

VISION STATEMENT

Proposed Vision 1:

“Transforming Communities”: Inspiring connection and wellness through vibrant and inclusive parks that serve as dynamic hubs for recreation and enrichment.

Proposed Vision 2:

“First Choice in Recreation”:

Leading with progressive stewardship and community engagement, creating safe, inviting, and well-equipped spaces where people of all ages and abilities thrive.

MISSION STATEMENT

Current Mission Statement:

Logansport Parks & Recreation is committed to improving the quality of life for Loganland residents by preserving land, facilities, the environment and our natural heritage and by creating significant opportunities for recreation, conservation, relaxation, and education for now and future generations.

Proposed Mission 1:

“Enriching Lives Through Recreation”:

Providing inclusive access to diverse recreational, cultural, and leisure opportunities for all residents and visitors.

Proposed Mission 2:

“Fostering Community Well-being”:

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LOGANSPORT PARKS AND RECREATION - VISION, MISSION, VALUES

5 YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN



MASTER PLAN GOALS

The time taken to listen to the community via working sessions, public participation, and other means of collaboration has resulted in The Logansport Parks Department staff and the Parks Board agreeing on the following goals for the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan:

- 1 Continual assessment, improvement, and evaluation of service with an emphasis on better connecting programming with facilities and consistent public outreach.
- 2 Improve general maintenance and maintenance planning for all properties.
- 3 Provide new or renovated amenities and/or facilities as documented through the completed surveys.
- 4 Enhance and improve the Community's most cherished and storied facilities as documented through the completed surveys – Parks Staff and Board to prioritize the 1-3 year, 3-5 year, and 5+ year goals at the 2024 Annual Retreat
- 5 Promote and educate the public about Parks programs, staff activity, and successes in addressing issues.
- 6 Enhance Programming Opportunities and Activities for All Age Ranges.
- 7 Explore strategies for the best and highest use of each property, and potentially repurpose underutilized or redundant properties for public/ private redevelopment and/ or private development



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2024-2028 Master Plan Goals & Action Steps

Goal 1

GENERAL PARKS SYSTEM STRATEGIES

1-3 YEARS:

- Establish an annual Park Board Retreat in spring (start in 2024) – emphasis on better connecting Programming with Facilities and revisiting current planning documents, studies, etc.
- Revisit 5-Year master plan goals and action items on a quarterly basis (to continue to better connect programming to facilities)
- ADA – Full system evaluation update (previous from 2013)
- Program expansion and planning through better facility utilization and partnerships
- New or Renovated Restrooms, and additional Shelters on a capital projects timeline
- Improve public access to the Rivers (consider a partnership with Planning and others for a Riverfront Master Plan)
- Promote multi-generational health and wellness
- Collaboration with Visitors Bureau
- Feasibility Studies for potential major projects such as a new Maintenance Facility, Flory Nature Preserve, and a potential Recreation Center (benefits include partnership exploration, detailed cost estimates, and funding / phasing strategies)

Goal 2

MAINTENANCE

Improve general maintenance and maintenance planning for all properties

1-3 YEARS:

- Establish a staffing standard based on similar provider metrics and, data from this master plan update, and an asset inventory (could be an inventory to coordinate a full City asset inventory beyond the park properties)
- Provide in-house and outside educational opportunities
- Provide regular volunteer opportunities
- Establish a standard cleaning protocol schedule for all park restrooms
- Provide more trash cans throughout the entire park system
- Establish a complete trail maintenance program that includes asphalt sealant, repair &/or replacement, mowing, edging, trimming, trash removal, graffiti removal, mural additions, etc.
- To ensure annual funding, complete the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) document required by the Planning Department, and followed up by the Common Council of the City of Logansport.

3-5 YEARS:

- Repair/replace asphalt surfaces including courts, parking lots, and driveways, and roads
- Repair and replace lighting in all parks



5+ YEARS:

- Construct a larger maintenance facility (based on a feasibility study)

Goal 3

FACILITIES and AMENITIES

Provide new or renovated amenities and/or facilities as documented through the completed surveys

1-3 YEARS:

- Soccer Fields at Huston Park
- Stage or Amphitheater – multiple locations
- Improved Public access to the Eel and Wabash Rivers
- Ice Skating Rink (temporary setup in a Signature Park)
- Disc Golf Course
- Additional Shelters (per new standard model)
- Roadmap and Start Feasibility Studies (noted as a part of other goals)
- Complete Dog Park at Muehlhausen Park
- “Park in a Box” Van for mobile Programming

3-5 YEARS:

- Indoor Park w/ walking track, basketball courts, skate park, game room, concession stand, indoor playground, party room, and social areas
- Complex of pickleball courts, 4-6 courts
- River Overlooks/ Social Space (Dunwoody Park and/ or Spencer Park)
- Fitness Equipment along Trails
- Include fencing around all new playgrounds

5+ YEARS:

- Indoor aquatics
- Outdoor Adventure Park
- Community Gardens
- Recreation Center (Multi-Organizational use)
- Nature Center
- Additional Trails



Goal 4

ENHANCE SIGNATURE PARKS

Enhance and Improve the Community's most cherished and storied facilities as documented through the completed surveys – Parks Staff and Board to prioritize the 1-3 year, 3-5 year, and 5+ year goals at the 2024 Annual Retreat

Riverside Park:

- Execute the most current design of the overall park (preferably via a bond to limit phasing)
- Continue and Build the Success of Major Events: Squeal on the Eel, July 4, Cass County Carousel, Concerts
- Add an Amphitheater and Shelters
- Enhance the small boat launch
- Train enhancement
- Miniature Golf Enhancement and/ or Expansion

Dykeman Park and Golf Course:

- Improve connectivity and programming
- Improve the overall functionality of the golf course by installing new cart paths
- Purchase new carts on a regular basis;
- Design and Construct a new clubhouse & pavilion for the Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course
 - Establish fundraising Goal
 - Establish persons to serve on fundraising committee
 - Work with city to develop financial strategy and construction method
 - Create a design for the clubhouse, the pavilion, parking, and other amenities
 - Construct and Open the new facilities for the 100th anniversary (proposed to be a BOT process)
- Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Dykeman Park Municipal Golf Course in 2026 - potential of "legacy" golf tournament?
- Golf course needs to remain on a path for long-term independent financial sustainability
- Trail connections to other parks? (link along main drive back to Dykeman pavilion and Boy Scout trails in the woods)
- Address aging irrigation system
- Explore potential land acquisition strategies for property to the north – driving range, etc.

Spencer Park:

- Amphitheater
- Renovated and/ or new Shelters
- Add a Playground Feature
- River Access Improvement

Muehlhausen Park:

- Continue ongoing improvements – Dog Park (with old press box restrooms) and new
- Playground



Little Turtle Waterway:

- Enhance Plaza Lawn to host small to medium events
- Enhance Main Lawn to host small to medium events

Goal 5

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Promote and educate the public about Parks programs, staff activity, and successes in addressing issues

1-3 YEARS:

- Building strong relationships within existing resources and partnerships
- Parks security and safety
- Communicate available programs
- Park processes and rules
- Deferred maintenance log
- Utilize and promote City translation services

Budget for:

- Signage - replacements and new graphic-type
- Signage - better messaging through additional graphic-type signage (to address language barriers, etc.)
- Social media
- Online advertising
- Banners
- Printed programs
- Calendar(s)
- School collaboration/ distribution of information

Goal 6

PROGRAMS

Enhance Programming Opportunities and Activities for All Age Ranges

1-3 YEARS:

- Utilize the Youth Survey (2023) to identify opportunities and better plan programming for each age range
- Family Fitness Night encouragement w/ special events
- Collaborate and Program with the Cass County Carousel (promote more consistent year-round hours)
- Continue Community Calendar coordination and overlay with Partners and Similar Providers (established in 2023)
- Program with the Cass County Carousel – perhaps work with them to provide year-round consistent hours to the community
- Themed Evening Events



- Event employee(s)
- Expanded Earth Day Celebration
- Adult Fitness & Wellness through a walking club and use of the NFC court at Riverside Park
- Continue existing annual special events such as Daddy-Daughter Dance, Christmas in the Park, etc.
- Additional Programming for: Dykeman Shelter, Fairview, Bishop Park
- Explore future opportunities for Burkhart Park

3-5 YEARS:

- Sports programming
- Partner and collaborate with LCSC, YMCA, Youth Service Alliance, Special Olympics, and Senior Center
- Complete a Youth Survey regarding their program needs
- Restroom / Gathering Areas at Signature and secondary level parks
- Mentorship Program (and 1-2 staff members)
- Classes: Home School, STEAM

5+ YEARS:

- Afterschool drop-in (recreation center for ages 10-14)
- Preschool activities
- Outline goals and opportunities for programs for a potential future recreation and nature centers

Goal 7

PARK CLASSIFICATION and BEST LAND USE

Explore strategies for the best and highest use of each property, and potentially repurpose underutilized or redundant properties for public/ private redevelopment and/ or private development

1-3 YEARS:

- Classify properties as a part of this Master Plan and utilize this classification strategy in the future (see map, this chapter)
- Establish City Standards (through collaboration with Planning) for the inclusion of greenspaces and maintaining views and sidewalk access to overlooks (and small boat launches, etc.) for properties along riverfront that may be redeveloped and/ or sold for private development (ex. Patriot Park)

3-5 YEARS:

- Melbourne Park – redevelopment opportunities – collaborate with all City Departments
- Dunwoody Park – collaborate with all City Departments
- Burkhart Park – redevelop as a unique property to the system as an urban pocket park that become an anchor to a potential downtown district