



# 5-YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN



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# Introductions

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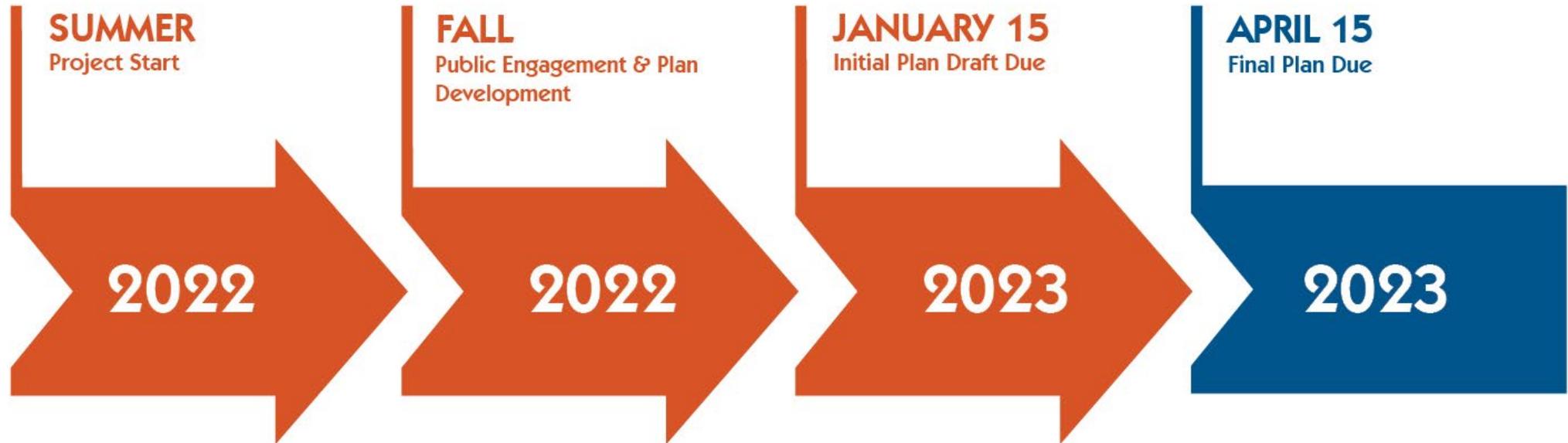
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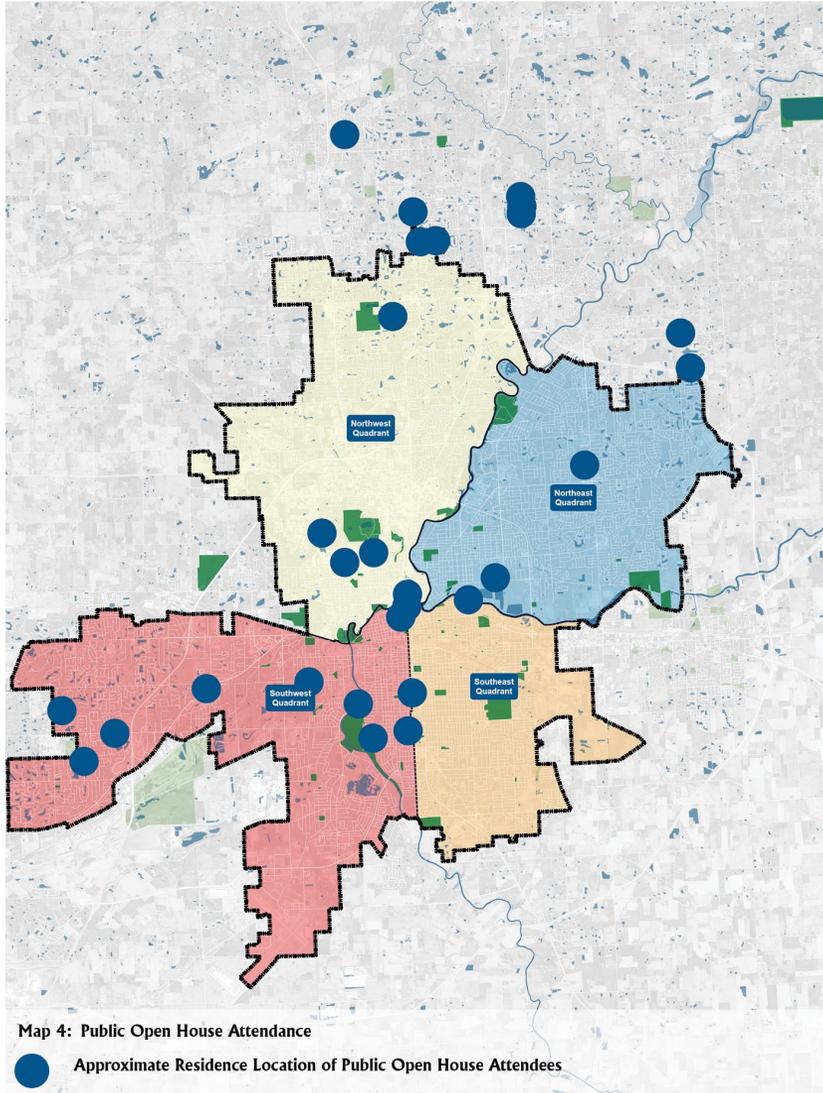
# IDNR Five Year Plan Minimum Criteria

- Introduction
- Goals and Objectives
- Scoping Features
  - Natural and Landscape
  - Man-Made, Historical, and Cultural
  - Social and Economic Factors
- Supply Analysis
- Accessibility
- Public Participation
- Needs Analysis
- New/Existing Facilities Location Map
- Priorities and Strategic Action Schedule
- Park Board Approval

# Process



# Public Engagement Results



A total of

# 337

online survey responses were collected.



# Goals and Objectives of the Board of Park Commissioners

## 1. CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING PARK LANDS AND FACILITIES.

- 1.01. Complete major projects initiatives including Foster Park.
- 1.02. Increase the capital budget for capital improvements and maintenance.
- 1.03. Clearly communicate the impacts of park capital improvement projects to the public.

## 2. COMPLETE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL PARKS DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES, MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE, AND INITIATIVES.

- 2.01. Complete a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan that includes all departmental programs and initiatives.

## 3. DETERMINE GAPS AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, RECREATIONAL AMENITIES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF FORT WAYNE.

- 3.01. Address gaps in access to parks and recreation facilities and services.
- 3.02. Restore services and programs that were reduced during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3.03. Continue to develop the trail system and include access from adjacent neighborhoods and other areas.
- 3.04. Consider adding facilities to accommodate recent recreational trends.

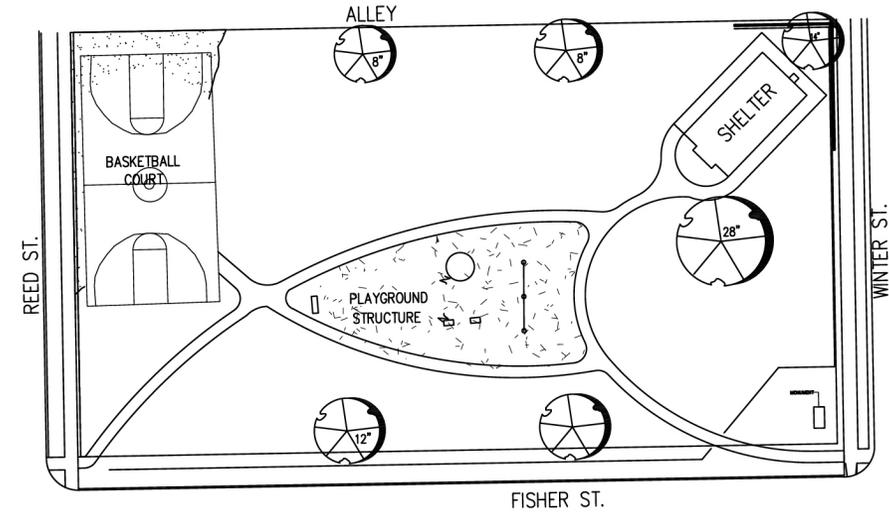
## 4. CAPITALIZE ON PARKS AND RECREATION RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE AND VITALITY OF FORT WAYNE.

- 4.01. Utilize the park system to promote the City of Fort Wayne to attract new businesses and residents.
- 4.02. Focus on completing recommendations in Cultural Landscape Reports.
- 4.03. Promote existing and add new arts & culture features within City parks and open spaces.
- 4.04. Maintain and improve the urban tree canopy.
- 4.05. Increase access to the river system.
- 4.06. Maintain and enhance cultural facilities such as theaters and pavilions.

## 5. DEVELOP THE DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT AND COORDINATE WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES.

- 5.01. Coordinate with strategic partners such as the Fort Wayne Downtown Improvement District and other City departments.
- 5.02. Align goals of the downtown park system with the needs of development projects.
- 5.03. Provide amenities for existing and new Downtown residents.

# Parks Asset Mapping & Capital Improvements Projects



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Project Description	Priority Level	Cost
Basketball court resurfacing	1	\$30,000.00
Fencing issues along alley	2	\$6,000.00
Perimeter fence replacement	2	\$12,000.00
Pavilion roof replacement	1	\$20,000.00
Pavilion tuckpointing	1	\$6,000.00

## PARK FEATURES AND AMENITIES

Label	Feature	Description
1	Bowser Park monument sign	
2	Picnic shelter	
3	Restrooms	
4	Playground structure	
5	Basketball court	
6	Pedestrian entrance	
7	Pedestrian entrance	

# Operational Investment

- **Staffing Levels**
  - Transition Positions
  - Staffing Standards
- **Integrated Facility Management**
  - GIS Coordination
  - Capital Replacement
  - Site Assessments
- **Maintenance Planning**
  - Maintenance Management Plan



Metric	Fort Wayne	All Cities	250,000-499,999 Population Served	1,001-3,500 Acres of Parks Maintained	Agency Budget \$10M+
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	197.95	54	202	114	176
FTEs per 10,000 Residents	7.4	10.1	5.8	9.0	9.9

# Additional Strategic Areas

- **GIS Management and Integration**

- Lifecycle Management
- Condition Assessments
- Warranties
- Updated Point Data
- Mobile Technology



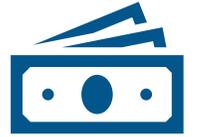
- **Level of Service**

- ✓ Recreational Value
- ✓ Cell Phone Data



- **Additional Funding Sources**

- Land Leases on Park Property
- Naming Rights
- Sponsorships



- **Land Acquisition**

- Dependent Upon Staffing
- Need in Northeast



- **Site Planning**

- Neighborhood Master Plans





# Questions/Discussion

