



Parks & Recreation Master Plan Goals

Commission Goal

“Develop parks, trails, and recreation services”

Ongoing Goals:

1. **Community Engagement**
2. **Maintenance & Upgrades At Existing Parks**
3. **Ten Minute Walk To A Park**
4. **Increasing Accessibility and Inclusivity**
5. **Pedestrian Connectivity**
6. **Financial Strategies & Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)**
7. **Evaluate Events & Programs Each Year**
8. **Continue Work on the “Field”**

Short Term Objectives: (Fiscal Year) FY25-FY26, low budget impact

1. **Install & Update Basic Amenities At Parks & Other Public Spaces:** Adding or updating dog waste stations, drinking fountains, shade options, benches, tables, trashcans, and bike parking/repair stations. Master Plan Reference Pages 102
2. **Explore Public Art Collaborations:** Collaborate with the Public Art Advisory Board to incorporate art into parks is a manageable initiative that can be coordinated with local artists and organizations. Master Plan Reference Pages 20, 53, 54, & 64
3. **Implement & Update User Fees:** Update the current user fees for the community center, add user fees for pavilion/s at White Oak Park, Special Event Permits, & Pickleball Tournaments. Master Plan Reference Pages 94 & 95
4. **Expand Senior Program:** Continue to develop the Red Bank Active Older Adults Program into a thriving and diverse community before adding new programs. Master Plan Reference Page 75
5. **Improve existing facilities that are under poor condition designation via the Master Plan:** Prioritize facilities that are highly used and most cost effective first, others can be placed on the CIP. Master Plan Reference Pages 50-64 & 103-105.
6. **Conduct a Pool Condition Assessment:** The first step to analyzing the cost of repair, renovation, or replacement for the aging Red Bank Pool. Master Plan Reference Pages 59 & 102.
7. **Enhance Maintenance and Staffing:** Increase park staff and updating equipment are essential for handling the growing needs of the parks system, which currently operates with limited resources. Master Plan Reference Pages 85-87 & 111
8. **Improve Wayfinding and Signage:** Developing and installing signage standards and wayfinding across parks and trails can be achieved relatively quickly and would enhance navigation and user experience. Master Plan Reference Pages 21-22. & 102
9. **Achieve Compliance with Land Conversion:** An important step in being able to develop new park land and become competitive for Federal grants. Master Plan Reference Page 124.



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Mid Term Objectives: FY26-FY28, medium to high budget impact

1. **Develop Nature Trails and Connectivity:** The city plans to cut new trails along the ridge above the swimming pool and expand trail connectivity, to include linking parks like White Oak Park to other key areas. Master Plan Reference Pages 25-26, 28, 108-110
2. **Upgrade Existing Sports Facilities:** Necessary upgrades are needed at Morrison Springs and Norma Cagle Ballfields, including replacing bleachers, installing LED lighting, and adding sidewalks for better accessibility. Master Plan Reference Pages 55, 56 & 103.
3. **Implement Green Infrastructure:** The plan emphasizes integrating green infrastructure, such as solar lighting, throughout the park system, addressing environmental sustainability needs while enhancing user experience. Master Plan Reference Page 102.
4. **Expand Programs Across Age Groups:** The city aims to broaden its recreation programs throughout the parks system to engage a wider range of ages. Master Plan Reference Pages 23, & 75-78
5. **Engage with local Organizations, Churches & Schools:** By partnering with these local bodies we can help connect the public with existing created recreational resources such as running tracks, sports fields/facilities, trails/connectivity, and parking. Master Plan Reference Page 111
6. **Pursue Federal Grants For Long Term Goals:** Secure funding for major improvements and expansions in Red Bank's parks system and use CIP to be match fund ready. Master Plan Reference Pages 98 & 112

Long Term Objectives: FY26-FY30, high budget impact

1. **Improve Pedestrian Connectivity:** Develop new parks in the north end of Red Bank and continue to create connected greenways, sidewalks, and bicycle infrastructure to link the city's park system and improve overall access. This action is highlighted as critical in both short- and long-term plans. Master Plan Reference Pages 107-110
2. **Upgrade the Red Bank Swimming Pool:** Based on the pool audit either renovating or relocating the aging swimming pool. This is a high-priority recommendation due to its significance for community recreation. Master Plan Reference Pages 59 & 102
3. **Develop City Owned Land:** This long-term initiative focuses on converting the former middle school property into a park, making it a community hub with green spaces and recreation facilities to host city events, The Hixon property, and other city owned spaces. Master Plan Reference Pages 61, & 65-69