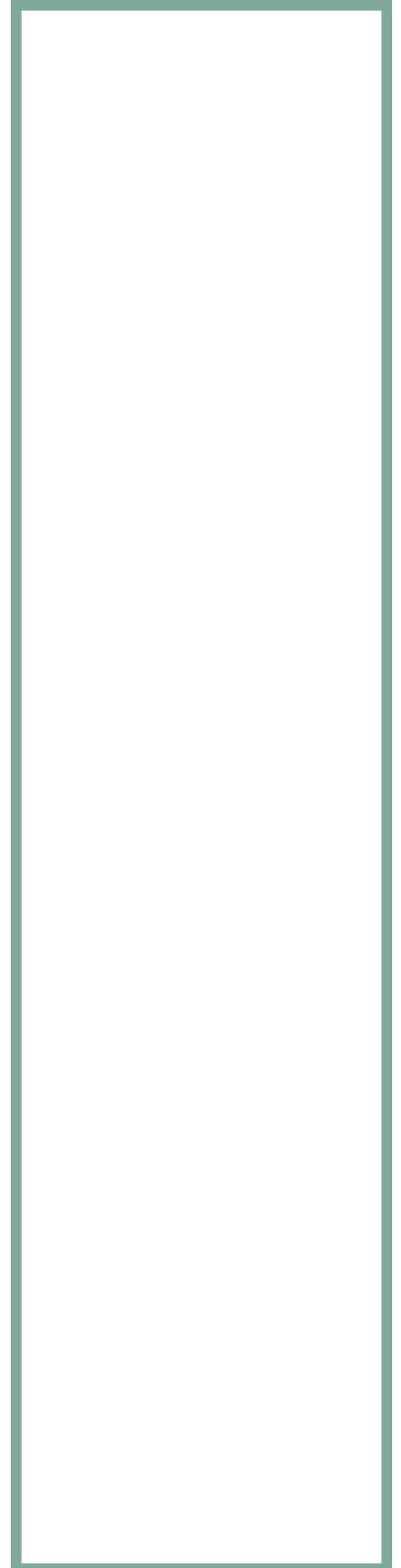




Appendix B

All Parks Inventory Sheets



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

County Park (in development assistance with Platte City Parks)

Park Name: **Platte Ridge Park**

Location: **17130 Missouri Hwy 371, Platte City, MO**

Classification: **Regional Park**

Acreage: **215 acres**



Strengths

One of the striking features of this park is the family recreation area. This area of the park has a small pond with a fishing pier, play area, one shelter building and a connection to a walking trail that is constructed around the pond.

Elsewhere in the park is a lighted baseball four-plex, with 350' outfields, contemporary bleachers, and a new concession/restroom building. The park also is home to a soccer/football complex that is comprised of four large grass plates that provide for variability in setup and play to accommodate a wide range of usages. There is a Master Plan for this park that will direct the development of its west side and other phases of development. The park features a popular, natural turf cross country course used by local high schools.

Challenges and Opportunities

Being one of the newest Platte County parks to be developed, Platte Ridge suffers from the usual and expected growing pains. Sewers do not yet exist, so port-a-potties are being used along with septic tanks to accommodate the public. Additional trees for shade and landscape for horticultural interest have not been installed yet but will help in making the park more welcoming after they have been planted and mature. A small water main services this area and may not be adequate to irrigate the sports fields. Ultimately, irrigating these fields will make play safer and the look of these venues more acceptable in the heat of summer. The County has initiated a tree planting program and rain garden demonstration areas.

The south entrance to the park has not been landscaped and the addition of trees and shrubs will help make the park look more complete. Some of the parking and roads are currently being completed with asphalt and all remaining roads should be asphalted for not only the aesthetic enhancement of the park, but to control dust and mud. A maintenance area with an enclosed building exists near the south edge of the park which should be screened in the future to control the view of stored materials. The local water district should be contacted to determine if any future upgrades to the supply line are anticipated as future expansion of the park for baseball and soccer fields will require more water than is available. Additional shelter houses would be beneficial.



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

County Park

Park Name: Green Hills of Platte Wildlife Preserve

Location: 4727 Green Hills Road

Classification: Conservation

Acreage: 45 acres

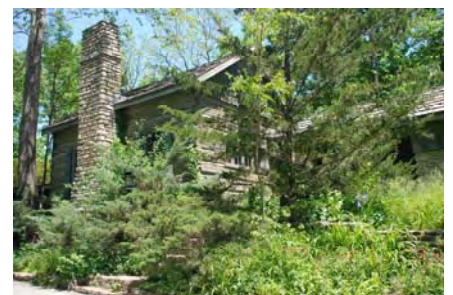


Commentary

This park has a gravel parking lot which is the starting point for a soft-surfaced multi-purpose trail. There is also a shelter building in the parking lot with a kiosk and park plan. Some of the park features include a prairie demonstration area, a wetland interpretive area, and part of the site is wooded with the trails running throughout the park. A separate section of the park is home to a historic log cabin which may have been built by a French trading company. This portion of the park will emphasize historic preservation, interpretation and environmental studies in an indoor classroom.

Challenges and Opportunities

As funds become available, the parking lot should be paved along with any sections of trail that are greater than 4% in slope. An interpretative sign system that is graphically the same family as other signage used by the County would be beneficial to emphasize the County's ownership or management, and to organize these types of elements for parks countywide. Design and development should continue to be complimentary to the natural and historical character of the property.



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County Park

Park Name: Barry Platte Park

Location: 8526 North Old Stagecoach Rd

Classification: Community Park

Acreage: 18.07 acres



Commentary

Barry Platte Park is a very attractive park and hosts a variety of activities for the community. Included in the improvements are a paved parking lot, a park sign, shelter house, 2 play areas, a walking trail, trash receptacles and a volleyball court.

Challenges and Opportunities

A storage building is located on the edge of the parking lot and is visually out of place.

The storage building should be relocated to a park where visually it can be screened or screen the building at a location in Barry Platte Park.



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

County Park (KCMO Partnership)

Park Name: **Platte Purchase Park**
Co-owned with KC, MO
Location: **2800 Northwest 100th St.**
Classification: **Regional Park**
Acreage: **140 acres**



Commentary

A new Master Plan exists for this park and Phase-I of that plan was completed in 2004. One shelter building exists in the park that is maintained and rented by Kansas City, MO. The new play area would benefit from the addition of a shade structure. The grills and trash receptacles are in good shape. New asphalt has been placed on all roads and the parking lot for the softball complex.

Challenges and Opportunities

In order to fund an update of the original athletic fields a partnership dedicated to this end will be necessary. This may be a challenge since the fields are maintained and operated by those who built them. Bringing everything up to date in the park, however, will benefit everyone. The parking lot for the baseball complex remains a gravel lot and should be upgraded in the future.

Any future improvements to the park facilities should follow the adopted master plan for the park.



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County Park

Park Name: **Undeveloped Parkland**

Location: **P Hwy and Spratt Road**

Classification: **Undeveloped**

Acreage: **97 acres**



Strengths

Currently West Platte Park is undeveloped agricultural land with a very pleasing change in topography. It is leased for agricultural purposes and the Master Plan for this land includes the reservation of several acres for a future school site. The property was purchased by the County and jointly master planned with the school district and citizens.

Challenges and Opportunities

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County Park

Park Name: **Undeveloped Parkland**

Location: **52nd Street and Northwood**

Classification: **Undeveloped Regional Park**

Acreage: **114 acres**



Commentary

This park is being held for future development. At the present time no Master Plan has been completed to direct the development. Since development is anticipated in the next 5 years, a Master Plan should be created using recommendations found in this system wide Master Plan to help guide its future design. The land is very hilly and rugged so the park will be mostly passive but may have potential for small active areas. There is a topographical survey for the site, an environmental survey and phase one archaeological survey that can be used for base data.

Challenges and Opportunities

Complete a comprehensive Master Plan that can guide the park development for the short and long term.

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County Park

Park Name: **Undeveloped Park Property**

Location: **Lies along the Missouri River**

Classification: **To be determined**

Acreage: **130**



Strengths

This County park lies along the Missouri River adjacent to Main Street in Parkville. It includes 130 acres of flat, low-lying farmland. Some informal discussions have taken place regarding future uses for the property. A phase-1 environmental impact study has been completed for the property.

Challenges and Opportunities

Now that this property is owned by the County, significant planning and development is contingent upon the availability of future funding and partnerships.

A topographic study has been completed for the property.

The City of Parkville owns 10 acres adjacent to this property and has expressed interest in partnering with the County to plan and develop the area as one continuous park. The Army Corps of Engineers has also expressed interest in working with the County to enhance the natural features of the land. Many good opportunities for passive recreation, such as nature trails, community gardens, and off-leash dog areas, should be studied further in a master planning process for the site.

PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

County Trail

Park Name: **Prairie Creek Greenway**

Location: **between Running Horse Rd and N Hwy**

Classification: **Greenway / Trail**

Length: **4.4 miles constructed, 0.7 miles proposed**

Acreage: **112 acres**



Strengths

Prairie Creek Greenway features two trailheads along a 10 foot wide asphalt trail that is approximately two years old. Parking lots have been created in conjunction with the two trailheads. This is a very scenic greenway that features a stream, many mature trees, and connections to five neighborhoods. Portions of the trail were built by developers in cooperation with the County. The greenway is noted for its wildlife opportunities. The County has initiated an extensive prairie restoration program on the property that will create natural interpretive opportunities and will also help to reduce maintenance costs by eliminating some mowing areas.

Challenges and Opportunities

Some of the asphalt has cracked but has been patched. The trailhead located in the Timer Park Subdivision can be difficult to find for those who are unfamiliar with the trail.

Vigilant maintenance needs to continue to avoid early deterioration of the surface. The trail could benefit from more location signage and interpretive/educational signage.

Planning for the Prairie Creek Greenway trail should continue with opportunities to connect to the Platte River.



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

County Trail

Park Name: Missouri Riverfront Trail (MRT)

Location: Parkville to Riverside following the Missouri River

Classification: Regional Trail

Acreage: Its length will be 11 miles at completion, 3.5 of which are under construction.



Commentary

The trail's first phase of development is primarily located on Riverside-Quindaro Bend Levee District property. The trail route has been identified as an important regional trail and is included in the Kansas City Area Metro Green Master Plan developed by the Mid America Regional Council. The trail has the potential of connecting to the Katy Trail when it is built through Kansas City to Riverside. At this time, a trailhead is being constructed on an easement granted by Purcell Construction. This easement is alongside Purcell's recycling center on 9 Hwy in Riverside. When completed, the trailhead will have parking, signage, and an information kiosk. The Missouri Riverfront Trail will have a connection to the planned commercial development in Riverside. This trail provides wonderful views of the Missouri River and travels through very scenic, wooded, and open lands. A very nice Core-Ten Steel Bridge is in place to connect the trailhead to the Missouri River Trail. This type of design will minimize the maintenance that will be needed on this bridge. As on other trails, the bridge is wide enough to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Challenges and Opportunities

Needed signage has been installed for the Highway 9 corridor. Other pending improvements to this trailhead include asphalt paving, lighting, and the future connection from this point west into English Landing Park, a 0.5 mile connection that is probably the County's number one trail extension project.

To the east of the MRT, Riverside is working to connect the trail up the Line Creek Valley to KCMO and into Clay County along the Missouri River.

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County Trail

Park Name: Southern Platte Pass

Location: Along 45 Hwy between 9 Hwy and I-29

Classification: Trail

Length: 4 miles



Commentary

Phase-I of this trail is complete and varies, depending on the right-of-way, from 6' to 10' in width. 10' where the right-of-way will accommodate and 6' on each side of Hwy 45 where the right-of-way is not sufficient for the 10' trail. This section is in good condition and has signage at the west and east ends. Phase-II of this trail will continue east of I-29 to Roland. An enhancement grant is available for Phase-II. Phase-III will continue the trail west of 9 Hwy to County Road K. This phase is not yet funded.

Challenges and Opportunities

Additional signage and maps will help the user understand his location and the context of the trail to the rest of the County.

A hierarchy of signage should be developed to include identification of the trail, mile markers and other information that would benefit the user.



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

County Trail (City/State Partnership)

Park Name: **Weston Bluffs Trail**

Location: **Old South Bluff Road in Weston**

Classification: **Trail**

Length: **3.9 miles**

Overall Park Rating: **Good**



Strengths

This 3.9 mile trail system is partially paved and takes advantage of Weston's city hall as a trailhead. Although the county built the trail, maintenance is provided through a partnership with the City of Weston and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The trail goes into Weston Bend State Park and provides pedestrian access to the Missouri River.

Challenges and Opportunities

Continued maintenance of the trail is important. The shifting soil and drainage can create challenges to maintaining a quality trail surface. Options should be explored to stabilize the foundation of the trail.



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

City/Local Park (Partnership Grant Project)

Park Name: **Dean Park**
City of Dearborn partnership
Location: **Z Hwy and Commercial Street**
Classification: **Community Park**
Acreage: **26 acres**



Strengths

Acquisition and development of this park is being made through a one-time Platte County Partnership Grant in cooperation with the City of Dearborn and to some extent the school district that adjoins the park. The maintenance and operation of the park is provided by the City. The park contains a play area, a new concession/restroom building, a baseball field, basketball goal, and a shelter building. There is a small sign marking the entrance. Adjacent to the park, on school property, is a football field with a perimeter track. The partnership grant contributed to a variety of park improvements, including the purchase of 15 acres of property.

Challenges and Opportunities

The City should develop a citizen-driven master plan for this park.

The City has recently acquired, with the help of the County, an undeveloped property near Dean Park that it plans to develop as a park. This property is 13.02 acres in size and consists of wooded areas and glades. It also contains a natural spring. It is surrounded primarily by agricultural land and bordered on the north by a creek with residences beyond. There is no public access to the property, but a railroad easement passes through it that is owned by the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company. The City wants to develop trail network on the property and ultimately connect it to Dean Park with trails. Both the City and the County view the property as a good opportunity for a passive recreation area with interpretive features, such as the natural spring.



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City/Local Park (Partnership Grant Project)

Park Name: **Edgerton City Parks**
City of Edgerton Partnership

Location: Veterans Memorial, 100 Frank Street; Walk Track, 301 Perry;; Skateboard Park, 402 Platte Ave; Baseball Park

Classification: **Neighborhood Parks**

Acreage: **9.5 acres at several park sites**
In Edgerton



Strengths

The improvements to three of Edgerton's parks include a bandstand for local gatherings with tables, benches and trash receptacles. In Memorial Park, there is a very nice and new gazebo and the park has a sign and benches. In the Baseball Park, there is a play area, lighted baseball diamond, gravel parking area, and shelter with benches. At another site there is a skate park built on a level pad, a half court basketball pad, with unimproved parking, and two picnic tables.

Challenges and Opportunities

Except for Memorial Park, the other three sites do not have signage or improved parking. The Baseball Park and surrounding ground has the potential to be well organized and to develop an inviting park setting. Edgerton City Park could be improved through the creation of a sense of arrival with appropriate signs and landscaping. A Master Plan exists for Memorial Park.

The community should continue to consider park improvements for its park system as opportunities arise.

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City/Local (Partnership Grant Project)

Park Name: **Camden Point Park**
City of Camden Point Partnership
Location: **Interurban Road at E Hwy**
Classification: **Community Park**
Acreage: **10 acres**



Strengths

This City-owned park is the beneficiary of a Partnership Grant and contains a shelter, a half mile trail, a play area, trail-side benches, and a gravel parking lot. It is a very popular and well laid out park with an attractive park entrance sign. The park is host to the city's annual July Spirit Festival.

Challenges and Opportunities

The unimproved parking lot is not of equal character to the other park improvements.

A plan should be drawn to properly lay out the parking lot and ultimately have it paved. A Master Plan does not exist for the park, so it is highly recommended that one be developed to prioritize and direct future improvements in an orderly fashion.



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

City/Local Park (Partnership Project)

Park Name: **Tiffany Hills Sports Complex**
Owned by Kansas City, MO

Location:

Classification: **Regional Park**

Acreage: **72 acres for athletics of a 109 acres park**



Commentary

Tiffany Hills Sport Complex is a partnership with Kansas City, MO Parks and Recreation and NSA. Currently, 4 ball diamonds have been completed of a 12 diamond complex. Also, in this park is the Springs Aquatic Center that is managed by Kansas City, MO Parks and Recreation. A Master Plan for the park has been completed.

Challenges and Opportunities

Kansas City, Missouri has identified funding for the next phase which will include four ballfields and land acquisition around the park. Platte County will continue to provide outreach grant funding to support planned improvements.

PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

School District (Partnership Project)

Park Name: Benner Park-West Platte Partnership

(partnership with West Platte R2 School District)

Location: 45 Hwy & Washington

Classification: School Park

Acreage: 3.5 acres



Strengths

The development of Benner Park has been in partnership with the West Platte R-2 School District. Through this partnership, the County is financially assisting the School District in the development of the park. The park is adjacent to existing school amenities, including 1 soccer field, 1 baseball field, an unpaved exercise trail, and an outdoor classroom. The park property is now under construction and will include a new youth girls softball field, youth boys baseball field, a park road, parking lots, and walkways.

Challenges and Opportunities

A Master Plan has been developed and adopted by the school district and county. Phased development should continue to move forward.



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State Conservation

Park Name: **Platte Falls Conservation Area**
Owned by Missouri Department Conservation

Location: **I-29 at HH Road**

Classification: **Conservation**

Acreage: **2356 acres**



Strengths

Platte Falls may be another opportunity to partner with the Missouri Department of Conservation to create a trailhead for a waterway system. The park has an archery range, shelters and a gravel parking lot along HH Road. The Conservation Area has 2,356 acres of land with the Platte River flowing through it—for 9 miles. An existing boat access exists near Sharp's Station Road and Interurban Road. Access also exists off Knighton Avenue east of I-29. Strategically, this park is very close to the Kendora Conservation Park in the northeast corner of the County, thus a great opportunity with access at these two areas for the longest possible course to the Missouri River.



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State Conservation

Park Name: **Parma Woods**
Operated by MO Dept of Conservation
Location: just W of I-435 north of River Rd
Classification: Conservation
Acreage: 265 acres



Commentary

Parma Woods is owned by Platte County, but the majority of it is being developed and operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation through a property lease. The major focus of this lease is the development of a gun training and practice range. A small portion of the park, not leased, occurs east of Interstate 435 and is presently undeveloped. This piece of park could become part of the Brush-Creek Trail. The gun range has paved parking, a restroom, a shelter building, and a gun shop/education center.

Recommendations

This park is county-owned and managed through a long-term lease with MDC. County responsibilities are to keep in contact with MDC on activities and future improvements to the site requested by MDC and to someday link the park with regional trails.



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

State Conservation

Park Name: **Humphrey's Access**
A Missouri Department of Conservation Property
Location: **Humphrey Road east of North Farley Road**
Classification: **Conservation**
Acreage: **12 acres**



Strengths

This is a Missouri Department of Conservation property that has a mandatory boat launch area. Because of the tremendous potential for canoeing and kayaking on Platte River, this property is of strategic value to Platte County. It may be possible to swap this property for land that the County owns. Regardless of the property's ownership, a partnership dedicated to water-based recreation should be pursued.

Challenges and Opportunities

Humphrey's Access is in a floodplain and there is evidence of frequent flooding of this property. This fact will make development more challenging but the potential of having several landings along the Platte River for ingress and egress will be worthwhile. Due to flooding, the parking area is unpaved and a future change in material will have to be thoroughly considered.

Due to the strategic location of this property, Parks and Recreation Staff should talk with the Missouri Department of Conservation to determine their position on options that would allow the County to develop this access point to its fullest potential. If acquisition of this property becomes a reality, the County should compare operating the facility and the improvements themselves against the option of having a private contractor build and operate the boat landing.



PARKS, RECREATION, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

State Conservation

Park Name: (Union Mill Park) Kendzora Conservation Park

A Missouri Department of Conservation Property

Location: Northwest of Edgerton

Classification: Conservation

Acreage: N/A



Strengths

This park is adjacent to the Platte River. It is strategically located to play a major role in a canoe and kayak launch facility that would continue southwest on the Platte River to Platte Falls Conservation area, Platte Falls, and Humphrey's Access, all Missouri Department of Conservation Properties, before connecting to the Missouri River. Other launch locations along the Platte River include the cities of Tracy and Farley before reaching the Missouri River.

Challenges and Opportunities

The development of a waterway trail system will provide a unique experience for the County. Since this is mostly a natural resource based experience, the cost will be minimal and is an opportunity to partner or contract for development and operation. For example, a concession agreement could create revenue for the County with minimal expense. The Platte River Waterway could be officially considered by the County Commission for designation as an official trail route.

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State Conservation

Park Name: **Guy B. Park Conservation Area**
(Missouri Department of Conservation Property)
Location: **Hwy 371 east of Weston**
Classification: **Conservation**
Acreage: **380 acres**



Strengths

Guy B. Park is a conservation area owned and operated by the Missouri Department of Conservation. It is 380 acres along Hwy 371 north of Tracy. Because of its size, unique recreational opportunities are available. These include bird watching, fishing, hiking, hunting, and wildlife viewing. Camping is permitted in designated areas by permit. Fishing and boating are allowed on this property.

