

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 1, 2026
SUBJECT: Parks Capital Projects Update
PRESENTER: Michael Wilson, Park Planning Manager

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. Michael Wilson will present an update on Parks Capital Projects.

CONTINUING PROJECTS

Pond Bathymetry Study

This project will provide bathymetry data through a hydrographic survey on city park ponds that will identify any potential needs for sediment removal. The ponds included in the project will consist of the three ponds at The Lakes of Hometown, one pond at Liberty Park, one pond at Green Valley Park, and one pond at Linda Spurlock Park. Data collected and analyzed will allow city staff along with engineers to determine if, where and how much sediment removal in the form of dredging is necessary to ensure pond health and safety. The study will also test sediment samples to determine how and where sediment can be disposed of or relocated to, should dredging be recommended.

- The Lakes of Hometown survey is complete. Westwood Professional Services is analyzing the survey data and developing a report.





This project serves to establish a 2025 Park System Master Plan that aligns with current community goals to guide the overall direction of Parks and Recreation within the City. A parks and recreation master plan is a comprehensive, long-range strategy for the creation, optimization, and maintenance of a community's assets. The Master Plan will assess current and future recreational needs, establish a long range vision, and will identify and prioritize future capital improvement projects. Public input along with data on current infrastructure, facilities, and programs will be analyzed to create the 2025 Park System Master Plan utilizing professional services.

- In May, the ETC Institute mailed surveys to randomly selected North Richland Hills residents for a statistically valid study, followed by an online survey opened to the entire community. Additionally, a separate survey will be administered to various city stakeholder groups. The city will also host an Open House on June 10.

FISCAL YEAR 25-26 PROJECTS

City Entry Sign Replacement

This project serves to replace the City entry signs located at select entryways to the city. City entry signs are located on major arterial, minor arterial, and major collector roadways. Two of the eleven proposed signs will have LED digital displays that will be used to promote and share information on a variety of City related topics.

- In January, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to hire a consultant to design new entry signs. Staff is negotiating a contract with the highest-ranked firm.

JB Sandlin Playground Replacement

This project provides for the replacement of the playground at JB Sandlin Park as well as the incorporation of shade into the playground installation. This project will serve to provide a safe, accessible and high quality play experience for our citizens to enjoy for years to come.

- Construction of the playground equipment is complete and open to the public. The contractor will be repainting the existing swings in May to match the new playground colors.



John Barfield Trail Spring Oak Extension

This project serves to design and construct a portion of the John Barfield Trail within the Oncon powerline easement behind residences on the east side of Spring Oak Drive. The current design of the trail provides an on-road connection down Spring Oak Drive. This project will bring this section of trail off-road as well as connect to an existing sidewalk for trail access by residents of the newly developed Rumfield Estates. This project will include survey, design, a flood study, and trail construction that will include concrete trail, a structure to cross a tributary to Little Bear Creek, and a street crossing where Spring oak Drive and the new trail would intersect.

- Staff is has finalized a contract with an engineering firm for the design of the JB Trail Spring Oak Extension project, and will take the proposed contract to city council in late May.