

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

# PARKS, RECREATION, ARTS AND CULTURE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

July 18, 2023



# CONFLUENCE

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

PROS CONSULTING | DESIGNING LOCAL





# AGENDA

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Introductions

Process + Timeline

Inventory of Existing Park Facilities

Summarize + Next Steps



# OUR TEAM

- Confluence –
  - Project Lead, Master Planning, Public Engagement
- PROS Consulting –
  - Demographic, Trends, Operations + Park Programming
- Designing Local Ltd. –
  - Arts & Culture Planning





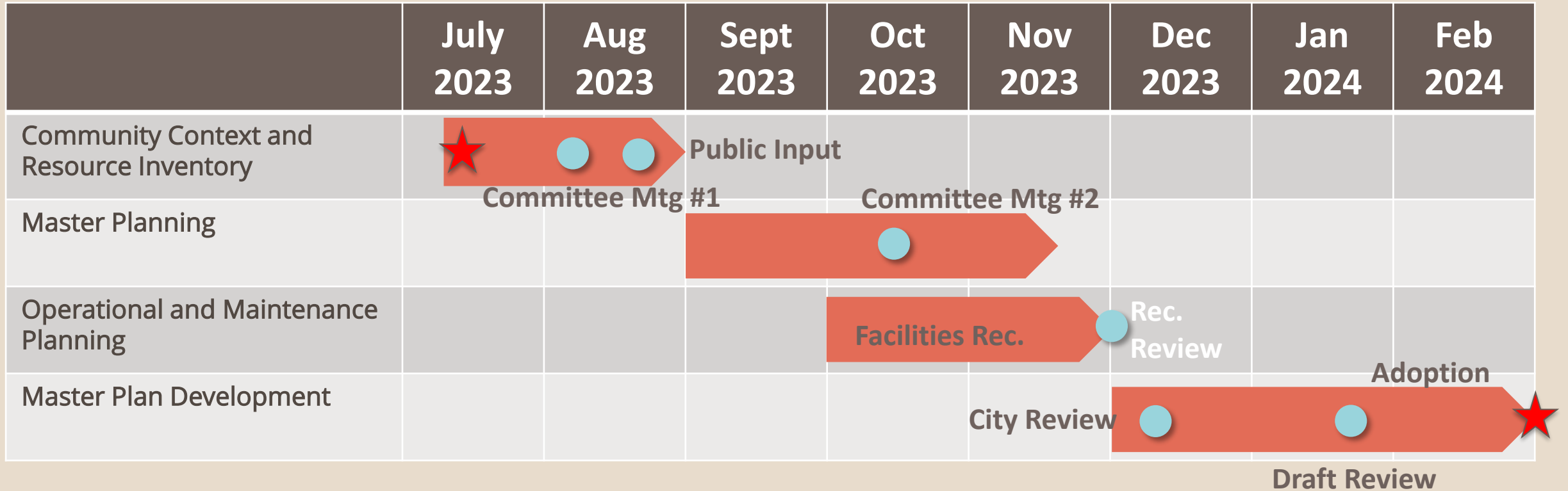
# WHY PLAN NOW?

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- Define Community Vision
- Strategic/Prioritized Funding and Implementation
  - Good stewards of available financial resources
- Programming and Capital Planning
- Flexible, Living Document
  - Board and Staff to revisit document annually to review progress
  - Realistic completion beyond 10 years

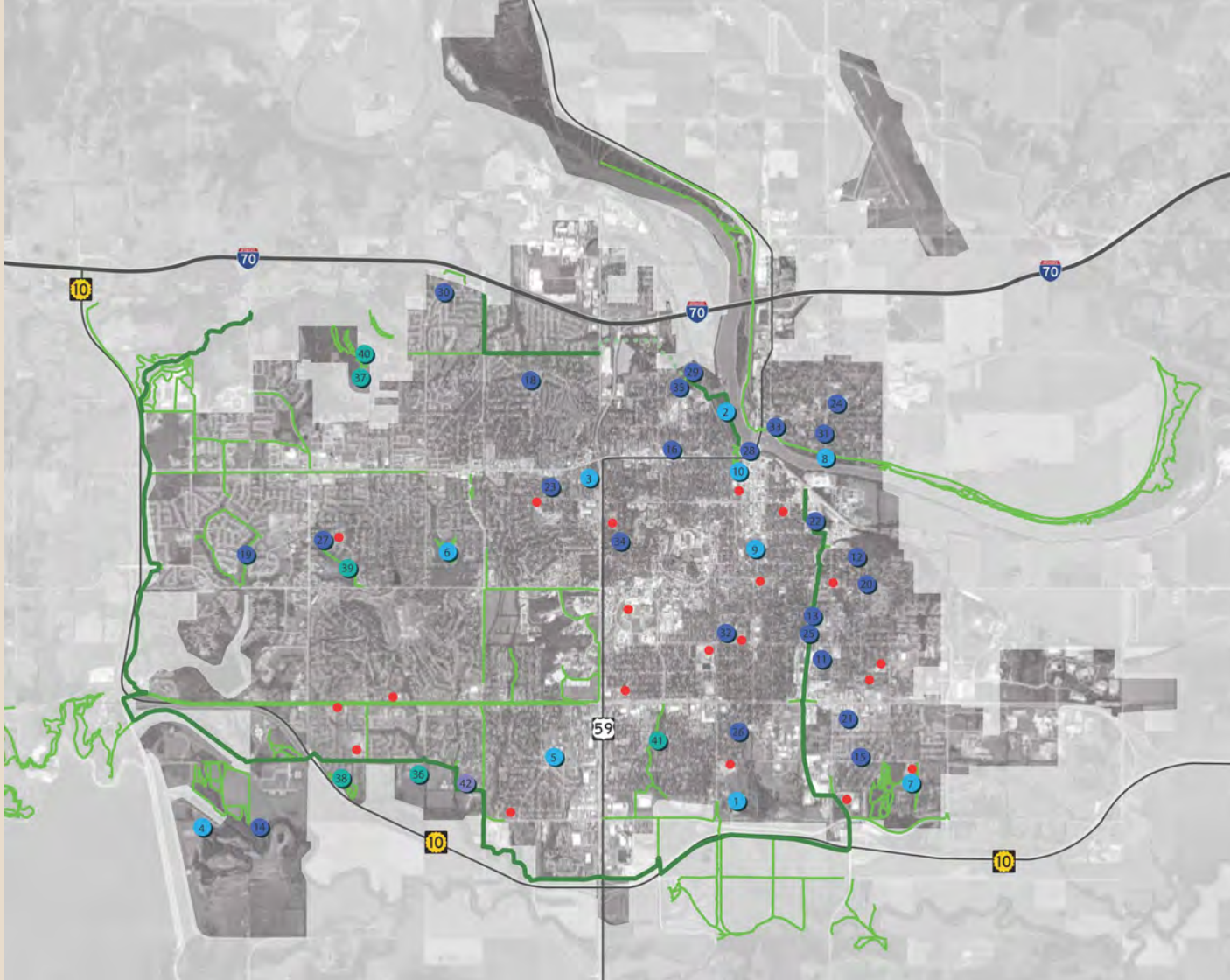


# TIMELINE



KEY MEETING: ● TASK PROGRESS: ■

# INVENTORY OF PARK FACILITIES



## NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

1. BROKEN ARROW PARK (20 ACRES)
2. BURCHAM PARK (70 ACRES)
3. CENTENNIAL PARK (35 ACRES)
4. CLINTON LAKE OUTLET PARK (60 ACRES)
5. HOLCOM PARK (31 ACRES)
6. "DAD" PERRY PARK (45 ACRES)
7. PRAIRIE PARK (72 ACRES)
8. RIVERFRONT PARK (994 ACRES)
9. SOUTH PARK (15 ACRES)
10. BUFORD M. WATSON, JR. PARK (7 ACRES)

## COMMUNITY PARKS

11. CHIEF JIM MCSWAIN PARK (6 ACRES)
12. BROOK CREEK PARK (43 ACRES)
13. BURROUGHS CREEK TRAIL & LINEAR PARK (36 ACRES)
14. CLINTON LAKE LEASED AREA (1515 ACRES)
15. CHAPARRAL PARK (2 ACRES)
16. CLINTON PARK (3 ACRES)
17. CONSTANT PARK (36 ACRES)
18. DEERFIELD PARK (10 ACRES)
19. DEVICTOR PARK (40 ACRES)
20. EDGEWOOD PARK (23 ACRES)
21. HAND PARK (1 ACRE)
22. HOBBS PARK (9 ACRES)
23. LUDLAM PARK (1.4 ACRES)
24. LYONS PARK (5 ACRES)
25. PARNELL PARK (2.7 ACRES)
26. PARK HILLS PARKS (5 ACRES)
27. QUAIL RUN PARK (5 ACRES)
28. ROBINSON PARK (1 ACRE)
29. SANDRA J. SHAW COMMUNITY HEALTH PARK (8 ACRES)
30. STONEGATE PARK (4 ACRES)
31. JOHN TAYLOR PARK (6 ACRES)
32. VETERANS PARK (3 ACRES)
33. WALNUT PARK (1/3 ACRE)
34. WATER TOWER PARK (2 ACRES)
35. WODDY PARK (4 ACRES)

## GREENWAYS & PRESERVE AREAS

36. PAT DAWSON-BILLINGS NATURE AREA (80 ACRES)
37. LAWRENCE NATURE PARK (100 ACRES)
38. KANZA SOUTHWIND NATURE PRESERVE (18 ACRES)
39. CONRAD & VIOLA MCGRE NATURE PRESERVE (15 ACRES)
40. MARTIN PARK (19 ACRES)
41. NAISMITH VALLEY PARK (25 ACRES)

## FUTURE PARKS

42. Green Meadows Park (14 ACRES)



# INVENTORY OF PARK FACILITIES

- Pedestrian Trails / Connectivity
- Upgrades of Programmatic Amenities
- ADA Accessibility / Connectivity Improvements
- Good Variety of Park Types / Spaces
- Equitable Distribution to be Reviewed
- Land for Other Park Uses
- Other Opportunities?





# NEXT STEPS

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- Stakeholder Engagement
- Public Input Meeting – Results
- Analysis Recommendations
- Recommendations Development





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# DISCUSSION

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