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PLAN FORMAT OUTLINE

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HOW TO READ THE PLAN

This plan is formatted with nine chapters, starting with a background of Grove City's growth patterns and its place in the central Ohio region, followed by chapters detailing the parks system, recreational programs and how parkland is acquired and developed. Each chapter closes with an outline of the goals and objectives related to the chapter's content, as well as specific policy recommendations for how to achieve them. The final chapter is a detailed breakdown of all policies suggested throughout the plan and a prioritization outline of how to complete and implement these policies.

As a supplement to the plan, select chapters have appendices that provide further detail on many of the topics.

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HOW TO USE THE PLAN

This plan is a guiding document, intended to assess the current status of the city's parks and recreation services as well as provide an analysis of future needs to ensure that the parks system grows to continually meet the needs of residents. The goals contained in this plan are intended to lay the groundwork for future projects and policy implementation. The plan will be used by a variety of bodies, including City Council, staff, the Park Board and the public.

The Public

- Learn about parks and recreation facilities
- Understand the benefits of parks, open space and recreation
- Learn about the park development process
- Understand city decisions

City Council

- Direct priorities for parks and recreation services
- Guide planning for expected growth
- Understand public's issues and desires

Park Board

- Tool to promote parks and recreation in the city
- Advocate for priorities
- Determine committee priorities through policy framework

City Staff

- Guide decisions based on adopted policy
- Plan workload and resource needs
- Current park/facility inventory
- Measure accomplishments

Developers

- Detail definitions of park and recreation facilities
- Define baseline development standards for facilities
- Understand park development process
- Provide guidance for project and community design

Stakeholders

(Grove City Kid's Association, YMCA, South-Western City School District, etc.)

- Meet identified gaps in facilities and programs
- Have a policy framework for partnerships
- Compare services to avoid duplication

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PLAN LIMITATIONS

When reading the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan, please be aware that the ideas outlined in it are guidelines and recommendations. Not all ideas discussed in the plan will be implemented and all will require detailed planning and consideration before any action is taken. The Parks and Recreation Department is not bound to this document for all decisions. Should an issue or topic arise that requires the attention of the Parks and Recreation Department that is not covered in this plan, the department has the right to address it. This plan is meant to be flexible and allow the parks system to grow with the community.

As part of the Parks and Recreation Department's accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the department's comprehensive plan must be updated every five years. These five year updates ensure that topics discussed remain relevant and that recommendations are current with the needs and desires of the community.