



City of Amarillo Park Master Plan Update

May 2012

Purpose of Park Master Plan Update

- Compile current demographic data
- Evaluate & update Park standards
- Evaluate & update Objectives & Policies
- Update Park acreage & classifications
- Update standards for future Park development
- Update facility development standards
- Review recently completed & future capital projects
- Seek public input

Review Parks & Recreation Mission Statement

“To enhance the quality of life for
Amarillo citizens through quality
Parks, Programs & People.1”



Parks



Programs



People



Review Current Goals & Objectives

Develop long-range Park Master Plans that guide the continued development of the Amarillo Park system.

Increase the quality of Parks & Recreational opportunities for Amarillo citizens.

Provide for year-round recreational & leisure opportunities.

Provide for an equitable geographic distribution of parks, recreation programs & facilities.

Develop effective programs that increase citizen awareness of Parks & Recreation Programs.

Seek increased levels of customer service and satisfaction.

Review Current Goals & Objectives, cont.

Seek increased community participation in Parks & Recreation programs & special events.

Provide for the orderly replacement of aging Parks & Recreational infrastructure to ensure that recreational opportunities are not lost.

Encourage cooperation with local school districts, community organizations & the business community to optimize benefits for citizens.

Provide for enhanced maintenance of all Parks & Park facilities.

Encourage conservation of native habitat, natural and wildlife areas in the City of Amarillo.

Review Proposed New Objectives & Policies

1) Develop a comprehensive water conservation plan for all public parks & golf courses.

- 1) Replace cool season grasses with warm season Bermuda or drought hardy turf grasses.
- 2) Design & install state of the art computerized irrigation systems that provide the highest level of watering efficiency.
- 3) Design & install Water Wise landscapes to reduce water usage.

2) Develop long-range golf master plans for public golf courses.

- 1) Complete comprehensive long-range business plans that enhance golf revenues while lowering operational/capital costs.
- 2) Development of marketing plans for both public golf courses.



Changes in Amarillo Demographics from 2008 to 2012

Population

estimate

2008 190,042

2012 194,375

2020 218,306

Changes in AISD School Enrollment from 2008 to 2011

2007 • 30,557

2011 • 32,402

Changes in CISD Enrollment from 2007 – 2011

Schools inside Amarillo city limits

2007	3,951
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2011	4,550
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City View
Elem. School

Amarillo Parks by Classification/Acreage

<u>Classification</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Regional	5	833	6	1,341
Community	8	647	7	134
Neighborhood	22	300	22	303
School Parks	26	242	28	260
Linear Parks	1	53	1	53
Golf Courses	2	731	2	731
TOTAL Acreage		2,895		2,942

Standards for Amarillo Parks

Park Type

Neighborhood

Community

Regional

School/Park

Linear

Minimum Area

10 acres

20 acres

No standard

10 acres

No standard

People to Acres ratio

2 ac/1000 persons

1 ac/1000 persons

No standard

2 ac/1000 persons

No standard

Service Area

1 mile

4 – 8 miles

City-wide

1 mile

No standard

Future Park Needs

<u>Park Type</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Existing Supply</u>	<u>Current Need</u>	<u>Future – 2030 Need</u>
Community	4ac/1,000 residents	134	191	250
Neighborhood	2ac/1,000 residents	303	383	501
School Park	10 ac/1,000 residents	260	383	501
TOTAL Park System		2125	1915	2507

Factors Influencing Park System Development

Park System

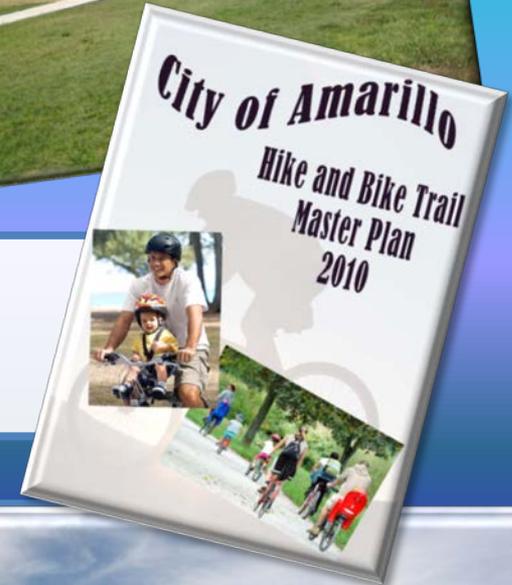
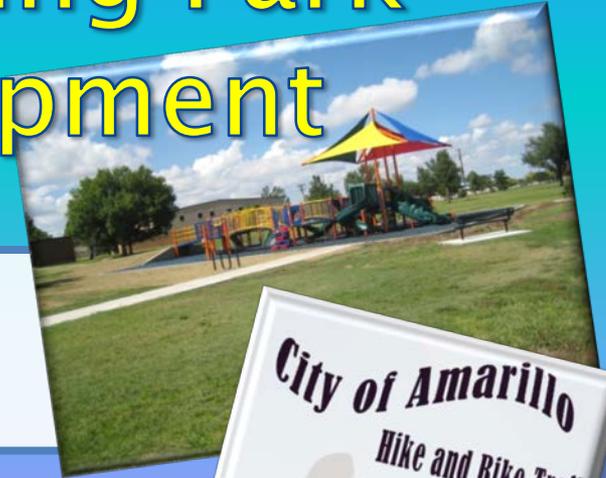
- Park/School
- Joint Development

Park System

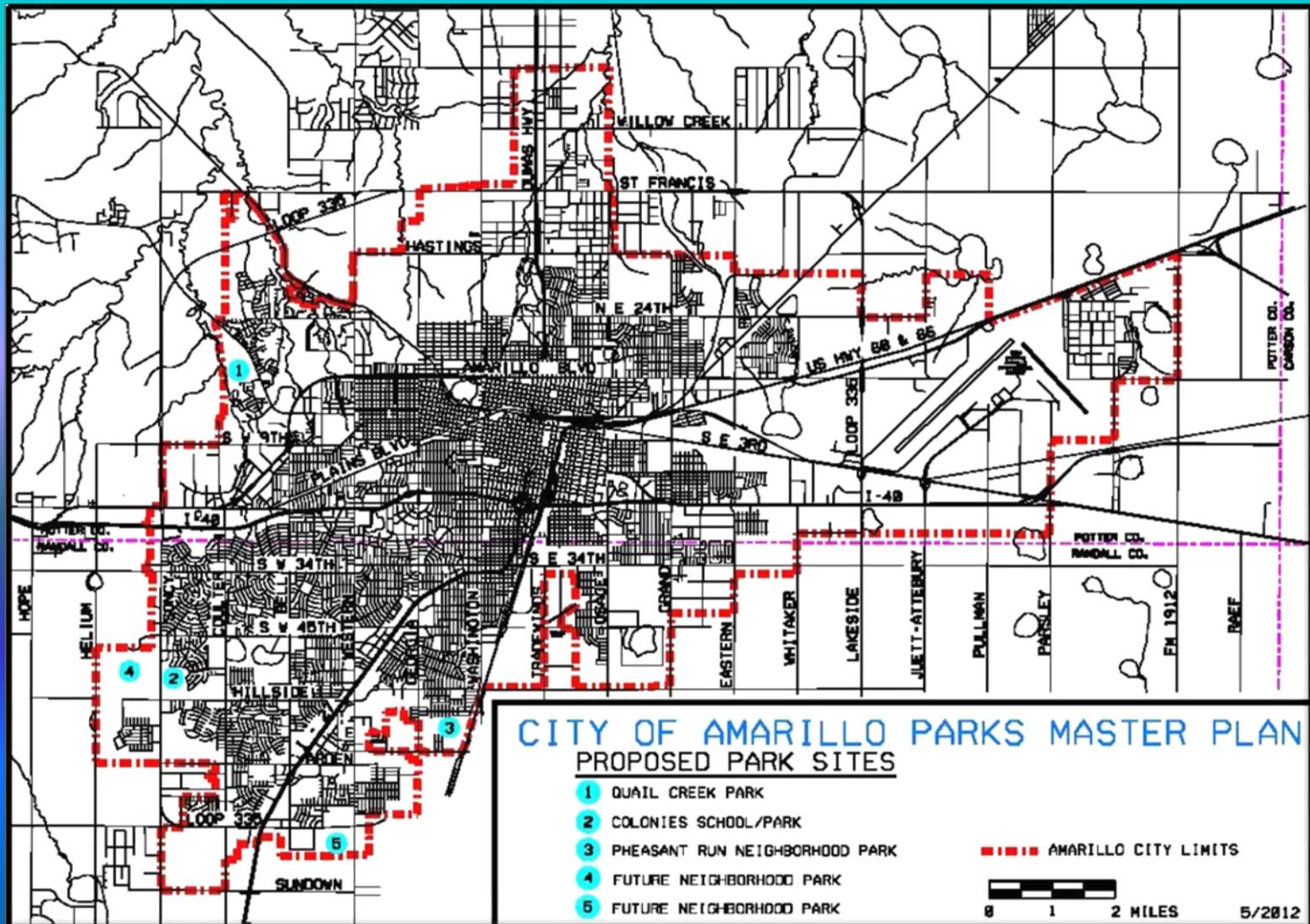
- Hike & Bike Master Plan
- Playa Lake Policies

Park System

- Need Assessment
- Park Redevelopment



Proposed Future Park Sites



**RECOMMENDED
AMARILLO PARKS & RECREATION
FACILITY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Activity/Facility	NRPA Recommended Facilities per Population	Existing Facilities in Amarillo	Recommended Facilities for 2010 Population of 190,695	Recommended Facilities for Projected Population of 210,000 in 2020
Baseball Fields	1 per 5,000	12	24	30
Basketball Courts (outdoor)	1 per 5,000	65	60	65
Football Fields	1 per 20,000	19	20	21
Picnic Tables	1 per 300	477	550	700
Playgrounds	1 area per 1,000	81	80	85
Recreation Center/Indoor Gyms/AISD	1 center per 20,000 to 30,000	3	6	7
Soccer Fields	1 per 10,000	72	78	90
Swimming Pools (outdoor)	1 per 20,000	3	4	5
Softball Fields	1 per 5,000	20	30	36
Tennis Courts	1 court per 2,000	32	50	60
Trails	½ - 1 mile per 10,000	39.14 miles	44	48
Volleyball Areas	1 court per 5,000	18	28	35
Zoo	N/A	1	1	1
Multi Use Courts (Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball)	1 per 10,000	11	18	20
Golf	1 per 50,000	4	4	4

Recommended
PARD
Facility
Development
Standards

Parks Capital Improvements

2007-2012

2007:

Martin Road Skate Park

Zoo Concession Building

Restrooms:

Ross Rogers, Willow Vista,
Southeast, & Medi Parks

Irrigation:

**Western Plateau, Forest Hills
& Thompson Areas 1 & 2**

Playgrounds:

El Alamo, Puckett School,
& Thompson Area 30

**Martin Road
Skate Park**



Zoo Concession



Willow Vista Park Restroom



**Puckett School
Park Playground**

2008:

Dog Parks:

Thompson, Southeast &
John Stiff Memorial Parks

**Greenways Park & Nature
Area**

Tennis Center Court
Lighting

**San Jacinto & El Alamo
Splashpad**

Irrigation Systems:
Willow Vista, Pleasant Valley
& Glenwood

**Medi Park Lake
Improvements**

Bison Exhibit

**(2) New Wells at Comanche
Trail Tomahawk Golf Course**

McDonald Lake Irrigation &
Turf Establishment

**Westover Village &
Tradewinds Parks**

Playgrounds:

Belmar, Bones Hooks, Rick
Klein, Greenways, Memorial,
Puckett School, Paramount,
Ridgecrest, River Road, San
Jacinto, Thompson Area 34,
Tradewinds & Westover
Village

Greenways Park & Nature Area



El Alamo Splashpad



JSM Dog Park



Bones Hooks Playground



Bison Exhibit



2008 continued

Restrooms:

**Thompson, Mesa Verde School, Mary Hazelrigg,
San Jacinto, Memorial, River Road,
Rick Klein (north), West Hills,
Gene Howe School, Puckett School,
JSM Park, Sanborn, Belmar School,
Ellwood, Woodlands School, Windsor School,
Martin Road, Arden Road School,
Westover Village, S. Georgia, & McDonald Lake**

West Hills Restroom



River Road
Park Restroom



2009:

Benton & Southlawn Splashpads

Ross Rogers & Comanche Trail Golf Complexes

Maintenance Barn Expansion

Renovation of (2) Thompson Park Ball Fields

Zoo Herpetarium

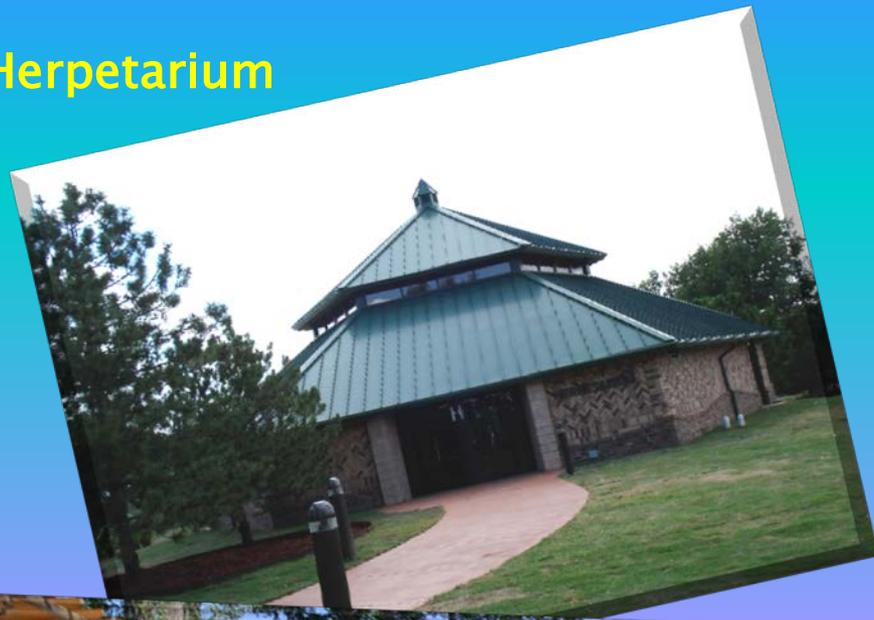
Playground:

Lamar School Park

Irrigation Systems:

Thompson Ball Fields, Bones Hooks & Southlawn Parks

Herpetarium



**Southlawn
Splashpad**



Bones Hooks Stage



Lamar School Playground

2010:

Rick Klein (6) Ball Field Lighting

Bones Hooks Splashpad

Ellwood Senior Park

**Ross Rogers & Comanche Trail Golf Complexes
Clubhouse Renovation**

Irrigation Systems:

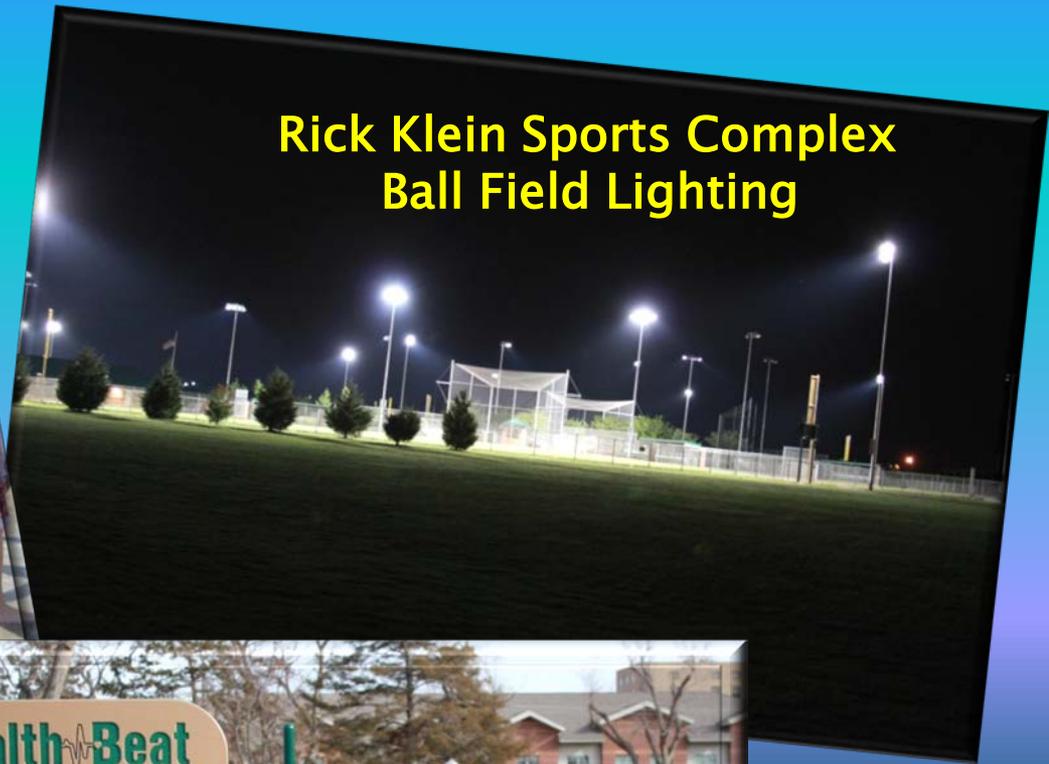
Thompson Areas 3-7 & Mesa Verde

Playgrounds:

**City View School, Eastridge, Forest Hills
& Hillside School Parks**



**Bones Hooks
Splashpad**



**Rick Klein Sports Complex
Ball Field Lighting**



**Ellwood Senior
Park**

Health Beat FITNESS FOR SENIORS

THIS IS AN EXERCISE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF WELLNESS-MINDED SENIORS. EXERCISE COMPONENTS IMPROVE FLEXIBILITY, CHALLENGE STRENGTH, AND MAINTAIN AGILITY. BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY EXERCISE PROGRAM, CONSULT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER.

Exercise Frequency

FOR BEST RESULTS, YOUR PROGRAM SHOULD BE COMPLETED AT LEAST 2 TIMES PER WEEK. AS YOU IMPROVE, ADD SESSIONS UP TO 5 TIMES PER WEEK.

Exercise Duration

FLEXIBILITY EXERCISES SHOULD BE DONE WITH NO PAIN. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO POSTURE AND HOLD EACH STRETCH FOR 30-60 SECONDS. STRENGTH EXERCISES SHOULD ALSO BE PAIN FREE. ANY JOINT PAIN, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, OR DIZZINESS IS A SIGNAL TO STOP.

2011:

- Rick Klein Parking Lot Lighting
 - **Memorial Splashpad**
 - City View Park
 - **Hillside Park**
- Playgrounds: Martin Road, South Georgia & Thompson Parks
 - **Irrigation Systems:
Benton, Sleepy Hollow & Windsor Parks**



**Memorial Park
Splashpad**



**Martin Road Park
Playground**

2012:

Zoo Education Center

**Hamlet Park Improvements:
Playground, Splashpad & Lighting**

Ross Rogers Old Course Renovation

**Playgrounds:
Martin Road (South), S. Georgia
& Thompson Park (Area 4)**

Irrigation Systems:

- Lawndale, Oakdale & River Road Parks



Bill & Alice O'Brien Education Center

City of Amarillo
Becker Perich Sabini

the Amarillo Zoo



Ross Rogers Old Course Renovation



Hamlet Park Improvements



Proposed Capital Improvements 2012-2017

Aquatic Center

Baseball Fields (Youth)

Softball Fields
(Youth & Adult)

Tennis Courts

New Neighborhood Parks

Hike & Bike Trails

Volleyball Courts

New Playgrounds

Picnic Shelters

New Restrooms

New Zoo Exhibits

Indoor Recreation Center

Renovations to Existing
Parks

Lighted Practice Fields

Splashpads in Parks

Golf Course Improvements

Indoor Pavilions—rental

Other Parks Improvements

Your Input is Important!

Our Parks Master Plan
guides the continued
growth & development
of the
Amarillo Parks System.