



Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2021

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**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 INGLESIDE PARKS AND
RECREATION MASTER PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ingleside, Texas,
requested the Ingleside Development Corporation to develop a Parks Master
Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ingleside Development Corporation contracted
Freese & Nichols to construct a Parks Master Plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLESIDE, SAN PATRICIO
COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:** the 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a
copy of which is hereto attached, be and it is hereby adopted by the City
Council of the City of Ingleside, Texas as the Parks and Recreation Master
Plan of the City superseding all prior Parks and Recreation Master Plans.

Resolved this 19 day of January, 2021.

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INTRODUCTION

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- Importance of Parks & Recreation
- Planning Process & Time Frame
- Planning Area



Plan Purpose

Development of a high-quality parks and recreation system doesn't happen overnight. Likewise, decisions about park amenities and recreational offerings should not happen in a vacuum. Rather, a cohesive vision for a community's parks and recreation system must be determined and then guidance provided towards incremental implementation over time. This Plan provides that guidance.

This Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (PROSMP):

- Identifies current community demographics and projected population growth
- Analyzes the current state of the City's parks, recreation and open spaces
- Identifies parks and recreation deficiencies and needs
- Establishes goals, objectives and recommendations for the next five to ten years
- Prioritizes improvements to the parks and recreation system
- Aids the City in seeking funding opportunities

This document should be used as a planning tool by City staff, elected and appointed officials, citizens, and the private development community to understand community desires and move towards long-term community success. The Plan is intended to help coordinate local efforts for Ingleside and to work in conjunction with San Patricio County, area school districts, local organizations and sports leagues.

Importance of Parks & Recreation

Access to quality parks and recreation is an important component of a high-quality community. Planning for a successful, equitable parks system ensures that all residents can experience these key benefits:

Overall Well-Being Benefits

- Contact with nature helps to improve overall well-being and quality of life
- Recreation provides multigenerational opportunities for mental, physical, social and emotional stimulation

Health Benefits

- Access to nature and recreation increases frequency of fitness and improves psychological health
- Play provides crucial developmental opportunities for children
- Physical activity helps to reduce obesity, depression and many other health problems

Environmental Benefits

- Parkland helps to mitigate climate, air and water pollution impacts
- Preserved open space protects vital habitat for plants and wildlife
- Parks fosters environmental stewardship in citizens

Economic Benefits

- Parkland increases property values within close proximity
- Quality parks and recreation can attract new residents and businesses
- Unique park and recreation amenities can encourage tourism and associated economic benefits



Parks, such as N.O. Simmons Park, create opportunities for fitness, fun and community interaction.



The fish cleaning station at Cove Park is also well loved by local wildlife.

Planning Process & Time Frame

In November 2019, the City commissioned Freese and Nichols to prepare a new PROSMP and develop conceptual plans for improvements to Faith Park and Live Oak Park. After officially kicking off in January 2020, the Plan’s analysis, vision and goals, recommendations, and prioritization were developed to create this overall guiding document for parks and recreation development.

The planning process included a variety of public engagement opportunities strategically spread throughout the process to allow public input to help shape all elements of the Plan. Engagement opportunities included individual interviews, multiple stakeholder listening sessions, an in-depth public survey and two community open houses. Detailed documentation of the public input process can be found in *Appendix A, Supplemental Information*.

This Plan is intended to address parks and recreation needs over the next five to 10 years. Recommendations should be re-evaluated periodically to ensure they are still valid. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) master plan guidelines recommend updating the Plan every five years or before any new major developments occur that significantly change the parks and recreation needs of residents.

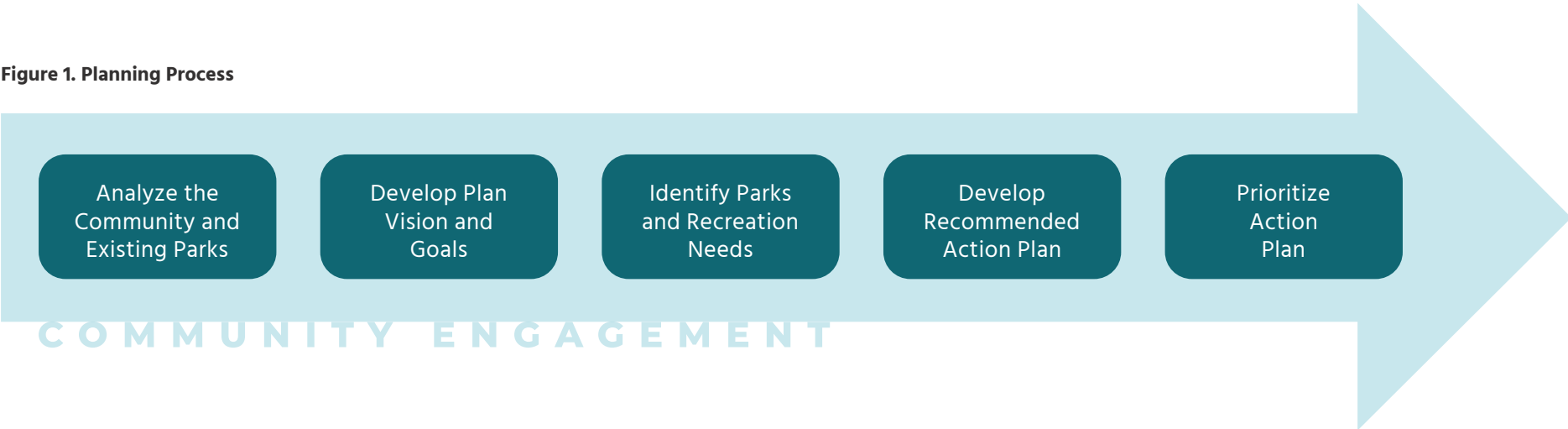
Planning Area

The study area for this Plan includes the entirety of Ingleside’s city limits, including 17.96 square miles (see Map 1). Ingleside does not have an extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). The City is bound on the north and east by Aransas Pass city limits and ETJ, and to the west and south by Corpus Christi city limits and ETJ. The small community of Ingleside On The Bay is situated adjacent to Ingleside Cove.

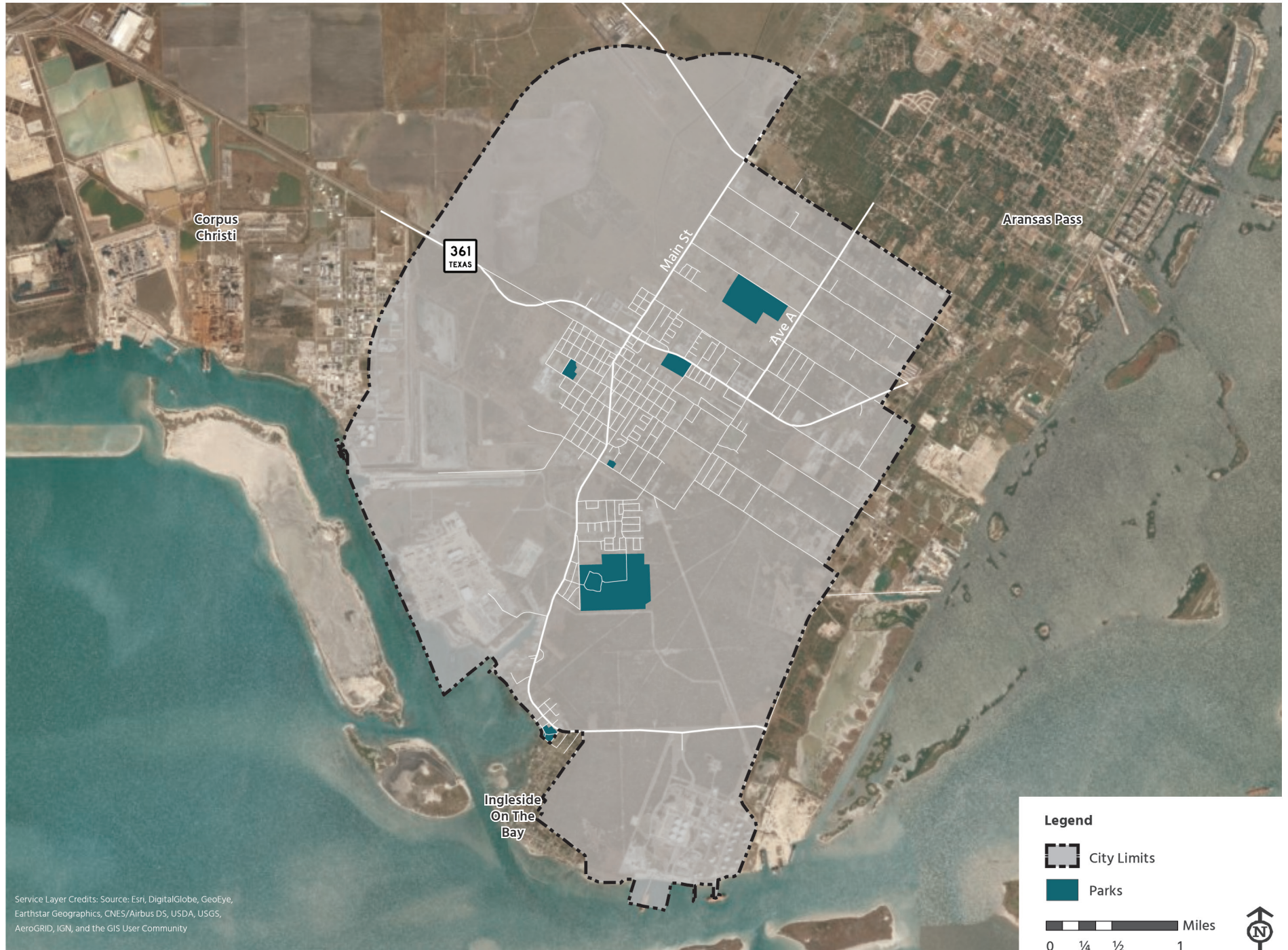
Ingleside is located at the southeastern tip of San Patricio County. It is approximately 200 miles from both Houston and Austin and is situated across the Corpus Christi Bay from downtown Corpus Christi. The City sits approximately 10 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico (measured in a straight line). The City is bisected by Main Street in a north-south direction and Texas Highway 361 in a east-west direction.

The City of Ingleside is the primary governmental entity responsible for providing parks and recreation facilities for its citizens. While implementation will be largely led by the City, everyone in the community has a vested interest in seeing parks and recreation improve and succeed. Potential partners on implementation may include other governmental entities, local industry and businesses, and the citizens of Ingleside.

Figure 1. Planning Process



Map 1. Planning Area



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COMMUNITY CONTEXT

- History of Ingleside
- Previous Planning Efforts
- Demographic Profile
- Growth Areas
- Community Engagement
- Vision and Goals

History of Ingleside

The community of Ingleside began in 1854 when settler George C. Hatch purchased land on Live Oak Peninsula. Hatch sold acreage to Walter Ingalls, Henry Nold, James Aware, John Pollard and John Vineyard and these early settlers eventually established the first homes on this land. Vineyard is credited for giving Ingleside its name which means “fireside” in his ancestral home in Scotland.

In 1855 George and Marcellus Turner moved to the area and Marcellus obtained a grant for the first post office in 1857. Following the post office, a general store and the Ingleside Male and Female Academy were soon established. During this period of development, Ingleside’s primary industries were farming and ranching. In the 1880s, grape culture was introduced to the area which later developed into a flourishing business until the 1930s when the vines were killed by blight. All the while, steamships plied the waters of Corpus Christi Bay between Corpus Christi and Ingleside, carrying trade goods to the ports.

The San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway was completed in Aransas Pass in 1887, but bypassed Ingleside. Palomas (also known as Loma) was established as a flag stop for the railroad. Residents moved to setup a new town site on the railroad in 1893, and in the early 1890s real estate developers built a large hotel on the cove. The anticipated boom never materialized and the population during this period was listed as only 30.

In 1909, the present Ingleside town site was developed, and in 1913 the Ingleside Common School District was formed with 80 students. After a hurricane tore through the Texas coast in 1916, destroying a majority of the buildings in town, future growth was slowed. Grape production picked up after the storm and turned into a thriving industry between 1910 and 1920, while fishing and vegetable production were the town’s economic mainstay until the vegetable sheds were closed in the 1950s.

In 1927, Humble Oil built a tank farm at Port Ingleside and announced plans for a refinery in Ingleside. Construction boomed with the building of a housing complex, complete with paved streets and their own sewer for Humble employees. Ingleside experienced a short period of growth and prosperity, its population expanding to 1,125 and two local newspapers, the Review and the Index, began publication. Later, in 1945, a labor dispute resulted in the closing of Humble. Brauer Corporation opened an aluminum fabrication plant in 1948, and Reynolds metal followed suit in 1950, opening a plant only five miles away. DuPont followed, and a local plant was built in 1973. This development solidified a relationship between Ingleside and its industrial partners. Ingleside developed primarily as a residential area and was incorporated in 1951.

In 1954, the Corps of Engineers cut La Quinta Channel through Ingleside Point thus demarking an area known as Ingleside-on-the-Bay, where the United States Navy intended to open its Homeport in 1995. The population of Ingleside grew steadily after 1972 and in 2000 Ingleside had a population of 9,388, including 3,200 active duty naval personnel. The naval station later closed in 2010.

In more recent history, Ingleside was impacted by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The City was hit with incredibly strong winds, causing widespread damage to development throughout the community, including park structures and amenities. In 2020, Ingleside is still dealing with the aftermath of some of the damages.



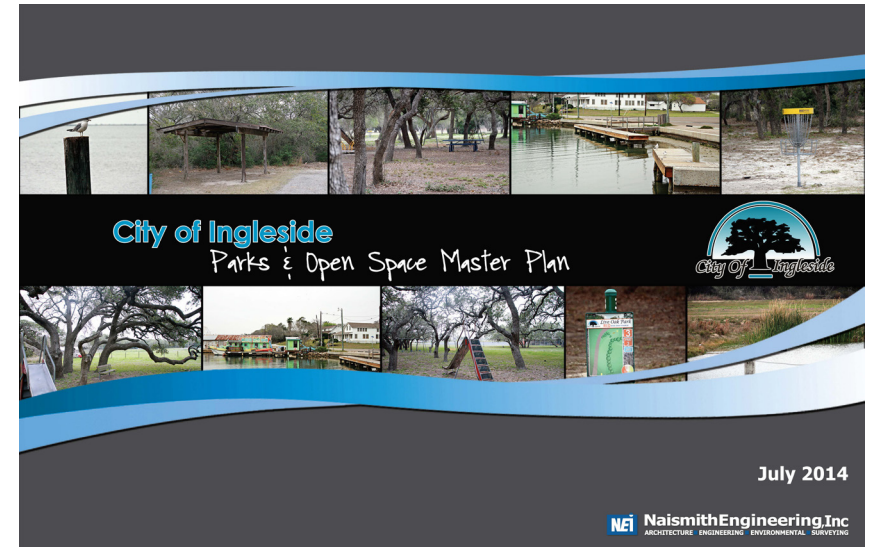
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The naval station in Ingleside ended operations and officially closed in 2010.

Previous Planning Efforts

City of Ingleside Parks and Open Space Master Plan (2014)

The City completed its Parks and Open Space Master Plan in 2014. This document provided analysis and recommendations for improvements to each of the City's parks. Plan goals included an increase in the quality and quantity of parks, open space and athletic fields. Other goals included providing more covered outdoor recreation areas, additional amenities within parks, and improved pedestrian infrastructure within parks and neighborhoods. The plan included conceptual master plans for N.O. Simmons Park and Live Oak Park. The recommendations from the 2014 plan have remained largely unimplemented



The City of Ingleside Parks and Open Space Master Plan (2014) was completed by Naismith Engineering, Inc.

2035 Ingleside Comprehensive Master Plan (2016)

Adopted in 2016, the City's Comprehensive Master Plan provides the 20-year vision for the growth and development of Ingleside. Highlights from public feedback during the planning effort include a desire to balance residential and industrial growth in the City, improve the physical appearance of the community, increase pedestrian connectivity to schools and parks, and attract some of the tourism dollars that are being spent in nearby cities. Key recommendations that impact parks and recreation include:

- Encourage new parks and recreational facilities in areas where facilities are inadequate or non-existent
- Encourage joint construction and use of recreational facilities
- Develop areas of historic or scenic significance as nature preserves or scenic parkways
- Protect existing trees and continue to require parkland dedication
- Enhance cultural programs, amenities and facilities in parks



The 2035 Ingleside Comprehensive Master Plan was completed by Kendig Keast Collaborative.

Demographic Profile

Understanding the demographics of Ingleside is a key component to planning for the parks and recreation needs of the community. Residents of different ages and financial position will have different parks and recreation interests and needs. Understanding the community's cultural and employment diversity also sheds light on the day-to-day activities of residents.

In addition to understanding the community demographics today, it is important to consider the projected growth of the community to ensure that the City's quantity of parkland and amenities remains adequate for residents in the future.

Population Growth Over Time

The City's population has typically risen from decade to decade over the last 50 years (see Figure 2). The exception was between 2000 and 2010 when the population stayed consistent. This is largely due to the closing of the naval station in 2010. Over the years, Ingleside's population has become an increasing percentage of San Patricio County's overall population.

Ingleside's future population estimates for 2020 and 2030 factor in new household units built since 2010 and a trend of 10 percent growth moving forward (as predicted by the Census Bureau)¹. A handful of developments are in progress within the City including single family homes, fourplexes and apartments. As these and other future housing developments come online, the City will likely see greater usage of parks and recreation programs and facilities from new residents.



An apartment complex is being developed near N.O. Simmons Park.

Figure 2. Historical and Projected Future Population Growth

Year	City of Ingleside			San Patricio County	
	Population	% Change	% of County	Population	% Change
1970	3,763	-	8.0%	47,228	-
1980	5,436	44.5%	9.4%	58,013	22.8%
1990	5,696	4.8%	9.7%	58,749	1.3%
2000	9,388	64.8%	14.0%	67,138	14.3%
2010	9,387	0.0%	14.5%	64,804	-3.5%
2020	11,292	20.3%	16.4%	68,760	6.1%
2030	12,421	10.0%	17.2%	72,114	4.9%

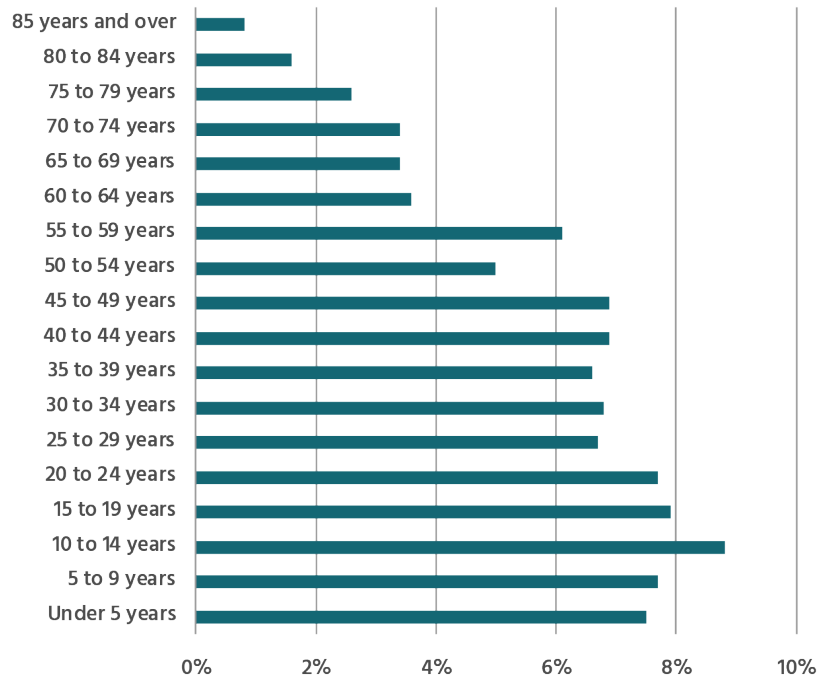
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1970-2010; City of Ingleside, City Population 2020-2030; Texas Water Development Board, County Population 2020-2030

¹ City of Ingleside and U.S. Census Bureau

Age Distribution

People's recreational wants and needs change as they age. Overall, Ingleside has a younger median age than San Patricio County or Texas (see Figure 4). This is clearly illustrated by the larger percentages of the population under 25 years old in the age pyramid below (see Figure 3). The largest population cohorts in Ingleside are children, adolescents and young adults under the age of 25. There is also a spike in the population of ages 55 to 59. Recreational offerings will need to adequately provide for the City's young population while also planning high-quality options for the 55-and-over age group. Over this plan's 10-year time frame, these groups will age into young families and retirees. Greater recreational opportunities can encourage both families and seniors to stay in Ingleside.

Figure 3. Age Pyramid



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Figure 4. Population by Age

Age Range	Ingleside	San Patricio County	Texas
Under 5 years	7.5%	7.4%	7.2%
5 to 9 years	7.7%	7.8%	7.4%
10 to 14 years	8.8%	7.4%	7.4%
15 to 19 years	7.9%	7.3%	7.1%
20 to 24 years	7.7%	6.6%	7.2%
25 to 29 years	6.7%	6.5%	7.4%
30 to 34 years	6.8%	6.7%	7.2%
35 to 39 years	6.6%	6.0%	6.8%
40 to 44 years	6.9%	6.2%	6.7%
45 to 49 years	6.9%	5.9%	6.4%
50 to 54 years	5.0%	6.4%	6.4%
55 to 59 years	6.1%	6.6%	6.0%
60 to 64 years	3.6%	4.9%	5.1%
65 to 69 years	3.4%	4.9%	4.1%
70 to 74 years	3.4%	3.5%	2.9%
75 to 79 years	2.6%	2.4%	2.0%
80 to 84 years	1.6%	1.8%	1.4%
85 years and over	0.8%	1.4%	1.3%
Median Age	33.3	35.1	34.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Race & Ethnicity

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, race and ethnicity are two different concepts. Race is a person's self-identification with one or more social groups, while ethnicity determines whether a person is of Hispanic origin or not.¹

Ingleside has a greater percentage of non-white residents than the rest of San Patricio County (see Figure 5). Also, nearly 45 percent of the population is of Hispanic or Latino descent. There may be a need for parks and recreation signage and information to be provided in Spanish and English.

The City's Comprehensive Master Plan recommended providing greater cultural programming. There could be additional opportunities for recreational programming and special events that celebrate the community's heritage.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau. Race & Ethnicity. <https://www.census.gov/mso/www/training/pdf/race-ethnicity-onepager.pdf>

Figure 5. Race & Ethnicity

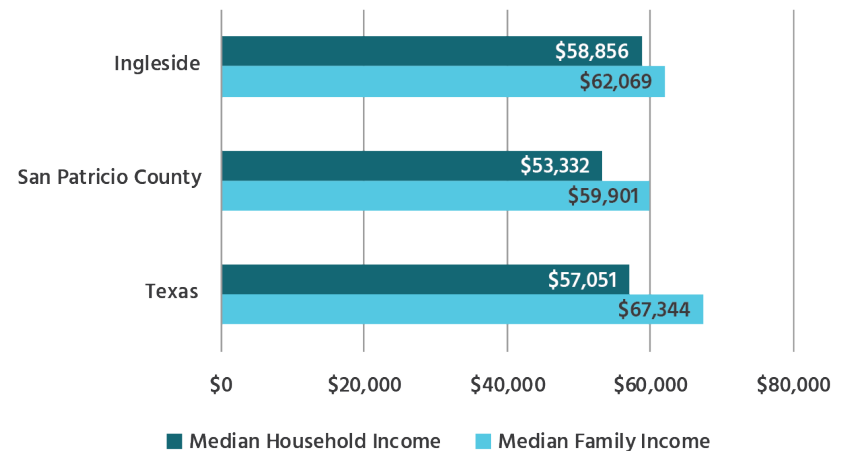
Race & Ethnicity	Ingleside	San Patricio County	Texas
White	84.9%	92.3%	74.6%
Black or African American	4.2%	1.7%	12.0%
American Indian & Alaska Native	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%
Asian	1.5%	1.0%	4.5%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Other	2.6%	2.2%	5.8%
Two or More Races	6.3%	2.4%	2.6%
Hispanic or Latino Descent	44.7%	56.8%	38.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Household and Family Income

The U.S. Census Bureau tracks household income (i.e., income earned by all people over 15 years old in a household, regardless of relation) separately than family income (i.e., two or more people related by birth, adoption or marriage who are living together). Ingleside's median household income is higher than both Texas and San Patricio County (see Figure 6). The median family income is higher than San Patricio County but lower than Texas as a whole. Income is an important consideration when determining the mix of fee-based versus free recreation opportunities to offer the community.

Figure 6. Household and Family Income

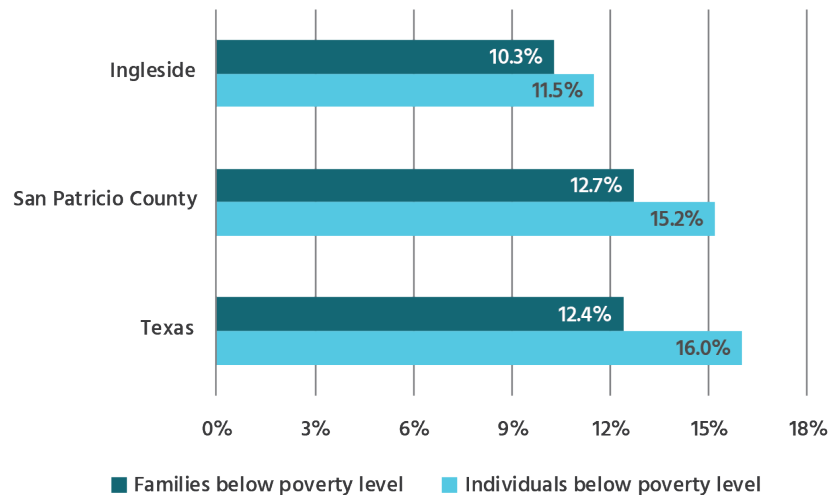


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Poverty Levels

As to be expected by the income comparison above, a lower percentage of Ingleside residents, both families and individuals, experience poverty than in San Patricio County and the state (see Figure 7). Even still, over 10 percent of Ingleside families struggle with poverty. It will be important for the City to provide varying types of recreation opportunities so that those who want to pay for programming can, while those who are pressed financially can still experience the joys of Ingleside's parks system.

Figure 7. Poverty Levels



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

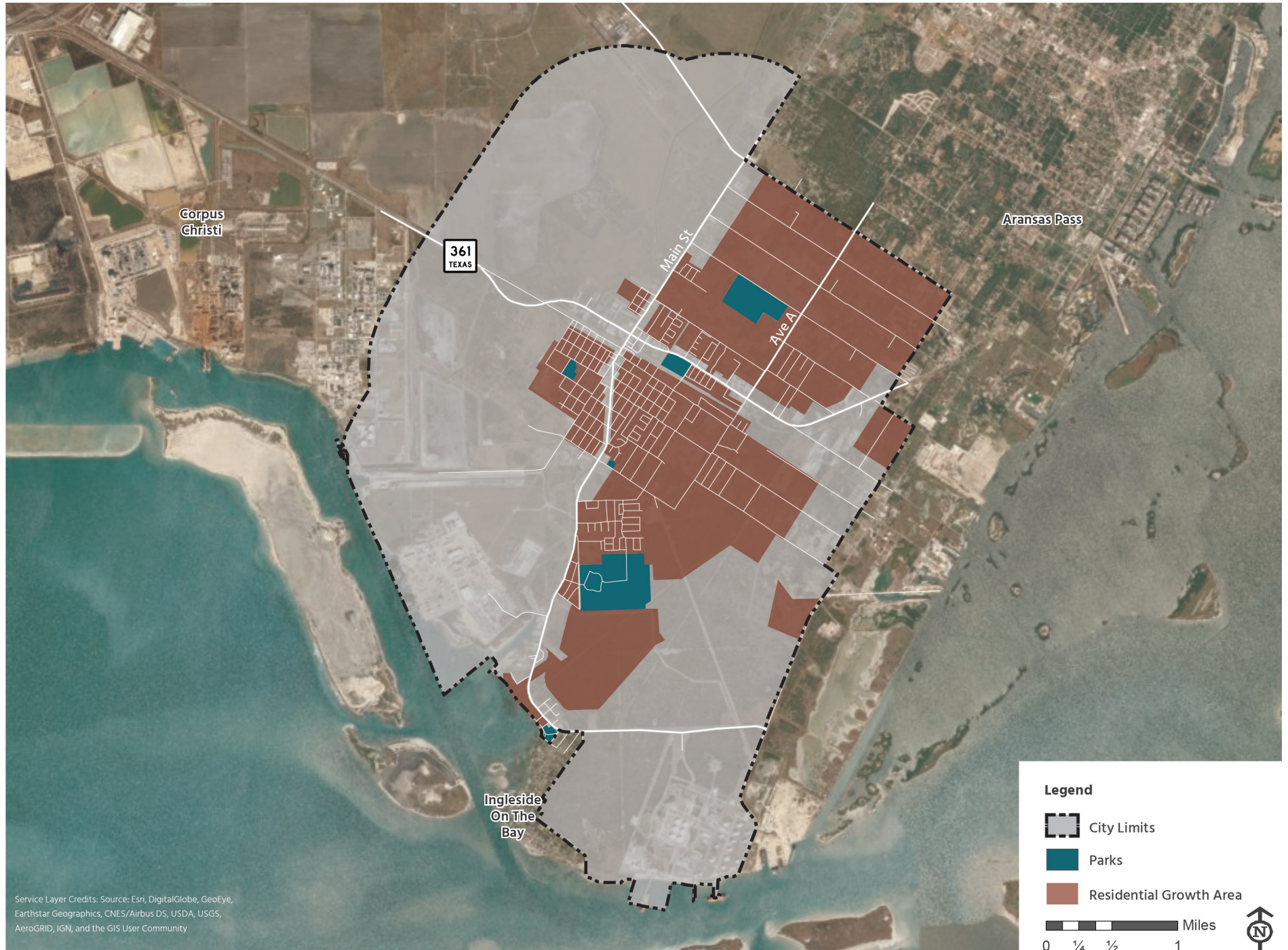
Growth Areas

As seen in the population projections earlier in this chapter, the City's population is projected to continue steadily growing. At the end of 2019, significant in-progress developments included:

- 320 homes in a planned unit development
- 192 units in a new apartment complex
- 23 new residential dwelling permits
- Two fourplexes in the re-zoning process

As the City considers the future of its parks system, it's important to locate parks in close proximity to residential areas. The brown areas on Map 2 include those areas designated as General Residential, Neighborhood Conservation or Multi-Family Residential on the City's Future Land Use Map. Future parkland acquisitions and/or development should aim to provide adequate parkland resources to serve any underserved neighborhoods in these areas (see *Chapter 4: Needs Assessment* for parkland service area maps).

Map 2. Growth Area



Community Engagement

Parks systems are meant to serve the community. In order to understand the wants and needs of the community, it is important to engage the public early and often throughout the planning process so as to develop goals and recommendations that speak to the community's desire. This planning process incorporated four different engagement strategies. Key findings of the engagement process are incorporated into the demand-based assessment in *Chapter 4: Needs Assessment*.

Individual Interviews

Three individual interviews were held during the plan kick-off. These meetings were used to gain a deeper understanding of the needs of the community through the eyes of informed and influential members of the community including the Mayor, a member of City Council and a member of the Ingleside Development Corporation.

Stakeholder Listening Sessions

Over 40 stakeholders participated in three listening sessions at the beginning of the planning process. Attendees included City staff and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Ingleside Development Corporation, numerous youth athletic leagues, local businesses and churches, disc golf enthusiasts, Best of the Bay tournament organizers, and interested citizens. Attendees provided feedback regarding their likes and dislikes with the parks system, recreational programming ideas, and their top priority improvement.

Public Survey

A public survey was conducted to gather feedback about the parks and recreation system as a whole and Faith Park and Live Oak Park specifically. Surveys were available online or in hard copy form at City Hall, the Library, the Parks office and the Ingleside Senior Center. The survey was heavily advertised in areas such as the City's website, Facebook pages, flyers distributed through the schools, utility bill inserts, targeted emails, announcements at public meetings and mobile billboards (see *Appendix A, Supplemental Information* for full list of survey advertisements). The survey was open for six weeks and 486 responses were received.

Community Meeting

A virtual community meeting was held in April 2020. Attendees learned about the planning process, Ingleside's existing parks and recreation offerings, community demographics, and public feedback received to-date. The meeting was recorded and available for public view on the City's website. A follow-up interactive survey was conducted to gather additional input about the community's parks and recreation wants and needs. The community meeting was attended by 12 people and the follow-up survey received 86 responses.



Stakeholder listening session attendees recording their top priority.

Vision & Goals

Vision Statement

Throughout the public input process residents, staff, local business people and others were asked to define their goals and priorities for the community's parks and recreation system. The following vision statement embodies that collective aspiration and serves as the foundation for moving forward. This vision statement will help to guide City staff priorities, provide a decision-making tool for local officials and help the community come together to support their collective future.

By the year 2030, Ingleside's parks and recreation system will be a focal point of community life. Diverse recreation opportunities will meet the varying needs of residents and attract local and regional tourism. Active and passive recreation options will include family-friendly amenities, programs and events. Open space will provide for recreation while also protecting and celebrating Ingleside's natural resources. The parks system will be safe, well maintained, well connected and a point of pride for residents.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Goals

The following goals provide overall direction for Ingleside's parks and recreation system to achieve the community's vision and aspirations. The goals help to further guide the City's decision-making processes and form the basis of this Plan's recommendations. The goals will be further refined into objectives and specific actions in *Chapter 5: Recommendations*.

Goal 1: Provide new, improved or expanded parks and recreation amenities that meet the changing needs of the community and attract regional users.

Goal 2: Balance active and passive recreation opportunities for the community's multigenerational population.

Goal 3: Improve connectivity and accessibility to and within the City's parks system.

Goal 4: Preserve and enhance open space while protecting natural resources and systems.

Goal 5: Enhance the safety and maintenance efforts in the parks system.

Goal 6: Explore funding and partnership opportunities.



PARKS & RECREATION INVENTORY

- Park Classifications
- Parks & Recreation Center Inventory
- Programming & Events
- Ingleside Parks & Recreation Services

Park Classifications

Parks and open space systems include a variety of different types of parkland that meet the varying recreational needs in a community. Types vary by size, function, typical amenities and service area.

Pocket Parks

A pocket park is a small public park that serves up to a 1/4-mile radius and is normally located within a residential area. These parks generally range in size from 2,500 square feet to one acre and usually contain a playground and picnic area. Many are built by developers and can be operated and maintained by a homeowners association. There are no pocket parks in Ingleside.

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are medium-sized parks centrally located in a neighborhood to be easily accessible by pedestrians. They are meant to serve residents within a 1/4- to 1/2-mile radius. They vary in size but are often between three and 10 acres. Neighborhood parks provide close-to-home park services and can offer a range of passive and active recreational amenities including playgrounds, sports courts, trail access and areas for family functions. Neighborhood parks are not usually designed for heavy use by organized team sports. Oak Terrace Park is a local example of a neighborhood park.

Community Parks

Community parks are larger in size than neighborhood parks, often ranging from 10 acres to over 50 acres. They focus on serving a broad population to meet the recreational needs for several neighborhoods or a large geographic section of the community. Their target service area is often one to two miles, but they are available for the entire community. These parks include a wide range of active and passive recreation opportunities for all user groups. This includes amenities such as playgrounds, picnicking amenities, athletic fields and courts, a trail network, swimming pool, fitness-focused equipment, and educational facilities. These parks may also serve to preserve natural resources including creeks, streams, slopes, greenbelts or floodplain areas. N.O. Simmons is a local example of a community park.



Oak Terrace Park is a local example of a small neighborhood park.



N.O. Simmons Park is a local example of a community park.

Regional Parks

Regional parks are the largest type of park for a typical community's park system. The size varies depending on the purpose and character of the site. Regional parks provide recreational amenities for the entire community and even serve as a hub for surrounding communities. They can have service areas of up to a 50 mile radius, depending on the site features. Regional parks often help to protect and showcase valuable natural resources such as habitat preserves or bodies of water. These parks include a very wide range of active and passive recreation opportunities and can be an economic generator by attracting sports tournaments or ecotourism or hosting large events. Typical amenities include destination playgrounds, athletic courts and fields, trail systems, water activities, unprogrammed open space and preserved natural areas. Live Oak Park and Whitney Lake are local examples of a regional park.

Linear Parks

Linear parks include amenities for walking, jogging, bicycling and/or hiking. They are often located along linear natural (e.g., creeks) or man-made (e.g., utilities) features. Their size and service area vary based on the amenities offered and extent of the linear feature. These parks often connect two or more parks or point of interest in a city. They are also used to protect wildlife and natural processes or provide for floodways or stormwater drainage. There are no linear parks in Ingleside.

Special Use Parks

Special use parks can cover a wide range of facilities and descriptions but are most likely oriented for a single purpose. They range in size and service area based on the use. Typical examples include golf courses, skate parks, aquatic facilities, tennis complexes, nature centers or historic sites. There are no special use parks in Ingleside since the special use amenities (e.g., skate park) are integrated into other park types.



Live Oak Park is a local example of a regional park.

Parks & Recreation Center Inventory

Ingleside's parks system includes over 200 acres of parkland spread across six sites. The parks range in size from just under two acres to well over 100 acres. The parks are located throughout the City, with the majority being situated east of Main Street and south of TX-361.

The parks system is very diverse, with many parks offering different experiences and environments than the others. This variety was frequently mentioned as an asset by community members throughout the planning process.

The parks system includes options for both active and passive recreation. Active recreation refers to structured activities for individuals and teams that often require specialized facilities or equipment such as baseball, tennis and skateboarding. Passive recreation refers to unstructured activities that typically do not require specialized equipment or facilities. Examples of passive recreation include jogging, birdwatching, fishing and picnicking.

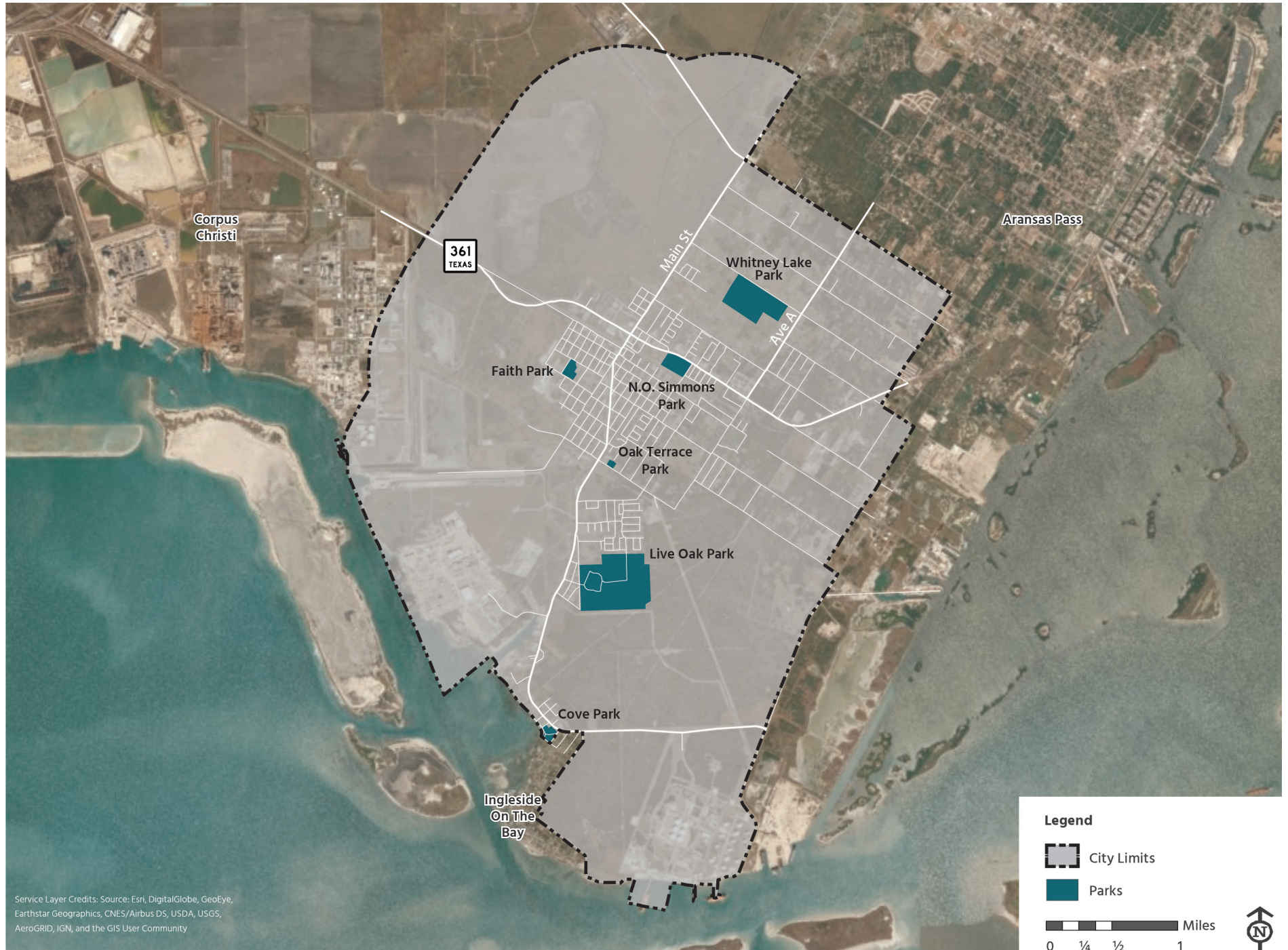
The City also owns and operates two recreation centers: Humble Community and Youth Center and Ingleside Senior Citizen Center.

Figure 9. Ingleside Park and Facility Inventory

Park or Facility Name	Address	Ac.	Park Classification*	Active Recreation												Water Recreation					Passive Recreation								Misc.	
				Baseball/Softball Field (#)	Standalone Backstop (#)	Soccer Field (#)	Football Field (#)	Multipurpose Practice Field (#)	Basketball Court (#)	Tennis Court (#)	Volleyball Court (#)	Concession Stand (X)	Skate Park (#)	Disc Golf Course (#)	Fitness Equipment (X)	Fishing Pier (#)	Canoe/Kayak Launch (#)	Boat Ramp (#)	Swimming Pool (#)	Splash Pad (#)	Walking/Biking Trail (# miles)	Dog Park (#)	Playground (#)	Horseshoe Pits (#)	Table/Picnic Tables (X)	BBQ Grill (Y/N)	Picnic Shelter/Pavilion (#)	Outdoor Event Space (#)	Restrooms (X)	Parking (X)
Oak Terrace Park	2312 8th Street	1.6	N																		1		X							
Faith Park	2740 Mustang Drive	6.6	N/C	2					1								1													
N.O. Simmons Park	2867 Avenue J	14.4	C			4	1	1	1			X	1		X				1	0.8	1		X	X	1		X	X		
Cove Park	1319 Ocean Drive	5.6	R													1		1					X				X	X		
Live Oak Park	1874 Port Avenue	131.9	R	3				3	1	1		X		2							2		X				X	X		
Whitney Lake	1995 Kenny Lane	60.2	R													2				0.3			X					X		
Humble Community and Youth Center	2821 Main Street																										X			
Ingleside Senior Citizen Center	2850 Main Street																										X	X		
Total		220.3		5	0	4	1	4	3	1	0	2	1	3	1	3	0	1	1	1	1.1	0	4	0	5	1	1	0	5	5

* N = Neighborhood C = Community R = Regional

Map 3. Existing Parks



Oak Terrace Park (2312 8th Street)

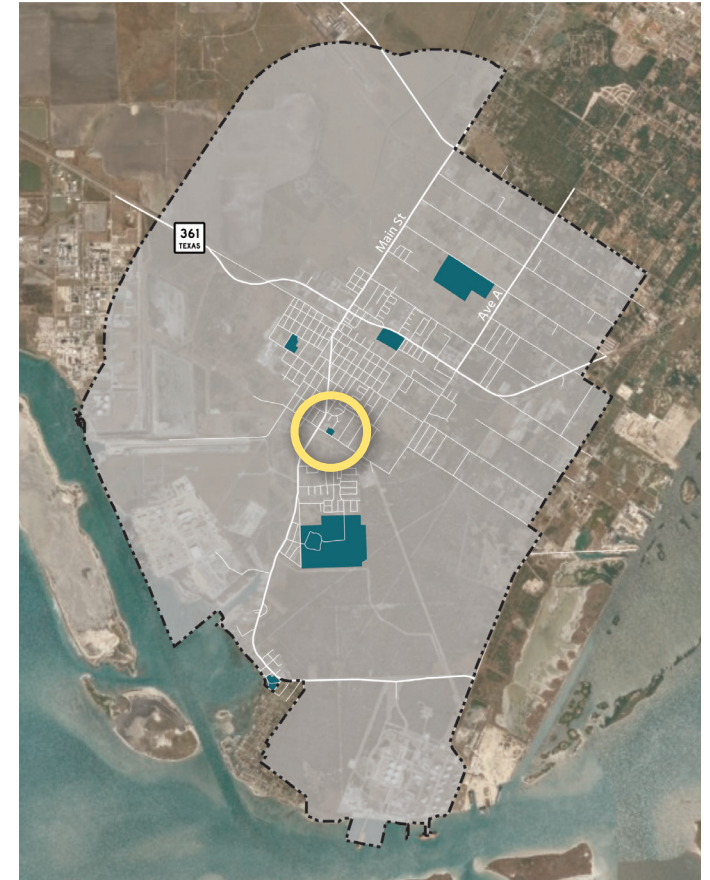
Oak Terrace Park is the City's smallest and least known park. It is surrounded by residences and the Our Lady of the Assumption Church on 8th Street. The park was established 1972 and is characterized by its many mature oak trees.

Amenities in this park include a picnic table, benches and an old playground. The majority of the park's amenities are in need of maintenance, repair or replacement. There is no parking or restroom available at this park. At various times during the year, an undesirable caterpillar species can be found near the oak trees. The sting of these caterpillars has been known to deter residents from using the park.

Oak Terrace Park is underutilized at this point. However, its location, tree cover and size provide opportunities for a small neighborhood park to serve nearby residents and the adjacent church.

Opportunities for improvements and new amenities could include:

- Adding new playground equipment
- Improving the picnic area
- Treating for the caterpillars
- Adding a small parking area
- Adding lighting



Location Map

Map 4. Oak Terrace Park



Aerial imagery from Nearmap

Park Size

- 1.6 acres

Park Type

- Neighborhood

Park Features

- Playground



Faith Park (2740 Mustang Drive)

Faith Park was established in 1953. It is located adjacent to City Hall, the Ingleside Public Library and Ingleside High School. Until 2017, it was used as a community park, providing a softball field, baseball field, basketball court, playground and swimming pool. It is also the home to the Hildegard Schmidt Garden Center, which is used as a meeting place by the Ingleside Garden Club and the Rotary Club.

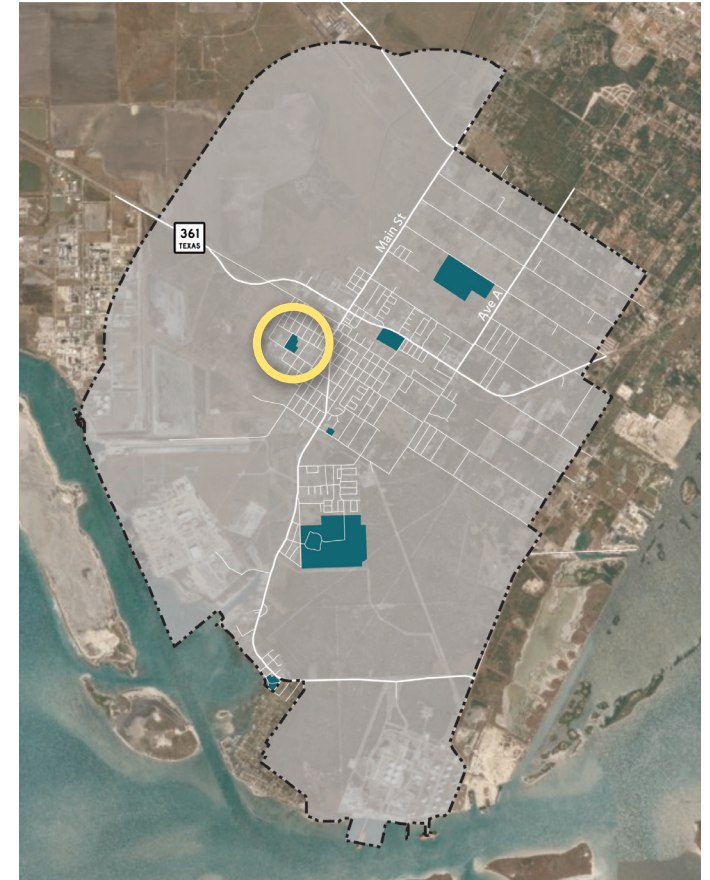
In 2017, this park was severely damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The roof of the concession stand/announcer's building was torn off and load-bearing walls were damaged. About half of the park's light poles were snapped. A section of the bleachers was swept away along with the shade structures for the remaining bleacher sections. Both ball field dugouts were destroyed and the chain link backstops at both fields were damaged. The pool's bathhouse roof was destroyed and the skylights broken by storm debris. Two canopy structures and one pergola were destroyed at the pool.

The park remains largely unusable as the City continues to coordinate with FEMA regarding the damage. The City has preliminary plans to establish a community garden at Faith Park. The native plant garden has been created, but the edible plant garden is on hold.

Faith Park's location adjacent to City Hall, the library and high school creates a great opportunity for amenities that can serve and support a multigenerational population. Based on the park's location and size, it has potential to provide neighborhood park amenities for residents living southwest of Main Street and TX-361 as well as community park amenities for a larger user group.

Opportunities for improvements and new amenities could include:

- Incorporating recreation options that complement the library
- Providing gathering spaces suitable for picnicking and public events
- Developing a community center to provide programming for all ages
- Developing family-friendly amenities (e.g., dog park, playgrounds, community garden)
- Developing amenities appropriate for teenagers (e.g., basketball, tennis)
- Constructing a loop trail



Location Map

Map 5. Faith Park



Aerial imagery from Nearmap

Park Size

- 6.6 acres

Park Type

- Neighborhood/Community

Park Features

- Baseball Field
- Softball Field
- Basketball Court
- Swimming Pool



N.O. Simmons Park (2867 Avenue J)

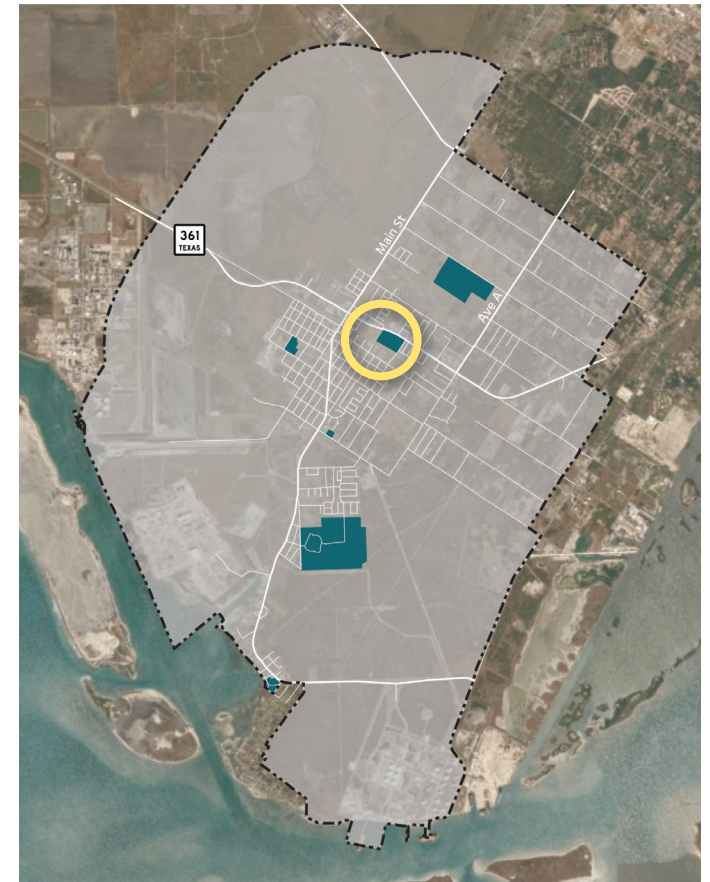
N.O. Simmons Park was developed through public/private partnerships in 2002. It is the City's most frequently used park and was listed as the favorite park by the majority of public survey respondents. The park includes a wide variety of amenities including a splash pad, skate park, loop trail with fitness stations, covered basketball courts, picnic pavilion, soccer fields, a football field and a playground, among others. Athletic fields at N.O. Simmons are used by leagues on a first-come first-served basis. The park is also used to host seven of the City's recreational festivals/events. The park is separated from an additional City-owned parcel to the west by a drainage channel.

This park also experienced damage from Hurricane Harvey. Segments of the fencing around the skate park were damaged. The pump house for the splash pad was damaged. There was roof damage to the picnic and basketball court pavilions. There was also minor electrical infrastructure damage.

The City has completed a variety of upgrades and renovations over the last 10 years including addressing some of the hurricane damage and installing lights, cameras, a splash pad, picnic area and a shade structure over the playground. The park remains in relatively good condition.

Opportunities for improvements and new amenities could include:

- Adding irrigation
- Updating the restrooms
- Ensuring all amenities are ADA accessible
- Replacing/repairing the skate park fencing and adding shaded viewing areas
- Improving and enhancing the playground areas
- Repairing or replacing the fitness equipment
- Updating the bridge across the drainage channel
- Enhancing the picnic amenities
- Improving the athletic fields
- Enhancing the aesthetics
- Adding shade
- Potentially developing an aquatic facility within the park or on the adjacent City-owned property



Location Map

Map 6. N.O. Simmons Park



Aerial Imagery from Nearmap

Park Size

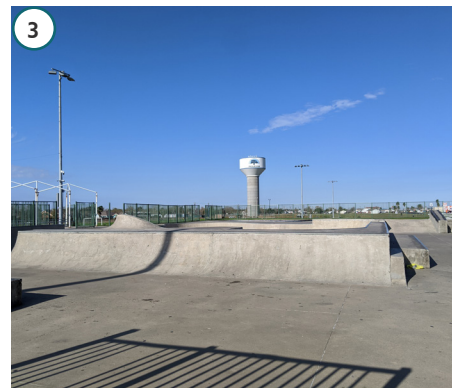
- 14.4 acres

Park Type

- Community

Park Features

- Soccer Fields
- Football Field
- Multipurpose Practice Fields
- Covered Basketball Courts
- Concession Stand
- Skate Park
- Walking Trail with Fitness Stations
- Splash Pad
- Playground
- Covered Picnic Amenities
- Restroom
- Parking



Cove Park (1319 Ocean Drive)

Cove Park encompasses the City's only publicly accessible waterfront at Ingleside Cove. It is also located directly adjacent to Ingleside on the Bay, a neighboring community. The park was established in 1991 and includes a boat ramp, fishing pier, fish cleaning station, restroom and small uncovered picnic area. There are also a few acres of undeveloped open space and a small wetland area.

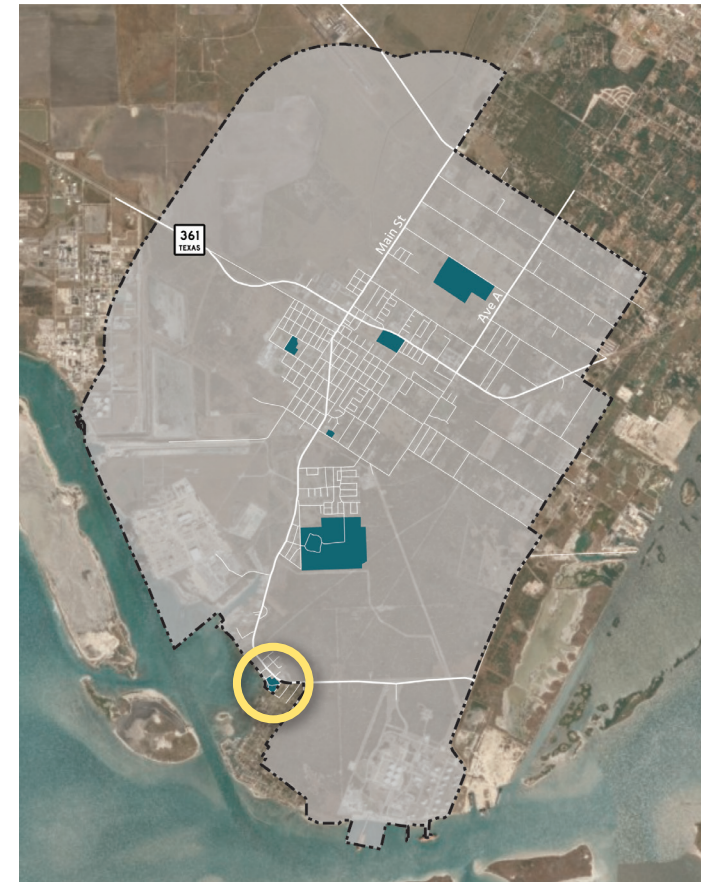
In addition to providing waterfront access and views for Ingleside residents, Cove Park serves a regional user group of boaters and anglers. The annual Best of the Bay and Fire Department Fishing tournaments are held here to take advantage of the spectacular fishing.

The restroom building at Cove Park had the roof, including framing, removed in its entirety during Hurricane Harvey. The courtesy dock along the boat ramp as well as the fish cleaning station and its pier were all destroyed during the storm. Most of the hurricane damage has been repaired at this point.

While this park is located at the edge of the City and is somewhat removed from Ingleside's residential areas, it does provide quality waterfront access for this coastal community.

Opportunities for improvements and new amenities could include:

- Improving the restroom, parking lot and boat ramp
- Adding a pavilion for events and shaded picnicking options
- Adding a canoe/kayak launch
- Expanding and enhancing the fishing areas
- Adding trees and other landscaping to provide shade and improved aesthetics



Location Map

Map 7. Cove Park



Aerial imagery from Nearmap

Park Size

- 5.6 acres

Park Type

- Regional

Park Features

- Fishing Pier
- Boat Ramp
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Picnic Amenities
- Restroom
- Parking



Live Oak Park (1874 Port Avenue)

Live Oak is the City's largest park. It includes a variety of active and passive amenities such as baseball/softball fields, two renowned disc golf courses, a basketball court, tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic areas and a small pond. This park is bordered on the north and west sides by residential neighborhoods and has entrances on both sides. Mature live oak trees throughout the property help create the character of this park.

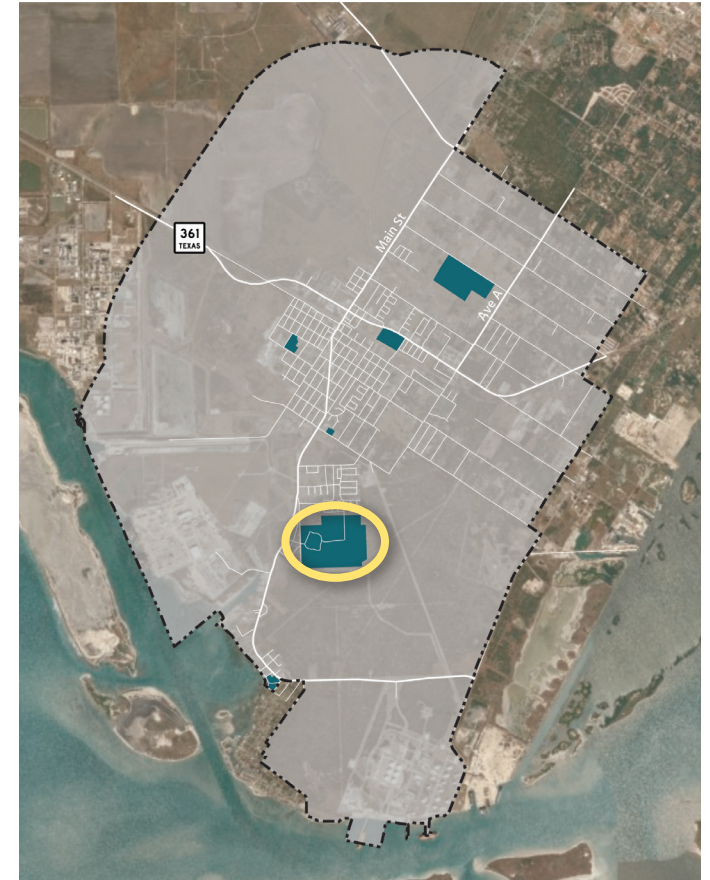
This park was established in 1973. It is used to host major disc golf tournaments and community events and is designated as site #55 on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail.

Similar to many other parks, Live Oak Park sustained damages during Hurricane Harvey. The pony field lost its light poles and dugouts. The roof of the old restroom near the tennis courts was destroyed and numerous mature live oak trees were lost. The tennis court lights and picnic table canopies were also damaged.

In addition to addressing hurricane damage, the City has installed new little league fields and a new playground during the last 10 years. At well over 100 acres, keeping up with maintenance at Live Oak can be a time-consuming challenge.

Opportunities for improvements and new amenities could include:

- Updating the restrooms, tennis courts and loop road
- Addressing drainage issues
- Replacing old playground equipment
- Installing additional dog waste stations
- Providing shade over the ball field bleachers
- Adding a playground near the ball field complex
- Providing enhanced signage, lighting and security
- Ensuring all amenity areas are ADA accessible
- Adding more walking, jogging and biking trails throughout the park
- Adding picnic pavilion(s) and barbecue grills
- Diversifying the athletic options
- Developing an aquatic amenity within the park



Location Map

Map 8. Live Oak Park



Aerial imagery from Nearmap

Park Size

- 131.9 acres

Park Type

- Regional

Park Features

- Baseball Fields
- Softball Fields
- Multipurpose Practice Fields
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court
- Concession Stand
- Disc Golf Courses
- Playgrounds
- Picnic Amenities
- Restrooms
- Parking



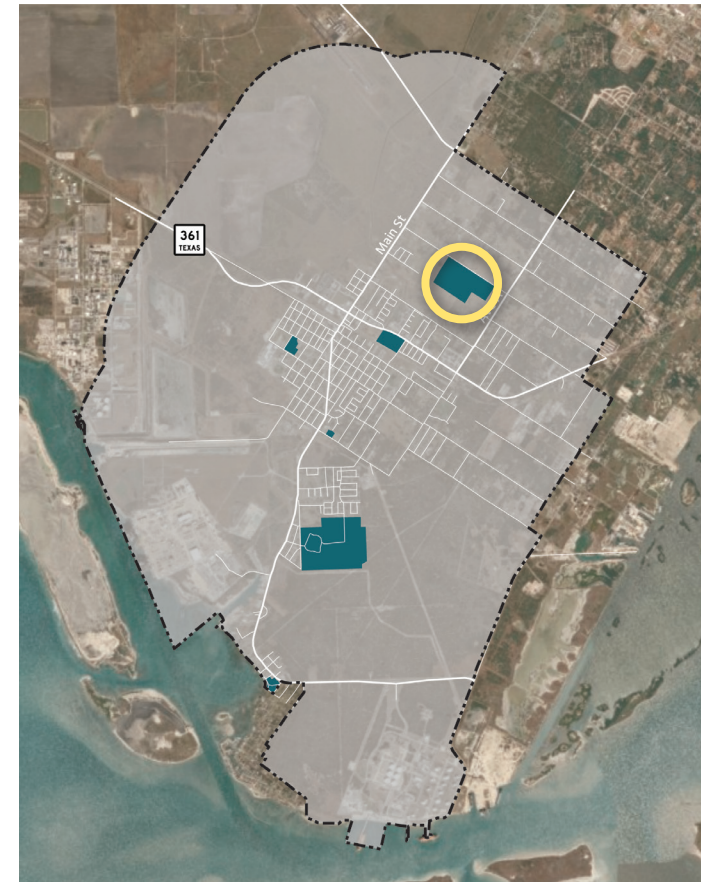
Whitney Lake (1995 Kenny Lane)

Whitney Lake is located in the northern part of Ingleside and is surrounded by a future residential growth area. The site includes off-street parking, a walking trail extending part of the way around the lake, observation piers and a small picnic area. This park can be hard to find as the address does not directly correlate with the entrance.

Whitney Lake is a constructed wetland with integrated water quality and habitat benefits. The site was developed as part of a project to correct flood control problems while also reducing non-point source pollution and providing wetland habitat. Habitat within this park is generally recognized as one of the most valuable habitats in the area. The site has been recognized as a high priority for protection by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Nature Conservancy, the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation, and the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program. McCampbell Slough runs through the center of the site and is noted as a productive and valuable estuarine wetland complex that provides wintering and migratory habitat for various birds, fish, shrimp and crabs. This area remains wet, even during periods of prolonged drought and has been regarded as an ecological and recreational asset since the early 1930s.

This park provides great opportunities for bird-watching, nature education and passive recreation. The City hosts their Backyard Nature program and Star Gazing Event here. Opportunities for improvements and new amenities could include:

- Improving the existing trail and extending it around the entire property
- Providing a more prominent entry sign and expanded parking area
- Expanding the picnic area to include a shade structure and restrooms
- Incorporating educational signage along the trail to create a self-guided nature walk
- Adding native plant areas to further attract birds and butterflies



Location Map

Map 9. Whitney Lake



Aerial Imagery from Nearmap

Park Size

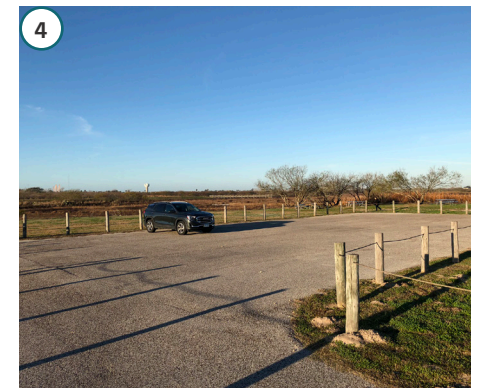
- 60.2 acres

Park Type

- Regional

Park Features

- Walking Trail
- Boardwalk with Observation/Fishing Piers
- Picnic Amenities
- Parking



Humble Community and Youth Center (2821 Main Street)

The Humble Community and Youth Center is located in the center of town near well established commercial and neighborhood areas. The facility is used to host themed Family Nights and seasonal children's camps. The facility can also be rented out by residents for events.

The City has made a variety of upgrades to the facility over the last 10 years including new doors, cameras, sound system, projector screen and painting, as well as addressing air conditioning damage and mold from Hurricane Harvey. New awnings are currently budgeted in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.



A variety of seasonal camps are held at the Humble Community and Youth Center.

Ingleside Senior Citizen Center (2850 Main Street)

The Ingleside Senior Citizen Center is located down the street from the Humble Center. Seniors can enjoy a hot meal each day at noon at the Center. While there are minimal programmed activities, seniors can come enjoy playing games and spending time together.

Upgrades within the 10 years have included addressing air conditioning damage from Hurricane Harvey and installing a new roof. Additional repairs currently needed include:

- Installing a new door
- Fixing leaking windows



Ingleside's seniors have access to a free hot lunch each day at the Senior Citizen Center.

Programming & Events

Recreational Programming

Ingleside offers a variety of seasonal and year-round recreation programs for residents (see Figure 10). Programs are typically held at N.O. Simmons Park, Live Oak Park, Humble Community and Youth Center, or the Senior Center. Programs are either free or are available for a small registration fee.

The majority of the City's recreational programming is geared towards children ages 12 and under. Athletic leagues provide recreation options for teenagers. Considering the City's large teen population and growing senior population, and the diverse interests within each group, additional programs will be needed to provide safe, fun and healthy recreation outlets for these underserved populations.

Figure 10. Recreation Programs

Program Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Season	Fee	Estimated Annual Attendance/Participation				
	Age 12 and under	Age 13-18	Adults	Seniors				2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Primarily Youth												
Nature Time	X	X	X	X	N.O. Simmons Park	All	N/A	-	-	-	10	10
Family Night	X	X	X	X	Humble Youth Center	All	N/A	-	-	-	25	25
Little League	X	X			Live Oak Park	All	\$35	200	200	200	200	200
Mustang Softball	X	X			Live Oak Park	All	\$35	-	-	50	50	50
Mustang Baseball	X	X			Live Oak Park	All	\$35	-	-	50	50	50
Camps/Lessons/Etc.												
Spring Break Camp	X				Humble Youth Center	Spring	\$10/day	15	15	15	10	13
Thanksgiving Camp	X				Humble Youth Center	Fall	\$10/day	15	15	15	15	7
Winter Camp	X				Humble Youth Center	Winter	\$10/day	15	15	15	15	10
Summer Camp	X				Humble Youth Center	Summer	\$75/week	35	35	35	15	12
Latchkey at Ingleside Primary	X				Humble Youth Center	School Year	Varies*	-	-	-	107	121
Senior Programs												
Ingleside Senior Center				X	Ingleside Senior Center	All	N/A	30	30	30	30	30

* Registration for all children = \$50 | Ingleside ISD dependent per child = \$50/month | All others first child = \$100/month, Additional children = \$85/month per child | If registering after 15th of the month + \$50/child | Drop-in rate = \$10/day

Festivals and Events

The City organizes and/or hosts 11 recreational events or festivals throughout the year. Events are held at N.O. Simmons Park, Cove Park and Whitney Lake. Most events are family-friendly and geared towards all ages. Based on community feedback and growing participation numbers, Ingleside residents truly love and cherish the City's events and festivals. Providing additional family-friendly events can help to encourage greater community use of the parks system and attract regional tourism.



Light up the Park is one of the highly attended events at N.O. Simmons Park.

Figure 11. Festivals and Events

Event Name (City run or operated by other vendor on City property)	Age Group				Location	Season	Estimated Annual Attendance/Participation				
	Age 12 and under	Age 13-18	Adults	Seniors			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Best of the Bay			X		Cove Park	Summer	500	500	500	500	500
Fire Department Fishing			X		Cove Park	Fall	50	120	80	100	80
Light up the Park	X	X	X	X	N.O. Simmons Park	Winter	1000	1000	3000	2000	1500
Ingleside Round Up Days	X	X	X	X	N.O. Simmons Park	Spring	-	-	7000	7700	8500
Beer and Wine Festival			X	X	N.O. Simmons Park	Fall	-	-	-	300	700
Olympic Days	X	X	X		N.O. Simmons Park	Spring	-	-	45	35	35
Battlin BBW	X	X	X	X	N.O. Simmons Park	Fall	-	-	-	1000	1500
Movie in the Parks	X	X	X	X	N.O. Simmons Park	Summer	150	150	150	150	150
Trunk or Treat	X	X	X	X	N.O. Simmons Park	Fall	500	50	750	800	1500
Backyard Nature	X	X	X	X	Whitney Lake	All	-	-	-	25	25
Star Gazing Event	X	X	X	X	Whitney Lake	All	-	-	-	-	100+

Ingleside Parks & Recreation Services

Parks and recreation services are provided by two City departments: the Parks and Recreation Department provides recreational programming and the Public Works Department maintains the parks and facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Department currently includes five full-time staff, six part-time staff and one seasonal staff member. Full-time staff include the Parks and Facilities Director, Administrative Assistant, Youth Program Coordinator, Recreation Program Assistant and Janitor. Part-time staff include four Latchkey Coaches and two Senior Center aids. There is one seasonal summer camp Assistant. These staff plan, coordinate and facilitate all of the City-sponsored recreational programs and events listed on the previous pages.

The Parks and Facilities crew within the Public Works Department maintains all park properties and City facilities. This includes one full-time crew leader and six full-time laborers. Considering the 220 acres of City parkland, this equates to approximately 31 acres of parkland per person. There are, however, many acres of natural areas at Live Oak Park and Whitney Lake that allow for less frequent maintenance than the mowed grass areas at N.O. Simmons Park, for example.

The addition of park amenities over the years can create a progressively more challenging maintenance schedule and workload. Through the public engagement process, residents expressed desire for increased park maintenance. A few examples include:

- Updating amenities and facilities such as playgrounds, restrooms, fitness equipment, sports courts and paved areas with potholes
- Addressing new issues that arise such as keeping the splash pad up and running consistently throughout the summer and fixing damaged playground equipment
- Increasing frequency of routine maintenance such as restroom cleaning, trash removal and athletic field maintenance (e.g., leveling, removing burs)

Some of the City's park equipment and facilities are old and replacements will need to be budgeted for. The City may also need to evaluate staffing levels to ensure there are enough employees to adequately conduct routine maintenance at the parks. This will become increasingly important as new park amenities are added.

The Little League uses the City's facilities at Live Oak Park. They are responsible for maintaining the fields while they have a contract for their use. The soccer and football leagues do not have exclusive access to the fields at N.O. Simmons Park, so they do not have a formal shared maintenance agreement in place. The City may need to consider developing such agreements to ensure that the soccer/football fields are maintained adequately for their level of use.



Parks maintenance staff are responsible for maintaining approximately 220 acres of parkland.

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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Assessment Methodologies
- Demand-Based Assessment
- Standards-Based Assessment
- Resource-Based Assessment
- Summary of Needs

Assessment Methodologies

The needs assessment is a multi-faceted analysis of the parks and recreation system to determine whether the community's needs are being met. The existing parks and recreation opportunities are analyzed in terms of public opinion, the location and quantity of parkland, the quantity of facilities within parks, and natural resources in the City.

The use of multiple assessment methods helps to establish an understanding of key parks and recreation needs, and inform Plan recommendations to address those needs.

Demand-Based Assessment

This analysis of Ingleside's parks and recreation system starts with a demand-based assessment. This includes analysis and summary of public feedback to identify what the Ingleside community wants and expects from the parks and recreation system and how this compares to the current state.

Standards-Based Assessment

The standards-based assessment then analyzes parkland location, acreage and amenities in comparison with the needs and location of the current population and future growth areas. This is used to determine an appropriate target level of service for the Ingleside community and identify surpluses or deficits.

Resource-Based Assessment

Lastly, Ingleside's existing physical, man-made and natural resources are reviewed to identify opportunities to leverage for public recreation benefit.

Demand-Based Assessment



Community input is analyzed to determine the facilities and programs that are most desired.

Standards-Based Assessment



The quantity and location of parkland and amenities are analyzed to determine if the needs of the population today and the projected population in the future are being met.

Resource-Based Assessment



The City's available physical, man-made and natural resources are analyzed to determine opportunities for recreational use.

Demand-Based Assessment

The demand-based assessment is a reflection of the community's needs, as expressed by residents during multiple public engagement opportunities. Community engagement included individual interviews, stakeholder listening sessions, one standalone public survey and one virtual community meeting with associated survey to gather input. The following pages present highlights from each engagement method and subsequent conclusions. It is important to remember that highlights are presenting varying opinions from Ingleside residents and/or park users and may differ between the various engagement opportunities. Additional public engagement information such as advertisements and sign-in sheets can be found in *Appendix A, Supplemental Information*.

Interviews and Stakeholder Listening Sessions

Over 40 participants provided feedback during interviews or stakeholder listening sessions. Participants were asked to consider the existing parks system and explain their likes, dislikes, and desires for change and/or improvements to the system as a whole. They were also asked to provide specific feedback about their vision for Faith Park and Live Oak Park. The following are key themes that were identified during these meetings, many of which were reiterated by participants in other engagement opportunities.

Citywide Wants:

- New pool or aquatic facility
- Multi-sport athletic complex with lighting
- Improved existing athletic amenities
- Attract regional users and tourism dollars
- Differentiate Ingleside from surrounding communities
- Wifi in parks
- Additional sidewalks/trails to and within parks
- More gathering spaces for passive recreation
- New/improved park amenities (e.g., playgrounds, picnic areas)
- Additional recreation options at Cove Park (e.g., canoe/kayak launch, pavilion, improved boat ramp)
- More shade
- More attractive parks
- Additional programming and staff to facilitate
- More activities for youth and seniors
- Community/Recreation Center for events and programs
- Additional special events
- Amphitheater
- Ensure improvements can be maintained
- Preserved access to nature and wildlife
- Maintain different recreation opportunities in each park
- More parks residents can walk to
- Improved parks to create a point of community pride

Citywide Issues/Needs:

- Aging amenities and facilities
- Need for greater park maintenance and associated staffing (e.g., restrooms, athletic fields, playgrounds)
- Feeling of insecurity in some parks (e.g., Live Oak, N.O. Simmons)
- Safety concerns (e.g., downed fencing, lighting, illicit debris)
- Challenges with vandalism
- ADA accessibility issues
- Inadequate parking
- Funding challenges

Faith Park Vision:

- Family-friendly park with options for all ages
- Place where the neighborhood can congregate
- Library as a strong anchor for the park
- Space for community events
- Possible synergy with adjacent schools
- Gardens
- Potentially move athletics elsewhere
- Potentially move pool elsewhere
- Replace the Garden Center
- Parking



The community is interested in Faith Park embracing the library as an anchor for the park.

Live Oak Park Vision:

- Increase regional draw
- Additional league sports to support tournaments
- Enhance and expand disc golf courses
- Love the trees and shade
- More trails and picnic amenities
- More litter receptacles and dog waste stations
- Improved signage
- New restrooms
- Preserve natural areas
- More lighting
- Stocking pond with fish
- Space for festivals



Participants would like to see additional facilities to attract sports tournaments at Live Oak Park.

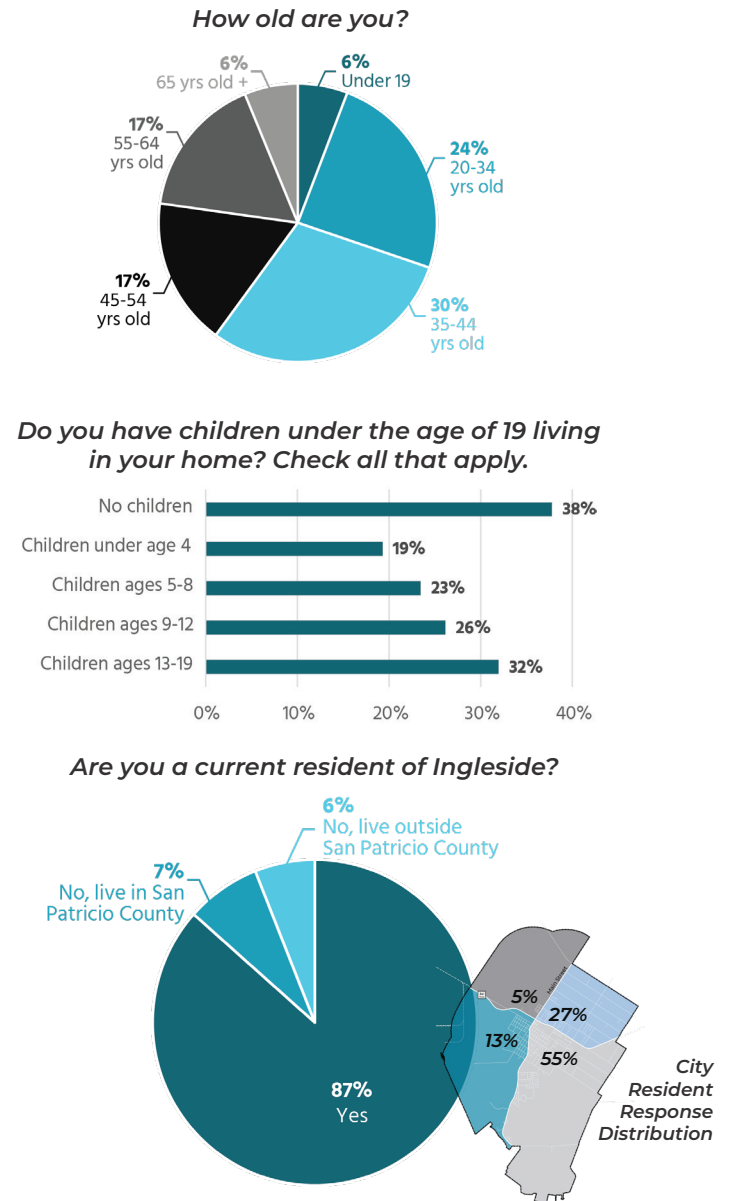
Public Surveys

The first public survey was used to solicit in-depth feedback about the community's opinion of the parks system, preferred activities, and vision for Live Oak and Faith Parks, among other topics. This survey was open for six weeks and received 486 responses. Respondents included a diverse cross-section of the population (see Figure 12). The majority of the respondents were between the ages of 20 and 44. Nearly 90 percent of respondents live in Ingleside, and of those, the majority lived in the southeast quadrant of the City. Respondents also included people with and without children under the age of 20 living in their home.

The second public survey was conducted as an interactive activity associated with the virtual community meeting (and did not collect demographic information). This shorter survey was used to gather additional feedback regarding what was previously heard and to identify more detailed opinions about Live Oak and Faith Parks. This survey was open for one week and received 86 responses. Over 90 percent of respondents were residents, with the majority living in the southeast quadrant of the City.

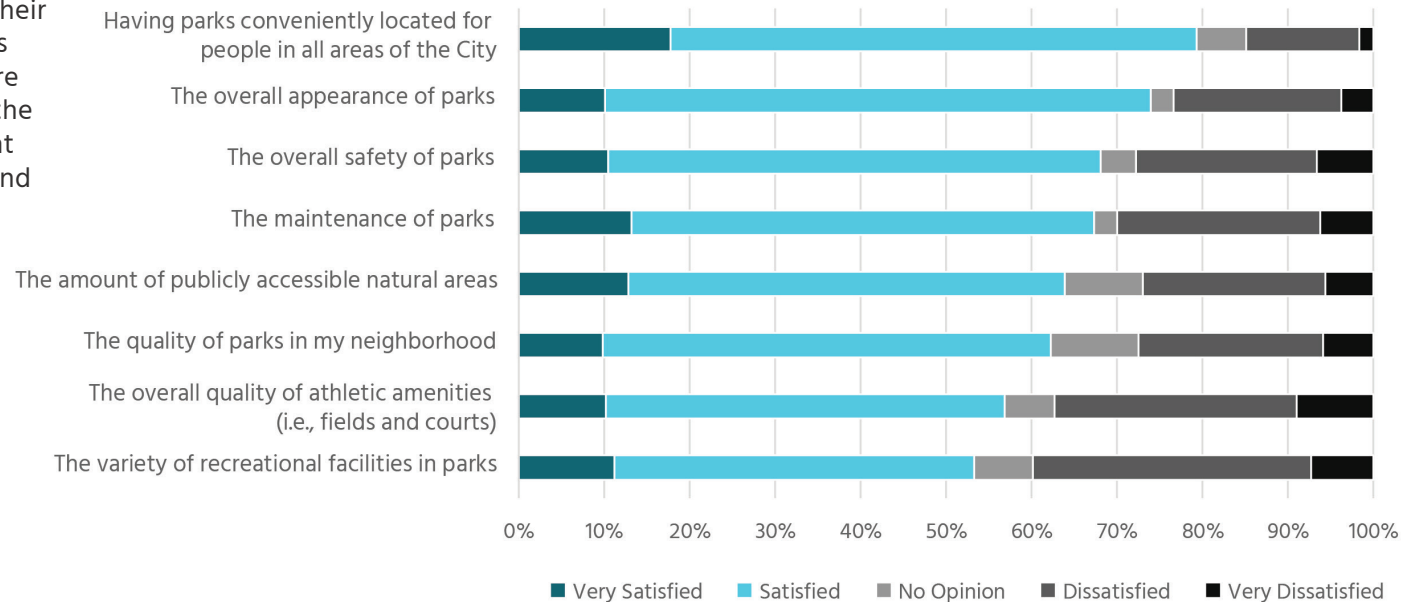
The following pages illustrate highlights from both public surveys.

Figure 12. Survey #1 Respondent Demographics



Rating of City Amenities

Survey respondents were asked about their level of satisfaction with the City's parks system (see Figure 13). Respondents were largely satisfied with most elements in the parks system. Key areas for improvement could be enhancing athletic amenities and diversifying facilities in parks.



Greatest Parks and Recreation Asset

Considering the need to balance parks and recreation investment with budget realities, it's important to understand what assets the community values most. When asked to describe the City's greatest parks and recreation asset, key themes included the following (see Figure 14):

- Live Oak Park and specifically the natural areas, disc golf and athletics
- N.O. Simmons Park and specifically the skate park, walking path and splash pad
- The large amount of parkland acreage and open spaces within parks
- The variety of recreation options available around the community such as playgrounds, covered picnic areas and boat ramp

Figure 14. Greatest Parks and Recreation Asset



Respondents were also asked to describe the City's greatest parks and recreation challenge (see Figure 15). Key themes among responses included:

- ## One Thing

In order to understand the community's priorities for improved parks, amenities and programs, respondents were asked to describe what they would change in the parks system if they could only change one thing (see Figure 16). Key themes among responses included:

- ### Figure 15. Greatest Parks and Recreation Challenge



Figure 16. The One Change People Would Make



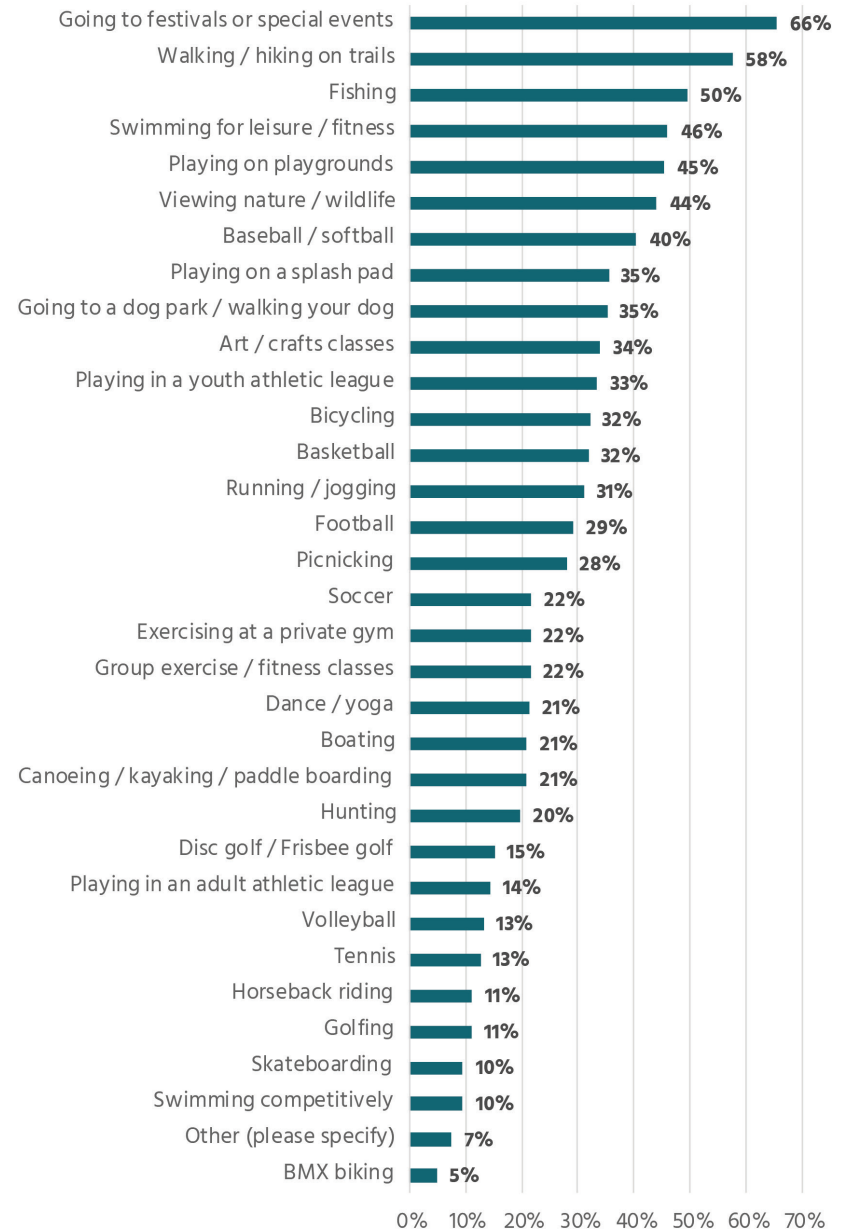
Favorite Recreation Activities

Survey respondents were asked to identify their top five favorite recreation activities (see Figure 17). The top ranking activities included attending festivals, walking on trails, fishing, swimming and visiting playgrounds. It is important to note that of the top 10 activities, all but one (baseball / softball) were family-friendly, passive activities.



The top recreation activity of survey respondents is attending festivals and special events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt.

Figure 17. Favorite Recreation Activities



Recreational Programming

As described in *Chapter 3, Parks & Recreation Inventory*, the City provides a variety of recreational programs and events. The majority of programming is currently geared toward children under age 12. When asked, survey respondents were most satisfied with programming for this age group (see Figure 18). Respondents were least satisfied with programming for teens and adults.

Looking towards the future, survey respondents felt that the greatest need for recreational programming is for teens and children ages 5 through 12 (see Figure 19). The City’s only dedicated teen programming is currently athletics-related. Considering the varying interests of teens, providing additional alternate programming options can help to capture the interest a wider teen audience.



Survey respondents felt it was most important to provide additional recreational programming for teens.

Figure 18. Satisfaction with Current Recreational Programming for Each Age Group

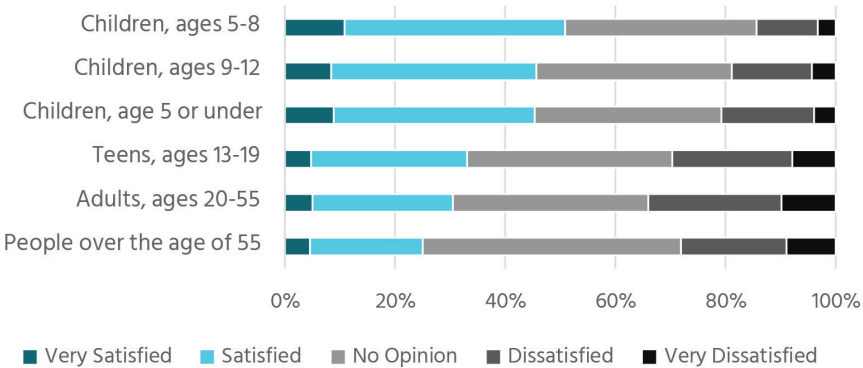
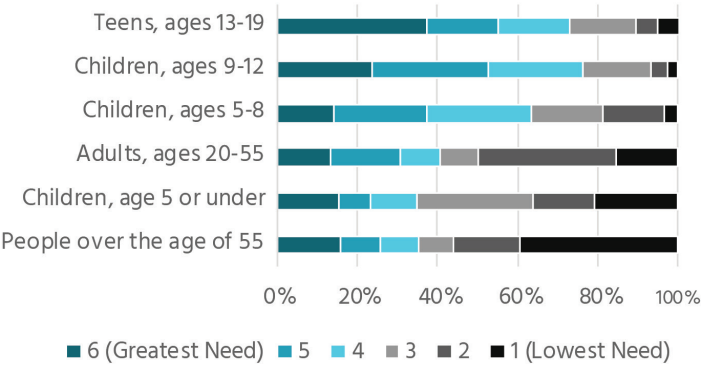


Figure 19. Age Group with Greatest Need for Recreational Programming



Future Recreational Programming

The first survey included a high-level list of programming categories and asked respondents to choose the level of importance for each. The majority of respondents felt it was important to provide all of the recreational programming options; over 70 percent of respondents selected important or very important for every option (see Figure 20). The highest ranking categories included youth athletics, seasonal programs and special events.

The second survey provided respondents with a list of 14 specific types of programs and events, based on the community preferences voiced during the first survey. Respondents were asked to select their top three programs in order to help the City determine priorities. As seen in Figure 21, the top five priorities include music, food and beverage, entertainment, family-oriented events, and youth athletics. The City should consider opportunities to enhance these programs as they are highly valued by the Ingleside community.

Figure 20. Importance of City Supporting Types of Recreational Programming (Survey #1)

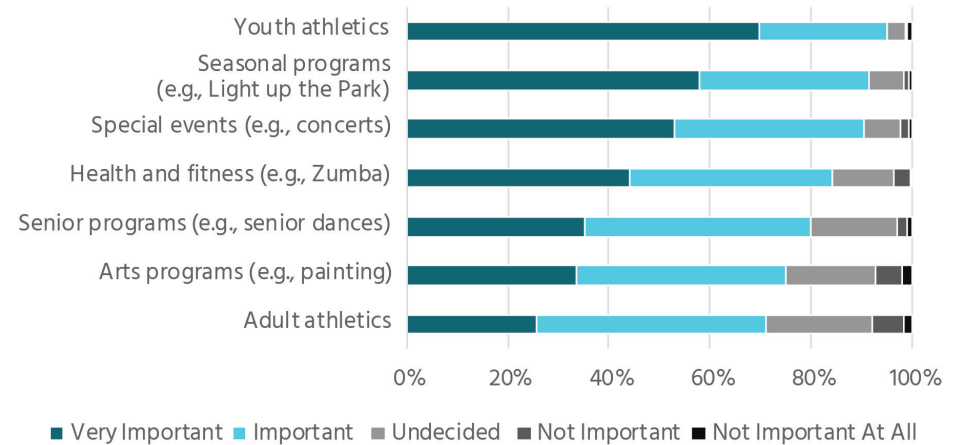
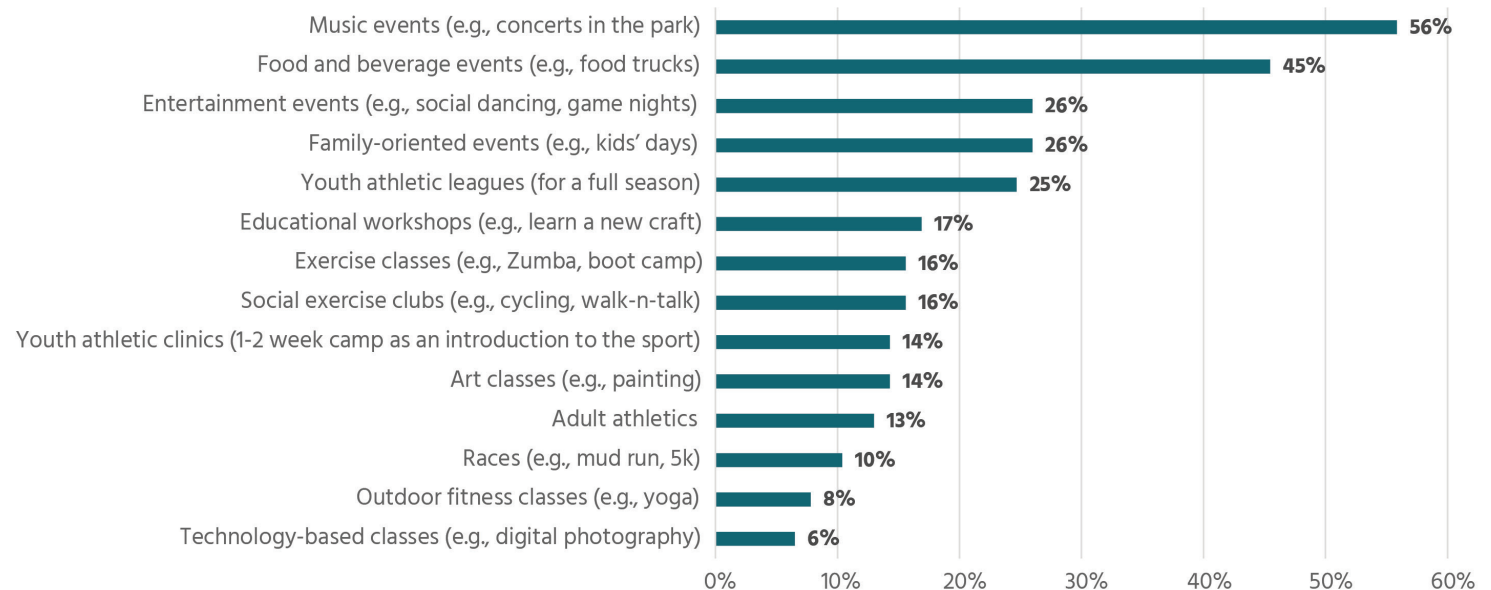


Figure 21. Top Recreation Programming Choices (Survey #2)



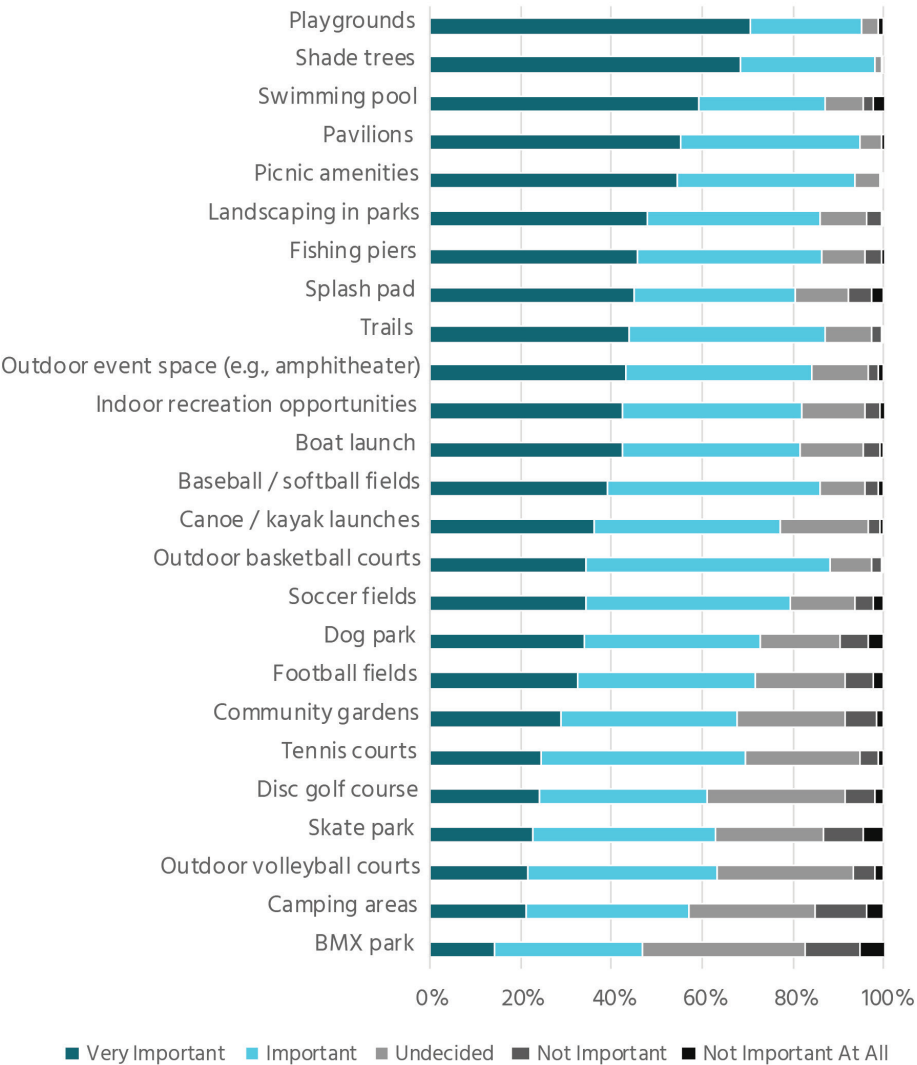
Park Amenities

The Ingleside community expressed an appreciation for each park offering different recreational experiences. As the City considers improvements and enhancements today and in the future, it is important to understand what park amenities are most sought after. When asked about the importance of different amenities, respondents felt that passive, natural and aquatic amenities were of highest importance (see Figure 22).



Playgrounds and shade trees were identified as the amenities of highest importance.

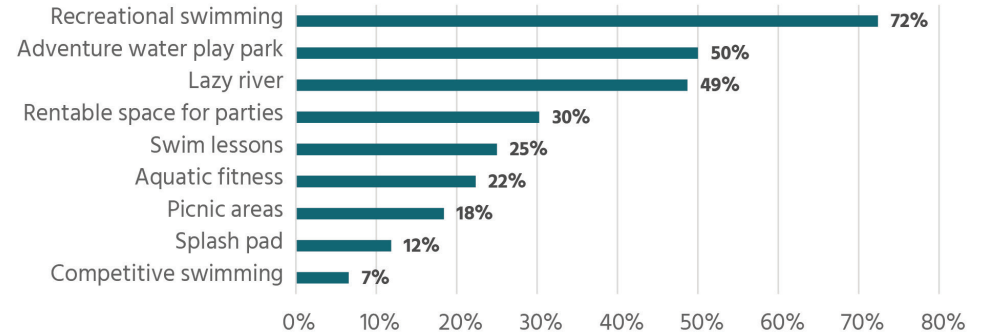
Figure 22. Importance of Amenities in Parks



Water-Based Recreation

The City's pool is currently out of commission. As the City determines the future of water-based recreation facilities in Ingleside, it should consider how residents would most like to use such a facility. Most survey respondents voiced a desire for recreational swimming, an adventure water play park and a lazy river (see Figure 23).

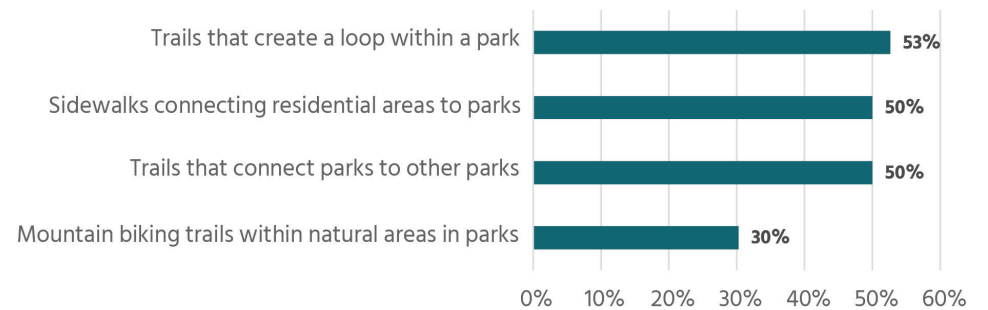
Figure 23. Water-Based Recreation Preferences



Trails

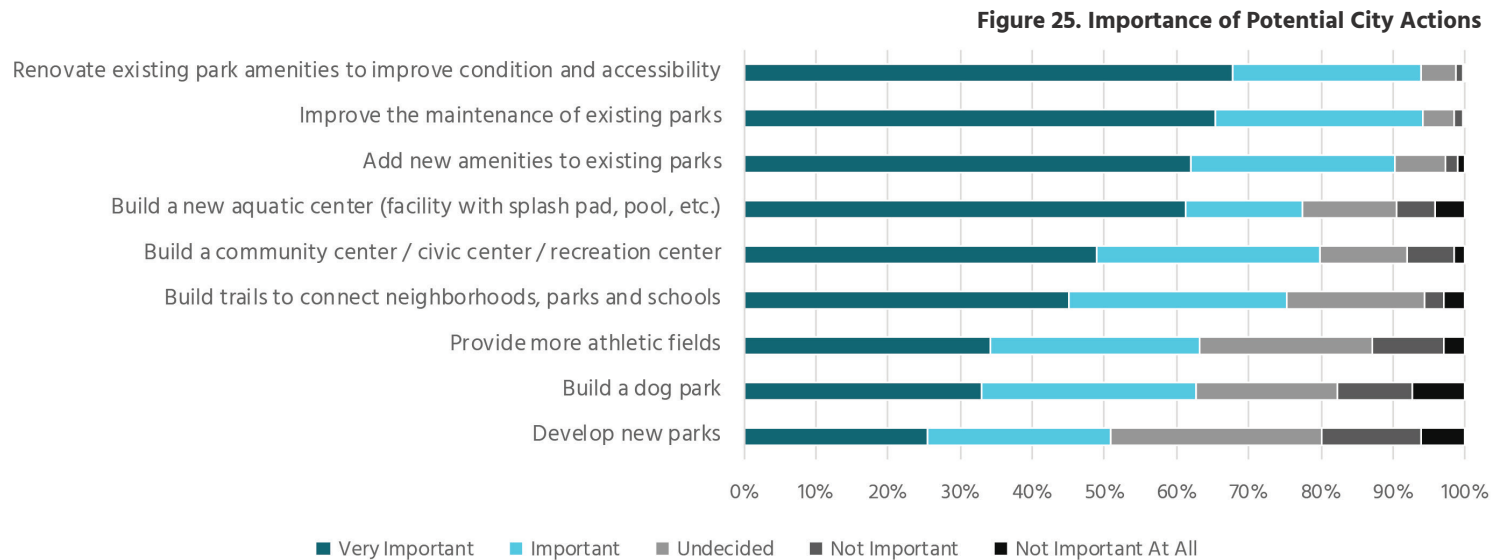
Trails were listed in respondents' top 10 park amenities. When asked about preferences for different types of trails, respondents had nearly equal preference for trails within parks, sidewalks connecting neighborhoods to parks, and trails between parks (see Figure 24). Respondents indicated that they most frequently walk or bike to N.O. Simmons and Live Oak Parks.

Figure 24. Trail Type Preferences



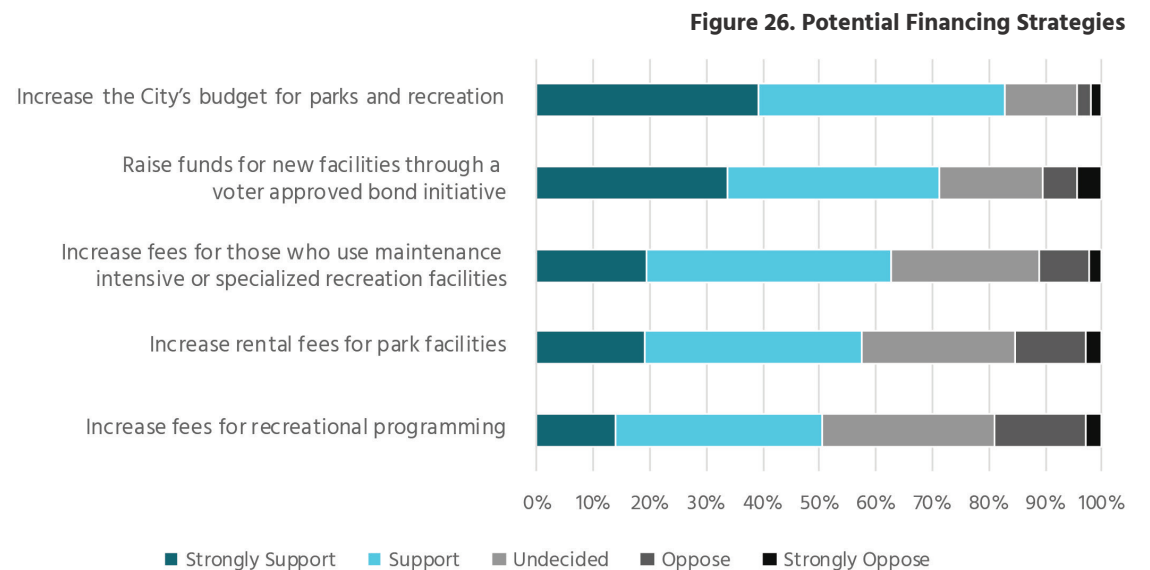
Potential City Actions

When provided with a brief list of potential actions the City could take to improve and/or expand parks and recreation, respondents felt that renovating parks, improving maintenance and adding amenities to existing parks were most important. However, it is worth noting that over 50 percent of respondents felt that all actions were either important or very important.



Parks and Recreation Financing

To meet the needs of Ingleside residents, the City may require additional funding for parks and recreation. Respondents most strongly supported increasing the Parks and Facilities Department budget and raising funds through a voter approved bond initiative (see Figure 26).



Live Oak Vision

This planning effort also included the creation of a concept plan for Live Oak Park. Towards the beginning of the project, the community was asked which existing park amenities were most important to maintain. Survey responses showed that all existing amenities were important, with trails, playgrounds and athletic fields being most important (see Figure 27).

During the second survey, respondents were shown a list of 15 potential programming elements that could be included in the Live Oak Park concept and asked to choose their top five. Respondents were most interested in amenities that allowed for group gatherings, passive activities such as walking and jogging, and exploring the natural areas (see Figure 28).

Respondents were very interested in a pool at Live Oak, but it should be noted that the pool was not listed as an option at Faith Park. Through subsequent conversations with City staff and elected and appointed officials, it was decided to keep the pool at Faith Park in order to leverage the potential cost savings opportunities of refurbishing or redeveloping it in place.

Figure 27. Importance of Preserving Live Oak Amenities

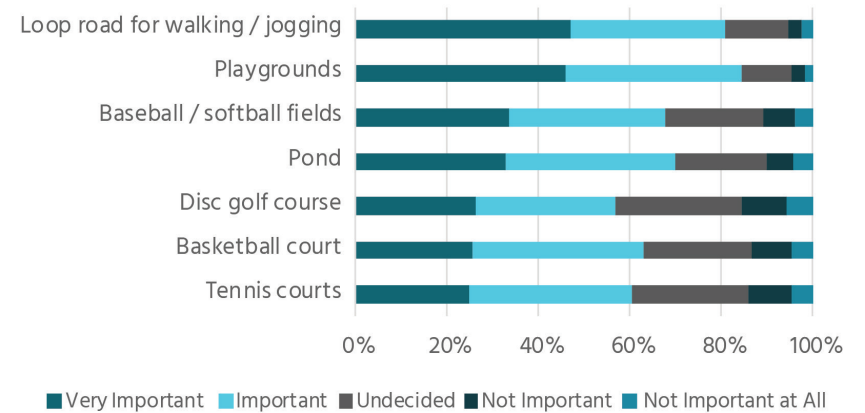
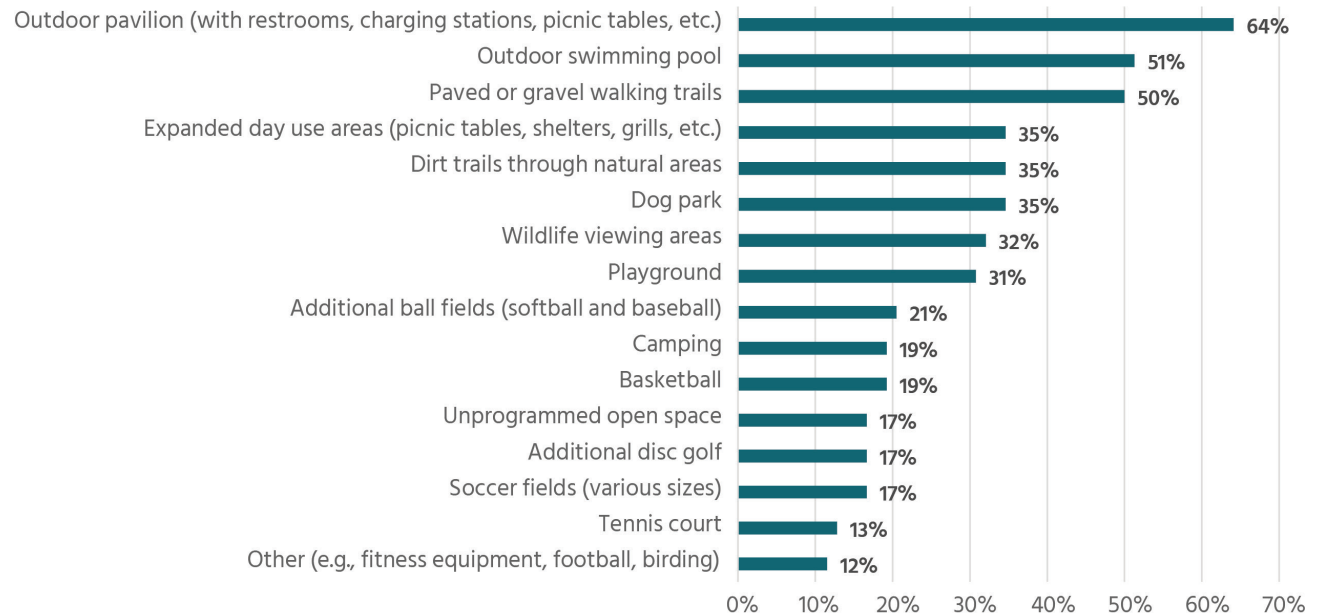


Figure 28. Top Programming Choices for Live Oak Park

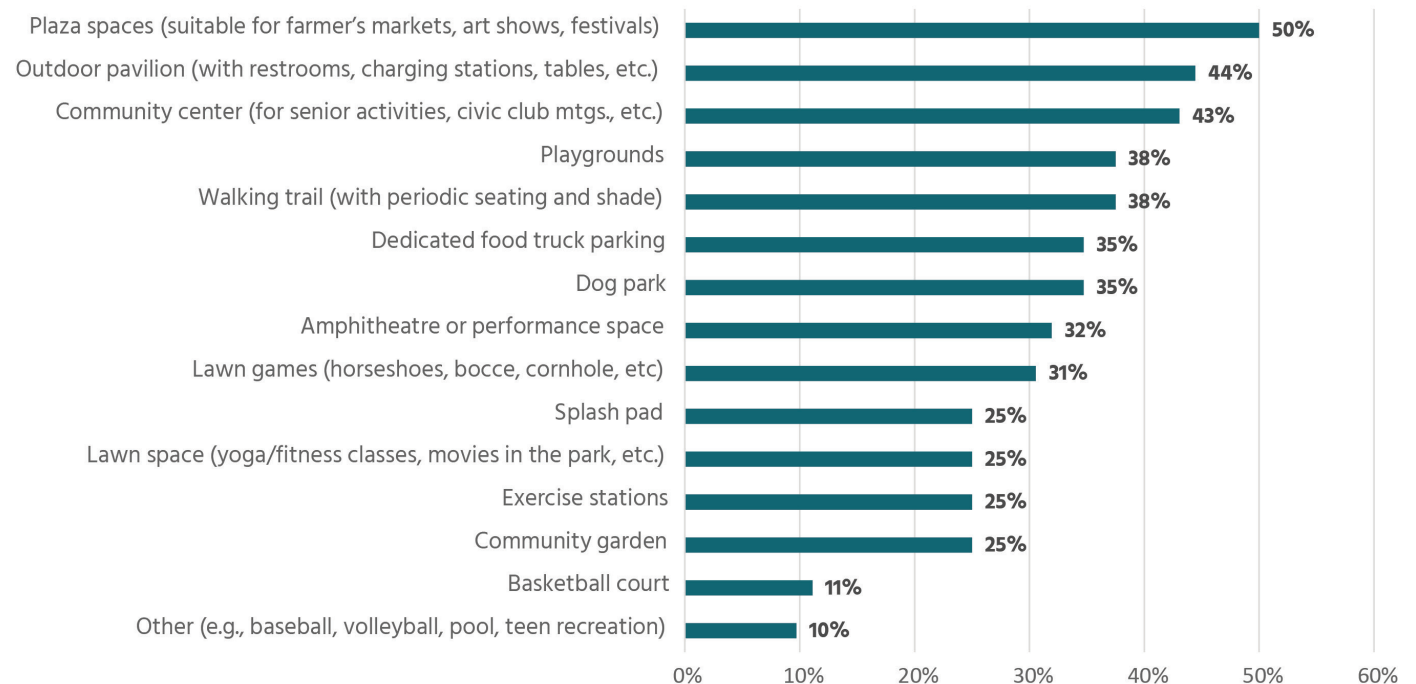


Faith Park Vision

At the beginning of this process, the planning team was asked to re-imagine Faith Park as if all of the existing amenities (e.g., ballfields, pool) were relocated elsewhere and it was a blank slate. The first survey provided a list of over-arching program elements and asked respondents to choose which they would envision using. Based on responses, the second survey provided a more detailed programming list and asked respondents to choose their top five (see Figure 29).

Respondents were most interested in opportunities for outdoor events and gathering, as well as a community center for indoor programming options. Through further discussion with City leadership, it was decided to keep the pool at Faith Park and consider a community center/recreation center elsewhere in the City.

Figure 29. Top Programming Choices for Faith Park



Standards-Based Assessment

The standard-based assessment analyzes parkland in terms of acreage, location, and number of park facilities. It identifies the current level of service and whether it is meeting the community's needs. Levels of service represent a specific acreage of parkland or number of facilities needed per given population.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) publishes their Agency Performance Review annually. It presents data and insights from over 1,000 parks and recreation agencies around the country. This information was referenced throughout the standards-based assessment as a baseline comparison.

Three types of standards were examined in this assessment: acreage, location and facilities.

Acreage Level of Service

The acreage level of service defines the quantity of parkland acreage as a ratio to population. The results are expressed as park acreage per 1,000 residents. The analysis examines whether there is sufficient parkland for residents today and in the future.

Spatial Level of Service

The spatial level of service looks at the location and distribution of different park types to identify underserved areas and where new parks may be needed.

Facility Level of Service

The facility level of service defines the number of park facilities needed to meet the community's recreational needs. Standards are expressed as a ratio of facility per population size (e.g., one baseball/softball field per 2,500 residents).



Acreage levels of service define targets for how much parkland is needed to serve the community's population.



Facility levels of service identify how many facilities, such as soccer fields, are needed to provide adequate opportunities for Ingleside residents.

Acreage Level of Service

Different types of parks are intended to serve different needs. Pocket, neighborhood and community parks, cumulatively thought of as close-to-home parks, are focused on recreational benefits for residents. In addition to local residents, regional parks serve a population beyond the immediate community. Ingleside's parks system is unique in that while there are approximately 220 acres of parkland, nearly 200 of those acres are within regional parks.

According to the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review, the median community with less than 20,000 people had 12.0 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.¹ A target level of service has been defined for Ingleside through comparison with the NRPA Agency Performance Review, and understanding of the community's goals, opportunities and challenges.

Existing and target levels of service per park type are listed in Figure 30. The City's total combined level of service today is 19.5 acres per

¹ <https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/agency-performance-review/>,

1,000 residents. Considering the parks system overall, there is adequate parkland in 2020 and projecting out to 2030.

However, the City is lacking close-to-home parkland. The City should consider opportunities for additional close-to-home parks in areas with new development in the future. Based on the City's extensive regional parkland, it will be important to enhance neighborhood and community park amenities within regional parks (e.g., playground, basketball court, picnicking) to ensure that they can help meet the daily recreation needs for residents in the vicinity.

If properly located and developed with bicycle and pedestrian trails, linear parks can greatly contribute to citywide connectivity to parks and other points of interest. There is no specific target level of service for linear parks. However, the City should evaluate opportunities to provide linear parks as an option for residents of all ages and abilities to exercise, recreate, enjoy their natural surroundings and connect with the greater city.

Figure 30. Parkland Level of Service

Park Classification	Existing Level of Service (LOS)		Recommended Level of Service (2020)			Recommended Level of Service (2030)	
	Existing Acreage (2020)	Current LOS (based on 11,292 population)	Recommended Target LOS (2020-2030)	2020 Recommended Acreage	Surplus/Deficit Acreages (2020)	2030 Recommended Acreage (based on 12,421 population)	Surplus/Deficit Acreages (2030)
Pocket Parks	0	0 Ac/1,000 Residents	0.25 Ac/1,000 Residents	2.8	2.8 Ac. Deficit	3.1	3.1 Ac. Deficit
Neighborhood Parks	1.6	0.1 Ac/1,000 Residents	1 Ac/1,000 Residents	11.3	9.7 Ac. Deficit	12.4	10.8 Ac. Deficit
Community Parks	21	1.9 Ac/1,000 Residents	3.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	39.5	18.5 Ac. Deficit	43.5	22.5 Ac. Deficit
Cumulative Close-to-Home Parks (Pocket, Neighborhood, Community)	22.6	2.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	4.75 Ac/1,000 Residents	53.6	31.0 Ac. Deficit	59.0	36.4 Ac. Deficit
Regional Parks	197.7	17.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	7.25 Ac/1,000 Residents	81.9	115.8 Ac. Surplus	90.1	107.6 Ac. Surplus
Linear Parks	0	0.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	220.3	19.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	12.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	135.5	84.8 Ac. Surplus	145.95	74.4 Ac. Surplus

Spatial Level of Service

Access to Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are meant to serve residents within a 1/4-mile to 1/2-mile radius. They are intended to serve daily recreational needs for nearby residents and are often accessed by foot or bike. This service area equates approximately to a 5- to 10-minute walk. Neighborhood parks should be generally located away from major arterial streets and should be accessible without requiring residents to cross major roadways.

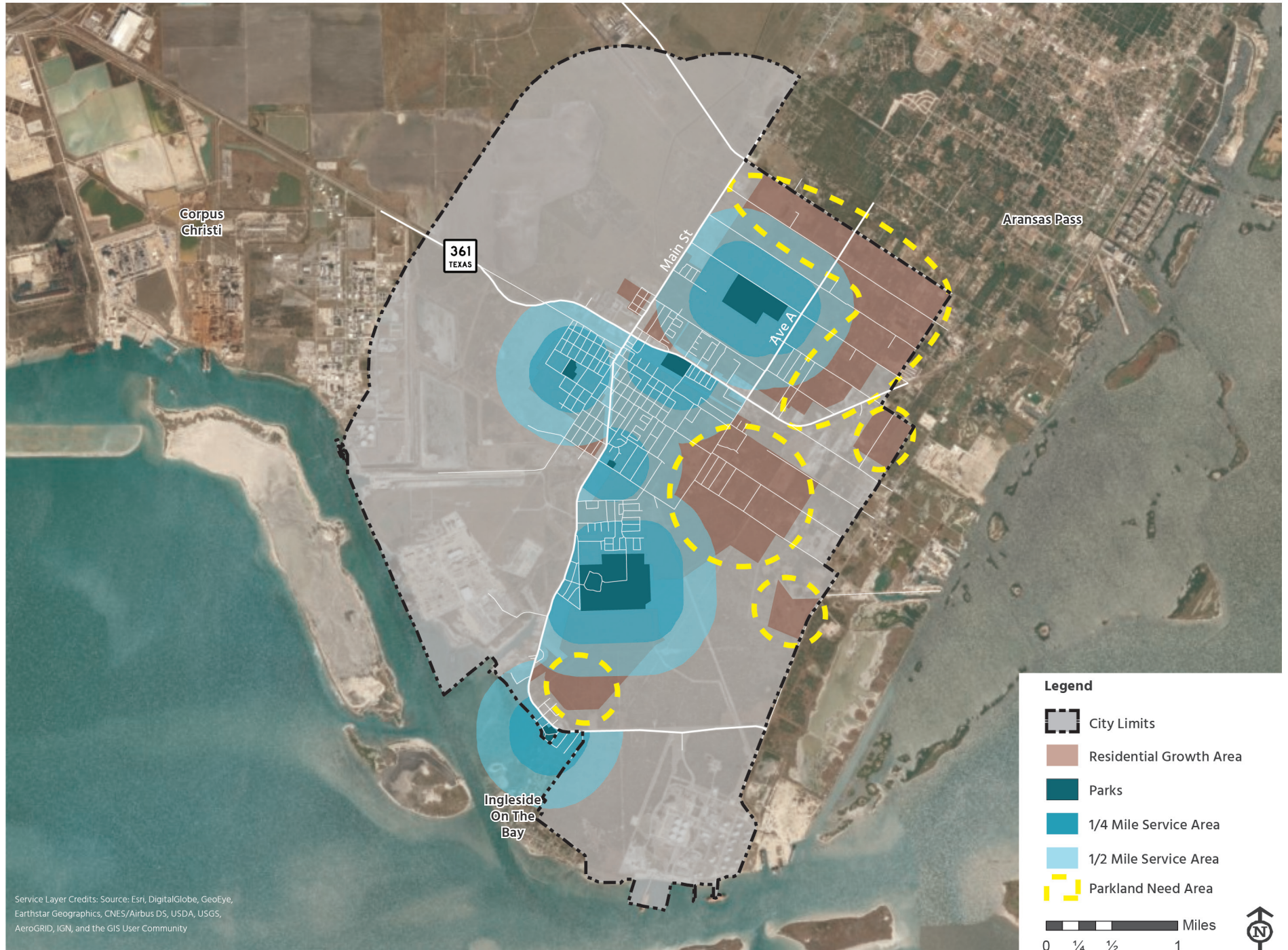
If developed with appropriate amenities, all of Ingleside's parks can serve the function of neighborhood parks for nearby residents. The Neighborhood Park Service Area map (see Map 10) illustrates the 1/4-mile and 1/2-mile service area of each park. Service areas are clipped where they would require residents to cross a major roadway to access them.

When overlaid with the residential growth areas, parkland need areas are seen primarily in the north and east portions of the City. Additionally, as the City considers improvements to its sidewalk network, priority should be given to streets within the 1/2-mile service areas seen on Map 10 to allow nearby residents to safely walk and bike to the parks.



Faith Park is the only park located west of Main Street. It will be important to include neighborhood park amenities (e.g., basketball court, playground, picnic areas) in the redevelopment of the park, as it is the only site directly serving residents in that area.

Map 10. Neighborhood Park Service Area



Access to Community Parks

Community parks are larger than neighborhood parks and are meant to serve multiple neighborhoods. They typically include a range of facilities such as playgrounds, picnic pavilions, athletic fields and courts, trails, swimming pools, and splash pads. Residents are often willing to drive to these parks for access to a greater diversity of options than at their neighborhood park.

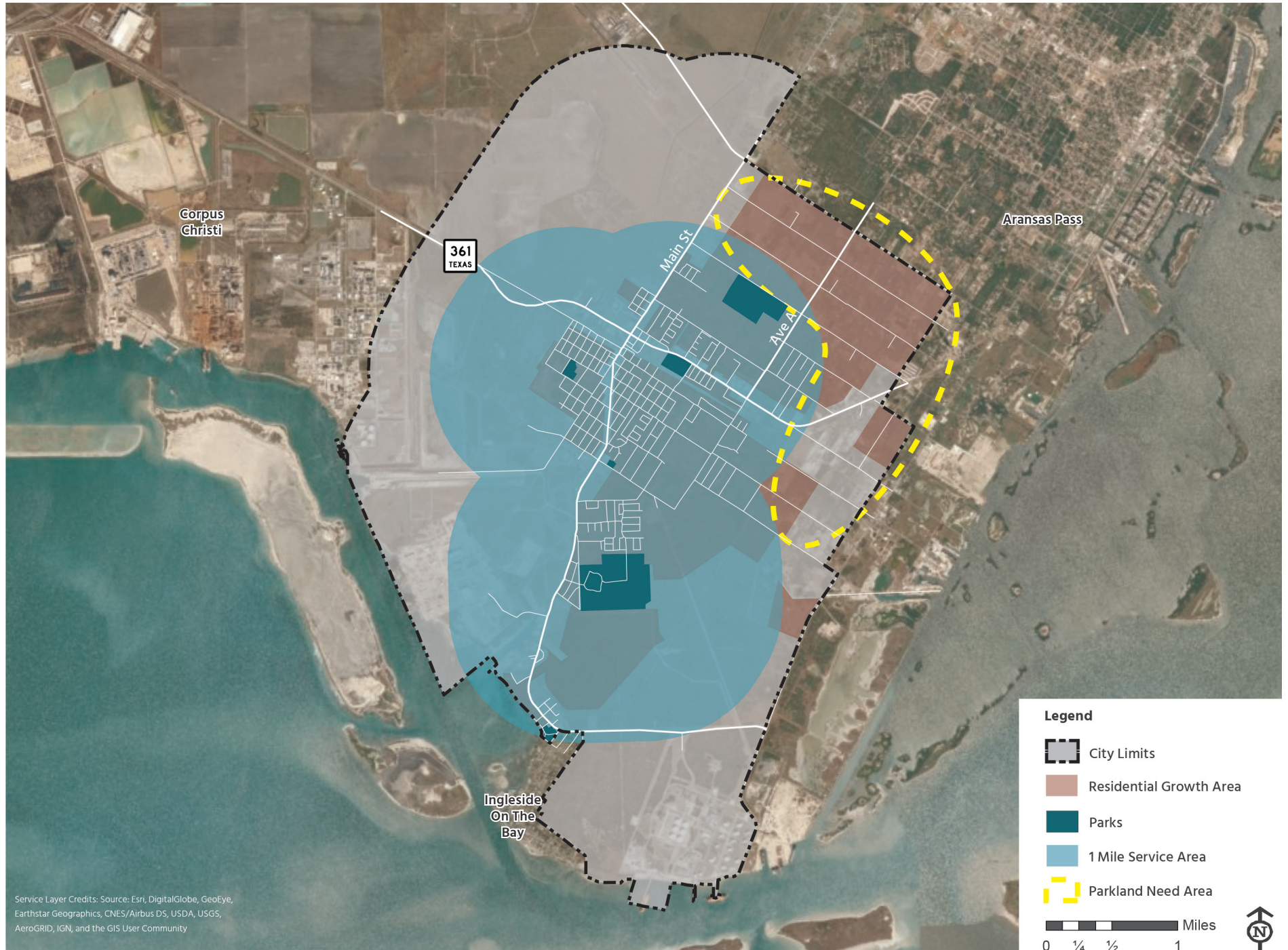
The Community Parks Service Area map (see Map 11) illustrates a 1-mile service area around Live Oak, Faith and N.O. Simmons Parks. Live Oak and N.O. Simmons Parks are currently offering community park amenities such as trails, baseball/softball fields, skate park and a splash pad. Depending on how Faith Park is developed, it has potential to serve as a community park. Whitney Lake is an adequate size to function as a community park. However, the role it plays in water quality, flood control, and wildlife habitat makes it unsuitable for intensive community park facilities.

When the community parks service area is overlaid with the residential growth areas, parkland need areas are once again seen in the northeast portion of the City. As this area further develops, there may be an opportunity to create a community park that meets both community and neighborhood parkland needs for this part of the City.



N.O. Simmons Park is Ingleside's most heavily developed community park. While it will be important to continue improving facilities, security and the offerings in the park, the City should also focus investment in other parks to ensure community park amenities are distributed throughout the City.

Map 11. Community Parks Service Area



Service Layer Credits: Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Access to Regional Parks

Regional parks generally serve an entire city and surrounding region. They often provide space for large events, tournaments and/or access to protected natural areas. Based on their size and/or diverse recreation opportunities, regional parks have a large service area.

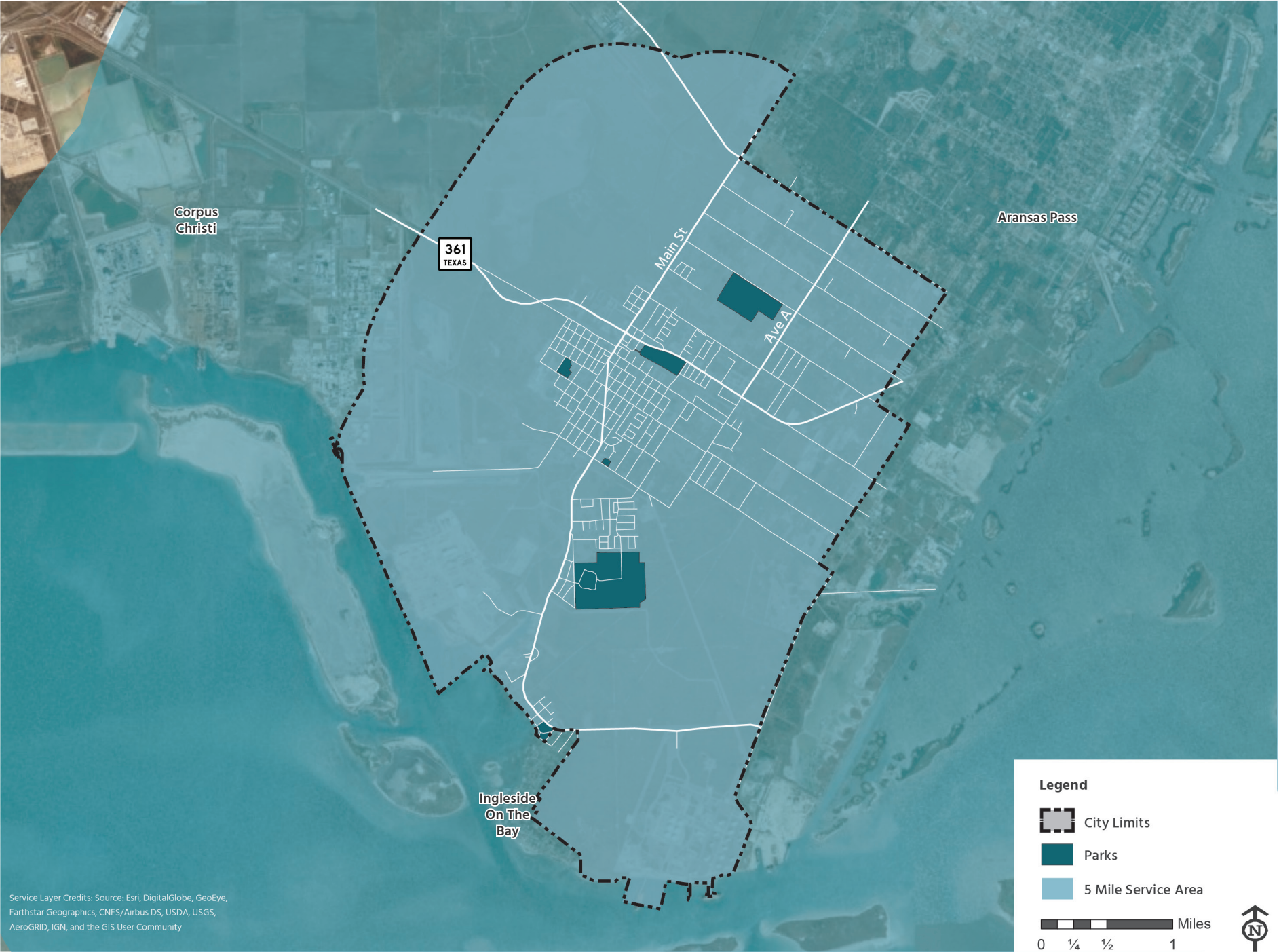
The Regional Parks Service Area map (see Map 12) illustrates a 5-mile service area around Live Oak, Whitney Lake and Cove Parks. While Cove Park is smaller than many regional parks, it has a highly used boat ramp and provides access to fantastic fishing in Ingleside Cove. The park regularly attracts users from beyond the Ingleside community and is the home to a very well attended annual fishing tournament.

There are no service area gaps for regional parkland in Ingleside.



Whitney Lake provides unique opportunities for birdwatching and passive enjoyment of nature. With appropriate development that respects the environmental functions of the park (e.g., a loop trail), Ingleside residents can enjoy greater recreational benefits from the park.

Map 12. Regional Parks Service Area



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Facility Level of Service

In addition to considering the amount and distribution of parkland, it's important to consider what types of recreation facilities are available for resident use. The 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review also provides comparison data for the prevalence for outdoor park and recreation facilities per population. The facility target levels of service were determined through a baseline comparison to the 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review results for communities with less than 20,000 people. Targets were then tailored to Ingleside based on community input, goals, and an understanding of parkland and staffing opportunities and challenges.

The Facility Level of Service table (see Figure 31) illustrates the current level of service for each type of facility. Targets are applied to the current available facilities to determine current and future deficits. Since the facilities at Faith Park are not fully functional (i.e., two baseball/softball fields, one basketball court, one swimming pool), they are not included in the current availability numbers.

Some of the more notable existing deficiencies, especially considering community input, are:

- Baseball/softball fields
- Standalone backstops
- Miles of trails
- Picnic pavilions
- Dog park
- Playgrounds
- Canoe/kayak launch
- Swimming pool/aquatic facility
- Splash pad

There are currently adequate soccer fields, but one more will be needed by 2030. Other than that, most other deficits remain the same in 2030 or increase by one.



There is a need for two additional baseball/softball fields to replace the out-of-commission ballfields at Faith Park.



There is a need for additional trails in the community. These can be developed as loop trails within parks or trails that provide connectivity through linear parks.

Figure 31. Facility Level of Service

	Facility	Current Available	Current LOS (1 Facility per # Residents)	Target LOS (Per Residents)	2020 Need (based on 11,292 pop.)	2020 Deficit or Surplus	2030 Need (based on 12,421 pop.)	2030 Deficit or Surplus
Active	Baseball/Softball Fields*	3	3,764	1 per 2,500	5	Deficit of 2	5	Deficit of 2
	Backstop	0	none	1 per 5,000	3	Deficit of 3	3	Deficit of 3
	Basketball Courts*	2	5,646	1 per 4,000	3	Deficit of 1	4	Deficit of 2
	Community Recreation Center	1	11,292	1 per city	1	No deficit	1	No deficit
	Disc Golf (18-hole)	2	5,646	1 per city	1	Surplus of 1	1	Surplus of 1
	Fitness Equipment Circuit	1	11,292	1 per city	1	No deficit	1	No deficit
	Football Fields	1	11,292	1 per city	1	No deficit	1	No deficit
	Golf Course (public)	0	None	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
	Skate Park	1	11,292	1 per city	1	No deficit	1	No deficit
	Soccer Fields	4	2,823	1 per 3,000	4	No deficit	5	Deficit of 1
	Tennis Courts	3	3,764	1 per 5,000	3	No deficit	3	No deficit
	Trails (miles)	1.1	10,265	1 per 4,000	2.8	Deficit of 1.7	3.1	Deficit of 2.0
	Multipurpose Practice Fields	4	2,823	1 per 5,000	3	Surplus of 1	3	Surplus of 1
	Volleyball Courts (Outdoor)	0	None	1 per 7,000	2	Deficit of 2	2	Deficit of 2
Passive	Amphitheater/Outdoor Event Space	0	None	1 per city	1	Deficit of 1	1	Deficit of 1
	Dog Park	0	None	1 per city	1	Deficit of 1	1	Deficit of 1
	Horseshoe Pits	0	None	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
	Picnic Pavilions	1	11,292	1 per 3,000	4	Deficit of 3	5	Deficit of 4
	Picnic Facilities	5 parks	2,258	In all parks	In all parks	Deficit of 1	In all parks	Deficit of 1
	Playgrounds	4	2,823	1 per 2,000	6	Deficit of 2	7	Deficit of 3
Water	Canoe/Kayak Launch	0	None	1 per city	1	Deficit of 1	1	Deficit of 1
	Fishing Piers	3	3,764	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
	Swimming Pool/Aquatic Facility*	0	none	1 per city	1	Deficit of 1	1	Deficit of 1
	Boat Ramp	1	11,292	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
	Splash Pad	1	11,292	1 per 6,000	2	Deficit of 1	3	Deficit of 2
	Restrooms/Portable	3 parks	3,764	Where feasible	Where feasible	Varies	Where feasible	Varies

*Does not include out-of-commission facility at Faith Park

Resource-Based Assessment

The resource-based assessment is the third analysis for the needs assessment. This exercise recognizes key physical, man-made or natural resources within the community that may provide potential recreational opportunities. The areas can either support active recreational pursuits or provide opportunities for passive enjoyment.

Based on its coastal location and its large amount of natural areas, Ingleside has a few key features that may be further leveraged for recreation or open space preservation.

Live Oak Park

Live Oak Park provides access to over 130 acres of renowned natural areas. It is well known for hosting a major disc golf tournament each year. Disc golf has a relatively low impact on natural areas and can be a great way to allow more people access to the less traveled parts of the park.

Live Oak is also part of the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. Nature trails throughout the park can allow bird watchers enjoy the thrushes, thrashers and ground-dwelling warblers that are attracted to the park.¹

Water Access at Cove Park

The City's only waterfront access is provided at Cove Park. A boat ramp and fishing pier provide recreational opportunities for boaters and anglers. Further development of the park and enhancement of the waterfront access and facilities could allow a wider range of users to enjoy this local gem.

¹ <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wildlife/wildlife-trails/ctc/aransas-loop>

Whitney Lake

Whitney Lake provides great opportunities for bird-watching and nature education. The site has been recognized by multiple agencies, such as Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Nature Conservancy as a high-priority area for protection. The addition of enhanced passive recreation amenities (e.g., trail, picnic areas, nature-based playground) could attract more users to the park and educate the community about the City's incredible natural resources.

Drainage Easements

A series of drainage channels run throughout the City, sometimes opening into small ponds. There may be an opportunity for trail connectivity through these areas that are otherwise protected from development. One such potential opportunity is located between Whitney Lake and N.O. Simmons Park.



There may be an opportunity for trail connectivity along a drainage easement (seen here along Tiner Lane) that extends most of the way from Whitney Lake to N.O. Simmons Park.

Summary of Needs

Through the needs assessment and public engagement process, the need for additional distribution of parkland, increased connectivity, new and improved facilities, and expanded recreational programs were identified.

Parkland Acreage and Development

- Additional close-to-home parks in future residential growth areas in the east and northeast portions of the City
- Enhanced and additional facilities in existing parks
- Improved park security and maintenance

Parkland Access and Connectivity

- Parks that residents can walk and bike to
- Development of sidewalks and/or trails so that people can safely access the parks
- Trail corridors to connect neighborhoods to parks
- Additional opportunities for passive enjoyment of local natural resources

Park Facilities

- Swimming pool or aquatic facility
- Trails
- Dog park
- Canoe/kayak launch
- Playgrounds
- Picnic pavilions
- Baseball/softball fields
- Improve existing athletic fields
- Shade trees
- Neighborhood and community park amenities in regional parks

Recreational Programs

- Additional community events (e.g., music, food/beverage, entertainment, family-oriented)
- Youth athletics
- Senior programming

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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Introduction

The following recommendations are based on a comprehensive consideration of parks and recreation needs in Ingleside. This includes consideration of:

- Community demographics and recreation needs associated with different ages and income levels
- Existing inventory and condition of Ingleside's parks and facilities
- Community input as summarized in the demand-based assessment
- Parkland acreage and facility deficits and surpluses based targets defined in the standard-based assessment
- Opportunities to leverage the natural and man-made resources described in the resource-based assessment

Using the vision statement and goals derived from community input, a series of objectives and recommended actions have been developed to guide the City towards achieving the parks and recreation vision for Ingleside.



Park Improvements & New Facilities

Goal 1: Provide new, improved or expanded parks and recreation amenities that meet the changing needs of the community and attract regional users.

Objective 1.1. Improve and enhance existing parks to provide high-quality, diverse recreation options throughout the community.

Action 1.1.1. Improve and further develop Oak Terrace Park.

Oak Terrace Park has potential to provide daily recreation opportunities for residents in the adjacent neighborhoods. Improved and expanded facilities will help to encourage greater use of this underutilized park.

Recommended improvements to Oak Terrace Park include:

- Replace the existing playground with new age-segregated facilities
- Provide additional benches near the play equipment for parents and caregivers
- Add a small picnic pavilion with amenities to allow for family and social gatherings
- Provide a small off-street parking area
- Add a half-court basketball court
- Provide appropriate lighting to promote evening use and security, while minimizing spillover light on adjacent residences
- Implement a pest management program to address residents' concern about the stinging caterpillars that are present in the park during certain times of the year



Age-appropriate playgrounds, such as this playground designed for children 2-5 years of age, provide play options geared towards a specific age group.

Action 1.1.2. Redevelop Faith Park.

Faith Park is the only park located on the west side of the City and provides essential park access for the nearby neighborhoods. Its location adjacent to the Ingleside Public Library and Ingleside High School creates a unique opportunity for a family-friendly park that provides unprogrammed recreation for all ages and abilities. It can leverage the users already visiting the library and expand the facility's community benefits. As part of this planning process, a Conceptual Master Plan has been created for improvements to the park. The City's 2014 Parks and Open Space Master Plan included a concept for Faith Park that maintained the ballfields as a primary use within the park. This 2020 Conceptual Master Plan is intended to illustrate an alternate option aimed at serving residents with a broader range of ages, abilities and interests (see Figure 32 on the following page and Appendix B for supplemental information).



A covered basketball court in Faith Park will provide recreation opportunities for the nearby residents as well as high school students.

Recommended improvements to Faith Park include:

- Remove the damaged ballfields (and relocate this use to Live Oak Park) and basketball court
- Add a new covered basketball court (serving the neighborhoods and high school students seeking unprogrammed activities after school)
- Develop a senior garden and gathering space adjacent to the library
- Provide an enhanced street frontage with loop trail and shade trees
- Renovate and expand the Garden Center to include updated facilities and rentable meeting space(s)¹
- Consider refurbishing the community pool (also see Action 1.2.1)
- Add a new pool common area that is also accessible through the Garden Center to allow for flexible facility renting options (i.e., pool facilities only, Garden Center only, or the full complex)
- Provide an all abilities playground to serve both the nearby residents and the larger community
- Provide small picnic pavilions with grills
- Develop a lawn game area (e.g., bocce, horseshoes, cornhole)
- Maintain an unprogrammed lawn space to allow for flexible uses (e.g., frisbee, playing catch, lounging, community events)
- Add new site furnishings (e.g., benches, trash receptacles)
- Develop an off-street parking lot with access control gate at the north entrance to allow secondary access and egress during events or as needed

¹ The Garden Center is envisioned as a facility focusing on small-scale rentable meeting and gathering spaces. The Civic Center/Recreation Center (Action 1.2.3) is envisioned as a different facility with spaces for indoor recreation, programming and larger-scale event spaces.

Figure 32. Faith Park Conceptual Master Plan



Action 1.1.3. Improve N.O. Simmons Park.

N.O. Simmons Park is the City's most highly developed and heavily used park. It provides active and passive recreation opportunities used by the whole community. The heavy use has created a need for updates and enhanced security.

Recommended improvements to N.O. Simmons Park include:

- Repair the skate park fencing and consider adding a gate to minimize the risk of small children entering and injuring themselves
- Add shaded spectator seating around the skate park
- Evaluate the skate park to identify potential needs for safety improvements (e.g., a shallower drop into the deep bowl)
- Consider providing separate age-appropriate playgrounds
- Improve the drainage and fall surfacing at the existing playgrounds, where needed
- Improve the athletic fields (e.g., level the playing fields, eliminate grass burrs)
- Update the restroom (e.g., new venting, increased maintenance)
- Conduct a lighting assessment and add lighting as needed to improve security and discourage illicit activities
- Add shade trees along the walking trail and enhanced landscaping near the park entrance and seating areas
- Update the fitness equipment
- Update the bridge that crosses the drainage ditch
- Add irrigation
- Provide ADA compliant access to all amenities



Shade trees and enhanced landscaping would improve the aesthetics and user experience in N.O. Simmons Park.

Action 1.1.4. Prepare a Cove Park Master Plan.

Cove Park provides unique opportunities for additional water-based recreation and passive waterfront activities. Considering the variety of options, it is recommended that the City prepare a phased master plan for the property prior to making any large investments. It is important to understand what ultimate improvements are feasible and where they are most appropriate in order to minimize the potential of near-term improvements inhibiting the long-term vision for the park.

The following elements should be considered and evaluated for feasibility as part of the master plan:

- A large pavilion for family, community and regional events
- Covered picnic tables strategically located for good views
- A canoe/kayak launch
- A potential reconfiguration of the boat ramp and parking lot for improved boat access
- A beach and boardwalk
- An improved water's edge
- An observation area with benches and water-viewing binoculars for viewing the birds, fishermen activity, etc.
- A lighted dock with fishing lights
- An upgraded fish cleaning station
- A fish weigh-in area with sign for photographs
- A covered playground
- Shade trees and plantings throughout the park
- Additional parking (if needed based on expanded facilities)

Action 1.1.5. Implement the Cove Park Master Plan.

Upon creation of the Cove Park Master Plan, the City should move forward with phased implementation of the improvements.



The Cove Park Master Plan should evaluate the feasibility of developing a beach.

Action 1.1.6. Improve and further develop Live Oak Park.

Live Oak Park currently offers a variety of active and passive recreation options for the whole community. With both unspoiled wooded areas and undeveloped open space, it provides an opportunity for further development to increase the recreation offerings and address facility deficiencies while continuing to preserve the important natural areas. As part of this planning process, a Conceptual Master Plan was created for Live Oak Park (see Figure 33 on the following page and Appendix C for supplemental information). The Conceptual Master Plan seeks to preserve all of the existing uses and add strategic improvements throughout the property. Care should be taken to minimize impacts to existing mature trees during development.



Pavilions of varying sizes are recommended at Live Oak Park to provide shaded group gathering areas.

Recommended improvements to Live Oak Park include:

- Add two lighted baseball/softball fields (one youth, one adult) with associated covered bleachers, parking, restrooms and concession building
- Enhance the existing ball field complex with a playground, small picnic pavilion and improved player drop-off area (e.g., signage, decorative paving, landscaping)
- Add a sand volleyball court, new playground and large picnic pavilion near the existing tennis and basketball courts
- Enhance the existing day use area with additional picnic table pads (with vehicle access) and a large pavilion
- Add trails and wildlife viewing areas near the pond
- Develop an improved and expanded park loop road to provide access to the day use and athletic areas
- Create a network of unimproved nature trails throughout the wooded areas
- Adjust the disc golf courses as needed
- Evaluate the existing restrooms to determine needed improvements

Figure 33. Live Oak Park Conceptual Master Plan



Action 1.1.7. Improve and further develop Whitney Lake.

Whitney Lake is the only park located in the northeast quadrant of the City. Additional park facilities are recommended to allow the property to serve as a neighborhood park for nearby residents and expand the opportunities for enjoyment of the natural areas.

Recommended improvements to Whitney Lake include:

- Extend the trail to create a full loop
- Add wildlife viewing areas along the trail
- Add a covered, nature-based playground
- Add additional native plantings along the trail and seating areas to attract birds and butterflies
- Provide new entry signage to reflect a consistent brand with other City park signs
- Add signage to educate users about the environmental functions and benefits of the property
- Add a picnic pavilion
- Evaluate options to develop a restroom and expand the parking area (e.g., east of the existing parking lot)



Signage helps to educate park users about the natural systems around them.

Objective 1.2. Develop new facilities and parks to address acreage and facility deficiencies.

Action 1.2.1. Develop an aquatic complex feasibility study.

There is a strong community desire for a swimming pool or aquatic complex to provide recreational swimming. Other desired amenities include an adventure water play park and a lazy river. It is recommended that the City conduct a feasibility study to identify its preferred strategy for providing an aquatic complex. This could include consideration of:

- Refurbishing the existing pool (as shown in the Conceptual Master Plan for Faith Park)
- Leveraging the existing pool location to develop a new pool with water play and lazy river amenities
- Development of a new aquatic complex in another City park (e.g., N.O. Simmons Park)

Action 1.2.2. Develop an aquatic complex.

Following identification of the preferred location and funding strategy, the City should proceed with development of the aquatic complex.

Action 1.2.3. Develop a Civic Center/Recreation Center feasibility study.

The City's existing Humble Community and Youth Center provides space for camps, family nights and community rentals. However, there is a community desire for an additional (or expanded) facility that can accommodate indoor recreational classes, larger events and additional programming. It is recommended that the City develop a Civic Center/Recreation Center feasibility study to determine the viability, location, programming and cost of such a facility. The study should consider space needs for:

- Indoor recreational classes for all ages
- Rentable spaces for meetings and events of different sizes (e.g., community events, holiday parties, small conferences)
- Adequate parking to serve the desired programming

Action 1.2.4. Improve the Senior Center.

Seniors are welcomed into the Senior Center each day for a hot meal. It is recommended that the City update the facility to modernize its condition and provide an improved experience for seniors.

Recommended improvements to the Senior Center include:

- Install a new door
- Repair leaking windows
- Provide shade for the outdoor seating area

There have also been community discussions of potentially relocating City Hall in the future. If this occurs, the City could consider renovating the existing City Hall to serve as a new, expanded Senior Center. This adjacency to the library and proposed senior amenities in Faith Park could be a great benefit to seniors.

Action 1.2.5. Develop a dog park.

Dog parks are great places for dog owners to gather and socialize with their friends and neighbors. Notably, doing activities with one's dog was in the top 10 favorite recreation activities of survey respondents. It is recommended that the City evaluate potential opportunities to develop a dog park to serve the Ingleside community. Consideration should be given to the undeveloped City-owned property on 4th Street.

Action 1.2.6. Provide an all abilities playground in an existing City park.

An all abilities playground is an important amenity to provide an equitable play experience in the community. It provides play equipment and recreation experiences to allow children of all abilities to interact and play with each other, regardless of physical, sensory, emotional or mental abilities. It is recommended that the City provide at least one all abilities playground in an existing park. The Faith Park Conceptual Master Plan includes an all abilities playground.

Action. 1.2.7. Develop an outdoor space to host local and regional events.

The community's vision for the parks system includes serving local residents while also providing facilities that will draw regional tourism dollars into Ingleside. It is recommended that the City develop an outdoor space to host both local and regional events throughout the year. This could be an outdoor performance stage with seating or a flexible open lawn space with utility hook-ups to support festivals and events. Potential locations could include Faith Park, N.O. Simmons Park or Cove Park.



All abilities playgrounds provide a valuable community amenity and are often attract greater use than standard playgrounds.



Providing a space for outdoor concerts and events can help to draw regional tourism.

Action 1.2.8. Evaluate opportunities for additional close-to-home parkland in the north and east areas of the City.

As identified in the needs assessment, there is a need for additional parkland in the north and east portions of the City to provide access to neighborhood and community park facilities in the area. It is recommended that the City continue to evaluate opportunities for new parkland to meet this need. This could be through parkland dedication or purchase of parcels. The park should provide active, passive and multigenerational recreation opportunities.

Objective 1.3. Provide system-wide park improvements to enhance user experiences and increase community awareness.

Action 1.3.1. Provide consistent parks signage to increase community awareness of City parks.

Consistent parks signage, including materials and graphic content, helps residents and visitors navigate to/within parks, visually recognize City-owned parkland, and build an understanding of allowable behaviors. While some Ingleside parks are well-known by the community (e.g., N.O. Simmons Park), there are others that are less heavily used and not easily recognizable as City parks (e.g., Whitney Lake). It is recommended that the City develop a consistent parks branding strategy and update entry, wayfinding and rules signage where needed. Each park should have signs with the park name, rules and contact information for maintenance and other requests. Entry signs should be located in prominently visible locations.

Action 1.3.2. Evaluate opportunities to increase the use of technology in Ingleside parks.

Creating opportunities for people to interact with nature while staying connected with technology can be a great way to encourage increased park usage. It is recommended that the City evaluate opportunities to provide wifi at City parks. The City can also utilize QR code quick links on signs throughout the parks to allow people to report an issue, learn about a recreation opportunity, educate themselves about natural features or participate in organized activities (e.g., digital scavenger hunt).

Action 1.3.3. Increase shade opportunities within parks.

There was a strong desire for increased shade within the parks system. It is recommended that the City provide additional shaded areas in each park. This can be through the use of shade structures, shade fabric or additional trees. These efforts should be focused in gathering areas and along walking trails.

Action 1.3.4. Provide additional pet waste stations.

It is recommended that the City provide additional pet waste stations in strategic areas within all parks to encourage greater use by dog walkers.

Action 1.3.5. Enhance beautification efforts throughout the parks.

The community voiced a desire for more attractive parks. Beautifying Ingleside's parks would help to increase community pride, attract greater usage and improve the City's overall image. The City should consider beautifying existing parks through enhanced landscaping in high-visibility areas, choosing amenities with upgraded materials for durability and aesthetics (e.g., furnishings and pavilions), and proactively repairing and replacing amenities as needed.

Action 1.3.6. Develop park design guidelines.

Similar to consistent parks signage, incorporating similar materials, furnishings, and level of maintenance throughout all City parks will help to build greater continuity within the parks system and provide improved efficiency for design decisions. The City should consider adopting park design guidelines to steer the design and construction of new and improved parks and recreation facilities. Consideration should be given to:

- Choosing furnishings and facilities that use attractive, durable, vandal-resistant materials
- Implementing standards for native and water-efficient landscaping
- Minimizing maintenance requirements to the extent possible
- Increasing security and safety through design decisions (e.g., Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)²

² <https://www.cpted.net/>



Providing shaded areas is especially important in Texas' hot summer months.

- Designing for all ages and abilities
- Considering adjacencies between amenities and the target audiences (e.g., provide space between quiet senior spaces and noisy basketball courts)
- Allowing for flexibility of use
- Maximizing shade
- Beautifying the parks
- Incorporating a consistent parks brand through styles and materials used in the parks

Action 1.3.7. Update the City's website on a regular basis to include complete information about the parks system.

It is recommended that the City update the website to include additional information about all of the parks. This includes park addresses, location maps, additional photos and complete lists of amenities. The website should also be regularly updated to reflect current information about recreational programming throughout the year.

Programming & Events

Goal 2: Balance active and passive recreation opportunities for the community's multigenerational population.

Objective 2.1. Provide enhanced, family-friendly programming to meet the varying needs of residents.

Action 2.1.1. Consider conducting a Recreational Programming and Event Assessment.

The Ingleside community enjoys the City's festivals, special events and recreational programming, and would like to see expanded offerings. In order to determine new programming and the resources required to provide it, the City should consider conducting a Recreational Programming and Event Assessment. This includes collecting information about all of the public and private recreational programs, events and facilities that are serving the community. The data should then be analyzed to determine gaps and overlaps in order to identify opportunities for new programs. Consideration should be given to:

- The target ages of participants
- Changes in level of participation over time
- When and where the program/event is offered
- Whether the program/event is free or fee-based

The programming and event inventory included in Chapter 3 can be used as a starting point for the Assessment.

Action 2.1.2. Expand programming and event options to serve a wider range of participants and increase regional draw.

Based on the results of a Recreational Programming and Event Assessment, the City should consider offering expanded programs, events and festivals. When asked, survey respondents' top programming choices were:

- Music events (e.g., concerts in the park)
- Food and recreation events (e.g., food trucks)
- Entertainment events (e.g., social dancing, game nights)
- Family-oriented events (e.g., kids' days)
- Youth athletic leagues
- Educational workshops (e.g., learn a new craft)

Action 2.1.3. Provide family-friendly programs and events in each of the city's parks.

In order to encourage greater use of all of the parks in Ingleside and to address the community's desire for additional special events, the City should consider diversifying locations for events. This could include hosting smaller regularly scheduled or special events in each of the parks. Events should be scaled based on the size and facilities at each park and could include options such as community picnics, art events, senior potlucks and movies in the park.



Small events such as art-in-the-park help to attract the community to parks they don't regularly visit.

Action 2.1.4. Expand opportunities for youth athletics.

Ingleside has a large teen population. When asked, survey respondents thought teens had the greatest need for recreational programming. It is recommended that the City evaluate opportunities to expand youth athletics. This could include additional City-sponsored leagues as well as coordination with additional third party organizations to increase league options. Increased facility maintenance and scheduling coordination will need to accompany any expansion in league play. The proposed baseball/softball fields at Live Oak will need to be developed in order to facilitate an increase in baseball/softball participation.

Action 2.1.5. Expand senior programming options.

The City has a large population of people ages 55 to 59. Over the next 10 years, there will be an increasing need for senior programming. Based on the results of the Recreational Programming and Event Assessment, it is recommended that the City consider expanding and diversifying senior programming options. Some considerations could include:

- Additional game nights
- Senior dances
- Picnics in the park
- Nature walks
- Fishing days

The City should also directly poll senior center visitors regarding their ideas for programs and events.

Connectivity & Accessibility

Goal 3: Improve connectivity and accessibility to and within the City's parks system.

Objective 3.1. Enhance opportunities for bicycle and pedestrian recreation, fitness and transportation throughout the community.

Action 3.1.1. Develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for increased connectivity throughout the City.

The City's existing trails are heavily used and the community has voiced a desire for additional options. When asked about trail preferences, survey respondents expressed equal desire for loop trails, trails that connect between parks, and sidewalks connecting residential areas to parks. It is recommended that the City develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan to identify and prioritize specific sidewalk and off-street trail alignments. Figure 34 illustrates potential corridors to consider for connectivity between parks. Note that some of these segments include existing sidewalks that can be leveraged to provide connectivity along the target corridors, while others would require coordination with private land owners.

Action 3.1.2. Prioritize development of sidewalks in residential areas within 1/2-mile of parks.

All of the City's parks have potential to provide neighborhood park amenities for nearby residents. As the City considers sidewalk improvements, it is recommended that sidewalks in residential areas within 1/2-mile of parks be prioritized in order to provide safe routes for pedestrians and bicyclists to access the parks.

Figure 34. Potential Connectivity Corridors



Action 3.1.3. Develop additional loop trails within parks.

Loop trails are an important element in most park types. They are generally preferred over out-and-back trails since they allow users to walk in a continuous flow. As the City continues to improve the parks system, opportunities should be evaluated to develop loop trails in additional parks.

Objective 3.2. Improve ADA accessibility within the parks system.

Action 3.2.1. Conduct an ADA assessment of all parks and develop a prioritized plan to address any issues.

Some of the amenities in the parks system are currently inaccessible to individuals who are mobility challenged. In order to provide equal access to park amenities, the City should conduct an ADA assessment of each of the parks including trails, playgrounds, splash pads, parking areas, picnic facilities, etc. Identified deficiencies should be addressed in a prioritized order.



Loop trails should include opportunities for seating and shade.

Natural Resources

Goal 4: Preserve and enhance open space while protecting natural resources and systems.

Objective 4.1. Develop amenities and programming that encourage Ingleside residents to explore and learn about the City's natural resources.

Action 4.1.1. Increase environmental education opportunities within parks.

As a community with substantial natural resources, it is recommended that the City increase opportunities for park users to learn about and appreciate the local ecosystems. Opportunities could include:

- Nature trails
- Environmental educational signage



Woodland scavenger hunts are a fun, inexpensive way to encourage children to explore their natural surroundings.

- Wildlife viewing areas
- Family-friendly events (e.g., paper boat contest, woodland scavenger hunt)
- Nature-based programming (e.g., bird-watching, bug hunts)

Action 4.1.2. Maintain and enhance Whitney Lake and Live Oak Park as premier natural areas in Ingleside and the region.

Whitney Lake and Live Oak Park include over 100 acres of protected wetlands, mature trees and wildlife habitat to be enjoyed by local and regional residents. As these parks are further developed, the City should take care to minimize disruption to local flora and fauna.



The City's mature trees are highly valued by the community and should be preserved to the maximum extent possible.

Safety & Maintenance

Goal 5: Enhance the safety, maintenance and beautification efforts in the parks system.

Objective 5.1. Enhance safety and maintenance practices to improve the overall quality of the parks system.

Action 5.1.1. Conduct a staffing assessment to determine needs for expanded headcount.

The Parks and Facilities staff currently maintain 220 acres of parkland and run 22 recreational programs and events. It is recommended that the City conduct a staffing assessment to determine any needs for additional headcount. The assessment should consider increased maintenance regularity, capacity to quickly address safety and security concerns, and temporary help for events and festivals.

Action 5.1.2. Ensure that adequate funding and staffing accompany park system expansions.

A poorly maintained park is oftentimes viewed as worse than no park at all. As the City develops additional park facilities, it should also budget adequate funding and staffing to allow for increased park system maintenance and repairs.

Action 5.1.3. Develop a parks system management plan.

In order to improve the appearance and maintenance of the parks system, expand existing offerings, and preserve the community's varied ecosystems, the City should develop and adhere to a parks system management plan. At a minimum, this plan should include:

- An inventory of park assets
- Proactive park maintenance plans and schedules for each park
- Replacement plans for amenities
- Required training necessary to develop the specialized skill sets needed to maintain the parks



It is important to consider staffing for routine maintenance, safety and security repairs, and temporary help for events and festivals.

Action 5.1.4. Maintain a list of volunteer and donation opportunities to allow the community to help improve the parks system.

The community has expressed a desire for an improved parks system that they can be proud of. The City should consider publishing a list of opportunities for the community to contribute to improvement efforts. This could include opportunities such as:

- Community park clean-up days
- Volunteer at a festival or event
- An adopt-a-park program
- Donations to contribute to specific facilities (e.g., buy a bench with donor plaque)
- Large donations (monetary or land) with the opportunity for naming rights

Action 5.1.5. Evaluate opportunities for increased security in parks.

The need for increased park security was voiced frequently throughout the public engagement process. It is recommended that the City evaluate strategies to increase security and reduce instances of illicit behavior. Strategies could include:

- A park ranger
- Additional Police Department patrols
- Additional cameras and lighting
- A clearly visible contact number for people to call to report issues

Action 5.1.6. Maintain a current Emergency Management Plan for the parks.

The City has recently updated its Emergency Management Plan. The City should confirm that the Plan includes a comprehensive list of tasks for staff to complete to prepare the parks system for an emergency event as well as follow-up tasks after the event. Tasks should cover procedures for parks, facilities, maintenance areas and equipment. If needed, the Emergency Preparedness Plan should be updated to ensure that staff have an adequate understanding of how to prepare the parks system for an emergency.

Action 5.1.7. Update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

The community's parks and recreation needs and desires will change as the population grows and demographics shift. The City should plan to update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan periodically to ensure that it reflects current needs and priorities. The TPWD recommends updating the Plan every five years or before any new major developments occur that significantly change the parks and recreation needs of residents. This can also help the City during a TPWD grant funding evaluation, as TPWD places a higher point value on submittals that demonstrate that a plan has been updated within the previous five years. All Plan updates should include a public involvement process.

In the coming years, the City should review and update the Plan using the following steps:

- Annually: Staff review implementation to identify progress and provide an annual report to the City Council
- Every five years (or sooner if needed): Conduct a full review and make needed updates to the inventory, needs assessment, recommendations and prioritization

Funding & Partnerships

Goal 6: Explore funding and partnership opportunities.

Objective 6.1. Pursue creative funding and partnership strategies to support the improvement and expansion of the Ingleside parks and recreation system.

Action 6.1.1. Consider a bond election to fund capital improvements.

When asked about funding strategies, over 70 percent of respondents voiced support or strong support for a voter approved bond initiative. As the City explores large-scale capital improvements, it should consider approaching the citizens with a bond election. This requires preparation of bond-ready projects with detailed design plans and vetting the projects with a citizen bond committee.

Action 6.1.2. Reevaluate and/or consider establishing joint maintenance agreements with youth athletic leagues.

Some of the City's facilities are used by third-party leagues. As the City considers increasing maintenance throughout the parks system, it should consider reevaluating and/or establishing joint maintenance agreements with the leagues. This can help to ensure that each party's responsibilities are clear, athletic facilities are adequately maintained, and that league fees are sufficiently offsetting the City's costs.

Action 6.1.3. Evaluate opportunities for public-private partnerships.

Partnerships between cities and private-sector companies can powerful tools to finance, build, and/or operate parks and facility projects. It is recommended that the City evaluate and pursue opportunities for public-private partnerships to best leverage its existing resources and expand offerings for the community. This could include consideration of partnerships for a Civic/Recreation Center, third-party kayak rentals at Cove Park, and corporate sponsorships from local industry, among others.

Action 6.1.4. Evaluate City's parks and recreation fee structure.

As the City evaluates additional funding strategies, it should consider the parks and recreation fee structure. Park and facility rental fees should reasonably offset the maintenance costs associated with their rented use. This includes the Humble Community and Youth Center, Garden Center and any park facilities that are available for rent. As the City develops additional pavilions, consideration should be given to developing a pavilion rental program.

Action 6.1.5. Coordinate with Texas Coastal Bend Regional Tourism Council to publicize the City's regional parks and events.

The Texas Coastal Bend Regional Tourism Council publishes a list of attractions and things to do in the Coastal Bend area. It is recommended that the City coordinate with the Council to publicize the City's regional parks and events.

IMPLEMENTATION

- High-Priority Needs
- Prioritized Action Plan
- Funding Resources

High Priority Needs

This Plan includes a variety of recommendations to improve and expand the parks, trails, facilities, and recreation opportunities in Ingleside. The Plan meets the TPWD's requirements for a parks, recreation and open space master plan, and can help increase the City's competitiveness when applying for TPWD grant funding.

Ingleside's top priority parks facility needs are summarized in Figure 35. These are based on community input, needs assessments, consultant evaluation and staff input. Future parks and recreation efforts should work towards fulfilling these community needs.

Figure 35. Top Priority Facility Needs

New facilities needed based on community input	New facilities needed based on level of service	Upgraded facilities needed based on existing condition
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming pool/aquatic complex Baseball/softball fields Picnic pavilions Trails Recreation Center 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming pool/aquatic complex Baseball/softball fields Picnic pavilions Trails Playgrounds 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming pool/aquatic complex Baseball/softball fields Basketball court Lighting Upgraded skate park
Top 10 cumulative outdoor facility needs	Top 10 cumulative indoor facility needs	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming pool/aquatic complex Baseball/softball fields Picnic pavilions Trails Basketball court Playgrounds Upgraded skate park Lighting Canoe/kayak launch Volleyball courts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation Center 	

Prioritized Action Plan

Prioritization

The recommended actions of this Plan have been prioritized based on the following criteria:

- Level of need based on community input
- Level of need based on the level of service
- Existing conditions evaluations
- Less complex actions that can create early wins

Actions have been organized into near-term (1-2 years), mid-term (3-5 years) and long-term (6-10+ years) time frames. Some actions will be initiated and completed within their designated time frame, while others may be initiated during their designated time frame and then completed over time. Near and mid-term actions have been ranked. Long-term actions should be further prioritized in subsequent Plan updates.

The priorities set forth in Figure 36 are intended to guide staff and the City Council as they improve and operate the parks and recreation system for the next five to 10 years. This does not, however, preclude the City from initiating an action sooner than recommended if opportune circumstances arise.

Potential Cost Ranges

Order of magnitude potential cost ranges are provided where possible in Figure 36. These planning level cost ranges are based on a current understanding of the industry. Ultimate costs will be dependent on detailed design and construction plans, industry trends, and timing of implementation. Cost ranges that will be dependent on further decisions by the City are listed as "TBD."

Figure 36. Prioritized Action Plan

Rank	Action		Initiation Time Frame (years)				Potential Cost Range
			Short-term 1-2	Mid-term 3-5	Long-term 6-10+	On-going	
Goal 1: Provide new, improved or expanded parks and recreation amenities that meet the changing needs of the community and attract regional users.							
1	1.2.1.	Develop an aquatic complex feasibility study.	x				\$85,000 - \$120,000
2	1.1.2.	Redevelop Faith Park.	x				\$2,400,000 - \$3,000,000
3	1.2.2.	Develop an aquatic complex.	x				\$5,000,000 - \$8,000,000
4	1.2.6.	Provide an all abilities playground in an existing City park.				x	\$250,000 - \$400,000
5	1.3.7.	Update the City's website on a regular basis to include complete information about the parks system.	x			x	Staff hours
6	1.2.4.	Improve the Senior Center.	x				\$20,000 - \$30,000
7	1.3.6.	Develop park design guidelines.	x				Staff hours
8	1.1.4.	Prepare a Cove Park Master Plan.	x				\$60,000 - \$80,000
9	1.3.3.	Increase shade opportunities within parks.	x			x	TBD
10	1.3.5.	Enhance beautification efforts throughout the parks.	x			x	TBD
11	1.3.4.	Provide additional pet waste stations.				x	\$500 - \$750 per station
12	1.3.1.	Provide consistent parks signage to increase community awareness of City parks.	x			x	\$2,500 - \$15,000 per sign based on design
13	1.3.2.	Evaluate opportunities to increase the use of technology in Ingleside parks.		x			TBD
14	1.1.6.	Improve and further develop Live Oak Park.		x			\$4,400,000 - \$5,000,000
15	1.2.3.	Develop a Civic Center/Recreation Center feasibility study.		x			\$85,000 - \$120,000
16	1.1.3.	Improve N.O. Simmons Park.		x			\$850,000 - \$1,000,000
17	1.1.1.	Improve and further develop Oak Terrace Park.		x			\$175,000 - \$200,000
18	1.2.5.	Develop a dog park.		x			\$150,000 - \$200,000
19	1.2.7.	Develop an outdoor space to host local and regional events.		x			\$300,000 - \$2,000,000
	1.1.5.	Implement the Cove Park Master Plan.			x		TBD

Figure 36. Prioritized Action Plan (cont.)

Rank	Action		Initiation Time Frame (years)				Potential Cost Range
			Short-term 1-2	Mid-term 3-5	Long-term 6-10+	On-going	
	1.1.7.	Improve and further develop Whitney Lake.			x		\$750,000 - \$1,000,000
	1.2.8	Evaluate opportunities for additional close-to-home parkland in the north and east areas of the City.			x	x	TBD
Goal 2: Balance active and passive recreation opportunities for the community's multigenerational population.							
1	2.1.1.	Consider conducting a Recreational Programming and Event Assessment.	x			x	Staff hours
2	2.1.2.	Expand programming and event options to serve a wider range of participants and increase regional draw.	x			x	TBD
3	2.1.3.	Provide family-friendly programs and events in each of the city's parks.	x			x	TBD
4	2.1.4.	Expand opportunities for youth athletics.	x			x	TBD
5	2.1.5.	Expand senior programming options.	x			x	TBD
Goal 3: Improve connectivity and accessibility to and within the City's parks system.							
1	3.1.1.	Develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Plan for increased connectivity throughout the City.	x				\$20,000 - \$30,000
2	3.1.2.	Prioritize development of sidewalks in residential areas within 1/2-mile of parks.	x			x	\$115,000 to \$160,000 per mile
3	3.2.1.	Conduct an ADA assessment of all parks and develop a prioritized plan to address any issues.	x				Staff hours
4	3.1.3.	Develop additional loop trails within parks.		x		x	\$120,000 to \$240,000 per mile
Goal 4: Preserve and enhance open space while protecting natural resources and systems.							
1	4.1.1.	Increase environmental education opportunities within parks.	x			x	TBD
2	4.1.2.	Maintain and enhance Whitney Lake and Live Oak Park as premier natural areas in Ingleside and the region.	x			x	N/A
Goal 5: Enhance the safety, maintenance and beautification efforts in the parks system.							
1	5.1.5.	Evaluate opportunities for increased security in parks.	x				TBD
2	5.1.6.	Maintain a current Emergency Management Plan for the parks.	x			x	Staff hours

Figure 36. Prioritized Action Plan (cont.)

Rank	Action		Initiation Time Frame (years)				Potential Cost Range
			Short-term 1-2	Mid-term 3-5	Long-term 6-10+	On-going	
3	5.1.1.	Conduct a staffing assessment to determine needs for expanded headcount.	x				Staff hours
4	5.1.3.	Develop a parks system management plan.	x				Staff hours
5	5.1.2.	Ensure that adequate funding and staffing accompany park system expansions.	x			x	TBD
6	5.1.4.	Maintain a list of volunteer and donation opportunities to allow the community to help improve the parks system.	x				Staff hours
7	5.1.7.	Update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan		x			Staff hours - \$55,000
Goal 6: Explore funding and partnership opportunities.							
1	6.1.2.	Reevaluate and/or consider establishing joint maintenance agreements with youth athletic leagues.	x			x	Staff hours
2	6.1.4.	Evaluate City's parks and recreation fee structure.	x				Staff hours
3	6.1.3.	Evaluate opportunities for public-private partnerships.	x			x	Staff hours
4	6.1.1.	Consider a bond election to fund capital improvements.	x				Staff hours
5	6.1.5.	Coordinate with Texas Coastal Bend Regional Tourism Council to publicize the City's regional parks and events.	x				Staff hours

Funding Resources

General Funds

This source of funding is supported by ad valorem tax revenues and is generally the primary source of funds for maintenance and operation of the existing park system. The general fund is also the source for projects requiring smaller amounts of capital investment. It is important to include funding for ongoing maintenance and staff requirements for new trail and park improvements.

Economic Development Corporation

Economic Development Corporations (EDCs) are often utilized in communities as a means of concentrating resources towards economic development and creating new jobs. One advantage to EDCs is that they may exist as a public entity (directly associated with municipal government) or as a non-profit organization. EDCs may be created to promote and attract economic development for the City as a whole, or they may be created to specifically address issues within a particular neighborhood or area within the community. EDCs often receive funding from both public and private sources, such as funding by 4B sales tax revenues, and essentially act as an ambassador for the area that they serve. Advocacy and proactive outreach are important functions of EDCs in their attempt to reach out to potential development and provide reasons and incentives for choosing to locate within the identified area. It is recommended that members of the Ingleside Development Corporation use this document as a guide in promoting and attracting development within the study area.

Bonds

Bonds are generally the most common source used by cities for the purchase of land and for providing development monies. Debt financing through the issuance of municipal bonds is one of the most common ways to fund park, recreation and open space projects. This type of funding is a strategy wherein a city issues a bond, receives an immediate cash payment to finance projects, and must repay the bond with interest over a set period of time ranging from a few years to several decades.

A general obligation bond is amortized using ad valorem taxes and is used to fund capital projects that are not supported by a revenue source. These projects include water service, sanitary sewer service, and park acquisition and development. The availability of bonding for parks is often dependent upon the overall municipal needs financed by this source. Capital items such as purchase of land and physical improvements with a usable life expectancy of 15 to 20 years can be funded with general obligation bonds.

A revenue bond finances projects which produce enough revenue to retire their debt, such as golf courses, batting cages and enterprise-oriented park projects.

Developer Requirements

This involves requiring new development to provide a dedication of land for parks (or fee-in-lieu of land), park development fees, and trail rights-of-way or easements to offset the City's costs.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Outdoor Recreation Grants

This grant provides percentage matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs and other local units of government with populations less than 500,000 to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas. Eligible sponsors include cities, counties, MUDs, river authorities and other special districts. Projects must be completed within a set time frame after approval.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Indoor Recreation Grants

This grant provides percentage matching grant funds to municipalities, counties, MUDs and other local units of government with populations less than 500,000 to construct recreation centers, nature centers and other indoor recreation-related buildings.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP) Grants

The CO-OP grant helps to introduce underserved populations to the services, programs and sites of TPWD. This is not a land acquisition or construction grant; this is only for programs. Grants are awarded to non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, counties, cities, and other tax-exempt groups. Funds may be used for direct program costs for outdoor recreation or environmental education and conservation programs.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Recreational Trail Grants

TPWD administers the National Recreational Trail Grants in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles.

Private Donations

This source of financial assistance would usually come from a citizen, organization or business that has an interest in assisting with the development of the park system. Land dedication is a common occurrence when property is being developed. The location of a neighborhood park within a residential development offers additional value to residential units within that neighborhood, especially if the residential development is occupied by younger families with children. Once property is acquired through this method, the City should be prepared to improve the facility for use within a reasonable length of time and to maintain the new facility.

Private donations may also be received in the form of funds, facilities, recreation equipment, art and in-kind services. Donations from local and regional businesses as sponsors for events or facilities should be pursued. A Parks Improvement Trust Fund may be set up to manage donations by service organizations, benevolent citizens, willed estates and other donated sources. The purpose of this trust is to establish a permanent source of principal value that will increase as donations

occur. The principal cannot be decreased; however, the annual interest can be used for park development.

Public Improvements District (PID)

When authorized by City Council in compliance with state laws, new developments can establish a Public Improvement District (PID). As a taxing district, the PID provides funds specifically for the operation and maintenance of public facilities such as parks and major boulevards.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ)

A TIRZ is a tool used by local governments to finance public improvements in a defined area as approved by the City Council. When an area is designated as a TIRZ district, the tax base is frozen at the current level. As development occurs within the TIRZ, the increased value of property, or the tax increment, is captured. The tax increments are posted to a separate fund to finance public improvements within the district.

Partnership with the School District and County

The City can investigate opportunities to share park facilities and their associated cost with both the local school district and county as they have many common goals. Additionally, assets and costs can be shared between the entities to help meet each of their specific needs. For example, the City may purchase land next to a future school site and a school district may install the facilities, such as a playground, which can be enjoyed by the entire community. As a result, the entire community benefits.

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APPENDIX A: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- Interviews and Stakeholder Listening Sessions
 - Sign-in Sheets
- Public Survey
 - Advertisements
 - Original Public Survey
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 - Attendee List
 - Original Community Meeting Survey

Interviews and Stakeholder Listening Sessions

Sign-in Sheets

Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and Concept Plans

Key Person Interviews
Sign-In Sheet

January 7, 2020



Please sign in below (PLEASE PRINT)



Name	Email Address	Organization or Interest You Are Representing
Steve Dietz	obscured for privacy	Ingleside (Council)
Cindy Wilson		m. Ingleside (Citizen)
Robbie Parker		x.600 m. Ingleside (Citizen)

Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and Concept Plans

Stakeholder Meeting # 1
Sign-In Sheet 3:00 pm

January 7, 2020



Please sign in below (PLEASE PRINT)



Name	Email Address	Organization or Interest You Are Representing
Kody Fahrenthold	obscured for privacy	INGLESIDE IDA/COUNCIL
Steve Wilson		Ingleside, City
Treacy Long		Long Build Construction
ERIC KOENIG		CITY BUILDING DEPT
Cassandra Bell		Building Dept.
Anna Kucera		Human Resources
Belinda Casanova		Public Library
Tammy Burr		Police Department
Robert Vance		Park Dept
Barbara Gregg		Chamber of Commerce
Lynette Deibel		Ingleside Chamber of Commerce
Carrey Dietrich		City of Ingleside
Sarah West		City of Ingleside (responsible for public works park facility maint)

Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and Concept Plans

Stakeholder Meeting # 3
Sign-In Sheet 6:00

January 7, 2020



Please sign in below (PLEASE PRINT)



Name	Email Address	Organization or Interest You Are Representing
Craig A. Senter	obscured for privacy	Concours Cities
Gail Danforth		Ingleside UMC
Toby Clarkson		Disc Golf
John Salinas		Best of the Bay Tournament
EDDIE STALING		Best of the Bay Tournament
CARY McRAE		Best of Bay vc.com
TERESA Flores		IISD, IDC Community Member
Scott Sholer		Ingleside IDC
Mark Zane		SPEDC
Rachelle King		
Gynthia Baker		Live Oak Park

Public Survey

Advertisements

The following methods were used to notify the public about the survey.

1. Facebook – Parks & Rec Page – asked other city departments and employees to share
2. Placed a survey link on the city website landing page, on the parks & rec page of the site, and the economic development page
3. Chamber sent the flyer to their membership in their weekly Chamber newsletter & put paper ads in their lobby
4. Emailed to ball leagues and asked to share with all parents
5. Emailed to the fishing club and asked to share with their members
6. Superintendent of Schools allowed us to use their call notification system for all parents in the district
7. Superintendent of Schools allowed us to send home a flyer for Pre K - 4th
8. Had students in high school who participate with various associations (SADD Club, Spanish classes, and Student Council) get the word out as projects and for community service hours notifying the public
9. Talked to Senior Center about encouraging participation from their clientele, providing computer time and also paper copies
10. Wrote newspaper article, Ingleside Index 2-19-20
11. Newspaper advertisement, Ingleside Index 2-12-20 and 2-26-20
12. Announced at City Council Meeting on February 12
13. Announced at P&Z Meeting on February 17
14. Asked Library to relay information to Friends of the Library
15. Posted on Bulletin Board at City Hall
16. Posted on Bulletin Board at Humble
17. Posted on Bulletin Board at Library
18. Posted on Bulletin Board at Post Office
19. Posted on Bulletin Board at Dairy Queen
20. Sent home advertisement with Latchkey Kids (approx. 115 kids)
21. Advertised at Parks & Rec family night, Feb. 15 Valentine event
22. Blurb on water bill for all city residents during the month of February
23. Notice posted on window where water payments are accepted at City Hall & ad slips
24. Advertised on Billboard on Causeway
25. Leased solar message board machine for one month: placed in HEB parking lot (intersection of 361 and 1069) for 2 weeks then moved to N. O. Simmons Park (361) and had facing one direction for 1 week then turned it around for the other direction for the last week
26. Mailed letters to area churches and asked them to place info in bulletins & newsletters
27. Dr. Carol Watt advertised on her digital sign located downtown
28. Sent a personal email to every attendee of the 1st Stakeholder Meeting and asked they participate and help us get the word out to their friends, family, and employees

Survey Flyers

- Distributed by Chamber
- Emailed to athletic leagues
- Emailed to fishing clubs
- Distributed by School District
- Posted on bulletin boards at City Hall, Humble Recreation Center, Library, Post Office, Dairy Queen
- Distributed to Latchkey participants
- Posted on Facebook 10 times



The City Needs Your Input!

Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

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Visit the City of Ingleside's website or
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/InglesideParksSurvey>
 to take our online survey by March 6, 2020.

Complete the survey by March 1 to be entered in a drawing for a prize!


Community Open House
March 17, 2020

Humble Community and Youth Center
 2821 Main Street, Ingleside

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Come and go as you please

Hard copies of the survey can be picked up and returned to City Hall, the Library, the Parks office and the Ingleside Senior Center.
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Ingleside Parks and Recreation
 Posted by Brian Patrick Stacy
 February 10 at 4:30 PM · 🌐

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 Posted by Brian Patrick Stacy
 February 28 at 10:13 PM · 🌐

Hurry, last chance to get your survey completed to be entered into the drawings!
 ... See More



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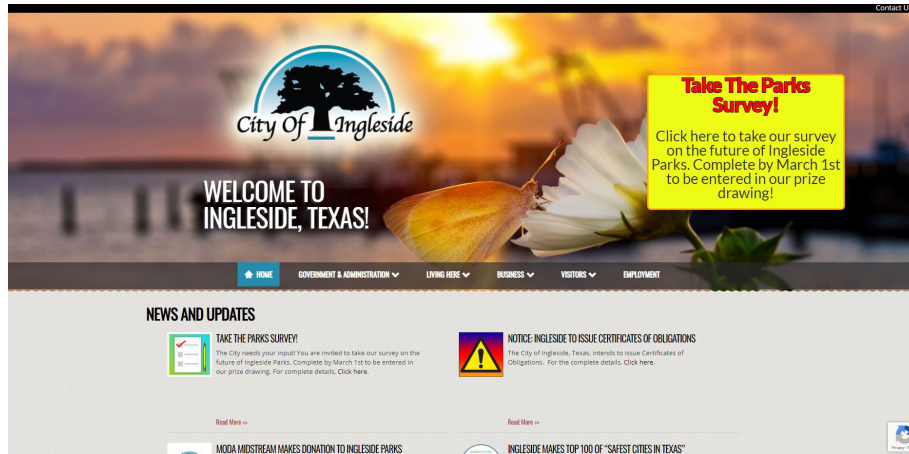
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City Website Post



Newspaper Advertisement and Articles



www.inglesidetx.gov

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Water Bills

CITY OF INGLESIDE
P.O. DRAWER 400
INGLESIDE, TEXAS 78362
(361) 776-2517

SERVICE CODES

CR - Credit Balance
MI - Misc.
RC - Reconnect Fee
GA - Garbage

TX - Tax
WA - Water
SE - Sewer
AR - Arrears

ADD

CODE	METER READING		HUNDREDS OF GALLONS USED	AMOUNT
	PREVIOUS	PRESENT		
WA	2883	2908	25	35.41
SE	SEWER		25	29.18
GA	GARBAGE		1	23.13
TX	SALES TAX			1.91
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD ABOUT THE FUTURE OF INGLESIDE PARKS, WWW.INGLESIDETX.GOV				
CLICK ON PARKS SURVEY LINK TO COMPLETE A QUICK SURVEY, WITH DRAWINGS FOR A PRIZE!				

City Requests Public Input

The City of Ingleside is in the process of creating a new Parks Master Plan, officially known as the Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. This Parks Master Plan will be used by the city to plan for new and expanded uses of our parks system and our recreation activities.

An important component of the Parks Master Plan is the

public involvement. Currently an online survey is open for all citizens to voice their opinions. The survey can be found directly on the survey site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/InglesideParksSurvey> and also on the city website: www.inglesidetx.gov.

The information provided by the citizens by submission of this public survey will enable the consultant firm to

create a master plan that considers the opinions and suggestions from the community. Please take a few minutes and complete this important survey. All completed surveys received by March 1 will be entered into a prize drawing. This is your chance to get involved in the future of the parks system in the City of Ingleside. Don't delay – complete the survey today.

Advertisement Letters

February 7, 2020

Agape Fellowship
2291 Main
Ingleside, TX 78362

Dear Agape Fellowship:

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Sincerely,

Jodi Carr
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February 7, 2020

Our Lady of the Assumption
2414 Main St.
Ingleside, TX 78362

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Central Baptist Church
2555 Tiner Lane
Ingleside, TX 78362

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Church of Christ of Ingleside
2138 1st. St.
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PO Box 66
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Digital Signs

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PO Box 688
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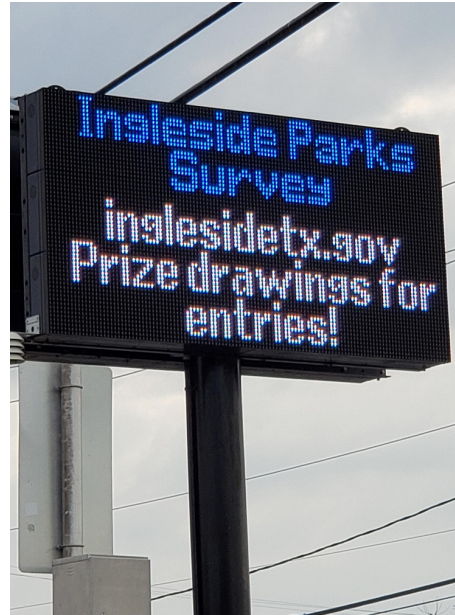
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Original Public Survey



Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Public Survey

The City is currently developing its Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and needs your input! This plan will help identify priorities for parks and recreation for the next five to 10 years. The City is also developing concept plans for improvements to Faith Park and Live Oak Park. The City takes your views about parks very seriously, so please take a few minutes to provide your opinion about Ingleside's parks.

This survey will take approximately 15 minutes. Please encourage your family and neighbors to participate in the survey as well!

As an incentive for completing the survey, two randomly selected respondents who complete the survey in its entirety will win gift cards to Whataburger or HEB. Simply enter your email address at the end of the survey to be entered into the drawing.

You must complete the survey by March 1, 2020 to be eligible for the raffle drawing.

Demographics

1. Are you male or female? (for classification purposes only)

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ No comment

2. How old are you? (for classification purposes only)

☐ 19 years old or younger ☐ 35-44 years old ☐ 55-64 years old
☐ 20-34 years old ☐ 45-54 years old ☐ 65 years old or older

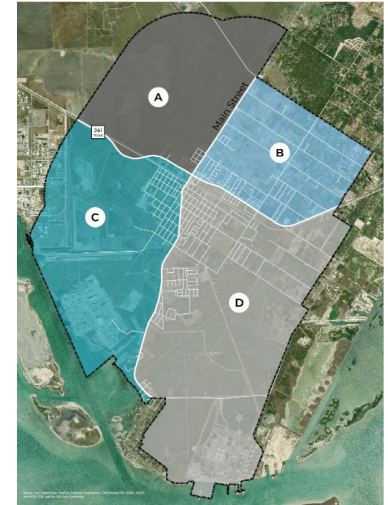
3. Are you a current resident of Ingleside?

☐ Yes
☐ No, but live in San Patricio County
☐ No, live outside San Patricio County

4. If you are a City resident, in which area of the Ingleside do you live? (Based on Map A)

- ☐ Area A (north of TX 361, west of Main Street)
☐ Area B (north of TX 361, east of Main Street)
☐ Area C (south of TX 361, west of Main Street)
☐ Area D (south of TX 361, east of Main Street)

Map A



5. How long have you lived in Ingleside?

- ☐ 3 years or less ☐ 11-20 years
☐ 4-7 years ☐ More than 20 years
☐ 8-10 years ☐ I do not live in Ingleside

6. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living in your home? Check all that apply.

- ☐ No children ☐ Children ages 9-12
☐ Children under age 4 ☐ Children ages 13-19
☐ Children ages 5-8

Parks & Recreation

7. How would you describe the quality of parks and recreational amenities in Ingleside?

Poor Good Fair Excellent
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

8. How would you rate the City in the following categories?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
The overall appearance of parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The overall safety of parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The maintenance of parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The quality of parks in my neighborhood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having parks conveniently located for people in all areas of the City	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The amount of publicly accessible natural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The variety of recreational facilities in parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The overall quality of athletic amenities (i.e., fields and courts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments:

9. In the past year, how often have you or your family participated in or utilized the following?

	Daily	Weekly	Few times per month	Few times per year	Vary rarely or never
Attended a community event such as Movie in the Parks or Light up the Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boated on Corpus Christi Bay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participated in a youth athletic league	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Daily	Weekly	Few times per month	Few times per year	Vary rarely or never
Participated in an adult athletic league	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walked or rode a bike to a park in Ingleside	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited a picnic pavilion in City parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited a playground in City parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited the splash pad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited the skate park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited Cove Park (where the boat ramp is)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited Faith Park (where the old pool is)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited Live Oak Park (where the disc golf course is)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited N.O. Simmons Park (where the skate park and splash pad are)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited Oak Terrace Park (next to Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visited Whitney Lake (where the walking trail and boardwalk are)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

10. What keeps you from using the Ingleside parks and recreation facilities more?
Check all that apply.

- ☐ Don't have time / not interested. ☐ The parks and facilities don't meet my needs. ☐ Lack of maintenance.
- ☐ There are no parks near me. ☐ I do not feel safe in the parks. ☐ I use parks or facilities in other cities instead.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

11. Which park do you walk or bike to most frequently?

- ☐ Cove Park (where the boat ramp is) ☐ Oak Terrace Park (next to Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church)
- ☐ Faith Park (where the old pool is) ☐ Whitney Lake (where the walking trail and boardwalk are)
- ☐ Live Oak Park (where the disc golf course is) ☐ I don't walk or bike to any parks regularly.
- ☐ N.O. Simmons Park (where the skate park and splash pad are)

Comments

12. How satisfied are you with recreational programming opportunities in Ingleside for people in the following age groups?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
Young children, age 5 or under	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children, ages 5-8	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children, ages 9-12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teens, ages 13-19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adults, ages 20-55	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People over the age of 55	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments

13. Which age group do you feel has the greatest need for recreational programming? Rank your answers from 1 to 6.

	1	2	3	4	5	6 (Greatest Need)
Children, age 5 or under	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children, ages 5-8	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children, ages 9-12	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teens, ages 13-19	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adults, ages 20-55	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People over the age of 55	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. How important is it for the City to support the following types of recreational programming?

	Very Important	Important	Undecided	Not Important	Not Important At All
Youth athletics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adult athletics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior programs (e.g., senior dances, game night)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts programs (e.g., painting)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health and fitness (e.g., Zumba)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seasonal programs (e.g., Light up the Park)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Special events (e.g., concerts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

15. Choose you and your family's favorite recreation activities. Check all that apply.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art / crafts classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing on a splash pad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball / softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Going to festivals or special events | <input type="checkbox"/> Running / jogging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Going to a dog park / walking your dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Golfing | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BMX biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Group exercise / fitness classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming competitively |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming for leisure / fitness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing / kayaking / paddle boarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance / yoga | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking | <input type="checkbox"/> Viewing nature / wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf / Frisbee golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing in a youth athletic league | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising at a private gym | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing in an adult athletic league | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking / hiking on trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing on playgrounds | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

16. If you or your family participate in an athletic league in Ingleside, in which one(s) do you participate? Check all that apply. Skip this question if you don't participate in athletic programming in Ingleside.

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ingleside Youth Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Tri City Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Stampede Softball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mustang Infinite Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Little Dribblers Basketball | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mustang Infinite Softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Ingleside Little League | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

17. What is your favorite park in Ingleside?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Cove Park (where the boat ramp is) | <input type="radio"/> N.O. Simmons Park (where the skate park and splash pad are) |
| <input type="radio"/> Faith Park (where the old pool is) | <input type="radio"/> Oak Terrace Park (next to Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church) |
| <input type="radio"/> Live Oak Park (where the disc golf course is) | <input type="radio"/> Whitney Lake (where the walking trail and boardwalk are) |

18. What do you like about the park you chose in question 17?

19. What do you not like about the park you chose in question 17?

20. What would you change about the park you chose in question 17?

21. How important is it for the following amenities to be provided in Ingleside parks and recreation facilities?

	Very Important	Important	Undecided	Not Important	Not Important At All
Soccer fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Baseball / softball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor basketball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor volleyball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skate park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BMX park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disc golf course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic amenities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pavilions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing piers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boat launch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Canoe / kayak launches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Splash pad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor event space (e.g., amphitheater)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Landscaping in parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shade trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

22. How important do you consider each of the following potential actions the City could take?

	Very Important	Important	Undecided	Not Important	Not Important At All
Improve the maintenance of existing parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Renovate existing park amenities to improve condition and accessibility.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Add new amenities to existing parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build a new aquatic center (facility with splash pad, pool, etc.).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build a community center / civic center /recreation center.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide more athletic fields.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build a dog park.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build trails to connect neighborhoods, parks and schools.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop new parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)					

23. To meet the needs of Ingleside residents, the City may require additional funding for parks and recreation. How strongly would you support or oppose the following financing strategies?

	Strongly Support	Support	Undecided	Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Increase the City's budget for parks and recreation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase fees for those who use maintenance intensive or specialized recreation facilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase fees for recreational programming.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase rental fees for park facilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raise funds for new facilities through a voter approved bond initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Live Oak Park

As part of this planning effort, the City is developing a concept plan for improvements to Live Oak Park (where the disc golf is). Considering its size, natural resources and existing amenities, this park will likely include active (e.g., ball fields) and passive (e.g., walking trails) amenities. With this in mind, please answer the following questions.



24. How frequently do you use the amenities at Live Oak Park?

	Daily	Weekly	Few times per month	Few times per year	Very rarely or never
Baseball / softball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball court	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disc golf course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loop road for walking / jogging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. How important is it to preserve or upgrade the existing amenities at Live Oak Park?

	Very Important	Important	Undecided	Not Important	Not Important At All
Baseball / softball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball court	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disc golf course	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loop road for walking / jogging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pond	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

26. What additional amenities would you be interested in seeing at Live Oak Park? (check all that apply)

- ☐ More sports courts (e.g., basketball, tennis, volleyball)
 ☐ Playgrounds
- ☐ More sports fields (e.g., soccer, baseball/softball)
 ☐ Nature-based recreation (e.g., wildlife viewing, geocaching, camping)
- ☐ Water-based recreation (e.g., splash pad)
 ☐ Unprogrammed open space (e.g., grass areas for throwing a Frisbee)
- ☐ Walking / jogging / biking trails
 ☐ I would not use this park
- ☐ Picnic facilities

Other (please specify)

Faith Park

The City is also developing a concept for Faith Park (where the old pool is) as part of this process. Faith Park sustained notable damage during Hurricane Harvey. Due to the condition of facilities, opportunities to relocate amenities elsewhere and adjacency with the library, this park will likely include family-friendly, passive recreation opportunities that can be enjoyed by residents of all ages. With this in mind, please answer the following questions.



27. How frequently do you use the amenities at Faith Park?

	Daily	Weekly	Few times per month	Few times per year	Very rarely or never
Baseball / softball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball court	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

28. If existing amenities were relocated and this were a blank slate, how would you envision using this park? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Enjoying gardens (e.g., community garden, edible gardens)
- ☐ Community gathering (e.g., community events, farmers market)
- ☐ Playgrounds (e.g., all abilities playground)
- ☐ Picnic facilities
- ☐ Outdoor fitness (e.g., exercise equipment, group classes)
- ☐ Walking / jogging trail
- ☐ Social games (e.g., horseshoes, outdoor ping pong)
- ☐ Dog park
- ☐ Non-programmed athletics (e.g., volleyball court, playing catch)
- Other (please specify)

Thank You!

29. Thank you for participating in the Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan public survey. To be entered into a drawing for the chance to win a Whataburger or HEB gift card, please provide your email address below.

Email Address

30. Would you like to receive email updates on the City's parks master planning process?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Community Meeting

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Online Community Meeting

Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

Please join the Ingleside Parks and Facilities Department and our consultants virtually for an Online Community Meeting! Come learn about Ingleside's ongoing Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and provide feedback regarding your priorities for the future of our parks and recreation system.

Online Community Meeting

Thursday, April 23, 2020

6:00 - 7:00 pm

The meeting access code will be available on the City's website after April 17.

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Survey Flyer



Community Meeting Survey

Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan

Our April 23rd Community Meeting covered our planning process, progress to date, and what we've heard from Ingleside residents. If you missed the meeting, visit <https://inglesidetx.gov> to watch a recording.

We've opened a brief second survey for one week only!

We'd like to know more about your needs, what elements are most important to you and any other feedback.


Please take the second survey regardless of whether you completed the first one!

Visit the City of Ingleside's website or

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/InglesideCommunityMeeting1>

to take our survey by May 1. It closes at midnight!


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We're excited for Thursday! Come join us to learn about our plan, hear what feedback your fellow residents have provided, and learn about what you can do next!
Visit <https://inglesidetxt.gov/parks-facilities/> to login to our meeting.



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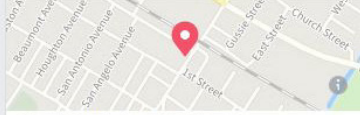
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Original Community Meeting Survey

Ingleside Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
Online Community Meeting #1 - Public Survey

Thank you for participating in our Online Community Meeting! You’ve now seen what Ingleside residents have said thus far. This is a second survey to get additional information about what we’ve heard. We’d love to hear from you regardless of whether you completed the first survey.

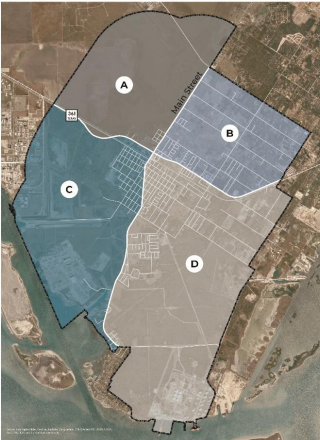
Please complete this **11-question survey** (4 more screens) to let us know your opinions about plan goals, Live Oak Park, Faith Park, aquatics, trails and recreation programs. It should take less than 10 minutes.

This survey closes at midnight on May 1.

Plan Goals

- 1. In what area of the City do you live? (Based on Map A)**
- a. Area A (north of TX 361, west of Main Street)
 - b. Area B (north of TX 361, east of Main Street)
 - c. Area C (south of TX 361, west of Main Street)
 - d. Area D (south of TX 361, east of Main Street)
 - e. I do not live in Ingleside

Map A.



2. Which Master Plan goals do you support? Choose all that apply. These goals will serve as the basis for Plan recommendations.

- Provide new, improved or expanded parks and recreation amenities that meet the changing needs of the community and attract regional users.
- Balance active and passive recreation opportunities for the community's multigenerational population.
- Improve connectivity and accessibility to and within the City's parks system.
- Preserve and enhance open space while protecting natural resources and systems.
- Enhance the safety, maintenance and beautification efforts in the parks system.

Comments: _____

3. In your opinion, what is Ingleside's greatest parks and recreation asset?

a. _____

4. In your opinion, what is Ingleside's greatest parks and recreation challenge?

a. _____

5. If you could only change one thing about Ingleside's parks and recreation system, what would it be?

a. _____

Live Oak and Faith Parks

6. Choose the five programming elements you are most interested in for Live Oak Park. Your selections do not need to be in any particular order.

	1	2	3	4	5
Outdoor pavilion (with restrooms, charging stations, picnic tables and outdoor grills)					
Expanded day use areas (picnic tables, shelters, outdoor grills)					
Camping					
Unprogrammed open space					
Wildlife viewing areas					
Outdoor swimming pool					
Playground					
Paved or gravel walking trails					
Dirt trails through natural areas					
Dog park					
Additional disc golf					
Additional ball fields (softball and baseball)					
Soccer fields (various sizes)					
Basketball					
Tennis court					

Other (please specify) _____

7. Choose the five programming elements you are most interested in for Faith Park. Your selections do not need to be in any particular order.

	1	2	3	4	5
Amphitheatre or performance space					
Community center (for senior activities, civic club meetings, reservable space for family gatherings or reunions)					
Outdoor pavilion (with restrooms, charging stations, picnic tables and outdoor grills)					
Playgrounds					
Splash pad					
Lawn space (yoga/fitness classes, movies in the park, community celebrations)					
Walking trail (with periodic seating and shade)					
Exercise stations					
Dedicated food truck parking					
Plaza spaces (suitable for farmer's markets, art shows, festivals)					
Basketball court					
Dog park					
Community garden (with spaces dedicated to various civic clubs, foundations, education groups for upkeep responsibility)					
Lawn games (horseshoes, bocce, cornhole, etc)					

Other (please specify) _____

Trails and Aquatics

8. The community has expressed desire for additional walking and biking trails. What two types of trails do you prefer? Your selections do not need to be in any particular order..

	1	2
Sidewalks connecting residential areas to parks		
Trails that create a loop within a park		
Mountain biking trails within natural areas in parks		
Trails that connect parks to other parks		

Comments: _____

9. The community voiced a strong desire for a new aquatic facility. Choose the three water-based recreation elements that are most important to you. Your selections do not need to be in any particular order.

	1	2	3
Recreational swimming			
Competitive swimming			
Splash pad			
Adventure water play park			
Lazy river			
Aquatic fitness			
Swim lessons			
Picnic areas			
Rentable space for parties			

Comments: _____

Recreation

10. Choose up to three recreation programs you are most interested in. Your selections do not need to be in any particular order.

	1	2	3
Adult athletics			
Youth athletic leagues (for a full season)			
Youth athletic clinics (1-2 week camp as an introduction to the sport)			
Entertainment events (e.g., social dancing, game nights)			
Exercise classes (e.g., Zumba, boot camp)			
Outdoor fitness classes (e.g., yoga)			
Educational workshops (e.g., learn a new craft)			
Art classes (e.g., painting)			
Family-oriented events (e.g., kids' days)			
Social exercise clubs (e.g., cycling, walk-n-talk)			
Technology-based classes (e.g., digital photography)			
Races (e.g., mud run, 5k)			
Food and beverage events (e.g., food trucks)			
Music events (e.g., concerts in the park)			

Other (please specify) _____

11. Do you have any additional comments?

APPENDIX B: FAITH PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

- Conceptual Master Plan
- Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Faith Park Conceptual Master Plan



Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
DEMOLITION AND SITE PREP					
1	Demo of Existing Ball Field, Field House & Assoc. Infrastructure	1	EA	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000
2	Demo of Existing Electrical Lighting and Infrastructure	1	EA	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000
3	SWPPP Measures	1	EA	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500
4	Sawcut/Removal Existing Asphalt for parking lot reconfiguration	400	SF	\$ 15.00	\$ 6,000
5	Remove Existing Basketball Court	1800	SF	\$ 5.00	\$ 9,000
6	Earthwork	1	AL	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000
7	Site Drainage	1	AL	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000
SITE IMPROVEMENTS					
1	Asphalt Paving - Parking Lot A	14000	SF	\$ 4.00	\$ 56,000
2	Asphalt Paving - Parking Lot B	7500	SF	\$ 4.00	\$ 30,000
3	Mill, Overlay, Seal Coat and Restriping (Existing Parking Lot)	15500	SF	\$ 2.50	\$ 38,750
4	Concrete Sidewalk (6')	2150	LF	\$ 33.00	\$ 70,950
5	Misc Concrete Paving	2200	SF	\$ 5.50	\$ 12,100
6	Concrete Playground Edging (4')	200	LF	\$ 22.00	\$ 4,400
7	Concrete Playground Edging (2')	90	LF	\$ 12.00	\$ 1,080
8	Concrete Sidewalk (6')	2150	LF	\$ 33.00	\$ 70,950
9	Concrete Slabs at pavilions	900	SF	\$ 5.50	\$ 4,950
10	Basketball Court (PT Slab)	7350	SF	\$ 8.00	\$ 58,800
11	Poured in Place Fall Surfacing	6200	SF	\$ 14.00	\$ 86,800
12	Amenity Area Paving (specialty paving)	3000	SF	\$ 10.00	\$ 30,000
13	Site Lighting and Associated Electrical Service	1	AL	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000
14	Vehicular Access Control Gate (pipe/swing arm)	1	EA	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500
RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS					
1	Shade Structures (20' DIA)	2	EA	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 50,000
2	Trellis Structures	2	EA	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000
3	Basketball Court Covering	1	AL	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000
4	Basketball Equip/Striping	1	AL	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500
5	Playground Equipment	1	AL	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000
6	Shade Sail	1	EA	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000
7	Misc. Site Furnishings (tables, chairs, benches, receptacles, grills, etc)	1	AL	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000
8	Lawn Area Development	1	AL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000
9	Senior Garden Area Development	1	AL	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000
10	Polinator Garden Area Development	1	AL	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000

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RENOVATION					
1	Expand Existing Garden Center Building	500	SF	\$ 125.00	\$ 62,500
2	Replaster Pool	5500	SF	\$ 3.50	\$ 19,250
3	Rehab Existing Pool Building *(specialty inspection required to confirm costs)	1	AL	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000
4	Upgrade Pool plumbing and electrical equip *(specialty inspections required to confirm cost)	1	AL	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000
5	Rehab Existing Pool Decking	3500	SF	\$ 6.00	\$ 21,000
6	Life Safety Improvements	1	AL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000
LANDSCAPE					
1	Large Trees	15	EA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 15,000
2	Small Trees	65	EA	\$ 500.00	\$ 32,500
3	Turf (solid sod)	75000	SF	\$ 0.50	\$ 37,500
4	Irrigation System	75000	SF	\$ 0.60	\$ 45,000
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,562,030
				CONTINGENCY 20%	\$ 312,406
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,874,436
				MOBILIZATION 5%	\$ 93,722
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,968,158
				OH&P 18%	\$ 354,268
				PROJECT TOTAL (2020 COSTS)	\$ 2,322,426
				COST ESCALATION FACTOR 2.1%	\$ 48,771
				PROJECT TOTAL (2021 COSTS)	\$ 2,371,197

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APPENDIX C: LIVE OAK PARK CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN

- Conceptual Master Plan
- Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

Live Oak Park Conceptual Master Plan



Opinion of Probable Construction Costs

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
DEMOLITION AND SITE PREP					
1	Milling of Existing Park Road (2" -full width cut)	6200	SY	\$ 3.00	\$ 18,600
2	SWPPP Measures	1	EA	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500
3	Earthwork - moving on site cut/fill	12000	CY	\$ 6.00	\$ 72,000
4	Earthwork - placing fill	5000	CY	\$ 20.00	\$ 100,000
5	Site Drainage	1	AL	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000
SITE IMPROVEMENTS					
1	Existing Park Road Paving - Asphaltic Concrete Surface (2")	6200	SY	\$ 12.00	\$ 74,400
2	New Park Road Paving - Asphaltic Concrete Surface (4") and base	10120	SY	\$ 36.00	\$ 364,320
3	Asphaltic Concrete Surface (4") and base - Parking Lot Ballfield A	15200	SF	\$ 4.00	\$ 60,800
4	Asphaltic Concrete Surface (4") and base - Parking Lot Ballfield B	15200	SF	\$ 4.00	\$ 60,800
5	Asphaltic Concrete Surface (4") and base - Parking Lot Picnic Area	9000	SF	\$ 4.00	\$ 36,000
6	Asphaltic Concrete Surface (4") and base - Picnic Areas	4000	SF	\$ 4.00	\$ 16,000
7	Concrete Sidewalk (6')	1500	LF	\$ 33.00	\$ 49,500
8	Field Area Concrete Paving	14000	SF	\$ 5.50	\$ 77,000
9	Drop off Area Paving (specialty paving)	4600	SF	\$ 10.00	\$ 46,000
10	Concrete Playground Edging (4')	540	LF	\$ 22.00	\$ 11,880
11	Adult Baseball Field	1	AL	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000
12	Youth Baseball Field	1	AL	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000
13	MUSCO Field Lighting System	2	AL	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 500,000
13	Field House/Concession Bldg	1	AL	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000
14	Concrete Slabs at pavilions	3000	SF	\$ 5.50	\$ 16,500
15	Shade Structures (20' DIA)	1	EA	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000
16	Shade Structure (40' DIA)	2	EA	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 150,000
17	Sand Volleyball Court	1	AL	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000
18	Playground Equipment	1	AL	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000
19	Poured in Place Fall Surfacing	6200	SF	\$ 14.00	\$ 86,800
20	Misc. Site Furnishings (tables, chairs, benches, receptacles, grills, etc)	1	AL	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000
21	Picnic Shelter (covering and pad)	4	AL	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 60,000
22	Wildlife Viewing Blinds	2	AL	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000

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LANDSCAPE					
1	Tree Planting	1	AL	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,893,100
				CONTINGENCY 20%	\$ 578,620
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,471,720
				MOBILIZATION 5%	\$ 173,586
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,645,306
				OH&P 18%	\$ 656,155
PROJECT TOTAL (2020 COSTS)					\$ 4,301,461
COST ESCALATION FACTOR					2.1% \$ 90,331
PROJECT TOTAL (2021 COSTS)					\$ 4,391,792

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