

2011 - 2021 McLENNAN COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

McLennan County, Texas
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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN

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RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF MCLENNAN COUNTY ADOPTING THE
2011 – 2021 MCLENNAN COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER
PLAN AND THEREBY SPECIFYING AND ENDORSING THE PRIORITIZATION OF
NEEDS IT OUTLINES**

WHEREAS, McLennan County has a need to plan for the renovations, expansion and development of our parks, recreation and open space system; and

WHEREAS, McLennan County has developed a ten (10) year *2011 – 2021 McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*; and

WHEREAS, McLennan County is desirous of applying for grants from local, state and federal agencies, as well as from private foundations; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY MCLENNAN COUNTY:

That the McLennan County Commissioners' Court, hereby certifies that they are adopting the *2011 – 2021 McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*; and

That the McLennan County Commissioners' Court, hereby certifies that they are adopting and endorsing the Prioritization of Needs as outlined in the *2011 – 2021 McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*

Introduced, read and passed by the affirmation vote of the McLennan County Commissioners' Court on this 21st day of December, 2010.



J.M. LEWIS, County Judge

Attest:

J.A. "Andy" Harwell, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas


By: Deputy County Clerk

McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
Park Priorities and Implementation Time Line

Listed by Priority	Start Planning	Funding Applications	Construction Date	Project Completion
Pct 3: West Park #1 Acquisition of 10 acres #2 Tennis (8 cts) sport complex #3 walking trails #4 playground #5 picnic pavilion	2011	2011	2013	2014
Pct 1 with Lorena/Robinson Park & Ball Sport Complex #1 8 ball fields sport complex #2 walking & horseback riding trails #3 fishing pond #4 overnight RV camping #5 picnic pavilion	2011	2012	2014	2016
Pct 2 Tradinghouse Reservoir Park #1 land acquisition of 50-100 acres, #2 overnight RV camping, #3 walking trails #4 boat ramp facilities #5 picnic tables	2012	2013	2014	2016
Pct 4 Delmar Ranch Rd. at North Bosque #1 River landing with trail head & picnic facility #2 Paddling Trail on Middle Bosque river #3 Walking trail	2012	2012-2013	2014	2014

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Pct 3: West Park expansion #1 Track facilities for competition and sport event #2 youth football field #3 acquisition of additional 10 acres	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pct 1 with Lorena/Robinson Park- #1senior center #2 community center with gymnasium #3 field sport facilities #4 tennis courts	2014	2015	2016	2017
Pct 2 with City of Waco develop Special Use Park for Children with Impairments and Riesel assist with Park development	2015	2016	2017	2018
Pct 4 acquisition of property for County Precinct Park	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pct 3 - Swimming Pool complex with Connally ISD and other ISD's in Precincts	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pct 1 Assist Moody with community park development & footbridge before Austin Ave on Waco Creek.	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pct 2 Assist Bellmead with development of McGlasson Park & Sport field Complex	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pct 4 Assist McGregor with new community park & other Parks with facilities	2020	2021	2022	2023

APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT
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Introduction

In December 2010, McLennan County adopted this its second *Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan*. The ten year plan, 2011 to 2021, will facilitate development of parks, recreation facilities and open space for the County and the rural cities. The Commissioner's Court has developed this Plan to assist the cities, within the County, as well as planning for County Parks. Also impacting the Plan's needs analysis and priorities is the Waco adopted Master Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan. It is assumed that for Waco, this City will be developing its neighborhood parks and other parks without participation of the County except in the case of special use facility for those with limited abilities. Further this Plan recognizes the sport and recreational facilities of Independent School Districts, particularly in the rural communities; however, these facilities were not considered with this Plan's needs analysis and plan priorities since the facilities at times are restricted to the use of the students only. The exception to this includes the Mart City Park at the Middle School where facilities are open to the public at all times.

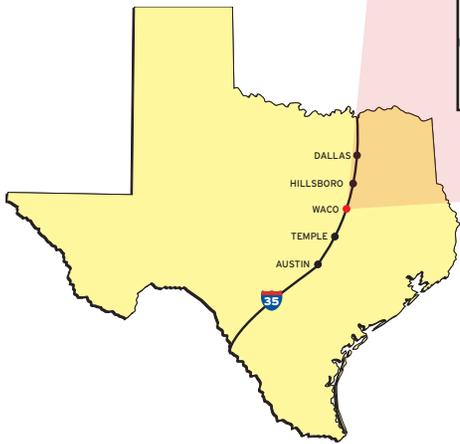
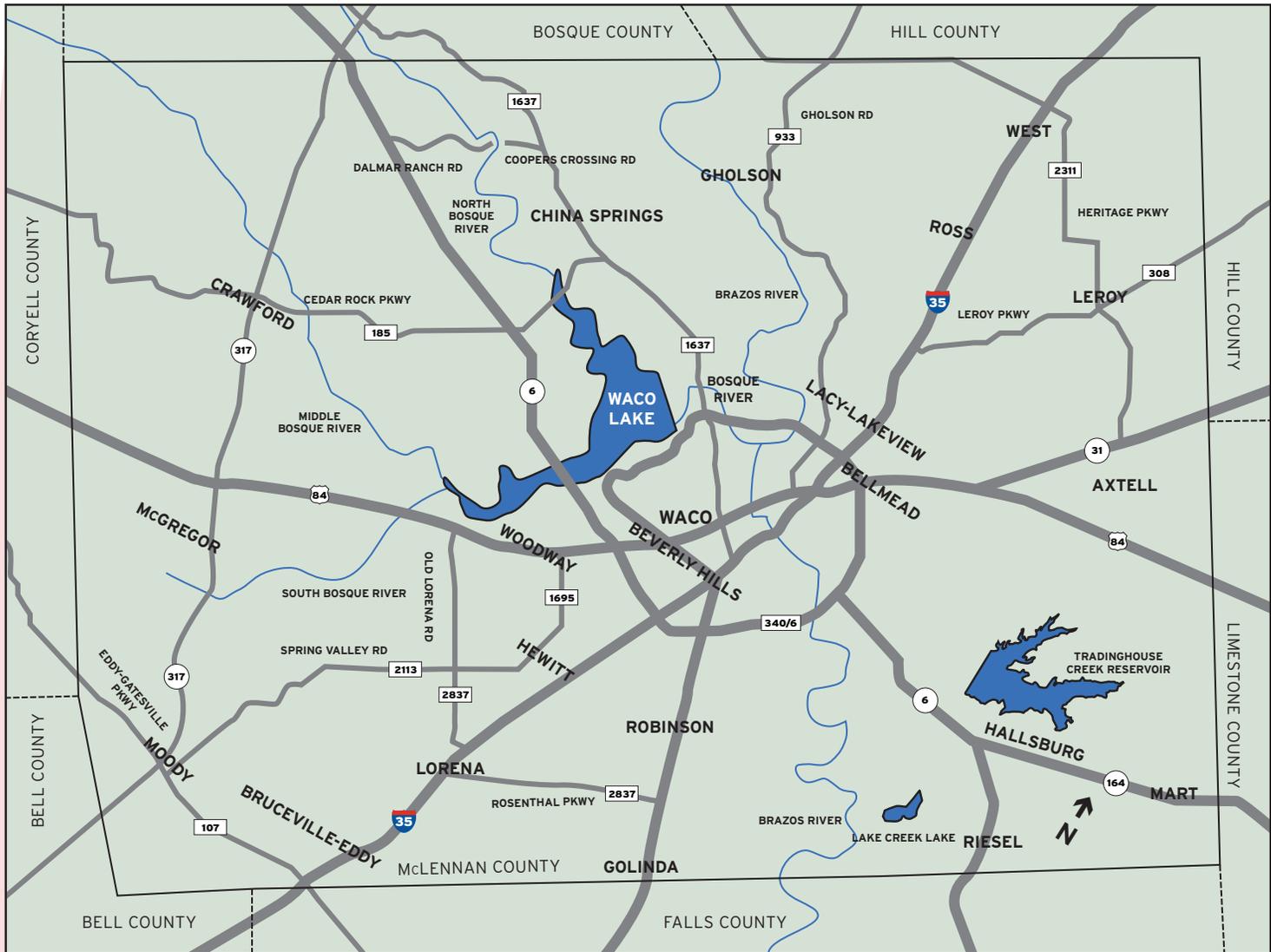
1st Plan Accomplishments

The first *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan* was adopted in November of 2002. This five year plan served from 2003 to 2008. Accomplishments from the implementation element of the 2002 Plan include the Precinct 2 Regional Athletic Park in Mart and the expansion and renovation of Precinct 4 Tonkawa Falls Park in Crawford.

Purpose

The Master Plan should serve as a guideline for the future development and fiscal planning of the McLennan County parks and recreation system for the next ten years, 2011-2021. The purpose of this Master Plan is to

- Provide a 10 year framework for orderly and consistent park and open space planning and development that functions compatibly with the other responsibilities within the County.
- Provide detailed information concerning the recreational needs of the McLennan County, its communities and the role of the County in meeting those needs; recognizing that the City of Waco with its more fully developed park and recreational system supplements the considerable need of the yet unmet needs of the other County communities and citizens.
- Provide community-based needs analysis to establish priorities for parks, recreational facilities and open space.
- Provide direction in the acquisition, development and renovation of parkland and recreational facilities to meet future needs.



McLennan County Location

McLennan County is located within central Texas. Interstate 35 dissects the County. The Interstate runs in an approximate northeastern/southwestern direction through the County. Hill and Bosque Counties are to the north of McLennan County, Falls County and Bell County lies to the south. Waco is centrally located within McLennan County. As the County seat of McLennan County, Waco also serves as its largest community. Waco Lake is the largest water body in the County and centrally located in the County. The Brazos River; Bosque, Middle Bosque, North and South Bosque Rivers generally dissect the County running from the north to the south. These rivers played significant historical and cultural roles for the County. The rivers have been important water sources, are significant geographic features and have served as transportation routes. Tradinghouse Creek Reservoir and Lake Creek Lake are also significant water bodies. See the attached McLennan County Location map for an illustrate version of the general location of McLennan County within Texas.

Demographics

Between 2000 and 2009 McLennan County population has grown at a steady 9% rate according to the projections from the U.S. Census. Waco and the Cities of McLennan County have grown at a rate of 11% with the balance of the County (rural areas) at a slow pace of 1%. See below the Table of Population.

Population

Place	2009 U.S. Census Estimate	2000 U.S. Census	Percent of Change
McLennan County	233,378	213,517	9%
Waco	126,222	113,726	11%
Other Cities of County	69,391	62,456	11%
Balance of County	37,765	37,335	1%

Within the County, beside the County Seat of Waco are 18 other communities and parts of two other communities that lie partially in McLennan County. The cities include Bellmead, Beverly Hills, Bruceville-Eddy, Crawford, Gholson, Hallsburg, Hewitt, Lacy-Lakeview, Lorena, Leroy, Mart, McGregor, Moody, Riesel, Robinson, Ross, West and Woodway. Parts of Valley Mills and Golinda are also in

McLennan County. The population of these cities ranges from over 13,500 to less than 100. Eleven of the 18 County's cities are below 2,500 residents and 13 of the 228 cities are below 5,000 population. See the table entitled Population of Other Cities in McLennan County.

Population of Other Cities

Cities in McLennan County other than Waco	2009 U.S. Census Estimate	2000 U.S. Census	Percent of Change
Bellmead	9,654	9,214	5%
Beverly Hills	2,045	2,113	-3%
Bruceville-Eddy	1,560	1,490	5%
Crawford	797	705	13%
Gholson	990	922	7%
Golinda-part of	92	87	6%
Hallsburg	498	518	-4%
Hewitt	13,588	11,085	23%
Lacy-Lakeview	5,948	5,764	3%
Lorena	1,683	1,443	17%
Leroy	344	335	3%
Mart	2,491	2,273	10%
McGregor	4,910	4,627	6%
Moody	1,437	1,400	3%
Riesel	1,023	973	5%
Robinson	10,522	7,845	34%
Ross	237	228	4%
Valley Mills-part of	9	9	No change
Woodway	8,842	8,733	1%

Texas State Data Center provides population projections for Texas. To the year 2020, the Texas State Data Center projects the population of McLennan County to grow to 259,975 at a rate of between four and five percent every 5 years. To the year 2020, the Hispanic population is to increase by the greatest numbers. See below the Population Projections for McLennan County.

**Population Projection
McLennan County**

Year	Total	% Change	Anglo	Black	Hispanic	Other
2000	213,517		139,187	32,735	38,233	3,362
2005	221,728	4%	133,405	34,918	49,330	4,075
2010	233,552	5%	127,512	36,995	63,960	5,085
2015	246,892	6%	120,373	38,792	81,421	6,306
2020	259,975	5%	111,833	40,072	100,377	7,693

Source: Texas State Data Center

Social demographic data is estimated by the U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS). The latest ACS information is from 2008. The Social Data table illustrates the break between male and female population in the County, in Waco and in the State of Texas. The percent of population between male and female is similar with slightly more females than males. Further of note is that the median age in McLennan County, 31.9, is younger than that State of Texas by almost a year. The County median age, 31.9, is older by four years than Waco. McLennan County has 7 percent of the population between the ages of 0 to 5, 7 percent between the ages of 6 and 17 and 12 percent of the population over 65. For McLennan County, 74 percent of the population is between 18 and 64 years of age.

**Social Data
McLennan County**

Demographic Category	Waco	McLennan County	Texas
Male Population	47.70%	48.9	49.9
Female Population	52.30%	51.1	50.1
Median Age	27.7	31.9	33.2
Age Group 0-5	0.08	0.07	0.08
Age Group 18 and over	0.75	0.74	0.72
Age Group 65 years and over	0.12	0.12	0.10

Source: U.S. Census ACS 2008

In terms of economic data, approximately 63 percent of the population is in the labor force with the remaining 27 percent either too young to work, retired, or chosen not to work. Note the unemployment rate for the County is measured by those seeking to work but cannot find work and that statistic is gathered monthly by the Texas Workforce Commission versus the ACS survey which is a random survey taken annually or semiannually. For the Waco Metropolitan Statistical Area in October of 2010 the unemployment rate was 8.2%. Median household income is less in Waco than in the County and the County median income per household is less than the State average. Average household size is less than 3 individuals. Approximately 27.7% of families in Waco are below the poverty line with 13.3% of families in the County below the poverty line.

Economic Data

Location	Household Average Size	Median Income per Household	Families below Poverty Line	Mean Travel Time to Work in Minutes	Percent in Labor Force
Waco	2.57	\$30,093	27.70%	16	60%
McLennan County	2.67	\$40,342	13.3%	18	63%
Texas	2.82	\$49,078	20.40%	25	66%

Source: U.S. Census ACS 2008

Goals and Objectives

2011-2020

Vision Statement: is to provide McLennan County residents and visitors with quality public recreational settings that promote fitness, wellness and safety within a wholesome environment.

Goal #1... is to provide equitable distribution of recreational opportunities through McLennan County.

Objective 1a ...is to obtain the County Commissioner' Court commitment for Precinct level parks and recreational facilities.

Objective 1b ...is for the County to assist local governments with planning and grant applications so the local governments may provide community level and special use parks. The County assistance is planning assistance and assistance in obtaining State, Federal, Foundation and Private Sector grant funding.

Objective 1c ...is to provide a McLennan County (501-c-3) foundation to allow for voluntary donations of land and monies for park development at the Precinct Level, Special Needs level and for Greenbelt and Linkage facilities.

Objective 1d ... is to provide land developer incentives that will encourage donations of park lands, conservation of unique natural and cultural sites and development of park and recreational facilities.

Goal #2... to offer diverse recreational facilities and park areas to meet the recreational needs of various population groups having various levels of skills and abilities.

Objective 2a...is to design all new facilities with awareness for ADA accessibility and for the special needs of children, teens, adults and the elderly.

Objective 2b... is to consider the use of special needs parks for individual with limited mobility or handicapped abilities.

Objective 2c...is to seek out opportunities for competitive sport facilities for various skills and abilities to meet County resident's needs and to invite visitor opportunities to compete with County residents.

Goal #3...is to promote enhancement of McLennan County's natural and cultural resources through recreation and leisure use of open spaces and public spaces.

Objective 3a...is to continue to inventory natural and cultural resources for future conservation, preservation and enhancement.

Objective 3b... is to seek out opportunities in park development to preserve or enhance water related resources, natural areas, historic or cultural sites.

Objective 3c...is to link public and private sector organizations having special cultural, historic or natural resource interests to conserve those McLennan County resources through park, recreational facility and open space development.

Goal #4... is to provide linkage open spaces and public spaces via non-motorized transportation facilities including trails, bicycle and pedestrian way, river paddle trails and equestrian trails.

Objective 4a...to seek out design opportunities and solutions for Interstate 35 as it is redeveloped to allow for non-motorized linkages across (above) under (below) eliminating barriers from one side to the other of the Interstate for non-motorized transportation.

Objective 4b... to seek out park, recreation and open space linkage opportunities along and across the major rivers (Brazos, Bosque, North Bosque, South Bosque, Middle Bosque Rivers)..

Objective 4c...to begin the development of trails and other non-motorized transportation linkages between the County Precinct Level parks.

Objective 4d...to work cooperatively with local governments and other recreational interests to allow for development of trails and other non-motorized transportation linkages.

Plan Development Process

In July of 2010, Mundo and Associates, Inc. was hired by the McLennan County Commissioner's Court to assist the Commissioner's Court in the Plan process, development, and report preparation.

McLennan County

10 Year Park Plan

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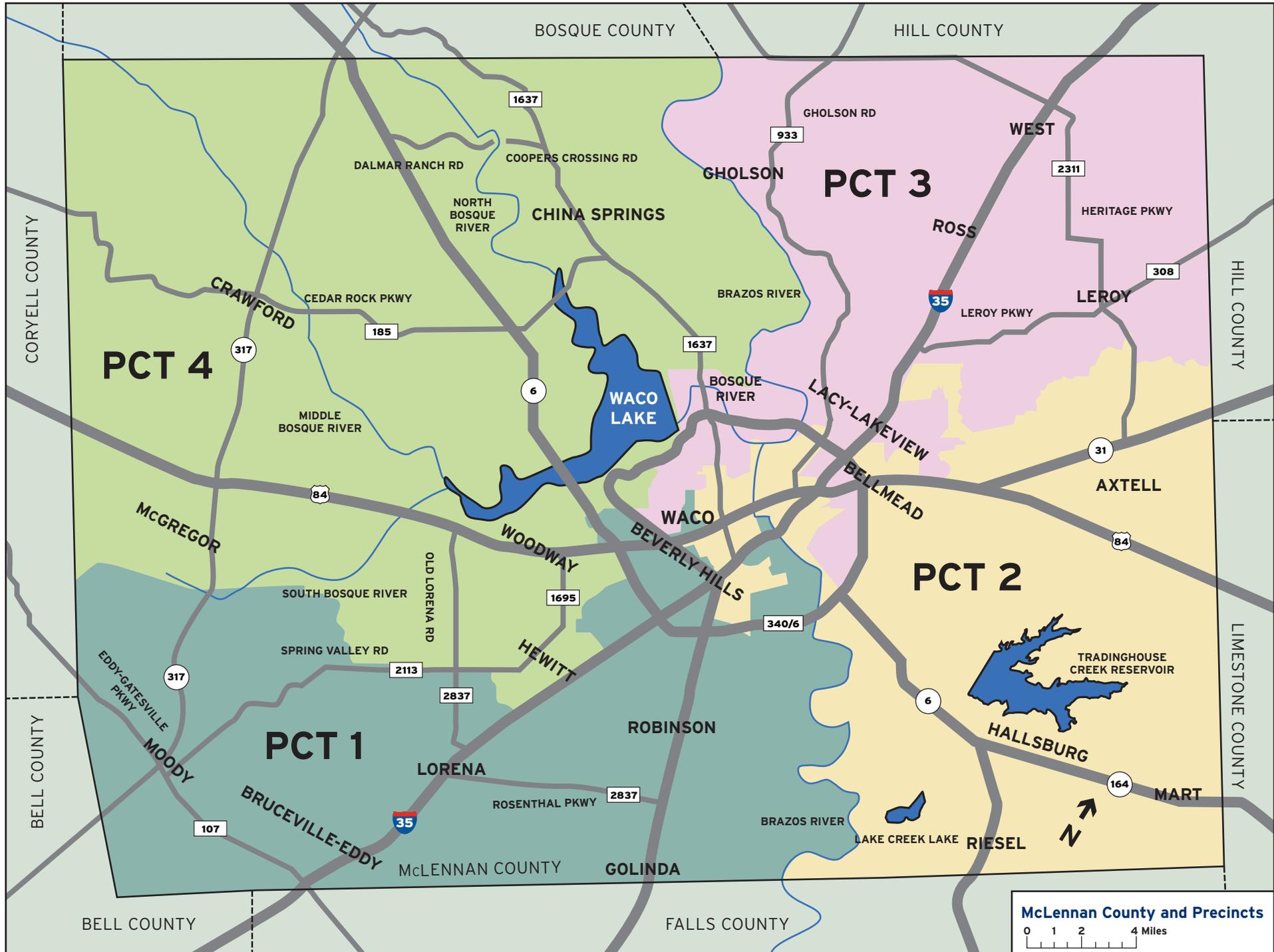
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McLennan County and Precincts
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August, 2010 Commissioner's Court appointed a 16 member Park Plan Team to provide public input, to assist in developing plan needs, to assist in priorities development and to advise the Commissioner's Court. The Park Plan Team met monthly (four times), between August and November with Mundo and Associate, Inc. In December, members of the Park Plan Team attended the four public meetings/ hearings prior to the Commissioner's Court adoption of the Plan.

Additionally, in October, 2010, public input and needs were gathered through a survey. The questionnaire was developed by Mundo and Associates, Inc. and tested with the members of the Park Plan Team. At a September meeting, the questionnaire was tested with 32 members of the McLennan County Area Economic Development Council. Revisions in the questionnaire were completed as a result of the testing. MailMax Direct printed and mailed a postcard inviting 30,000 randomly selected households in the County to go to a website to complete the questionnaire. A flyer was also prepared and distributed at the County Commissioner's offices and City offices through the County. Independent School Districts, in the County, were invited to distribute the flyer through the schools. This flyer invited households to go to a website to complete the questionnaire. See Appendix B Public Survey Results with example of the postcard invite, flyer invite, the results of the questionnaire survey from the post card survey and the flyer survey with the written response comments sorted by Precinct and Zip Code.

Households had the opportunity during the month of October 2010 to complete the questionnaire on the websites. A press release was prepared and distributed throughout the County local newspapers announcing the Plan and the survey. Also invitations to participate in the survey were requested to be placed on City Websites. The County Website also invited households to go to the web site to participate in the survey. Four advertisements were placed in the Waco Tribune-Herald. See Appendix C- Press and Advertisements includes copies of the articles and advertisements.

Throughout Plan development the County Judge, County Commissioners, City Managers or City Secretaries, Park Department Staff, ISD Superintendents and various County community leaders were also invited to participate in the needs analysis and priority setting with personal interviews and/or email responses to questions provided by the Consultant preparing the Plan document.

Appendix D- Public Input Documentation includes copies of the four public meeting notices, sign-in sheets and minutes for the public meeting. Additionally, Park Plan Team meeting minutes are included.

Area and Facility Concepts and Standards

A classification system by park size and acres per 1,000 population was developed as a basis for the evaluation of existing parks and recreational facilities. This classification system was also used to determine need for future parks in McLennan County. A classification system by type of facility was

also utilized. These evaluation concepts and standards are carried forward, with slight adjustments, from those developed in the first Master Plan for McLennan County.

In this 2011-2021 Master Plan, as in the 2002 Master Plan, the applied Area and Facility Concepts and Standards are generally those established by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration included in its 1995 printing of Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines as well as in its previous Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, 1983 printing.

Acreage per Population

The standard related to acreage serve as a tool for the future planning as well as for initial determination of need. The NEPA standard of 10 acres per 1,000 population was selected for this 2011-2021 Master Plan.

Park Facility Concepts and Standards

The urban place, City of Waco, has a population of 126,222. The 5 first ring small cities outside of Waco have populations slightly over 5,000. The remaining 13 rural places/cities are under 5,000 population including 11 rural places/cities under 2,500. Waco has an adopted Waco Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update that includes neighborhood parks. Since the typical neighborhood park might serve the entire small community, for the remainder of McLennan County, the classification system starts with small community "Community Parks".

The "*Community Park*" will range in size from 5 to 50 acres varying with the size of community and rural area it is serving. The typical service radius can be from 0.5 to 3 miles although in the McLennan County rural areas the radius standard is not useful since the density of development ranges from small town lots to wide open ranges with extremely low densities. The community park should include areas for family and community social gatherings with picnic tables and picnic pavilions, with grills and drinking fountains, passive recreation including scenic or wildlife viewing areas, gardens and walking tracks or nature trails. Children's playgrounds and court game adult recreational pursuits are often included. Places and facilities to enjoy water features including facilities for swimming or fishing are desirable. Informal open recreational space and fields should be considered. Irrigation of the fields is desirable. Unique sport facilities including skate park facilities, disc park facilities and dog park facilities should be considered. Restrooms, off street parking, security lighting also need to be included in the community park. Landscaped beautification should buffer adjacent land uses, enhance the entrance to the park, screen parking areas and provide shaded seating and picnic areas.

A "*Sport Complex*" adjoining the Precinct or Community Park serves the need of meeting the demand for programmed athletic fields including league and tournament competition. Additionally consolidation of these facilities permits an economy of scale, higher-quality facilities, better management, better scheduling of the facilities, the ability to control the facility use and the sharing of some facilities within the precinct and/or community park. The size of the park is determined by

projected demand and the type of athletic fields provided, however, 25 acres is considered a minimum size.

A "County Precinct Park" will range in size of 25 to 200 acres and be within a 30 minute drive time. For McLennan County, the desire is to provide recreational facilities for the rural areas of the County and to partner with adjoining cities. Sport complexes developed adjoining the County Precinct Park will enable sharing of facilities and serving the demand for such facilities. Natural open space areas with a trail system for bicycles and horseback riding are planned. Hiking and walking trails, including trail heads and safety signage will be included. Boating, beach and swimming facilities with paddle trails on adjoining rivers and water sports areas are to be pursued. Informal open fields and recreational spaces with picnic pavilions and picnic facilities with security lighting, water drinking facilities, benches, children's playgrounds and facilities. Up to 2 to 4 unique sport facilities including skate parks, disc parks and dog parks should be considered. RV camping facilities and primitive camping sites will be provided. Outdoor stage facilities for events and performances will be considered. Community and senior indoor recreation centers will be added. Restrooms, off street parking are to be included.

A "Regional Park" are those very large multi use parks that serve the entire County and possibly beyond the County, inviting tourist to visit the park and the County. Generally they range in size above 200 acres and serve the area within a one hour drive time. The regional park will provide a wide variety of recreational activities including both active and passive recreational facilities. All age groups, families and large multi-community gatherings will be served.

"Special Use Park" is just that...a specialized or single purpose recreational activity. NRPA has included, within this class, parks that are historical, nature centers, arboretums, unique areas, plazas or community squares. There are no specific standards for size or acreage or distance to travel or service. Opportunity within this class of park include specialize play areas for individuals with limitations or natural and unique areas that should be reserved or highlighted.

"Greenway/Linear Parks/Open Space/Linkages" This class of park and facility is included in the Master Plan due to increased awareness of the recreational and health benefit, the growing density of development and a desire to conserve special green areas. This type of park facility allows for the link between community and parks via non-motorized transportation facilities for walking, bicycling or horseback riding. To be taken advantage of are those *opportunities* to preserve ribbons of green belts along rivers and creeks. Unique open space areas should be offered into the public park system as a method of preservation. Entry features with landscaping and lighting; benches; hike, bike and paddle trails; trail head features and safety signage, security lighting, drinking fountain and open space fields should be included in these facilities.

“Community-School Park” Where desired by the School District and City combining park facilities with school sites has and should be successful. Combining the resources of two public agencies provides a more cost effective approach and may serve to meet the standards of the other class of park facilities. The important outcome of this joint-use relationship is that both the School District and the park system benefit by the shared facilities and land. For both the School and park system, to benefit the Community-School Park needs to be open to the public, being designed and operated for the public and students alike and such joint use demonstrated via policy, information distribution and signage.

Recreational Facility standards for sport facilities needs include the following:

Swimming Pools 1/20,000 population

Baseball Fields 1/5,000 population

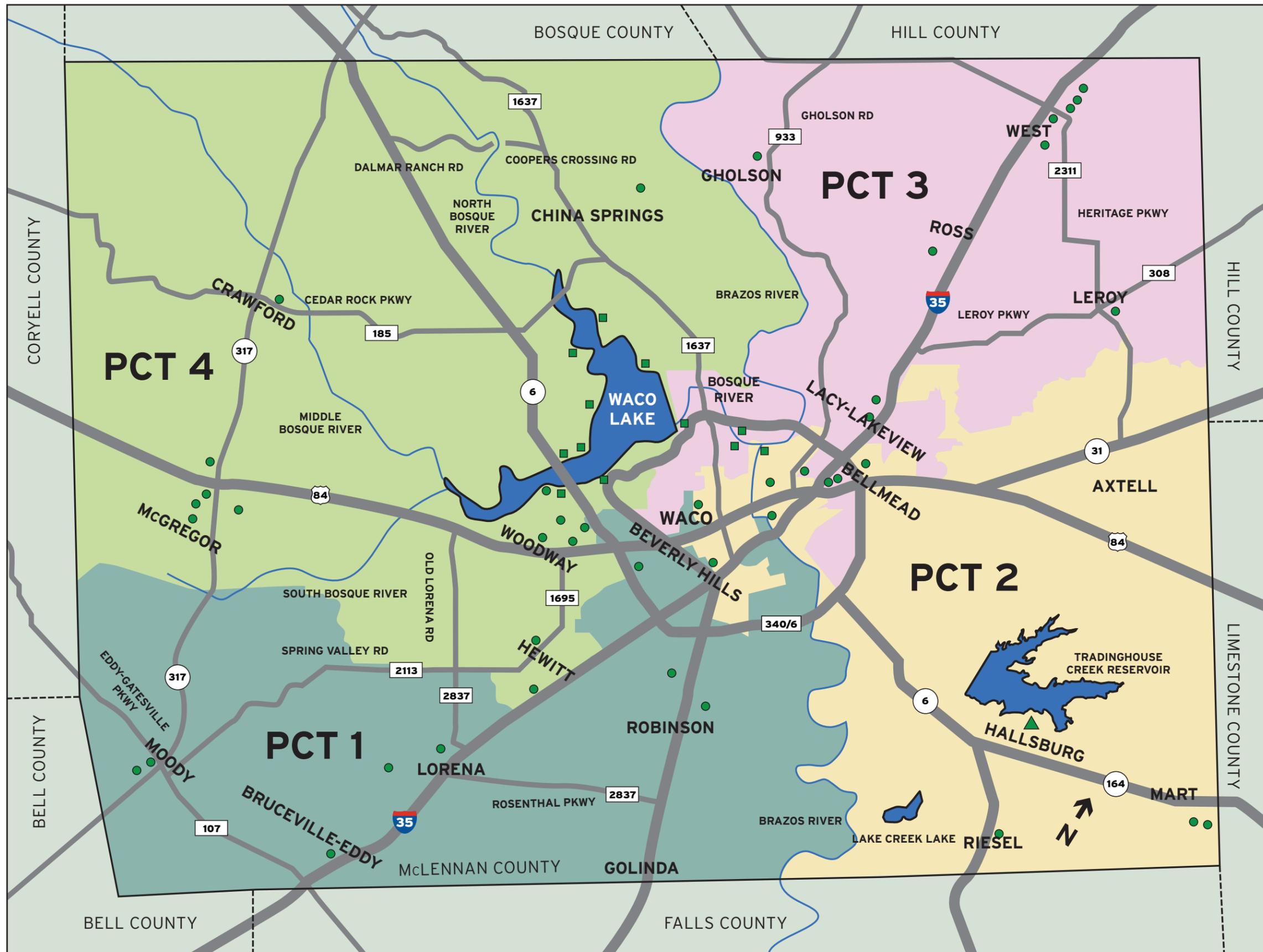
Tennis Courts 1/2,000 population

Basketball Courts 1/5,000 population

Inventory of Areas and Facilities

Acreage

Appendix A of this Plan provides a table with the Acreage/Facilities by Ownership. This table summarizes the existing parks by standard classification in terms of acreage and ownership. Another table is included in Appendix A of the Detail of Existing Facilities and Acreages. Also within Appendix A are park photographic examples and the inventory of facilities by City. McLennan County and Waco inventory of park areas, recreation facilities and open space consists of approximately 5,537 acres of public regional parks including the Waco Lake Park System with some 4,800 acres of park land, open space and lake. Also, the City of Waco has some 737.3 acres in the regional parks being Cameron Park, Brazos Park East, and Waco Riverbend Park. County Precinct Parks include 188 acres in the one County Park being Tradinghouse Reservoir Park. However, the land is leased from Luminent and the term of the lease could limit further development of the Tradinghouse Reservoir Park. The Special Use Parks consists of 745.81 acres including an approximate 60 acres of special use recreation at the Texas State Technical College in the County but not in Waco. The remainder of special use parks are within Waco. Community Parks are identified by Precinct and then the Waco Park system is noted with detail inventories available for Waco through the Waco Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update. Precinct 1 has 25.79 acres of public community parks. Precinct 2 has 117.35 acres of public community parks. Precinct 3 has 28.6 acres of public community parks. Precinct 4 has 312.4 acres of public community parks. Waco has 47.96 acres of community parks and 140 acres of neighborhood parks. See the accompanying tables that summarizing the acreage and selected facilities. Details of the inventory are within Appendix A.



LEGEND

- REGIONAL PARK** ■
 Waco Lake Park System
 Cameron Park
 Brazos Park East
 Waco Riverbend Park

- PRECINCT PARK** ▲
 Tradinghouse Reservoir County Park

COMMUNITY PARK ●

- PRECINCT #1**
BRUCEVILLE-EDDY
 John W. Corby Pavilion, Playground, Festival Grounds
MOODY
 Moody Baseball Fields
 Katie Kitchens Memorial Park
LORENA
 McBrayer Park
 Soules Little League Baseball Fields
ROBINSON
 Robinson Recreational Park
 J.H. Youngblood Park
BEVERLY HILLS
 City Park
- PRECINCT #2**
MART
 Swain-Gause-Rucker Park
 City Park at Middle School
RIESEL
 City Park
BELLMEAD
 Brame Park
 Devorsky Park
 Lions Park
 McGlasson Park
- PRECINCT #3**
WEST
 West Community Park
 West Community Complex
 City Hall Memorial & Gazebo
 Railroad Depot
 Katy Park
LEROY
 City Park
ROSS
 Park at former school site
GHOLSON
 City Park
LACY-LAKEVIEW
 Live Oak Park
 Veterans Memorial Park
- PRECINCT #4**
CRAWFORD
 Tonkawa Falls City Park
CHINA SPRINGS
 Youth Athletic Assoc.
McGREGOR
 Amsler Park
 Kasting Park
 Bawley Park
 Legacy Park
 Bluebonnet Park
WOODWAY
 Poage Park
 Whitehall Park
 Woodway Park
 Carleen Bright Arboretum
 Broughten Field
HEWITT
 Hewitt Park
 Warren Park
- WACO COMMUNITY PARKS**
 Bledsoe-Miller Park
 Dewey Park
 Oscar DuConge Park
 South Waco Park

**Spatial Distribution Of Parks
 McLennan County**



Acreage
McLennan County Public Park System

Park Class	Total County Acreage	Waco Acreage
Regional Parks	5,537	5,537
County Precinct Park	188	
Special Use Parks	745.81	685.81
Community Parks	532.10	47.96
Greenbelt/Linear/open Space & Linkages	54.96	54.96
Total	7,058	6,326

Note: County totals include Waco

Type of Facilities

The accompanying tables provide a description of the types of recreational facilities in parks within McLennan County.

Swimming Pools & Beaches
McLennan County

Precinct 1	One	Robinson
Precinct 2	None	
Precinct 3	One	West
Precinct 4	Three	Crawford, Woodway, McGregor
Waco	Four	Riverbend, Oscar du Gonge. Lions Park
Waco Lake System	Three	Airport & Twin Bridge Beaches
Total Pools Or Beaches	Twelve	

**Ball Fields
McLennan County**

Ball Fields Baseball/ Softball/Youth	City Owned Open Public Use	City Owed/League Used	League Owned
Precinct 1		2	8
Precinct 2	4	6	
Precinct 3	2	8	
Precinct 4	9	4	7
Waco	6	8	7
Total Ball Fields	21	28	22

**Tennis Courts
McLennan County**

Location	Number of	Place
Precinct 1	None	
Precinct 2	Two	Mart
Precinct 3	Two	West
Precinct 4	Four	McGregor, Woodway
Waco	38	Alta vista, Charlie McCleary, Council Acres, East Waco, Kendrick, Mountainview, Oscar du Conge, Viking Hills, Riverbend
Total Tennis Courts	46	

**Basketball Courts
McLennan County**

Location	Number of	Place
Precinct 1	None	
Precinct 2	5	Mart, Bellmead
Precinct 3	3	West, Lacy-Lakeview
Precinct 4	13	Crawford, McGregor, Woodway, Hewitt
Waco	12.5	Alta Vista, Council Acres, Dewey, East Waco, Mountain- view, Oakwood, Oscar du Conge, S.J. Guthrie, Viking Hills
Total Basketball Courts	46	

Needs Assessment and Identification

On site surveys of facilities, the household questionnaire survey, interviews with community leaders, National Recreation and Parks Association’s (NRPA) guidelines and public meetings/hearings were used to develop the needs assessment of park and recreational facilities. The Appendices to this Master Plan report contain the details of the resources used.

Three approaches are used, either independently or jointly, when determining needs of a population. The approaches are:

Demand-based: utilize information gathered from citizen surveys, focus groups and interviews with community leaders to identify the desired recreational opportunities of the County.

Standard-based: relies on the NRPA guidelines to determine the number and location of parks necessary to meet the needs of the population, community, county.

Resource-based: considered the availability of resources the County possesses to be utilized for recreation. For example, abandoned railroad tracks, public rights of ways and public easements may provide greenway for a trail system.

All three approaches are used to identify McLennan county’s park and recreation needs or deficiencies. The following assessment addresses 1) lands in parks 2) spatial distribution of parks 3) household identified needs 4) park classifications 5) facility standards.

The NRAP standard of 10 acres per 1,000 population would indicate that for McLennan County there should be some 2,334 acres in parks and open space. The County has about 7,058 acres in parks and open space due primarily to Waco Lake being 3,525 acres and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park system (Waco Lake Parks) being a total of 1,012.9 acres. Additionally the urban core of the County being Waco has the majority of the park lands with 6,326 acres (including Waco Lake and Park system). Three of the four County Precincts, on an acres/ population basis, without the City of Waco, are in need of additional park lands or are deficient of parkland according to the standard as illustrated in the accompanying table.

**Parklands
Acres/Population Standard
McLennan County**

	County	Waco
2009 Population	233,378 population	126,222 population
County Population without Waco	107,156 population	
Acreage Standard		
10/acres/1,000 population	2,344 acres	1,262 acres
Precinct Average Population without Waco	26,789 population	
Parkland deficiency		
Precinct 1	-242.21 acres	
Precinct 2	-150.65 acres	
Precinct 3	-239.40 acres	
Precinct 4	+44.40 acres	

See the accompanying map illustration that show the spatial distribution of the parks in McLennan County by squares (regional parks), triangles (county park), and circles (community parks). This map illustration titled Spatial Distribution of Parks. McLennan County illustrates how the density of parklands dissipates quickly as you leave the urban core (Waco) of the County. In fact the further distance from the County generally the fewer the parks.

Considering, acres per population and also spatial distribution it is assessed that there is a need for public park lands in the rural communities and rural areas of the County.

With 690 households responding to the survey, the questionnaire results indicated a reasonable distribution of responses for each Precinct. The raw counts of the survey indicated Precinct #1 providing 22% of the returns, Precinct 2 providing 15% of the returns, Precinct 3 providing 29% of the returns and Precinct 4 with 34% of the returns. Household respondents indicated it was important for the County to provide parks, trails and recreational facilities, to assist local governments with parks and to fund development and maintenance of parks. Appendix B Public Survey Results provides the details of the survey results.

The needs for recreational facilities provided by the County households identified various forms of recreational facilities. Results listed below are from the statistically random household survey conducted through the postcard invites For the Households with Senior Adults over 65 years the top 5 needs were

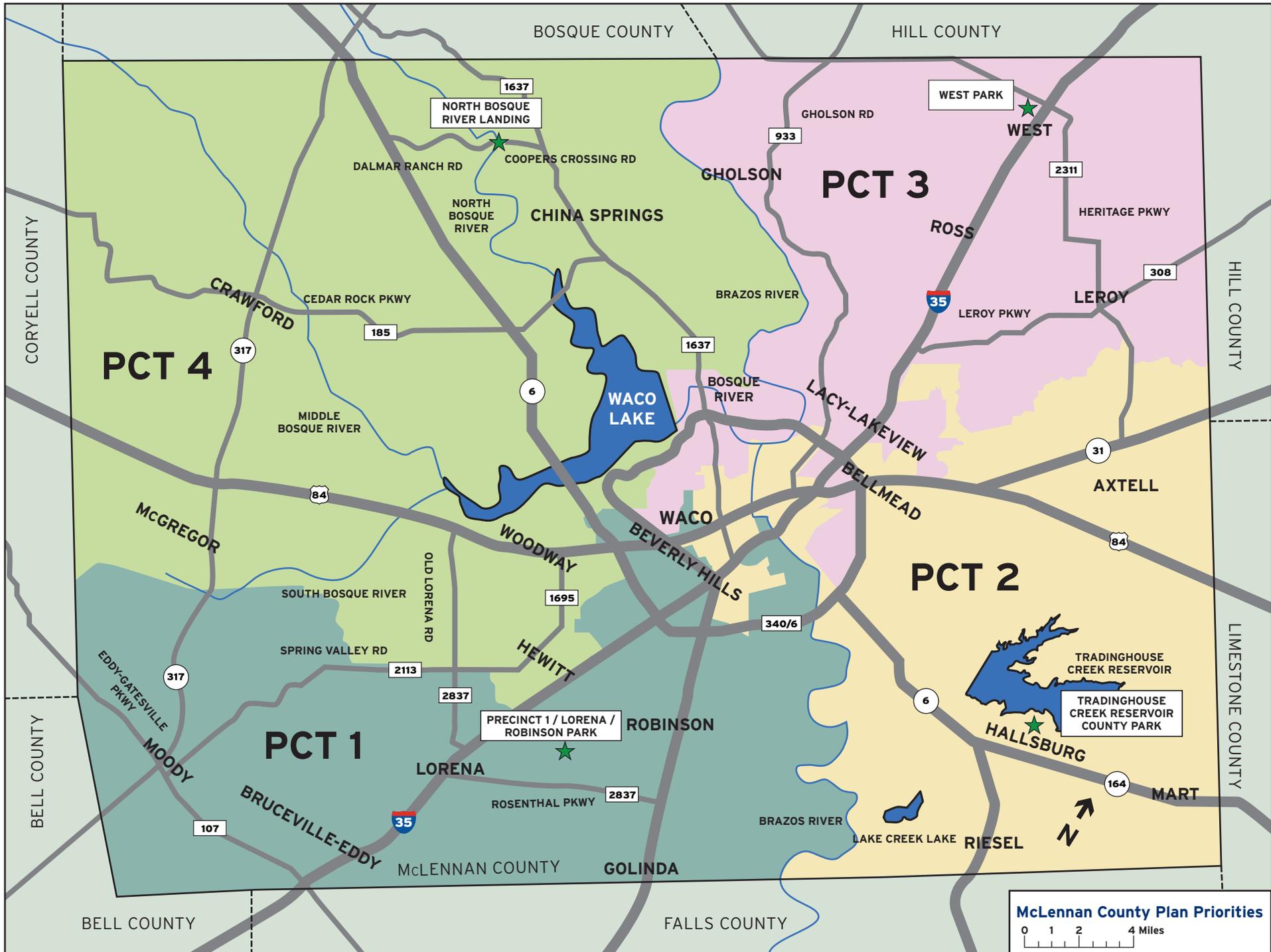
- 28% walking/jogging/horseback riding
- 19% gardens/arboretums
- 19% historic/archeological/nature viewing sites
- 14% fishing/boating ramps
- 14% picnic shelters/pavilions

For households with adults from 18 through 64 the top 5 needs included:

- 62% walking/jogging/horseback riding
- 40% bicycle trails/lanes
- 33% historic/archeological/nature viewing sites
- 31% overnight camping
- 29% gardens/arboretums

The top 5 types of parks and recreation needs for Children and Teenagers to age 17 are

- 36% playgrounds
- 25% swimming pools
- 20% bicycle trails/lanes
- 24% walking/jogging/horseback riding
- 18% soccer/kickball/footballs fields



McLennan County Plan Priorities
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Further details on the needs identified by the households in McLennan County can be found in Appendix B of this plan report.

Interviews with County, City, ISD and community leaders were conducted as well as public meetings and public hearings. The leaders were generally very supportive of the needs of parks, recreation and open space. The leaders were cautious of the ability to meet the needs due to budget constraints and cautious of the ability to fund maintenance of such facilities. The household surveys and the leaders interviews indicated a willingness to partner, apply for grant funding and to leverage funds as they become available to provide the parks and recreational facilities desired of the households. ISD and community leaders each acknowledged the desire to allow the general public on school recreational facilities, where appropriate, however no formal agreements except in Mart were completed with the sharing of facilities and many school facilities remain behind fences and buildings restricting general public use. Most County, City and community leaders agreed that the rural cities and rural areas of the County have need for parks and especially sport complex facilities. Recreational demand/need for facilities for team competition and sport tournaments is ever increasing and a need exists in the County for such facilities. Also there is a need identified by households and community leaders for recreational facilities for individuals with limitations.

The park classification includes; Community Park, Sports Complex, County Precinct, Regional Park, Special Use Park, Greenway/Linear/Open Space/Linkages. The inventory of parks shows that many community parks in the rural areas outside of Waco are below the minimum 5 acres in size. Many of the existing community parks in cities under 5,000 population have limited recreational facilities or often play equipment is out of date. Basic facilities for meeting the community park standards are needed in most parks. Some city owned community parks, Robinson, Riesel, and Beverly Hills have no or few facilities, but plans are in place or desired for development of those facilities.

For sport complexes in the County, in public ownership there is none in Precinct 1. Precinct 2 has two sport complexes in Mart and Bellmead. Precinct 3 has a ball field complex in West and Lacy-Lakeview has ball fields within its Live Oak Park. Precinct 4 has a public sports complex in McGregor. Even with the existing sports complexes, several are below the 25 acre minimum or ball fields have less than the required field designs for tournament play. Riverbend ball field complex in Waco is an example of a superior up to date sports complex. The complex in Waco is heavily used.

The one County Precinct Park, Tradinghouse Creek Reservoir County Park is on 188 leased acres and the landowner has indicated that they are planning at some time in the future to sell the property. The sale of the property would end the lease on this property and access to Tradinghouse Creek Reservoir.

Regional Park facilities include the extensive Waco Lake Parks System of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Cameron Park, Brazos Park East and Waco Riverbend Park . The acreage and facilities serve the County and attract tourist from outside the County. Waco has recently undertaken a large renovation of Cameron Park and Brazos Park East.

The needs analysis identified a desire of a Special Use Park in Waco for individuals, especially children, with limited abilities.

While Waco has some trails and greenway, it also has plans for additional Greenway/Linear/Open Space. Waco's development of trails is now starting to link facilities and public places. The County to date has limited facilities except in some community parks which include walking tracks and/or walking trails. The County households identified a desire and need for more walking, hiking and horseback riding trails as well as bicycle trails and lanes.

As per park facilities standards; ball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and swimming pools needs are identified. On a NRPA Standard of one swimming pool per 20,000 residents there is a need for 12 pools in McLennan County. If one includes the 3 Waco Lake beaches there are 12 swimming facilities in the County. However, the public pools are concentrated in the urban core of Waco and Precinct 4 and not well distributed throughout the County. Precinct 1 south of Waco including Moody, Bruceville-Eddy, Lorena and Hewitt are without a public pool. Precinct 2 communities are without a swimming pool except for the beach at Tradinghouse Creek Reservoir County Park. Precinct 3 has only a privately owned public pool in West. Precinct 4 has 3 beaches at the Waco Lake Park System and Tonkawa Falls City Park in Crawford with McGregor having a pool and Woodway has a beach on Waco Lake.

For a ball field standard of one per 5,000 population, the County meets its 47 fields standard with 49 fields, publically owned. There is another 22 ball fields not publically owned but owned by league associations. For the publically owned fields some are in modest condition and with limited outfields. Many of the ball fields do not meet the design requirement for tournament competition.

In McLennan County, there is a need for 116 tennis courts to meet the NRPA standard of one court per 2,000 residents. There are 46 courts in the County with Waco having 38 of the 46 existing courts.

At a standard of 1 basketball court per 5,000 population, as recommended by NRPA, the County almost meets the 47 court standard with its 46 basketball courts. There courts are mostly scattered through the community parks. There is no one concentration of basketball courts for a tournament setting.

To determine needs based on the resources based approach excellent opportunities exist in the County. In Precinct 3, a landowner is willing to donate up to 10 acres of land in the City of West to the west of Interstate 35 being Phase I of the Precinct 3 West Park with a tennis sports complex. The

proposed park would include a small creek that is believed to be water from an historic spring in West. Local history indicated that this spring once was a watering hole for the great cattle drives on the Chisholm Trail. Precinct 1 there is an opportunity to lease, for 50 years, some 40 acres of open space from the Waco Metropolitan Regional Sewerage System on Bull Hide Creek. These lands are centrally located in Precinct 1 and would allow for the County, Lorena and Robinson to work together to build a County Precinct 1/Lorena/Robinson Park and Sports Complex. Land would be available for a ball field complex and a senior/community center as asked for by local residents. Precinct 2 has the opportunity to plan for acquisition of lands on Tradinghouse Creek Reservoir from the land owner who desires to sell the property. Precinct 4 has an excellent opportunity on the North Bosque River to establish a paddling trail and North Bosque River Landing on land between the end of Del Mar Ranch Road, the “old” river crossing and the end of Coopers Crossing Road . See the Plan Priorities Map Illustration for location of these plan priorities.

Prioritization of the Needs

The priority plans to meet needs for the next 10 years is indicated below.

Park Priorities and Implementation Time Line

Listed by Priority	Start Planning	Funding Applications	Construction Date	Project Completion
Pct 3: West Park #1 Acquisition of 10 acres #2Tennis (8 cts) sport complex #3 walking trails #4 playground #5 picnic pavilion	2011	2011	2013	2014
Pct 1 with Lorena/Robinson Park & Ball Sport Complex #1 8 ball fields sport complex #2 walking & horseback riding trails #3 fishing pond #4 overnight RV camping #5 picnic pavilion	2011	2012	2014	2016
Pct 2 Tradinghouse Reservoir Park #1 land acquisition of 50-100 acres, #2 overnight RV camping, #3 walking trails #4 boat ramp facilities	2012	2013	2014	2016

#5 picnic tables				
Pct 4 Delmar Ranch Rd. at North Bosque #1 River landing with trail head & picnic facility #2 Paddling Trail on Middle Bosque river #3 Walking trail	2012	2012-2013	2014	2014
Pct 3: West Park expansion #1 Track facilities for competition and sport event #2 youth football field #3 acquisition of additional 10 acres	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pct 1 with Lorena/Robinson Park- #1senior center #2 community center with gymnasium #3 field sport facilities #4 tennis courts	2014	2015	2016	2017
Pct 2 with City of Waco develop Special Use Park for Children with Impairments and Riesel assist with Park development	2015	2016	2017	2018
Pct 4 acquisition of property for County Precinct Park	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pct 3 - Swimming Pool complex with Connally ISD and other ISD's in Precincts	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pct 1 Assist Moody with community park development & footbridge before Austin Ave on Waco Creek.	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pct 2 Assist Bellmead with development of McGlasson Park & Sport field Complex	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pct 4 Assist McGregor with new community park & other Parks with facilities	2020	2021	2022	2023

Prioritization of Needs by Facility

1. Develop, expand and improve sports facilities and sport complexes for youth and adults for programmed sport activities and leagues, tournament/tourism activities.
2. Develop, expand and improve walking trails & tracks, jogging and biking trails and lanes within park facilities and paddle trails on rivers and linking park facilities with trails.
3. Acquire park lands and assist local communities in acquiring park lands for future County and community park development.
4. Develop and expand access to lakes, rivers and ponds for boating, fishing, swimming.
5. Develop, expand and improve picnic facilities and pavilions
6. Develop swimming pool facilities
7. Develop RV and overnight camping facilities & event facilities
8. Develop and expand parks and recreation areas to include educational/historic/archeological/nature viewing sites, water features, gardens and arboretums.
9. Develop and expand indoor facilities for seniors and community recreational needs.
10. Develop and expand access to park facilities for individuals and youth with impairments.

Implementation Tools

To begin the process of implementation, this Master Plan will require the dedication of public and private dollars for planning, design, development, management and maintenance of park lands and facilities. While the household survey indicated a 74% response in support of the use of County funds for park and recreational facilities the County Commissioner's Court want to leverage private donations, in-kind services, public grant funding, private foundation giving and partnerships to provide the best recreational product for the citizens of McLennan County. Where possible and feasible sport complex facilities will be developed so that they can be self sustaining.

Below is a listing of financing tools to be investigated as the implementation proceeds.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Outdoor Recreation Grant – 50% matching grant up to \$500,000, March 1 and August 1

Indoor Recreation Facilities Grant – 50% matching grant up to \$750,000 August 1

Small Community Grant – Cities of less than 20,000 population, 50% matching grant funds up to \$75,000, March 1

Recreational Trails Grant – 80% matching grant up to \$200,000, February 1

State Boat Ramp Construction Grant – 25% matching grant up to \$500,000, October 31

Texas Department of Transportation

Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program-80% grant for scenic sites and trails, \$76 m in 2010

TEA-21 congestion Mitigation and Air quality (CMAQ)-80% grants for projects (trails) that contribute to reduction in air emissions or congestion mitigation

SRTS-safe routes to school, action plans and programs and access to federal funds

Private Sector Grants and Foundations

Bikes Belong, a national coalition of bicycle retailers and suppliers...www.bikesbelong.org

Union Pacific Railroad Foundation, www.up.com , community based grants

National Center for Safe Routes to School grants, of \$1,000 www.saferoutesinfo.org

Governmental Actions

Friends of McLennan County parks-volunteer organizations formed for parks development, maintenance and promotional activities as well as building support for these activities.

McLennan County Parks Foundation – 501 c 3 organized to allow for the donation of funds to assist in the acquisition and development of parks and recreation

Local Partnerships – organizational efforts with the local governments to assist in the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities

General obligation bonds, revenue bonds, fees, sponsorship, advertising dollars and 4B sales tax dollars

Appendix A

Inventory of Areas & Facilities

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McLennan County Parks			
Acreage/Facilities by Ownership	Ownership of Facilities	Acreage in Public Ownership	Acreage in League/Pvt
Regional Parks		200+ acres as a standard	
Waco Lake Park System	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	4800	
Cameron Park & Brazos Park East	City of Waco Precinct #3	582	
Waco Riverbend Park	City of Waco Precinct #3	155	
Total		5537	
County Precinct Parks		25 to 200 acres as a standard	
Tradinghouse Reservoir County Park	County lease/Luminant/Prct #2	188	
Total	Precinct #2	188	
Special Use Parks & Recreation		Special single purpose	
Extraco Events Center	County Precinct #3	50	
McLennan Co. Community College	MCCC District	215	
Texas State Technical College	TX State Tech. College	60	
Baylor University	BU	45	
Waco Special Use Parks	City of Waco	375.81	
Total		745.81	
Community Parks		5 to 50 acres as standard	
Precinct #1			
Bruceville-Eddy	City	4.8	
Moody	City	8.0	0.6
Lorena	City	4.49	
Soules LL fields	Private		11.4
Golinda	City	0	
Robinson	City	7.8	
JH Youngblood Park	League, Lions & Chamber		11
Beverly Hills	City	0.7	
Precinct #1 Total		25.79	23
Precinct #2			
Mart	City & ISD	24.75	
Riesel City Park	City	4.6	
Lions Park	Private		23
Bellmead	City	88	
Precinct #2 Total		117.35	23
Precinct #3			
West	City	6.4	
West Community Complex	City and Leagues	12.7	
Palladium, West Fair Grds,	Private/Associations		26.4
Leroy	City	2.0	
Ross		0.0	
former school site	ISD		4
Gholson	City	1.0	
Lacy-Lakeview	City	6.5	
Precinct #3 Total		28.6	30.4
Precinct #4			
Crawford	City	41.0	
China Springs	Leagues	0.0	6
McGregor	City	111.1	
Woodway	City	124.1	
Broughten Field	Private/Leagues		7
Hewitt	City	36.18	
Precinct #4 Total		312.4	13
Waco			
19 Neighborhood Parks	City	140.0	
4 Community Parks	City	47.96	
Waco Total		188.0	
Greenbelt/Linear/Open Space & Linkages			
	Waco	54.962	
	12/10/2010		

Detail on Existing Facilities and Acreages	Acreage	Ownership
McLennan County Master Plan Inventory 2010		
Regional Parks		
Waco Lake System		
Waco Lake	3,525	Corps of Engineers
Waco Lake Park System		
Developed Parks	236.8	Corps of Engineers
Unimproved Park Lands	776.1	Corps of Engineers
Facilities		Corps of Engineers
Overnight Camping 4 camping parks		
Lacy Point Trails - 20 miles		
Waco Dam Hike & Bike Trail 2.9 miles		
Waco Lake 6 day use parks		
Waco Lake Access Areas-2		
Waco Lake Leased Facilities		
HOT Model Airplane Area	35	Corps of Engineers
HOT Soccer complex	28	Corps of Engineers
Waco Soccer Assoc.	19	Corps of Engineers
Waco Lake Wetlands	180	Corps of Engineers
Total Waco Lake System	4,800	
Cameron Park & Brazos Park East	582	City of Waco
Zoo, Brazos River Walk & Trails, Picnic Facilities & Playgrounds		
River overlooks, open space, gardens, disc park		
Waco Riverbend Park	155	City of Waco
19 tennis courts and tennis center, 8 ball fields and ball complex		
2 pools and complex and 400 parking spaces		
Total Regional Parks	5,537	
County Precinct Parks		
Tradinghouse Reservoir County Park		
two boat ramps, access road, picnic pavilion and open space areas	188	County lease /Luminant
Total County Parks	188	
Special Use Parks		
Extraco Events Center Precinct #3		
Coliseum, arenas, exhibit buildings, creative arts building	50	County/HOT Fair Association
stall barns parking & RV facilities and a golf driving range		
McLennan County Community College Precinct # 3		
BB field, SB field, intramural fields, field house	215	MCC
8 tennis courts, gymnasium, jogging track, Highland Ranch with horseback riding & summer camps & cont. ed.		
Texas State Technical College Precinct # 3		
2 ball fields, 1 soccer field, 1 walking track, tennis courts	60	TSTC
playground, swimming pool, basketball court		
golf course and golf complex		
Baylor University - Precinct #1		
football stadium complex, track & field complex,	45	Baylor Univeristy
swimming pool and water park facilities		
bowling facilities, gymnasiums, marina,		
intramural fields, tennis courts, baseball		
park, tennis center, softball stadium and soccer field		
Waco Special Use Parks		
Brazos Belle Green Space	3.18	
Charles McCleary Tennis Center	2.32	
Cotton Palace Sports Complex	19.56	
Cottonwood Creek Golf Course	174.04	
Eastern Little League	12.9	
Fort Fisher	22.82	
H.O.T. Soccer Complex - see Waco Lake		
Hart - Patterson Track complex	28.6	
Indian Springs	3.68	
Lake Air Little League	20.7	
Lions Park	9.21	
M. L.K. Jr.	7.2	
North Park	3.37	
Sul Ross Center	1	
Youth Football Fields	4.69	
Waco Soccer Assoc.	19	
Mammoth Site	4.92	
Heritage Square	2.35	
Coaches Assoc./Sport Hall of Fame	4.82	
Northern Little League	22.2	
Southern Little League	9.25	
Total Special Use Parks of Waco Public Park System	375.81	
Total Use Parks & Recreation	745.81	

Detail on Existing Facilities and Acreages	Acreage	Ownership
Community Parks		
Precinct #1		
Bruceville-Eddy		
John W. Corby Pavilion & Playground pavilion with restrooms, 15 picnic tables, 2 swings, 1 spring rider, 1 climbing dome, 1 carousel, playfield	1.3	City
Festival Grounds	3.5	City
Total Bruceville-Eddy	4.8	City
Bruceville-Eddy ISD		
Elementary School Playground	0.7	ISD
Intermediate School Playground	1.4	ISD
JrH & Sr. High FB Stadium, track, 2 BB fields & practice fields	24.2	ISD
Baseball field at Miracle Lane & I35	3.6	ISD
Moody		
Baseball fields on Avenue G-two	8	City
Katie Kitchens Memorial Park picnic pavilion, 2 tables, grill, playfield, sandbox, benches	0.6	ISD
Moody ISD		
Elementary School Playground	0.6	ISD
Middle School, FB Stadium, track and green garden	4.5	ISD
High School, FB Stadium, track and BB field	9	ISD
Lorena		
McBrayer Park pavilion with restrooms, 4 tables, 3 grills, walking trail, 4 RV hookups, open play field	4.49	City
Soules LL BB fields (4)	11.4	Private & League
former JH BB field	6.4	Private
Lorena ISD		
Primary School playground	0.5	ISD
Elementary School Playground, 2 softball fields, 1 VB Court	3.4	ISD
MS & HS FB stadium, track 2 BB fields	32.2	ISD & City
open practice fields, disc golf course		Disc Park public
4 tennis courts		
Golinda		
No facilities in McLennan County	0	
Robinson		
City Park (undeveloped)	7.8	City
ISD Facilities		ISD
Primary Campus	1.2	ISD
Elementary Campus	9	ISD
Intermediate Campus	0.3	ISD
Jr & HS Campus	49	ISD
J.H. Youngblood Park 4 L baseball fields, swimming pool	11	Lions & Leagues & Chamber of Commerce
Beverly Hills		
Beverly Hills City Park picnic table/grill, 2 benches, water fountain, 6 swings, 1 slide 2 spring riders	0.7	City
Waco ISD		
Meadowbrook elementary playground, walking track and playfield	0.7	ISD
	4.3	ISD
Precinct #1 Total Public Parks	25.79	
Precinct #2		
Mart		
Swain-Gause-Rucker Park 3 ball fields, large pavillion, 8 picnic tables 2 tennis courts, 2 BB courts	14	City
City Park @ Middle School fishing lake, gazebo, walking trail, bb courts 4 picnic tables, picnic pavillion with 12 tables, 2 baseball fields, playground equipment	8.5	City & ISD
	5.5	ISD
Mart Community Center		
Park at Park Plaza	0.25	City
Total Mart (City)	24.75	
Mart ISD		
HS and Elementary- playground,FB practice fields	4.5	ISD
Middle School FB stadium and track	5.5	ISD
Riesel		
City Park	4.6	City
Riesel ISD		
elementary -playscape, 8 swings, climbing bar, playfield	0.9	ISD

Detail on Existing Facilities and Acreages	Acreage	Ownership
Community Parks-Riesel continued		
HS FB stadium&track, BB field, practice fields 2 BB courts	12	ISD
Riesel Lions Park Fair Grounds & event facilities	23	Private
Hallsburg ISD		
Elementary-playscape, seesaw, monkey bars, slide, 6 swings and track facility	1	ISD
Axtell ISD		
Elementary-playscape and play fields JH-FB stadium and track, tennis courts softball field baseball field HS open playfields	16	ISD
Bellmead		
City Facilities Brame Pk-splash pk, 2 pavilions, 14 picnic tables walking trail, playscape, tire swing, jungle gym 15 benches, 1/2 BB court, restrooms	4	City
Devorsky Pk-2 pavilions, 4 picnic tables, playscape, walking trail, 1/2 BB court, informal ball field with backstop	1	City
Lions Pk- 3 baseball/softball fields, 3 picnic tables, pavilion, jungle gym, 6 swings,concession stand	6	City
Bellmead Senior Center Bellmead Community Center McGlasson Park-open lands undeveloped	77	City
Total Bellmead	88	
LaVega ISD		
Primary - open play fields 2 sets of playground equipment, 8 swings	2.5	ISD
Elementary - play equipment & open field Intermediate-Gram Lane	3	ISD
Intermediate - H.P. Miles Campus JH FB stadium and track	0.5	ISD
SH FB stadium and track, BB field, Softball field another ball field	5.5	ISD
6	ISD	
Total Precinct #2 Public Parks	117.35	
Precinct #3		
West		
West Community Park Combination 2 BB Cts & Tennis Courts,Picnic Pavillon/shelter, 3 outside tables, playscape 6 swings, 2 see saws, 1 tire swing multipurpose field & walking track, restrooms.	3.9	City
West Community Center City Hall Memorial & Gazebo	1	City
West Community Complex 4 baseball/softball fields	12.7	City & League
Railroad Depot restored depot and landscaped downtown park	0.25	City
Katy Park	0.25	City
Total West	19.1	
Palladium Swimming pool at historic spring	0.5	Open to public/Private ownership
West Fair and Rodeo/West Fest Grounds	25.9	
West ISD		
H.S. FB Field and Stadium H.S. track facilities H.S. Campus practice fields, one BB court multipurpose fields	8	ISD
4	ISD	
8	ISD	
Elementary School- 12 swings, 2 playscapes Free Play areas	1	ISD
Middle School-Bbcour & multipurpose field	0.5	ISD
Leroy		
City Park with baseball fields	2	City
Ross		
Park facilities at former school site including baseball field, and picnic shelter	4	West ISD
Gholson		
City Park with playscape, tire swings and climbing gyms, picnic shelter with 2 tables, VB court	1	City

Detail on Existing Facilities and Acreages	Acreage	Ownership
Community Parks - Gholson continued		
Gholson ISD Elementary School		
open play field , VB court and 8 swings	2	ISD
batting cages		
Lacy-Lakeview		
Live Oak Park		
4 plex BB complex, BB court, covered picnic tables	4	City & League
play area with sliding bd, swing set, benches,		
2 picnic tables. Picnic pavilion with 6 tables,		
open playfields, playground with wood		
gazebo, 3 picnic tables, infant swing, 10 swings		
playscape, benches and climbing gym		
Veterans Memorial Park	2.5	City
Memorial walk with POW memorial, twin towers		
memorial and war memorial, walking trail		
with memorial benches, roofed performance		
stage,playground with swings and playscape		
Total Lacy-Lakeview	6.5	
Connally ISD		
Primary School	1	ISD
toddler BB, playground with 12 swings, 6 benches		
3 sliding boards		
former elementary school-informal ball field	0.5	ISD
open play areas and benches		
Intermediate Center-playground and ball fields	1	ISD
Jr. H. playground and practice fields	3	ISD
HS Football and track with stadium, practice fields	9	ISD
2 soccer fields, 2 baseball fields & 1 softball field		
Total Precinct #3 Public Parks	28.6	
Precinct #4		
Crawford		
Tonkawa Falls City Park	40	City
Swimming Facilities in Tonk Creek with Bath		
House/Picnic Pavilion, 2 sand VB Courts, Concrete		
BB courts, swings and RV camping facilities with		
picnic pavilion, and each RV site with table,		
electrical and water hookups, walking trails		
and childrens playground		
Crawford Community Center	1	
Pirates football Stadium, parking and small parklette	16	City and ISD
with swing, gazebo and picnic tables		
Crawford ISD		
Elementary School		
playground equipment and open play field	2	ISD
HighSchool and Jr/Middle School		
practice fields, 1 track, 5 ball fields	26	ISD/Leagues
China Springs		
No city facilities		
China Springs Youth Athletic Assoc. LL fields-4 ball fields	6	League
China Springs ISD		
Elementary School - playfield, track and open	9	ISD
fields, baseball field, playground in rear of school		
Middle & High School-FB stadium & track, baseball	10	ISD
fields and softball fields		
Bosqueville ISD		
Elementary School - open field	1	
High School - football stadium with track & 3 BB fields	11	ISD
Valley Mills		
No city facilities in McLennan County		
Valley Mills ISD		
HS- football stadium & track, baseball and softball	10	ISD
fields		
McGregor		
Amsler Park	17.3	City
Swimming Pool complex with bath house		
Picnic tables in open settings (4), picnic shelter with		
3 tables, 12 swings, sand VB court, sliding bd.		
walking trail, soccer goal and open field, BB goal		
baseball field, reflecting pond, restrooms		
Kasting Park	5.8	City
baseball field, 4 basketball courts, 2 picnic shelters		
with 6 tables, playground with merry go round		
climbing gym, monkey bars, sliding bd, 4 seesaws, restrooms		

Detail on Existing Facilities and Acreages	Acreage	Ownership
Community Parks-McGregor continued		
Bawley Park	4.5	City
baseball field, fenced dual BB and tennis courts		
6 swings, climbing gym, slide, merrygoround		
picnic shelter with 4 tables and 3 tables in open,restrooms		
Legacy Park	0.5	City
gazebo, park bench, walkway and open space		
Bluebonnet Park	83	City
1 baseball field, 1 little league field, 2 softball		
fields, batting cages, practice backstops (12)		
children playground equipment, slide, climbing		
gym and picnic table, open fields with soccer		
goals		
Total McGregor	111.1	
McGregor ISD		
Elementary School		
Playground equipment, 2 basketball courts	2	ISD
H.G. Isbill Junior High	0.5	ISD
renovated and air conditioned gymnasium		
High School		
football stadium with track, baseball field, softball	10	ISD
field, 4 tennis courts		
Oglesby ISD-no facilities in McLennan Co.		
Woodway		
Poage Park	5	City
Sand VB ct., walking track, picnic pavilion (10) Gazebo		
playground with 4 swings, climbing gym see saws		
tire swing		
Whitehall Park	12	
Concrete VB ct., walking track, picnic pavilion (6)		
Playground with 8 swings, 2 playscapes, spring		
mounted riding units		
Woodway Park	86	City, Land leased
Beach and fishing areas, 34 picnic tables, 2 pavilions,		from Corp
disc golf course, playground equipment, 2 ball		
fields, nature trail 2 park benches		
Woodway Family Community Center	1.7	City
also T-ball field, Coach Pitch Baseball, Basketball		
Woodway Family Community Center-continued		
facility, flag football field, soccer field and volleyball		
Carleen Bright Arboretum	16	City
Amphitheater with concert green and gazebo		
nature trail,		
Woodway Elementary Park	3.4	City
playground area		
open playfield & walking loop		
Total Woodway	124.1	
Broughten Field-Midway (3)	7	Private League
Midway ISD		
South Bosque Elementary		
playground area	0.5	ISD
open play field	4.1	ISD
Hewitt		
Hewitt Park	27.0	City
BB/softball field, soccer/football field, 2 BB cts		
playground with 2 slides, 12 swings, 2 climbing bars		
playscape, 2 VB cts., horseshoe/washers courts,		
pavilion with 6 picnic tables, 6 benches ; 2 small		
shelters with 2 picnic tables each		
open play fields with 8 benches		
walking track		
Warren Park	9.0	City
BB/softball field, 2 soccer fields, playground with 1		
slide, 8 swings, 2 climbing bars, 2 jungle gyms,		
2 merry go rounds , 3 spring mounted riding units		
1 VB ct., 1 pavilion with 8 tables		
1 small shelter with 2 picnic tables		
open play fields		
Hewitt Community Center	0.18	City
Total Hewitt	36.18	
Midway ISD		
Hewitt Elementary		
Midway Ball Fields (3)	11	ISD
Playground area	1.8	ISD
Open play fields	3.7	ISD
Castleman Creek Elementary	0	ISD

WACO LAKE PARKS SYSTEM

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US Army Corps of Engineers

Total System Area = approx. 4,800 acres

WACO LAKE Facilities – Overnight Camping and Lake Access

Airport Park

Midway Park

Reynolds Creek Park

Speegleville Campground

WACO LAKE Facilities – Hiking, Bicycling, & Equestrian Trails

Lacy Point Trails

Waco Dam Hike & Bike Trails

WACO LAKE Facilities – Access Areas

Lacy Point Access Area

Flat Rock Access Area

WACO LAKE Facilities – Day Use Parks

Bosque Park

Twin Bridges Park

Flat Rock Park

Koehne Park

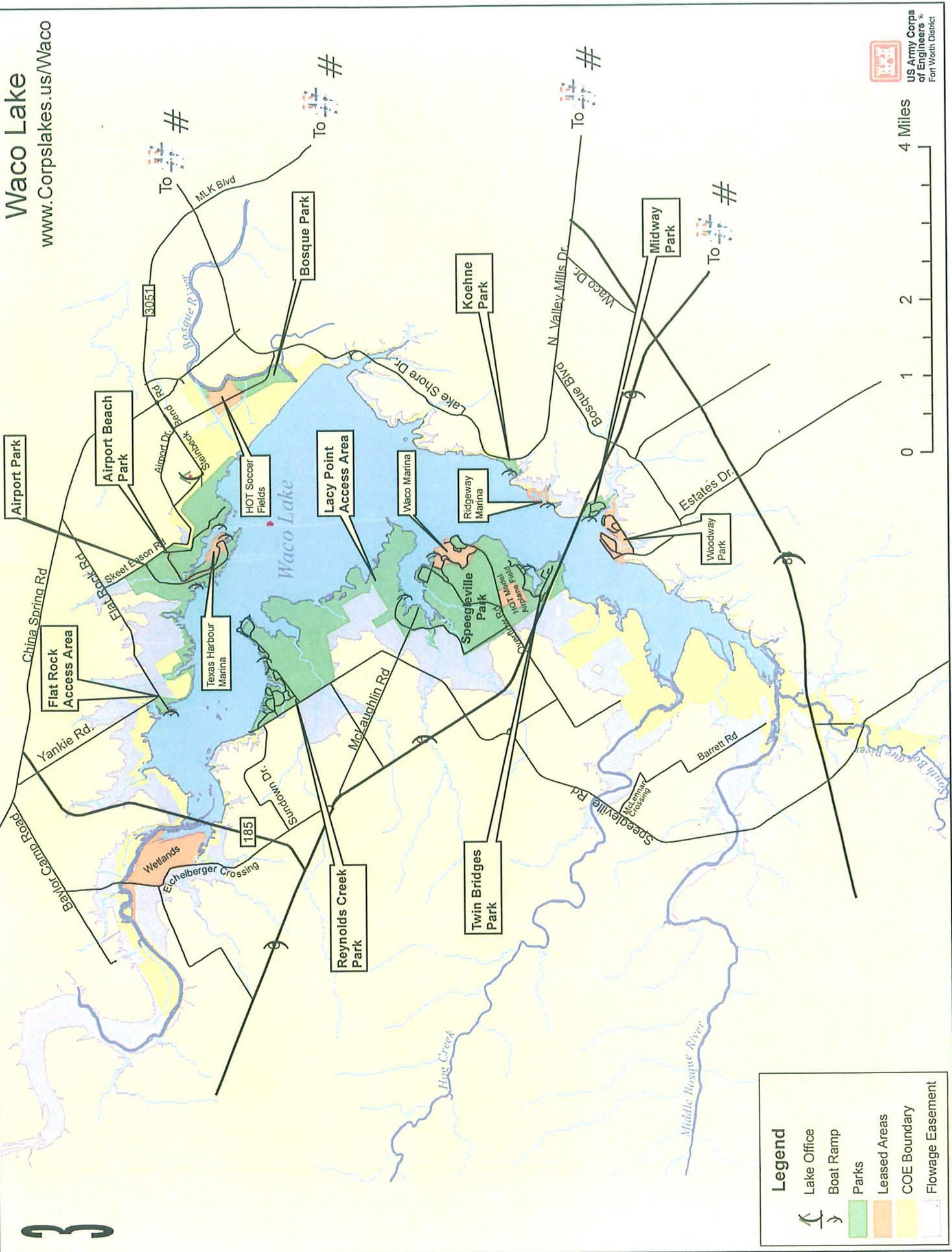
WACO LAKE Facilities – Leased Parks

Heart of Texas Model Airplane Area, leased to the Heart of Texas Model Airplane Club

Heart of Texas Soccer Complex, leased to City of Waco / Heart O' Texas Soccer Association (See City of Waco listing)

Waco Soccer Association Area, leased to Waco Soccer Association

Woodway Park, leased to the City of Woodway (See City of Woodway listing)

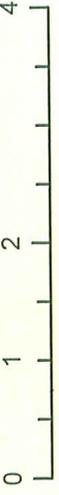


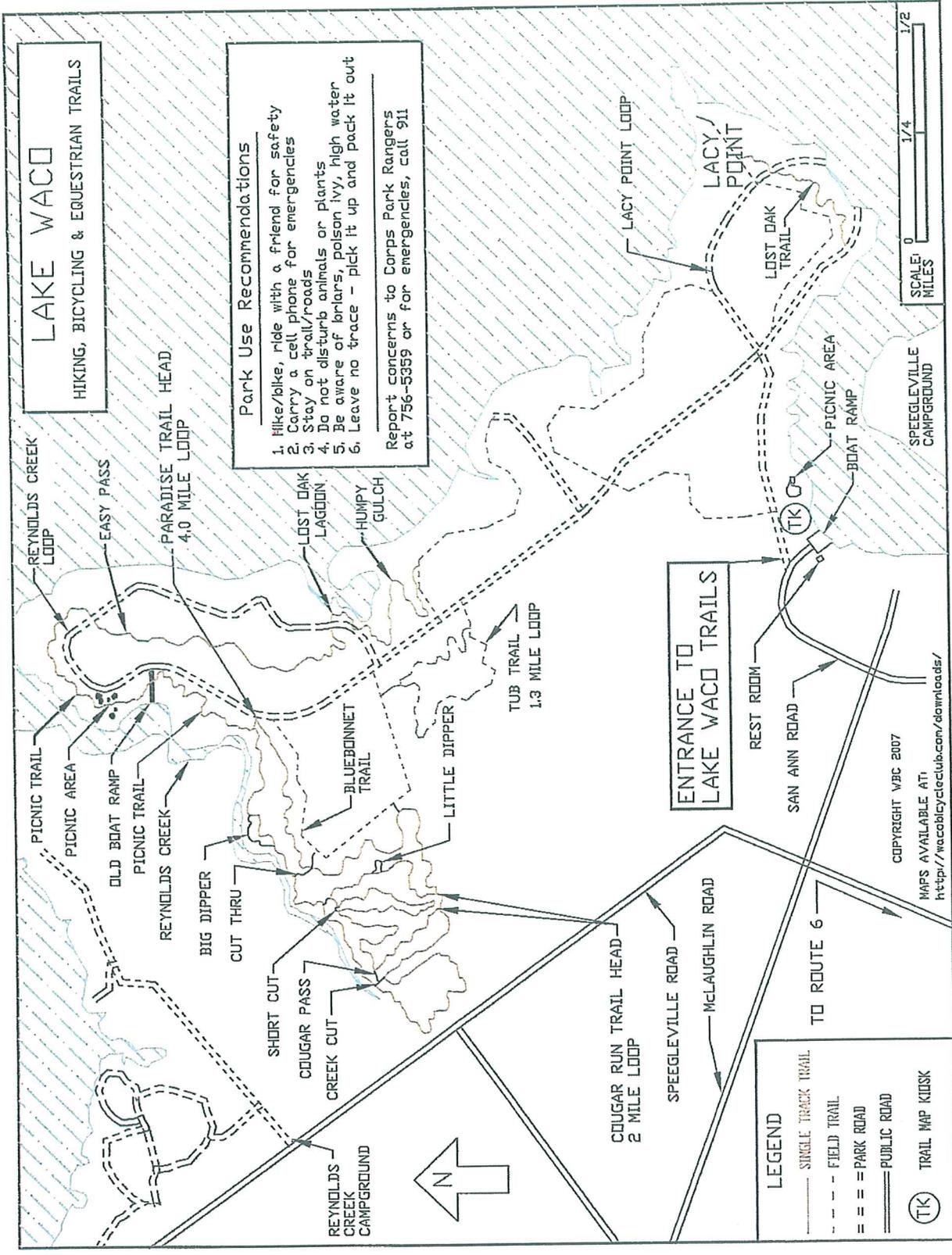
Legend

- Lake Office
- Boat Ramp
- Parks
- Leased Areas
- COE Boundary
- Flowage Easement



4 Miles





LAKE WACO
HIKING, BICYCLING & EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

Park Use Recommendations

1. Hike/bike, ride with a friend for safety
2. Carry a cell phone for emergencies
3. Stay on trail/roads
4. Do not disturb animals or plants
5. Be aware of briars, poison ivy, high water
6. Leave no trace - pick it up and pack it out

Report concerns to Corps Park Rangers at 756-5359 or for emergencies, call 911

LEGEND

- SINGLE TRACK TRAIL
- - - FIELD TRAIL
- PARK ROAD
- == PUBLIC ROAD
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**WACO LAKE SYSTEM
US Army Corps of Engineers**

WACO LAKE Facilities – Wetlands



Lake Waco Wetlands

Area = approx. 180 acres (included in System Area total)

Open space preserve with educational center, walking paths and wetland viewing areas.

McLENNAN COUNTY Facilities



Tradinghouse Reservoir County Park

Precinct 2

Area = approx 188 acres

2 – Boat Access Ramps

1 – Picnic Pavilion

Open Space / Play Fields

McLENNAN COUNTY Facilities



**Extraco Events Center
Precinct 3**

Area = approx 50 acres

Owned by McLennan County and operated by the Heart O’Texas Fair, a 501C-3 corporation; includes:

- Events Coliseum with the Backporch Club
- Show Pavilion
- General Exhibits Building
- Creative Arts building,
- Stall barns
- 3,800 Parking Spaces
- 250 RV Hookups

Expansion plans include a new Exhibition Hall, covered Equestrian Connectors to all event and show facilities, additional Parking and RV Parking, Equestrian Complex Expansion with new stalls, connectors and arenas.

McLENNAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE Facilities

**Precinct 3
College Facilities**

Area = approx 15 acres – including Gymnasium, Jogging Track, 8 Tennis Courts, Baseball Field, Softball Field, Intramural Fields, Field House

Highland Ranch

Area = approx 200 acres - Horseback Riding, Riding Lessons, Children Summer Camps, Nature Tours, Continuing Education

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE Facilities

Precinct 3
Area = approx 60 acres - Connelly Golf Course, Golf Facilities, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts
2 Ball Fields, Soccer Field, Swimming Pool, Walking Track, Playground

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY Facilities

Precinct 1

Area = approx 45 acres – including Football Stadium Complex, Track & Field Complex, Swimming Pool & Water Park, Marina, Bowling Facilities, Intramural Fields, Gymnasiums, Tennis Courts, Riverfront Complex with Baseball Park, Tennis Center, Softball Park, Soccer Field

WACO City Facilities

*City Park inventory data is based on the Waco Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Masterplan Update, dated October, 2005, which was provided for the McLennan County 2011-2021 Master Plan by the City of Waco, Parks & Recreation Department in October, 2010.

WACO REGIONAL PARKS

Area = approx. 737.3 acres



Cameron Park



Brazos Park East – currently being upgraded and expanded



Riverbend Park



WACO

WACO City Facilities

WACO REGIONAL PARKS



Riverbend Park

WACO City Facilities

WACO SPECIAL USE PARKS

Area = approx. 375.81 acres

- Brazos Bell Green Space
- Coaches Association / Sports Hall of Fame
- Charlie McCleary Tennis Center
- Cotton Palace Sports Complex
- Cottonwood Creek Golf Course
- Eastern Little League



Fort Fisher Park



- H.O.T. Soccer Complex (youth) – Leased from US Army Corps of Engineers
- Heart-Patterson Track Complex
- Heritage Square



Indian Spring Park

WACO City Facilities

WACO SPECIAL USE PARKS

Lake Air Little League



Lions Park



M L K Jr. Park



Mammoth Site

North Park

Northern Little League

Southern Little League

Sul Ross Center

Waco Soccer Association – Leased from US Army Corps of Engineers

Youth Football Fields

WACO City Facilities

WACO COMMUNITY PARKS

Area = approx. 47.96 acres



Bledsoe-Miller Community Park and Center



Dewey Community Park and Center



Oscar Du Conge Community Park and Center

South Waco Community Park and Center

WACO City Facilities

WACO NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Area = approx. 142.25 acres

- Alta Vista Park**
- Bell's Hill Park**
- Brooklyn Park**
- Buena Vista Park**



Chapel Park



- Cotton Palace Park**
- Council Acres Park**
- Crest View Park**



East Waco Park



- Gurley Park**
- Jaycee Park**
- Kendrick Park**
- Mitchell Park**

WACO City Facilities

WACO NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



Mountainview Park



- North Waco Park
- Oakwood Park
- S J Guthrie Park
- Seley Park
- Viking Hills Park

WACO City Facilities

WACO OPEN SPACE PARKS / LINEAR PARKS / LINKAGES

Area = approx. 54.96 acres

Edmond Greenbelt



Karem Park

- Rails-to-Trails Park**
- Rails-to-Trails Railroad Bed**
- Renaissance Subdivision Park**
- River Front Property**
- Terrace Park**
- Trail Blazer Park Trail**



Waco Riverwalk

WACO City Facilities

WACO OPEN SPACE PARKS / LINEAR PARKS / LINKAGES



Waco Riverwalk

Wenz Park
Willowood Greenbelt

**McLennan County
Precinct 1
Inventory
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BRUCEVILLE-EDDY City Facilities



John W Corby Pavilion, Playground and Festival Grounds

Area = approx. 1.3 acres – Pavilion and Playground

Area = approx. 3.5 acres – Festival Grounds (identified by TXDOT for Interstate 35 widening acquisition)

- 1 – Pavilion with Restrooms
& 15 Picnic Tables
- 2 – Swings
- 1 – Spring Rider

- 1 – Climbing Dome
- 1 - Carousel
- 1 – Open Playfield
- 1 - Festival Grounds

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY ISD Facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 0.7 acres – Playground including climbing / sliding Playscape and 12 Swings

Intermediate School

Area = approx. 1.4 acres – Playground including 8 Swings, 3 Climbing Bars and 4 Basketball Goals

Junior High School & High School

Area = approx. 24.2 acres – including a Football Stadium and Track, 2 Baseball Fields and practice Fields

Area = approx. 3.6 acres - a Baseball Field at I-35 Frontage Rd. and Miracle Lane

**GOLINDA
PRECINCT 1**

GOLINDA City Facilities

No city park or recreation facilities were found in the McLennan County portion of Golinda.

ROBINSON ISD Facilities

The Robinson ISD serves the McLennan County portion of Golinda. No ISD facilities were found in the McLennan County portion of Golinda.

LORENA City facilities



McBrayer Park

Area = approx. 4.49 acres

- 1 - Pavilion with Restrooms
& 4 Picnic Tables
- 1 – Picnic Table
- 3 - Grills

- 1- Open Play Field
- 4 - RV Locations (unimproved) with Water
Hose-Bibs, only
- Walking Trail

LORENA ISD Facilities

Primary School

Area = approx. 0.5 acres – Playground including 2 Climbing Domes, 1 climbing/sliding Playscape, and 12 Swings

Elementary School

Area = approx. 3.4 acres – Playground including 1 Climbing Dome, 1 Climbing Bars, Double climbing/sliding Playscape, 5 Swings, 2 Basket ball Courts, 2 informal Softball Fields and 1 Volleyball Court

LORENA ISD Facilities

Middle School & High School

Area = approx. 32.2 acres – including Practice Fields, informal Baseball/Softball Fields, Disc Golf Course, 4 Tennis Courts, 2 formal Baseball Fields, Football Stadium and Track

LEAGUE Facilities



William Dallas Soules Complex - Lorena Little League

Area = approx. 11.4 acres – including 4 Baseball Fields

PRIVATE Facilities

Former Jr. High School Baseball Field

Area = approx. 6.4 acres

MOODY City Facilities



Ballfields on Avenue G

Area = approx. 8 acres
2 – Baseball Fields with bleachers, backstops and fencing

MOODY ISD Facilities



Katie Kitchens Memorial Park

Area = approx. 0.6 acres

- 1 - Picnic Pavilion with 2 Picnic Tables & Grill
- Park Benches
- Sandbox
- Grassed Playfield

**MOODY
PRECINCT 1**

MOODY ISD Facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 0.6 acres – Playground

Middle School

Area = approx. 4.5 acres – including Football Stadium and Green Garden Park

High School

Area = approx. 9 acres – including Football Stadium with Track, Baseball Field

ROBINSON City Facilities



Robinson Recreational Park

Area = approx. 7.8 acres

City of Robinson received a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department matching grant in September, 2009 to construct a new city park. Ground breaking was held in December, 2010. The Park will be developed incrementally over the next several years, with the initial phase expected to be completed in 2011.

Planned facilities include:

- Pavilion with 17 Picnic Tables, Restrooms
- 13 Picnic Tables thru-out Park
- Playground with climbing/sliding Playscape, Swings
- Basketball Court
- Skate Park
- Open Play Field
- Pond
- Future Water Park
- Gazebo
- Toddler Playground area
- Volley Ball Court
- 3 Horseshoe Courts
- Jogging Track
- Fitness Exercise Area
- Nature Landscape
- Future Amphitheater

ROBINSON ISD Facilities

Primary Campus

Area = approx. 1.2 acres – Playground including shaded climbing/sliding Playscape, Swings, Slide, Climbing Bars, Climbing Dome, climbing/sliding Playscape

Elementary Campus

Area = approx. 9 acres – Playground including Swings, Climbing Bars, climbing/sliding Playscape, and an open Play Field

Intermediate Campus

Area = approx. 0.3 acres – Playground including Swings, Climbing bars, climbing/sliding Playscape

ROBINSON ISD Facilities

Junior High School and High School Campus

Area = approx. 49 acres – including Football Stadium, Track, Soccer Field, practice Fields, Baseball Field, Softball Field, practice Fields, Tennis Courts, Band practice Field, Open Soccer Fields

LEAGUE / LIONS CLUB / CHAMBER of COMMERCE Facilities



J H Youngblood Park

Area = approx. 11 acres including:

- 4 Little League baseball fields operated by the Robinson Little League
- Swimming Pool operated by the Robinson Lions Club
- Picnic Grounds operated by the Greater Robinson Chamber of Commerce

BEVERLY HILLS City Facilities



City Park

Area = approx. 0.7 acres

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 - Pavilion Concrete Pad (only) | 6 - Swings |
| 1 - Picnic Table / Grill | 1 – Slide |
| 2 - Park Benches | 2 – Small Spring-Mounted Riding Units |
| 1- Water Fountain | |

WACO ISD Facilities

Meadowbrook Elementary School

Area = approx. 0.7 acres – Playground including a Multipurpose Court, Playscape and Climbing Dome

Area = approx. 4.3 acres – Walking Track and Playfield

**McLennan County
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RIESEL City Facilities



City Park

Area = approx. 4.6 acres

Undeveloped - City Parks Committee development plans on hold pending obtaining funding.

RIESEL ISD Facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 0.9 acres – Playground including climbing/sliding Playscape, 8 Swings, Climbing Bars, Playfield

High School

Area = approx. 12 acres – including Football Stadium, Track, Baseball Field, 2 Basketball Courts, practice Fields

Private Facilities



Riesel Lions Park

Area = approx. 23 acres – Fairgrounds and Event facilities

MART City Facilities



Swain – Gause – Rucker Park

Area = approx. 14 acres, developed with a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Matching Grant

- 1- Pavilion with 8 Picnic Tables
- 2 - Sun Shaded Picnic Tables
- 3 - Baseball Fields, lighted
- 2 - Tennis Courts, concrete
- 2 – Basketball Courts, concrete/ lighted

MART City Facilities



City Park at Middle School

Area = approx. 8.5 acres developed with a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Matching Grant

- 1 – Pavilion with 12 Picnic Tables
- 4 – Picnic Tables
- Basket Ball Courts
- Concrete Walking Trail
- Lake with Gazebo and Fishing Areas

MART City Facilities



Mart Community Center

Area = approx. 2 acres

Auditorium, Multipurpose Room and Bathroom facilities

Parklet at Park Plaza Nursing Home

Area = approx. 0.25 acres

MART ISD Facilities

Middle School

Area = approx. 11 acres – including Playground, Football Stadium, Track, 2 Baseball Fields

Elementary / High School

Area = approx. 4.5 acres – including fenced Playground, Football practice Field

**HALLSBURG
PRECINCT 2**

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HALLSBURG Facilities

No public recreational facilities were found within the community

HALLSBURG ISD Facilities

Area = approx. 1 acre

Elementary School – Playground including Wooden Playscape, Seesaw, Climbing Bars, Slide, 6 Swings,
and Track facilities

**AXTELL
PRECINCT 2**

AXTELL Facilities

No public recreational facilities were found within the community

Axtell ISD Facilities

Area = approx. 16 acres

Elementary School – Playground including Wooden Playscape and open Play Fields

Junior High School - Football Stadium, Track, Baseball Field, Softball Field, Tennis Courts

High School - open Playfields

**AXTELL
PRECINCT 2**

AXTELL Facilities

No public recreational facilities were found within the community

Axtell ISD Facilities

Area = approx. 16 acres

Elementary School – Playground including Wooden Playscape and open Play Fields

Junior High School - Football Stadium, Track, Baseball Field, Softball Field, Tennis Courts

High School - open Playfields

BELLMEAD City Facilities



Brame Park

Area = approx. 4 acres

- 1 - Splash Park with water slide, 4 water features, 3 viewing benches
- 2 – Pavilions with 3 Picnic Tables, each
- 1 – Pavilion with 5 Picnic Tables
- 5 - Sun Shaded Picnic Tables
- 1 - Open Picnic Table
- 1 – Playscape Playground with Slides, Tire Swings and Jungle Gym
- 15 - Park Benches throughout Park
- 1 - Half court Basketball Court
- Restrooms
- Walking Trail
- Tree Covered Park

BELLMEAD City Facilities



Devorsky Park

Area = approx. 1 acre

- 2 - Pavilions with 2 Picnic Tables, each
- 1 - Playscape Playground with Swings and Wooden Jungle Gym
- 1 - Half court Basketball Court
- 1 - Informal Ball Field with backstop
- Walking Trail around Park

BELLMEAD City Facilities



Bellmead Community Center



Bellmead Senior Center



Lions Park

Area = approx. 6 acres

- 1 – Pavilion with 3 Picnic Tables
- 1 - Playground with 6 Swings, Jungle Gym
- 3 - Baseball/Softball Fields with Concession Stand, Equipment Shed

McGlasson Park

Area = approx. 77 acres – undeveloped Open Land

**BELLMEAD
PRECINCT 2**

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LAVEGA ISD Facilities

Primary School

Area = approx. 2.5 acres – Playground including 2 Playscapes, 8 Swings, Open Play Fields

Elementary School

Area = approx. 3 acres – Playground, Open Play Field

Intermediate School – H P Miles Campus

Area = approx. 0.5 acres

Junior High School – George Dixon Campus

Area = approx. 5.5 acres – including Football Stadium, Track

High School

Area = approx. 6 acres – including Football Stadium, Track, Baseball Field, Softball Field, Ball Field

**McLennan County
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WEST City Facilities



West Community Park
Area = approx. 3.9 acres

- 1 - Picnic Pavilion
- 3 - Outside Picnic Tables
- 1- Playground including climbing/sliding Playscape
 - Climbing Bars
 - 6 Swings
 - 2 See Saws
 - 1 Tire Swing

- 1- 4 Goal Basketball / 2 Tennis Lighted Fenced Court
- 1 – Multipurpose Field
- Walking Trail
- Restrooms

West Community Center

- Meeting Rooms
- Restrooms

WEST City Facilities



City Hall Memorial and Gazebo

- Gazebo
- Historic Marker
- Veterans War Memorial

Katy Park

Area = approx. 0.25 acres

- Undeveloped Downtown Parklet with Train Caboose ready for restoration



Railroad Depot

Area = approx. 0.25 acres

- Downtown Landscaped Parklet with restored Railroad Depot, used as Chamber of Commerce Offices

**WEST
PRECINCT 3**

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WEST City Facilities

West Community Complex

Area = approx. 12.7 acres - West Youth Baseball Association

3 – Baseball Fields, Lighted (Kevin Doherty Field, Kiwanis Field, Veterans Field)

1 – Baseball Field (Ernie Janex Field)

Restrooms, Concession Stand, Batting Cage, Pitching Warm-Up Facility

WEST Private/ Association Facilities

Palladium

Area = approx. 0.5 acres - Swimming Pool, Privately Owned, Open to the Public

West Fest Grounds

Area = approx. 25.9 acres - West Fair and Rodeo Association / West Fest Association

WEST ISD Facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 1 acre – Playground including 2 climbing / sliding Playscapes, 12 Swings

Middle School

Area = approx. 0.5 acres – Basketball Court, Multipurpose Field

High School

Area = approx. 8 acres – Football Stadium

Area = approx. 4 acres – Track Facilities with Bleachers

Area = approx. 8 acres – Basketball Court, Multipurpose Fields, Practice Fields with Bleachers

GHOLSON City Facilities



City Park

Area = approx. 1 acre

- 1 - Picnic Shelter with 2 Picnic Tables
- 1 - Playground including climbing / sliding Playscape
 - Recycled Tire Swings and Tire Climbing Gyms
 - Swings
- 1 - Volley Ball Court
- 1 - Multipurpose Field and Batting Cage

GHOLSON ISD Facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 2 acres – including 8 Swings, Volleyball Court, Open Play Field, Batting Cages

ROSS
PECINCT 3

ROSS City Facilities

Area = approx. 4 acres – Former School Site, West ISD

- Informal Baseball Field with Backstop, Bleachers, Concession Stand and Picnic Shelter

LEROY City Facilities



City Park

Area = approx. 2 acres

- Informal Baseball Field (grass only) with Backstop and set of Bleachers

LACY-LAKEVIEW City Facilities



Live Oak Park

Area = approx. 4 acres

- 1 - Pavilion with 6 Picnic Tables
- 1 - climbing / sliding Playscape
- 1 - Climbing Gym
- Park Benches
- 1 - Play Area with swings
 - Slide
 - Park Benches
 - 2 Picnic Tables

- Playground with Gazebo and Seating
 - 3 Picnic Tables
 - Infant Swings
 - 10 Swings
- 4 - Formal Baseball Fields with Bleachers
- Basketball Court with covered picnic tables and viewing area
- Open Play Fields

LACY-LAKEVIEW City Facilities



Veterans Memorial Park

Area = approx 2.5 acres

Memorial Walk with

- POW Memorial
- Twin Towers "9/11" Memorial
- War Memorial
- Flag Stand
- Walking Trail with Memorial Benches
- Groupings of Picnic Tables and Benches under large trees

Roofed Performance Stage

Concession Stand

Playground with Swings, climbing /
sliding Playscape

Bathrooms

CONNALLY ISD Facilities

Primary School

Area = approx 1 acre – Playground including 12 Swings, 6 Benches, 3 Slides, Toddler Basketball

Former Elementary School

Area = approx 0.5 acres – informal Ball Field with Backstop, Open Play Area, Benches

Intermediate School

Area = approx 1 acre - Playground and Ball Fields

Junior High School

Area = approx 3 acres – Playground, Practice Fields

High School

Area = approx 9 acres – Football Stadium, Track, 2 Soccer Fields, 2 Baseball Fields, Softball Field, Practice Fields

**McLennan County
Precinct 4
Inventory
Of
Areas and Facilities**

**CHINA SPRINGS
PRECINCT 4**

No City Recreational Facilities

LEAGUE Facilities

China Springs Youth Athletic Association

Area = approx. 6 acres – including 4 Baseball Fields

CHINA SPRINGS ISD Facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 9 acres - Playground including Swings, Jungle Gym, Playscape and Playfield, Track around open/former football field and informal ball field with backstop

Middle School and High School

Area = approx. 10 acres – including Football Stadium, Track, Baseball and Softball Fields

Bosqueville ISD Facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 1 acre – including open Playfield

High School

Area = approx. 11 acres – including Football Stadium, Track, and Baseball Fields

VALLEY MILLS ISD Facilities

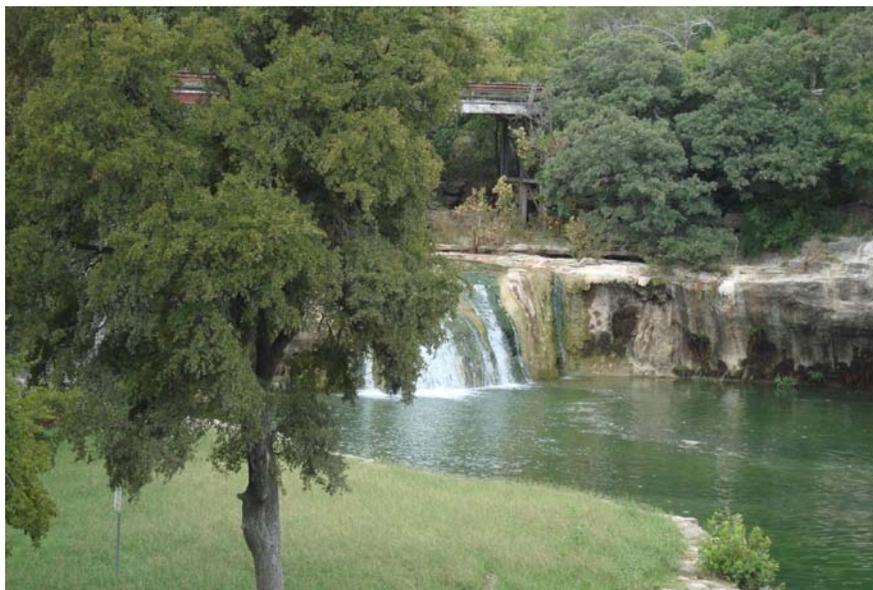
High School

Area = approx. 10 acres – including Football Stadium, Track, Baseball and Softball Fields

Elementary and Junior High School

* located in Bosque County

CRAWFORD City Facilities



Tonkawa Falls City Park

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CRAWFORD City Facilities



Tonkawa Falls City Park

Area = approx. 40 acres

*Recent Improvements/expansions developed with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant

Playground area including climbing / sliding Playscape

Walking Trail

Swimming along Tonk Creek with Bath House/ Picnic Pavilion

2 Sand Volleyball Courts

Basketball Court

Swings

RV Parking/Camping and Picnic Pavilion - each RV site with picnic table, electrical and water hookups



Community Center

Area = approx. 1 acre

CRAWFORD City Facilities



Parklet and Pirates Football / Track Stadium

Area = approx. 16 acres

Football / Track Stadium

Parklet adjoining Stadium, including:

- Gazebo
- Picnic Tables
- Swings
- Park Benches

CRAWFORD ISD Facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 2 acres – including Playground area, Open Play Field

Middle School and High School

Area = approx 26 acres – including Football Practice Field, Track, Baseball Fields

McGREGOR City Facilities



Amsler Park

Area = approx. 17.3 acres

Swimming Pool Complex with Bathhouse

1- Picnic Shelter with 3 tables

4 - Picnic Tables in open settings

2 - Six-Swing sets

1- Sliding Board

1 - Volleyball Court

4- Goal Basketball Court

Soccer Goal and open field

Informal Basketball Court with one goal

Informal Baseball Field with Back Stop, Bleachers

Walking Trail around Park and Reflecting Pond

Restrooms

McGREGOR City Facilities



Kasting Park

Area = approx. 5.8 acres

2 - Picnic Shelters with 3 Picnic Tables, each

1- Playground Area with:

- 1 Carousel
- Climbing Gym
- Monkey Bars
- 1 Slide
- 4 Seesaws

4 – Basketball Courts

Baseball Field with Backstop, Fencing, Bleachers, Concession Stand
Restrooms

McGREGOR City Facilities



Bewley Park

Area = approx. 4.5 acres

1- Picnic Shelter with 4 Picnic Tables

3 - Picnic Tables in open setting

Playground Area with:

- 3 Two-Swing sets
- 1 Climbing Gym
- 1 Slide
- 1 Carousel

Baseball Field

Fenced dual Basketball and Tennis Courts

Restrooms



Legacy Park

McGREGOR City Facilities



Legacy Park

Area = approx. 0.5 acres

- Gazebo
- 3 Park Benches
- Walkway
- Open Space



Bluebonnet Park

Area = approx. 83 acres

- 1- Playground area with Climbing Gym, Slide, Picnic Table
- 3 - Adult Baseball Fields: Ardell Field / Lechler Field / Hackney Field
- 1 - Youth Field
- Batting Cages
- Concession stand-McGregor Youth Baseball
- Open Fields with Soccer Goals

McGREGOR ISD facilities

Elementary School

Area = approx. 2 acres – including Playground area, Basketball Court

High School

Area = approx. 10 acres – including Football Stadium, Track, Baseball and Softball Fields, Tennis Courts

HEWITT City Facilities



Hewitt Park

Area = approx. 27 acres

- 1 - Large Pavilion with approx. 6 Picnic Tables, 6 Park Benches, Restrooms
- 2 - Small Shelters with 2 Picnic Tables, each
- 8 - Picnic Tables / Grills
- 1 - Playground area with:
 - 2 Slides
 - 2 Six-Swing sets
 - 2 Climbing Bars
 - 1 climbing / sliding / swinging Playscape
- 2 - Volleyball courts
- 2 - Horseshoe/Washer Courts
- 2 - Basketball Courts
- 1 - Informal Baseball/Softball Field
- 1 - Informal Soccer Field
- Open Play Fields
- Walking/Exercise Track – ½ mile

HEWITT City Facilities



Warren Park

Area = approx. 9 acres

- 1 - Large Pavilion with approx. 8 Picnic Tables, Restrooms
- 1 - Small Shelters with 2 Picnic Tables
- 1 - Playground area with:
 - 1 Slide
 - 2 Four - Swing sets
 - 2 Climbing Bars
 - 2 Jungle Gyms
 - 2 Carousels – 1 large & 1 small
 - 3 Small Spring-Mounted Riding Units
- 1 - Volleyball Court
- 1 - Basketball Court
- 1 - Informal Baseball/Softball Field
- 2 - Informal Soccer Fields
- Open Play Fields

Hewitt Community Center

Area of Center = approx. 8,000 sq. ft.

Designed and built for use by civic groups, organizations, and rental hall for wedding receptions, birthdays and holiday activities.

- 1 large room
- 4 smaller rooms, each convertible into 2 rooms
- full kitchen
- restrooms
- foyer

MIDWAY ISD Facilities

Hewitt Elementary School

Area = approx. 16.5 acres – Playground area, Open Play Field and Midway Ball Fields – 3 fields

Speegleville Elementary School

Area = approx. 7.7 acres – Playground including Swings, Climbing Bars, climbing/sliding Playscape, and Track, and Open Play Fields

Spring Valley Elementary School

Area = approx. 10 acres – Playgrounds including Swings, Climbing Bars, climbing/sliding Playscape, and Soccer Field, and Open Play Fields

Castleman Creek Elementary School

No identified recreation area; located adjacent to Hewitt Park

River Valley Intermediate School

No identified recreation area

Midway Middle School and High School

Area = approx. 40 acres - including Football Stadium, Track, Soccer Stadium, practice Fields, Football Field and Track, Baseball Field, Baseball/Softball/Soccer /Field multipurpose fields, Tennis Courts, Soccer and Open Play Fields

WOODWAY City Facilities



Poage Park

Area = approx. 5 acres

1 - Pavilion with approx. 10 Picnic Tables, Grills

1 - Gazebo with 1 Picnic Table

4 – Park Benches

5 – Picnic Tables

Restrooms

Water Fountain

1 - Playground area with:

- 1 Slide

- 8 Swings

- 2 Climbing Gyms

- 1 Carousel

- 2 Small Spring-Mounted Riding Units

1 - Volleyball Court with 2 Park Benches

Walking/Exercise Track – 1/3 mile

WOODWAY City Facilities

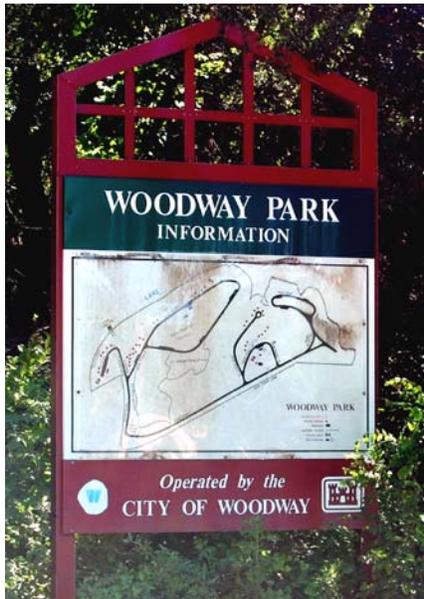


Whitehall Park

Area = approx. 12 acres

- 1 - Pavilion with approx. 6 Picnic Tables, Grills
- 1 - Small Shelter with 2 Picnic Tables, grills
- 4 – Park Benches
- Restrooms
- Water Fountain
- 1 - Playground area with:
 - 1 Slide
 - 2 sets of 4 Swings, each
 - 2 climbing/sliding Playscapes
 - 1 Climbing Arch
 - 1 Carousel
 - 3 Small Spring-Mounted Riding Units
- 2 - Tennis Courts
- 1 - Volleyball Court
- 1 - Basketball Court
- Walking/Exercise Track – 4/10 mile

WOODWAY City Facilities



Woodway Park

Leased from the Corps of Engineers and part of the Corps of Engineers Lake Waco System
Area = approx. 86 acres

Beach Area:

- 6 Picnic Tables
- BBQ Grill
- 2 Park Benches

Park 1

- 8 Picnic Tables
- Pavilion with 4 Picnic Tables and BBQ Grill
- Playground Equipment
- Sand Volleyball Court
- 2 informal ball fields

Park 1

- 16 Picnic Tables
- Pavilion with 4 Picnic Tables and BBQ Grill
- 18 Hole Disc Golf Course
- Nature Trail

WOODWAY City Facilities



Woodway Elementary Park

Area = approx. 3.4 Acres

*Sponsored by City of Woodway and Woodway Elementary PTA

Constructed with funding assistance through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

1 – Playground area with climbing/sliding Playscape

Walking / Exercise Track - 1/8 mile

Open Softball / Soccer Play Field



Woodway Family Center

Area = approx. 1.7 acres with approx. 12,000 sq. ft. building

Facility providing children's:

T-Ball, Coach Pitch Baseball, Basketball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball

WOODWAY City Facilities



Carleen Bright Arboretum

16 acres with 6 acres of Formal Gardens

- Amphitheater / Concert Green with covered Gazebo
- 1800 sq ft (rental hall) Center with 1000 sq ft outdoor terrace
- Nature Trail
- Restrooms

LEAGUE Facilities

Broughton Baseball Complex – Midway Little League

Area = approx. 7 acres – including 3 Baseball Fields

MIDWAY ISD Facilities

Woodway Elementary School

See Woodway Elementary Park

South Bosque Elementary School

Area = approx. 4.6 acres – Playground including Swings, Climbing Bars, climbing/sliding Playscape

Appendix B

Public Survey

Results

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**Does your McLennan County household believe we need more recreational facilities?
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We thank you for your participation.



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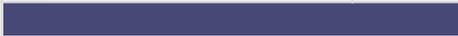
Is it important for McLennan County to provide parks, trails and recreational facilities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			348	74.0 %
No			113	24.0 %
No Response(s)			9	1.9 %
Totals			470	100%

Is it important for the County to assist local governments with parks and recreational facilities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			347	73.8 %
No			114	24.2 %
No Response(s)			9	1.9 %
Totals			470	100%

If the County partnered, sought grants and leveraged funds would your household support funding a County Parks and Recreation Department?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			306	65.1 %
No			153	32.5 %
No Response(s)			11	2.3 %
Totals			470	100%

For Senior Adults, ages 65+, in your household, check the top 5 types of recreational facilities most visited:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis			8	2.4 %
Walking/Jogging			90	27.6 %
Bicycling			25	7.6 %
Horseback Riding			4	1.2 %
Baseball/Softball			9	2.7 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football			5	1.5 %
Fishing/Boating			55	16.9 %
Sport Hunting/Shooting			22	6.7 %
Camping			39	12.0 %
Historic/Archeological Activities			44	13.5 %
Swimming Pools			25	7.6 %
Horse Shoes & Washers			5	1.5 %
Basketball/Volleyball			10	3.0 %
Indoor Recreation Center			35	10.7 %
Bird/Wildlife Viewing			39	12.0 %
Picnicking & Playgrounds			43	13.2 %
Rollerblade/Skating Boarding			2	<1 %
Disc golf			3	<1 %
Gardens/Arboretum			65	20.0 %
Do not use recreational facilities or parks / No Senior Adults in household			189	58.1 %
Other			29	8.9 %
Totals			325	100%

For Adults, ages 18-64, in your household , check the top 5 types of recreational facilities most visited:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis			37	8.8 %
Walking/Jogging			267	64.0 %
Bicycling			140	33.5 %
Horseback Riding			22	5.2 %
Baseball/Softball			45	10.7 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football			42	10.0 %
Fishing/Boating			135	32.3 %
Sport Hunting/Shooting			56	13.4 %
Camping			131	31.4 %
Historic/Archeological Activities			75	17.9 %
Swimming Pools			119	28.5 %
Horse Shoes & Washers			8	1.9 %
Basketball/Volleyball			32	7.6 %
Indoor Recreation Center			66	15.8 %
Bird/Wildlife Viewing			68	16.3 %
Picnicking & Playgrounds			179	42.9 %
Rollerblade/Skating Boarding			18	4.3 %
Disc golf			32	7.6 %
Gardens/Arboretum			138	33.0 %
Do not use recreational facilities or parks / No Adults in household			51	12.2 %
Other			39	9.3 %
Totals			417	100%

For Children and Teenagers, ages to 17 years old, in your household, check the top 5 types of recreational facilities most visited:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis			21	6.0 %
Walking/Jogging			78	22.5 %
Bicycling			77	22.2 %
Horseback Riding			13	3.7 %
Baseball/Softball			47	13.5 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football			63	18.2 %
Fishing/Boating			50	14.4 %
Sport Hunting/Shooting			17	4.9 %
Camping			61	17.6 %
Historic/Archeological Activities			19	5.4 %
Swimming Pools			110	31.7 %
Horse Shoes & Washers			1	<1 %
Basketball/Volleyball			35	10.1 %
Indoor Recreation Center			43	12.4 %
Bird/Wildlife Viewing			9	2.6 %
Picnicking & Playgrounds			107	30.9 %
Rollerblade/Skating Boarding			28	8.0 %
Disc golf			10	2.8 %
Gardens/Arboretum			26	7.5 %
Do not use recreational facilities or parks / No Children in household			160	46.2 %
Other			13	3.7 %
Totals			346	100%

List top 3 reasons your household has not visited public parks or recreational facilities.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
We do not know where the parks or trails are			80	20.0 %
Recreational facilities are not maintained			81	20.3 %
Our favorite sport facility/field is not provided			57	14.2 %
Picnic pavilion reservation difficult			30	7.5 %
Too few parks and recreational facilities			158	39.5 %
No transportation to parks or recreational facility			5	1.2 %
Few facilities for mobility impaired			17	4.2 %
We do not have enough time to visit parks			94	23.5 %
Not enough time to participate in recreational activities			65	16.2 %
Parks and recreational facilities too far away			87	21.8 %
Fees too costly for our household			58	14.5 %
Security is lacking			124	31.0 %
Other			81	20.3 %
Totals			399	100%

How much time would you spend to travel to a large park or recreational facility?

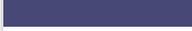
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	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						435	3.6

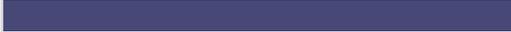
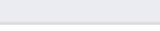
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Would your household support the County acquiring and developing open spaces? And if so in what ways would you support.

(Check all that apply)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Acquire open space and develop for parks and recreational uses			238	54.9 %
Acquire open space for passive parks with limited recreational uses			97	22.4 %
Acquire open space to not develop the land, preserving a natural area			137	31.6 %
Acquire open space for future parks and recreational uses			158	36.4 %
No new open space should be acquired			125	28.8 %
Totals			433	100%

Why would you want the County to fund development and maintenance of parks and recreation? (Check the top 3 only)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
To encourage health and fitness for our households			272	74.1 %
To bring tourists to the County			86	23.4 %
To encourage families to move to the County			79	21.5 %
To attract new higher technology and advanced manufacturing companies and employees			92	25.0 %
To improve property values			106	28.8 %
To preserve important natural or historical areas of the County			175	47.6 %
To promote safe activities and encourage households to meet others			212	57.7 %
To provide for senior, mobility impaired and other special groups facilities			91	24.7 %
Totals			367	100%

Check top 5 types of parks and recreational needs you most want for Senior Adults, ages 65+.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis Courts			13	3.4 %
Children's Playgrounds			25	6.6 %
Walking/Jogging /Horse Riding Trails			105	27.8 %
Baseball/Softball Fields			1	<1 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football Fields			2	<1 %
Fishing/Boating Ramps			54	14.3 %
Hunting/Shooting Sports Facilities			34	9.0 %
Bicycling Trails/Lanes			33	8.7 %
Historic/Archeological/ Nature Viewing Sites			73	19.3 %
Overnight Camping Facilities			37	9.8 %
Basketball/Volleyball Courts			1	<1 %
Indoor Recreation Center			42	11.1 %
Gardens/Arboretum			73	19.3 %
Picnic Shelters/Pavilions			51	13.5 %
Swimming Pool			27	7.1 %
Swimming Beach at Lakes			17	4.5 %
Washers & Horse Shoes			16	4.2 %
Rollerblade/Skate Park			2	<1 %
Disc Golf Course			5	1.3 %
No Senior Adults in household			213	56.4 %
Other			39	10.3 %
Totals			377	100%

Check top 5 types of parks and recreational needs you most want for Adults, ages 18-64.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis Courts			46	11.8 %
Children's Playgrounds			98	25.3 %
Walking/Jogging /Horse Riding Trails			241	62.2 %
Baseball/Softball Fields			38	9.8 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football Fields			35	9.0 %
Fishing/Boating Ramps			95	24.5 %
Hunting/Shooting Sports Facilities			62	16.0 %
Bicycling Trails/Lanes			154	39.7 %
Historic/Archeological/ Nature Viewing Sites			126	32.5 %
Overnight Camping Facilities			118	30.4 %
Basketball/Volleyball Courts			36	9.3 %
Indoor Recreation Center			78	20.1 %
Gardens/Arboretum			114	29.4 %
Picnic Shelters/Pavilions			104	26.8 %
Swimming Pool			109	28.1 %
Swimming Beach at Lakes			72	18.6 %
Washers & Horse Shoes			10	2.5 %
Rollerblade/Skate Park			21	5.4 %
Disc Golf Course			23	5.9 %
No Adults in household			18	4.6 %
Other			55	14.2 %
Totals			387	100%

Check top 5 types of parks and recreational needs you most want for Children and Teenagers, ages to 17 years old.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis Courts			34	9.2 %
Children's Playgrounds			134	36.4 %
Walking/Jogging /Horse Riding Trails			88	23.9 %
Baseball/Softball Fields			48	13.0 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football Fields			65	17.6 %
Fishing/Boating Ramps			35	9.5 %
Hunting/Shooting Sports Facilities			22	5.9 %
Bicycling Trails/Lanes			75	20.3 %
Historic/Archeological/ Nature Viewing Sites			28	7.6 %
Overnight Camping Facilities			51	13.8 %
Basketball/Volleyball Courts			43	11.6 %
Indoor Recreation Center			64	17.3 %
Gardens/Arboretum			32	8.6 %
Picnic Shelters/Pavilions			42	11.4 %
Swimming Pool			91	24.7 %
Swimming Beach at Lakes			45	12.2 %
Washers & Horse Shoes			2	<1 %
Rollerblade/Skate Park			32	8.6 %
Disc Golf Course			15	4.0 %
No Children in household			152	41.3 %
Other			35	9.5 %
Totals			368	100%

How important are partnerships and cost sharing for the development and maintenance of parks, recreational facilities and preserved open space areas?

1 = Very important, 2 = Somewhat important, 3 = Not important, 4 = Not sure

	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
					421	1.8

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

When did your household last visit Tradinghouse Creek Reservoir County Park?

1 = 1 month ago, 2 = 6 months ago, 3 = 1 or more years ago, 4 = Have not visited

	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
					433	3.7

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Which partners are important for the County to share the costs with?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Local Cities			306	72.8 %
Local Business			191	45.4 %
Civic Groups			198	47.1 %
Private Individuals			139	33.0 %
Other			58	13.8 %
Totals			420	100%

Would your household support the use of user fees to support the development and maintenance of County parks and recreational facilities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			277	58.9 %
No			153	32.5 %
No Response(s)			40	8.5 %
Totals			470	100%

Would your household support the use of County general funds to support the development and maintenance of County parks and recreational facilities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			297	63.1 %
No			135	28.7 %
No Response(s)			38	8.0 %
Totals			470	100%

Number of people in your household?

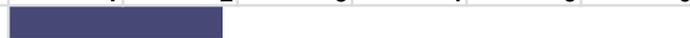
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	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						420	2.8

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Your household ages are (specify number of in each category)

1 = 0, 2 = 1, 3 = 2, 4 = 3, 5 = 4, 6 = 5 or more

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	6	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Under 5							122	1.9
5-9							115	1.7
10-19							146	2.1
20-45							238	2.6
46-64							247	2.3
65+							146	2.1

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Location of your household

1 = Precinct 1, 2 = Precinct 2, 3 = Precinct 3, 4 = Precinct 4

	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
					415	2.8

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

List your household Zip code

Answers

Number of Response(s)

Postal Code

427

Other comments

225 Response(s)

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Post Card Response Comments

PRECINCT 1

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76524 - We would support the County partnering with other cities, etc. to further develop and maintain parks, especially in the smaller towns where park space is very limited. We would not expect this to be a large budget item and would not expect it to require a full blown parks and rec department.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76557 - Please consider southern McLennan County. Thank you.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76557 - needs money spent on maintaining county roads instead of getting more parks or entertaining facilities. Taxes are too high and the intent for taxes was to help all people in the county, not just a few. People have too much entertaining now and they are growing up not knowing how to work for something, or even knowing how to work at all.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76557 - Advertising of currently available facilities would improve utilization. We are currently unaware of local parks other than Mother Neff, and have no idea of what facilities/activities are available there.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76630 - We would like to see more hunting areas and boat ramps/fishing access.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76643 - I am a regular user of Cameron Park and Lake Waco Dam. I would like to see more hike and bike trails closer to the Hewitt area.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76643 - A nice park that the whole family could have some good clean fun at would be great for the entire family.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76643 - thanks for pursuing this endeavor

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76643 - A bike/running trail connecting metro area parks, allowing riding or running between parks without coming into contact with auto traffic.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76643 - I fully support the development of new parks and rec options, but I currently only regularly use those without a user fee.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76643 - Playgrounds and parks with adaptations for mobility challenged individuals would draw a lot of attention for community support locally and statewide. See: Morgan's Wonderland in San Antonio.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - A main priority of any park should be the use of renewable resources in generating electricity, maintenance, etc. for the park. Recycling areas on park grounds will greatly help keep parks clean as well as educate children on the local, national, & global benefits of recycling.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - Would not mind paying a boat launch fee at Trading house to improve the boat ramps. Would also like to see no camping signs posted around boat ramps.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - More recreational facilities, more visitors to the area, more potential for growth.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - These things cost money and where will you get the money? From the property owners in McLennan Co. Our property taxes are closing in on \$2000 very quickly. We can wish for a lot of things but we can't afford more taxes. Please do not saddle the residents of McLennan Co. with anymore taxes.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - must have restrooms. doing the work and mant. of any park or rec. location. keep the users informed we like knowing whats going on .thank you.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - The Lorena area needs a park and swimming area

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - We need a park in the Lorena Area!!!

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - Dog Parks are needed. Grants need to be written to support parks and rec.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - I would like to see parks and swimming pools in the suburban areas, not only the inner city. Too far to drive for working parents. One central city park, however, is important. If New York had not designated park space for Central Park, what would it be? Just another cement metropolis.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - Definitely need to develop a VERY NICE PARK surrounding the Bullhide Creek Project underway near Lorena. Rural residents are receiving no benefits from the plant, had no representatives to defend them against this atrocity, so make something magnificent to make the site as attractive as possible.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76657 - there are minimal hiking trails less than 90 minutes away from Waco except Cameron Park and Mother Neff State Park

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76691 - DO NOT USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE TO RAISE TAXES!!! THE COMMISSIONERS NEED TO SPEND 99% OF THEIR TIME WORKING TO FIND WAYS TO CUT!!!! TAXES!!!! THE TAX RATES OF THIS COUNTY ARE BEYOND DISGRACEFUL!!!! JIM LEWIS NEEDS TO BE FIRED AND WHOEVER TAKES HIS PLACE NEEDS TO CUT TAXES OR BE FIRED AS WELL!!!!!!!

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - The County Government should stay out of parks and recreation business.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - Model FW & Austin as eco- & ergonomic outdoor-friendly cities. FW has many unique outdoor sculptures and museums. Austin has many funky shops, cafes & greenways. We also need a lot higher tree density to help shade the hot summer days. People need some sites of interest to get them out & then some protection from the heat when they do.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - I am an outdoorsy person and love parks, etc. I would support development of these type areas so long as it does not take away from the normal operationing activities of the county, including a tax increase to offset and revenue used from the general fund.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - I would love to have a nice park to take my children to. One that I could enjoy as much as them. And I believe if there is a fee for entry that the park should always be maintained. There really is no one clean AND safe place around Waco to have fun. I would love to enjoy my town a lot more!

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - Do not spend more money. If anything cut your spending. We have to much government.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - Increase access to Cooper's Crossing, and Lake Waco like it was in the 70's, ATV. Add RV & primitive camping along the middle and north bosque rivers. It doesn't have to be great just provide the access and ask the people to help secure it and maintain it.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - We could still have access to Patricks Crossing if Ray Meadows would just open the damn area back up like it used to be.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - Security is a major concern at parks. The roads around Trading House Lake are so bad most people that visit the area won't return. Without decent roads and a secure feeling, this area will continue to attract the thug types looking to rob, pillage, and plunder..

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - Before money is spent to develop parks, more money is needed to be spent on supporting the volunteer fire departments that respond to calls in the county. What Judge Lewis has done to keep this support down is totally irresponsible. Then money needs to be found to develop a narcotics unit in the county. Then worry about the parks.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - This survey is biased to get the result of "geez, the people really want McLennan County to blow money on parks, whether through direct acquisition and operation or through cost share." I do not share that view. I value parks, but rural residents have limited expectation of park access, and city residents get them from their city government.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76708 - Any parks would have to be handicap accrsible.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76710 - Who was pushing for this survey?

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76710 - We have other needs in the county for limited revenue. Taxes are high enough.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76710 - This is not the time economically to follow leisure pursuits. If private funds can be used, or user fees are used for funding, this would be a great idea. We are already taxed enough, and basic needs are all that tax revenue should be used for at this time. Families have to live on a reasonable budget, and the government should also.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76710 - We need things to do & to increase & stimulate growth. Something & someone has to, & needs to jumpstart growth. We are at a stalemart & are hurting. We have always been a decade behind the times, & our leaders need to get us up with the rest of the cities & towns. Please help us increase our curtual value & give us places to go & things to do.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76710 - It is sad to see so many of our natural areas made sterile by development. Lake Waco is near to inaccessible unless you pay, own an RV or want to walk on unshaded gravel at the "beach". Also sad is that a city/county this size has no off leash dog park and no vision for it. Current leaders see no need. Bad city for dog lovers.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76711 - yes i being wondering for years why oak wood park never received the water playground basically everybody else has it

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - Clean up around Lake Waco. There are areas that are a poor site to see in certain areas. Patrol more on the lake. These Jet Ski drivers have no respect for others on the lake. This is why I prefer to take my family and friends to Lake Belton.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - we love to camp as a family and would definitely love to have more spaces to visit and do hiking. Also a listing somewhere online that is more user friendly to navigate. thanks.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - county taxes are to high for seniors now and with adding parks this would only raise them

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - any general tax increase to fund this plan is unacceptable.. User fees, public- private partnerships from all vested parties must be present.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - I would love a jogging/bike trail in Hewitt/West Waco

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - Really would be nice to have a park dedicated to Chuck Slough, he tried to help kids all his life. Lets do something for the kids and Chucks memory. THANKS

PRECINCT 2

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76624 - I support a fee for any Park as long as the fee is reasonable.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76624 - 3 MAJOR ATV STORES IN WACO-NO WHERE TO RIDE SINCE SHUTTING DOWN LAKE WACO. WE TRAVEL ALL OVER TO TRAIL RIDE OUR ATV'S. THIS WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE A CLOSE PLACE FOR A SUNDAY RIDE AGAIN. THANKS.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76643 – We have plenty of parks and recreational areas now and we don't need to spend money on that in these economic times. There are much more important things to spend the money on.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76643 - We need more handicap friendly facilities

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76664 - Why have governments of any kind---city up to national---decided that they have to tax and spend. You are just looking for something to spend money on---things that are not needed.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76664 - Parks & Rec has its place in the county budget. The purpose of a budget is to allocate funds for a particular service. Use the budget!!!

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76664 - The County needs to spend money to improve Tradinghouse Lake. It needs a campground with rv hook-ups. Since the Corps of Engineers now charge a fee to enter Lake Waco parks, all the people are coming out to Tradinghouse to drink and participate in illegal activities. Please invest time and money on improving Tradinghouse Lake.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76664 - I think that we already have enough parks for the people that are interested in going. Put the money to better use for something that everybody can use and not just a few.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76702 - Another county project would become another layer to snow-ball and the tax payer will eventually foot the bill. In case no one has noticed the senior population is maxed as to what we can afford in these times. There are no extra \$\$\$\$\$\$ to take on another co. project. Thank you for the input survey. Stressed taxpayer.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - Other Texas counties provide river and stream access at road crossings for fishing and launching of boats and canoes. Local land owners fence off State and County road right of ways as if they owned the rivers and streams (as an example the Middle Bosque)of Texas. Few boat ramps or public fishing piers are available in McLennan county. Thank you.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - A park similar to the CoE or State Parks could work but would need daily maintenance and constant security. Reasonable fees should be charged and concession should be considered.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - Before the County spends money on a (Park)it should spend the money on roads, bridges and current public areas that are in need of repair. Monthie Rd. at Little tahuanan creek needs a bridge badly to prevent flooding. Commissioners Mashec and Gibson says no funds available. So where's money available for a park?

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - At this time, I feel parks & trails and such should be at the bottom of the pile.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - People do not visit certain parks in the city because of the crime and unsafeness. Cameron Park is a beautiful place to want to visit but it is not safe at certain times of the day.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - Need a big water park like Summer Fun USA. A big park with lots of lights/restrooms,playgrounds, trails for walking,bycling,running,lots of benches to sit down/with friends/family where u can spend the evening/night.WACO NEEDS A PLACE TO RELAX AND ENJOY OUSTSIDE.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - We are a low income family and would love to visit the parks around us but cannot afford the cost of gasoline to get to the parks and then have to pay to use the park for a day. They are beautiful and it is a shame the children are missing out on what they have to offer.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - Waco is large enough to have at least 1 city swimming pool if not more.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - This survey in no way should be looked at as a proposal to raise taxes for a parks project; the questions are VERY skewed! This is the WRONG TIME for yet another taxing entity to raise tax rates!!!

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - Our #1 wish is for a walking trail in the Robinson area.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - I support the Chuck Slough Playground project and the McLennan County public places (parks) funding efforts.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - I believe McLennan County has exceptional parks and no additional funds need to be spent except to maintain parks. The county should help Waco cover maintenance cost for Cameron park and lake Waco since many residence outside of Waco enjoy these parks.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76706 - We are not aware of any recreational provisions in the Waco area with specific attention to handicapped children. Surely this is a population with great need for exercise and fun--often difficult for families to fund. Could be a good mix with children/families having no handicaps and foster better understanding/acceptance.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76707 - Why are there no park options where dogs can be off leash?

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76707 - Bring on the parks! Turn the old Hillcrest parking lot into a park!

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76707 - The funding of parks and recreational areas should be a budget line item in the County Budget. The funding should not come from the General Fund.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76707 - i think we need more things for toddlers, more educational but cheap some people can not afford to pay so much. Bigger play area's for toddlers, more safer. I also use a wheelchair for me it is hard to get to the playground for my children. So easier access would be nice.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76707 - The issue with user fees for residents is that if property taxes will increase and residents will inadvertently be contributing towards the cost of new recreation facilities/grounds. Perhaps a user fee for persons outside of the county would be reasonable. The fee would need to be reasonable enough to not deter use by persons from other counties.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76710 - We supported the bond issue for Cameron Park. We are over 65 and use the trails there. We support anything that improves Waco as a place to live including McLennan County. We are not in Kelly Snell's area, but feel that he has added youth and interest to be performing as an excellent commissioner. Needs better cooperation among commissioners.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76710 - This is not the time to be spending money. Don't be part of the problem. NO NEW TAXES or INCREASES. Please, we're begging you.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76710 - We want local overnight camping opportunities. We go to the hill country for camping because of the lack of local facilities (or if there are some, the lack of advertising). We'll typically spend \$250 in food , camping and travel expenses which we would like to stay here. Also, the neighborhood parks in Waco need help with their tennis courts.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76710 - I strongly support the inclusion of the Chuck Slough Playground in the Master Plan

PRECINCT 3

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76633 - In todays economy the county funds should be used for basic/necessary projects.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76640 - dont add to county tax so a few can play!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - In the current economic crisis going on at all levels of government, I wouldn't support raising taxes for recreational facilities. Grants, partnership with businesses or civic groups, and a nominal use fee would be things that make sense for these types of facilities.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Any type of new parks need to be distributed throughout the county and well managed.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - With our worsening economy, it is imperative for our county to quit spending and save.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - No new recreational facilities are needed for our county. Money needs to go for road paving first. Our county precinct is in dire need of paved roads and tax dollars should fund that first.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Please pave our county roads before using money for recreation!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - We really need our tax dollars to pay for paving our roads before used on recreational facilities.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Please PAVE OUR ROADS with our tax money!!!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Being new to Central Texas I am not aware of all the facilities available. My family does enjoy all aspects of the outdoors. I feel it is very important to not develop every piece of land. I would like to get invovled to assist with any project planning and implementation. Becky Oppermann - 254-548-6919

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - There are plent of recreational places to visit already and we older Medicare citizens do not need any more tax increases. We can't afford them now.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - We already support a zoo and H.O.T. If a facility can not be self sufficient without county dollars [our taxes going up more] then it is not needed. We are retired and on a fixed income. My husband is disabled. NO MORE TAX INCREASES!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Could we PAVE OUR ROADS with tax money before spending on parks??

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Our family needs a paved road in front of our property and we wouldn't need a park to walk or ride bikes in! Paving our roads should be done before any money is spent on parks!!!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Tax dollars should be used to pave our roads. Don't see parks as a priority until paving of the roads we use every day is done. We live east of West and this area is lagging way behind the rest of the county in number of paved roads. Please help our everyday lives be better by paving our roads before worrying about parks.

Parks are good to have but we need to have our roads paved in our precinct much more than we need parks. When ALL our roads are PAVED, then we can think about spending money for parks and recreation.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - City of Waco, Baylor, West ISD & MCC have all the parks and recreation facilities that McLennan county needs. Eventually, there would be a property tax levied to support these new parks. Our property taxes already went up \$1200 this year. NO NEW PARKS!!!! Use this money to fix the sorry road in front of our home that you tax to death.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - we will deal with you come election time. were in a recession. lower taxes and quit spending money.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - I would love to have a dog park within 10 or 15 minute drive of my house to take my jack russell terriers to run around.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - Need less spending and less Taxes - Federal state county and city.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - Please do not spend our tax dollars on more parks if there are debts that could be paid down instead.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - The city of Waco should lead in park development and maintenance. McLennan county should have few, if any, county parks. McLennan county does not need to add to the already heavy bureaucratic county government. Use of taxes for revenue funding of parks should be minimal at best.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - If I pay taxes to build and maintain parks I should not then be forced to pay to use them. We need more individual sports facilities rather than group facilities. After the age of about 30 to 35 it is difficult to find teams or time to participate in group sports.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - Taxes are too high now. The current facilities need to be more secure and maintained before building more.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - I believe there are lot of great recreational areas already in Waco and surrounding areas, but it doesn't seem like much is done to publicize these places. Maybe annually a flyer could be sent out to McLennan county households that shows locations, activities, hours and fees (if applicable) of our local recreation areas. It could help.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - County needs to partner with local govt's for providing parks, not compete

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - during these difficult economic times it is not the time to be taking on new expenditures

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - More activities or locations are needed for our younger generation. Compared to other cities/counties, we are not doing all that we can be doing for our younger generation. This would allow them to stay out of trouble or give them something else to do. Other families would also be willing to get involved. Think about it, other places do prosper!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - We need a multi-basketball court weight room facility like they have in temple and killeen. Also need an indoor track and racquetball courts. The Dewey needs to be remodeled and renovated as well as the Bledsoe. We need more dollars spent to upgrade the facilities in E waco and N waco.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - Need more parks with no charge or yearly passes that include all parks in county, city, state.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - If we have a surplus amount of money, then why are taxes being increased? That is the message McLennan County is sending out! How about a tax cut for a change, especially of an employed individual paying his taxes.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76706 - I also think many people would support an area to ride ATV's. There are nor ATV facilities for hundreds of miles, this could be a real money maker for the Counties Parks and recreation department. The Middle bosque river is a big area for fishing especially during the white bass run. Kayaker. What about primitive camping there.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76707 - Maintain what we have now. Buy more land later when economy is better.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76707 - Probably need to take a hard look at the economy, but a good future idea

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76707 - I really hope you make major improvments to our camaron park I love being out there but most of the time it doesn't feel safe to take walks. More security both day and night would be great. Even having food stands out by the water would bring more people out. Hope this helps. I hope ya do this more often asking me advise. Thats great.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76708 - It is not safe for white people to vist parks on this side of town.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76708 - I can't believe with as many pet owners there are, the choice for a dog park was not included/

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76708 - This is not a county function. The county's role is already defined by law. Don't try to expand it.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76708 - Tell the city of Waco when they close the Waco Dam trail for months on end they prevent me from cycling around the county. I spend about \$1000.00 a month on food from local Restaurants and bicycle parts from local bussinesses. No cycling; no need to replace Calories or parts; no need to spend my disposable income therefore no sales tax.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - We need shooting sports facilities to promote safe, recreational use of firearms. If kids would have a park that was maintained with a fee they would have somewhere to go skateboarding. Disc golf courses needs to be maintained better too.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - what is the annual use rate for each facility by age group. in other words who benefits versus who pays.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - Our current economic circumatances do not warrant non-essential spending! (If we have funds to spare, let's reduce taxes!!!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - no new taxes should be added

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - There is no need for additional recreational facilities. There are already plenty of places to enjoy the outdoors and plenty of indoor recreational facilities also. No need to spend more money on this.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - We do not need more expenses for the taxpayers to foot the bill. Who's idea is this about expanding county government due our economic climate?

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - Waco needs a Concrete Skate park!!! Just for skateboarders.....We travel to roundrock tx and other cities to enjoy their facilities..... please consider a concrete skate park for Waco!!!! please!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - cut county spending and property taxes

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - I would like to see backpacking areas (long trails that lead to places where you can camp overnight).

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - In light of the present economy and the high property taxes in this county, I would not be in favor of spending additional funds on parks at this time if it in ANY way would add to the tax burden on Waco homeowners!

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - This park would need to be well kept up and even have an off leash and onleash dog area

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - Serve on a committee for the creation of the Chuck Slough Playground, a project of the Waco Kiwanis Club, and so very much support the creation of a park for special needs persons.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - I think preserving natural areas, and providing hiking and biking trails is extremely important as we move into the 21st century. Have parks similar to state parks or Cameron Park that provide some developed ares with easy access to natural areas.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76712 - We Really support Chuck Slough barrier free playground. Thank you to Judge Lewis

PRECINCT 4

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76633- look forward to some development.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76633- Do not waste taxpayer money on parks and recreation facilities. We are broke in this country and cannot afford more spending. Quit wasting money on things that are luxuries (e.g., parks). Why is it so difficult for government to CUT spending? NO NEW SPENDING ON ANYTHING!!!! Do you understand???

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76633- I would like to see a park for people with disabilities.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76638 - This is not an acceptable expense of county funds/tax money. Tax rates and burdens are already excessive in todays economy

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76638 - why are looking for ways to spend tax dollars? Government employees are all the same, spend- spend- spend. Hurry Jesus, please come and rescue us from politicians, and other government employees

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - Developed open space is a great idea. Not enough people know and use existing trails, though. Proximity is key. Lack of Public pools for HS and neighborhoods should be fixed. Each community should have a pool to go to. Other things are available if you seek them out. Doesn't mean that more trails, parks,wouldn't be beneficial to our community.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - Will you please provide me with a copy of all the questions in this survey. I would like to use it as a local example in the classes I teach. My email is chris_wynveen@baylor.edu

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - Roads and bridges in this county need improving before parks are built and maintained.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - We need more space that encourage people to get out and in the community. The more people are out, the healthier, safer and happier we are. Please please build dog parks. We wouldlove to have a place to bring our dogs to socialize while we socialze. We seemt to be the only area our size to not have something like that.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - Would love to see the development of a barrier-free playground for handicapped kids.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - Just moved to this area from Charleston, SC. We greatly miss the green belts and parks available to us there. While the terrain and natural resources of this county can't match the variety of the SC coastline, municipalities and county can work together to create spaces enhancing the aesthetic value of this area, like parks/trails/protected areas.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - While we would normally be highly supportive of spending tax dollars for new recreational facilities, the current national, state, and local economic climate necessitates that non-essential spending be eliminated. After the economy recovers, normal employment levels return, and personal income growth returns, we will definitely support more parks.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - Hewitt really needs more shaded parks for kids to play in. Right now we take our son to Poage Park in Hewitt, which is really nice.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76655 - As long as taxes don't go up and as long as there are no new taxes of any kind, parks are a great idea. We are taxed too much as it is...

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76657 - You should be developing more sites on the west side of McLennan County as so many households are being added... i.e. Hidden Valley Subdivision

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76657 - Maintaining roads and law enforcement should be the main role of the county, not development of parks.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76657 - Gaining a government bond would be a good way to pay for one.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76657 - We definitely need more parks.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76657 - The county should be in the business of public safety and roads only.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76705 - We need more/some bike lanes.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - Make fee structure, if implemented, more costly for non-resident users

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - What we need in McLennan County are some open spaces that the public can use to walk (where pets are allowed to be off leash). A big enough space would provide room for a number of different recreational opportunities.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - I would support anything I can take my Grandchildren to. We love the Mayborn Museum, Dr. Pepper Museum, Pecan Bottoms, I could go on and on. So much for me to make memories with my Grandchildren - THANK YOU Waco. I am one of your biggest fans!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - No one will stay/move here if we don't have more parks, trails and open space. Look to larger cities who understand this. Study situations (such as Austin and San Ant) where tech companies chose to locate (or not) because there were few places for employees (esp younger ones) to enjoy. This area won't prosper without parks!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - I've often wondered why they don't do something at the old Lions Park and put in a really nice swimming pool and just redo the whole complex

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - safe places to ride bicycles,skates, 4wheelers, etc. Would also like to see promotion of wearing helmets during these activities.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - We live in the China Spring area and the only recreations we have close in the Waco Water Park. My daughters do not play softball, so I am not including River Bend. I know that recreation facilities are, most likely, not possible in our area, as we can't even get street signs!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - We are in the developement in China Spring (under Waco). We have no parks or anything for the kids out here to play. We are having issues with kids destroying things because **Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708** - they are bored. They need somewhere to play safely. Cars drive to fast on the roads for kids to ride thier bikes. We Desperatly Need A Park! Please.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - I sm sure more people have dogs and would use a dog park more than there are that play disk golf.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - It would be great to develop and monitor Patrick Crossing on the Brazos river near the community of Patrick as a scenic, preserved, natural environment with a restroom and trash pickup provided.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - No more taxes-----Open spaces do nothing but cause prices for homes to go up, up, up! We, the tax payers have had enough !!!!!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - Nothing to generate additional taxes. Taxes have risen to high at this time.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - The China Spring Area has needed a great park for a long time.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - I support the Kiwanis Club of Waco sponsored Chuck Slough Playground project.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - We would like more park options for our 4 year old and to get him into parks & recreation sports rather than the private clubs sports. We "stumble" upon new facilities- wish we knew where they all were. What keeps us from some parks we know of is a security concern. Thank you for turning your attention to this matter and soliciting our feedback.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76710 - Let the economic situation improve before doing anything.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76710 - Do NOT go into the park and rec business. There are MANY more needs in this county. Health care for the indigent, libraries street and roads....stay out of the park and rec we tax payers cannot afford this! NO NO NO

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76710 - would really like a lit basketball court in waco. only ones are at schools which you cant play at, baylor can play unless you attend, or are run down and not worth playing on

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76710 - CUT COUNTY SPENDING ANYWHERE POSSIBLE

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76710 -Let's get all the parks we can. Please do not pave over Lake Air Driving Range. The people of the county USE the driving Range and do not need and would not use another parking lot!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76710 -Terrible map graphic. Should be able to enlarge to better identify actual precinct.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76710 -my household would support paying fees to use parks, but too many households in Waco are unable to do so. I feel strongly that parks should be available to all households, not just the ones that can afford to pay. Thanks for asking!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - COUNTY FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR ITEMS MORE NECESSARY THAN ADDITIONAL PARKS, ESPECIALLY WHEN MOST OUTDOOR FACILITIES ARE SEASONAL ANYWAY.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - Cameron Park is a scary place after dark. Please get more police to patrol it at night. People drink and do drugs out there. What is the solution to stopping that activity...?

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - taxes are already too high

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - The precinct map is very hard to read. Can barely read names of highways, cities. When the survey is completed, I'd very much appreciate a copy.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - DO NOT RAISE TAXES

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - This is not a good economic time to worry about spending taxpayer money on parks. The county needs to learn to live within their means and quit taxing homeowners for everything they want. We already pay for too much that we don't use.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - do not send any money on rec fact. thank you

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - Would love to see walking/jogging/biking trails to enjoy.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - Park development in conjunctions with others grants etc may sound beneficial small investment but the continuing cost for O&M would be a burden to the county as well as a full time parks department to run them. If the county owns property with recreation development potential an outgrant of the land to private sources would be OK.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - We have huge budget problems now. We don't need to worry about parks now as it will only raise our taxes. Focus on infrastructure improvements that will attract businesses and residents, not become an underfunded eyesore. If parks are established they should support themselves from user fees unless virtually maintenance free like skate park.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - I wish for more park settings closer to Woodway/Hewitt. A dog park would be great out here! Our church has the 40 acres next to the new Midway Intermediate. Maybe we could donate if you guys could develop. Plano, Tx. always impresses me with their vision & development of their green spaces. Thank you for asking our opinions! K

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - Please...we need parks and walking/bicyling trails.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - I hope this survey turns into action instead of talk. There is a need for more recreation to enhance the quality of life and to attract quality growth in our county.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - There are many responsible pet owners in McLennan County that would support the development of a Dog Park.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - Do not need more parks and would not support any type of property tax to pay for such.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - User fees require labor or security. We don't feel safe/secure in many public places and around certain types of people these days. We feel money would be better spent on improved public transportation that would be dependable and have security.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - No New Taxes!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - We are living in a time when every level of government needs to provide only those services that are absolutely essential. County parks are not essential nor are they necessary when there are already enough city and state parks located in the county to fill the needs of the population.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - Economy is such that county should not be adding new services/facilities. If not now, new recreational services will eventually mean increased taxes and now nor the foreseeable future is the time for that.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - I wouldn't mind paying park fees if the park were well-maintained (clean restrooms, picnic tables, trails).

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - Thank you for asking about parks! We would love to have a place to take our dog to swim off of her leash in the summer. We're also big fans of overnight camping and would love to stay closer to home to camp.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - It is NOT the business of the county to provide what is provided by private sources, NOR to tax us to do what is already done by others. Stop becoming more than you need to be. Reduce taxes. Reduce spending, Run a lean shop. You will be rewarded. If not, you will be replaced.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - Would support the building of a special needs park for handicapped.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - We need a park that is adapted towards wheelchair bound and other handicaps

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - This has got to be the stupidest thing the county has ever considered. (Well maybe the financing deal they made with the company that operates the new jail.) Perhaps you missed them, but there are plenty of parks already readily available in McLennan County - city parks, Army Corps of Engineers parks at Lake Waco, Mother Neff State park.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - We enjoy walking on the Waco Dam, but you have to be very careful of rattlesnakes at dark. I almost stepped on a very small one at the entrance of where the generators start. Also there are no doggie poop bags or containers and that can be a problem too. People in McLennan county need to be responsible if they take their pets to parks.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - We use Cameron Park regularly--probably 2x per week. Would love to have natural area closer to us. Woodway Park has seen some wonderful improvements lately but could really be improved upon.

Precinct not listed, Zip Code 76655 - Why do you GOVERNMENT LIBRALS (AKA. OBAMA PROGRESSIVES) assume you want you to waste our hard earned wages?! You government people are CRAZY!

Precinct not listed, Zip Code 76655 - I do not want any more parks. If Waco wants them, they should pay for them and not force non-waco, county members to foot the bill for what they want. The present parks are unsafe and havens for drugs and other unlawful activities. I do not and will not support the reestablishment of future parks.

Precinct not listed, Zip Code 76705 - Make a conservative budget and abide by it. We have too many parks now!

Precinct not listed, Zip Code 76706 - Not sure which precinct I'm in! Cameron Park is wonderful, so is the Arboretum, and Mother Neff State park, and the Lake Brazos river trails.

Precinct not listed, Zip Code 76707 - Regarding question 21: This map is useless. The road names cannot be read and there is no north arrow indicating directional layout. I THINK my location is within Precinct #3. I am unaware of any dedicated dog parks in the Waco area, and I believe creating one (or more) would give the city/county a little of the sophistication it lacks.

Precinct not listed, Zip Code 76708 - The China Spring/Waco needs a park for picnics and relaxation. Also needed is a senior center.

Precinct not listed, Zip Code 76710 - We the citizens in the county DO NOT need this crap, taxes are too high now and all you people want to do is spend, and spend, and raise our taxes for this sort of crap, leave us the hell alone.

Precinct 4, Zip Code not listed - Go look at big city models of parks organization like CHICAGO OR SEATTLE. MAYBE GET GOING ON MORE TRAILS--BIKES, HORSES, RUNNERS, WALKERS, NATURE LOVERS

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Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: McLennan County Questionnaire - Flyer

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Is it important for McLennan County to provide parks, trails and recreational facilities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			180	81.8 %
No			22	10.0 %
No Response(s)			18	8.1 %
Totals			220	100%

Is it important for the County to assist local governments with parks and recreational facilities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			174	79.0 %
No			25	11.3 %
No Response(s)			21	9.5 %
Totals			220	100%

If the County partnered, sought grants and leveraged funds would your household support funding a County Parks and Recreation Department?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			159	72.2 %
No			36	16.3 %
No Response(s)			25	11.3 %
Totals			220	100%

For Senior Adults, ages 65+, in your household, check the top 5 types of recreational facilities most visited:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis			5	3.5 %
Walking/Jogging			42	29.5 %
Bicycling			16	11.2 %
Horseback Riding			2	1.4 %
Baseball/Softball			7	4.9 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football			3	2.1 %
Fishing/Boating			46	32.3 %
Sport Hunting/Shooting			13	9.1 %
Camping			33	23.2 %
Historic/Archeological Activities			12	8.4 %
Swimming Pools			15	10.5 %
Horse Shoes & Washers			11	7.7 %
Basketball/Volleyball			2	1.4 %
Indoor Recreation Center			11	7.7 %
Bird/Wildlife Viewing			17	11.9 %
Picnicking & Playgrounds			27	19.0 %
Rollerblade/Skating Boarding			1	<1 %
Disc golf			16	11.2 %
Gardens/Arboretum			13	9.1 %
Do not use recreational facilities or parks / No Senior Adults in household			69	48.5 %
Other			11	7.7 %
Totals			142	100%

For Adults, ages 18-64, in your household , check the top 5 types of recreational facilities most visited:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis			11	5.9 %
Walking/Jogging			107	58.1 %
Bicycling			58	31.5 %
Horseback Riding			8	4.3 %
Baseball/Softball			39	21.1 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football			24	13.0 %
Fishing/Boating			92	50.0 %
Sport Hunting/Shooting			38	20.6 %
Camping			81	44.0 %
Historic/Archeological Activities			26	14.1 %
Swimming Pools			52	28.2 %
Horse Shoes & Washers			19	10.3 %
Basketball/Volleyball			14	7.6 %
Indoor Recreation Center			21	11.4 %
Bird/Wildlife Viewing			25	13.5 %
Picnicking & Playgrounds			77	41.8 %
Rollerblade/Skating Boarding			7	3.8 %
Disc golf			43	23.3 %
Gardens/Arboretum			42	22.8 %
Do not use recreational facilities or parks / No Adults in household			9	4.8 %
Other			17	9.2 %
Totals			184	100%

For Children and Teenagers, ages to 17 years old, in your household, check the top 5 types of recreational facilities most visited:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis			7	4.5 %
Walking/Jogging			39	25.4 %
Bicycling			40	26.1 %
Horseback Riding			4	2.6 %
Baseball/Softball			35	22.8 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football			34	22.2 %
Fishing/Boating			53	34.6 %
Sport Hunting/Shooting			21	13.7 %
Camping			44	28.7 %
Historic/Archeological Activities			12	7.8 %
Swimming Pools			46	30.0 %
Horse Shoes & Washers			4	2.6 %
Basketball/Volleyball			19	12.4 %
Indoor Recreation Center			13	8.4 %
Bird/Wildlife Viewing			3	1.9 %
Picnicking & Playgrounds			54	35.2 %
Rollerblade/Skating Boarding			12	7.8 %
Disc golf			32	20.9 %
Gardens/Arboretum			10	6.5 %
Do not use recreational facilities or parks / No Children in household			45	29.4 %
Other			4	2.6 %
Totals			153	100%

List top 3 reasons your household has not visited public parks or recreational facilities.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
We do not know where the parks or trails are			29	16.9 %
Recreational facilities are not maintained			48	28.0 %
Our favorite sport facility/field is not provided			25	14.6 %
Picnic pavilion reservation difficult			13	7.6 %
Too few parks and recreational facilities			83	48.5 %
No transportation to parks or recreational facility			1	<1 %
Few facilities for mobility impaired			7	4.0 %
We do not have enough time to visit parks			22	12.8 %
Not enough time to participate in recreational activities			19	11.1 %
Parks and recreational facilities too far away			35	20.4 %
Fees too costly for our household			16	9.3 %
Security is lacking			46	26.9 %
Other			34	19.8 %
Totals			171	100%

How much time would you spend to travel to a large park or recreational facility?

1 = 0-5 minutes, 2 = 6-10 minutes, 3 = 11-15 minutes, 4 = 16 to 30 minutes, 5 = over 30 minutes

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						186	3.9

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Would your household support the County acquiring and developing open spaces? And if so in what ways would you support.

(Check all that apply)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Acquire open space and develop for parks and recreational uses			136	73.5 %
Acquire open space for passive parks with limited recreational uses			46	24.8 %
Acquire open space to not develop the land, preserving a natural area			49	26.4 %
Acquire open space for future parks and recreational uses			81	43.7 %
No new open space should be acquired			30	16.2 %
Totals			185	100%

Why would you want the County to fund development and maintenance of parks and recreation? (Check the top 3 only)

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
To encourage health and fitness for our households			131	74.0 %
To bring tourists to the County			59	33.3 %
To encourage families to move to the County			44	24.8 %
To attract new higher technology and advanced manufacturing companies and employees			43	24.2 %
To improve property values			61	34.4 %
To preserve important natural or historical areas of the County			76	42.9 %
To promote safe activities and encourage households to meet others			110	62.1 %
To provide for senior, mobility impaired and other special groups facilities			35	19.7 %
Totals			177	100%

Check top 5 types of parks and recreational needs you most want for Senior Adults, ages 65+.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis Courts			9	5.6 %
Children's Playgrounds			6	3.7 %
Walking/Jogging /Horse Riding Trails			57	35.6 %
Baseball/Softball Fields			3	1.8 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football Fields			1	<1 %
Fishing/Boating Ramps			52	32.5 %
Hunting/Shooting Sports Facilities			15	9.3 %
Bicycling Trails/Lanes			19	11.8 %
Historic/Archeological/ Nature Viewing Sites			30	18.7 %
Overnight Camping Facilities			30	18.7 %
Basketball/Volleyball Courts			1	<1 %
Indoor Recreation Center			29	18.1 %
Gardens/Arboretum			29	18.1 %
Picnic Shelters/Pavilions			30	18.7 %
Swimming Pool			16	10.0 %
Swimming Beach at Lakes			14	8.7 %
Washers & Horse Shoes			14	8.7 %
Rollerblade/Skate Park			1	<1 %
Disc Golf Course			19	11.8 %
No Senior Adults in household			69	43.1 %
Other			18	11.2 %
Totals			160	100%

Check top 5 types of parks and recreational needs you most want for Adults, ages 18-64.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis Courts			17	10.0 %
Children's Playgrounds			33	19.5 %
Walking/Jogging /Horse Riding Trails			98	57.9 %
Baseball/Softball Fields			20	11.8 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football Fields			16	9.4 %
Fishing/Boating Ramps			84	49.7 %
Hunting/Shooting Sports Facilities			34	20.1 %
Bicycling Trails/Lanes			61	36.0 %
Historic/Archeological/ Nature Viewing Sites			37	21.8 %
Overnight Camping Facilities			53	31.3 %
Basketball/Volleyball Courts			13	7.6 %
Indoor Recreation Center			29	17.1 %
Gardens/Arboretum			31	18.3 %
Picnic Shelters/Pavilions			62	36.6 %
Swimming Pool			33	19.5 %
Swimming Beach at Lakes			35	20.7 %
Washers & Horse Shoes			17	10.0 %
Rollerblade/Skate Park			8	4.7 %
Disc Golf Course			42	24.8 %
No Adults in household			3	1.7 %
Other			24	14.2 %
Totals			169	100%

Check top 5 types of parks and recreational needs you most want for Children and Teenagers, ages to 17 years old.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Tennis Courts			9	5.6 %
Children's Playgrounds			61	38.6 %
Walking/Jogging /Horse Riding Trails			50	31.6 %
Baseball/Softball Fields			36	22.7 %
Soccer/Kickball/Football Fields			36	22.7 %
Fishing/Boating Ramps			43	27.2 %
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Swimming Beach at Lakes			29	18.3 %
Washers & Horse Shoes			7	4.4 %
Rollerblade/Skate Park			13	8.2 %
Disc Golf Course			30	18.9 %
No Children in household			38	24.0 %
Other			13	8.2 %
Totals			158	100%

How important are partnerships and cost sharing for the development and maintenance of parks, recreational facilities and preserved open space areas?

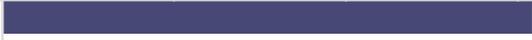
1 = Very important, 2 = Somewhat important, 3 = Not important, 4 = Not sure

	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
					181	1.7

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

When did your household last visit Tradinghouse Creek Reservoir County Park?

1 = 1 month ago, 2 = 6 months ago, 3 = 1 or more years ago, 4 = Have not visited

	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
					183	3.1

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Which partners are important for the County to share the costs with?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Local Cities			143	80.3 %
Local Business			90	50.5 %
Civic Groups			81	45.5 %
Private Individuals			61	34.2 %
Other			13	7.3 %
Totals			178	100%

Would your household support the use of user fees to support the development and maintenance of County parks and recreational facilities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			128	58.1 %
No			56	25.4 %
No Response(s)			36	16.3 %
Totals			220	100%

Would your household support the use of County general funds to support the development and maintenance of County parks and recreational facilities?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			154	70.0 %
No			31	14.0 %
No Response(s)			35	15.9 %
Totals			220	100%

Number of people in your household?

1 = One, 2 = Two, 3 = Three, 4 = Four, 5 = Five or more

	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
						178	3.1

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Your household ages are (specify number of in each category)

1 = 0, 2 = 1, 3 = 2, 4 = 3, 5 = 4, 6 = 5 or more

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	6	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Under 5							48	1.8
5-9							50	2.0
10-19							69	2.2
20-45							120	2.7
46-64							106	2.5
65+							48	2.1

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Location of your household

1 = Precinct 1, 2 = Precinct 2, 3 = Precinct 3, 4 = Precinct 4

	1	2	3	4	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
					175	2.6

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List your household Zip code

Answers

Number of Response(s)

Postal Code

179

Other comments

74 Response(s)

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Flyer Response Comments

PRECINCT 1

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76557 - Why not invest some of the state parks that have fallen into disrepair due to Governor Perry's budget cuts.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76643 - Please do research/benchmarking of what other communities/counties around the nation are implenting parks and public spaces-wise. Study communities in other states such as Fort Collins, CO. Cameron Park is great, but what if you don't hike, bike, picnic, or disc golf. I love it, but we need some other parks with modern "flair" to attract users.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - I don't want any tax money spent on this.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - WE NEED MORE SWIMMING POOLS IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE COUNTY, NOT JUST OSCAR DUCONGE AND THE WACO WATER PARK!!!!

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - The cost should not be more that \$100.00 per household in count taxes.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76655 - I would only support if there were something on my side of town. There are no facilities on this side of Waco that I know of. I do not care about funding anything unless it can be used easily and safely by my family. We need to spend more on road maintenance in order to keep our existing roads in good shape for longer lasting roads and less on recreation.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - more bike trails please

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - Tradinghouse is a disgrace. Needs everything

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - As a regular visitor to the park we would like to thank the city and crews that were involved. One thing we would like to see is the upkeep of the tree's. There are several tree's around the park that have already falling or are close. I know that there have been some life changing accidents at the park due to falling tree's. Thank You Jason Holder

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 - security along with picnic tables and rest rooms and camping areas with water and electricity are needed. The Park is a budgeted item by the Commissioners Court but Gibson does not use the money to keep the lake and park up. Why is this? Why would the county want to acquire more land when you have a 100 year lease on this property at no cost?

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76706 -Activities such as year round Softball/Baseball tournaments can help improve our cities standard of living, and draw in revenue from people traveling to tournaments that seem to be held year yound now, but there is nothing on the Robinson/Lorea area to do this. Also,camping, with a fishing pond can draw in people, serve the local community.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76710 -We recently visited Cameron Park after living out of the area and we were SHOCKED at the poor maintenance of what use to be a beautiful park. We had out of town guests, considering a move to Waco and they too were dumbounded. Living in Houston for over many years we became accustomed to beautiful parks under the leadership of Bill White.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - Please develop open spaces. There is beautiful land in woodway that is not ideal for housing but is just as beautiful as Cameron Park.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - Thank you for your efforts.

Precinct 1, Zip Code 76712 - I appreciate being offered this survey. However, technologically it is a little less than easy to work with because a number of times, when I clicked to select an answer, the box didn't respond. I had to click multiple times to select an answer. Could be my computer, but I kinda doubt it. Thanks.

PRECINCT 2

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76624 - The county should place priority on repairing roads instead of spending funds on recreational areas. The roads in the precinct are horrible and instead of repairing them they are just graveling over them.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76655 - For us the upgrade to Lions Park would be great. It is on city property. Partner with the city and Lions to fix pool. Upgrade the park and kiddlieland. Use the vacant land to put in water features and or hike trail around perimeter. Make handicapped accessible. Fix, improve and expand an area that is well known to all around. The land is there.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76664 - Recreation and development of Tradinghouse's county park could be profitable & a cultural benefit to all residents. More importantly, county residents could benefit from a recycling center similar to the City of Waco's. Locate it in the vicinity of I35 and East Waco Drive and all but the NW corner of the county would have easy access.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76682 - Very few community parks in our area. The ones I know of are in low income neighborhoods. I would feel unwelcome & unsafe at most of them.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - Tradinghouse needs improvements.....loading ramps,bathrooms, picnic areas, swimming areas, camping spots with electricity and water, paved roads, picnic tables, lights for security, security from sheriffs office

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - If we can give a 10 year ebatment on taxes to power plants and Sanderson Farms, those companies should pay for the priveledgs the tempoary employees will enjoy

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - Lake Tradinghouse is a great place to go visit and spend time! However, if the county doesn't work to repair the boat ramps and parking area they will lose many of it's visitors. It is a beautiful park and great lake to fish, ski, boat and swim if only the county would spend time and money fixing the roads many problems would be solved!

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - You have a county park now on Tradinghouse lake with no security and no upkeep. The ramps are in horrible shape along with the roads leading to the park owned by the county. Why can't the commissioner in charge take some responsibility? It is a flat out embarrassing situation to the people who use it.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - Tradinghouse lake needs better boat ramps and more security. It is a great lake and could be better utilized if it was kept up better. The roads leading up to the ramps must be maintained so they do not tear up trailers. It could also use a swimming beach for boaters to pull up on and enjoy picnics. Camping spots would be a nice addition as well.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - Anything to help at Tradinghouse would be great, as well as any of the places around the county.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76705 - Tradinghouse Lake Park is very important for fishermen, camping, and swimming. Water skiing and boating are enjoyed also. I am very glad to have the park and pavillion.

Precinct 2, Zip Code 76707 - Disc golf in Waco attracts players from all over the state. It is a growing, family-friendly outdoor activity. The out-of-towners I meet are always impressed with the courses here because they are challenging and beautifully maintained. We have plenty of room in the rest of the county for more!

PRECINCT 3

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Tradinghouse Creek is lacking in security and in upkeep it is run down and I fear for the safety of my personal items such as truck trailer and boat when I go.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76691 - Use funds to create jobs--manufacturing, etc, that provides a monetary return to the county. Recreational facilities are a financial drain on the county, and costs to maintain in the future.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76704 - There are many dog owners and animal lovers that would use a dog park. A dog park would give the residents of this county to meet each other in a new setting with a common interest. Users would more than likely be willing to donate materials to make it a very functional and attractive amenity for this area. Many constituents have agreed.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - We need more walking trails or areas of trails in the 76705 area

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - With drowning being a leading cause of death among African American youth, the lack of public swimming pools in my area is appalling. Life sports are important to quality of life.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - Love Cameron Park trails use often. Would like more kayak launch spots. Would like more safe reasonably flat bike/rollerblade paths.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76705 - Would like to see better boat ramps & security at trading house. Last 2 times I was there had vehicle broken into

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76707 - However, i believe that the 11 million dollar bond that Sharon Fuller utilized to revamp. We need more disc golf in Waco. The disc golfers are the eyes and ears and sometimes security or rescue for those in distress at Cameron Park... Disc golf is great for EVERYONE!!! ANY ONE CAN PLAY!!! From toddlers to the elderly, not to mention its great exercise

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76707 - disc golf rules

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76708 - Our families number one activity is Disc Golf. Thanks

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76708 - The corp of engineers has ruined the lake Waco area. I grew up at that lake and now i can't take my family hardly anywhere out there.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76708 - pay to play

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - I know that parks add to the quality of life of even low-income families because our family was poor and not able to afford vacation trips, but we did enjoy Cameron Park, Lake Waco, and the Brazos River. Those were some of the few good memories we had as a family.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - We need a dog Park for exercise for young and old many people moving or going to school in Waco ask if there is a dog park. If you want good people in Waco, take care of their kids and dogs.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - Thank you for considering expanding funding and other resources to parks and recreation. Our county has a lot of potential.

Precinct 3, Zip Code 76710 - almost every household has at least one dog. we need a place so they can interact with their dog. Baylor students look for dog parks .

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Precinct 4, Zip Code 76557 - Near McGregor, 9000 acres from old rocket plant, good use of park for Model rocketry, rc cars, rc planes, pond for rc boats, biking, hiking trails, rv campgrounds, pavilions, live music. My name is Kevin Cathey 840-2131 after 5pm Have idea for park like no other. God willing.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76633 - I think the county already owns property that could be used for a park - the old Eichelberger Iron Bridge at the Wetlands would be a great place for fishing and bird-watching. It needs the ends of the bridge to be used for parking and a walkway for handicapped person, especially the elders.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76633 - Parks Are GRRRRRRREEEEAAAAT

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76633 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be interested in cost sharing of operations of one or more of their parks and wildlife areas

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - I would like to see improved boating facilities and a fishing dock at Tradinghouse Creek Lake.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - We need better boat ramps and a fishing dock or bank for those who do not have boats at Lake Tradinghouse.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - I would like to see public access to the Brazos River below the low water dam. and above it. I know about MCC.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - Stop wasting Tax dollars!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - Waco area needs more public swimming pools, not waterparks, just good neighborhood pools. No where else can you find that amount of wholesome entertainment/ exercise for kids and adults alike. Make them affordable, and once they come and learn to swim, they are addicted

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76643 - A dog park with small and large dog areas, where you take your dog off of a leash would be great. Also, a facility with smooth paths for rollerblading would be much appreciated. Most parks either do not have smooth concrete paths or they are so poorly maintained that they become a safety issue when rollerblading.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76655 - I strongly support the establishment of public open spaces and private conservation easements.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76655 - We don't support any added tax burdens on our household. Our property taxes are sky high, and they just get higher each year. We need a break! We don't know where we are supposed to get the \$ for higher taxes. The economy is terrible, jobs are scarce and salaries are stagnant. We need our leaders to feel our pain.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76655 - I would be willing to serve on a county parks and recreation board.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76657 - There needs to be some parks developed on the Hwy 84 corridor near Lake Waco or the South or Middle Bosque Rivers

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76657 - we need more public supported parks and facilities

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76689 - River use is on the increase with kayaking and canoeing gaining in popularity. Unfortunately, river access is limited and should be expanded. Existing access such as Eichelberger and Cooper' Crossing should be improved. Volunteer help would be one way of expanding/improving outdoor opportunities while helping to control expense.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - The County should make public access to Rivers available at several places thru the county that does not depend on walking thru private property or can be fenced.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - If people in the unincorporated areas want parks they need to move to a real city and pay their fair share, city residents are unfairly double taxed we pay county taxes for the zoo and city taxes for the zoo.. If it's worth visiting people will pay, if not it will just be a hangout for low class losers.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - We would love to have more pretty neighborhood playgrounds/ walking trails in Waco!!

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76708 - Our household will soon be in zip code 76712. Also, I would make decisions based on the family we want to have (future children) and the parks I would hope to have for them. I think water safety is very important and would appreciate more public pools.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76710 - I think the cities should provide parks and recreation, not the county.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - We would love to see a park that caters to special needs children & adults. This would be a park/playground that is fenced, has soft ground surfaces & various activities suitable to the varying disabilities and ages of individuals. i.e. toddler playground & older play area, sandpit to mention a few things.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - We definitely need parks and green spaces to increase the liveability of city life. Green spaces and outdoor activities are what keep people sane and happy in an urban environment. they also increase the desirability of companies and individuals to relocate here.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - More and more citizens are locating "out" and no longer access Waco P&R facilities. Obesity is a huge problem in today's society. We became a "Commuter Society" over the last 50 years. Kids are entertained sitting at computer screens & TV sets. Adults use lawn services. We need "activity" resources. I would pay extra taxes for this resource.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76712 - I grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The parks systems there are wonderful. Jogging tracks & biking trails line the parks' perimeter. Softball and baseball fields are scattered throughout the cities. I really miss the beauty they provide the communities.

Precinct 4, Zip Code 76798 - There are no free tennis courts or park areas located in neighborhoods for the citizens to enjoy. Green spaces are needed to improve areas.

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McLennan County soliciting public's opinions on new parks

By Regina Dennis Tribune-Herald staff writer

Sunday October 3, 2010

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County residents will have a chance to weigh in on plans to build new parks.

The county is developing a 10-year master parks plan to create new parks and recreational facilities in each of its precincts. It will be used to seek grants from Texas Parks and Wildlife to fund the bulk of the park construction costs.

Residents can fill out an online survey at www.mclennanparks02.com about the sort of recreational facilities they would like to see in the county.

The 23-question survey also seeks input on what factors would keep residents from using local parks; whether the county should create a parks and recreation department; and if park maintenance should be funded through park usage fees or tax revenues.

"I personally will take fliers out to the schools in my precinct, and the city halls in my precinct to make sure everyone is on board and giving us input," said Commissioner Kelly Snell, who has spearheaded the effort to develop the plan.

Another 30,000 surveys will be mailed to randomly selected addresses.

In addition to the surveys, public forums will be held in each of the precincts in upcoming months to get more input from residents on what sort of recreational facilities are most needed, Snell said.

The data will be compiled by Mundo and Associates, the consulting firm the county hired to prepare the plan.

Once the plan is complete, county commissioners will rotate turns in developing new recreational areas in their respective precincts.

The county can potentially apply for two different state parks grants in a year, Snell said.

These grants require a 50 percent match by the county that can be met through financial donations or in-kind contributions like construction services and volunteer work.

Commissioner Joe Mashek will have the first opportunity to create a park facility in Precinct 3. He hopes to work with the West Independent School District to add new athletic facilities, such as a track and field complex, tennis courts, and baseball and softball fields.

Mashek met with school officials years ago when the county had a five-year master parks plan in place, but it expired as they were brainstorming and understanding the grant process.

“We’ve been able to get a much better explanation about how the process works as far as what sort of things can be used as matching funds,” Mashek said. “We will have to look at the cost, and we may have to do this in phases where we do some work now . . . and finish the rest in six or eight years (when Precinct 3 has a turn again).”

Snell, who is up for a new park after Mashek, would like to create a regional park that will service most of the cities in the southeast end of the county.

“There’s no local parks or recreational activities on this side, everything is in the center of Waco, or like the water park on Lake Shore (Drive),” Snell said. “There’s not a lot for the kids to do in this area. So I’d like to see something that people could go to with their families and spend a Sunday afternoon.”

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Seeking relief from fibromyalgia

Study reveals patients with chronic pain condition got results by using the ancient Chinese practice of tai chi



The New York Times — Jodi Hilton

Mary Petersen, who has been suffering from fibromyalgia and a variety of other ailments, practices tai chi on Nahant Beach, Mass. The 59-year-old retired phone company employee participated in a clinical trial at Tufts Medical Center. Petersen said that before the 2008 study, "I couldn't walk half a mile," and it "hurt me so much just to put my hands over my head."

By Pam Belluck
 The New York Times

The ancient Chinese practice of tai chi may be effective as a therapy for fibromyalgia, according to a study recently published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

A clinical trial at Tufts Medical Center found that after 12 weeks of tai chi, patients with fibromyalgia, a chronic pain condition, did significantly better in measurements of pain, fatigue, physical functioning, sleeplessness and depression than a comparable group given stretching exercises and wellness education.

Tai chi patients also were more likely to sustain improvement three months later.

Impressed specialist

"It's an impressive finding," said Dr. Daniel Solomon, chief of clinical research in rheumatology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, who was not involved in the research. "This was a well-done study. It was kind of amazing that the effects seem to carry over."

Although the study was small — 66 patients — several experts considered it compelling because

fibromyalgia is a complex and often-confusing condition, affecting five million Americans, mostly women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Because its symptoms can be wide-ranging and can mimic other disorders, and its diagnosis depends largely on patients' descriptions, not blood tests or biopsies, its cause and treatment have been the subject of debate.

"We thought it was notable that *The New England Journal* accepted this paper, that they would take fibromyalgia on as an issue, and also because tai chi is an alternative therapy that some people raise eyebrows about," said Dr. Robert Shmerling, clinical chief of rheumatology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, co-author of an editorial about the study.

"Fibromyalgia is so common, and we have such a difficult time treating it effectively. It's defined by what the patient tells you," he said. "It's hard for some patients' families and their doctors to get their head around what it is and whether it's real."

"So, that these results were so positive for something that's very

safe is an impressive accomplishment."

Recent studies have suggested that tai chi — with its slow exercises, breathing and meditation — could benefit patients with other chronic conditions, including arthritis.

But not all of these reports have been conclusive, and tai chi is hard to study because there are many styles and approaches.

The fibromyalgia study involved the yang style of tai chi, taught by a Boston tai chi master, Ramel Ronas.

Solomon and other experts cautioned that bigger studies with other masters and approaches were necessary.

Twice-weekly sessions

Still, patients, who received twice-weekly tai chi classes and a DVD to practice with 20 minutes daily, showed weekly improvement on an established measurement, the Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire.

They improved more than the stretching-and-education group in physicians' assessments, sleep, walking and mental health. One-third stopped using medication, compared with one-sixth in the

stretching group.

Dr. Chenchen Wang, a Tufts rheumatologist who led the study, said she attributed the results to the fact that "fibromyalgia is a very complex problem" and "tai chi has multiple components — physical, psychological, social and spiritual."

The therapy impressed Mary Petersen, 59, a retired phone company employee from Lynn, Mass.

She said that before participating in the 2008 study, "I couldn't walk half a mile," and it "hurt me so much just to put my hands over my head."

Sleeping was difficult and she was overweight.

"There was no joy to life," she said. "I was an entire mess from head to foot."

She had tried and rejected medication, physical therapy, swimming and other approaches.

"I was used to being treated in a condescending manner because they couldn't diagnose me: 'She's menopausal, she's crazy,'" said Petersen, who has diabetes and other conditions.

"I didn't know tai chi from a sneeze (before the study) I was like, 'Well, OK, I'll get to meet some people, it will get me out of the house.'

I didn't believe any of it. I thought this is so minimal, it's stupid."

After a few weeks, she said she began to feel better. After 12 weeks "the pain had diminished 90 percent," she said.

Petersen has continued tai chi, lost 50 pounds and can walk three to seven miles a day.

"You could not have convinced me that I would ever have done this or continued with this," she said. "I wouldn't say it's a cure. I will say it's an effective method of controlling pain."

Inexpensive treatment

Shmerling said that though tai chi is inexpensive compared with other treatments, some patients would reject such an alternative therapy.

And Dr. Gloria Yeh, a Beth Israel Deaconess internist and co-author of the editorial, said others "will say, 'It's too slow, I can't do that.'"

But she said it offered a "gentler option" for patients deterred by other physical activities. "The mind-body connections set it apart from other exercises," she said, adding that doctors are seeking "anything we can offer that will make patients say 'I can really do this.'"

Two who willingly took care of the least among us

She was a dynamo who couldn't have been more than 5 feet tall in high heels. But she was the most brilliant, compassionate and dedicated physician I've ever met.

Dr. Jacquelyn Noonan was chief of pediatric cardiology at the University of Kentucky when I was in training. We all were in awe of her.

A rare syndrome of congenital heart disease was named after her. She wrote textbooks and hundreds of scientific articles. At that time, Kentucky had a system of regional heart clinics and one of our most prized days was taking a road trip into the heart of Appalachia with her.

She knew tens of thousands of patients and their stories. In an era before echocardiography and other technology, she could place her hands and stethoscope on the chest of a small infant and recite an intricate and complex outline of the problems and treatment options.

She was my hero. And never once did the economics of medicine ever cross her mind, heart or lips. She practiced medicine with one rule — caring for what Scripture calls "the least among us." She would say she simply did what she was called to do — be an agent of healing.

She made the lives of everyone around her — patients, par-

ents, educators, staff — better by her powerful example and presence.

The Rev. Henri Nouwen, the famous Catholic spiritual writer, drew upon this same sense of care for the least among us when he dedicated the last decade of his life to a community of the mentally handicapped.

He found in their presence a strong sense of the divine. He discovered what it was like to live with unconditional love, with no sense of "accomplishments" in the traditional fashion and no expectations, except total trust and commitment.

He changed grown men's diapers, held them when they whimpered, cared for them in their living and dying. In their midst, he discovered who he truly was in relationship to the God he believed in.

Like Noonan, his faith shaped his life. It altered what he did. It wasn't a question of creed, church dogma or denominational differences.

Politics in the usual sense was beyond them. These two individuals were shaped by their faith and the world was a better place for both of them because of it. I confess I have not always lived up to the standards set by these two giants. That is my fault, not theirs.

So why do I tell the stories of these two in a column on health care? Simply this. I believe with all my heart that one of the most profound sayings of Jesus was his answer when someone

asked what we will be held accountable for at the end of our days. We will not be judged by creed or even religious beliefs, and certainly not by our political ideology. We will be judged by what we do or do not do for the least among us.

I am not a health care economist. I am not a politician. But if a society with the resources and the soul of this nation cannot find a way to take care of the least among us in our health care system — as Dr. Noonan and the Rev. Nouwen did — it is going to be a difficult thing to answer for someday.

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Attacks kill 2 in Kandahar

By Mirwais Khan
Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A series of blasts killed at least two civilians and wounded several others Saturday in Afghanistan's main southern city, the scene of several recent deadly attacks on police.

Helicopters patrolled above the city as NATO and Afghan troops were deployed to seal off the attack sites. Ambulances with sirens wailing ferried victims to local hospitals.

In one attack, a motorized rickshaw carrying explosives detonated behind police headquarters in the center of the city, said Zelmaj Ayubi, spokesman for the governor of Kandahar province. One bystander was killed and three others wounded, Ayubi said.

On the eastern side of the city, insurgents attacked an oil tanker with gunfire, causing it to explode. One civilian was killed and at least two others were wounded.

A rocket fired by militants slammed into a prison compound in the city's west, police said. No casualties were immediately reported.

Another explosion went off in the city's business district, also in the west. De-

tails were not immediately available.

Kandahar city has been a target for militants this month. Two explosions killed nine people and wounded two dozen others on Oct. 6. Three blasts just minutes apart killed three Afghan police officers in the city Oct. 5.

International and Afghan troops have been ramping up security in Kandahar city for months in an effort to grasp control of the country's largest southern city, where Taliban influence is high.

A series of checkpoints have been set up around the city in an attempt to keep insurgents from entering and carrying out attacks.

Control of Kandahar, the Taliban movement's birthplace, is seen as key to reversing Taliban momentum in the war.

The nearly 150,000 international troops and 220,000 Afghan security forces are still struggling to gain the upper hand against an estimated 30,000 insurgents.

Separately, two NATO service members were killed Saturday — one after a homemade bomb exploded in the south and one in an insurgent attack in the north.

Iran releases American held in Tehran for 2 years

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iran freed an American businessman on Saturday who has been jailed in Tehran for more than two years on suspicion on ties to an allegedly violent opposition group.

Reza Taghavi, 71, hadn't been charged with a crime and denied knowingly supporting the organization, known as Tondar.

"He admitted to nothing and he continues to maintain his innocence," his lawyer, Pierre Prosper, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from Tehran after his client's release from Tehran's Evin prison.

He's not expected to return to Southern California before the middle of next week.

Iranian officials are "comfortable that he was in fact used by this organization, and comfortable that he does not pose a threat to them and that he can leave and go back to the United States," Prosper said.

Iran had accused Taghavi of passing \$200 in cash to an

Iranian man tied to Tondar. Taghavi, who regularly visits Iran to conduct business and see family, had received the money from a friend in California with instructions to pass the cash to an Iranian, according to Prosper.

"I didn't do anything wrong. Someone just asked me take this money to help someone," Taghavi told ABC News.

"Sometimes I feel relief, sometimes, I feel angry. What happened? Two-and-a-half years for what?" he said.

His family had said he has diabetes and was in poor health, and his lawyer has asked Iran to free him on humanitarian grounds.

Prosper said Taghavi won't be able to leave until this coming week because of conditions attached to his release. While Taghavi never was charged formally or presented with paperwork indicating a charge, Prosper said there is a case within the Iranian justice system.

He plans to meet with a judge in the next week in hopes of getting that case dismissed.

Mine explosion kills 21 in China

The New York Times

SHANGHAI — A coal mine explosion in central China Saturday killed 21 workers and trapped 16 others underground, China's state-run news media said.

The official Xinhua News Agency said rescuers were trying to reach the trapped miners after a gas explosion

occurred about 6 a.m. Saturday, in the city of Yuzhou in Henan province. Later, China Central Television said that the bodies of 21 miners had been recovered but that six rescue teams were trying to reach 16 others trapped underground beneath tons of coal dust. It was not clear whether the 16 had survived the blast.

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The New York Times — Ayman Oghanna

Iraqis cross through a checkpoint manned by members of a Sunni Awakening Council in Baghdad.

U.S.-allied Sunnis rejoining rebels in Iraq

Intensive recruitment campaign by militants threatens stabilization

By Timothy Williams and Duraid Adnan
Associated Press

BAQUBA, Iraq — Members of U.S.-allied Awakening Councils have quit or been dismissed from their positions in significant numbers in recent months, prey to an intensive recruitment campaign to rejoin the Sunni insurgency, according to government officials, current and former members of the Awakening, and insurgents.

Although there are no firm figures, security and political officials said hundreds of the well-disciplined fighters — many of whom have gained extensive knowledge about the U.S. military — appear to have returned to al-Qaida in Mesopotamia.

Beyond that, officials said that even many of the Awakening fighters still on the government payroll, possibly thousands of them, covertly aid the insurgency.

Parliamentary elections

The defections have accelerated since Iraq's inconclusive parliamentary elections in March, which left Sunnis uncertain of retaining what little political influence they have with the Shiite-led government and appear to have provided al-Qaida new recruitment opportunities.

The loss of the Awakening members poses a new threat to Iraq's tenuous social and political balance during the country's ongoing political crisis and as the U.S. military pre-

pares to withdraw next year. "The Awakening doesn't know what the future holds because it is not clear what the government intends for them," said Nathum al-Jubouri, a former Awakening Council leader in Salahuddin province who recently quit the organization.

"At this point, Awakening members have two options: Stay with the government, which would be a threat to their lives, or help al-Qaida by being a double agent," he said.

"The Awakening is like a database for al-Qaida that can be used to target places that had been out of reach before."

Awakening's beginning

The Awakening began in 2006, when Sunni insurgents and tribal leaders began turning against al-Qaida and other extremists, and its support for the government proved pivotal in pulling Iraq back from deadly sectarian warfare.

They were initially paid by the U.S. military, with promises that they would eventually be given jobs with the central government.

But Awakening leaders and security officials said that since the spring, as many as several thousand Awakening fighters have quit, been fired, stopped showing up for duty, or ceased picking up paychecks.

During the past four months, the atmosphere has become particularly charged as the Awakening members find themselves squeezed between Iraqi security forces, who have arrested hundreds of current and former members accused of acts of recent terrorism, and al-Qaida's brutal recruitment techniques.

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A pampering experience

Scents from aromatherapy bars compete for your nose

By Jennifer A. Kingson
 The New York Times

There are dozens of glass bottles on the new bar at the Naturopathica day spa in East Hampton, N.Y., each with the name of an essential oil — tea tree, tobacco, vetivert, ylang-ylang, to name just a few — and each stamped with the date that the plant's essence was distilled.

"We have vintages, like a fine wine," said Barbara Close, the owner of Naturopathica, one of the more luxurious spas of the Hamptons.

Custom-blend aromatherapy bars are a rarity. Many stores sell small bottles of essential oils, either by plant — say, a half-ounce bottle of tea tree, lavender or bergamot — or in popular blends that purport to have therapeutic qualities.

Only at a handful of stores can customers walk in, consult an aromatherapist, inhale samples of oils and order a melange of their favorites.

"The purpose is to come in and have fun," Close said.

If customers come in for a massage or a facial, they can also buy a custom-scented body lotion to take home.

"You can let your therapist know if perhaps you've had allergies or a sinus congestion, or you twisted your ankle on the tennis court," Close said. "They can make a one-ounce dry-skin oil, or a muscle-relief oil or a decongestant."



The New York Times photo — Gordon M. Grant

Feel-good fragrances

Lovely and sweet-smelling, yes; scientifically proven, no. Although fragrances are used in all sorts of feel-good ways — in hospital rooms for cancer patients, in Japanese office buildings to pep up workers — the efficacy is largely anecdotal.

And let's face it. Even in

Aromatherapists say essential oils from flowers and trees — such as those available from Naturopathica day spa in East Hampton, N.Y. — can ease muscle cramps, improve short-term memory, prevent hair loss and reduce the itch of eczema, yet it is not scientifically proven.

the annals of so-called wellness practices, aromatherapy can sound a bit like a punch line.

The claims run the gamut. Aromatherapists say that essential oils from flowers and trees can ease muscle cramps,

improve short-term memory, prevent hair loss and reduce the itch of eczema.

According to recipes in common circulation, a blend of lavender and neroli oils can help calm a cat stressed out by a new baby, or a dog wary of a thunderstorm.

Another telltale sign: Madonna is said to be a big fan of the practice.

But an aromatherapy bar is basically a pampering experience, part head therapy and part aural pleasure. These bars exist primarily in resort areas, where they nurture the rich, or in bohemian enclaves.

Fresh body-care stores recently introduced fragrance bars at which customers can fill miniature bottles with perfumes that the brand has formally "retired," like Tobacco Caramel and Pear Cassis.

Therapeutic blends

At Enfleurage in New York's West Village, customers can buy premixed oil blends or select their own from a display of samples.

"We don't make perfume, we blend for therapy," said Trygve Harris, the owner. "We have a headache helper, a blend for sleep, one for comfort if you're feeling stressed and you need to withdraw."

She and other aromatherapists said Food and Drug Administration rules forbid their making medicinal claims.

"We can't say 'This is good for that,'" said Harris in a

phone interview shortly before a trip to Oman, where she distills frankincense. "We have to say, 'This has been shown to...' or 'Some people use this for...'"

Because it takes a lot of effort to make a single drop of oil, high-end aromatherapy products are pricey — one reason that custom-blend bars are rare.

"It's very, very expensive to have an aromatherapy bar and keep it stocked," said Kelly Holland Azzaro, president of the Natural Association for Holistic Aromatherapy. "You have to know what you're doing in blending, which ones you're doing for what reasons. Somebody could get it in their eye, too."

Although essential oils do not contain the same allergens that make some people sensitive to perfume, many of them are not safe to use directly on the skin.

"You want to be careful with all of them because they're so potent," said Azzaro, who owns a holistic healing center in Banner Elk, N.C.

When she makes custom oil blends for customers, she takes a full health history first.

One of the oldest aromatherapy bars is on Nantucket. John Harding is the proprietor of an 18-foot-long bar with four bar stools that face 1,500 antique apothecary jars filled with essential oils.

"I have 18 musk oils — most stores might have two or three," said Harding, who

started Nantucket Natural Oils in 1983 and now has two locations. "I have eight sandalwoods and six patchoulis to choose from."

"People can come sit at the bar and see which jasmine they like."

Harding and his staff members use fine glass pipettes to dab a dot of oil on a customer's hand. The client samples that fragrance and moves on.

Five to 10 dots later — or more — the customer selects a blend that will be made into a quarter-ounce bottle of scent that typically costs \$85 to \$120.

Personal touch

Part of the appeal is "that personal touch," said Jennifer Hochell Pressimone, an aromatherapist in Clermont, Fla., who runs a shop called JennScents and has written a three-DVD guide to opening an aromatherapy blending bar.

Many of her customers are harried women for whom it is a relief to sit down, doff a heavy purse and let a caring helper guide them through the experience of sampling

aromas.

"I make them turn their phone off or put it on silent because it's their time — whether it's 5 minutes or 10 minutes, they can just breathe and smell some oils," she said.

Essential oils are easy to find in big stores like Whole Foods and people can blend them without the help of an expert.

One of the biggest retail brands is Aura Cacia, whose executives are quick to recommend ways to use their oils in everyday life: Spray peppermint oil around the house to ward off mice, or tap it into a pair of shoes to keep them fresh.

Add eucalyptus oil to cleaning liquids for fragrance and as a disinfectant; drop lavender oil on pillows to aid sleep.

"People are really looking for a solution," said Jane Merten, senior brand manager at Aura Cacia, who said she uses peppermint oil as an alternative to Dramamine. "They are no longer looking for just a soap or a shampoo. Essential oils take things one step further."

Recipes using essential oils

Headache helper smelling salts

Fill a small vial or jar, preferably with a twist-off cap, with a natural salt.

Add five to 10 drops of therapeutic grade peppermint essential oil.

Add five to 10 drops of therapeutic grade spike lavender essential oil.

Sniff to determine the right amount of oil for you. When you feel a headache coming on, smell the salts.

From Maia Toll, aromatherapist and owner of the Herbiary in Philadelphia.

Chamomile sun soother compress

3 drops German chamomile essential oil
 2 drops lavender essential oil
 1 sprig of peppermint leaves, gently bruised

Prepare a cold compress by adding the essential oils and peppermint leaves to a small bowl of ice water. Dip a washcloth into the solution, wring out and apply to affected areas.

From the book "Well Being: Rejuvenating Recipes for Body and Soul" by Barbara Close.

Intestinal soother

1/2 ounce roll-on bottle
 1/2 ounce unscented massage oil
 8 drops Roman chamomile essential oil
 1 drop peppermint essential oil
 1 drop lavender essential oil

In the roll-on bottle, combine essential oils followed by massage oil. Secure the cap and roll the bottle between your hands to blend the ingredients. Roll the oil along the abdomen area and let it penetrate the skin.

From Jennifer Hochell Pressimone, aromatherapist and owner of JennScents Inc.

Canine calming spray

10 drops lavender essential oil
 3 drops Roman chamomile essential oil
 2 drops sweet marjoram essential oil
 2 droppers Distress Remedy (a flower extract made by Nature's Sunshine)
 2 ounces unscented massage oil

Combine ingredients in a small spray bottle and shake to mix. Spray a small amount on your hands and massage into the dog's fur.

From Jenny Wallace, aromatherapist and owner of Something Smells Good in Bristol, Tenn.

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Skirt Steak	4.00	

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Motherhood spurs talk in Oklahoma governor's race

Some female state politicians ask why marital status stressed

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

EDMOND, Okla. — In her quest to become Oklahoma's first female governor, Democrat Jari Askins has amassed an assortment of professional qualifications: she's been a judge, a legislator, the head of a state agency, and a corporate attorney.

But what she hasn't been is a wife. The 57-year-old career woman, who now serves as the state's lieutenant governor, has never been married or had children.

At rallies and other appearances, opponent Rep. Mary Fallin, 55, a Republican congressman, regularly mentions her new husband and their combined six children.

Fallin, who had two children from a previous marriage, married a divorced father of four in November. She said her family and her experience as a businesswoman and officeholder have made her most qualified to be governor.

But remarks by Fallin at a Tuesday campaign debate, in which she cited her motherhood as a key difference between the two candidates, drew groans from some in the audience and stirred discussion about whether the emphasis on Askins' unmarried status had gone too far.

Several other women in public life, including Republicans, objected.

"I don't understand why that's important," said Bren-

da Reneau, a Republican and former state labor commissioner, questioning why a candidate's husband and children were worth stressing in a gubernatorial debate. "Is she going to bring them to work? I've never found one thing while I was in office that I needed experience in being married and having children."

State Sen. Judy Eason McIntyre, one of 17 women serving in Oklahoma's legislature, also said Fallin's comment seemed like a "cheap shot." McIntyre, a Democrat, said Askins' unmarried status "doesn't have anything to do with anything."

But the awkward moment has stirred questions about gender and politics in a race that has been regarded as a feminist milestone here.

Would calling attention to a woman's lack of spouse pay off in a conservative state where politicians campaign on family values? Or does no-holds-barred campaigning show how far women have progressed in a male-dominated arena?

Focus on issues

Laura Boyd, who was the state's first female gubernatorial nominee when she ran in 1998, said she hopes voters will focus on other issues.

"Oklahoma women are beyond, and should be beyond that, by virtue of the fact we have this opportunity for a female chief executive," said Boyd, a Democrat.

But one voter, Shana Goodman, a Norman salon owner and a single mother, said she thinks it is important to know whether a candidate has



Associated Press — Alonzo Adams

Democratic Lt. Gov. Jari Askins speaks to the audience during a debate Tuesday with her gubernatorial opponent U.S. Rep. Mary Fallin, R-Okla., on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla.

raised a family.

"Because I think when you are actively involved in raising children, it shows you know how to sacrifice yourself for the well-being of others," she said.

Political backgrounds

Fallin and Askins are both powerhouses in Oklahoma politics. Askins, the daughter of an abstract company owner from Duncan, worked as an oil and gas attorney before making her way up through the state's political ranks. She became director of the state pardon and parole board before winning election to the

legislature.

Gregarious and quick with a hug for colleagues and prospective voters, she built a reputation as a consensus builder in a politically divided state House.

Fallin's parents both served terms as mayor of her hometown of Tecumseh.

She was manager of a hotel chain when, she said, she grew frustrated with government regulation and ran for the legislature. She was later elected lieutenant governor and U.S. representative. She still favors the formal business suits and firm manner of a business executive.

Blue wave turned red with blood after shark attack

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Matthew Garcia was surfing two feet away from his friend who was bodyboarding when he heard a desperate cry for help. Within seconds, a shark flashed out of the water, bit into his friend's leg and pulled him under in a cloud of blood off the coast north of Santa Barbara.

"When the shark hit him, he just said, 'Help me, dude!' He knew what was going on," Garcia said, recounting his friend's death. "It was really fast. You just saw a red wave and this water is blue — as blue as it could ever be — and it was just red, the whole wave."

As huge waves broke over his head, Garcia tried to find Lucas Ransom in the surf but couldn't. He decided to get help, but turned around

again as he was swimming to shore and saw Ransom's red bodyboard pop up. Garcia swam to his friend and did chest compressions as he brought him to shore.

The 19-year-old already appeared dead and his leg was mauled, he said.

"He was just floating in the water. I flipped him over on his back and under-hooked his arms. I was pressing on his chest and doing rescue breathing in the water," Garcia said Friday. "He was just kind of lifeless, just dead weight."

The University of California, Santa Barbara, junior had a severe wound to his left leg and died a short time later at Surf Beach, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department said in a statement. The beach, 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles, remained closed Saturday, a day after the attack.

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McLennan County officials pondering plan for new park amenities

By Regina Dennis Tribune-Herald staff writer

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McLennan County representatives are putting the final touches on a master parks plan that envisions new athletic complexes, playgrounds and walking trails throughout the county.

Officials hope to secure state grants to build new recreational facilities. But to manage maintenance costs for the new facilities without increasing taxes, the county will need to aggressively pursue partnerships with local businesses or groups and brainstorm creative fundraising ideas.

The city of Waco, for example, spends about \$10 million annually to maintain its facilities. County officials have said they are opposed to using tax dollars on new parks.



Fishermen move through the water at Tradinghouse Lake. A master parks plan draft proposes adding new ramps and campsites to the lake.

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The county hired grant-writing firm Mundo and Associates in September to create a 10-year master county parks plan and appointed a parks planning team of local residents to get suggestions for new parks.

The commissioners court has to approve the plan by Dec. 28 to meet the March 31, 2011, deadline to apply for a Texas Parks and Wildlife state grant.

County Commissioner Kelly Snell, who is spearheading the effort, said developing park spaces throughout the county will improve the quality of life for residents and potentially draw more people to

live in the county.

“People find a place to stay and then they find a job,” Snell said. “If you don’t have things for people to do with their kids that gives them a safe place to go that doesn’t cost them an arm and a leg to do, they’re not going to stay.”

Once the plan is approved, each of the county commissioners will rotate turns doing a parks project in their precinct, beginning with Commissioner Joe Mashek’s Precinct 3, followed by Snell’s Precinct 1.

Mashek previously began working with the city of West to create an athletic complex, but the plans abruptly stopped when the county’s previous five-year parks plan expired. The city applied for a small community parks grant last year for the project that was denied.

West wants to build an eight-court tennis complex for residents that would also draw tennis tournaments.

Laura Bettge, a West resident who serves on the county’s park planning task force, said the city’s independent park survey showed groups often book tournaments in Bell County because of limited space in McLennan County.

Bettge said the city is eyeing a location along Interstate 35 that would be easily accessible for out-of-town tournament players. In the future, Bettge imagines that the complex can be expanded to include new softball and basketball fields and a track.

Current draft

The current draft of the master plan focuses on using existing recreational spaces in the county, such as adding boat ramps and camping sites to Tradinghouse Lake in Precinct 2, or creating a paddle trail in the Middle Bosque with river access at Cooper’s Crossing in Precinct 4.

The plan also seeks to fill voids where parks may not exist in the county.

Bill Coleman, Lorena City Council member and one of the appointees to the parks planning team, said Lorena has only one small city park with sparse amenities.

Residents sometimes take their children to the playground at the elementary school or a new frisbee golf course recently added to the middle school, Coleman said.

The master plan envisions an athletic complex for the Lorena and Robinson area that also will feature walking trails and a stock pond for fishing.

The facility would be built on 40 acres of land in the Bull Hide Creek area set aside for park use as part of a settlement with the Waco Metropolitan Area Sewer System.

Coleman said the facility would provide an attraction for a section of the county that is steadily growing.

He pointed out the Central Texas Marketplace and new Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center complex on I-35, and ongoing expansion on the highway are drawing more residents to the area.

“We’re definitely expecting quite a bit of growth in the southern McLennan County areas,” Coleman

said.

Robinson will break ground today on its first city park as part of a joint partnership with the Robinson Independent School District.

The park, which is partially funded by a \$75,000 Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant, will include a playground and walking trail and later can be expanded with a water spray park.

Robinson City Councilman Bert Echterling, who also serves on the county's park planning team, said new outdoor recreational spaces help improve the health of the community.

"I think it's our duty to provide places for families and individuals to be able to go and get exercise, and to build more community spirit," Echterling said, adding he has to take his four children to parks in Woodway or Hewitt.

Community input

Snell said the county welcomes any community input into the parks plan.

Information sessions and public hearings will be held at the upcoming West, Lorena and Robinson city council meetings this month.

The county conducted an online survey in October to gauge community support and identify park needs in each of the different Precincts.

Of the 690 who responded, 74 percent said it was important for the county to provide parks, trails and recreation areas.

Respondents wanted more walking, jogging and biking trails, campsites, places to view nature and historical sites and playgrounds and swimming pools for children.

Some respondents suggested additional park ideas, such as a dog park, recreational centers for people with disabilities and space to ride all-terrain vehicles.

But not everyone was in favor of the park plan.

Several responders commented that the county should instead concentrate on improving roads.

Some feared the county would incur high park maintenance expenses and increase property taxes.

"Quit wasting money on things that are luxuries (e.g., parks)," wrote one commenter, identified only as a Precinct 4 resident. "Why is it so difficult for government to CUT spending? NO NEW SPENDING ON ANYTHING!!!"

But 63 percent of responders said they would support using the county's general fund — which is comprised mostly of tax revenue — to pay for park development and maintenance.

Snell said he thinks the parks will be self-sustaining and generate the money needed to maintain them.

He suggests creating small user fees and renting space to food vendors at each of the new parks.

He said the county would also make money through tournaments held at the athletic complexes.

Snell said he would not personally vote for raising taxes to support park construction or maintenance.

But maintaining the new facilities could be costly.

The city of Waco has a \$9.7 million budget parks and recreation budget that covers maintenance and staffing for the city's parks and entertainment offerings, such as Cameron Park, the Waco Water Park, Riverbend Ballpark and the city's three recreational centers.

The department also has 153 fulltime equivalent positions budgeted for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Tax dollars

Waco City Manager Larry Groth said while fees and facility rental charges help cover some of the expenses, much of the parks budget is supported by tax dollars.

"User fees for tournaments will pay for that tournament and pay for some of the overall expenses for the facility, but generally, most of our facility, recreation and park overall maintenance fees are much more than we can charge user fees for," Groth said.

The city estimates receiving \$1.5 million in revenue from recreation-related fees in the upcoming year, according to Budget Officer June Skerik. The city also will receive \$130,000 in state aide to cover after-school program activities at its recreational centers.

Snell said the county's plan will phase in a maximum of two small park projects each year during the next decade, a much smaller scale than the city's parks system.

He said aggressive public-private partnerships with local businesses could also curtail expenses.

"If we get someone to sponsor a ball field, or get an individual that has a concession stand that they're renting . . . it would cover the costs," Snell said.

The parks grants require a 50 percent match from the county.

Snell said the county's match can be in-kind contributions of labor, materials or even land donations for the park space.

The parks master plan also includes different ideas to cover park expenses, like creating a nonprofit foundation to seek cash donations, or simply bonding with local cities and businesses to donate clean-up services.

Pam Mundo, the plan's author, said some cities and counties also include clauses in economic incentive packages that require businesses to donate to a parks foundation in order to receive tax abatements and other benefits.

"You want to prove to the voters, particularly in this day and age, that you've leveraged all available partnerships, grants and funding opportunities to get this done," Mundo said.

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**McLennan County
10 Year Park Plan
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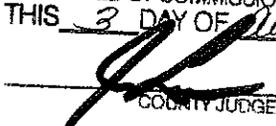
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Melissa Sulak

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Charles Turner
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COUNTY JUDGE

McLennan County 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Master Plan
Park Plan Team Representatives Meeting
August 30, 2010 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was opened at approximately 6:40 PM
2. Meeting attendance was as follows:
 - o Kelly Snell, Commissioner – Precinct 1
 - o Michelle Garcia, Administrative Assistant – Precinct 1
 - o Bill Coleman, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 1
 - o Rusty Black, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 2
 - o Larry Sims, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 2
 - o Laura Bettge, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3
 - o Melissa Sulak, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3
 - o Charles & Brenda Turner, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 4
 - o Carla Vallejo, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 4
 - o Pam Mundo, Jason Mundo and Joe Mundo, Mundo and Associates, Inc. – Master Plan Consultants
 - ❖ Bert Echterling, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 1 had previously advised that he had a previously scheduled City Council meeting conflict and would be unable to attend this first meeting.
 - ❖ Len Williams, Park Plan Team Representative of County Judge Jim Lewis subsequently advised that he had a late conflict but did plan to attend future meetings.

Commissioner Kelly Snell welcomed the Park Plan Team Representatives, discussed the general purpose of the Master Plan Project, and expressed the Commissioners Court's appreciation for their participation.

3. Meeting information packets were provided to all attendees, containing the following:
 - a) Meeting Proof of Posting
 - b) Meeting Agenda
 - c) Project Contact List, as of 8/30/10
 - d) Summary of McLennan County Existing 2002 Five Year Master Plan
 - e) McLennan County 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Project Study Process outline and schedule
 - f) 1st Draft Master Plan Public Input Process "Questionnaire"
 - g) 1st Draft study map
4. Pam Mundo briefly reviewed the information packet handouts including a summary of the County's existing 2002 Master Plan, a copy of which had been previously mailed to all Team

representatives. Pam Mundo noted that Plan's goals and objectives which included a policy position that: "Early in the planning process the county commissioners agreed that with their limited resources and the greatest need for park and recreation facilities, they should focus on the rural areas of the county, not the urban and suburban communities of Waco"

Pam Mundo stated that this subject needed to be understood and discussed to reach a position for the development of the new Master Plan. Team Representative Rusty Black, who is the City of Waco Director of Parks and Recreation, expressed his views on this subject along with his overall thoughts on the Master Planning process; he sees 3 levels of parks – precinct, regional and special-use. He recommended a Master Plan strategy that would not exclude Waco, but would assign to the City a county-wide special-use parks and recreation role. Team Representative Laura Bettge felt that the county "hub", Waco, needs to have a strong park and recreational system and Waco already has a plan to do that. She favors providing an opportunity for the smaller communities and their parks with this County plan. It was noted that the Public Input Process / Questionnaire will help measure these desires and needs.

5. Pam Mundo briefly reviewed the information packet handout summary of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Master Plan Guidelines and their role in the Master Plan development including the process of needs identification and assessment, as well as TPWD's availability to review the Master Plan during the final draft stage. It was also noted that the TPWD Outdoor Grant application date has changed from January 31 to March 1, thereby setting a January 1 deadline for pre-grant application submittal of an approved Master Plan.

Team Representative Charles Turner noted that he is a member of a HOTCOG regional grant review committee and asked if his Team role would be conflicted by this membership.

Pam Mundo subsequently talked with TPWD representatives who stated that they do not involve regional citizen committees in their County's Master Plan review process and based on this information, Charles Turner should not have a conflict.

6. Pam Mundo briefly reviewed the information packet handout of the McLennan County 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Project Study Process outline and schedule. Discussion evolved about:
 - o Schedule: For the "adopted" Master Plan to be used in a grant application it is noted that the Commissioners Court would need to adopt a 2011-2021 Master Plan prior to January 1, 2011. The Master Plan must be submitted to TPWD 60 days prior to the grant application. The grant application is due March 1, 2011.
 - o Team Meeting Dates: Team Representative Larry Sims has a partial conflict with another meeting every Monday evening starting at 6:00 PM. He will try to cover both meetings. Team Representative Charles Turner has a City Council meeting conflict on October 18. The Team meeting schedule is currently set at the last Monday of each month,

September 27, October 25, and November 29, all at 6:30 PM at specific County meeting rooms to be determined.

- Master Plan Public Hearings: Two hearings are being considered in December. Commissioner Kelly Snell suggested considering Hearings to be held in each of the four Precincts to facilitate community participation. These dates will be set after further progress on the Study.

Pam Mundo reviewed the Draft Questionnaire which is the key element of the public input process. All Team Representatives took time to fill out this 1st Draft of the Questionnaire and discussion followed regarding wording of questions, clarifications, additions, expansions, etc. Based on these comments and discussion the Questionnaire will be finalized for the Park Planning Teams approval on September 27th.

The Questionnaire process is planned as follows:

- Web site established in mid-September
- A “controlled group” of 30,000 of the 77,000 County households will be randomly selected and post cards will be sent to these household identifying the Master Plan project and inviting household to participate in the questionnaire by visiting the Web site. The post cards will be sent in the first week in October.
- A flyer similar to the post card will also be prepared to facilitate the Commissioners Court, City Representatives, Schools and Park Plan Team Representatives to copy and invite county households to participate on the website.
- The Questionnaire process will extend to October 31, 2010.
- Each completed questionnaire will identify Precinct and Zip Code.
- This process will provide the public input to identify and prioritize the needs for public parks, recreation and open space.

7. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM

Next Meetings: currently set for **6:30 PM, September 27, 2010, October 25, 2010, and November 29, 2010. Public Hearings will be held in December prior to the Commissioner’s Court considering adoption of the plan.**

The McLennan County Ten Year Park Plan Team Representatives *
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To All Persons Interested:

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MEETING AGENDA FOR POSTING: Discussion and/ or Action on the following:

- I. **PROOF OF POSTINGS** in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551.041, Government Code, as amended, known as the Open Meetings Act.
- II. Welcome and Park Plan Team Representative Introductions
- III. Introduction of Mundo and Associates, Inc., Park Plan consultant to the McLennan County Commissioners Court
- IV. Project Introduction: 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
- V. Overview of the Master Plan Project study process and schedule
- VI. Role of the Park Plan Team Representatives and Team Meeting Schedule
- VII. Discussion and Recommendations regarding the Public Input process
- VIII. Adjourn

Signed this the 26th day of August, 2010

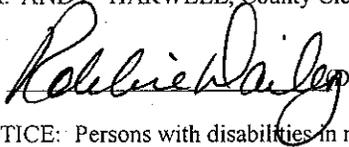


JIM LEWIS, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS * COUNTY OF MCLENNAN *

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J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, McLennan County, Texas.

By:  (Deputy) SEAL

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McLennan County 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Master Plan
Park Plan Team Representatives Meeting
September 27, 2010 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was opened at approximately 6:35 PM

2. Meeting attendance was as follows:
 - Kelly Snell, Commissioner – Precinct 1
 - Len Williams, Park Plan Team Representative – County
 - Bill Coleman, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 1
 - Bert Echterling, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 1
 - Laura Bettge, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3
 - Carla Vallejo, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 4
 - Pam Mundo, and Joe Mundo, Mundo and Associates, Inc. – Master Plan Consultants

 - ❖ Rusty Black and Larry Sims, Park Plan Team Representatives – Precinct 2 had previously advised that they would be unable to attend this meeting.
 - ❖ Melissa Sulak, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3 had previously advised that she would be unable to attend this meeting.
 - ❖ Charles & Brenda Turner, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 4 had previously advised that they would be unable to attend this meeting.

3. Meeting information packets were provided to all attendees, containing the following:
 - a) Meeting Proof of Posting with Agenda
 - b) Project Public Input Process and Survey information
 - c) Project Demographic Analysis information
 - d) Inventory of County-Wide Facilities information
 - e) Assessment Standards information

4. Pam Mundo briefly reviewed the information packet handouts for the Public Input Process and Survey, including draft's of press releases, Waco Tribune advertisements, Survey post card invitations and flyers, and the Survey Questionnaire all of which were on the Commissioner's Court 9/28/10 Agenda for approval. (Post Meeting Note: These items were approved by the Commissioners Court on 9/28/10)

Team members were told the Survey Questionnaire will be "on-line" by October 1, 2010, and they were asked to provide contacts for local city newspapers and were encouraged to help distribute survey flyers to school facilities.

It was discussed that as part of the Public Input process two public hearings will be held in December. One will be held at a central County location and, as Commissioner Snell suggested, the other will be held in four sessions – one in each Precinct.

5. Pam Mundo briefly reviewed the information packet Demographic Information including:
 - County, City and ISD US Census 2009 population estimates
 - County population projections to 2010, 2015, and 2020 by ethnicity
 - Economic data – average household size, median income, families below poverty, mean to-work travel time, and percent-in-labor-force, for City (Waco), County and State
 - Social data – male population, female population, median age, age-groups 0 to 5, 18 and over, 65 and over, for City (Waco), County and State

6. Pam Mundo briefly reviewed the information packet Inventory of Facilities information, noting that this county-wide inventory of recreational facilities is in-progress and encouraged Team members to review and offer comments, additions and/or deletions. The Inventory includes facilities owned by and located in:
 - McLennan County
 - Precinct 1: Bruceville-Eddy, Moody, Lorena, Golinda, Robinson, Beverly Hills
 - Precinct 2: Mart, Riesel, Hallsburg, Axtell, Bellmead
 - Precinct 3: West, Leroy, Ross, Gholson, Lacy Lakeview
 - Precinct 4: Crawford, McGregor, China Springs, Valley Mills, Woodway, Hewitt
 - US Army Corps of Engineers – Waco Lake System
 - Waco City: all Precincts
 - Golf Courses: all Precincts, including Municipal, public access, and private ownership
 - ISD's: all Precincts, including Bruceville-Eddy, Moody, Lorena, Robinson, Mart, Riesel, Hallsburg, Axtell, Lavega, West, Gholson, Connally, Crawford, McGregor, China Springs, Valley Mills, Bosqueville, Midway

The Inventory process will continue thru the month of October. Commissioner Snell suggested that those facilities that were funded by previous County matching grants should be so-noted.

7. Pam Mundo briefly reviewed the information packet Assessment Standards handouts which include the National Recreation & Park Association's (NRPA) Park, Recreation, Open Space & Greenway Guidelines, as well as the Park Classification System and Standards section of the McLennan County 2002 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

The process of determining parks and recreation “Needs” was reviewed. Three approaches are considered either independently or in combination:

- Demand-based approach: relies on information gathered from participation surveys, and other information that indicates how much of the population wants certain types of facilities. The web-based Survey, currently underway, will provide this information.
- Standard-based approach: uses established standards to determine facilities and park areas needed to meet the needs of a given population size, such as the NRPA guidelines.
- Resource-based approach: examines the assets and resources of the area for open space, parks and recreation facilities, and defines how these resources can be utilized. Example – the availability of the lakes and rivers in the County which are being utilized in some of the existing park facilities.

8. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM

Next Meetings: currently set for 6:30 PM, October 25, 2010, and November 29, 2010. Public Hearings will be held in December prior to the Commissioner’s Court considering adoption of the plan.

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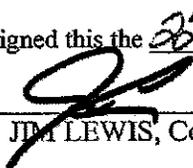
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MEETING AGENDA FOR POSTING: Discussion and/ or Action on the following:

- I. **PROOF OF POSTINGS** in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551.041, Government Code, as amended, known as the Open Meetings Act.
- II. Review and finalize the Project Public Input Process and Survey
- III. Discuss and review the Project Demographic Analysis
- IV. Discuss and review the Recreational Facility Inventory
- V. Discuss and review the Needs and Assessment Standards
- VI. Adjourn

Signed this the 22nd day of September, 2010



JIM LEWIS, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS * COUNTY OF MCLENNAN *

I, J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Commissioners Court, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a NOTICE OF MEETING posted by me at the Courthouse door and the Records Building door in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where notices are customarily posted, this the 22 day of September, 2010 at 6:00 o'clock P m. Witness my hand and seal of office at Waco, McLennan County, Texas, this 22 day of September, 2010.

J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, McLennan County, Texas.

By:  (Deputy) SEAL

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**McLennan County 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
Park Plan Team Representatives Meeting
October 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting was opened at approximately 6:35 PM
2. Meeting attendance was as follows:
 - Michelle Garcia, Administrative Assistant - Precinct 1
 - Rusty Black, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 2
 - Laura Bettge, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3
 - Melissa Sulak, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3
 - Charles & Brenda Turner, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 4
 - Carla Vallejo, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 4
 - Pam Mundo and Joe Mundo, Mundo and Associates, Inc. – Master Plan Consultants
 - ❖ Bill Coleman, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 1 had previously advised that he would be unable to attend this meeting.
 - ❖ Larry Sims, Park Plan Team Representatives – Precinct 2 had previously advised that he would be unable to attend this meeting.
3. Meeting information packets were provided to all attendees, containing the following:
 - I. Meeting Proof of Posting with Agenda
 - II. Public Input Survey Results, to-date as of October 20, 2010
 - III. Recreation Facility Acreages, Facility Concepts and Standards
 - IV. Draft Master Plan Vision, Goals and Objectives
 - V. Identified Recreation Needs and Priorities, to-date through October 25, 2010
 - VI. Draft December, 2010 Schedule for Public Hearings
4. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **II - Public Input Survey Results, to-date as of October 20, 2010** including the Survey “comment section”. The participation to date was 397 from the post card and 180 from the flyer announcement. The committee recommended that the comments be sorted by precinct and zip code to get a better determination of the written comment section. Rusty Black also indicated that the request for a dog park comes mostly from Waco residents and that the City has looked into the dog park design, liability and environmental issues and determined that at this time Waco was not planning a future dog park.

5. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **III - Recreation Facility Acreages, Facility Concepts and Standards**. Rusty Black commented that these standards should also reflect service areas by distance as well as population. An example would be Neighborhood Parks serving a ¼ to ½ mile radius area around the park with convenient walking or bicycling access, while Community Parks serve a further distance and larger area and include restrooms.

It was also suggested that each Park classification include a guide as to the recreation facilities ideally included in that classification.

6. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **IV - Draft Master Plan Vision, Goals and Objectives**. There was discussion on the Goal of providing an equitable distribution of recreational opportunities throughout McLennan County and facilitating this goal through means such as:

- County (501 c 3) foundation to allow for voluntary donations of land and monies
- Developer Incentives that encourage donations of park lands, etc.

Rusty Black suggested encouraging developers to provide land, irrigation and trees.

Discussion also included:

- Providing for pedestrian accesses, trails and linkages in the TxDOT overpass / underpass widening plans for Interstate 35
- Use of ISD recreation facilities and related issues of joint-use agreements addressing liability and maintenance.
- Use of the word “impairment or impairments” instead of limited mobility or handicapped abilities.

7. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **V - Identified Recreation Needs and Priorities, to-date through October 25, 2010**. As discussed in previous Team Meetings, three approaches are considered either independently or in combination in the process of determining parks and recreation “Needs”. They are:

- Demand-based approach: relies on information gathered from participation surveys, and other information that indicates how much of the population wants certain types of facilities. The web-based Survey, currently underway, will provide this information.
- Standard-based approach: uses established standards to determine facilities and park areas needed to meet the needs of a given population size, such as the National

Recreation & Park Association's (NRPA) Park, Recreation, Open Space & Greenway Guidelines.

- Resource-based approach: examines the assets and resources of the area for open space, parks and recreation facilities, and defines how these resources can be utilized. Example – the availability of the lakes and rivers in the County which are being utilized in some of the existing park facilities.

Preliminary "Demand-Based" needs information from in-progress Survey results as well as from in-progress personal interviews, relative to existing facilities, were reviewed and discussed.

Preliminary "Standard-Based" needs information from the in-progress existing facilities inventory was also reviewed. This information suggests that while the overall existing recreational acreage is generally consistent with the overall population based standards, the geographic distribution of this recreational acreage is generally concentrated in the center of McLennan County (Waco city and immediate adjacent environs), leaving the outer 60% to 70% of the County underserved.

The same preliminary conclusion generally applies to each County Precinct, as well, with the exception of Precinct 2 within which Tradinghouse Creek County Park is located.

Completed Demand-based and Standard-based needs information will be available for needs finalization at the November Team meeting.

8. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **VI - Draft December, 2010 Schedule for Public Hearings**. It was noted that as part of the Public Input process two public hearings will be held in December. One will be held at a central County location and, as Commissioner Snell suggested, the other can be held in four separate sessions – one in each Precinct; two sessions can be held the same day; two sessions can be held concurrently at different locations.

Available dates for individual Precinct Public Hearing sessions are:

- Monday, December 13 – afternoon
- Monday, December 13 – evening
- Tuesday, December 14 – afternoon
- Tuesday, December 14 – evening

9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM

Next Meetings:

- Currently set for **6:30 PM, Monday, November 29, 2010**
- Public Hearings will be held in December prior to the Commissioner's Court considering adoption of the Master Plan.

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MEETING AGENDA FOR POSTING: Discussion and/ or Action on the following:

- I. **PROOF OF POSTINGS** in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551.041, Government Code, as amended, known as the Open Meetings Act.
- II. Review Public Input Survey Results to-date
- III. Review Recreation Facility Acreages, Facility Concepts and Standards
- IV. Discuss and review Draft Master Plan Vision, Goals and Objectives
- V. Review Identified Recreation Needs and Priorities
- VI. Set December, 2010 Schedule for Public Hearings
- VII. Adjourn

Signed this the 18th day of October, 2010



JIM LEWIS, County Judge

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I, J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Commissioners Court, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a NOTICE OF MEETING posted by me at the Courthouse door in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where notices are customarily posted, this the 18 day of October, 2010 at 2:20 o'clock p m. Witness my hand and seal of office at Waco, McLennan County, Texas, this 18 day of October, 2010.

J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, McLennan County, Texas.

By:  (Deputy) SEAL

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**McLennan County 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
Park Plan Team Representatives Meeting
November 29, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting was opened at approximately 6:30 PM
2. Meeting attendance was as follows:
 - Kelly Snell, Commissioner – Precinct 1
 - Michelle Garcia, Administrative Assistant - Precinct 1
 - Bill Coleman, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 1
 - Bert Echterling, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 1
 - Laura Bettge, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3
 - Regina Dennis, Waco Tribune - Herald Reporter
 - Pam Mundo and Joe Mundo, Mundo and Associates, Inc. – Master Plan Consultants
 - ❖ Len Williams, Park Plan Team Representative for County Judge Jim Lewis, previously advised that he would be unable to attend this meeting.
 - ❖ Rusty Black, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 2, previously advised that he would be unable to attend this meeting.
 - ❖ Larry Sims, Park Plan Team Representatives – Precinct 2, previously advised that he would be unable to attend this meeting.
 - ❖ Charles/Brenda Turner, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 4, previously advised that they would be unable to attend this meeting.
 - ❖ Carla Vallejo, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 4, previously advised that she would be unable to attend this meeting.
3. Meeting information packets were provided to all attendees, containing the following:
 - I. Meeting Proof of Posting with Agenda
 - II. Project Update: Activities to-date and to-complete
 - III. Needs Analysis – Demand Basis / Public Input Survey
 - IV. Needs Analysis – Standards Basis with Facility Amenities Standards
 - V. Draft Master Plan Needs Priorities and Implementation Plan
 - VI. Survey Results - Postcard Survey and Flyer Survey as well as response comments
 - VII. Implementation Funding Tools
4. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **II - Project Update: Activities to-date and to-complete.** Discussion ensued regarding the schedule for the Commissioners' Court Public Hearing and consideration of Master Plan adoption. It was decided to ask the

Commissioners' Court for Agenda Items at the December 21st Regular Meeting for both the Master Plan Public Hearing and the consideration of Master Plan adoption.

There also was discussion regarding public hearings in the Precincts prior to the Commissioners' Court Hearing. Commissioner Snell requested hearings in Lorena and Robinson and suggested they be held in conjunction with each City's regular Council meetings - tentative dates were Lorena on December 13 and Robinson on December 14, both to be verified with those cities. Park Plan Team Member Laura Bettge requested a hearing in West and suggested it be held in conjunction with West's December 7 City Council meeting, to be verified with the West City Secretary.

5. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **III - Needs Analysis – Demand Basis / Public Input Survey** which included the findings from the Survey as well as the Survey response comments contained in information packet handout **VI – Survey Results**.
6. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **IV - Needs Analysis – Standards Basis with Facility Amenities Standards** which included the analysis of recreation needs based on the National Recreation & Park Association Guidelines applied county-wide and precinct-level, as well as by Park Classification – Regional, County Precinct, Special Use, Community and Greenbelt/Linear/Open Space/Linkages.
7. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **V - Draft Master Plan Needs Priorities and Implementation Plan** which prioritized the needs by facility and allocated the facility needs through an implementation plan/timeline from 2011 through 2023.
8. Pam Mundo reviewed the Meeting information packet handout **VII - Implementation Funding Tools**, which included a listing of funding tools potentially applicable and available from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, TXDOT, and private sector grants and foundations, as well as through governmental actions.
9. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM

Next Meetings:

- Public Hearings will be held in December prior to the Commissioner's Court considering adoption of the Master Plan.

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MEETING AGENDA FOR POSTING: Discussion and/ or Action on the following:

- I. **PROOF OF POSTINGS** in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551.041, Government Code, as amended, known as the Open Meetings Act.
- II. Discuss Needs Analysis of Parks, Recreation and Open Space
- III. Discuss Recommended Needs Priorities
- IV. Discuss Master Plan Public Hearing and Plan Adoption
- V. Adjourn

Signed this the 22nd day of November, 2010



JIM LEWIS, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS *

COUNTY OF MCLENNAN *

I, J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Commissioners Court, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a NOTICE OF MEETING posted by me at the Courthouse door and the Records Building door in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where notices are customarily posted, this the 22 day of November, 2010 at 11⁰⁰ o'clock a m. Witness my hand and seal of office at Waco, McLennan County, Texas, this 22 day of November, 2010.

J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, McLennan County, Texas.

By:  (Deputy) SEAL

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**McLennan County 2011 – 2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Master Plan Project
Public Hearing – City of West, Texas – December 7, 2010; 5:45 PM
Public Hearing Minutes**

1. Public Hearing was held at the Meeting of the West City Council in the West Fire Station Meeting room located at 111 S. Reagan, West, TX.

2. The purpose of the Public Hearing, as posted, was:
“A public hearing to allow citizens and West City leaders the opportunity to comment and provide public input on the proposed McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master plan and its prioritization of needs.”

3. Public Hearing was opened at approximately 5:45 PM by West Mayor Jerrel Bolton. Public Hearing Attendance was as follows:
 - o Jerrel Bolton, Mayor
 - o Steve Vanek, Alderman
 - o Al Vanek, Alderman
 - o Ben Matus, Alderman
 - o Tommy Muska, Alderman
 - o Joey Pustejovsky, City Secretary
 - o Walter m Reaves, City Attorney
 - o C J Gillaspie, Director of Public Works
 - o James Lawhorn, Chief of Police
 - o Joe Mashek, McLennan County Commissioner - Precinct 3
 - o Pam Mundo, Mundo and Associates, Inc.; Master Plan Consultants to McLennan County
 - o Joe Mundo, Mundo and Associates, Inc
 - o Laura Bettge, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3
 - o Melissa Sulak, Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 3
 - o Citizen attendee – James Johnson
 - o Citizen attendee – James Miller
 - o Citizen attendee – Mike Sulak
 - o Citizen attendee – Larry Knapek
 - o Citizen attendee – George Nors

4. Mayor Bolton introduced McLennan County Precinct 3 Commissioner Joe Mashek, who made opening remarks discussing the general purpose of the Parks Master Plan Project, and then introduced Pam Mundo of Mundo and Associates, Inc., Master Plan Consultants to McLennan County.

5. Pam Mundo made a brief presentation of the Parks Master Plan Project, referring to Project information packets previously provided to the City, with focus on the Plan Process, Public Survey results, and summary/prioritization of the resultant Needs.

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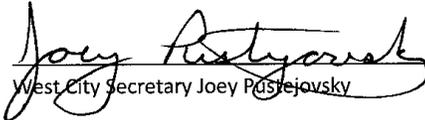
6. Questions and Comments were offered regarding the Precinct 3 needs / priorities related to West, as follows :
- Alderman Ben Matus asked about the chances of receiving funding.
 - Alderman Steve Vanek asked what the required grant funding match was.
 - Mayor Jerrel Bolton noted that he would donate the land, as the local match, for the Precinct 3 - West Park & Tennis Sport Complex need.
 - Commissioner Joe Mashek noted that the County could facilitate the grant application and Project.
 - Alderman Al Vanek commented on the needs prioritization of tennis and baseball facilities.
 - Park Plan Team Representative Laura Bettge commented that a tennis sport complex can generate revenue and noted that Survey results indicated a need for tennis facilities even from respondents in Waco.
 - Mayor Jerrel Bolton commented that the City of West will own and maintain the Park and Sport Complex.
 - Alderman Steve Vanek inquired as to the definition of "in-kind services"
7. Mayor Jerrel Bolton closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:10 PM

Public Hearing Minutes prepared by:

Joe Mundo
Mundo and Associates, Inc.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above Public Hearing Minutes are an accurate record of the Hearing proceedings.


West City Secretary Joey Pusrejevsky

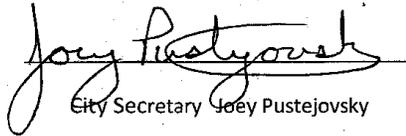


A called meeting of the West City Council will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 5:45 p.m. in the West Fire Station meeting room located at 111 S. Reagan. Purpose of the meeting will be as follow:

A public hearing to allow citizens and West City leaders the opportunity to comment and provide public input on the proposed McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and its prioritization of needs.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board of the West City Hall in the City of West, Texas on the 3rd day of December, 2010 at 9:30 o'clock a.m.


City Secretary Joey Pustejovsky

McLennan County 2011 – 2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Master Plan Project
Public Hearing – City of Lorena, TX – December 13, 2010; 8:00 PM
Public Hearing Minutes

1. Public Hearing was held at the Meeting of the Lorena City Council in the Lorena City Hall located at 222 N. Frontage Road, Lorena, TX.
2. The purpose of the Public Hearing, posted as City Council Agenda Item No. 9, was:
“Conduct a public hearing to allow citizens and Lorena City leaders the opportunity to comment and provide public input on the proposed McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master plan and its prioritization of needs.”
3. Public Hearing was opened at approximately 8:00 PM by Lorena Mayor Chuck Roper.
Public Hearing Attendance was as follows:
 - o Chuck Roper, Mayor
 - o Bill Coleman, Mayor Pro Tem, and Park Plan Team Representative – Precinct 1
 - o Robert Braswell, Councilman
 - o John Graves, Councilman
 - o Glenn Hanna, Councilman
 - o Paul Romer, Councilman
 - o Monica Hendrix, City Secretary
 - o Billy Clemons, City Manager
 - o Kelly Snell, McLennan County Commissioner - Precinct 1
 - o Pam Mundo, Mundo and Associates, Inc.; Master Plan Consultants to McLennan County
 - o Joe Mundo, Mundo and Associates, Inc
 - o Citizen attendee – Shaefer Sides
 - o Citizen attendee – Bobby Meador
4. Mayor Roper introduced McLennan County Precinct 1 Commissioner Kelly Snell who made opening remarks discussing the general purpose of the Parks Master Plan Project, and then introduced Pam Mundo of Mundo and Associates, Inc., Master Plan Consultants to McLennan County.
5. Pam Mundo made a brief presentation of the Parks Master Plan Project, referring to Project information packets previously provided to the City, with focus on the Plan Process, Public Survey results, and summary/prioritization of the resultant Needs.

McLennan County 2011 – 2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Master Plan Project
Public Hearing – City of Lorena, TX – December 13, 2010; 8:00 PM
Public Hearing Minutes

6. Questions and comments were offered regarding the Master Plan and the Precinct 1 needs / priorities related to Lorena, including the Lorena /Robinson Park & Ball Sport Complex need:
- City Manager Billy Clemons commented that tournament- level baseball facilities attract “select baseball” competition, can be a great economic development tool, and can have a big economic dollar impact.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Bill Coleman noted that a Lorena /Robinson Park & Ball Sport Complex can enhance and add to the existing Little League (private) facilities of Lorena and Robinson.
 - Commissioner Kelly Snell noted that the Waco Metropolitan Area Regional Sewerage System (WMARSS) Bull Hide Plant located between Lorena and Robinson set aside approximately 40 acres of land for parks and recreation to be developed by the County or its’ designee.
 - Mayor Chuck Roper asked who is going to maintain these facilities.
 - City Secretary Monica Hendrix commented that the rural location of the proposed park can present security issues.
 - Mayor Chuck Roper noted that this type of facility can generate weekend event related traffic issues.
7. Mayor Chuck Roper closed the Public Hearing at approximately 8:15 PM

Public Hearing Minutes prepared by:

Joe Mundo
Mundo and Associates, Inc.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above Public Hearing Minutes are an accurate record of the Hearing proceedings.

Monica Hendrix

Monica Hendrix, City Secretary
City of Lorena





City of Lorena
222 N. Frontage Road
Lorena, Texas 76655
(254) 857-4641 Fax (254) 857-4118

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS
LORENA CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010 6:00 P.M.
LORENA CITY HALL
222 N. FRONTAGE ROAD, LORENA TEXAS

AGENDA 6:00 P.M.
(Immediately following the Planning and Zoning Meeting)

1. **Call to order.**
2. **Public Hearings.**
 - a. **Conduct a public hearing and consider the recommendation from Planning and Zoning for the rezoning of a 66.08 acre tract of land from the Agricultural Rural Residential district to the Interstate Planned Corridor district and being better described as a 500 foot wide by 5,948 foot long strip of land located at the northeast corner of the Interstate 35 Frontage Road and Telephone Road.**
 - b. **Conduct a public hearing and consider the recommendation from Planning and Zoning for the rezoning of a 5.76 acre tract of land from the Single Family Residential District to the Interstate 35 Planned Corridor district on land located at the northeast corner of Interstate 35 Frontage Road and FM 2837(Rosenthal Parkway). (This request has been withdrawn by the applicant Robert Braswell).**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **November 15, 2010**
4. **Committee and Corporation Reports and Recommendations:**
 - a. **Planning and Zoning**
 - b. **Economic Development Corporation**
5. **Visitor and Citizens Forum**

At this time any person with business before the Council not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Council. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, and this time is not transferable. No formal action may be taken on any of these items at the meeting. This forum is limited to a total of 30 minutes.
6. **Discussion and action repealing Ordinance 07-0521-02 regulating signs within the City of Lorena and adopting Ordinance 2010-1213-01 amending Article 9, "Sign Requirements" of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Lorena.**
7. **Discussion and action on Ordinance 2010-1213-02 amending the official zoning map of the City of Lorena by changing the zoning on 66.08 acres of land from Agricultural Rural Residential to Interstate 35 Planned Corridor District.**

8. Discussion and action on a professional services agreement with RKS Properties Lorena, LLC to fund the City's professional services related to the proposed Town Center project.
9. Public Hearing.
 - a. Conduct a public hearing to allow citizens and Lorena City Leaders the opportunity to comment and provide public input on the proposed McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and its prioritization of needs.
10. Discussion and action adopting Ordinance 2010-1213-03 establishing standards for installing or moving utility lines.
11. Discussion and action on Resolution 2010-1213-01 concerning decisions related to the City's acceptance of TXDOT's bridge design as a part of the Interstate 35 widening project.
12. Discussion and action on Resolution 2010-1213-02 authorizing the city manager to apply for and accept loans from the State Infrastructure Bank for funds to move the City's utilities as needed in response to TXDOT's project to widen Interstate 35.
13. Discussion and action on Resolution 2010-1213-03 establishing city's policy on locating utility lines in response to TXDOT's project to widen Interstate 35.
14. Discussion and action on purchasing new street name signs in 2011 in parts of the City.
15. Discussion and action on Interlocal Agreement for canine detection services between the City of Lorena and Lorena Independent School District.
16. City Manager's Report.
 - a. Discussion of filling vacancies in the Public Works Department.
 - b. Bids for new equipment shed at wastewater treatment plant.
 - c. Discussion of members joining Chamber of Commerce.
 - d. Discussion on future plans for streetscape project along Bordon.
 - e. Recognize LAN for discussion on various projects.
 - f. Discussion on impact fees ordinance.
 - g. Discussion on changing the name of Telephone Road to Callan Ranch Road.

17. Adjourn.

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), 418.175-183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues) and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code, including, but not limited to, Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

The City of Lorena is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal access to communication will be provided to those who provide notice to the City Secretary at 254 - 857 - 4641 at least two (2) working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Handicap Parking is available in the front parking lot of the building.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the front door of the City Hall building for Lorena, Texas, in a place and manner convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on December 10, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. and remained so posted continuously at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the 10th day of December 2010.

Monica Hendrix
Monica Hendrix, City Secretary



City of Robinson

111 W. Lyndale, Robinson, TX 76706-5619
Phone (254) 662-1415 ❖ Fax (254) 662-1035

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE ROBINSON CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT ROBINSON CITY HALL, 111 WEST LYNDALE, ROBINSON, TEXAS TO CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE ITEMS ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA.

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Roll call.
4. Approve minutes: November 9, 2010.
5. Citizen comments: Citizens may be heard on any subject, but no discussion by or with Council will be held on any matter not listed on an official agenda as required by law.
6. Discussion, consideration, action, if any re: Recycling program for the City of Robinson.
7. Discussion, consideration, action, if any re: Approval of Walker Partners, LLC for Professional Engineering Services for the City of Robinson.
8. Discussion, consideration, action, if any re: Approval of Vannoy & Associates, Inc. for Professional Land Surveying Services for the City of Robinson.
9. Discussion, consideration, action, if any re: Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center and Robinson Police Department.
10. Discussion, consideration, action, if any re: Agreement by and between

PoliceReports. US and the Robinson Police Department.

11. Discussion, consideration, action, if any re: The appointment of Jerry Maze as the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee Chairman.
12. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Appointment to Robinson Economic Development Corporation.
13. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Appointment to Robinson Board of Adjustment Committee.
14. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: Proposed McLennan County 2011-2021 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and its prioritization of needs.
15. City Manager comments:
 - 1.) Park Ground-Breaking
 - 2.) Street / Sanitary Sewer Department Purchases
16. Councilmember comments and/or questions: No discussion with or by Council will be held on any matter not listed on an official agenda as required by law.
17. Adjourn.

****The Governing Body reserves the right to go into Executive Session on any of the above items as provided by Government Code Chapter 551.***

****Public Hearings will be held in accordance with procedures set forth in Resolution R-95-011, adopted by the City Council on June 13, 1995.***

Note: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who need auxiliary aids or services should contact Jana Henderson, City Secretary at 254-662-1415 at least twenty-four (24) hours before this meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

POSTED: December 11, 2010
AT: 4:30 p.m.
BY: Jana Henderson

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
McLENNAN COUNTY *
THE STATE OF TEXAS *

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Government Code, Chapter 551, (known as the Open Meetings Act), as amended, a regular meeting of Commissioners' Court, the governing body of McLennan County, will be held on Tuesday, the 21st of December 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom, 1st Floor, West Wing, McLennan County Courthouse, City of Waco, Texas, at which time the subjects listed below will be considered:

AGENDA

- I. **PROOF OF POSTING OF NOTICE** in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551.041, Government Code, as amended, known as the Open Meeting Act.
- II. **A MOMENT OF SILENCE / INVOCATION; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **CONSIDERATION OF, AND/OR ACTION ON, THE FOLLOWING:**
 - A. **APPROVAL / RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATIONS / RESOLUTIONS, AWARD PRESENTATIONS**
 - B. **HEARING FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON COUNTY BUSINESS MATTERS**
 - C. **ITEMS PREVIOUSLY DEFERRED**
 1. *Bids / RFP's Previously Deferred:* RFP #11-003: Electronic Medical Records System Software
 2. Discussion and/or Authorizations relative to Provision of a TouchPay Kiosk at the Sheppard Mullens Visitation Center, including, but not limited to: Authorization of Amendment to the Current GTL Agreement to Provide the Option of TouchPay
 3. Designation of County Holidays for 2011
 - D. **RIGHT OF WAY PURCHASE, USE, CONVEYANCE and/or CONDEMNATION:** *Authorization/Action on:* Expansion/Repair Projects including, but not limited to: Easements / Offers / Contracts to Purchase ROW; Contracts for Sale; Contracts re: Appraisal / Surveying Services, ROW Acquisition / Sale; Auth. for Legal Counsel re: Eminent Domain / Condemnation Proceedings, Execution of Legal Documents
 - E. **REGARDING COUNTY PROPERTY and/or CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:** Renovations, Repair, Indemnification Regarding Cleaning / Maintenance Projects; Space Allocations / Furnishings / Equipment / Architectural Services / Invoices / Approval of Pay Applications / Change Orders / Contracts / Lease Agreements / Certificates of Substantial Completion / Authorizations Regarding Sale / Lease / Acquisition of Property
 1. *Re: Courthouse Roofing Project:* Authorization re: Courthouse Roofing Project, including but not limited to:
 - a. Authorization re: *Texas Historical Commission* Requirements / "Antiquities Permit, Historic Buildings & Structures," Update / Authorizations re: THC Emergency Grant Funding, related matters as needed
 - b. *Johnson Roofing Contract:* Authorization for Additional Services / Change Orders / Addendums, Updates, Related Matters:
 - c. *Structural Engineering Services - Cross Winton Engineering:* Authorizations of Change Orders / Payment Authorizations Acceptance of Reports, Updates, related matters
 - d. *Architectural Services: Architexas -* Authorization for Change Orders / Acceptance of Reports, Payment Authorizations, related matters
 - F. **AUTHORIZATIONS RE: CONTRACTS / LEASE AGREEMENTS / INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS:**
 1. *Economic Development:*
 - a. *Waco-McLennan County Economic Development Corporation (WMCDEC):* Authorization of Agreements; Consultant Services; Proposed Projects / Addendums / Pay Apps / Program Project Agreements
 - 1) Authorization of Economic Development Grant Program / Project Agreement: Texas State Technical College Waco (TSTC)
 - b. Authorizations regarding Tax Abatement Agreements:
 - c. Regarding the Industrial Business Grant with Coca Cola Company (Grant of 7/8/08 and Amendment of 10/12/10): Acceptance of Required Annual Reporting Information
 2. *Authorization of Maintenance & Service Agreements:*
 - a. IKON (Mental Health Court Services Department & Information Technology)
 - b. Stenograph: 74th District Court
 3. Authorization of FY 11 Contracts for Fire Prevention Services: Various McL. Co. Volunteer Fire Departments, as Applicable
 4. Authorization of Agreements relative to Reference Materials / Services for the Law Library, related matters:
 - a. Westlaw
 - b. LexisNexis:
 - (1) Subscription Plan Amendment for Patron Access (On Line Services)
 - (2) Print Agreement
 - G. **REGARDING THE COUNTY BUDGET:** *Amendments / Requests for Amendments and related Certification of Additional Revenue, if applicable / other budgetary requests*
 1. *Regarding the FY 2010 Budget:*
 - a. Texas AgriLife Extension Service: Annual Expenditure Certification (10/1/09 - 8/31/10)
 2. *Regarding the FY 2011 Budget:*
 - a. Expenditure Authorizations relative to County Court at Law No. #2: General Fund / Fund 301, as applicable
 - b. Road & Bridge, Precinct 3: Certification of Revenue and related Budget Amendment
 - H. **COUNTY SHERIFF / JAIL / CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES** (County Operated/Private Operated Jail Facilities): Change Orders, Pay Apps, Repairs / Renovations / Infrastructure Improvements / Personnel / Salary Matters / Equipment Purchases / RFP's; Authorization of Contracts / Agreements; Amendments to Agreements:
 1. Regarding County Detention Facilities
 2. Discussion, Update Review and/or Actions relative to the Community Education Centers, Inc. Facility Operation and Management Agreements, and related Addendum (Downtown Jail Facility and Jack Harwell Detention Center)
 - I. **HEART O' TEXAS FAIR:** Authorizations re: Contracts / Professional Services / Lease / Rental Agreements / Contract Addendums / Change Orders / Extensions; Property Transactions / Deeds, Insurances, Surveys / Proposals/ Equipment / Supplies; *Authorizations re:* Purchases, Plan & Specifications, Construction, Operations, Pay Apps, Bids/RFPs; Repairs / Renovations, Expenditure Authorizations, related matters

Agenda Continued from page 1:

- J. GRANTS / PROPOSALS / SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Authorization of Grant Applications / Contracts / Grant Administration & Reporting Matters / Consulting Services / Pay Apps / Change Orders / Bids / Invoices / Legal Matters, related legal matters / documents
1. *Re: Aquilla Creek / Rogers Hill Road:* Consideration of and/or Action re: Continuation of Declaration of Disaster, Updates / Authorizations relative to the below items (or other Grant Funding; related matters as necessary):
 - a. *Authorizations / Updates re: the USDA / NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Grant and/or NRCS Exigency Funding:*
 - b. *Authorizations / Updates re: the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Relief Grant / TDRA Contract no. 7100087:* Authorization to Execute Various Forms, as needed
 2. *Re: Mundo & Associates / Texas Parks and Wildlife Master Plan, including, but limited to:* Authorization of Payment Applications, Updates / Reports, related matters
 - a. Public Hearing on Proposed 2011-2021 McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
 - b. Consideration of / Authorization of Resolution Adopting the 2011-2021 McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and Adopting and Endorsing the Prioritization of Needs, as outlined in the Master Plan
 - c. Authorization of Payment of Invoice # 4
 3. Authorization to Submit FY 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), (State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Applications
- K. BIDS / RFP's / QUOTATIONS for GOODS & SERVICES,** including Recording of Vendor HB 914 Conflict Disclosure Statements, if applicable:
- L. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**
1. *Reading / Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes;* Acceptance of Amendments / Supplements / Corrections; Recording into the Court Minutes of Previously Approved Documents, Items Not Requiring Court Action, HB 914 Conflict Disclosure Statements, as applicable
 2. *Financial Obligations of McLennan County:*
 - a. Authorization for County Treasurer to Pay County Clerks Issued Since Last Authorization
 - b. County Treasurer: Interest / Investment Reports / Authorizations / Recording of McLennan County Investment Policy Acknowledgement Forms
 3. *Human Resources / Salary Matters: Benefits/Status Forms/Revisions to Salary Schedules; Authorizations Regarding Human Resources Issues / Revisions to Human Resources Policies; Compensation / Classification Issues / Personnel Reviews / Reclassifications, Administrative Guidelines; Consultant Reports Recommendations, Job Descriptions / Postings; Related Matters*
 - a. County Sheriff
 4. *Authorizations / Ratifications Re: RFP's / Bids / Advertisements / Publications / Public Notices / Sole Source Determinations / Surplus / Scrap Property Determinations / Recording of Legal Notifications*
 - a. Authorizations of Advertisement for RFQ's / Bids / RFP's
 - b. Authorization of Setting of Public Hearing on the Establishment of Traffic Regulations on Frazier Lane, Precinct 2
 5. *Travel and Education Requests / Ratifications:*
 - a. Texas AgriLife Extension Service
 6. *Acceptance / Non Acceptance of Officials / County Department Head / Staff / Organization Reports / Updates; Policy Recommendations; Reports relative to County Contracts / Agreements / Programs; Recording of Educational or Insurance Certificates / Awards / Bonds / Presentations to the Court*
 - a. Texas AgriLife Extension Service: Monthly Activities Report, November 2010
 - b. County Auditor. Report re: Inmate Trust Fund Issues / Audit Report
 7. *Commissioners Court, consideration of and/or Action on:*
 - a. Ratification of Purchases / Designation of Authorized Purchasers:
 - b. Discussion / Authorizations Regarding the Historical Commission, including, but not limited to: By-Laws, Membership, Chisholm Trail Event, Historic Book Project, Contracts / Agreements, related items
 - c. Consideration of and/or Action re: Order Prohibiting the Outdoor Burning in the Unincorporated Areas of McLennan County, if necessary
 - d. Regarding the On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) Program: Authorization of November 2010 Billing
 - e. Authorization of Revisions to the Members List, Information Technology Committee
- M. Commissioners Court Work Session:** Information gathering, discussions, status reports / updates and/or presentations on any or all of the items listed below (*no action will be taken by the Court on items presented in this part of the meeting*):
1. Discussion re: *Future Work Session Items*
- IV. Executive Session:** A closed meeting will be held pursuant to:
- A. Section 551.072 of the Government Code, (V.C.T.A.); regarding: Real Property,** including, but not limited to:
1. Right-of-Way acquisitions re: Expansion / Repair Project/s; 2) Real Estate Purchase / Sale / Lease / Transfer / Offers to Purchase, Acquisition / Value / Donation of Real Property / Leases relative to Real Property, including, but not limited to: 1) Potential Properties for use as County / Public Facilities:
 2. *Section 551071 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.)* so that the Commissioners Court can seek and receive legal advice from its attorneys regarding pending or threatened litigation, settlement offers, claims, or other matters for which the attorneys' duties to their client under the Texas State Bar Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with the Open Meetings Act (Ch.551, Gov. Code), including, but not limited to pending or threatened lawsuits, potential liabilities, legal obligations/rights and potential legal exposure regarding historical/antiquities laws and regulations, contracts and conduct of Courthouse roof project, and any other matter on the agenda for which legal advice is needed: 1) Community Education Centers, Inc. Facility Operation and Management Agreements, and related Addendum (Downtown Jail Facility and Jack Harwell Detention Center)
 3. *Section 551.087 of the Government Code, (V.C.T.A.): Regarding Economic Development Negotiations* including, but not limited to 1) discussion of commercial/financial information received from a business prospect/s; and/or 2) discussion re: offers of financial or other incentives to a business prospect/s.

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Signed this the 16th day of December, 2010

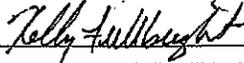


JIM LEWIS, County Judge

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN *

I, J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, and the Ex-Officio Clerk to the Commissioners Court, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a NOTICE OF MEETING posted by me at the Courthouse door in Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where notices are customarily posted, this the 16 day of December, 2010 at 3:45 o'clock p.m. Witness my hand and seal of office at Waco, McLennan County, Texas, this 16 day of December, 2010

J. A. "ANDY" HARWELL, County Clerk, McLennan County, Texas.

By:  (Deputy) SEAL

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MCLENNAN

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RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF MCLENNAN COUNTY ADOPTING THE
2011 – 2021 MCLENNAN COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER
PLAN AND THEREBY SPECIFYING AND ENDORSING THE PRIORITIZATION OF
NEEDS IT OUTLINES**

WHEREAS, McLennan County has a need to plan for the renovations, expansion and development of our parks, recreation and open space system; and

WHEREAS, McLennan County has developed a ten (10) year *2011 – 2021 McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*; and

WHEREAS, McLennan County is desirous of applying for grants from local, state and federal agencies, as well as from private foundations; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY MCLENNAN COUNTY:

That the McLennan County Commissioners' Court, hereby certifies that they are adopting the *2011 – 2021 McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*; and

That the McLennan County Commissioners' Court, hereby certifies that they are adopting and endorsing the Prioritization of Needs as outlined in the *2011 – 2021 McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*

Introduced, read and passed by the affirmation vote of the McLennan County Commissioners' Court on this 21st day of December, 2010.



J.M. LEWIS, County Judge

Attest:

J.A. "Andy" Harwell, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas


By: Deputy County Clerk

McLennan County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
Park Priorities and Implementation Time Line

Listed by Priority	Start Planning	Funding Applications	Construction Date	Project Completion
Pct 3: West Park #1 Acquisition of 10 acres #2 Tennis (8 cts) sport complex #3 walking trails #4 playground #5 picnic pavilion	2011	2011	2013	2014
Pct 1 with Lorena/Robinson Park & Ball Sport Complex #1 8 ball fields sport complex #2 walking & horseback riding trails #3 fishing pond #4 overnight RV camping #5 picnic pavilion	2011	2012	2014	2016
Pct 2 Tradinghouse Reservoir Park #1 land acquisition of 50-100 acres, #2 overnight RV camping, #3 walking trails #4 boat ramp facilities #5 picnic tables	2012	2013	2014	2016
Pct 4 Delmar Ranch Rd. at North Bosque #1 River landing with trail head & picnic facility #2 Paddling Trail on Middle Bosque river #3 Walking trail	2012	2012-2013	2014	2014

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Pct 3: West Park expansion #1 Track facilities for competition and sport event #2 youth football field #3 acquisition of additional 10 acres	2013	2014	2015	2016
Pct 1 with Lorena/Robinson Park- #1senior center #2 community center with gymnasium #3 field sport facilities #4 tennis courts	2014	2015	2016	2017
Pct 2 with City of Waco develop Special Use Park for Children with Impairments and Riesel assist with Park development	2015	2016	2017	2018
Pct 4 acquisition of property for County Precinct Park	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pct 3 - Swimming Pool complex with Connally ISD and other ISD's in Precincts	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pct 1 Assist Moody with community park development & footbridge before Austin Ave on Waco Creek.	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pct 2 Assist Bellmead with development of McGlasson Park & Sport field Complex	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pct 4 Assist McGregor with new community park & other Parks with facilities	2020	2021	2022	2023

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