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Facility Analysis

One of the components of this plan was to physically review each of the park facilities the department manages and make recommendations for improvements and/or enhancements. Additionally, mapping was performed to document gaps in current service areas to provide a guideline for the department in its future growth and development of new facilities. The culmination of this analysis is the capital improvement plan (C.I.P.) and action plan.

In addition to the typical parklands, the department also is responsible for the maintenance of many public right of ways, Oak Hill and Maple Grove Cemeteries, downtown parking lots, the Municipal Airport grounds and the Water Plants grounds.

The following maps document the existing and proposed conditions for the Department:

- Existing Parks
This map illustrates the parks and recreation facilities currently developed and those yet to be developed.
- Park Facilities
This map illustrates the functions/facilities that exist in all existing parks.
- Community Parks
This map illustrates the existing and proposed community parks and their 2-mile service radius.
- Neighborhood Parks
This map illustrates the existing and proposed neighborhood parks and their ½ mile service radius.
- Mini-Parks
This map illustrates the existing mini-parks service radius. No new mini-parks are proposed.
- Community Centers
This map illustrates the existing and proposed community centers and their 1-mile service radius.
- Natural Areas/Greenways
This map illustrates the existing natural areas and greenways in the system.
- Special Use
This map illustrates the existing special use facilities that the department is responsible for.
- Bikeway and Park Linkages
This map illustrates the exiting and proposed bike routes and flood zone designations for Lawrence.

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- Urban Growth and Potential Future Parks
This map illustrates the future land use designations for the City and the areas for potential new land acquisition for parks to fulfill the plans objective relative to neighborhood parks.

The park classifications used by the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department are Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds, Neighborhood Playlots (Mini-Parks) and Natural Areas. These are used to quantify size, program mix, and visitor drawing range and assets in each of the parks. The Community Parks range in size from 7 acres to 55 acres. The Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds range from 2 acres to 18 acres. The Neighborhood Playlots range in size from 1 acre to 3 acres. Finally, the Natural Areas range in size from 2 acres to 994 acres.

Using the parks and open space classification standards established in “Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines”, authored by James Mertes and James Hall the following would apply to the Lawrence parks.

Community Parks

General Description

“Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.”

Location Criteria

“Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1 to 3 mile distance.”

Size Criteria

“As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.”

Neighborhood Parks

General Description

“Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.”

Location Criteria

“½ mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.”

Size Criteria

“5 acres is considered the minimum size, 5 to 10 acres is optimum.”

Mini-Parks

General Description

“Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.”

Location Criteria

“Less than ¼ mile distance in residential setting.”

Size Criteria

“Between 2,500 square feet and one acre in size.”

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Eagle Bend Golf Course, the Depot Visitor Center, all the right of ways, cemeteries and airport are categorized as “Special Use Facilities”.

An accepted benchmark standard for level of service determination in communities today is 12 to 15 acres per 1,000 population. With a population of approximately 82,500 people, Lawrence should have in the range of 990 and 1,240 acres of parkland. It has 1,497 acres not including the leased Clinton Lake Property (YSI, Eagle Bend Golf Course, Outlet Park and the Clinton Lake Sports Complex site). The community feedback indicated a need to focus on taking care of what the department has, to develop trail linkages and to acquire some land. This intuitively reinforces the standards and will be reflected in the Action Plan. With the City continuing to grow, though it should continue to look for opportunities to acquire flexible land areas for future needs.

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Recreation Facility Standards

Facility	Existing	Recommended Standard	Total Needed for Population Estimate of 85,000 by Year 2005	GAP
Softball fields	19	1 / 3,000	28	-9
Baseball fields	10	1 / 2,500	34	-24
Soccer fields	33	1 / 2,000	42	-9
Football fields	7	1 / 10,000	8	-1
Basketball courts	23	1 / 1,500	57	-34
Tennis courts	18	1 / 4,000	21	-3
Playgrounds	29	1 / 2,500	34	-5
Group picnic facilities	18	1 / 10,000	8	+10
Swimming facilities	2	1 / 20,000	4	-2
Community centers	5*	1 / 50,000	2	+3

*Includes Nature Center

**These standards do not include school gymnasiums.

*"Plans are nothing. Planning is everything."
Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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Neighborhood Parks and Playgrounds

Name: **Brook Creek Park**

Location: 13th and Brook (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 7 acres – Purchased an additional 43 acre wooded area east of the park in 1996. Have some trails and possibly some historical significance.

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:
Buffers residents from industrial area. Purchased an additional 43-acre wooded area east of the park in 1996. Have some trails and possibly some historical significance.

Risk management:
Good visibility from street through the site

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low to moderate with the picnic shelter, restroom and open space.

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Brook Creek Neighborhood Association

Asset inventory:

Swings:	Moderate condition
Climbing structures:	Excellent condition
Basketball court:	Moderate condition
Restrooms:	Moderate condition
Picnic shelter:	Moderate condition
Flower beds:	Good condition
Signage:	Moderate condition – New sign
Trail:	Moderate Condition through the woods has partnership possibilities
Drainage Way:	Moderate condition, some bank erosion

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities with neighborhood association and special interest groups.

Site:

Stabilize bank erosion

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Clinton Park**

Location: 5th and Maine Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 3 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Adjacent Pinckney School, separating residential from the commercial. Also has a 20 car parking lot.

Risk management:

Moderate visibility from street

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low to moderate with shelter, restroom and open space. Topography makes this site difficult for flexible programming. Multi-use sports use not applicable to this site.

Site Mix Use:

25% programmed

75% self directed

Aesthetics:

Moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Low with rental of the shelter.

Partnering Opportunities:

Good with adjacent school.

Asset inventory:

Asphalt drive and parking:

Moderate condition

Swings:

1 moderate condition

Climbing structures:

1 moderate to good condition

Basketball courts:

½ court unlit in moderate condition.

Picnic shelters:

1 – good condition though has moss problems on wood shingles.

Restroom buildings:

1 unit – poor condition – ADA concerns.

BBQ facility:

1 good condition

Lighting:

Lighting throughout site in good condition

Forestry:

Existing woods in good condition. No new plantings in park.

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Turf: The turf condition is poor to moderate.
Sidewalks: Excellent condition throughout park.
Signage: Moderate

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunity with school.

Site:

Renovate restroom facility.

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Name: **Constant Park**

Location: 6th Street and Tennessee Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 2 acres

Physical context: Urban Park

Park context:

Urban park visually linking Buford Watson Park with the river. The land is physically disconnected by an active railroad track. On site parking is limited. This park was made possible by a bequest from the Constant estate. It connects to Burcham Park via a ½ mile river trail system.

Risk management:

Good visibility from street

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Moderate with flat open space. Topography makes this site available for flexible programming with its small size being the limiter. Multi-use sports use not applicable to this site. Parking limits use.

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good

Revenue Opportunities:

Low as stand alone, links nicely with Buford Watson Park for eventing.

Partnering Opportunities:

Good with residential neighborhood and urban businesses. Package with Buford Watson Park for partnerships.

Asset inventory:

Asphalt drive and parking:

Moderate condition very small. Park relies on street parking.

Forestry:

Existing plant material in good condition. No new plantings in park.

Turf:

The turf condition is moderate to good.

Sidewalks:

Good condition throughout park.

Signage:

Moderate

Flower beds:

Good to excellent condition

Trail:

Good condition

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.
Develop theme for park.

Site:

As park use grow, expand parking.
Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.
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Name: **Deerfield Park**

Location: Princeton Boulevard (NW Quadrant)

Acreage: 10 acres

Physical context: Residential Neighborhood

Park context:
Park immediately adjoining Deerfield School.

Risk management:
Moderate visibility from street significantly blocked by coniferous windbreak at tennis courts.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Moderate with flat open space. Topography makes this site available for flexible programming with its size being the limiter. Multi-use sports use not applicable to this site. Parking limits use.

Site Mix Use:

90% self directed

10% programmed with in-line hockey and tennis courts.

Aesthetics:

Moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Low with highest possibility related to clinics associated with in-line hockey.

Partnering Opportunities:

Good with school and residential neighborhood.

Asset inventory:

Asphalt drive and parking:

Poor condition.

Forestry:

Existing plant material in moderate condition. Windbreak coniferous trees are overgrown and devalue the facility.

Turf:

The turf condition is moderate to poor (weedy).

Sidewalks:

Good condition throughout park.

Signage:

Good

Lighting:

Good condition

Swings and play area:

Good to excellent condition

Basketball court:

1 full court – lit good condition

Tennis court:

1 court – lit moderate condition

In-line hockey rink:

1 court – converted tennis court – good condition

Picnic shelter:

Moderate condition

Park benches:

Wooden moderate condition

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Baseball/Softball:

Practice Fields – poor condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities with school.

Site:

Repair parking lot.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

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Name: **Edgewood Park, East Lawrence Recreation Center**

Location: Maple Lane north of 19th Street at Miller Drive and 15th Street
(SW Quadrant)

Acreage: 18 acres

Physical context: Residential Neighborhood

Park context:

Park adjoins East Lawrence Recreation Center and has limited internal circulation. The 5,200 square foot Center opened in 1979 and provides year around activities. The Center was renovated and expanded in 1997 to approximately 18,500 square feet.

Risk management:

Moderate visibility from street with little internal access.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low to moderate.

Site Mix Use:

90% self directed

10% programmed

Aesthetics:

Moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Low with highest possibility related to clinics associated with in-line skating/skateboarding and BMX course.

Partnering Opportunities:

Low.

Asset inventory:

Asphalt drive and parking:

Moderate condition.

Forestry:

Existing plant material in moderate to good condition.

Turf:

The turf condition is moderate to poor.

Signage:

Moderate

Lighting:

Moderate condition

Climbing structure:

Excellent condition

Softball/Baseball practice field:

Poor condition – not lighted

In-line skating/skateboarding:

1 area in moderate to good condition – lighted.

Trails:

Good condition

BMX Course:

Rough but good condition

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East Lawrence Recreation Center

Programming Flexibility:

Good

Site Mix Use:

30% self directed

70% programmed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Good

Partnering Opportunities:

Good

Asset Inventory:

Parking and sidewalk:

Good condition

Signage:

Moderate

Benches:

Excellent

Facility:

Good to excellent

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities – especially on BMX Course.

Site:

Enhance existing plant material (trees, flowers).

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Hobbs Park**

Location: 11th and Delaware Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 4 acres

Physical context: Residential Neighborhood

Park context:

Park is in a residential area located on major thoroughfare. The site is the old municipal stadium. A bequest from the Myra B. Hobbs estate provided for the park renovation. Future plans to move a historic house to park site and renovate it for public display.

Risk management:

Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low given the park size.

Site Mix Use:

30% self directed

70% programmed with the stadium.

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low with highest possibility related to clinics associated with stadium.

Partnering Opportunities:

Low to moderate with primarily softball related groups.

Asset inventory:

Asphalt drive and parking:	Moderate condition.
Forestry:	Existing plant material in good condition.
Turf:	The turf condition is excellent.
Play equipment:	Swings and climbing structures are in excellent condition
Signage:	Moderate
Basketball court:	Moderate condition - lit
Softball field:	Excellent condition - lit
Restrooms:	Moderate condition
Picnic shelter:	Moderate condition
Park benches:	Moderate condition

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

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Name: **John Taylor Park**

Location: 7th and Walnut Street (NE Quadrant) north of the Kansas River

Acreage: 3 acres

Physical context: Residential Neighborhood

Park context:

Park is named in honor of John E. Taylor.

Risk management:

Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Moderate

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Low to moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Low

Asset inventory:

Asphalt drive and parking:

Moderate condition.

Forestry:

Low.

Turf:

The turf condition is low to moderate.

Play equipment:

Swings are in moderate condition. Climbing structure is in excellent condition

Signage:

Moderate

Basketball court:

Moderate condition

Picnic shelter:

Moderate condition

Parking lot lighting:

Good condition

Backstop:

Moderate condition

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Site:

Develop forestry plan.

Monitor drive/parking lot for need to topcoat.

Monitor basketball court and picnic shelter for need to repair.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Lyon Street Park**

Location: 7th and Lyon Street (NE Quadrant) north of the Kansas River

Acreage: 10 acres

Physical context: Residential Neighborhood

Park context:

Park was renovated in 1979 with a Land and Water Conservation Fund matching grant.

Risk management:

Good to excellent visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Moderate to good

Site Mix Use:

50% self directed

50% programmed

Aesthetics:

Moderate to good

Revenue Opportunities:

Low to moderate

Partnering Opportunities:

Good

Asset inventory:

Asphalt drive and parking:

Moderate condition.

Sidewalks/paths:

Good condition.

Turf:

The turf condition is low to moderate.

Play equipment:

Swings and climbing structure are in excellent condition

Signage:

Moderate

Basketball court:

Excellent condition - lighted

Picnic shelter:

Moderate condition

Parking lot lighting:

Good condition

Tennis courts:

2 - Excellent condition - lighted

Softball fields:

2 - good condition - lighting in poor condition

Restrooms:

Poor condition - ADA concerns

Tables and benches:

Moderate condition

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Repair softball field lighting.

Renovate restroom facility.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: 19th and Haskell Park

Location: 19th and Haskell Street (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 7 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Relatively new park on east side of Lawrence, near Fire station #2.

Risk management:

Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Low

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Low - with possible partnership with Fire station #2 nearby.

Asset inventory:

Sidewalks and paths: Good condition.

Swings and play structures: Good to excellent

Turf: The turf condition is moderate.

Signage: Moderate

Basketball court: Good condition - unlit

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Park Hills Parks**

Location: Utah Court and Kansas Streets (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 5 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Three parks located west of Haskell Indian Nations University.

Risk management:

Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low - small

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Low - possible with neighbors or Haskell Indian Nations University.

Asset inventory:

Swings and play structures:

Good condition

Turf:

The turf condition is moderate.

Signage:

Moderate

Basketball Court:

Poor condition - needs resurfaced.

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Topcoat basketball court.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Veterans Park**

Location: 19th and Louisiana Street (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 3 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Purchased in 1947 and renovated in 1990-91.

Risk management:

Good visibility from street with primarily walk-in access. Small (25) car parking lot.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low to moderate

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Moderate to good

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Moderate with school district and designated park with sister city in Germany.

Asset inventory:

Parking lot: Moderate to good condition.

Swings and play structures: Good to excellent

Turf: Good.

Signage: Moderate

Flower beds: Excellent

Tennis courts: 2 - lighted - excellent condition

Picnic tables/benches: Moderate

Basketball courts: 2 - lighted - moderate condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Woody Park**

Location: 2nd and Maine Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 4 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:
Renamed in 1973 in honor of Elgin Woody.

Risk management:
Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:
Programming Flexibility:
Low

Site Mix Use:
95% programmed
5% self directed

Aesthetics:
Moderate to good

Revenue Opportunities:
Low

Partnering Opportunities:
Low – possible with hospital

Asset inventory:

Parking lot:	Moderate condition.
Swings:	Moderate condition
Turf:	Good condition.
Signage:	Moderate
Softball/Baseball field:	Good condition - lighted
Restrooms:	Poor condition.

Action Plan:
Administrative:
Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:
Renovate restroom facility.
Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.
Develop system wide turf management program.

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Neighborhood Playlots

Name: Chaparral Park

Location: 27th and Maverick Lane (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 1 acre

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:
Small difficult site to maintain.

Risk management:
Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:
Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Low

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Low – possible with neighborhood

Asset inventory:

Play equipment:	Moderate condition
Turf:	Poor to moderate condition.
Signage:	Moderate condition
Basketball court:	Moderate condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Hand Park**

Location: East of Haskell Avenue at 24th Street

Acreage: 1/2 acre

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:
Very small site that is difficult to maintain. There is no parking with this park, all access is neighborhood walk in.

Risk management:
Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:
Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Low – possible with neighborhood

Asset inventory:

Play equipment and swing:	Excellent condition
Turf:	Moderate condition
Flower bed:	Moderate condition
Signage:	Moderate condition
Basketball court:	½ court unlit – excellent condition
Benches:	Good condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

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Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Ludlam Park**

Location: 9th and Schwarz Street (NW Quadrant)

Acreage: 2 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:
Small difficult site to maintain. No parking available.

Risk management:
Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:
Programming Flexibility:
Low

Site Mix Use:
100% self directed

Aesthetics:
Low

Revenue Opportunities:
Low

Partnering Opportunities:
Low – possible with neighborhood and Sunset Hills Elementary School.

Asset inventory:
Play equipment: Good condition (swing and slide only)
Turf: Poor to moderate condition.
Signage: Moderate

Action Plan:
Administrative:
Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:
Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.
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Name: **Parnell Park**

Location: 15th and Maryland Street (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 3 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:
Linear park along small waterway, with walk in access only.

Risk management:
Excellent visibility from street.

Property opportunity:
Programming Flexibility:
Low

Site Mix Use:
100% self directed

Aesthetics:
Low – park has flooding problems

Revenue Opportunities:
Low

Partnering Opportunities:
Low – possible with neighborhood

Asset inventory:

Play equipment:	Excellent condition – slide and swings
Turf:	Moderate condition.
Signage:	Moderate
Basketball court:	½ court –not lighted– poor condition
Picnic table/benches:	Poor condition

Action Plan:
Administrative:

Site:
Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.
Develop system wide turf management program.
Renovate basketball court.
Repair picnic table and benches.
Add Street trees

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Name: **Robinson Park**

Location: 6th and Massachusetts Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 1 acre

Physical context: Urban space

Park context:

Greenway between downtown bridge spans overlooking the dam. Named after Charles Robinson, the first governor of Kansas. This park is primarily a visual relief for passing motorists rather than a participatory park.

Risk management:

Excellent visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Moderate – possible with businesses

Asset inventory:

Walkway:	Good condition
Benches:	Good condition.
Signage:	Moderate
Flower beds:	Excellent

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Name: **Water Tower Park**

Location: Stratford and Sunset Drive (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 2 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:
Walk in access only.

Risk management:
Excellent visibility from street.

Property opportunity:
Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:
100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:
Low – possible with neighborhood

Asset inventory:

Play equipment: Excellent condition

Turf: Moderate condition.

Backstop: Baseball backstop in lawn area – good condition

Signage: Moderate

Flower beds: Good condition

Forestry: Moderate condition – all trees are the same size and age

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Develop forestry management plan.

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Name: **Watkins Park**

Location: 11th and Massachusetts Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 1 acre

Physical context: Urban space – downtown business district

Park context:

Located north of the Watkins Historical Museum, this park is a small vest pocket, walk in site only. It is very close to South Park. This park is being renovated into a Japanese Friendship Garden in honor of the sister city Hiratsuka Japan.

Risk management:

Excellent visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

High with museum

Asset inventory:

Turf: Good condition.

Benches: Good condition.

Flower beds: Excellent

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

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Community Parks

Name: **Broken Arrow Park**

Location: Louisiana and 29th Street Terrace (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 20 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Multi-use park located next to South Junior High and Broken Arrow Elementary School on the south side of Lawrence and due west of Haskell Indian Nations University. This park was donated to the department in 1961.

Risk management:

Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

20% programmed

80% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good

Revenue Opportunities:

Moderate with picnic shelter and ball fields

Partnering Opportunities:

High – possible with County, School and Haskell Indian Nations University

Asset inventory:

Parking lot:

Moderate to good condition

Play equipment:

Excellent condition

Softball/Baseball fields:

One lighted field in good condition and two practice fields in moderate condition.

Horseshoe courts:

18 lighted – good condition. Need better pedestrian access

Restrooms:

Good condition

Picnic shelter:

Unique and in excellent condition except floor has drainage problem to be corrected

Volleyball courts:

Poor condition

Turf:

Moderate condition

Signage:

Good condition

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Add access to horseshoe courts.

Repair drainage problem in picnic shelter.

Renovate volleyball courts.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: **Burcham Park**

Location: 2nd and Indiana Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 23 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Developed in 1977 after a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Riley Burcham. This park is located along the Kansas River and preserves one of the state's finest Cottonwood tree stand. City water utility has wellheads located in the park. It is also linked via a trail to Constant Park.

Risk management:

Poor to no visibility from street. Access for emergency vehicles is unpredictable and dangerous given the single entry point must cross the active Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad line. This park is designated in the flood plain and subject to erosion problems.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Moderate – high due to openness of space & low due to the flooding nature and high water table of the site.

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Moderate to good

Revenue Opportunities:

Moderate

Partnering Opportunities:

Good with City water utility.

Asset inventory:

Access road and parking:	Moderate condition
Turf:	Good condition given the flooding nature of the area.
Swings and play equipment:	Good condition
Benches:	Excellent condition
Trails:	Good condition
Forestry:	Excellent Cottonwood stand
Well casings:	Abandoned concrete casings – good condition for future use
Signage:	Moderate

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: **Buford M. Watson Park and Lawrence Outdoor Aquatic Center**

Location: 6th and Kentucky Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 7 acres

Physical context: Urban park and downtown business district

Park context:

This park houses the Lawrence Aquatic Outdoor Center and the Santa Fe locomotive, and connects to Constant Park. Across the street from public library and senior center.

Risk management:

Excellent visibility from street. Low area, around the train and behind pines are difficult areas to visually patrol. Lack of visibility seems to be offset by volume of users.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Moderate due to its rolling and wooded nature

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed (except for pool programs and events)

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Moderate for eventing and high for the aquatic center

Partnering Opportunities:

High with neighborhood groups, businesses, the library and historical/special interest groups

Asset inventory:

Parking:	All on street and limited
Sidewalks:	Excellent condition
Lawn open areas:	Good condition
Basketball courts:	Moderate condition – not lighted
Picnic tables/benches:	Good condition for wooden units
Drinking fountains:	Poor condition
Santa Fe Locomotive:	Good to excellent condition - landmark
Turf:	Good condition.
Signage:	Good
Flower beds:	Excellent condition
Forestry:	Good to excellent condition

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Aquatic Center

Parking:	Poor quantity
Bicycle racks:	Good condition
Sidewalks:	Excellent condition
Climbing structure:	Excellent condition
Zero-depth pool:	Excellent condition
Restrooms:	Excellent condition
Shade structure:	Excellent condition
Benches:	Excellent condition
Shelters:	Excellent condition
Competitive pool:	50 meter 8 lanes – excellent condition
Turf condition:	Moderate condition
Flower beds:	Excellent condition
Concessions:	Excellent condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Replace drinking fountains in park.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: Centennial Park

Location: West 9th, Iowa, Rockledge and 6th Street (NW Quadrant)

Acreage: 35 acres

Physical context: Retail and residential neighborhood

Park context:

In celebration of the Lawrence Centennial in 1954, this land was purchased and donated to the city. New restrooms, shelter and enlarged parking are scheduled for this park. A master plan was in progress in the summer of 1999. Phase one improvements to be completed in 2000.

Risk management:

Good to poor visibility from street. Areas close to the road have good visibility.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Good with seasonal flexibility.

Site Mix Use:

10% programmed

90% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good

Revenue Opportunities:

Moderate to good

Partnering Opportunities:

Good with special interest groups.

Asset inventory:

Parking:	Good condition
Sidewalks and paths:	Good to excellent condition
Open turf areas:	Good plateaus of open space around the park
Baseball backstop:	Moderate condition backstop in lawn area
Skateboard park:	Good condition of retrofitted tennis court
Flower beds:	Excellent condition
Turf:	Good condition
Forestry:	Good condition
Missile:	Park landmark - moderate condition
Signage:	Moderate
Disc golf course:	Good condition
Picnic shelters:	Good condition

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Implement the master plan.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: "Dad" Perry Park

Location: Monterey Way and Harvard Road (NW Quadrant)

Acreage: 45 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Purchased in 1967 with H.U.D. matching funds and named in honor of L.R. "Dad" Perry a former Lawrence teacher, gymnastics coach and member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Currently a natural area with some turf in the west side of the city.

Risk management:

Moderate visibility from neighborhood.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low to moderate

Site Mix Use:

10% programmed

90% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Moderate

Asset inventory:

Parking:

Moderate to poor condition. North lot need resurfacing. West lot has bank erosion problems.

Turf:

Moderate condition

Open play area:

Good to excellent

Climbing structures:

Excellent condition

Basketball court:

Excellent condition - not lighted

Tennis courts:

Excellent condition - not lighted

Volleyball courts:

Good condition

Restrooms:

Good condition

Benches:

Excellent condition

Picnic shelters:

Excellent condition - 2

Trails:

Good condition (tick infestation concern)

Flower beds:

Good condition

Signage:

Moderate

Parking lot lighting:

Moderate

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

Add street trees

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: **Holcom Park, Sports Complex and Recreation Center**

Location: West of 25th and Iowa Street (SW Quadrant) 27th and Lawrence Ave.

Acreage: 31 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

This school park site was named after Louie Holcom a longtime community baseball coach and friend of youth. The sports complex was dedicated in 1974, with the park completed in 1976 and the 19,000 square foot Recreation Center opened in 1988. The center is a successful combination of private financing and a bond issue. Both the park and sports complex were funded by LWCF matching funds. Lawrence Alternative High School on adjacent school property.

Risk management:

Moderate visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low – primarily singularly focused to baseball

Site Mix Use:

90% programmed

10% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Excellent

Partnering Opportunities:

Good to excellent – school has Lawrence Alternative High School on the site.

Park

Asset inventory:

Parking:	Good condition
Sidewalks:	Good condition
Bike racks:	Good condition
Play areas and equipment:	Excellent condition
Basketball courts:	Good condition – lit
Soccer fields:	Moderate condition – city maintains for school district
Tennis courts:	2 lighted in good condition
Wall/handball courts:	3 lighted in good condition
Restrooms:	Poor condition – in park

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Benches and grills:	Moderate condition – benches wood
Picnic shelter:	Excellent condition
Sand volleyball court:	Excellent condition
Turf:	Moderate condition throughout park.
Flower beds:	Good condition
Signage:	Moderate

Sports Complex

<i>Asset inventory:</i>	
Access road and parking:	Good condition
Sidewalks:	Good condition
Softball/Baseball fields:	4 lighted in excellent condition
Benches:	Moderate condition – benches wood
Turf:	Good condition on ball fields
Flower beds:	Good condition
Parking lot lighting:	Moderate condition
Signage:	Moderate

Holcom Recreation Center

Programming Flexibility:

Good – flexible facility

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Excellent

Partnering Opportunities:

Good to excellent

<i>Asset inventory:</i>	
Meeting rooms:	Excellent condition – flexible
Parking:	Good condition
Gym:	Excellent with new wood floor
Offices:	Moderate – small with little storage
Game room:	Good condition
Racquetball/handball:	Good condition – only regulation court in park system.
Weight room:	Poor to moderate condition – too small
Sidewalks:	Good condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

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Site:

Consider relocating weight room.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: Lawrence High School Campus including the Carl Knox Natatorium and the Tennis Center

Location: 19th and Louisiana Streets (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 40 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

School and Parks Department partnership for multi-use of the indoor swimming pool, one lighted baseball/softball field, and tennis courts. The natatorium is a 14, 500 square foot facility with a 25 meter pool with a 1 meter diving board. The pool is used for city aquatic programs, Aquawks Swim Club and the high school sports team. The eight lighted tennis courts are used for city programs and high school sports teams.

Risk management:

Good visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Good

Site Mix Use:

80% programmed

20% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good to moderate

Revenue Opportunities:

Good

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent

Asset inventory:

Natatorium:

Tennis courts:

Softball/Baseball

Signage:

Good condition – parking concerns is a problem
Moderate condition with little parking for programs during the school day.
Good condition – lighted field
Poor

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

Resurface tennis courts in 2000.

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Name: **South Park, South Park Recreation Center and The Community Building**

Location: 1100 Massachusetts Street (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: 13 acres

Physical context: Urban neighborhood and the downtown business district

Park context:

This park is the oldest park in the system and bisected by Massachusetts Street. This is a signature and symbolic park for the system.

Risk management:

Excellent visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Good – with diversity of facilities and spaces in the park. Massachusetts Street is a major limiter.

Site Mix Use:

20% programmed

80% self directed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Good - eventing

Partnering Opportunities:

Good to excellent – St. John's Catholic School and special interest and historic groups.

Asset inventory:

Sidewalks:	Excellent condition
On street parking:	Good but limited for events
Swings:	Good condition
Play equipment:	Excellent condition
Benches:	Good – older wood type
Drinking fountains:	Good condition, but too few
Wading pool:	Poor condition – to be replaced in 2000. Circulation system added.
Roosevelt Fountain:	Not working – nice landmark – to be renovated in 2000
Lighting through site:	Good condition
Turf:	Moderate condition
Flower beds:	Excellent condition
Trees:	Excellent mature trees
Bill Kelly Bandstand:	Good to excellent condition

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Signage: Poor condition

South Park Recreation Center

Offices: Moderate condition – small

Meeting room: Good condition

The Community Building

Sidewalks and paths: Good condition

Parking: Moderate condition – metered for general business district use

Meeting rooms: Excellent condition

Gym: Excellent condition

Exercise room: Good condition – too small

Offices: Good condition

Locker rooms: Moderate condition – retrofit that is hard to clean

Shooting range: Good condition – run by not-for-profit group

Weaving room: Good condition

Signage: Good condition

Racquetball/Handball Court: Good condition – not regulation length and width

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Repair wading pool.

Renovate Roosevelt Foundation.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

Add restrooms in 2000 adjacent wading pool.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Natural Areas

Name: **KANZA Southwind Nature Preserve**

Location: Trafficway by Sunflower Elementary and SW Junior H.S. (SW Quadrant)

Acreage: 18 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Native grasses and one pond by Trafficway. This is a walk in park, not for development; a nature preserve to be used by the neighborhood and schools for outdoor education.

Risk management:

Excellent visibility

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent with the school.

Asset inventory:

Undeveloped

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: **Martin Park**

Location: Peterson Road one mile west of Lawrence (NW Quadrant)

Acreage: 19 acres

Physical context: Open undeveloped area

Park context:

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Martin donated this park to the city in 1963.

Risk management:

Low visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Good to excellent with environmental special interest groups.

Asset inventory:

Parking: Moderate condition - gravel

Trails: Moderate to good condition

Signage: Good

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: McGrew Nature Preserve

Location: 15th and Inverness (NW Quadrant)

Acreage: 15 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Linear buffer between residential area and research park. This site has only walk in visitors, no parking is available.

Risk management:

Low visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Good to excellent with neighbors or environmental special interest groups.

Asset inventory:

Trail: Poor condition – attention needed to drainage and erosion problems.

Signage: Moderate

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Remediate drainage and erosion problems.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: **Naismith Valley Park**

Location: 24th, 25th and 27th and Naismith (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 25 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Greenbelt originally purchased with LWCF matching funds in 1972 (20 acres) with final 5 acres added in 1975.

Risk management:

Low visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Good to excellent with neighbors or environmental special interest groups.

Asset inventory:

Trail: Moderate condition – new hard surface added in 1999

Signage: Moderate

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop trail.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

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Name: **Prairie Park, Mary's Lake and Prairie Park Nature Center**

Location: 27th and Harper and northeast of 31st and Haskell Avenue (SE Quadrant)

Acreage: 72 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Purchased by the city between 1985 and 1991. Now home of the new 5,500 square foot Prairie Park Nature Center, adjacent to a seven acre virgin prairie. A hard surface trail will be added in 2000.

Risk management:

Low visibility from street except for the Nature Center.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

20% programmed primarily at the Nature Center

80% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low to moderate

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent with neighbors, environmental special interest groups, Prairie Park School and businesses of like values.

Asset inventory:

Sidewalks/paths	Good to excellent condition
Parking lot	Excellent condition
Play equipment:	Excellent condition
Basketball court:	Excellent condition – unlit
Tennis court:	Excellent condition – unlit
Restrooms:	Good condition
Picnic shelter:	Excellent condition
Drinking fountain:	Excellent condition
Turf:	Moderate condition
Flower bed:	Moderate condition

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Mary's Lake

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Moderate

Site Mix Use:

20% programmed primarily at the Nature Center

80% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good

Revenue Opportunities:

Low to moderate

Partnering Opportunities:

Good with environmental special interest groups and businesses of like values.

Asset inventory:

Access road: Poor – gravel

Picnic shelter: Good condition

Signage: Moderate condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Repair or close access road to public, after the trails and parking lot expanded to the north.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Prairie Park Nature Center

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Excellent

Site Mix Use:

50% programmed

50% self directed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Good

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent with environmental special interest groups and businesses of like values.

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Asset inventory:

Facility:	Excellent condition
Parking and walks:	Excellent condition
Signage:	Good condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: **Riverfront Park**

Location: Along the river levee across from downtown and through North Lawrence (NE and NW Quadrant)

Acreage: 994 acres

Physical context: Urban and natural area

Park context:

Cooperative planning effort between the City and the Corps of Engineers led to the development of this park from the old landfill site south to the Kansas River bridges and east to Mud Creek. The site has 3 boat ramps, 10 miles of trails, primitive camping and picnic areas. The Lawrence Bicentennial Commission spearheaded the Kaw River Trail from Highway Junction 24, 40 and 59 north to the old landfill, which is now a wildlife habitat.

Risk management:

Low visibility into the site at points.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent with the Corps of Engineers, State of Kansas, environmental special interest groups and businesses of like values.

Asset inventory:

Boat ramps: 3 - Moderate condition

Access and parking: Moderate condition

Trails: Good condition

Picnic areas and camping: Moderate condition – hard to access

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Remediate access and parking areas.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: Quail Run Park

Location: Inverness and Wakarusa Drive (NW Quadrant)

Acreage: 5 acres

Physical context: Residential neighborhood

Park context:

Protected wooded area adjacent Quail Run Elementary School. This park is immediately north of McGrew Nature Preserve.

Risk management:

Low visibility

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Low

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent with the school.

Asset inventory:

Undeveloped

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Preserve the natural environment of the Park.

Lawrence Parks & Recreation Department

A Comprehensive Master Plan

Special Use Facilities

Name: **The Depot Visitor Center**

Location: North Second and Locust Streets (NE Quadrant)

Acreage: +- 5 acres

Physical context: Commercial and light industrial

Park context:

Historic train station that has meeting rooms and houses the Lawrence Visitor Information Center. The facility is sited with magnificent flower and sculpture gardens. The facility contains small office space and meeting rooms that can be rented. This building is an architectural landmark for the community.

Risk management:

Excellent visibility.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Moderate

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Good

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent

Asset inventory:

Depot: Excellent condition

Access and parking: Excellent condition

Grounds: Excellent condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: Oak Hill Cemetery, Maple Grove Cemetery, and City Green Space

Location: Throughout the town.

Acreage: +/- 100 acres

Physical context: Mixed from residential to industrial

Context:

The Department maintains many of the public spaces in the community including two cemeteries, the Lawrence Municipal Airport, right of ways, entry signs, KAW and Clinton Water Plants, the City Complex, downtown parking lots, and the waste water treatment plant.

Risk management:

N/A

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

N/A

Site Mix Use:

N/A

Aesthetics:

Good to Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

N/A

Partnering Opportunities:

Good with civic organizations and other public agencies.

Asset inventory:

Grounds: Good to Excellent condition – turf, trees, and flowers

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop system-wide turf management program.

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Name: Clinton Lake

Location: Clinton Lake (SW Quadrant)

Acreage: 1515 acres (part of 1515 acres includes lease from Corps of Engineers)

Physical context: Open area

Park context:

Leased property from Corps of Engineers. Area includes Outlet Park, Eagle Bend Golf Course, YSI, and Clinton Lake Softball Complex. This site has high potential for the City's next regional park.

Outlet Park

Park context:

Small park

Risk management:

Low visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low

Site Mix Use:

100% self directed

Aesthetics:

Good

Revenue Opportunities:

Moderate

Partnering Opportunities:

Moderate to High

Asset inventory:

Parking lot:

Moderate condition

Play equipment:

Excellent condition – swings and climbing structures

Horseshoe courts:

Good condition

Restroom:

Poor condition (vault toilets)

Picnic shelter:

Good condition

Turf:

Good condition.

Signage:

Moderate condition

Baseball/Softball Fields

Moderate condition – aerate fields.

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Renovate restrooms.

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

Eagle Bend Golf Course

Physical context: Natural open area

Park context:

New 18 hole golf course and support facilities. 156 acre wetlands restoration including maintenance of this project.

Risk management:

Excellent visibility.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low - single focus

Site Mix Use:

5 % programmed - all golf related

95% self directed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Excellent

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent

Asset inventory:

Course and support buildings: Excellent condition

Access and parking: Excellent condition

Flower beds: Excellent condition

Signage: Excellent condition

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Action Plan:

Administrative:

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.

YSI (Youth Sports Incorporated)

Physical context: Open and developing residential area

Park context:

Public private partnership for development of recreational fields. The park has 15 football/soccer fields and 4 baseball/softball diamonds.

Risk management:

Poor to moderate visibility from street. Accessibility ingress and egress is very difficult severely limiting its growth and volume potential.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low – primarily singularly focused to baseball, softball, football and soccer

Site Mix Use:

100% programmed

Aesthetics:

Good to excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Excellent

Partnering Opportunities:

Excellent

Asset inventory:

Access road and parking:	Good condition asphalt area – poor condition gravel area
Sidewalks:	Excellent condition
Softball/Baseball fields:	4 lit in excellent condition
Soccer fields:	2 lit excellent condition
Football fields:	Good condition - unlit
Restrooms:	Excellent condition
Turf:	Good condition
Flower beds:	Good condition
Signage:	Good condition
Parking lot lighting:	Excellent condition

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A Comprehensive Master Plan

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.
Conduct traffic study.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.
Develop system wide turf management program.

Clinton Lake Softball Complex

Physical context: Open and developing residential area

Park context:

Complex opened in 1997 across from the YSI complex.

Risk management:

Low visibility from street.

Property opportunity:

Programming Flexibility:

Low – singularly focused to softball

Site Mix Use:

100% programmed

Aesthetics:

Excellent

Revenue Opportunities:

Excellent

Partnering Opportunities:

Good to excellent.

Asset inventory:

Access road and parking:	Excellent condition
Sidewalks:	Excellent condition
Softball fields:	4 lit in excellent condition
Restrooms:	Excellent condition
Benches and tables:	Excellent condition
Picnic shelters:	Excellent condition
Play equipment:	Excellent condition
Concessions stand:	Excellent condition
Turf:	Excellent condition on ball fields – good condition throughout park.
Flower beds:	Excellent condition
Trails:	Good condition

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Signage:

Good condition

Batting cages:

Excellent condition

Action Plan:

Administrative:

Expand partnership opportunities.

Site:

Develop consistent and recognizable entry and park signage throughout the park and system.

Develop system wide turf management program.