

# *City of Schertz*

## *Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014: Live and Play!*

### *Chapter 7*

#### *Goals & Objectives*

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## Gap Summary

After reviewing the chapters on the current state of parks and recreation, citizen input and the desired state for our parks system, this chapter provides a summary and identifies the gaps in our parks and recreation system. Identified “gaps” should lead to actions established by the Parks Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation staff and City Leadership, to address these issues and work towards achieving the desired Parks and Recreation Program for the city.

## Planning and Budgeting

Immediate action should be taken to reevaluate the Parks and Recreation planning and budgeting process. Several dedicated parks sites exist with no current plan for their development. Additionally, several developed parks have lingering maintenance and repair issues that exceed the capability and funding of the Parks and Recreation department. Specific efforts should be taken in order to address deferred maintenance concerns. On the survey, only 8% rated the physical condition of the city parks as “excellent”. Fifty-one percent rated the condition of the parks as “good”, but the remaining 49% had an unfavorable impression or no opinion.

## Park Acreage

With the recent and anticipated future population growth, it is advisable that the identification and acquisition of parkland be considered a top priority. If the City is to remain competitive with surrounding municipalities, enhance its attractiveness as a place to live, be a suitable place for new development and redevelopment and provide adequate parks and recreational facilities, programs, and services, the City will need to acquire new parkland in a deliberate and well planned manner.

As the city grows, attention must be paid to the nature and location of this growth as it will dictate the necessity to provide an increasing number of acres of land specifically dedicated for parks and recreational use. Proper planning should be exercised to ensure that not only the right amount of space or facilities are added, but that their locations will provide adequate service coverage and access for all residents.

When assessing overall park space, the city currently has sufficient acreage; however, distribution of parkland across the community is a concern, with all current community parks being located in the central portion of the city. The acquisition of additional land to support community level activities should be a priority for the north and south sectors of the city. Sixty-seven percent of survey respondents felt the City should acquire additional parklands.



The shortage of community park space is the largest concern, with a current deficit of 76 to 176 acres, which could grow to a shortage of 269 to 479 acres by 2040 without adequate planning and action. The shortage of community parks acreage appears to also contribute to the shortage of adequate sports practice areas and the resulting imbalance between practice and competition fields.

### **Connectivity**

While the hike and bike network has historically been associated with the City’s parks and open space plan, it should also be treated as infrastructure. As such it should be planned for and constructed in the same manner as those other public improvements.

The City should develop a separate “Schertz Hike and Bike Plan” to create an integrated transportation network and facilitate walking and biking as a viable transportation alternative throughout the City. The plan should reflect the City’s commitment to provide safe, efficient, and accessible hike and bike trails as part of our transportation network along with streets and sidewalks, and support the curb-to-curb service currently being provided by the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) in Schertz.

### **Partnerships and Effective Utilization of Existing Resources**

School resources, such as playgrounds, sports fields and courts provide additional park and recreation areas. If these areas are accessible to the public, they will enhance the number and availability of neighborhood parks within the community. Although some SCUCISD facilities provide public access, overall access to school facilities is extremely limited within the City.

Further consideration should be given to a more effective partnership with SCUCISD to share facilities whenever possible. Through a joint partnership with SCUCISD, opportunities exist to utilize property owned by the school district. Use of school playgrounds increases the number and distribution of neighborhood parks and recreation areas throughout the community. Reciprocal agreements could address joint purchase and the use and maintenance of school grounds and equipment, which may be mutually beneficial to the school district and the City. Sharing of facilities will significantly eliminate numerous gaps in current recreation service areas, reduce duplication of efforts and result in significant cost saving for both the SCUCISD and City of Schertz. Data from the online survey indicated that approximately 70% of the respondents felt that school facilities should be made more available to the public during non-school time periods.

## Facility Gaps

The largest facility gaps were identified in the shortage of baseball and soccer practice fields. The lack of dedicated practice areas continues to put excess strain on “quality” fields, limiting their potential utilization for tournament play and increasing their maintenance costs. The shortage of practice fields is directly related to the shortage of land utilized as community parks, which could support additional sports practice areas.

Minor facility gaps were identified with regard to providing a “diverse” selection of activities to the public. Some facility gaps, such as outdoor basketball could be addressed through more effective partnering with outside agencies like SCUC ISD. Others, like locations for volleyball, horseshoes, etc., are relatively low cost and could be addressed annually under the planning and budgeting process.

## Public Input

Survey respondents expressed the highest interest in participating in hiking, biking, fitness and health/wellness activities on the survey, with each activity scoring over 80%.

When asked what athletics facilities were most needed, respondents indicated running tracks, followed by basketball, tennis and volleyball courts and practice fields. These facilities correlate to the shortages identified when assessing current facilities available to the public versus anticipated services that should be provided.

When asked what recreational facilities were most needed, respondents indicated hiking and biking trails, followed by natural and open spaces and an indoor pool, these activities generally correlate to the shortages identified in the gap analysis with the exception of the indoor pool. Although the city has numerous hiking and biking opportunities, the lack of connectivity between locations is the primary concern to be addressed. The general shortage of community park acreage and lack of community parks in the north and south sectors would appear to be driving the perceived need for additional natural and open spaces. The need for the indoor pool will be achieved upon completion of the natatorium project.

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**Current Parks & Recreation Level of Needs**

The analysis for the desired state of Parks and Recreation in Chapter 6 utilized the 2010 census data as a baseline and was projected out to 2040 in 10 year increments. The following table summarizes the level of need for those sections by the first milestone time period, CY 2020. Areas that were projected to exceed 80% of service needs by 2020 were identified as a Low Need; areas projected to meet 50% to 80% of service needs by 2020 were identified as a Medium Need and areas projected as meeting less than 50% of the projected service needs by 2020 were identified as a High Need.

Facility	Existing Amount	2020 Need	2020 Percentage of Service	Level of Need
<b>Parks</b>				
Neighborhood Parks (acres)	106.94	45	240.00%	Low
Community Parks (acres)	82	223	37.00%	High
Regional Parks (acres)	175	223	79.00%	Medium
<b>Amenities</b>				
Baseball & Softball Fields	12	15	81.00%	Low
Baseball & Softball Practice Fields	2	10	20.00%	High
Soccer Fields	12	13	94.00%	Low
Football Fields	3	6	54.00%	Medium
Soccer/Football Practice Fields	4	10	40.00%	High
Basketball Courts	7	9	79.00%	Medium
Tennis Courts	18	13	142.00%	Low
Volleyball Courts	1	4	22.00%	High
Rental Pavilions	4	6	67.00%	Medium
Playscapes	36	45	81.00%	Low
Swimming Pools (Sq Yds)	3838	2,003	115.00%	Low
Splash Pads	1	2	56.00%	Medium
<b>Trails</b>				
Trails & Connecting Paths (miles)	14.77	15	100.00%	Low

**Table 7.1 - Summary of Needs** (Note: For park acreage and swimming surface, the 2020 needs were based on the lowest range of the recommended standard)

## **Parks and Recreation Planning Principles**

The Schertz Comprehensive Land Plan has been used as the foundation for this plan and establishes the baseline for future decisions. The Parks Master Plan recommendations contained in this section summarize the findings of the Needs Assessment and present a series of actions designed to improve and expand our park system. As referenced in the Schertz Comprehensive Land Plan, the City has established a desire to provide a parks system that provides an “opportunity for a range of activities for both residents and visitors.” Furthermore, the City has recognized that the parks system must be continuously evaluated to address “future needs to accommodate the projected future population.”

*The following planning principles from the Parks and Recreation Schertz Comprehensive Land Plan have guided our parks planning development to this date and are still relevant today! As the city continues to grow and we strive to provide quality parks and recreational activities for our residents...**we have suggested the following updates indicated in bold to carry us into the next decade.***

There are common parks and recreation planning principles that ensure a balanced emphasis on the public and private sectors; indoor and outdoor opportunities; and the integration of space, services, and facilities. These principles include that:

- All people should have equal access to recreational areas, activities, services, and facilities regardless of personal interest, age, gender, income, cultural background, housing environment, or handicap; **they need to appeal to the young and old and have active and passive activities and they should be well distributed, so that all residents eventually have ready access to outdoor and indoor facilities;**
- Public recreation should be highly coordinated among public institutions and private entities to avoid duplication and encourage cooperation; **Partnerships should be encouraged between Schertz and other government, educational, non-profit, private and semiprivate entities with the goal of benefiting both parties and should promote a more efficient use of tax payer funding;**

- Public recreation should incorporate public services such as education, health and fitness, transportation, and leisure;
- Facilities should be well planned and coordinated to ensure adequate adaptability to future needs and requirements; The availability of financial resources should be considered in all phases of planning, acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of spaces and facilities; **Consider developing projects in stages, build in flexibility for expansion and the possibility of converting them into other types of recreation uses in the future.**
- Public participation is critical to the eventual success of the parks and recreation system and should, therefore, be included in all stages of the process;
- The process should offer continuous opportunities for incremental evaluation and review; other existing plans that affect the area should be integrated into the final recommendations and ultimately in implementation;
- There should be established procedures for acquiring land for future parks and recreation areas and facilities prior to development; **pay particular attention to connectivity. As much as is feasible, parks should be linked to the neighborhoods around them and to other parks in the City. The Cibolo and Dietz creeks, as well as thoroughfares in the city, such as the FM 3009 and FM 78 corridors and the Schertz Parkway, should be used to reinforce the idea of connectivity**
- The design of spaces and facilities should encourage the most efficient utilization of land and consider the needs, desires, and opinions of the intended users; **Design every park so that it contributes greatly to the value and success of that neighborhood. Parks should be visible, look attractive and be inviting.**
- **Passive undesignated green and open space is as important as active park land – the preservation of green “natural” park areas in the city, either as a part of a larger park, or as the entirety of the park, is as important as the development of active parks. Schertz must preserve green areas to serve as buffers between developed portions of the City.**
- **Facilities for indoor recreation are just as important as outdoor recreation features. As the city grows, places for recreation programs, classes, and indoor sports such as basketball and volleyball should be provided.**
- **All parks in the city should be designed to be as self-sustaining; designed with water efficient automatic irrigation systems, utilize plants and turf with low watering requirements and maintenance requirements and employ energy efficient equipment;**

- **Develop our identity - all parks should be readily recognized as part of an overall system. Parks on the north side of the city should be compatible with parks in the center and south sectors of the city, even though the terrain and natural features may be different; every park should reflect the heritage of Schertz. Installed amenities such as signs, benches and other structures should all have a unique character that ties the park back to the city; and,**
- **Factor in Safety! – features that promote user safety, such as lighting, visual monitoring or the ability to summon aid via emergency call boxes should be considered and employed where practical.**





## Goals, Objectives and Specific Actions

The following goals, objectives and actions were formulated through the plan development process and through the involvement and input of Schertz’s residents and community leaders. This listing is an update to the original Comprehensive Land Use Plan information and is based on the current status and needs of the city’s parks and recreation system.

- **Goal 1: Provide a diverse blend of parks, recreation and open space areas to accommodate the current and future needs of Schertz’s residents.**
  - **Objective A: Provide, maintain and enhance existing parks and recreation facilities.**
    - Action 1: Hire a Parks Director and create a Parks and Recreation Department that would be responsible for maintaining and enhancing parks and recreation facilities in the City. **(Completed)**
    - Action 2: Provide adequate funding for Parks maintenance in the annual budget. **(On-Going)**
    - *Action 3: Hire a Recreation Manager to plan, develop and promote city recreation activities and events and serve as the coordinator between our recreation partners, such as BVYA, SYSA and SCUC ISD, (Recommended Addition)*
  - **Objective B: Acquire and provide adequate parks, recreation and open space opportunities for all persons.**
    - Action 1: Update the City of Schertz’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan to assess specific areas of need in terms of parks, recreation and open space areas as well as future needs for park improvements and recreation facilities. (On-Going)  
**Recommended Addition: Update plan on a 5-year basis**
    - Action 2: Acquire land to develop mini/pocket parks, neighborhood parks and linear linkages as needed to serve the needs of all citizens. **(On-Going)**

- Action 3: Acquire land along creek corridors to minimize adverse development impacts in adjacent areas. This may include developing a “land bank” strategy where owners of flood-prone properties are encouraged to deed their land to the bank to ensure long-term conservation. **(On-Going)**
- Action 4: Involve citizens in the planning and design of parks and recreation areas and facilities to meet specific needs and desires and ensure equal accommodation of all persons. **(On-Going)**
- Action 5: Partner with adjacent municipalities, stakeholders and quasi-governmental entities including Universal City, Cibolo, Selma, Randolph Air Force Base, and Guadalupe and Bexar County Flood Control Districts to devise, fund, and create a series of linear parks to serve as linkages between nearby municipal parks and to provide enhanced recreational opportunities. **(On-Going)**
- **Objective C: Use AICUZ areas for a series of parks and recreational uses, or as a major regional recreational area.**
  - Action 1: Acquire, lease or enter into joint agreements for the use of land as a regional park facility, or reservoir for surface water retention and flood control purposes. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Develop a regional recreational facility including open space, regional events and activities, or special uses. **(On-Going)**
- **Objective D: Make provisions for the use of other areas for recreational uses or parkland.**
  - Action 1: Acquire, lease or enter into joint agreements for the use of lands within parkland acquisition areas or along or adjacent to Cibolo Creek, including FEMA buy-out areas. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Acquire, utilize, and incorporate areas with physical development constraints, and conserve and protect valued environmental, historical, and cultural resources. **(On-Going)**

- **Objective E: Provide a geographic distribution of parks and recreation facilities that will provide equal opportunity and access for all residents.**
  - Action 1: Based on NRPA park standards, work toward the development of additional neighborhood parks to provide an even distribution throughout the City. **Revise to Read: *Formalize a process to develop and publish park standards for the city based upon our unique needs and working towards the standard of providing adequate parks and recreations facilities with an even distribution throughout the City and participate in the NRPA PRORAGIS system, in order to effectively compare and validate parks and recreation planning and development actions.***
  - Action 2: Acquire excess right-of-way, vacated alleys and easements, areas beneath overhead power lines, irregularly shaped parcels and other non-developable parcels for utilization as mini/pocket parks and/or public open space. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 3: Acquire and develop linear linkages to connect each of the mini/pocket parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, and public open spaces to provide a safe and convenient route from neighborhoods, schools and parks. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 4: Identify the amount of acreage of parks, recreation and open space needed to support the projected population of future growth areas utilizing local development standards. **(On-Going)**
  - **Action 5: Develop a partnership with the San Antonio – Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to assess and improve the City’s Master Trails and Connectivity Plan; consider asking for an analysis by the MPO of our existing bicycle and walking trails. (Recommended addition)**
- **Objective F: Establish cooperative agreements with other governmental jurisdictions and educational bodies.**
  - Action 1: Establish a joint agreement with SCUCISD to form a partnership regarding acquisition, development, use and maintenance of public parks, recreation areas, buildings and facilities. **(On-Going)**

- Action 2: Establish partnerships with Randolph Air Force Base, SCUCISD and the municipalities of Universal City, Selma and Cibolo for greater utilization of existing recreation facilities. **(On-Going)**
- Establish a partnership with SCUC ISD to develop a multi-purpose recreation facility. **(Completed)**
- **Objective G: Encourage private sector participation in the provision of parks and recreation opportunities.**
  - Action 1: Utilize partnerships, wherever appropriate, to help develop, manage and maintain parks and recreation facilities. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Provide incentives or develop provisions such as a Planned Development (PD) to encourage development of parks and recreation areas and preserve the natural environment in exchange for increased development density. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 3: Reassess the requirements for parkland dedication or fee-in-lieu of dedication in the City's Unified Development Code. **(On-Going)**
- **Goal 2: Encourage the conservation of natural resources through acquisition of parks and recreation areas, preservation of open space, and environmentally sensitive planning.**
  - **Objective A: Encourage the conservation of environmentally sensitive areas, such as floodplains, wetlands, wildlife habitats, and areas with difficult topography or severe soil limitations, through development incentives, regulations and policies adopted by the City.**
    - Action 1: Identify environmentally sensitive areas and conservation sites to acquire and preserve as open space or recreation areas including areas along the Dietz, Cibolo, Woman Hollering, and Saltillo Creeks, and FEMA buy- out areas. **(On-Going)**
    - Action 2: Utilize State and Federal agency data to formulate a database and composite map of candidate conservation sites. **(On-Going)**



- Action 3: When possible, acquire priority conservation areas through fee simple acquisitions or conservation easements. **(On-Going)**
- **Objective B: Encourage the preservation of open space to enhance the livability, aesthetic quality, and natural beauty of Schertz.**
  - Action 1: Utilize development incentives to encourage developers to preserve and dedicate open space easement adjacent to arterial street right-of-way and adjacent to incompatible land uses. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Enforce, or strengthen existing ordinances that require new residential development to provide neighborhood parks. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 3: Provide for ongoing, long-term maintenance of privately developed lands and areas. **(On-Going)**
- **Objective C: Utilize natural waterways to provide water-oriented recreation opportunities within the community.**
  - Action 1: Continue to provide parks and recreation opportunities oriented around Cibolo Creek. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Continue to improve public access to Cibolo Creek through recreation easements, pathways and piers. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 3: Continue to acquire and preserve land along the creek corridors through the continued development of parks and greenbelts. **(On-Going)**
- **Objective D: Develop a network of pedestrian and bicycle ways throughout Schertz and neighbors, including an interconnected system of multi-purpose paths, trails and lanes.**
  - Action 1: Identify potential greenbelt corridors, bicycle and pedestrian trails and routes, and linear parks that provide a safe connection between parks, schools, neighborhoods and major open spaces. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Identify minor arterial collector and local residential streets that are suitable for bicycle traffic, such as Schertz Parkway. **(On-Going)**

- Action 3: Identify right-of-way, easements, natural drainage ways, rivers, streams and creeks that are suitable for hike and bike trails, such as Cibolo Creek and Bubbling Springs Road. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 4: Utilize trail segments to link major destinations such as parks, schools, public buildings, facilities and major employers. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 5: Utilize conservation areas along Cibolo Creek and other creek beds and waterways as greenbelt corridors. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 6: Establish and acquire trail right-of-way and easements at an early stage of community development. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 7: Develop an annotated trail connecting recreational facilities, parks, historic cemeteries, and landmarks that are of historic, cultural or environmental significance. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 8: Prepare a comprehensive bicycle/trail master plan that will define the routing, linkages and design standards for all trails. **(On-Going)**
- **Goal 3: Encourage and promote a variety of recreational opportunities including cultural activities, community activities and special events to enhance recreation and education opportunities for residents and tourists.**
- **Objective A: Maintain, secure and manage existing and future parks and open space in a manner that encourages appropriate use.**
    - Action 1: Ensure that Schertz’s park facilities are safe and accessible for all users. **(On-Going)**
    - Action 2: Upgrade or restore existing City parks that are in need of repair. **(On-Going)**
    - Action 3: Allocate funding for adequate maintenance of existing and new parkland and recreational facilities. **(On-Going)**
    - Action 4: Annually submit grant applications to respective entities or organizations as funding sources. **(On-Going)**

- **Objective B: Provide recreation opportunities that meet the passive, active, social and cultural needs of all residents and tourists.**
  - Action 1: Encourage the private development of recreational activities such as a bowling alley, skating rink, skate boarding and roller blading, movie theater, outdoor amphitheater and an indoor sports facility. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Work with the Schertz Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission, and other civic and neighborhood groups to assist and promote the organization of annual community activities such as sports tournaments, festivals, outdoor concerts, fairs and other special events. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 3: Provide public recreation facilities and programs that promote tourism and cultural activities such as interpretive historic signage and trails. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 4: Develop recreational programs and facilities based on a needs assessment conducted by the City of Schertz. **(On-Going)**
  - ***Action 5: Develop a policy to include environmental and outdoor art in parks and open spaces; partner with local artists to develop art pieces and display art at prominent locations. (Recommended addition)***



- **Objective C: Expand and enhance youth and teen recreation programs and facilities to meet the current and future needs of the community.**
  - Action 1: Coordinate with SCUCISD in developing and coordinating after school programs. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Advertise and promote youth recreation programs, such as little league, to inform the public of available programs and activities. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 3: Continue to develop facilities at City parks for youth and adult recreational including tennis, swimming, biking, in-line skating, skate boarding, roller blading, fishing, picnicking and hiking. **(On-Going)**
  
- **Objective D: Implement a parks and recreation improvement program, including redevelopment of existing areas, and maintenance, improvement and renovation of all public areas and facilities.**
  - Action 1: Conduct periodic condition assessments of existing parks, recreation areas and facilities to identify improvements and determine the level of annual financial commitment required to adequately maintain existing facilities. **(On-Going)**
  - Action 2: Prioritize improvements based upon criteria such as safety hazards, level of use, and other practical operating and maintenance criteria. **(On-Going)**



## Recommended Action Plans

The following actions are provided for implementation of this plan. Working towards these actions will aid the city in achieving the previously identified goals and objectives. All actions were based on the needs analysis conducted as part of this plan and input derived from the survey of city residents, which were then rank ordered by the City's Parks Advisory Board. Two types of actions are offered; administrative and capital improvements.

### Administrative Actions

Administrative actions will require the generation of policy or guidance from multiple sources such as the Parks Advisory Board, City staff, and City Council. In some cases, these actions will impact capital improvement recommendations. Some of the administrative actions can be completed internally with little or no cost, however, some will require significant coordination and staffing and others will require an allocation of funding.

For example, the development of policy or plans relating to trails and pathways throughout the city will require significant external coordination with outside agencies and service providers. Many items will also require subsequent review, discussion and action from the City Council.

Due to the complexity of some recommended administrative actions, city staff must have the flexibility to address administrative issues based on the schedule and availability of staff, advisory boards, external agencies and City Council, and not necessarily in the order presented in this plan.

### Capital Improvement Actions

Capital improvement actions will require additional review and coordination from other advisory boards, including, but not limited to; Planning and Zoning, Economic Development, etc., in addition to the Parks Advisory Board, City Staff, City Council and other entities. Since some capital improvement actions typically require the dedication of significant resources, extensive planning and coordination, they may not necessarily be addressed in the order listed.

Capital improvement actions should be considered on a case by cases basis with consideration given to areas such as;

- The scope of the project
- The required level of planning effort
- Available funding opportunities

Additionally, some capital improvement items are contingent on the completion of one or more administrative actions; therefore, it is recommended that efforts to address capital improvement actions allow for the flexibility to address lower priority items before higher priority items whenever possible.

### ***Administrative Actions***

1. Review the staffing and budgeting process for the parks department in order to mitigate ongoing maintenance concerns, upgrade and maintain installed amenities and establish goals to monitor and achieve city standards.
2. Develop cost recovery standards and models for parks and recreation programs.
3. Develop plans to identify and pursue multiple funding sources for parks and recreation.
4. Formally adopt standards for park facilities and installed amenities.
5. Develop specific plans for the development of existing park locations that are currently undeveloped.
6. Develop plans for additional sport practice fields to accommodate youth programs and reduce impact on tournament quality fields.
7. Develop specific plans to provide better connection between existing trails and pathways, and to link city parks, facilities, schools and greenbelts wherever practical.
8. Develop plans or recommendations for the addition of outdoor volleyball courts to parks where practical.
9. Develop a stronger partnership with SCUCISD for expanded joint-use of playgrounds, practice facilities and indoor gymnasiums during non-school hours and on weekends.
10. Provide recommendations for the identification and design of potential park lands in southern Schertz to facilitate future growth in that area and ensure adequate service coverage.
11. Review, update and expand existing partnership agreements to increase and enhance services, reduce gaps in service areas, and clarify funding and maintenance responsibilities.
12. Identify possible locations better suited to accommodate festivals and events as city growth exceeds the capacity of current locations.
13. Develop a program for the installation of art in public places, parks and along trails.

## Priority Capital Improvement Actions

1. Build & Connect trails to support connectivity throughout the city.
2. Construct soccer practice locations.
3. Construct baseball practice locations.
4. Construct new and renovate existing outdoor basketball courts.
5. Construct outdoor volleyball courts.
6. Obtain additional dedicated open space.
7. Build Phase II and Phase III of the Schertz Skate Park.
8. Construct an additional Splash Pad.
9. Construct a Disc Golf Course in the city.
10. Improve fishing access at Cibolo Creek & Crescent Bend Nature Park.

Specific cost estimates for these recommendations were not developed or explored by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. It is recommended that the City develop cost estimates for the capital improvement actions presented in this plan in order to adequately address parks and recreation requirements in the city budget, capitalize on funding opportunities as they present themselves, and aid in developing priorities for future parks and recreation facilities.



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