

PARKS DEPARTMENT

MISSION

The mission of the Parks And Recreation Department is to provide a quality park system for the residents of Fort Bend County; to develop and maintain regional parks that will serve both active and passive recreational needs, preserve natural and historic resources, and provide appropriate recreation programs and activities for youth, adult, and senior citizens in accordance with the adopted master plan and needs assessment.

GOALS

GOAL 1

Provide for a professionally diverse staff in the County Parks and Recreation Department to plan, direct, manage and maintain the Parks and Recreation System and its many components.

GOAL 2

Acquire and develop parkland as regional level parks to complement, not compete, with the parks already provided by other entities in the County, to meet the passive and active recreational needs of the increasing population.

GOAL 3

Work with the cities to jointly develop regional size parks that meet the larger needs of the area. Develop a “Shared Vision” of Parks and Recreation Facilities that provides for a hierarchy of facilities to be provided throughout the County.

GOAL 4

Work with the cities, landowners and interested organizations along the Brazos River and other waterways to develop “Corridors” along the rivers to protect the natural environment, provide access to the river in the floodway and floodplain.

GOAL 5

Support and encourage the continuance of and development of recreation activities for youth and senior citizens.

GOAL 6

Develop partnerships with youth and adult sports associations to provide land to develop ball fields.

GOAL 7

Consider the provision of land for specialized recreational sports facilities as desired by the citizens of the County.

GOAL 8

Provide protection, conservation, and enhancement of woodlands, waterways, historical sites and other natural resources.

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PROJECTIONS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS

In the *Fort Bend County Master Plan and Needs Assessment* goals for the County Parks were established and priorities in five-year increments were developed.

Barker Reservoir – The proposed improvements on a portion of 2,000 acres leased from the Corps of Engineers includes: an access road, parking lot, and trail, concession stand with restrooms and meeting room, ball fields to be improved through lease agreements, landscaping, trees and a maintenance facility. This could be considered as a satellite sports complex. Estimated development costs: \$1,750,000. Active grant with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Blue Ridge Park – Currently a City of Houston park in Fort Bend County, this park is being considered for a long-term lease as it serves Fort Bend County residents. Improvements include a parking lot, a lake, a community senior center building, landscaping, and park lighting. Estimated development costs: \$1,758,500. Complete

Sports Complex – This facility, on several hundred centrally located acres, would include an entrance and park roads, parking lots, ball fields for development by sports associations, concession stands with meeting rooms and park office, restrooms, picnic pavilions, jogging and bike trails, as well as trees and landscaping. Complete

Trails – As trails were the number one choice of the respondents to the surveys, funds should be provided for the creation and extensions for partnerships with cities and other entities to provide such facilities. Estimated development costs: \$1,500,000

Renovations, Contingency, and Expansion – Funds should be allocated for future land acquisition and renovation of existing facilities. CIP for Kitty Hollow Park Expansion 2010/2011 Budgeted \$383,000

Additional Staffing and Equipment – It is recognized that additional facilities require additional staff and equipment. Staff and equipment will be utilized at more than one facility. There is no additional staffing for 2011 Budget.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL	2011 PROJECTED
Number of request for reservations to use the parks	955	918	878
Percent of satisfied customers	100%	100%	100%
Revenues Received	\$55,850	\$33,390	\$34,026
Personnel Operation Expenses	\$382,615	\$377,845	\$367,660

FUND: 100 General

ACCOUNTING UNIT: 100660100 Parks Department

EXPENSE BUDGET

CATEGORY	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ADOPTED	2011 ADOPTED
Salaries and Personnel Costs	\$ 911,012	\$ 931,213	\$ 926,082
Operating Costs	\$ 331,582	\$ 396,041	\$ 541,323
Information Technology Costs	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,821	\$ 10,600
Capital Acquisitions	\$ 44,824	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 1,289,849	\$ 1,349,074	\$ 1,478,006

2011 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
Parks Operator II	J05012	G05	8
Clerk III	J07008	G07	1
Parks Maintenance Supervisor	J08035	G08	1
Parks Operation Supervisor	J08036	G08	1
Parks Recreation Coordinator	J09101	G09	1
Personnel Coordinator	J09102	G09	1
Assistant Parks Director	J12073	G12	1
Parks Director	J15018	G15	1
Total Authorized Positions			15

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ORGANIZATION CHART

