

Action Point #1

Recreational Programs and Target Populations

Goal: To offer a broad range of programs to all residents of Wildwood that may be added, **updated**, or eliminated, as new interests are defined among targeted populations over time.

Recommendations:

1. Partner with the other providers to create the greatest range of programming opportunities **that are** possible for residents, **beginning by continuing on-going efforts, while expanding others**, with the Wildwood Family YMCA, the Pond Athletic Association, the Rockwood School District, and the St. Louis Community College – **Wildwood Campus**;
2. Establish, as part of these partnerships, opportunities for residents to obtain these services and programs from these other providers at reduced or subsidized levels by creating financial agreements with said entities;
3. Increase programming emphasizing fitness and wellness for children, teens, and families (as funding is provided), which would include fitness walking, aquatics, hiking, biking, and equestrian rides;
4. Construct facilities that are commensurate and appropriate for the programming efforts that are in place and planned for the future by the City of Wildwood;
5. Create new recreation programs that foster opportunities for community gatherings and encourage a sense of place for residents, old and new;
6. Promote new recreation programs that provide opportunities that are not currently available within the City and surrounding area, so as to complement, not compete, with other providers;
7. **Form appropriate partnerships with the Wildwood business community to support targeted programming, where mutually beneficial to the parties; and**
8. **Connect any new programming initiatives with adequate Departmental staffing levels to meet demand and safety and quality considerations.**

Action Point #2

Type and Extent of Facilities

Goal: To provide a range of facilities at locations throughout the City that offers ample space for recreational buildings, and programs, while creating passive areas as well, particularly in environmentally sensitive portions of these publicly owned properties.

Recommendations:

1. **Continue and** expand current commitments to the development of all types of trail systems (pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian) within the City of Wildwood, which should eventually link all public park spaces, **e.g. State, County, and City, and surrounding municipalities as well (Pages 2, 30, 31, and 32), while being inclusive of all wards in the City of Wildwood** and population centers ~~together~~, and follow the recommendations of the ~~recently~~ adopted “Access and Mobility Plan,” **while having it focus on the completions of the southern extension of the Al Foster Memorial Trail to the City of Eureka, Missouri and therein beyond to Route 66 State Park and a northern extension from Babler State Park to the John L. LeCave Memorial Trailhead and associated Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail.**
2. Establish, as part of these partnerships, opportunities for residents to obtain ~~these~~ services and programs from these other providers at reduced or subsidized levels by creating financial agreements with said entities;
3. Increase programming emphasizing fitness and wellness for children, teens, and families (as funding is provided), which would include fitness walking, aquatics, hiking, biking, and equestrian rides;
4. Construct facilities that are commensurate and appropriate for the programming efforts that are in place and planned for the future by the City of Wildwood;
5. Establish ~~a minimum of three (3), new~~ a neighborhood-sized or pocket type park **in any Ward of in** the City of Wildwood within the next **five (5) ~~ten (10)~~ years, which currently lacks such, with their order being prioritized by City Council,** with these **priority** locations being determined by projected population densities **and demographics, availability of land areas, and appropriate access options;**
6. Promote new recreation programs that provide opportunities that are not currently available within the City and surrounding area, so as to complement, not compete, with other providers;
7. **Form appropriate partnerships with the Wildwood business community to support targeted programming, where mutually beneficial to the parties; and**
8. **Connect any new programming initiatives with adequate Departmental staffing levels to meet demand and safety and quality considerations.**
9. **Allocate adequate City resources to meet future costs associated with the opening and operation of Belleview Farms for public use, such being consistent with its environmental characteristics, desires of residents, appropriate and desired programming, and heritage restrictions, thereby allowing this park site to become part of an inter-connected network of trails and properties that link Castlewood State Park and the Al Foster Memorial Trail to Route 66 State Park. To achieve this recommendation, if necessary, seek an extension to the existing lease agreement between the City of Wildwood and St. Louis County, which currently stipulates a completion date for an identified level of improvements by January 2020 that may not be met.**

Action Point #3

Acquisition Policies and Programs

Goal: To provide land area for future park properties to support facilities and programs.

Recommendations:

1. Identify and prioritize locations for future park land acquisitions, **specifically focusing on an acquisitions within the City's Town Center Area for a Village Green, such as the recently acquired properties forming a six (6) acre tract of land abutting the current City Hall site, as a location for events and the focal point of a radiating trail system, that completes the desired greenbelt and trail corridor between the Meramec and Missouri Rivers, e.g. between Rockwoods Reservation and Babler State Park, including the needed acquisition by the City of Wildwood of the Pruitt Site (Pages 2 and 3), which would provide a necessary link from Rockwoods Reservation to the Town Center Area. with the first action to be the acquisition of a parcel of ground, of a size to accommodate a community park, within the central area of the City (proximity to State Route 100 and State Route 109 and environs) or the acceptance of land banked property from another governmental entity, i.e. St. Louis County's Packwood Park;**
2. ~~Develop a~~ **Use the City's Comprehensive 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan as its** Facilities Plan **to coordinate that is coordinated with** the acquisition policies and actions of the City;
3. Provide facilities that are accessible, adaptable, and flexible, so as to maximize their use regardless of the season of the year, such as, but not limited to, playgrounds, trails (all types), picnic areas, outdoor ball fields/soccer fields, outdoor/indoor swimming pools, tennis courts, equestrian facilities, fishing lakes, and barbeque pits;
4. ~~Actively explore a partnership with the Wildwood Family YMCA in their planned expansion of their current facility;~~
5. Establish ~~a minimum of three (3),~~ **new a** neighborhood-sized, **or pocket park, the latter, if space is limited, in any Ward of in** the City of Wildwood within the next **five (5) ten (10)** years, **which currently lacks such,** with their locations based upon projected population densities, **availability of land areas, and appropriate access options;**
6. Require the provision of playgrounds, pavilions, and barbeque pits in all public space areas located within new residential subdivisions, as well as in all planned City facilities **(Page #28, 29, 30, and 31);**
7. ~~Create a plan and working committee of interested parties to~~ Develop a **"sprayground (Page #28, 29, 30, and 31)" major outdoor swimming pool/water park** facility within the next ten (10) years in the City of Wildwood's **Town Center Area, and, if feasible and achievable, utilizing through** a partnership **of resources, expertise, and services** with the Wildwood Family YMCA, the Rockwood School District, **and/or** the St. Louis Community College; and
8. Set aside a proportion of future park properties for passive activities and limited use, particularly on land areas where topography or other physical characteristics are environmentally sensitive.
9. **Allocate adequate City resources to meet future costs associated with the opening and operation of Belleview Farms for public use, such being consistent with its environmental characteristics, appropriate and desired programming, and heritage restrictions.**

Action Point #4

Funding Sources and Application Policies

Goal: To develop **new (Pages 3 and 4)** and maintain **existing** funding sources, along with programs for grants, gifts, and donations, to meet the recreational and fitness needs of residents through a system of park facilities and recreation programs.

Recommendations:

1. Implement the necessary steps to promote the presentation of a park sales tax to the voters of Wildwood, **at an appropriate April Municipal ~~the November 2008 General~~ Election to be determined (Page 41), and, if approved, said revenues**, would be ~~for~~ used in the development of parks facilities and recreation programs, along with staffing, maintenance, and other expenses **in this regard**;
2. Continue to fund current programs and efforts through a combination of the general revenue and capital improvement budgets of the City;
3. Establish a line item in the Department of Planning and Parks budget for advertisement and promotion of opportunities to participate in a gifts/donations program for public lands;
4. Accept gifts and donations from all sources for non-acquisition types of efforts, along with creating programs to administer such activities, including defining incentives to encourage them;
5. Provide programs for land-banking, conservation easements, life trusts, and others as a means to acquire property in a collaborative atmosphere with their respective owners;
6. Plan and establish **new and** reliable revenue sources, including user fees, for the funding of operational and maintenance costs associated with recreation programs and related facilities; and
7. Pursue all grants that are available from the myriad of resources at all levels, including local, State, and federal.

Action Point #5

Town Center Green Space

Goal: Utilize the newly acquired six (6) acre tract of land abutting the current City Hall property for a Village Green, thereby fulfilling a need for public space within the Town Center Area of the City.

Recommendations:

1. Develop an environmental assessment of the property for consideration during future decisions on use areas within the planned Village Green. This assessment should minimally identify topographic, tree, soils, geology, and hydrology as part of its development.
2. Engage the immediate community in the vicinity of the property, along with all Wildwood residents, to determine priorities in terms of activity areas, equipment, aesthetic enhancements, nearby land uses in its vicinity, and access considerations.
3. Develop a range of possible use options for the use of this public space area, with a prioritization of them as well.
4. Process these responses and priorities from the community through a carefully vetted and selected design professional to create a concept plan for discussion purposes associated with this property.
5. Reengage the community to comment on the concept plan and refine accordingly (This review and comment process can be undertaken multiple times, being at the discretion of the City Council).
6. Present concept plan to appropriate City boards and commissions, including City Council, to accept comments, recommendations, and other input for inclusion. Refine accordingly.
7. Finalize concept plan and utilize its information in the development of engineered plans/specifications for bidding and construction of the Village Green in 2020/2021 timeframe.