



The Bark River is a focal point of Delafield's city parks and trails and offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

MISSION STATEMENT

To preserve and enhance the City of Delafield's natural amenities by providing a park and recreation system that enriches the quality of life for all City residents.

THE PLAN

The City of Delafield has many parks, open space, recreational options, rivers, lakes, and trails in and around the City. This 5-year Plan should be used as a guide for the City to preserve and improve these assets. Input to this Plan comes from many quarters, including, but not limited to, the City 2030 Comprehensive Plan. However, its publication should not be viewed as the end of the dialogue but the beginning.

This Plan begins with a review of demographic information, and standards for park and open space. Added to this background is citizen survey information and analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the current situation. Based on this information, the Park and Recreation Commission has outlined Goals and Objectives and Action Plans.

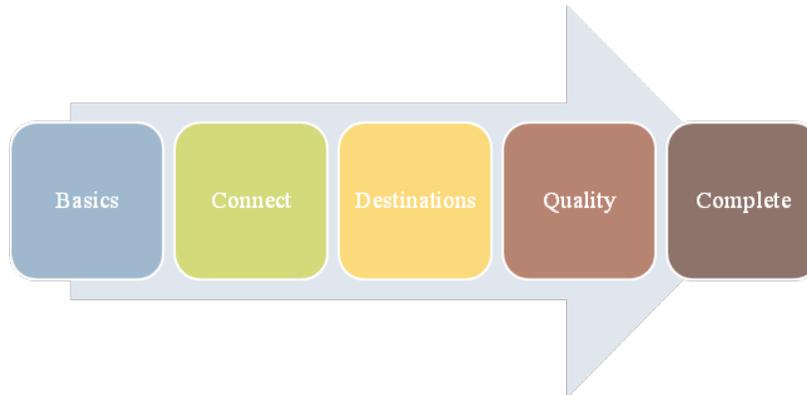
The goals are organized in two dimensions – **Location based groupings** and **Time-based themes**. Location based groupings are real physical locations (like parks, lakes, rivers, and trails). Outlining plans by physical location should allow the citizens of Delafield to visualize the plans more clearly.

Time based themes portray common goals, thoughts and motivations that occur together, and evolve over time. For example, a sports team might be said to be in a re-building year, followed by a maturing year, followed by a winning year.

This organization and structure should allow the implementers of this Plan to prioritize activities that can lead to completion of logical groupings of objectives.

Time Based Themes

The themes listed below roughly correspond to the 5 years of this Plan. Each year has a focus, and they are listed below. The ultimate goal of the themes is to complete the 5 Year Vision.

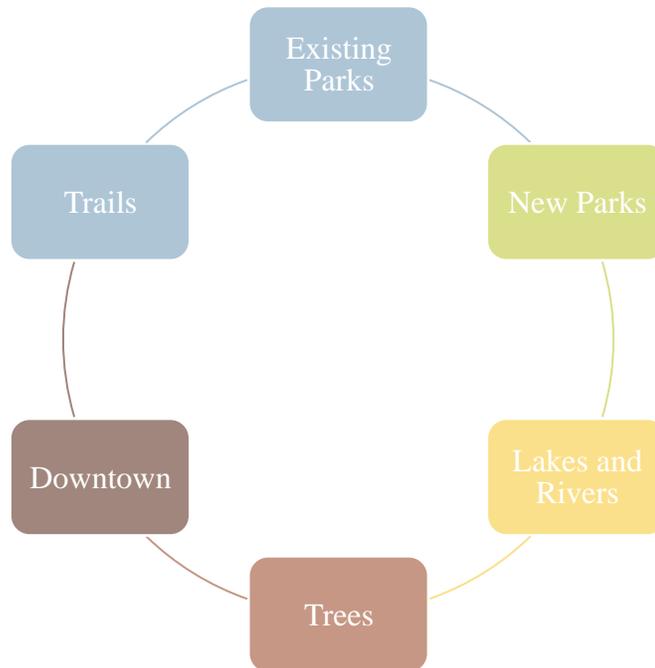


Time Based Theme Explanations

- The basics – The first step in the Plan is to address gaps in service and address missing or inadequate assets. Many parks, trails, lakes, rivers, facilities, and recreational opportunities need attention.
- Connect – This theme is all about adding connections – Trails, paths, and routes between destinations encircling the City of Delafield and encompassing its natural resources, beauty, and unique landscaping are the focus for this grouping.
- Destinations – This theme builds on connections by focusing on enhancing destinations – Creating new destinations, including regional links with other Lake Country communities, further improves the quality of life in Delafield.
- Quality – Once the vision is expanded, the focus will be on improving the quality of the offerings – ensuring that trails and destinations meet the needs of the community
- Completing the vision – Filling in the final pieces.

Location based groupings or Planning areas

Locations are primarily locations that have been grouped together so that they can be discussed in context. The groupings are pictured and discussed below.



- **Existing Parks** – Plans for existing parks and facilities
- **New Parks** – Plans for new parks and facilities
- **Lakes and Rivers** – Facilities related to lakes and rivers
- **Tree Plan** – Plan for management of existing and new tree stock, and education
- **Downtown** – Plan for parks and recreation areas in the historic downtown area
- **Trails** – Plan for trails and paths

Purpose of the PLAN

There is a balance between the limited and special resources of the City of Delafield, and the desire for continual improvements to City developed parks, trails, shorelines, open spaces, and recreational opportunities. This Plan does not attempt to define that balance, but instead, puts forth a plan to be used by Council, planners, staff, Departments, and Commissions to prioritize investments based on the needs and desires of the citizens, tempered by the judgment and guidance of the Park and Recreation Commission. In this respect, the Delafield community of parks and recreation is viewed as neighborhood friendly, bound together by its trust of and respect for its shared natural boundaries and resources. The following pages describe the Plan.