so as to share acquisition and development costs with the school district.



Typical facilities that can be found in neighborhood parks include:

- Playground equipment with a safety surface
- Unlighted practice fields
- Unlighted tennis or basketball courts
- Unlighted multi-purpose courts
- Jogging exercise trail with exercise stations
- Active free play areas
- Picnic areas with benches, picnic tables and grills
- Small pavilion or gazebo
- Limited security lighting
- Nature education stations
- Neighborhood gardens

Parking – This varies on the facilities and size of the park, but the National Recreation and Park Association recommends a minimum of eight spaces per newly developed neighborhood park with at least two handicapped accessible spaces. Off-street parking is not recommended in most cases because the park should primarily serve those residents within walking or biking distance.

## COMMUNITY PARK

- Community parks are the largest parks, serving family and alternate-use groups from the city and outlying area populations. They have a wide variety of park facilities for recreational and competitive sports use that attract patrons during all seasons. The majority of access to this type of facility is by driving to the park and parking on-site, enabling residents to come from greater distances to utilize the park facilities. Community parks represent significant construction and maintenance investments from the taxpayers. Belton has six community parks.



- Size – Average park size ranges from 15 acres to more than 50 acres. Community parks should be large enough to provide a variety of facilities while still leaving open space for passive recreation and pre-existing natural areas. Ideal community park sites will have room for expansion and growth as new facilities are required.
- Location – Parks should be located near a major thoroughfare to provide easy access and identification from different parts of the city and for those visitors and tourists coming from out of



town. Because of the potential disruption caused by noise and intense illumination during the night hours, community parks should be buffered from adjacent residential areas.

Typical facilities that can typically be found in community parks include:

- Indoor recreation or community centers
- Lighted ball fields, suitable for organized competitive events
- Hiking and/or bicycling trails
- Playground equipment
- Sufficient off-street parking based on facilities provided and size of park
- Active free play areas
- Picnic areas and pavilion(s)
- Restrooms
- Security lighting
- Nature trails
- Fishing ponds
- Swimming pools
- Skate parks



Parking – This varies on the facilities and size of the park. The National Recreation and Park Association recommends a minimum of five spaces per acre, plus additional parking for any future facilities.

## SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKS

Special purpose parks are designed to accommodate specialized recreational activities. Special purpose parks only provide for one or two activities, but may include additional elements that support the primary activities. Some examples of special purpose parks include:

- Recreation centers
- Golf courses
- Athletic fields or complexes
- Nature centers or large natural preserves
- Aquatic centers
- Tennis complexes

Athletic complexes are the most common type of special purpose park, as they seek to provide fields for organized play in a location that can handle the high volume of traffic and noise created by the park's users.

The size, location and parking requirements for a special purpose park varies on the facilities and size of the park.



## LINKAGE PARKS

Linkage parks are open spaces that provide a linear connection between different sites in a community's parks system. They usually follow some natural or man-made feature, such as a creek bed or an abandoned utility or railroad easement. Properly developed to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle traffic, these parks could serve to link or connect various points along the City's parks system, as well as other community facilities, such as the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor ("UMHB"), Belton Independent School District ("BISD") campuses, and the Lena Armstrong Public Library. They also serve as linear greenbelts and open space for general purpose recreation.

No specific standards apply to linkage parks other than they must connect two separate locations, one being part of the parks system. The Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail is a perfect example of a linkage park, as it connects several park system elements to other important destinations in the community. The trail connects Confederate and Yettie Polk Parks to downtown Belton and to Harris Community Park. Plans call for the trail to extend to the UMHB campus and westward to Chisholm Trail Park.

The following pages document the City-owned parks and their associated park acreage, current and recommended classification and the recreational facilities currently found in each park. Site pictures are also included.



# BEALL PARK

1101 N. Beall Street



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Playground for Ages 2-12	1	1			N
Picnic Tables	2	1	1		N
Benches	2	1	1		N
Wooden Storage Shed	1		1		N
Parking Spaces	7	7			Y

Acreage: 1.26 Acres

Current Classification: Neighborhood Park



# CARLA KAY PARK

E. Avenue J. & Fairway



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Picnic Tables	1	1			N
Playground/Swing Set	1	1			N
Pocket Park Landscape Area	1	1			N

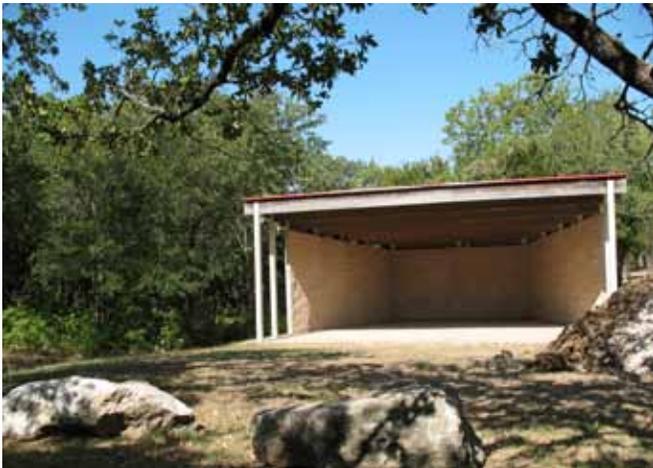
Acreage: 0.25 Acres

Current Classification: Neighborhood Park



# CHISHOLM TRAIL PARK

1980 Sparta Road



# CHISHOLM TRAIL PARK continued

1980 Sparta Road



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Amphitheater	1		1		Y
Baseball Fields	2	2			Y
Basketball Courts	1	1			Y
Grills	2		2		Y
Benches	8	8			Y
Concession Buildings	1	1			Y
Horseshoe Pits	1		1		N
Pavilions	1	1			Y
Picnic Tables	6		6		Y
Playground for Ages 5-12	1	1			Y
Butterfly Gardens	1	1			N
Skatepark	1	1			Y
Soccer Fields	2	2			Y
Softball Fields	3	3			Y
Trails	0.79	0.79			Y
Volleyball	1		1		N
Restroom	1	1			Y
Pocket Park Landscape Area	4	4			N
Parking Spaces	88	88			Y

Acreage: 34.19 Acres

Current Classification: Community Park



# CONFEDERATE PARK

Confederate Boulevard



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Pavilion	2	2			Y
Picnic Tables	8	6	2		Y
Grills	1	1			Y
Playground for Ages 2-5	1	1			N
Bike Rack	1	1			Y
Benches	4	4			N
Boat Ramp	1	1			Y
Parking Spaces	185	185			Y

Acreage: 16.50 Acres

Current Classification: Community Park



# CONTINENTAL FIELD

N. 14th & College



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Baseball Field (Practice)	2	2			N

Acreage: 2.64 Acres

Current Classification: Special Purpose Park



# GRIGGS FIELD

E. Avenue J. & Fairway



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Baseball Field (Practice)	1		1		N

Acreage: 1.41 Acres

Current Classification: Special Purpose Park



# T.B. HARRIS COMMUNITY CENTER

401 N. Alexander Street



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Meeting Rooms	7	7			Y
Parking Spaces	110	110			Y

Acreage: 2.65 Acres

Current Classification: Community Park



# HARRIS COMMUNITY PARK

312 N. Alexander Street



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	GOOD	CONDITION		ACCESSIBILITY
			FAIR	REPLACE	
Playground for Ages 2-5	1	1			Y
Benches	13	13			Y
Picnic Tables	10	10			Y
Restroom	1	1			Y
Splash Pad	1	1			Y
Fishing Observation Dock	1	1			Y
Educational Stations	2	2			Y
Butterfly Garden	1	1			Y
Parking Spaces	14	14			Y

Acreage: 6.46 Acres

Current Classification: Community Park



# HERITAGE PARK

1502 Park Avenue



# HERITAGE PARK continued

1502 Park Avenue



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Baseball Field	6	6			Y
Concrete Picnic Tables	34	27	7		Y
Grills	19	9	3	7	N
Playground for Ages 2-5	1		1		N
Playground for Ages 5-12	1	1			Y
Community Garden	1	1			N
Fishing Dock	1		1		N
Asphalt Trails	0.68	0.68			Y
Basketball	1	1			N
Pavilion	2	2			Y
Soccer Fields (not lighted)	5		5		Y
Benches	3	3			N
Concession Buildings	2	2			Y
Restrooms	2	2			Y
Parking Spaces	487	487			Y

Acreage: 65.22 Acres

Current Classification: Community Park



# HOUSING AUTHORITY PARK

Mitchell Circle / Mitchell Street



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Pavilion	1	1			Y
Picnic Tables	3	2	1		Y
Benches	1	1			Y
Playground 5-12	1	1			N

Acreage: 2.33 Acres

Current Classification: Neighborhood Park



# JAYCEE FIELD

W. Avenue I and Mary Jane



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Baseball Field (Practice)	1	1			Y
Restroom	1	1			Y
Parking Spaces	135		1		Y
Concession Building	1	1			Y

Acreage: 8.20 Acres

Current Classification: Special Purpose Park



# THE LANDING AT CREEKSIDE PARK

Along Nolan Creek



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Boatramp / Access to Creek	1	1			Y
Pocket Park Landscape Area	1	1			Y

Acreage: 2.88 Acres

Current Classification: Special Purpose Park



# LENA ARMSTRONG PUBLIC LIBRARY



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Meeting Rooms	2	2			Y
Butterfly Garden	1	1			Y
Parking Spaces	110	110			Y

Acreage: 1.01 Acres

Current Classification: Community Park



# LIONS FIELD

5th & Smith Street



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Baseball Field (Practice)	1		1		N
Basketball Goals	1	1			Y
Benches	2		2		N

Acreage: 2.16 Acres

Current Classification: Special Purpose Park



# MILLER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK

2495 S. MILLER STREET



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Dirnking Fountain	1		1		Y
Grill	4	4			Y
Picnic Table (Cement)	4		1	3	Y
Playground	1	1			Y
Basketball Court	1	1			Y
Bench with Back	5	2	2	1	Y
8' Asphalt Trail	0.59		0.59		Y
Horseshoe Pits	1		1		N
Fitness Stations	2		2		N
Butterfly Garden	1	1			Y
Parking Spaces	7	1			Y

Acreage: 6.20 Acres

Current Classification: Neighborhood Park



# NOLAN CREEK HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL

Along Nolan Creek



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Educational Stations	10	10	0		Y
Trail	1.26	1.26			Y
Pocket Park Landscape Area	6	6			Y

Current Classification: Special Purpose Park



# NOLAN CREEK NATURE TRAIL

Along Nolan Creek



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Bird Observation Area	1	1	0		Y
Picnic Tables	2	2			Y
Kayak Drop	1	1			Y
Horseshoe Pit	1	1			Y
Benches	3	3			Y
Stretching Station	2	2			Y
Trail	0.25				Y

Acreage: 3.26 Acres

Current Classification: Special Purpose Park



# QUAIL MEADOWS PARK

2606 1/2 Kneese Street



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Pavilion	3	3			Y
Ashpalt Trail	0.23			0.23	Y
Picnic Table	3			3	Y
Grill	3	3			Y
Basketball Court	0.5	0.5			Y
Benches	3			3	N
Playground	3		3		N

Acreage: 2.58 Acres

Current Classification: Neighborhood Park



# SOUTH WALL TIGER PARK

1895 S. WALL



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Restroom	1		1		N
Basketball Court	0.5		0.5		N
Splash Pad	1	1			N
Covered Picnic Table	3	1	1	1	N
Picnic Table	1		1		N
Playground 2-5	1		1		N
Benches	6	6			N

Acreage: 0.86 Acres

Current Classification: Special Purpose Park



# YETTIE POLK PARK

101 S. Davis Street



# YETTIE POLK PARK continued

101 S. Davis Street



EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Restroom	1		1		Y
Picnic Tables	11	10	1		N
Benches	6	5		1	N
Playground for Ages 2-12	2	1	1		Y
Swing Set	1			1	N
Basketball Court	2	2			N
Pavilion / Bandstand	1		1		N
Benches at Bandstand	76		76		Y
Bike Rack	2	2			Y
Parking Spaces	110		110		Y
Pocket Park Landscape Area	1	1			Y

Acreage: 7.47 Acres

Current Classification: Community Park









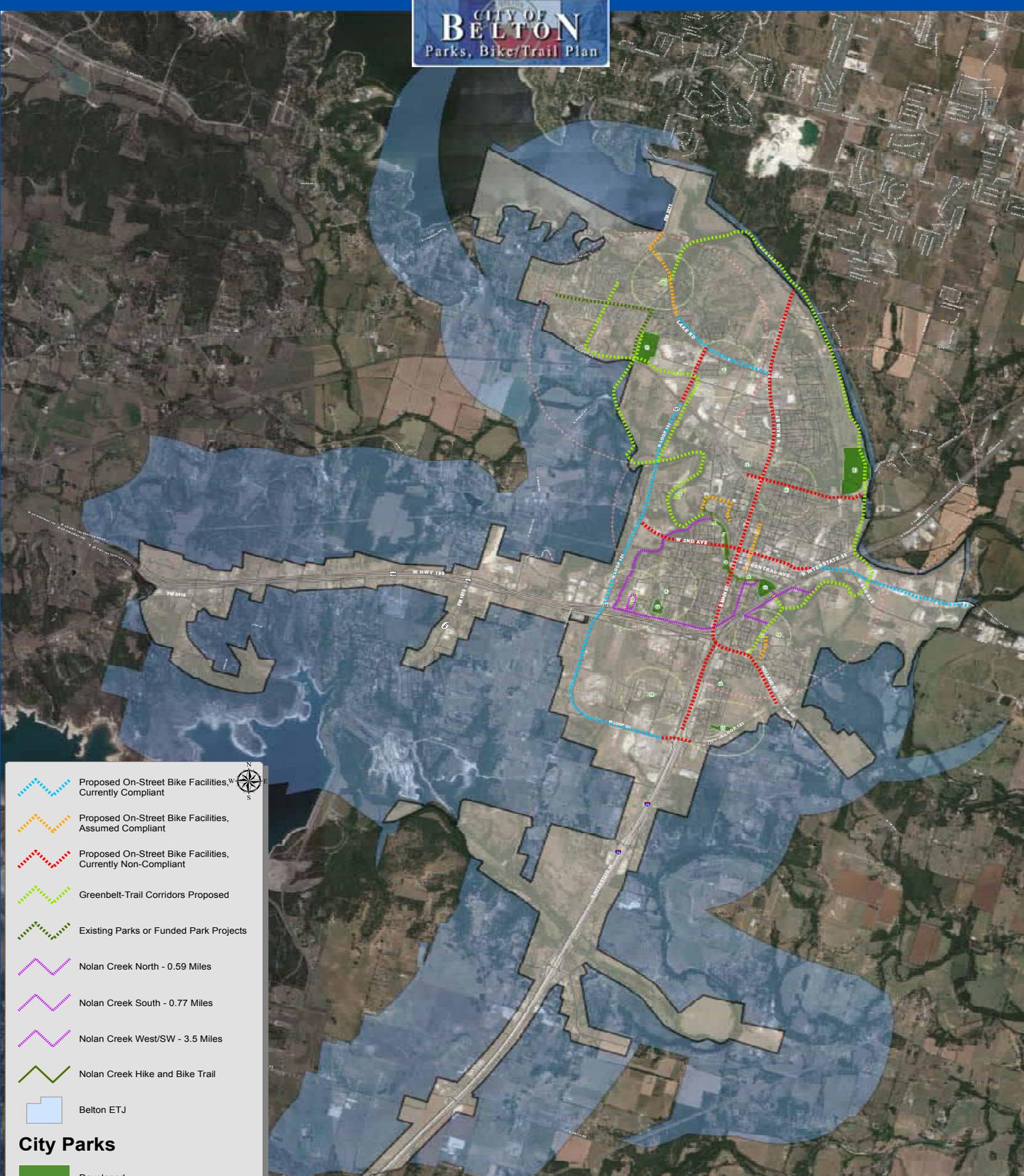
-  Proposed On-Street Bike Facilities, Currently Compliant
-  Proposed On-Street Bike Facilities, Assumed Compliant
-  Proposed On-Street Bike Facilities, Currently Non-Compliant
-  Greenbelt-Trail Corridors Proposed
-  Existing Parks or Funded Park Projects
-  Nolan Creek North - 0.59 Miles
-  Nolan Creek South - 0.77 Miles
-  Nolan Creek West/SW - 3.5 Miles
-  Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail
-  Belton ETJ

**City Parks**

-  Developed
-  Undeveloped



- |                        |                                   |                                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1, Chisholm Trail Park | 8, Yettie Polk Park               | 15, Nolan Creek Nature Trail Park   |
| 2, Quail Meadows Park  | 9, Housing Authority Park         | 16, The Landing at Creekside Park   |
| 3, Continental Field   | 10, Jaycee Field                  | 17, Carla Kay Park                  |
| 4, Beall Park          | 11, Confederate Park              | 18, Liberty Valley Parkland         |
| 5, Heritage Park       | 12, South Wall Tiger Park         | 19, South Belton Middle School Park |
| 6, Lions Field         | 13, Miller Heights Community Park | 20, Wallace Law Park                |
| 7, Harris Park         | 14, Griggs Field                  |                                     |



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- Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail
- Belton ETJ

**City Parks**

- Developed
- Undeveloped
- Neighborhood Park Buffer - 0.25 mile
- Community Park Buffer - 1 mi

- |                          |                                     |                                       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ○ 1, Chisholm Trail Park | ○ 8, Yettie Polk Park               | ○ 15, Nolan Creek Nature Trail Park   |
| ○ 2, Quail Meadows Park  | ○ 9, Housing Authority Park         | ○ 16, The Landing at Creekside Park   |
| ○ 3, Continental Field   | ○ 10, Jaycee Field                  | ○ 17, Carla Kay Park                  |
| ○ 4, Beall Park          | ○ 11, Confederate Park              | ○ 18, Liberty Valley Parkland         |
| ○ 5, Heritage Park       | ○ 12, South Wall Tiger Park         | ○ 19, South Belton Middle School Park |
| ○ 6, Lions Field         | ○ 13, Miller Heights Community Park | ○ 20, Wallace Law Park                |
| ○ 7, Harris Park         | ○ 14, Griggs Field                  |                                       |



In addition to the park facility inventory, City staff also conducted an inventory of both City sponsored and non-City sponsored recreational activities offered throughout the City. They are outlined below.

## RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF BELTON

### Sports League Agreements:

- BYBA: Baseball (Heritage Park / Jaycee Park) Youth League
- BYSA: Softball (Chisholm Trail) - Youth League/Special Needs
- Lonestar Soccer Club: Soccer (Heritage Park and Chisholm Trail Park) - Select Youth
- FC Belton: Soccer (Heritage Park and Chisholm Trail Park) - Recreational Youth
- BCYC: Soccer (Heritage Park and Chisholm Trail Park) - Recreational Youth

### Festivals and Events:

- Kiwanis Turtle Fest - YPP
- Christmas on the Chisholm Trail
- Movies in the Park (Confederate Park)
- Daddy Daughter Dance
- Family, Fishin' and Fun (Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail)
- One Community One Day
- National Night Out - Police and Fire Department

### Other Programming / Facilities:

- Library:
  - Summer reading program
  - Computer terminal use
  - Book signings
- Pavilions and sports facilities available for rent
- Zumba / Yoga Classes (Harris Community Center)
- Legacy Program (Park Amenities Purchased in Memoriam)
- Adopt-A-Park
- Youth Advisory Commission (Junior City Council comprised of Belton High School Students)



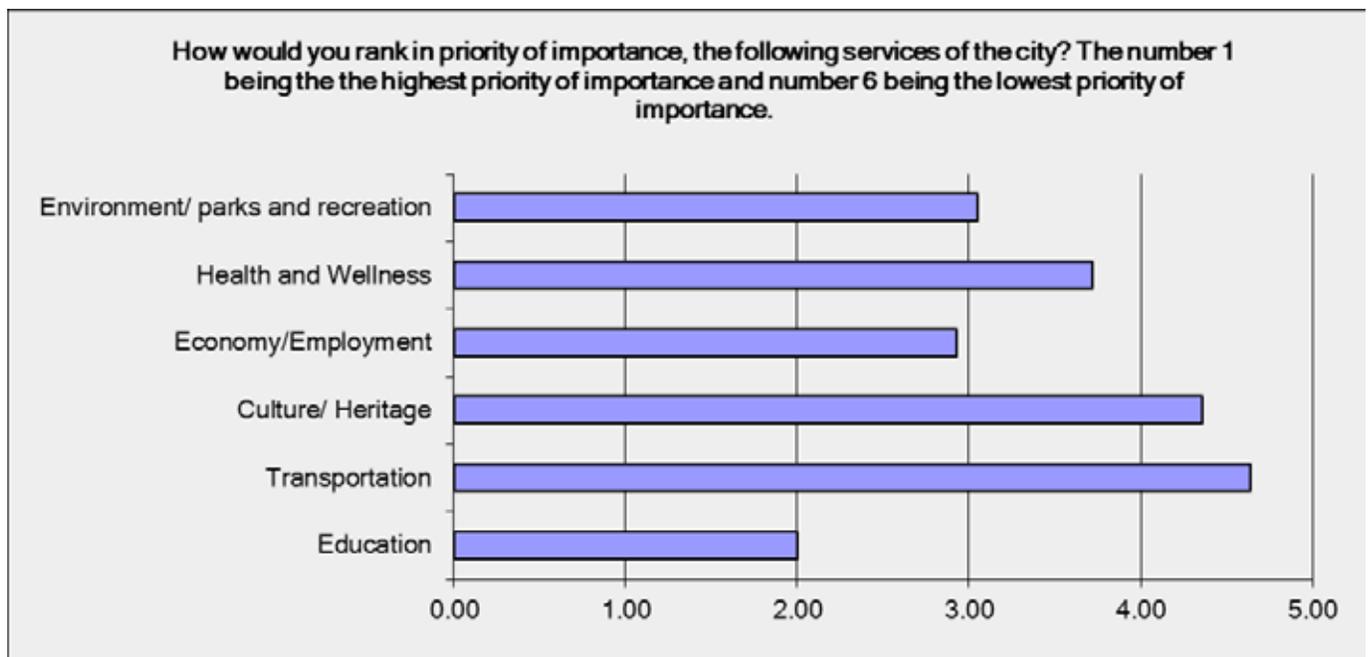
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## NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY PRIORITIES

To assist in the development of the City’s park priority needs, the City of Belton developed the “2016 Belton Parks and Recreation Survey” and distributed to the public electronically on the City’s web site and through hard copy distribution at the public meetings and other civic events.

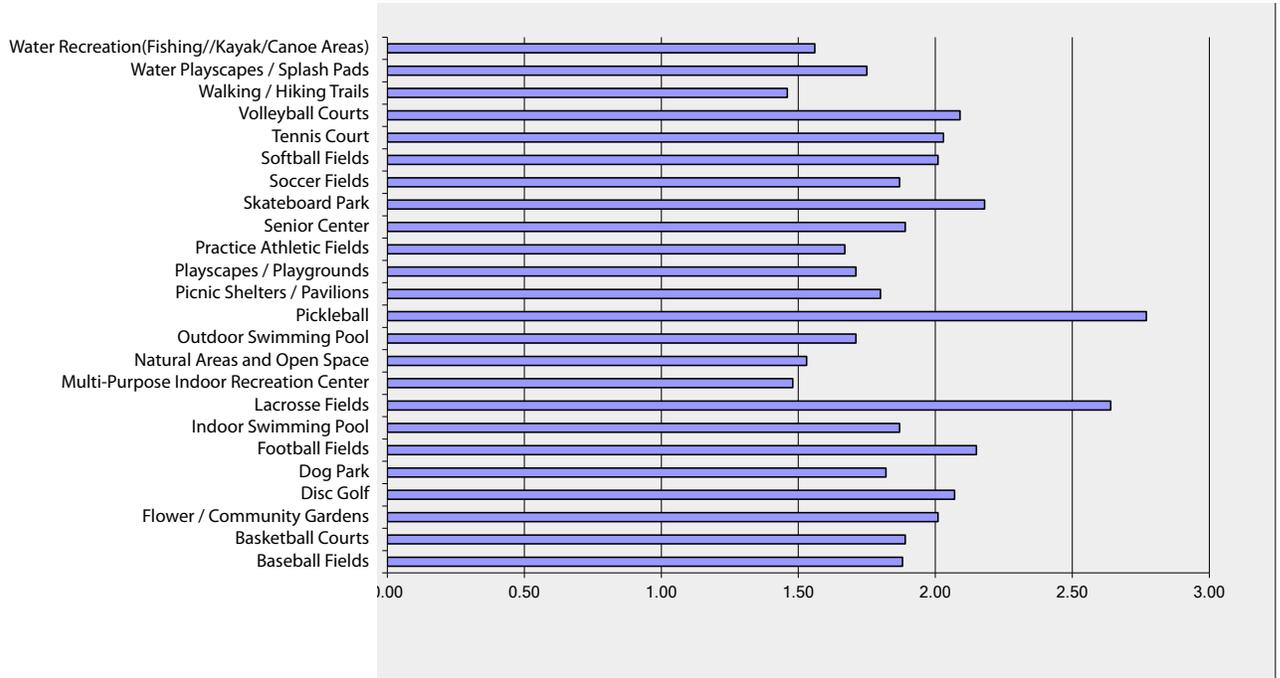
398 surveys were completed; the results of this informal public information survey are shown on the following pages:

### Question 5



### Question 6

How would you rate the need for any of the following FACILITIES to be added to existing or future parks in Belton?



## Question 7

From the FACILITIES listed in Question 6, please indicate the top three that are most important to your household.

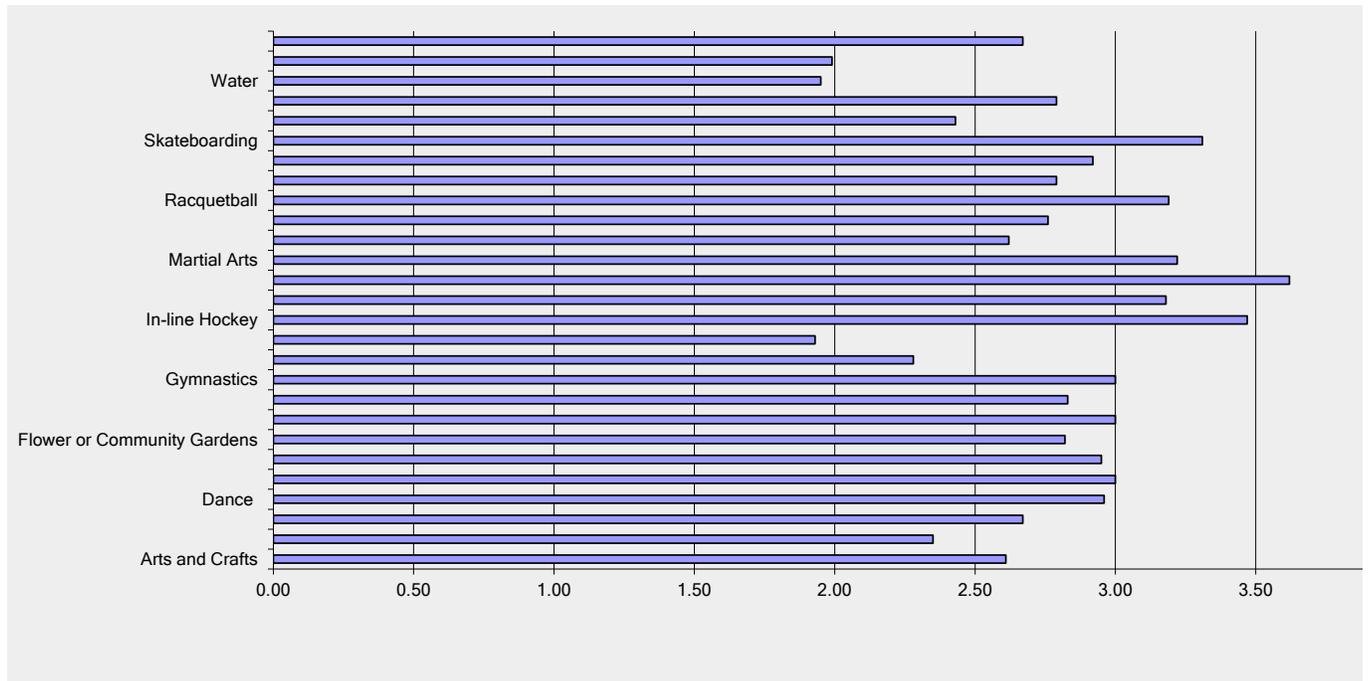
Ranking	Facility	1st Most Important	2nd Most Important	3rd Most Important	Composite
1	Walking / Hiking Trails	39	51	36	255
2	Multi-Purpose Indoor Recreation Center	43	41	40	251
3	Baseball Fields	64	17	6	232
4	Dog Park	33	21	23	164
5	Soccer Fields	35	10	15	140
6	Water Recreation (Fishing/Kayak/Canoe Areas)	16	31	30	140
7	Practice Athletic Fields	24	26	13	137
8	Outdoor Swimming Pool	18	24	30	132
9	Natural Areas and Open Space	17	23	31	128
10	Indoor Swimming Pool	13	22	27	110
11	Playscapes / Playgrounds	9	15	21	78
12	Flower / Community Gardens	10	16	13	75
13	Disc Golf	8	13	13	63
14	Water Playscapes / Splash Pads	5	8	24	55
15	Senior Center	8	8	8	48
16	Picnic Shelters / Pavilions	3	13	10	45
17	Tennis Court	6	8	5	39
18	Skateboard Park	5	6	6	33
19	Softball Fields	5	5	4	29
20	Football Fields	1	8	5	24
21	Volleyball Courts	3	2	5	18
22	Basketball Courts	3	1	2	13
23	Lacrosse Fields	2	0	0	6
24	Pickleball	0	1	0	2

 - Indicates "Indoor Recreation Facilities"



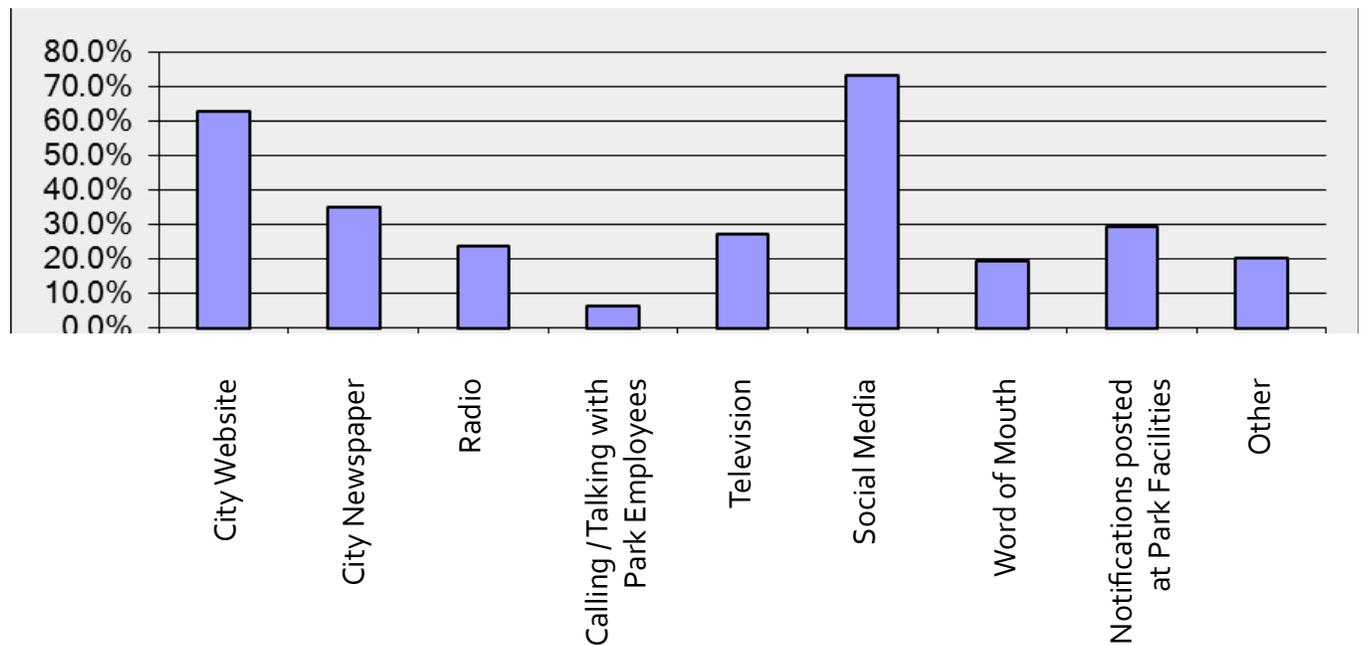
### Question 9

In which recreation PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES would you or your household be most interest in participating? (Please indicate one answer for each activity.)



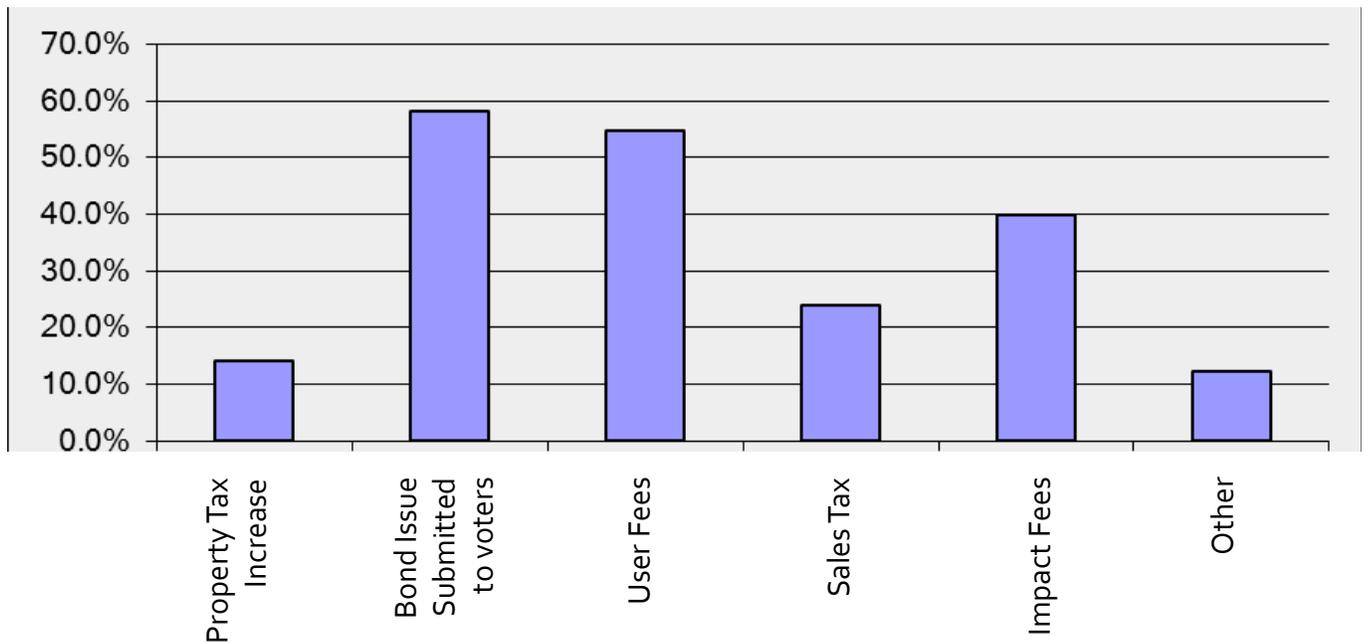
### Question 13

How would like the City to communicate with you regarding park and community activities or events? (More than one way of communication may be indicated.)



### Question 15

Please identify TWO or more of the following funding methods you prefer for developing new and existing public parks and recreation facilities.



### Question 18

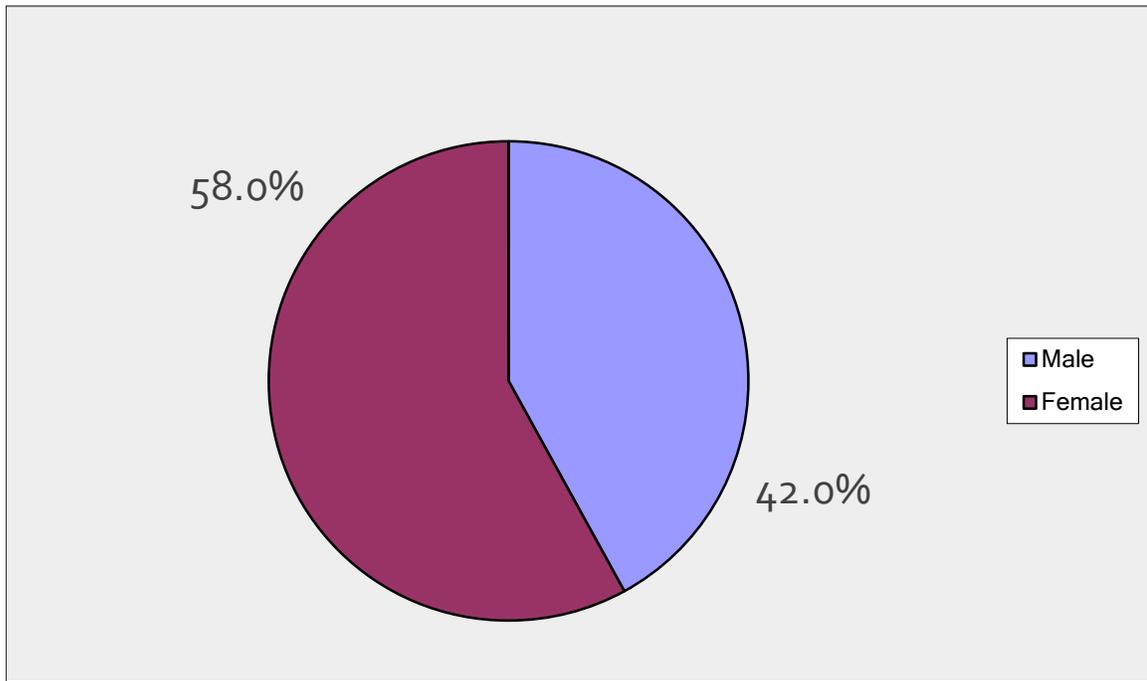
How would you rate the physical condition of the parks, facilities, or event venues in Belton?  
(Lower number = higher rating received from survey responses.)

Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail	1.70	Yettie Polk Park	2.17
Bell County Museum	1.73	Stillhouse Hollow Lake	2.21
UMHB Pool	1.76	Beall Park	2.22
Harris Community Park	1.80	Nolan Creek (Fishing/Kayak/Canoe)	2.22
Harris Community Center	1.81	Lions Baseball Field	2.23
Christmas on the Chisholm Trail	1.85	Downtown Businesses	2.23
Schoepf's Outdoor Concert	1.87	Bell County Fairgrounds	2.23
Belton Rodeo	1.87	Confederate Park/ Park & Ride	2.24
BISD Pool	1.88	Lena Armstrong Public Library	2.26
Church Facilities	1.91	Belton Christian Youth Center	2.27
Heritage Park	1.91	Series Ampitheater	2.32
Bell County Expo Center	1.92	South Wall Tiger Park	2.33
Market Days	1.99	Miller Heights Community Park	2.40
Belton Lake	2.06	Carla Kay Park	2.41
Chisholm Trail Park	2.08	Housing Authority Park	2.50
Community Garden at Heritage Park	2.13	Quail Meadows Park	2.64
		Jaycee Field	2.72
		Continental Field	2.77
		Griggs Field	2.88



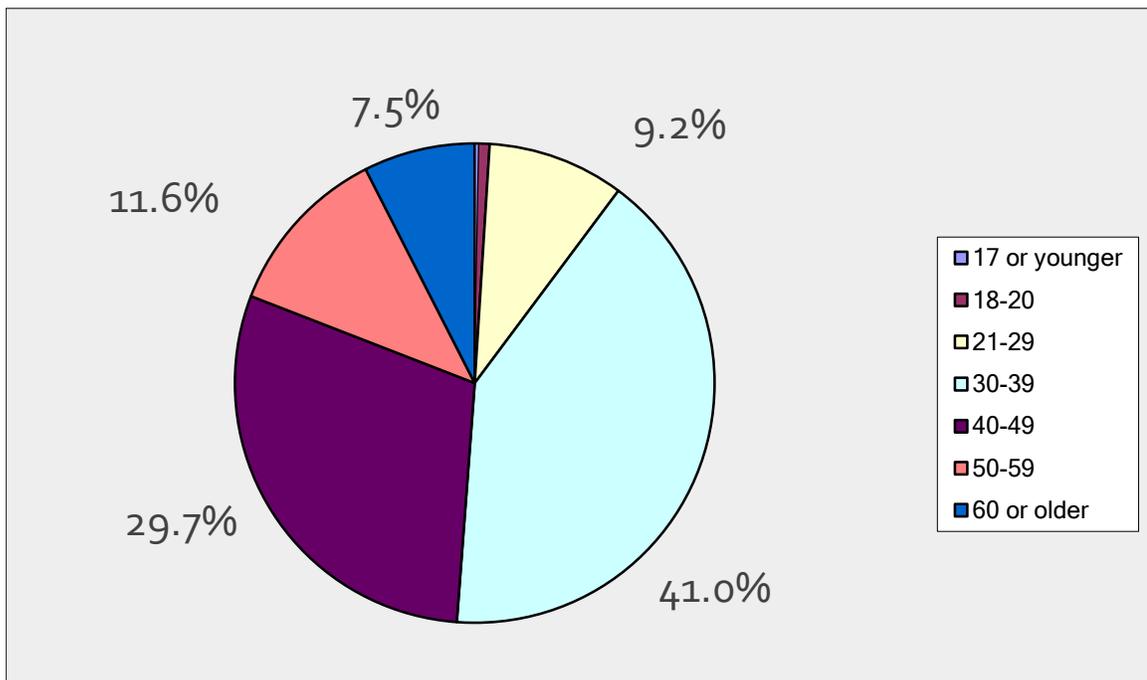
**Question 42**

Are you male or female?



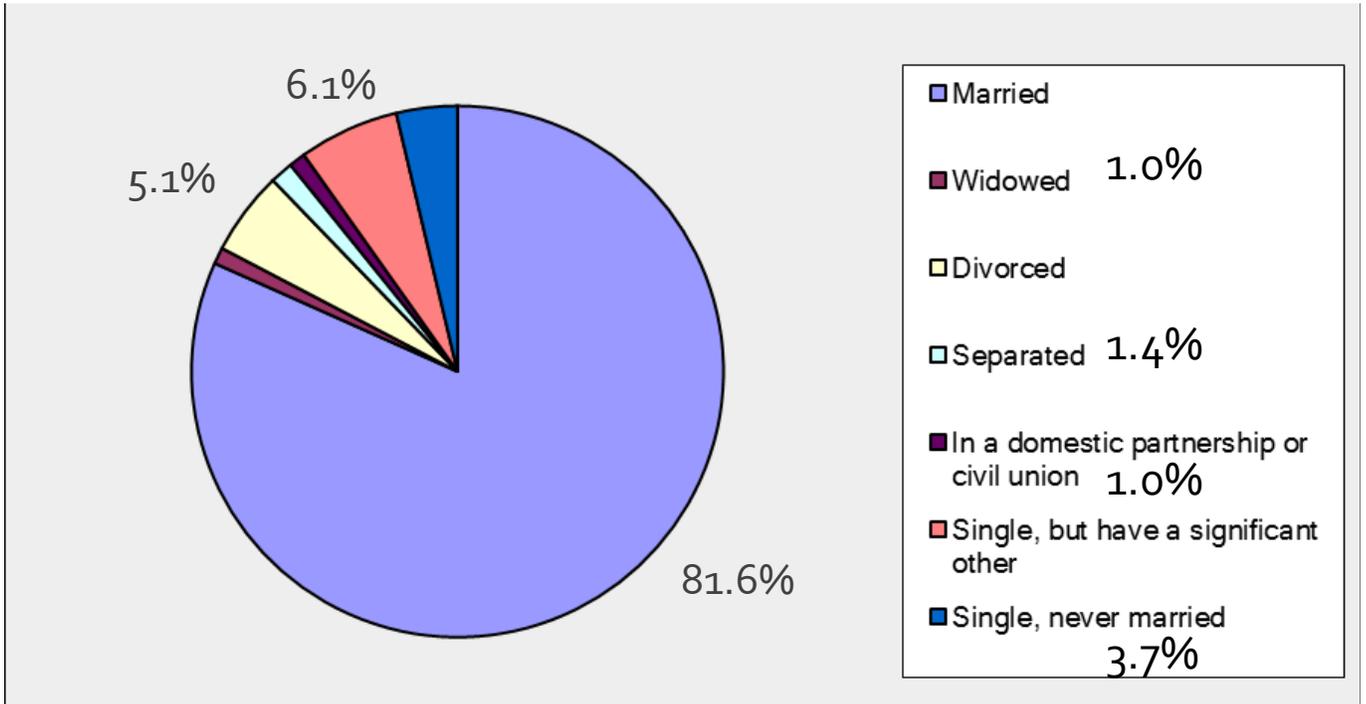
**Question 43**

What is your age?



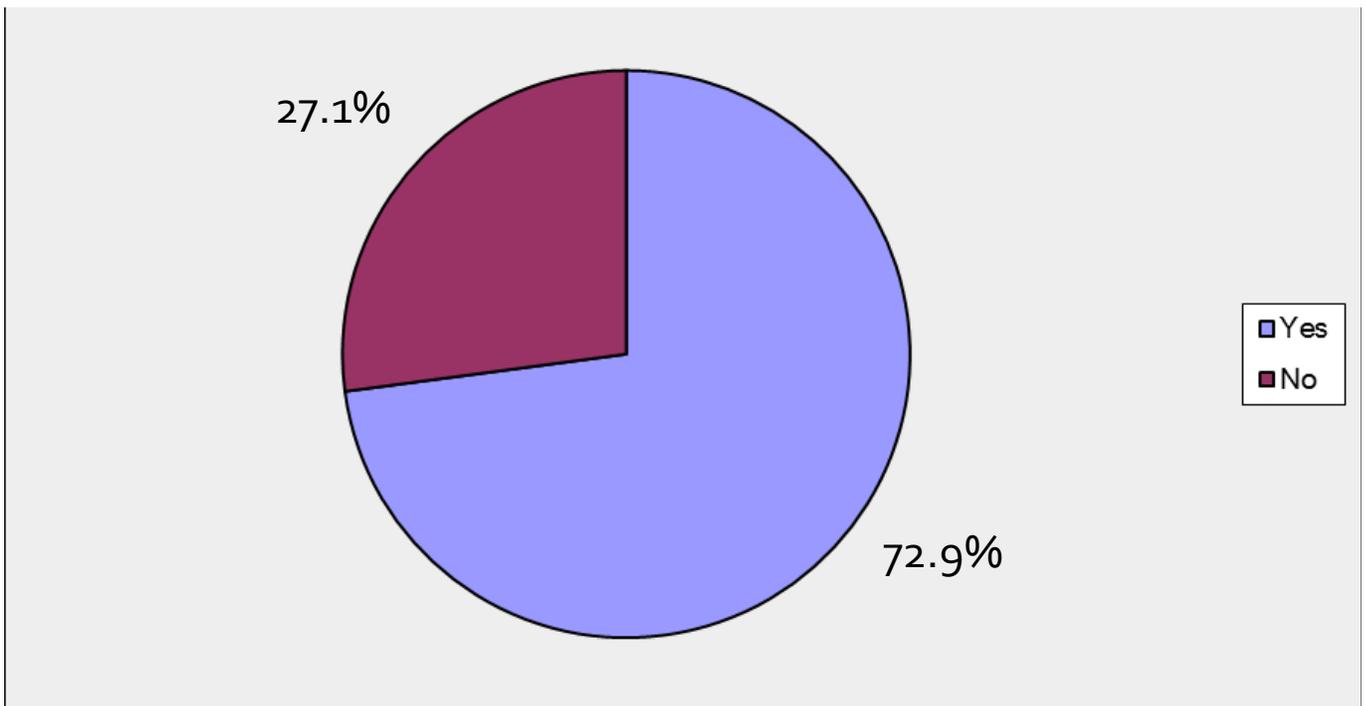
**Question 44**

Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?



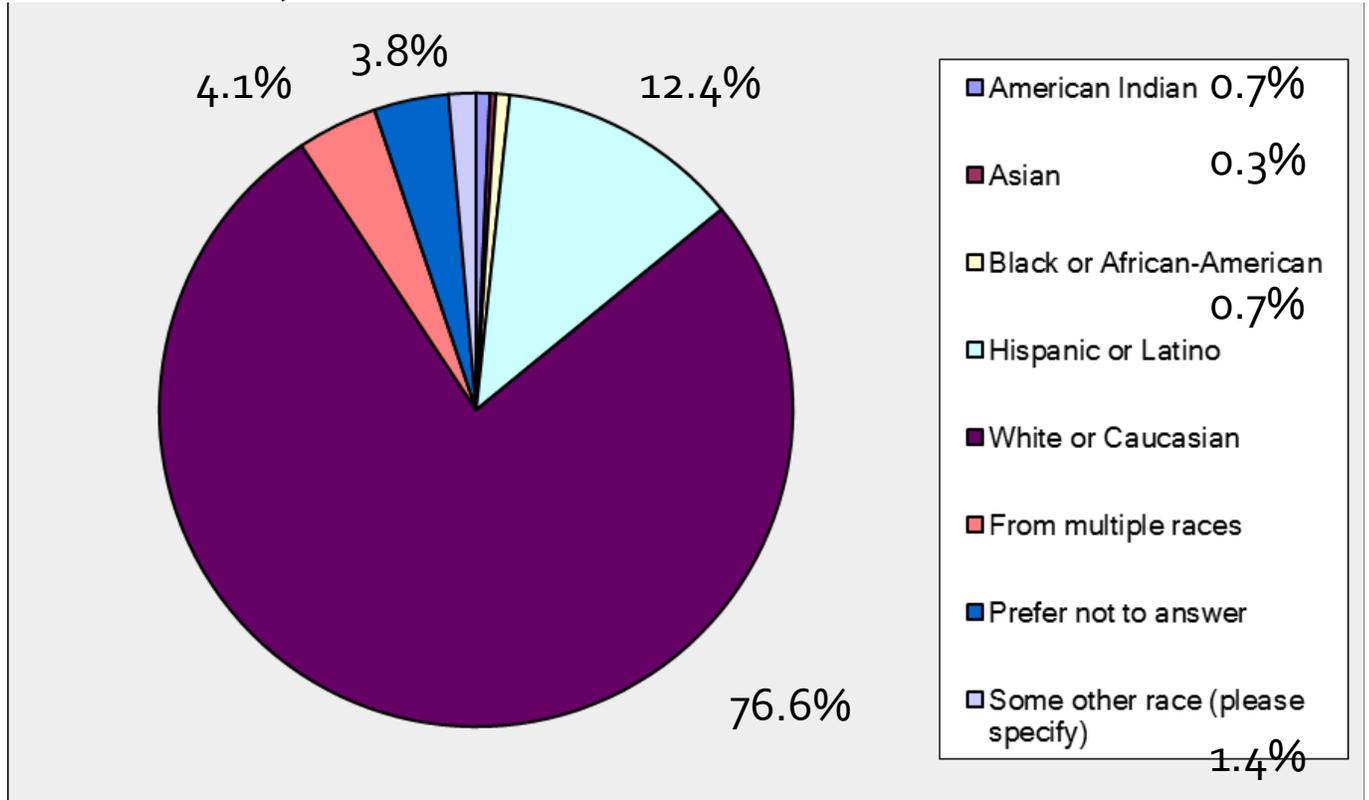
**Question 45**

Do you have children under the age of 18 that live with you?



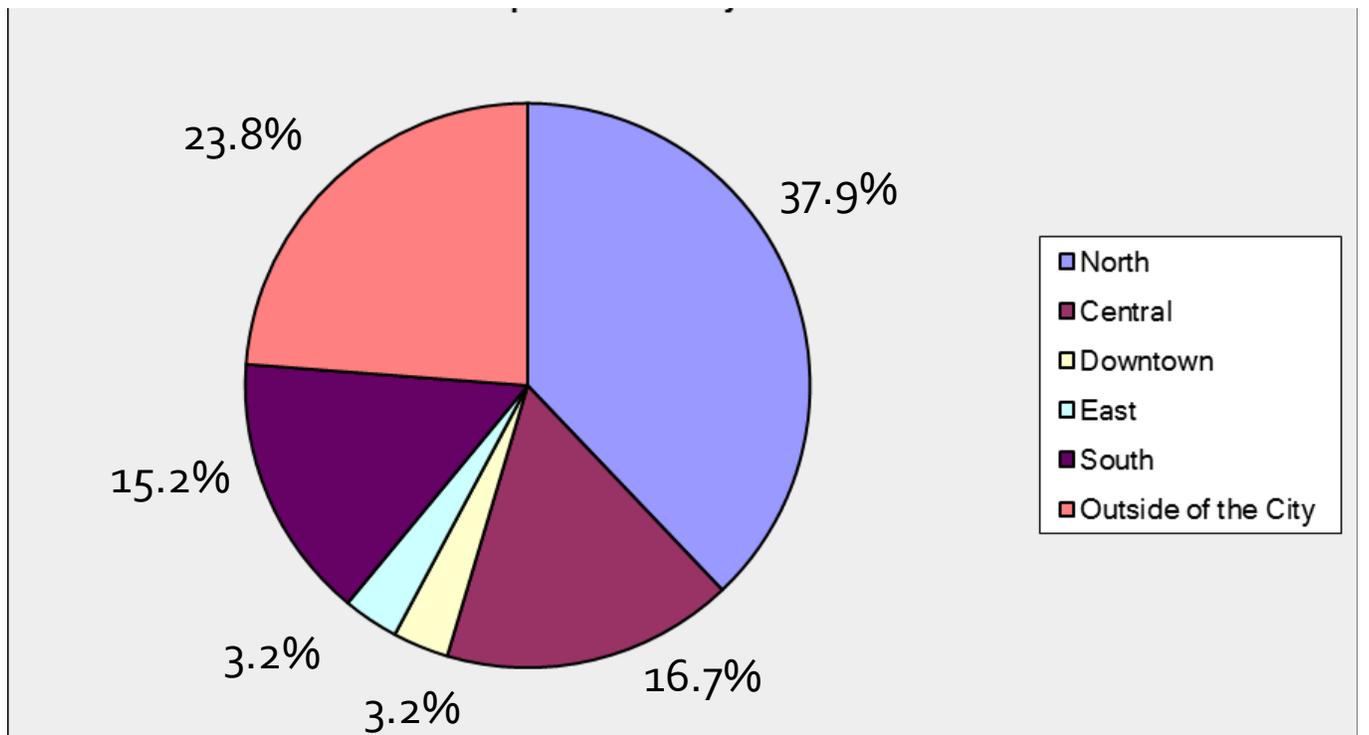
**Question 46**

What best describes you?



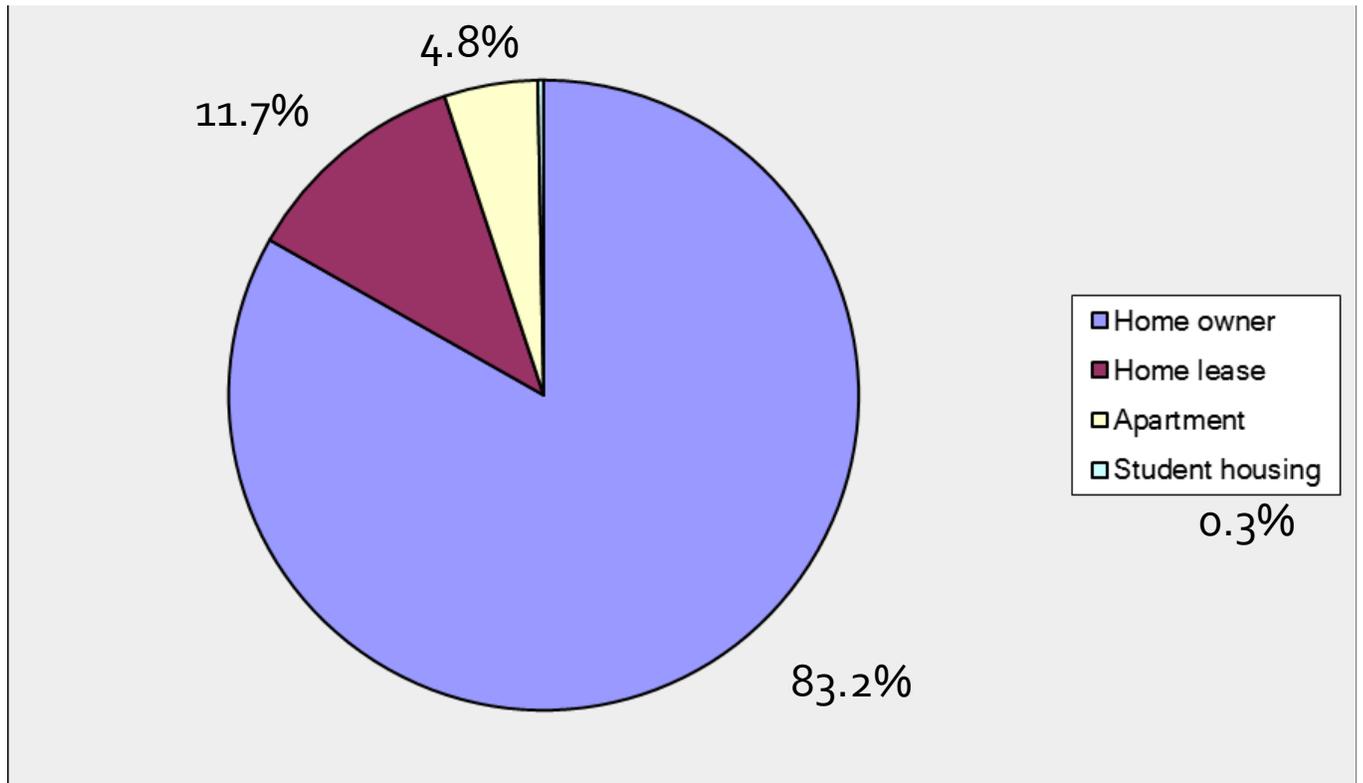
**Question 47**

Do you have children under the age of 18 that live with you?



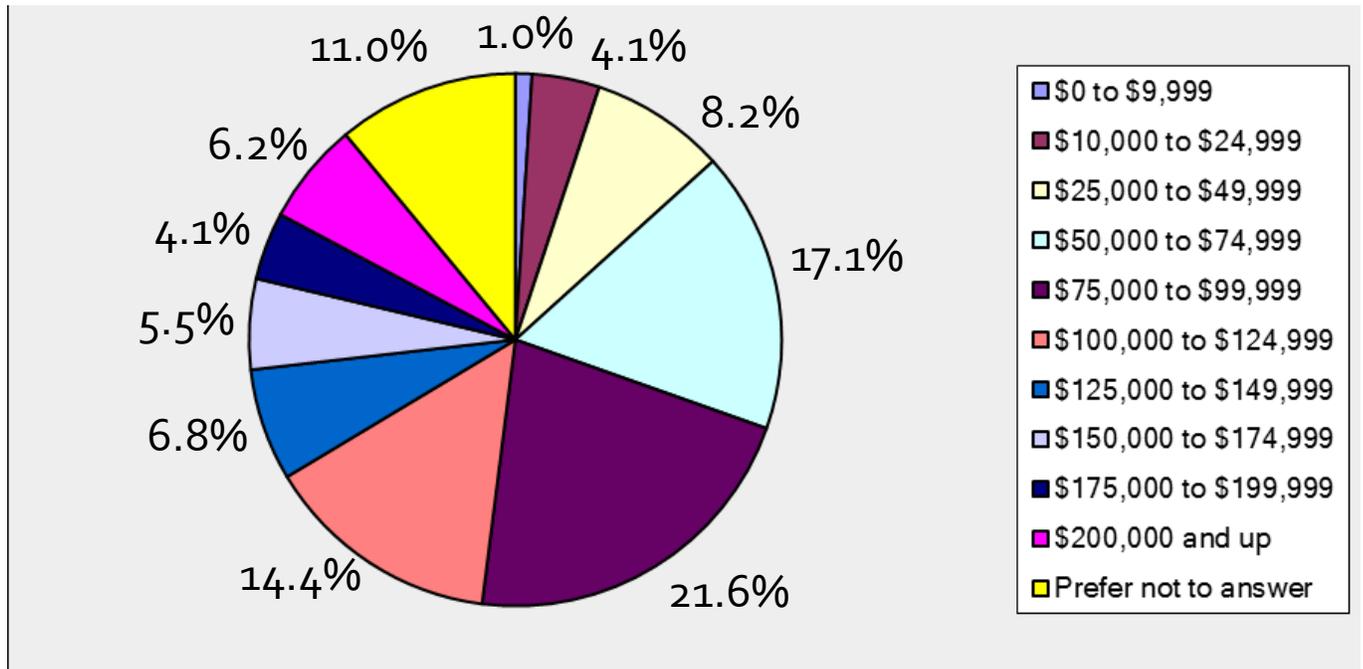
**Question 48**

Please select your Residential status



**Question 49**

How much total combined income did all members of your HOUSEHOLD earn last year?



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## PARK AREAGE AND FACILITY STANDARDS / GUIDELINES

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) provides the industry standard for parks, recreation, and open space design as recognized by park planning professionals throughout the country. This master plan follows the latest published nomenclature and standards as outlined by NRPA in the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines 1990 edition.

NRPA directed each municipality or governmental agency to develop and provide its own guideline for growth and park planning as dictated by local conditions. As such, a numerical nationwide template of standards for parks growth does not exist, although the development of a standard for each municipality is exhorted. Previously, NRPA directed a minimum of 11 acres of parkland /1000 population.



Keeping NRPA directives in mind, the following standards and guidelines are to be used by the City of Belton as a guide for minimum goals to be achieved by the City as its park system further develops. As with any issue that arises, the practice of these standards to specific situations should be applied with the wisdom of the local needs.

For purposes of this master plan, the Belton park system is divided park classifications into the following categories:

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS** - As the basic unit of any City's park system, neighborhood parks serve residents in a 1/4 to 1/2 mile area. Typically, there is little if any parking and roadway infrastructure at the park and the focus tends to be on informal activities and servicing passive recreational needs.

**COMMUNITY PARKS** - Active program elements such as ball fields and larger community based recreation needs are served by the Community Park classification. Typically, these parks range from 30 to 100 acres in size and have a two mile level of service area.

**SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKS** - Special purpose parks are designed to accommodate specialized recreational activities. Special purpose parks only provide for one or two activities, but may include additional elements that support the primary activities. Athletic complexes are the most common type of special purpose park; the size, location and parking requirements for a special purpose park varies on the facilities and size of the park.

## COMPARISON OF PARK ACREAGE TO ADOPTED STANDARDS - PROJECTIONS FOR 2021 AND 2026

In order to assist the City in acquiring additional parkland to meet the needs of a growing population, the following tables have been developed. Each table reflects a desired acreage amount per 1000 unit of population for each park classification group. These desired acreages are compared to existing park acreages within the City limits. The differences between the existing and desired acreages offer a guideline for the years 2021 and 2026, and provide the City of Belton with a systematic park acquisition goal to meet the needs of the population.

### EXISTING AND UNDEVELOPED PARKLAND ACREAGE – CITY OF BELTON

This table lists parkland inventory acreage as indicated in 'Section 5 - Inventory' of this master plan document.

Neighborhood Parks	
Beall Park	1.26
Carla Kay Park	0.25
Housing Authority Park	2.33
Quail Meadows Park	2.58
Miller Heights Park	6.20
Total Neighborhood Parks Acreage=	12.62 Acres
Community Parks	
Confederate Park	16.50
Yettie Polk Park	7.47
Chisholm Trail Park	34.19
Heritage Park	65.22
Harris Community Park	6.46
T.B. Harris Community Center	2.65
Lena Armstrong Public Library	1.01
Total Community Parks Acreage=	133.50 Acres
Special Purpose Parks	
Continental Park	2.64
Lions Field	2.16
Griggs Field	1.41
Jaycee Field	8.20
South Tiger Wall Park	0.86
Nolan Creek Nature Trail	3.26
The Landing at Creekside Park	2.88
Total Special Purpose Parks Acreage=	21.41 Acres
Undeveloped Parkland	
Liberty Valley Parkland	0.83
South Belton Middle School Park	3.55
Wallace Law Park	3.31
Total Undeveloped Parkland Acreage=	7.69 Acres
<b>TOTAL PARK ACREAGE=</b>	<b>175.22 Acres</b>



## CITY OF BELTON PARK ACREAGE GUIDELINES

	Existing 2016 Population of 20,517	Guidelines for 2021 Population of 24,107	Guidelines for 2026 Population of 27,697
Facility	Existing Parks AC/1000	Suggested AC/1000	Suggested AC/1000
Neighborhood Parks	12.62 0.62 ac/1000	20.31 0.84 ac/1000	20.31 0.73 ac/1000
Community Parks	133.50 6.51 ac/1000	133.50 5.54 ac/1000	203.50 7.35 ac/1000
Special Purpose	21.41 1.04 ac/1000	21.41 0.88 ac/1000	21.41 0.77 ac/1000
Undeveloped	7.69 0.37 ac/1000	0.00 0.00 ac/1000	0.00 0.00 ac/1000
Totals	175.22 8.54 ac/1000	175.22 7.26 ac/1000	245.22 8.85 ac/1000

**Notes:**

1. Existing 2016 Special Purpose park acreage includes Nolan Creek Nature Trail.
2. All Existing 2016 Undeveloped park acreage has been included in the 2021 Neighborhood Park acreage.
3. A minimum of 70 acres is needed for future athletic complexes for rectangular fields and baseball/softball additions. This acreage as been included in the 2026 Community Park acreage. Several potential park areas include:
  - a. Hubbard Ranch Parkland
  - b. Acreage east of 35 and south of 6th Ave. (FM 93)
  - c. Undetermined land location for soccer complex



Facility Development Guidelines:

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has published guidelines for the number of recommended recreational facilities based on population. Information from these guidelines is listed below along with facility development guideline recommendations from LUCK Design Team specific to the City of Belton. The recommendations from LUCK Design Team are in reference to facilities that were not covered in the NRPA recommendations. Proposed guidelines for fiscal years 2021 and 2026 as developed by City staff are also listed below.

**CITY OF BELTON PARK FACILITY GUIDELINES**

Activity / Facility	Guidelines Recommended For Facilities Per Population	Existing Facilities In 2016 Pop. of 20,517	Facilities Proposed For 2021 Pop. of 24,107	Facilities Proposed For 2026 Pop. of 27,697
Amphitheaters	1/50,000^	1	1	1
Baseball Fields	1/2,000^	10	12	14
Basketball Courts (outdoors)	1/5,000*	6	6	6
Disc Golf	18 holes/20,000^	0	0	0
Fishing Docks	1/10,000^	1	2	2
Football Fields	1/20,000*	0	0	1
Golf Course	1/50,000*	0	0	0
Multi-Purpose Fields	1/20,000*	0	1	1
Pavilion/Shelters	1/2,000*	9	12	14
Picnic Tables	1 table/300*	88	101	116
Playgrounds	1 area/1,000*	16	16	16
Recreation Centers	1/20,000-30,000*	0	0	1
Skate Parks/Pads	1/20,000^	1	1	1
Soccer Fields	1/3,000^	7	8	10
Softball Fields	1/5,000*	4	6	6
Swimming Pools	1/20,000*	0	0	1
Splash Pads	1/10,000^	2	2	2
Tennis Courts	1/5,000*	0	0	0
Trails	1/2-1 mile/1,000*	3.84 miles	5.00 miles	8.00 miles
Volleyball Area	1/5,000*	1	2	4 (outdoors)

\* - Source: Guidelines from Appendix A in Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, p. 60-61, 4th printing 1990, a publication of the National Recreation and Park Association. ^- Source: LUCK Design Team professional recommendation for the City of Belton.

National Standard for Baseball: 1/5,000

National Standard for Soccer: 1/5,000



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## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The City of Belton Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan 2016-2026 is envisioned to be a working document to guide the City in the future growth of its park and recreation system. A large emphasis of the plan is taking information from the Park Inventory, Needs Assessment and public meetings and incorporating them into an implementation plan. This plan will guide the City over the next ten years.

The following pages represent a condensed action plan of two different tracts for the implementation plan: Facility Improvements and Parkland Acquisition. These tracts represent all of the park and recreation goals of the City of Belton and are designed to be implemented congruently.

### FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

With guidance from the public, the Belton Parks Board and City Staff developed the following “Outdoor Recreational Facility Priorities” list for recreational facility improvements in the City of Belton. They represent the definitive park priorities that the City would like to see developed in its

future parks or updated and improved in its existing parks.

#### **“Outdoor Recreational Facility Priorities**

##### High Priority Items

1. Walking /Hiking Trails
2. Athletic Fields
3. Dog Park
4. Natural Areas and Open Space
5. Water Recreation (Fishing/Kayak/Canoe Areas)
6. Outdoor Swimming Pool

##### Medium Priority Items

7. Playscapes / Playgrounds
8. Flower / Community Gardens
9. Disc Golf
10. Water Playscape / Splash Pads
11. Picnic Shelters / Pavilions

##### Moderate Priority Items (Long-Range Items)

12. Tennis Court
13. Skateboard Park
14. Volleyball Court
15. Basketball Court
16. Pickleball

*It should be noted that the Multi-Purpose Indoor Recreation Center (overall survey rank of 2 out of 23) and an Indoor Pool (overall survey rank of 10 out of 23) were separated into their own “Indoor Recreational Facility Priorities” category. This was due in light to the high fiscal cost of each of these facilities. There is the possibility that both of these items might be consolidated under one roof.*

*An Indoor Recreation Center has consistently bubbled to the top of priority lists in past City of Belton Parks and Open Space Master Plans; however, it has not been rated as a high priority because of the potentially large budget costs associated with such a facility. As part of this master plan it is recommended that a feasibility be conducted for an Indoor Recreation Center to determine programming and its associated potential construction costs.*



A matrix is provided on the following two pages that succinctly outlines a proposed approach to implementing the highest recreational facility priorities derived from the public outreach process. It is not the intent of the matrix to bind City leadership to future expenditures; rather, it is a proposed approach to meet the current and future park needs of the City of Belton.

Below is further elaboration of the items listed in the matrix:

#### High Priority Item #1 - Hike and Bike Trails

Residents of the City and leaders within the community identify with the high quality of life and the park and recreation experiences along trails within the City, particularly along the Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail. As part of an effort to expand the City's trail system and respond to the residents highest priority, the implementation plan calls for establishing a capital improvements budget for extending trails and pedestrian ways throughout the City within the frame work of the Killeen-Temple-MPO Regional Thoroughfare and Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan.

The City of Belton has dedicated expenditures of \$530,000 for a TxDOT Federal Enhancement Grant to expand the Chisholm Trail Corridor. It is anticipated that this project will begin construction document preparation in Fiscal Year 2017.

Two other trail projects have also been identified:

1. The Southern Extension of the Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail; and
2. A trail along the southern access road of Interstate 35. This second project is envisioned to allow non-vehicular connectivity from the southern half of the City to existing and future park and cultural amenities within the City.



Proposed dates for master plan/construction document preparation/ construction have yet to be determined.

#### High Priority Item #2 - Athletic Fields

Sports fields ranked consistently high in public feedback in both public meetings as well as in the



Recreation Priority	Goal(s) Satisfied from Master Plan	Project Name	Project Location	Project / Phase Type	Project Description	Funding Sources	Est. Budget Amount
Outdoor Priority 1	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Trails - Chisolm Trail Corridor Project	See Parks Plan for Proposed Trail Alignment	Construction Document Development	1.4 Mile Trail Improvements	TxDOT 80/20 match	City \$530,000; TxDOT \$2,120,000
Outdoor Priority 1	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Trails - South end of Nolan Creek H&B Trail	See Parks Plan for Proposed Trail Alignment	Master Plan	Trail Improvements	Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 1	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Trails - South end of Nolan Creek H&B Trail	See Parks Plan for Proposed Trail Alignment	Construction Document Development	Trail Improvements	Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 1	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Trails - South end of Nolan Creek H&B Trail	See Parks Plan for Proposed Trail Alignment	Construction	Trail Improvements	Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 1	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Trails - To south Belton along access road	See Parks Plan for Proposed Trail Alignment	Master Plan	Trail Improvements	Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 1	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Trails - To south Belton along access road	See Parks Plan for Proposed Trail Alignment	Construction Document Development	Trail Improvements	Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 1	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Trails - To south Belton along access road	See Parks Plan for Proposed Trail Alignment	Construction	Trail Improvements	Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 2 & 4	Goal 3	Community Parkland Acquisition	To Be Determined	Acquisition	Per Park Acreage Guidelines Goals.	Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 2	Goals 1 & 2	Athletic Complex Additions - Rectangular Fields	To Be Determined	Master Plan	(8) Full Size Soccer Fields Additions at New Complex	TPWD Grant Parks	\$15,000 - \$20,000
Outdoor Priority 2	Goals 1 & 2	Athletic Complex Additions - Rectangular Fields	To Be Determined	Construction Document Development	(8) Full Size Soccer Fields Additions at New Complex		\$150,000 - \$200,000
Outdoor Priority 2	Goals 1 & 2	Athletic Complex Additions - Rectangular Fields	To Be Determined	Construction	(8) Full Size Soccer Fields Additions at New Complex		To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 2	Goals 1 & 2	Athletic Complex Additions - Baseball / Softball	Heritage Park	Master Plan	Build out at Heritage Park where Existing Soccer Fields Area; approx. 4 fields	Parks	\$10,000 - \$15,000
Outdoor Priority 2	Goals 1 & 2	Athletic Complex Additions - Baseball / Softball	Heritage Park	Construction Document Development	Build out at Heritage Park where Existing Soccer Fields Area; approx. 4 fields	Parks	\$150,000 - \$200,000
Outdoor Priority 2	Goals 1 & 2	Athletic Complex Additions - Baseball / Softball	Heritage Park	Construction	Build out at Heritage Park where Existing Soccer Fields Area; approx. 4 fields	Parks	\$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000
Outdoor Priority 2	Goal 2	Athletic Complex Additions - Wilson-Kerzee Field	6th Avenue	Feasibility Study / Master Plan	Renovations to Wilson-Kerzee Field as part of a possible joint partnership with the BISD	Parks / BISD	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 2	Goal 2	Athletic Complex Additions - South Belton Middle School	Avenue D	Feasibility Study / Master Plan	Additions to S. Belton Middle School as part of a joint partnership with the BISD	Parks / BISD	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 3	Goals 1 & 2	Dog Park	To Be Determined	Acquisition	Dog Park	Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 3	Goals 1 & 2	Dog Park	To Be Determined	Master Plan / Construction Document Development	Dog Park	Parks	\$20,000
Outdoor Priority 3	Goals 1 & 2	Dog Park	To Be Determined	Construction	Dog Park	501c3 Donations Parks	\$240,000

<b>Recreation Priority</b>	<b>Goal(s) Satisfied from Master Plan</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Project / Phase Type</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Est. Budget Amount</b>
Outdoor Priority 5	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Water Recreation - South end of Nolan Creek Blue Trail	South end of Nolan Creek H&B Trail	Master Plan / Grant Application	Trail Improvements / Open Space / Water Recreation	Possible TPWD Grant / Parks	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 5	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Water Recreation - South end of Nolan Creek Blue Trail	South end of Nolan Creek H&B Trail	Construction Document Development	Trail Improvements / Open Space / Water Recreation	Possible TPWD Grant / Parks (50 /50 Match)	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 5	Goals 1, 2 & 5	Water Recreation - South end of Nolan Creek Blue Trail	South end of Nolan Creek H&B Trail	Construction	Trail Improvements / Open Space / Water Recreation	Possible TPWD Grant / Parks (50 /50 Match)	To Be Determined
Outdoor Priority 6	Goals 1 & 2	Outdoor Swimming Pool (ISD has indoor pool)	To Be Determined	Feasibility Study / Master Plan	Outdoor Swimming Pool with Restrooms / Parking	Parks	\$50,000-\$70,000
Indoor Priority 1	Goals 1 & 2	Indoor Recreation Center	To Be Determined	Feasibility Study / Master Plan	Indoor Recreation to include programming for teens/seniors/community residents	Parks	\$50,000-\$70,000
Indoor Priority 1	Goals 1 & 2	Indoor Recreation Center	To Be Determined	Construction Document Development	Indoor Recreation to include programming for teens/seniors/community residents	Future Bonds	\$220,000
Indoor Priority 1	Goals 1 & 2	Indoor Recreation Center	To Be Determined	Construction	Indoor Recreation to include programming for teens/seniors/community residents	Future Bonds	\$8,000,000 - \$10,000,000
All Priorities	Goal 2	Annual Park Improvements / Replacement Fund	To Be Determined	Construction	Dedicated Annual Fund for Park Improvements / Upgrades, including improvements at the Parks Maintenance Facility	1. Tree Mitigation Fund 2. Parks Fund that Finance is monitoring	\$30,000

needs assessment survey. The need for both game and practice fields were singled out, particularly for baseball and soccer use.

A long term vision proposed to meet the baseball needs is to ultimately turn Heritage Park into a baseball/softball only complex. In order for this to happen, the existing soccer fields would need to be relocated prior to that space becoming baseball. The Implementation matrix calls for the master planning of (8) full size soccer fields in FY 2018 with subsequent construction document preparation and construction to follow. Once this occurs, the plan if for Heritage Park to be master planned and designed as a baseball only facility.

The possible athletic field renovation of Wilson Kerzee Field through a joint partnership with the Belton Independent School District (BISD) should be explored. The long term vision for 6th Avenue is as a Gateway Corridor, along which the renovation of Wilson Kerzee Field would make for an ideal compliment to this long range plan as well as providing much needed, maintained athletic field space for the community.

Anther possibility that bears exploration with a feasibility study is the possible partnership with BISD for field additions next to South Belton Middle School. Such possibilities include having lighted, synthetic fields at this location to facilitate demand for athletic field practice space after school hours.

#### High Priority Item #3 - Dog Park:

Based on the results of the survey and discussions in the public meetings, the creation of a dog park is encouraged. This is the second Parks and Open Space Master Plan prepared by the City in which a dog park has been listed as a high priority. The City should explore the possibility of locating a fenced dog park (designated off-leash area). Currently there is much enthusiasm from residents within the community for both a dog park and for fund-raising efforts to assist with construction costs for the amenity. This item is one of the top recreational amenities proposed by this master plan.

#### High Priority Item #4 - Natural Open Spaces:

Item #4, Natural Open Space, will be addressed as part of the "Parkland Acquisition" as well. Currently there is possible land located at the southern end of the Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail that would be ideally suited as a southern trail head for Nolan Creek as well as great open space. Soft development of this area also has the possibility of scoring well on Texas Parks and Recreation Urban Recreation Grant.



#### High Priority Item #5 - Water Recreation:

Residents have seen the dynamic results of opening up Nolan Creek as a "Blue Trail" for its residents to use for kayaking, fishing and water interaction opportunities. The purchase and acquisition mentioned above for Natural Open Space would also serve to anchor the southern end of the Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail (and blue water trail) for recreation.

#### High Priority Item #4 - Playgrounds:

The City will start an annual rotation of updating or adding playground equipment to its park system. Most of this will be in the form of replacing old and antiquated park equipment with modern equipment. The playground equipment will be further evaluated at each of the parks and prioritized based first on health, safety and welfare.

#### High Priority Item #6 - Outdoor Swimming Pool:

The last high priority park amenity identified is an outdoor swimming pool. This item, like the dog park, has been listed as a top priority park amenity in past parks master plan documents. This plan proposes that a feasibility study be conducted in order to explore the programming and associated costs of a pool facility.



#### Priority Item #7 - Annual Park Improvements/ Replacement Fund:

There are many items identified in the public comments section that need attention in the City's park system. This plan advocates that a dedicated parks maintenance fund be established to allow existing amenities to be replaced (like rusted out grills or picnic tables) or improved (such as the placement of shade structures over the playgrounds). This fund could also be utilized to provide accessibility improvements at the parks to bring them into compliance with Federal and State accessibility guidelines.

## **PARKLAND ACQUISITION**

As highlighted 'Section 7', the City of Belton currently has 175.22 acres of parkland. This acreage is divided into the following four classifications: neighborhood parks, community parks, special purpose parks and undeveloped park land.

With an estimated 2016 total population for the City of Belton of 20,517, the total park acreage per 1000 for the City equals 8.54 acres/1000. The Parks Board has stated that it wants to be at or in excess of this threshold; therefore, goal #3 developed as a guide for this master plan reads " to increase and develop the amount of park land and open space in the City available for active and passive recreation." The ten year horizon of this mater plan includes the acquisition of 70- acres of Community Parkland (see page 58) for both active and passive uses. Acquisition of this amount of acreage ensures that the City will maintain its current level of parkland ration per population as the City continues to grow.



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## APPENDIX

Killeen-Temple-MPO Regional Thoroughfare and Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan

Written public comments from Questions 8,10,12,16 & 17 of the 2016 Belton Parks and Recreation Survey are shown on the following pages.

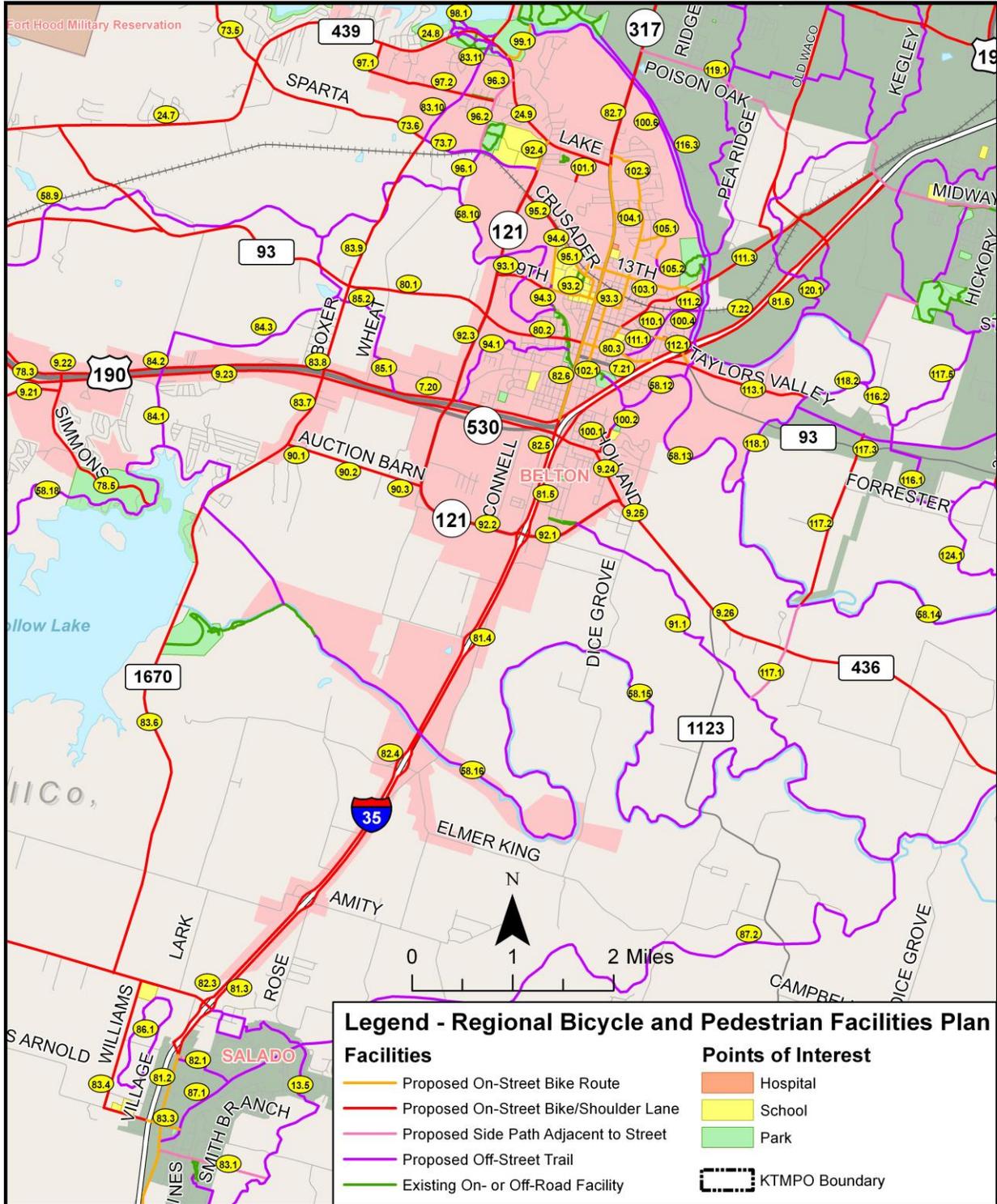




# Killeen-Temple MPO REGIONAL THOROUGHFARE AND PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE PLAN

*Bicycle-Pedestrian Network*

**Exhibit 35: KTMPO Future On- and Off-street Bicycle/Pedestrian System (Belton-Salado)**



Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, 2011.

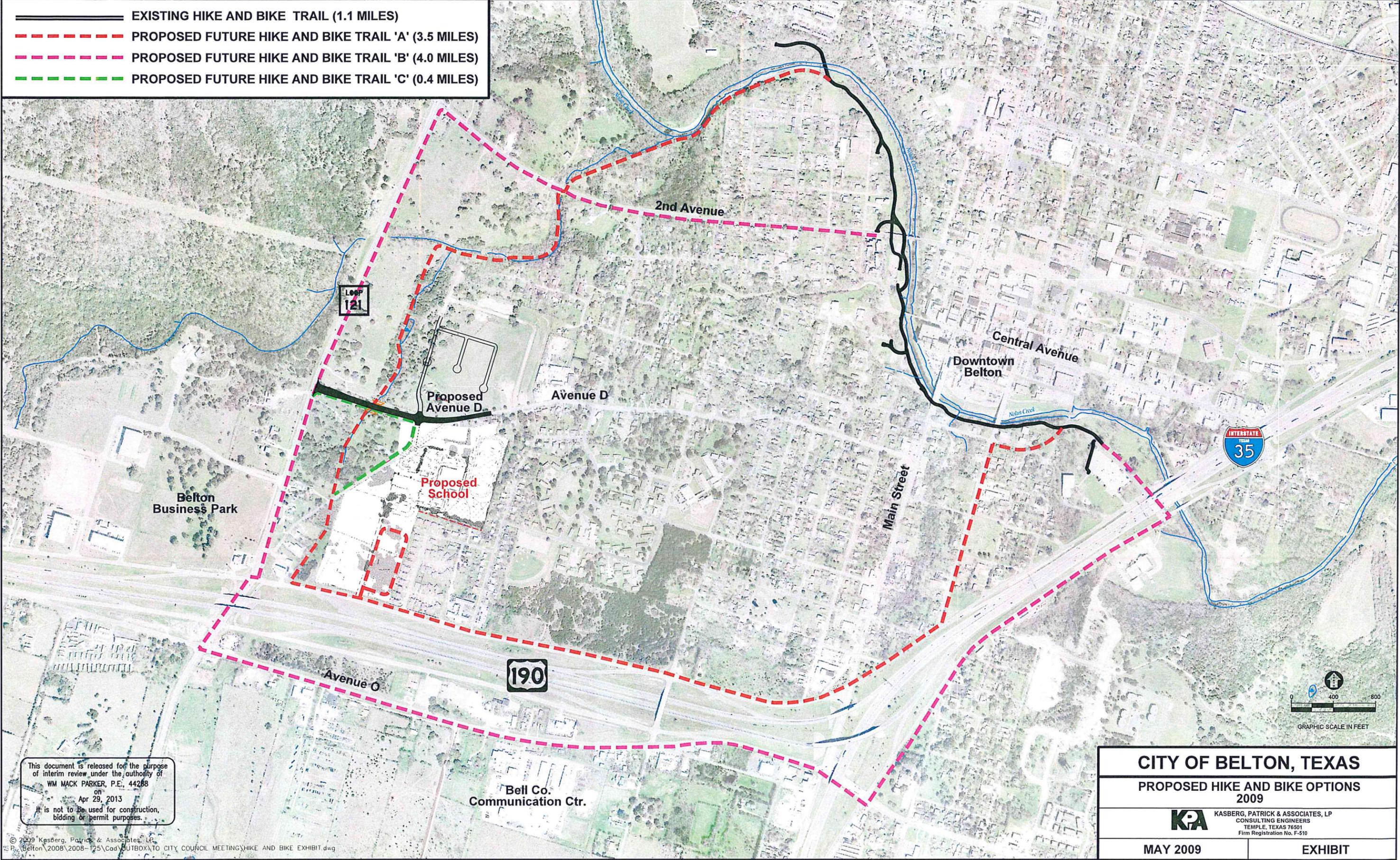


**Nolan Creek Hike & Bike  
Trail Extension- North  
0.59 Miles**



**Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail  
Extension- South  
0.77 Miles**

-  EXISTING HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL (1.1 MILES)
-  PROPOSED FUTURE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL 'A' (3.5 MILES)
-  PROPOSED FUTURE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL 'B' (4.0 MILES)
-  PROPOSED FUTURE HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL 'C' (0.4 MILES)



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<b>CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS</b>	
<b>PROPOSED HIKE AND BIKE OPTIONS 2009</b>	
 <b>KASBERG, PATRICK &amp; ASSOCIATES, LP</b> CONSULTING ENGINEERS TEMPLE, TEXAS 76501 Firm Registration No. F-510	
<b>MAY 2009</b>	<b>EXHIBIT</b>

Recommended Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

City of Belton									
ID	Type	Action	Location	Limits	Existing Condition	In Local Plan	State Highway	Length (mi.)	Cost (\$)
7.20	Shoulder Lane	Add signs and markings for shoulder lanes	On US190 WB FR	From western city limit easterly to Main Street	2 lane one-way roadway with shoulders	No	Yes	5.63	\$225,200
7.21	Shoulder Lane	Include shoulder lane with future roadway improvement	On IH 35 SB FR	From US190 WB/Main St northerly to northern city limits	2 lane one-way roadway	No	Yes	1.52	\$0
9.21	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On FM 2410	From western city limit easterly to Simmons Rd	2 lane roadway with narrow shoulders	No	Yes	0.51	\$127,500
9.22	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On FM2410/Simmons Rd	From FM2410 northerly to US 190 WB FR	2 lane roadway	No	Yes	0.17	\$42,500
9.23	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On US190 EB FR	From Simmons Rd easterly to IH 35 NB FR	2 lane one-way roadway	No	Yes	4.97	\$1,242,500
9.24	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On FM 436	From IH 35 SB Service Rd easterly and southerly to Loop 121 at Shady Ln	4 lane roadway	Yes	Yes	0.99	\$247,500
9.25	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On FM 436	From Loop 121 at Shady Ln easterly to eastern city limit	4 lane roadway	No	Yes	0.21	\$52,500
24.8	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On FM 439	From Wild Wood Dr easterly to FM2271	4 lane roadway	No	Yes	1.15	\$287,500
24.9	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On FM439/Lake Rd	From FM2271 easterly to Main St	5 lane roadway	Yes	Yes	1.86	\$465,000
58.10	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along Nolan Creek	From proposed trail at Belton western city limit southerly to existing trail in Lions/Harris Park	Creekside land	Yes	No	2.82	\$846,000
58.12	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along Nolan Creek	From existing trail in Confederate Park easterly to proposed trail south of FM93	Creekside land	Yes	No	1.10	\$330,000
58.13	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along Nolan Creek	From proposed trail south of FM93 easterly to proposed trail along Leon River	Creekside land	No	No	2.33	\$699,000
58.16	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along Lampasas River	From city limit west of Elm Grove Rd westerly to existing trail east of Chalk Ridge Falls Park	Riverside land	No	No	3.81	\$1,143,000
73.6	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On Sparta Rd	From western city limit to proposed trail along proposed road west of Wheat Rd	2 lane roadway	No	No	0.28	\$70,000
73.7	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along Sparta Rd	From proposed trail west of Wheat Rd easterly to Loop 121	2 lane roadway	Yes	No	1.20	\$360,000

City of Belton									
ID	Type	Action	Location	Limits	Existing Condition	In Local Plan	State Highway	Length (mi.)	Cost (\$)
78.3	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On US 190 EB FR	From western city limit west of FM2410 easterly to FM2410	2 lane one-way roadway with shoulders	No	Yes	0.60	\$150,000
78.5	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On Simmons Rd	From FM2410 southerly to proposed trail in Stillhouse Park	2 lane roadway	No	No	1.72	\$430,000
80.2	Bike Lane	Add signs and markings for bicycle lanes	On FM93/2nd Ave	From western city limit easterly to Main St	2 lane roadway with shoulders	Yes	Yes	1.17	\$46,800
80.3	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On 2nd Ave	From Main St easterly to IH35 SB FR	3 lanes roadway to the west of Penelope, 2 lanes to the east	Yes	No	0.73	\$5,000
81.4	Shoulder Lane	Include shoulder lane with future roadway improvement	On IH 35 NB FR	From southern city limit north of FM2484 northerly to Loop 121	2 lane roadway	No	Yes	5.26	\$0
81.5	Shoulder Lane	Include shoulder lane with future roadway improvement	On IH 35 NB FR	From Loop 121 northerly to northern city limit at Leon River	2 lane roadway	Yes	Yes	2.66	\$0
82.4	Shoulder Lane	Include shoulder lane with future roadway improvement	On IH 35 SB FR	From southern city limit north of FM2484 northerly to Loop 121	2 lane roadway	No	Yes	5.29	\$0
82.5	Shoulder Lane	Include shoulder lane with future roadway improvement	On IH 35 SB FR	From Loop 121 northerly to US 190 WB FR	2 lane roadway	Yes	Yes	1.21	\$0
82.6	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On SH317/Main St	From US 190 WB FR northerly to FM439	3-5 lane roadway	Yes	Yes	2.60	\$15,000
82.7	Bike Lane	Add signs and markings for bicycle lanes. Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On SH 317/Main St	From FM439 northerly to northern city limit at Leon River	2 lane roadway with shoulders	Yes	Yes	0.90	<del>\$36,000</del> \$225,000
83.7	Shoulder Lane	Add signs and markings for shoulder lanes	On FM 1670	From southern city limit at Sunflower Ln northerly to US 190 EB FR	2 lane roadway with shoulders	No	Yes	1.03	\$41,200
83.8	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On FM 1670	From US 190 EB FR northerly to northern city limits south of Springer St	2 lane roadway	No	Yes	0.16	\$40,000
83.10	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along proposed southern extension of FM 2271	From Sparta Rd northerly to Red Rock Dr	Future roadway	Yes	No	0.96	\$288,000
83.11	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along proposed southern extension of FM 2271	From Red Rock Dr northerly to FM439	Future roadway	No	No	0.23	\$69,000

City of Belton									
ID	Type	Action	Location	Limits	Existing Condition	In Local Plan	State Highway	Length (mi.)	Cost (\$)
83.12	Shoulder Lane	Add signs and markings for shoulder lanes	On FM 2271 in Miller Spring Park	From FM439 northerly to north city limits east of Belton Lake	2 lane roadway with shoulders	Yes	Yes	0.98	\$39,200
84.2	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along George Wilson Rd	From city limit at Dogridge Rd northerly to city limit north of US190 WB FR	2 lane roadway	No	No	0.35	\$105,000
85.1	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	North of US190 and east of Wheat Rd	From US 190 WB FR northerly to northern city limit north of Digby Dr	Open land	No	No	0.52	\$156,000
90.1	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On Auction Barn Rd	From FM 1670 easterly to city limit at Village Hill Rd	2 lane roadway	No	No	0.18	\$45,000
90.3	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On Auction Barn Rd	From city limit west of Loop 121 easterly to Loop 121	2 lane roadway	No	No	0.15	\$37,500
92.1	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On Loop 121	From FM436 westerly to IH35 NB FR	2 lane roadway	No	Yes	1.01	\$252,500
92.2	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On Loop 121	From IH35 NB FR westerly to Auction Barn Rd	2 lane roadway with shoulders	Yes	Yes	1.26	\$315,000
92.3	Bike Lane	Add signs and markings for bicycle lanes	On Loop 121	From Auction Barn Rd northerly to Sparta Rd	2-4 lane roadway with shoulders	Yes	Yes	3.38	\$135,200
92.4	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On Loop 121	From Sparta Rd northerly to FM439	4 lane roadway	Yes	Yes	0.29	\$5,000
93.1	<del>Bike Lane</del> Hike & Bike Facility	Include bike lane in <del>future roadway,</del> sidewalks and signage	<del>On proposed western extension of and existing 9th Avenue</del> Along 9th Avenue	From Loop 121 easterly to University Drive <del>SH 317 (Main Street)</del>	<del>Future roadway and 2-lane roadway</del> Some existing, some proposed roadway 2-lane roadway, bridge	Yes	No	<del>0.56</del> 1.04 0.57	<del>\$0</del> \$199,500
93.2	<del>Bike Route</del> Hike & Bike Facility	Add bike route signs Include bike lane, sidewalks and signage	<del>On</del> Along 9th Avenue	From University Drive easterly to Main Street <del>From Loop 121 easterly to SH 317 (Main Street)</del>	<del>2 lane roadway</del> Some existing, some proposed roadway	Yes	No	0.73	<del>\$5,000</del> \$255,500
93.3	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On 9th Avenue	From SH317 Main Street easterly to Beal Street	2 lanes local residential roadway	No	No	0.25	\$5,000
93.4	<del>Bike Route</del>	Add bike route signs	<del>On University Dr.</del>	<del>From 9th Avenue northerly to Crusader Way</del>	<del>2 lanes roadway</del>	<del>Yes</del>	<del>No</del>	<del>0.50</del>	<del>\$5,000</del>
94.1	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	East of Loop 121 and south of 1st Ave	From US190 WB FR northerly to existing trail along Nolan Creek near Central and Davis	Wooded area	No	No	1.59	\$477,000
94.3	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Northern extension of existing trail, east of Sparks St	From northern end of existing trail in Lions/Harris Park northerly to 10th Ave on UMHB campus	Wooded area	Yes	No	0.25	\$75,000
94.4	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On University Dr	From 40th 9th St W northerly to Crusader Way	2 lane roadway	Yes	No	0.50	\$5,000

City of Belton									
ID	Type	Action	Location	Limits	Existing Condition	In Local Plan	State Highway	Length (mi.)	Cost (\$)
95.1	<del>Bike Route</del> Hike & Bike Facility	Add bike route signs Include bike lane, sidewalks and signage	On Pearl St. and Crusader Way	From 9th Ave northerly to University Dr	2 lane roadways	No	No	0.76	<del>\$5,000</del> \$266,000
95.2	<del>Bike Route</del> Hike & Bike Facility	Add signs and markings for bicycle lanes Include bike lane, sidewalks and signage	On Crusader Way	From University Dr northerly to Loop 121	2 lane roadway	Yes	No	0.50	<del>\$20,000</del> \$175,000
96.1	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Southwest of Chisholm Trail Park and Belton Intermediate School	From proposed trail along Nolan Creek northerly to Sparta Rd	Open land	Yes	No	0.44	\$132,000
96.2	Side Path	Add 8ft wide multi-use side path	Along Dunns Canyon Rd	From Sparta Rd northerly to Chisholm Trail Rd	3 lane roadway	Yes	No	0.51	\$102,000
96.3	Side Path	Add 8ft wide multi-use side path	Along Dunns Canyon Rd	From Chisholm Trail Rd northerly to FM439	3 lane roadway	No	No	0.28	\$56,000
97.1	Shoulder Lane	Include shoulder lane with future roadway improvement	On proposed western extension of Chisholm Trail Pkwy and other proposed road	From FM439 southerly and easterly to southern end of Spring Canyon Rd	Future roadways	No	No	0.69	\$0
97.2	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On existing and proposed extension of Chisholm Trail Pkwy	From Spring Canyon Rd easterly to Dunns Canyon Rd	2 lane roadway and future roadway	Yes	No	0.88	\$220,000
98.1	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	In Miller Springs Park	Interconnected segments In Miller Spring Park southerly to Red Rock Dr	Park land	No	No	1.67	\$501,000
99.1	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On unnamed road In Miller Springs Park	From FM439 northerly to existing trail in Miller Springs Park	2 lane roadway	No	No	0.45	\$5,000
100.1	Bike Lane	Add signs and markings for bicycle lanes	On Ave O, Ray St, Ave M, and Fairway Dr	From FM436 northerly to Avenue J at Miller Heights Elementary School	2 lane roadways	Yes	No	0.34	\$13,600
100.2	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	North of Griggs Park and Miller Heights Elementary School	From Miller Heights Elem northerly to proposed trail along Nolan Creek	Open land and wooded area	Yes	No	0.27	\$81,000
100.4	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along west side of Leon River	From proposed trail south of FM93 northerly to existing trail in Heritage Park	Open land and riverside land	Yes	No	1.20	\$360,000
100.6	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along west side of Leon River	From existing trail in Heritage Park northerly to existing trail in Miller Spring Park	Riverside land	Yes	No	3.28	\$984,000

City of Belton									
ID	Type	Action	Location	Limits	Existing Condition	In Local Plan	State Highway	Length (mi.)	Cost (\$)
101.1	Bike Lane	Include bike lane in future roadway	On proposed northern extension of Commerce St	From Sparta Rd northerly to FM439	Future roadway	No	No	0.25	\$0
102.1	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On Beal St, Water St, and Penelope St	From existing trail in Confederate Park northerly to 9th Ave	2 lane roadways	Yes	No	0.78	\$5,000
102.3	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On Beal St	From 9th Ave southern jct w/ Beal northerly to Main St	2 lane roadway	No	No	1.75	\$10,000
103.1	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On College St and 13th Ave	From Crusader Way northerly and easterly to Waco Rd	2 lane roadways	Yes	No	1.16	\$10,000
104.1	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On 22nd Ave	From Main St easterly to Beal St	2 lane roadway	No	No	0.26	\$5,000
105.1	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On Hastings Rd and Landmark Dr	From Beal St easterly and southerly to southern end of Landmark Dr	2 lane roadways	No	No	0.53	\$5,000
105.2	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	West of Heritage Park	From southern end of Landmark Dr southerly and easterly to existing trail in Heritage Park	Wooded area	No	No	0.36	\$108,000
110.1	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	East of Birdwell St and west of Palmetto Dr	From 2nd Ave easterly to proposed trail along Leon River	Open land	No	No	0.95	\$285,000
111.1	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On Blair St	From 2nd Ave northerly to 6th Ave	2 lane roadway	No	No	0.25	\$5,000
111.2	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On FM817/Old Waco Rd	From 6th St northerly to proposed trail at eastern city limit along Leon River at eastern city limit	2 lane roadway	No	Yes	0.94	\$235,000
112.1	Bike Route	Add bike route signs	On FM93/6th Ave	From proposed trail west of Cori Dr easterly and southerly to Taylors Valley Rd	4-5 lane roadway	No	Yes	0.47	\$5,000
113.1	Shoulder Lane	Add shoulders, signs, and markings	On Taylors Valley Rd	IH35 NB FR easterly to proposed trail along Leon River	2 lane roadway	Yes	No	1.46	\$365,000
118.1	Trail	Add 10ft wide multi-use trail	Along Leon River	From proposed trail south of FM93 northerly to Taylors Valley Rd	Creekside land	No	No	1.18	\$354,000

TOTAL 86.41 \$12.79m

\* Cost estimates provided by project sponsoring entity.

**Question 8: Please list any FACILITIES NOT noted in the survey that the City of Belton should consider constructing in the future.**

1. Botanical Garden.
2. Purchase and rebuild Leon Valley Golf Course.
3. Lights at all game fields for evening games.
4. If you add playscapes for kids, cover them. These play areas become unusable for kids during summer months.
5. Mini golf, skating, laser tag.
6. Outdoor theater or stage (similar to Zilker Park or Temple's music festivals in the parks).
7. Amphitheater or public concert/pavilion.
8. Pavilion for families to use at a reasonable rate.
9. Boat rentals.
10. Sidewalk from hwy 1670 to loop 121.
11. Indoor exercise for kids. Adult exercise is promoted what about promote kids in the gym or a center that can be used maybe by membership to help pay back the cost.
12. Multi-purpose indoor recreation.
13. Indoor skate park/roller skate and skateboard to be used also as bmx and scooter use.
14. Cultural Center.
15. River tubing.
16. Multimedia recreational center.
17. City pavilion for concerts and other entertainment
18. Bike park
19. None.
20. Bowling alley.
21. Outdoor concert arena.
22. Sidewalks.
23. Fishing piers.
24. Restaurants.
25. Can't think of any.
26. BMX course. Ropes course.
27. Farmer's Market Covered area.
28. Dedicated biking and jogging lanes.
29. Lighted fields for more sports other then football and baseball and softball.
30. Adequate vehicle access (entrances/exits) and parking at community fields.
31. Bigger better library.
32. Large indoor soccer facility.
33. Hiking trails.
34. Bike trails.
35. Bowling Alley.
36. A bigger library, meeting rooms for small to medium size groups.
37. Golf Course, used to be one, know it was closed, not sure why?
38. Help for low income medical. Who can't afford Obamacare?
39. Biking trails.
40. Homeless shelter.



41. The parks in the future should be neighborhood parks within walking distance, unlike heritage park, where everyone has to drive.
42. Botanical garden.
43. Youth center.
44. Skating rink or ice skating rink.
45. A place for hockey.
46. FREE. Repairs on electronics like a cb shop. There's one in Temple that helps the community with free or low priced services.
47. A facility for reunions and/or gatherings that is considerably more affordable than the Harris center.
48.
  1. trolley Stop stations- need some kind of Sun Coverage. During summer it gets way too hot and to see people/families waiting for the bus sitting in direct sun light is not good for them.
  2. Restroom station by Miller Heights Trail-Park.
  3. Fix up old pavilion at Nolan Creek.
49. A safe environment for teens to hang out, so they won't be bored. Boredom leads to them getting into things that aren't healthy or safe. Maybe it can be monitored by Belton PD. The officers can go and interact with the kids, offering advice, guidance, tutoring, and just hang out and play sports!
50. A BMX track or a pump track.
51. Special Needs accessible all of the above.
52. Golf course, exercise stations, equestrian friendly trails, emergency call boxes and AED boxes, children's garden, public art and sculpture gardens, more restrooms, more solar powered lighting, bocce ball, shuffle board, tether ball, bird watching stations, more mini-pavilions, educational features along nature trails to include naming the trees, misting features at playgrounds, more working water fountains with pet accessible basins and an urban trail that would connect most of the city.
53. More playscapes geared toward toddlers that aren't so high up and where they can play independently and safely. Preferably a fenced in area would be nice.
54. Public outdoors concert shell.
55. More bicycle lanes for city streets.
56. Driving range.
57. Mountain bike trail.
58. Use of outdoor gaming areas to compliment gathering spaces (chess, horse shoes, bocce ball,...)
59. Fire station 3.
60. Properly staffed fire stations.
61. More hunting land.
62. Ymca.
63. Covered playground areas. Like lions park in Temple has.
64. Just to specify, my answers for football fields refers to flag football fields.
65. Chic fil a.
66. Another junior high like the new one.
67. I moved here from Asheville NC, and there is a park there that has a velodrome, which is a bike training oval, with stairs over the biking part that lead to the inner part with a playground, sand volleyball, basketball, and roller hockey rink. Belton has the perfect place for such a park on the north side of Chisholm Trail Park.



68. Science/Art center for youth.
69. Parking garage in downtown, multi-level.
70. South Belton Grocery Store.
71. YMCA or similar.
72. Zip line.
73. Horseshoe pitching facilities.
74. A low cost spay and neuter clinic for animals.
75. A ropes Course for extreme fitness.
76. Can't think of any which are unlisted.
77. New library.
78. Restaurants other than Mexican food.
79. City gym/rec center would be fantastic.
80. Indoor soccer field, Mini golf or go kart attraction, paintball field.
81. Music and theatre performance space for local performances and touring productions.
82. City is going to do what they want to do so why bother.
83. Racquetball Facility (Not just 2 courts that can take hours to get in to). The Skatepark needs to be constructed in Yettie Polk.
84. Please, reconstruct Bartz Field. Fix the track on it. Add lights. Make it a 24 hour family park. The current condition doesn't do much for Coach Bartz memory.
85. Golf course.
86. Safety town. Child size town with streets, shops, etc. use to teach bike safety, walking safety, etc



**Question 10: Please list any PROGRAMS / ACTIVITIES NOT noted in the survey that the City of Belton should consider providing in the future.**

1. BCYC soccer, entertainment centers for families, more restaurants.
2. Arts and Crafts for kids. Summer camps. Exercise programs.
3. Fishing tournaments for youth.
4. Geocaching.
5. More family days.
6. Gardening and care of property landscaping – trees.
7. Yoga/ Pilates.
8. There are not enough opinions for after school care or summer care. BCYC is outdated stinks inside my son has Asthma and cannot go there is bothers him. It is outdated and lack of structure for kids.
9. Skateboarding league; laser tag.
10. Big Brothers Big Sister Programs and sufficient advertisement to educate the public.
11. More theatre arts for younger kids.
12. Horseshoes.
13. Hunting.
14. Not enough for seniors to do.
15. Volunteer services for teenagers.
16. Farmers Market.
17. Segway tours; ATV courses.
18. Indoor family activities.
19. Cooking, sewing, (I guess this is arts & crafts??) genealogy.
20. We would love a kid's theatre program!!!
21. Squash court.
22. It would be nice if the City could make it easier and more affordable for road (running) races.
23. Tennis facilities and clubhouse.
24. Special needs oriented activities and sports opportunities.
25. Practice soccer fields.
26. Trampoline areas.
27. Support groups for various cancer patients. On-going lecture series covering a wide and varied selection of topics.
28. Children's theatre.
29. Adult leagues for many of the above sports, but we need facilities first.
30. Jewelry classes like silversmithing. Temple has a bead store but we don't .
31. Sidewalks along N 317 and 121 for runners and bike lanes for bicyclers.
32. Food pantry.
33. Indoor swimming and outdoor swimming.
34. Youth center.
35. Free (or discounted) activities for homeschool families during the otherwise "normal" school day; many families would be interested in supplementing subjects or just giving the kids hands in learning experiences with other children learning in similar environments. It's always nice to have support and encouragement as parents that homeschool too! :)
36. Hockey needs a comeback.



37. Ham radio involvement. Just like Temple has. In south side off Hwy 95. They have ham store. Cb shops. Electronics stores etc.
38. Life skills programs. How to: balance a checkbook, create a budget and use it, avoiding crippling debt, bartering for simple services, common sense skills needed in life that aren't taught in public schools.
39. Fun NOT attached to the H.S. or UMHB due to high cost and limited hours/use. Make sure area is lit up for evening use in the winter.
40. Skate park for kids.
41. Maybe a Community Choir.
42. Junior tennis program.
43. Municipal golf course.
44. There should be activities that include children and the elderly together. It makes Loyd feel special and enlivens the elderly.
45. Role model/Mentor programs for youth. Programs for children/young adults with disabilities.
46. Wrestling facilities for adults, other adult sports.
47. Ultimate Frisbee, skating.
48. Horseshoe pitching park.
49. Mountain biking trails.....need them.....a lot of them.
50. Paintball field. Off-road course for atvs or go kart.
51. Bowling!
52. Indoor center for adults, i.e. volleyball, basketball, indoor track, gym, recreation classes.



## Question 12: How can we make parks, facilities and events more user friendly?

1. Grow the state flower in more places.
2. Bring in Food Trucks!!!!!!
3. I think they are fine as is.
4. More parking at Heritage Park. Post City ordinance: no smoking/alcoholic beverages on the premises. Lights on any fields or courts utilized by any of the city sports leagues. Adult rec. sports. More public practice fields/courts (soccer, basketball, etc.).
5. More parking, especially at Heritage. There are so many people that utilize it, especially on the weekends (soccer, pavilion/playground, baseball) and there is just not enough parking.
6. Heritage park parking is horrendous. It needs to be addressed immediately.
7. Additional access roads for entrance and exits to limit congestion.
8. We can keep garbage cans all around so people can dispose of their trash.
9. More parking spaces.
10. Heritage Park needs more PARKING.
11. Increase parking at Heritage Park.
12. Maybe but holding specialized events at the parks. Ex. fly fishing clinic at Nolan Creek.
13. Dogs on leashes
14. Hold more community events.
15. Better disabled facilities.
16. Keep ballpark lights on after games have ended. Most times lights are turned off making walking to car dangers for mothers/children.
17. Getting the word out about activities available.
18. Keep the cost down.
19. Make the park near the Gin easier to traverse. I don't like having to cross Main Street to cross the river.
20. The vault toilet at the north entrance to Miller Springs Nature Area was a nice addition.
21. Cheaper prices for tickets. cleaner bathrooms.
22. Create better parking, build more fields, the community is in need of more practice facilities
23. Maintain, keep clean.
24. Keep Dogs Out
25. Better advertising of events on the website.
26. Not sure user friendly is the right question. Make the spaces more usable for sports, kids social interactions.
27. Need more parking at Heritage Park.
28. Advertise more, let the community know that these facilities exist and what they entail.
29. Online needs better pictures and descriptions to make more appealing when researching places to go.
30. Water fountains that work.
31. Advertisement to educate public. Perhaps a flyer or booklet? Not everyone has access to internet links. Maybe more exposure on local news and radio?
32. More all abilities parks for kiddos.
33. Facebook, Twitter Notifications of events.
34. Heritage Park could use a light or another entry/exit. And parking is ridiculous at times.
35. More communication about the options available.



36. Parking.
37. Allow the public to use the fields or build more practice locations.
38. Make dog parks separate from playgrounds.
39. See comments above.
40. Use Baseball fields at Heritage Park as practice facility.
41. I only have experience with Chisholm Trail Park. The track needs to be redone due to slopes/uneven and the mileage marked correctly.
42. Cleaner restrooms.
43. Cleaner, more accessible restrooms.
44. More publicity about them I did not know about a lot of these.
45. Dog park.
46. Heritage can be used for rent or open for practice. Or build more.
47. Belton has one of the largest youth baseball programs in the area our facilities should reflect that.
48. Don't send the police down to write tickets for parking on the grass when there isn't enough parking!!!
49. Send out community newsletters via social media that lists all events
50. Increase parking at Chisholm Park and add another field. Bring Chisholm up to the same standard as the boys fields.
51. Allow beer.
52. Make them accommodating for people of all abilities.
53. Additional parking.
54. Lighting at Heritage Park, dedicated biking/walking access to parks.
55. Some of the parks are run down & some are just too small.
56. Parking is such a huge issue at Heritage Park...not sure what the solution is! Sorry!!
57. Lights on soccer fields.
58. I truly believe that if we had parks with lights it would be more user friendly. I also feel that during sports events on the weekends that the parking situation is impossible.
59. Heritage park more soccer fields much more parking.
60. Need more handicap parking for vans with lifts can't even park at the post office and get my daughter out without parking in reg. spots and taking two spots for our lift
61. Need some more parking at the soccer/sports fields.
62. More parking at Heritage Park.
63. More parking, lighting.
64. Better signage. Better parking.
65. More picnic areas.
66. More parking.
67. Updates, awnings.
68. City website is not user friendly. Too many clicks (if you can find what to click) to get answers. Not updated regularly.
69. Better parking at Heritage park, get soccer fields up to standard
70. Add bathrooms to continental park
71. Dog park in Belton
72. Do more family activities
73. Plant trees.
74. Deal with the traffic before expanding Belton. Loop 121 for example has horrible traffic to and from the expo center. Yet a huge apartment building is being developed.



75. Have actual parking for your crowds!!!
76. Have gates around playground equipment area to keep young kids safer. Many playground equipment is near a road. Have playground equipment kid friendly for kids under the age of 3.
77. Put the tables in the shade. install swings for babies
78. Keep up the great work!!
79. Just keep them safe and clean.
80. Dog friendly environments.
81. Don't make them too expensive .
82. A few parks have very small parking areas or get very crowded during events like normal games at Chisholm Trail Park
83. Not exclusive.
84. Find ways to make the above facilities known, I've lived here about a year and it's the first I see of many of these places.
85. Better advertising.
86. Better signs announcing entrance to parks.
87. Need to be more lit at night.
88. Allow pets.
89. More police involvement. Interacting with the community. BTW, I love seeing the Coffee with Cop postings on FB. Another GREAT idea.
90. Attempt to connect as many of them as possible with walking/bike trails.
91. More lights, splash pad at Chisholm Trail.
92. Make new housing developments create trails and paths that connect to a master parks system. The high-end development along the Leon River should have park trails that connect Heritage Park all the way to the park area by the spillway behind the Belton Dam. We need less private property rights and more shared and green spaces that are connected by walkable sidewalks and trails to a master sidewalk/trail system. See Austin, Seattle, etc. as examples.
93. More access for the general public.
94. Get Nolan Creek cleaned up.
95. Update the playground equipment and restrooms access. Chisholm trail park would be used much more if it was like Harris park or lions park in temple
96. Belton Lake needs more police surveillance at Temple Lake Park. I don't feel safe as a mom taking my children during busy season any more. We used to go all of the time when my daughter was little. Makes me sad at how poorly it's kept up as far as visitor trash (dangerous bottle caps and broken glass in sand as well as flaunting debris in swim areas). Walking trail really needs attention too!
97. More park benches/picnic areas. Maybe add dog poop bins around parks, so people can pick up after their pets.
98. Install a kayak ramp on the Leon River in Heritage Park. This will allow kayaker to put in below the dam at miller springs and float the river and take out near summer fun.
99. Make them better known ... I have lived in Belton 8 months and have never heard of a lot of these things.
100. Better up to date and better for smaller children and special needs. Better sidewalks. More Parking. Perhaps an emergency call box at each park.
101. Just have a little something for everyone.
102. Free Wi-Fi. Solar power.



103. Easier access for walkers/wheelchairs.
104. Fine as is.
105. Advertise or share info a bit more. We love Belton but rarely know what's going on.
106. Make sure they are safe, inviting and lit up. Keep use coat down.
107. Covers on the playgrounds. The metal and plastic gets so hot from the sun that the equipment is unusable
108. More public restrooms at the parks and better upkeep. The bathrooms at Heritage Park are nasty.
109. Playscapes geared toward toddlers.
110. More promoting.
111. Possibly, a quarterly write up in the newspaper, with info. / updates about the parks, their locations, how they are used and WHO to contact regarding suggestions / issues.
112. Better/clean restrooms, variety of things to do at the parks.
113. Fix plumbing issues at RRs, level ground and fill in pot holes, additional parking. All parks are overcrowded with sports practices and games.
114. Clean water to tube in at gin.
115. They are quite user friendly now.
116. Maintain the water fountains and provide cleaner restrooms.
117. Better info of facilities and available use.
118. Better parking at Chisolm Trail.
119. Parking can be difficult at times. The only volleyball courts I am aware of are not kept up.
120. More advertising. If there is a Facebook page I can go to that lets me know what's available, when and what day special events are happening, I would like to know. I didn't know of most of the listed places listed above.
121. I think getting the word out about the facilities and the events is the key.
122. Good lighting.
123. send out mail to everyone letting them know what is available
124. Secluded family lake or river access. More garden and beautifully landscaped areas to facilitate the HUGE photography market.
125. Make access from one park to another easier to access. A more connected trail system that a person could jog between, or a kid could safely ride a bike between.
126. Open them up for public use. Currently I feel that the softball/baseball facilities are closed off and only BYSA and BYBA have access. They are decent fields, could be upgraded, but we would love to host tournaments there.
127. Getting tickets to event at the Expo center is not pleasant, the event information is often misleading and it's difficult to get what you want either online or with staff.
128. More awareness.
129. I think an amazing job is being done.
130. Not sure.
131. Signs educating the people about littering and even recycling bins
132. Increase space available and parking.
133. Increase parking.
134. Add shade!!!
135. Build indoor received center.
136. Install lights at Heritage Park for soccer fields! Well marked signs are always helpful at parks and athletic fields.



137. You can make them more safe and clean.
138. More info about upcoming events
139. Sun cover over parks, handicapped access for nature trails.
140. More parking in Heritage Park.
141. Remove the CONFEDERATE name for the park and rename.
142. Restrooms and water fountains, more running trails .
143. I didn't even know some of the things on that list existed maybe send out a list of what parks and activities are available to residents .
144. Recycling, more trash cans, doggy waste bags.
145. Undecided.
146. Enlarge parks with provide plenty of parking space and pavilions.
147. Is there a monthly or quarterly newsletter of events?
148. More picnic tables and benches.
149. Have one place where we can go to get information about what is going on in the parks and to rent a pavilion.
150. Partner with food trucks.
151. Check out Clay Madsen community center in Round Rock-- multipurpose community center, space for indoor sports, art classes, and community rooms, bright and airy, someplace for both kids and adults to enjoy.
152. Water planted trees so they grow and create some shade and beauty.  
Enforce no parking at Chisolm Trail Park on game days. A child could run out between cars and get injured or killed.
153. There are no running areas with soft surfaces.
154. Communication about what's going on.
155. Publicizing the events more.
156. Plenty of seating around playgrounds for parents.  
good marketing of when events are happening.
157. To promote local events or leagues for people to see upcoming activities.
158. Whatever can be done online should be done online (event registration and payment, marketing, announcements, etc.).
159. Doing more often and make them fun.
160. Continue to keep them clean and safe.
161. Make them with special needs access.
162. Make them a little bigger.
163. Keep them clean and well maintained.
164. Continue to improve connectivity with hike and bike trails
165. More community involvement or celebration.



**Question 16: What does the City do well concerning parks or recreation facilities and what could we do better?**

1. Keep the grass cut and areas clean, add more flowers/beauty, and outside art.
2. The City keeps the parks and facilities clean.
3. Maintain.
4. Most of the existing facilities are well kept and nice. It would be nice if there was a city parks employee that made an appearance mid-morning at ball fields/facilities that are being utilized to make sure there is enough toilet paper, trash cans aren't running over, etc. When there are only two stalls per gender and there is anywhere from 2,500-3,000 people during a 6-7 hour span, it can be a problem.
5. The facilities that Belton does have are very nice. I appreciate the city ordinances that keep alcohol and smoking away from families and children.
6. For what's available, the conditions are usually well-kept. Better parking must be addressed.
7. Overall cleanliness.
8. More lights and parking is only complaint.
9. Love the Nolan Creek improvements, the splash parks. there could be better parking at heritage park as well as better use of existing Leon River, Nolan Creek, Lake Belton
10. Maintaining. More parking at Heritage Park.
11. Do well: Baseball/softball/football little leagues. Improve: More variety, other activities.
12. Very well maintained. Nolan Creek is a great asset, but the "swim at own risk" signs do not promote usage. I don't have solution, but maybe conduct testing upstream of bridges where birds and waterfowl do not impact.
13. They are being progressive. Things are continually happening. Let's keep it going. Nolan Creek is great!
14. Upkeep is excellent. Upgrade disability access.
15. Baseball fields are well maintained. Location where older boys play needs to be relocated to location with other fields.
16. Could better maintain trash at local parks.
17. Good job keeping them clean. Could do a bit more there, though. Could do a bit more to keep the facilities in repair.
18. Need to care for all fields better, create parking so its not so cramped.
19. They keep them looking good and up to standards.
20. Could do better-Landscape major streets and vacant lots.
21. Just fine the way things are.
22. Kept clean and nice but needs parking.
23. maintain the fields better
24. quick clean up after the flood damage, inform the community of events activities etc.
25. The amount of parks in the city is good, I just feel they could be better maintained.
26. keep parks clean
27. I appreciate how clean the facilities and the lighting. Feel safe!
28. Need better upkeep of playground at Chisolm Trail Park.
29. All they do is mow be able to practice on fields.
30. I'd live to see a city based theatre arts program. For elementary age not just jr. High.
31. Maintaining performance facilities, but does not provide NEAR enough (if any really) practice facilities - especially baseball.



32. Keeping parks clean.
33. Maintenance.
34. Cleaner restrooms. More lights at night.
35. Maintained well, except Griggs and Continental fields.
36. They always seem to be mowed. Would like more parking (Heritage) especially when soccer AND baseball are playing at the same time.
37. Great baseball and softball complex but need more places to practice.
38. Build pitcher's mounds instead of usage of current mounds. The current mounds get slick when wet and are a safety hazard if the pitcher steps off the back or if a ball hits the front of the current mound
39. Clean. Need more lights.
40. The grass at baseball fields look great. But when it comes to ants and bees during baseball season nothing is ever done about them. If city is told it still takes weeks before any poison or any method on getting rid of them takes place.
41. Downtown is nice.
42. I think Chisholm Trail Park is very safe and well-lit.
43. Keep them updated and make sure safe. Chisholm trail has some really rough edges on the stairs that are dangerous to kids. Also make more toddler friendly slides.
44. There is regular maintenance. Check bathrooms more frequently.
45. Publicize.
46. Keep it clean.
47. Very clean.
48. The new baseball field at heritage is nice it would be better if it was a grass infield
49. Cutting the grass
50. Maintaining they do well. Let us hold baseball tournaments during the year on weekends. That brings in review to the city from out of town teams.
51. The city does a great job creating events for the whole family. I would like the city to prioritize what the community needs are by allowing more athletic practice areas that are signed up using first come first serve.
52. The P&R Dept has grown and changed tremendously in the last few years! There are so many activities to consider that not everyone knows about. We need to develop a seasonal booklet similar to the Temple P&R Play by Play.
53. Highlight facilities more, such as park of the month posts on FB or website.
54. Positive downtown development. Desperate need for biking/jogging lanes, Heritage Park needs lights.
55. Splash pads that need to have all of it running.
56. Well maintained and accessible
57. We like the updates at the river.
58. Wider selection of activities would be great (skate park, etc.).
59. Publish a maintenance schedule for sport fields
60. I feel that the parks we have are kept very nice and clean. This keeps people coming and enjoying without worry. I feel safe having my family at our parks.
61. Maintenance/upkeep is good. Access and parking at Heritage Park is inadequate.
62. Fields are usually in good shape , just noted more practice and playing fields.
63. keep them clean and overall well maintained.
64. There are a lot of facilities to use, but sometimes parking is the biggest issue.



65. More parking.
66. They are always pretty clean. To do better? Add more shade.
67. More parking at heritage park for soccer season and baseball season.
68. New ones have been added in the area recently and they are spread out.
69. Love the splash pads. They. Could be a bit bigger. Somehow gear them towards a litter bigger kid.
70. Can't think of "well" but could do better by equally fertilizing and maintaining the grounds of ALL the parks.
71. Well- keep parks clean. Better- grass/practice fields
72. Need a more soccer fields with enough parking.
73. A lot of trails and maintains them and keeps them clean. More hands on/learning/teaching parts to playgrounds/parks.
74. The parks are very clean. Good landscaping.
75. The parks are great. Would like more trees planted. Walking trails.
76. Keeping the smaller kid activities from the older kids.
77. Having many trails available and areas where children can play sports.
78. Parking is ridiculous at Heritage Park. Makes it all miserable every weekend... Week after week. Make more parking places.
79. Having playground at most parks is amazing for use of the park for all ages and many families. I would like to see a small enclosed area just for smaller kids 3yrs old and younger. It allows families with young kids to play with kids in a safer area from older kids and cars. Gates around large area around playground equipment would also be nice to see.
80. Getting a poll of opinions from citizens).
81. Put picnic tables in the shade. Install swings for babies. There are none at the Beal playground and the picnic table is placed right where the kids played baseball.
82. All seems to be well done.
83. The city does well in having clean and safe facilities. The city could do better by allowing more time for facilities to be used ie... spray parks should be open from Spring Break to Halloween and provide a few parks with more lighting to add safety and for the parks and it's bathrooms to be available for late nights especially when it gets dark early in the winter.
84. Adequate parking and keeping the parks cleaned up.
85. Keep them clean, open splash pad earlier.
86. Keep them clean & in good condition. More variety?
87. Clean, available, safe.
88. Monitor better for illicit activity especially at small parks and boat areas.
89. Keep them clean and updated.
90. Recreation facilities could bring in local instructors to teach new things.
91. The parks are usually clean, at least the ones I go to, but sometimes the lights are out.
92. Needs more upgrades.
93. Clean-up after flooding several years ago when the water reached Central. Love what has been happening with the River Walk. Need more public trash cans and complimentary doggie waste bags (I carry my own but others do not).
94. More covered picnic areas.
95. See above.
96. More walk-ability to parks, less parking spaces.
97. Offer a number of different style of parks.



98. They're clean and kept up very well.
99. Keeping grass cut. Disc golf.
100. Well kept. Letter free. More lights to allow for evening walks
101. This survey.
102. Overall cleanliness and sports fields are great in Belton. Bathroom upkeep and cleanliness are often neglected.
103. Love Cleveland lake, but we need more benches or picnic areas. Hopefully a play area for kids too.
104. Make their places and events more known.
105. You're doing just fine.
106. Solar powered!!! If buildings are in parks. Need to be multi story. Not spread out single-story.
107. They are kept fairly clean. Quit wasting money on that ridiculous kayaking notion in a creek that is often toxic and floods too often.
108. Clean and accessible.
109. Better mentoring of drunk and disorderliness at the lake.
110. They're all very well maintained and feel safe.
111. They are clean and well kept.
112. Try to involve citizens and ask for our opinions. Now keep us updated with results.
113. Parks are kept beautiful and clean. With all the dangers going on, I would love to see PD make more rounds around the parks. I've never seen PD motor the parks.
114. They are clean but not always in good repair. Playgrounds have broken swings or sand washed out from around poles.
115. The parks are nicely kept and the renovations are nice. However, we NEED more parking at Heritage Park if the city continues to lease it to FC Belton. There are no options of where to park.
116. Great job of keeping them clean. Upkeep could be better (paint, etc.)
117. Belton does a great job of keeping the parks clean and safe.
118. More movie at the parks.
119. The City does a great job of keeping the parks clean, mowed, lighting on sports fields, bathrooms clean and supplied.
120. The parks are clean & maintained. The restrooms could be better.
121. Playgrounds are kept in good condition. Site is usually clean. Restrooms could be better maintained.
122. Parks maintenance people do a great job in maintaining the park grounds of the city.
123. Good.
124. Maintaining parks.
125. They are well kept. Can't think of anything to do better.
126. Landscaping.
127. Improving downtown was a great move.
128. The parks are very beautiful and well-kept but making more activities available would be great.
129. The maintenance and cleanliness of the places I have gone is great. Advertise more.
130. Maintenance...they always look great.
131. Great facilities and safety for young families and children.
132. Maintained well.
133. Open baseball fields to practice.
134. Just need more access and/or more organization surrounding access. Very difficult finding places to practice. On a positive note, all playing fields are pretty well maintained
135. Seem to react to needs for additional needs (additional parking at heritage park & new T ball



- field). Need more practice fields for baseball.
136. The wide walking\jogging path are great. The way the big stones are done around the river at Harris Park is perfect.
  137. The parks are very nice and maintained.
  138. Keeping the well maintained – good add more to the community - work on.
  139. Cleanliness.
  140. The city does well at providing many facilities for families and children to make use of. I would love the quality of these facilities to improve and for more attention to be paid to beautifying these venues.
  141. Parks are well kept. Quit putting down seemingly random sidewalks.
  142. Great coordination with events and local groups.
  143. Parks always seem well maintained. Expand hike and bike system to connect the parks and lake.
  144. I love that temple and Belton have many trails.
  145. Clean parks.
  146. Maintenance.
  147. Maintained.
  148. Upkeep would be nice and teaching kids about the wildlife around them that's the great part about living in the community we live in its still everywhere we need to work on preserving and using what we have.
  149. Maintaining.
  150. Well maintained and functional designs.
  151. Manage the schedules of city sports well, considering the # of kids & the limited playing fields.
  152. Have more awesome kid activities at a lower price like Temple does. Think outside of the box for events. Add more shade to the playgrounds, this is Texas.
  153. City has an amazing parks and recs department and staff.
  154. Put the kids first who play baseball. No reason for t-ball to have playoffs. Inexcusable to bench a child who played all year so they can bring on kids from other teams. Horrible life lessons for the kids!!!
  155. The parks and recreation facilities are always clean and I feel safe taking my children there
  156. Matt Bates is fantastic to work with!
  157. Well: Offer a variety of activities. Do better: install lights at the Heritage Park soccer fields.
  158. They keep them clean but could maintain bathrooms and walking trails better.
  159. Cleanliness is great; more drink and restroom facilities as well as concession stands would be great at the parks.
  160. The parks are in good shape and we do enjoy them, but at this point there should never be a playground in Texas that is built without a canopy or rooftop. Most of the park playgrounds are unusable for a good portion of the summer due to heat.
  161. Maintenance and cleanliness are impressive. Increase safety/security measures (well-lit, patrolled, etc.).
  162. Grounds are maintained very nicely.
  163. New additions and upkeep have been great. Parking is terrible for large events.
  164. Ran by great people - each year they have generously granted me permit to run after hours at Chisholm Trail (for 50 and 100 mile endurance run)... Something I couldn't do on hot summer days. Mr. Bates has been very helpful.
  165. I truly believe the city is lacking in terms of parks and walking trails. We need to encourage a healthier lifestyle for everyone. Maybe there are parks and I just can't find them. These should



- be promoted online. We need a dog park.
166. They are kept clean and in shape.
  167. Keeps parks (restrooms) clean and grass mowed.
  168. Parks always seem to be mown and clean.
  169. The sidewalks are nice. Have more events in the parks.
  170. Maintaining a clean and safe environment for kids and families. Maintain some of the playground areas free of weeds especially sandy playground areas.
  171. Parks are well maintained parking could be done better.....by having more of it and better lighting on the fields and in the parking lots.
  172. Signage.
  173. Clean, safe and updated.
  174. The parks are clean and well laid out. Add picnic tables/grills.
  175. We have numerous city parks with multiple uses and users. Please keep the lamp posts at Chisolm Trail Park working. They were out in a secluded area for a long period. I didn't feel safe walking in that area at night.
  176. Well maintained parks. The city does a very good job of keeping the parks clean and safe.
  177. Well planned facilities and parks.
  178. Parks Maintained well. Unfortunately best & largest are on the Northside of the city- north of 2nd street.
  179. Park improvements have been great!-Communication of available amenities, and addition of a city rec center would definitely improve.
  180. They need to promote more or make better choices on remodeling. For example we pay taxes and the city constantly keeps fixing the parks due to bad weather. When they can make the parks bigger to help assist with bad weather.
  181. There has been concerted, consistent effort to improve the parks facilities.
  182. Well maintained. Better bathroom facilities.
  183. Maintenance is excellent. Prominently post Seasonal Hours. Install security cameras on light poles in the most remote areas of the walking trails.
  184. Maintenance. Check restrooms more frequently and keep area safe.
  185. Add on to some parks and clean it up.
  186. Well maintained. Keep them clean and add more updated play structures.
  187. They are beautifully kept.
  188. Takes care of its current parks system very well. Need to offer indoor activities through a city recreation center.
  189. Facilities are always clean and well maintained.
  190. Events are awesome. Have more outdoor recreation events. Softball/baseball. tournaments, adult co-ed. Need an indoor facility.
  191. Parks are generally clean. Parking has been issue at Heritage Park.



**Question 17: What does the City do well concerning events and programs and what could we do better?**

1. Having events is always good; providing more communication so we are aware before it happens
2. I think Belton does a good job of doing a variety of festivals and events.
3. Better advertising.
4. A city billboard centrally located that electronically advertises upcoming events. Would probably save in the long haul in mail outs.
5. Good concerts/events at Expo. More social media on upcoming events.
6. Better advertising. All of the park information we receive comes from Temple parks and leisure.
7. Need better communication of community events, I enjoy the festivals
8. Do well: The traditional events. Ex. 4th of July Parade. Improve: New ideas.
9. Better promotion, flags or signs vs road blocks for downtown events.
10. Need better advertisement.
11. Have more festivities like Temple has.
12. Have more family activities. Open gym.
13. July 4 events do well.
14. Just fine the way things are.
15. Advertise, inform the community of these events better
16. need more advertising
17. I wish I knew a simpler way to learn of the events and programs. We always seem to miss them! We moved here appx. Three years ago and have a difficult time figuring it out.
18. More movies in the park and family events
19. Not aware of most.
20. We love the events like turtle festival, Xmas on Chisolm trail. I think more live music by local bands/artists is always great.
21. More of a variety of options for the diversity in the city
22. Family Oriented
23. The events are nice. Maybe a way of letting more information out.
24. Keep the community informed
25. More events that you would see in big cities. Musicals, comedy acts, good date night stuff
26. I think the city does a great job at advertising for upcoming events.
27. Getting the word out on social media.
28. Have more city leaders attend these events and programs.
29. Publicize.
30. Advertising.
31. Organized.
32. Daddy./daughter dance is fantastic!
33. They publicize well.
34. Great advertising of events.
35. Would be nice to have outdoor live soccer/sports broadcasts.
36. Wide variety. Could advertise better but maybe I'm just not looking in the right place.
37. Would be nice to have events besides country music.
38. Advertise better.
39. Not really any concerns.
40. Fun stuff for kids and families-need more for adults



41. Enjoy the programs I've been to but that's not many. I never seem to find out about them till it's too late.
42. Well- 4th of July; improve- camps for kids.
43. Info is shared well on Facebook.
44. I like the movies in the park and big community events. Could do more kid specific group activities such and nature hikes, geocaching, survival, etc.
45. Do more family events.
46. The festivals on the square are very nice.
47. We do not attend very many Belton events because we do not hear about them. Temple has a kid doing a FB page Discover Temple that lets you know what is going on. Belton needs one
48. Do better in dealing with the traffic pile up after event. Living behind the Justice Center, this is a problem. Expo center needs a traffic light to exit or enter from opposite directions.
49. Parks are clean.
50. Wonderful job at getting information out for future and upcoming events.
51. Expand the programs offered. Bring in speakers and touring shows. I would be interested in meeting with your program people to discuss how this could be improved.
52. Fewer ducks to pollute creek, or less feeding stations
53. The events that go well are movies in the park, family fishing day and parks and rec classes. The city could do better by having movie nights at different parks so the entire community can enjoy an activity in their neighborhood park.
54. Sometimes the parking and transportation in and out are difficult
55. Advertise.
56. Quality of events. More variety?
57. Advertise events better?
58. Announce them in social media.
59. Keeping heritage of events live ex. The 4th July rodeo and parade
60. Advertising more.
61. Belton Market Days advertises/posts their schedule in advance (for the year) and as the third Saturday approaches. BPD started off doing good posting Coffee with a Cop activities--but I haven't seen those in a while. I would like to see BPD hold gun classes, self-defense/safety awareness classes, and more positive interactions with the community. I really don't like when they set up speed traps at the bottom of the viaduct on Main Street on Sunday mornings and after little league games. Ticketing church goers and soccer moms? (Yes speeding is against the law--but if you're going after speeders, go after the semis that BARREL through town in the middle of the night/early morning hours.)
62. Other than July 4th & Market days not familiar with any other events & programs.
63. Getting the information out.
64. The variety of events is nice. More community wide advertising.
65. Make others aware. Increase marketing?
66. Good advertising. Increase quality.
67. Honestly, we don't have many summer opportunities through Belton. Most families I know participate in City of Temple summer camps or UMHB.
68. If the Expo is a part of this then maybe its time to rethink a new and modern facility. This area is growing so much and it would be nice to have more concerts and sporting events. More seats and more events equal more money. Cedar Park has a nice event center and they are thriving with concerts and sports. Sure sports hasn't worked here but look at the facility we have. Also this probably isn't your department but a big mall would work. Temple and Killeen malls are



- horrible. Build a nice big mall off of I35 like the Katy Mills Mall and business will boom.
69. Take the Fourth of July parade back to its roots. Entry fees are far too high and the past several parades have basically been political show off events.
  70. More community events and better promotion of event.
  71. Do a good job making them family friendly. Share the event information a bit more.
  72. City needs more events with a newsletter for upcoming activities like Temple Parks and Rec has the play by play.
  73. I believe we have some great events and programs for the city as a whole.
  74. Always good advertising.
  75. There are some kid oriented activities but nothing for teenagers or young adults that do not have kids.
  76. Movie at the parks.
  77. Variety of events, we just need more!
  78. 4th of July Event is fantastic. Schedule and Cleanup is efficient.
  79. Events and programming continue to grow due to the efforts of the city and staff to increase utilization. Look forward to increased programming as community demands are identified and facilities are added to meet the demand.
  80. Good.
  81. 4th of July celebration
  82. The events are well handled. Maybe more events more advertising.
  83. Movies in the parks is great but would like to see more food vendors there. Loved the fishing a few months back.
  84. The events I have been able to attend have been well organized. Advertise more; I have missed some events because I didn't know.
  85. Events are great...getting the word out is the challenge.
  86. Partnership with local youth sports leagues.
  87. Cannot speak to this.
  88. The Schoepfs concert series and summer fun do a great job of bringing some people to town that might not come to Belton. More diversity in market days. Preferred when farmers market was in one place sometimes seems like hunt to find what looking for.
  89. The city currently offers an average amount of events/programs. Need to offer more adult recreation (need a rec. center).
  90. Communicating that you have them - work on asking the community what they want is an amazing start – good.
  91. Need to advertise more.
  92. I love the outdoor concerts and the festivals. I'd love to see more of both. Kid-friendly, please.
  93. More cultural diversity.
  94. Na.
  95. We do well with trying to bring our community together but because we are a small town we need to work on security and action with underage drinking.
  96. The 4th of July parade is well organized. Could be more (or better advertised) city sponsored events - Easter egg hunt, fireworks, St. Patrick's day parade, etc.
  97. Offers a lot of diverse programs
  98. Stop the good ole boy system.
  99. there are a wide variety of events at the expo and the park events are always family friendly
  100. Well: offer a nice variety. Do better: advertise more.



101. I'm not sure.
102. Movies in the park.
103. Everything is done well. I would suggest a sign-up for text alerts.
104. More movies in the park!
105. Many new events have been great. Unfortunately, I hear about them after they happened or just once and forget it's going to happen.
106. No opinion at this time.
107. Good organization, good execution.
108. Nice events but would like to have free family exercise weekends to promote health and family bonding.
109. Have more music concerts in the park. Like Summer Concerts in the evenings for the month of June.
110. Keep the police away or at least the one that is full of himself.... he caused more trouble then he was there to stop.....3 on 3 basketball in Yettie Polk this past year
111. Be inclusive of all venues in promotion
112. Like it like it is.
113. The programs are good but need better advertising.
114. Advertise events better.
115. Would like to see more events but the city and chamber do a great job with the 4th of July celebration. Enjoy the car shows downtown and market days.
116. I would like to see the downtown merchants, the council and the chamber come together and work together in planning and participating in Belton activities.  
Better communication.
117. Here again, unless there is a large activity, such as one at the Expo center, most are on the Northside of the city.
118. It is good that there are events and programs going on, but communicating what is available would be improved.
119. They need to promote more or maker better choices on remodeling. For example we pay taxes and the city constantly keeps fixing the parks due to bad weather. When they can make the parks bigger to help assist with bad weather.
120. Nothing.
121. Good choices on events. Still need better bathroom facilities.
122. Pretty good at getting the word out.
123. Expo center.
124. Variety. Need a gym or indoor facility to really do more.
125. Well run and safe.
126. They offer a good variety of events throughout the year catering to families. Would be nice to be able to offer indoor recreation classes and programs.
127. Events and programs are always high quality.
128. Moving Christmas on Chisholm Trail back downtown was positive.

