

GOAL 1: COMPLETE PARK SYSTEM					
Goal Statement: Create a complete, equitable, and easily accessible park, recreation, and trail system for current and future residents of Denton as well as visitors.					
Ref. No	Objective or Action	Action Type	Timeframe	Partners	Cost Estimates
1.1	Objective: Increase parkland level of service as Denton grows to meet or exceed NRPA benchmarks.				
1.1.1	Acquire approximately 1,850 acres of parkland by 2040 to meet the targeted level of service for all parkland. (HIGH PRIORITY)	Investment	Ongoing	City Council, Development Services, Real Estate	\$137.5M (assumes \$55K per acre)
1.1.2	Purchase land within the ETJ shown in Figure 9.1 to preserve future park space as the City grows.	Investment	Ongoing	City Council, Development Services, Real Estate	Varies
1.1.3	Develop currently undeveloped parkland as resources are available with amenities appropriate for the park classification.	Investment	Ongoing	Parks Board, City Council, Master Plan Focus Groups	Varies
1.1.4	Routinely review and update the parkland dedication ordinance to ensure that it reflects the true cost of acquiring and developing parks. (HIGH PRIORITY)	Regulation	Ongoing	Legal, Development Services, Legal Developers	N/A
1.1.5	Continue to coordinate with developers on new parks and amenities within master plan developments.	Operations	Ongoing	Development Services, Developers	N/A
1.2	Objective: Increase the percentage of residents that are within a 10-minute walk to a park to 70% by 2040.				
1.2.1	Provide consistent updates on progress towards achieving the goal of residents within a 10-minute walk to a park.	Operations	Ongoing	Parks Board, City Council	N/A
1.2.2	Consider strategic acquisition or shared-use agreements with public institutions within areas currently underserved by parks as shown in Figure 9.1	Investment, Partnership	Short-Term	DISD, Universities, Churches, Other Public Entities	N/A
1.2.3	Utilize the Trust for Public Land's ParkServe and ParkScore tools to identify prime locations for new parks or park expansions to improve equitable access to parks.	Operations	Short-Term	TPL, Development Services	N/A
1.2.4	Acquire property located within downtown to stimulate economic development and serve as a park space.	Investment	Short-Term	Economic Development, Real Estate	\$275K
1.2.5	Implement trail and sidewalk connections to improve connectivity and the ten-minute walk to a park score.	Investment	Ongoing	Engineering, Public Works	Varies
1.3	Objective: Increase access to and within parks and facilities as Denton grows.				
1.3.1	Plan, design, and construct new recreation centers with aquatic components as appropriate in underserved areas of the City as identified in Figure 5.11.	Study, Investment	Mid-Term, Long-Term	Recreation Center Users, Development Services, Real Estate	\$75M - \$100M
1.3.2	Conduct a feasibility study to determine a centrally located placement for the Denton Senior Center to improve programming, access, and parking.	Study	Short-Term	Senior Center Users, Development Services, Real Estate	\$50K
1.3.3	Implement accessibility improvements and overcome barriers to access to parks and facilities as identified in the ADA Transition Plan. (HIGH PRIORITY)	Investment, Operations	Ongoing	Engineering, Streets, Committee on Persons with Disabilities	\$4.5M
1.3.4	Provide equitable distribution of park amenities throughout the City.	Investment, Policy	Ongoing	Denton Parks Foundation	N/A
1.3.5	Maintain a benchmark of 5,000 residents per playground to provide a high level of service in Denton.	Policy, Investment	Ongoing	Parks Board, City Council, Denton Parks Foundation	Varies
1.3.6	Ensure parks growth and planning efforts incorporate other city planning efforts such as, but not limited to, the Denton 2040 Plan, Mobility Plan, and Simply Sustainable Plan.	Investment, Operations	Short-Term	All City Departments	N/A

Types of Actions:

- Investment:** New or adjusted capital or operational expenditure.
- Study:** Requires further analysis or investigation to determine most appropriate solution.
- Regulation:** Requires Council approved modification to City ordinance.
- Operations:** Requires a new or modified program or staffing arrangement.
- Policy:** Requires a new or modified process or policy.
- Partnership:** Formal agreement or informal pursuit of shared goals with external entity.

Timeframe:

- Short-Term:** 0-5 years
- Mid-Term:** 5-10 years
- Long-Term:** 10+ years
- Ongoing:** Actions that will continue throughout plan horizon