

City of Ennis Parks and Recreation Master Plan

2017 - 2027

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Goals

Goals are included in the park planning process to serve as a guiding force for the continual improvement of the parks system during the next ten years. The following is a set of goals and objectives of the 2017 Ennis Parks and Recreation Programming Master Plan.

Goal # 1

Provide parkland and a variety of recreation facilities and programs to meet the changing recreational needs and desires of the City of Ennis' population.

- Develop short and long-range programs for expansion and upgrading of Ennis' parks system.
- Provide recreational facilities that address the needs of all age groups, young and old, active and passive, and in all socio-economic categories.
- Acquire parklands before the existing available and vacant land is in its entirety dedicated to development.
- Develop land acquired and dedicated to future parks in a consistent and focused manner.
- Balance the distribution of park facilities, including neighborhood parks, community parks, athletic facilities, and trail corridors throughout the city.

Goal #2

Continue to maintain and manage the park system to improve the physical form and image of the City of Ennis.

- Acquire park and open space sites that are prominent and highly visible in the neighborhoods that surround them.
- Utilize landscape design at key city portals and along selected street medians to create a positive and attractive image of the City.

Goal # 3

Provide an open space system which links parks, schools, greenbelts and open spaces.

- Create a trail system throughout the City that will provide opportunity for recreation as well as alternative modes of transport e.g. cycling, skating, jogging and hiking.
- Research the use of utility easements; on-street connections (sidewalks within the street right-of-way) and drainage ways as potential trail connections.
- Create an Inter-Cities Trail System incorporating all communities that border Ennis.

Goal # 4

Maintain all of the Ennis parks and recreational facilities in a superior condition and sustainable manner.

- Provide city parks staff with the manpower and funding resources to maintain all parklands and facilities in a superior manner.
- Provide additional operations and maintenance resources as new recreational facilities are developed and added to the Ennis parks system.
- Improve the quality of operations and maintenance through:
 - Continued evaluation of the Parks Department's current operations
 - The utilization of private resources where feasible and appropriate.
- Implement renovation/improvement master plans for each park as they age over time - identify a tentative schedule for phasing in improvements.

Goal # 5

Develop other funding mechanisms to help supplement the City's

limited funding resources.

- Ensure an effective Park Dedication and Park Development Ordinance to help fund land acquisition and park development.
- Work to create partnerships with Ennis Independent School Districts to actively and aggressively pursue grant funding from local, state and federal sources.
- Encourage private cooperation through donations of parkland, labor, and financial contributions.
- Encourage the assistance of the private sector in providing landscaping along private and public properties including public rights-of-way and medians.
- Continue to foster a close working relationship between the City of Ennis and the Ennis Independent School District.

Goal # 6

Include a citizen participation process in all ongoing park planning and design, as well as updating of the Parks Master Plan. 8.1

- Periodically update the long-range plan and standards to reflect changing conditions in the City, e.g. demographics and to provide a forum for citizen input. 8.2
- Encourage and provide multiple opportunities for citizens to provide input in the development, maintenance, and operation of the City's parks and open space system. 8.3
- Utilize citizen surveys, public meetings, workshops, regular meetings of the Parks and Recreation Board, City commission, and other boards, commissions, and committees as appropriate, and regular meetings with key user groups.

Parks Inventory

Components of the Existing Parks Inventory

This inventory of existing parks reviews several aspects of each park in Ennis' system. These are:

- **Classification:** What is the purpose of a given park? Is it intended to serve a local neighborhood around it, giving children and young adults a place to play? Is it intended to serve a much larger population, providing fields for organized league play? How was the park originally classified and is that classification still warranted today? The answers to these questions determine whether a park should be classified as a neighborhood park, a community park, a special purpose park, a regional park, or a linear park.
- **Location:** Where is the park located in relation to the population that it serves? Is it accessible?
- **Service Area:** What are the limits of the area served by each park? Are there any major thoroughfares or physical features that create barriers to accessing the park?
- **Size of the Park:** How big is the park? Is it large enough to adequately accomplish its intended purpose?
- **Amenities in each Park:** What amenities does the park contain? Are the facilities appropriate for the type of park? For example, a ball field complex requiring a large amount of parking should not be contained in a neighborhood park, where the noise, traffic and nighttime lighting create a nuisance for residents of that neighborhood.
- **Layout:** Is the arrangement of facilities in each park appropriate?
- **Condition of the Park:** What is the general condition of the facilities in each park?
- **Natural Areas/ Sustainable Measures:** Does the park contain areas that are natural? Is maintenance effort minimized through limited mowing areas? Is water use for irrigation minimized by use of native plants with low water requirements?
- **Special Considerations:** Does the park provide facilities for the physically challenged that meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act?

Parks Facility Inventory

Park / Facilities	Acres	Undeveloped	Baseball / Softball Fields	Soccer Fields	Multi-purpose Court	Multi-purpose Field	Sand Volleyball Court	Basketball Court	Backstops	Tennis Courts	Playground Equipment	Restrooms / Concession	Restroom Building	Pavilion	Walking Trail (miles)	Drinking Fountains	Benches	Parking	Disc Golf Course	Community Center	Splash Pad	Picnic Shelter
Community Parks																						
Bluebonnet	46		8								1	2	1	1	0.5		8	1			3	
Jaycee	35.5				3	2			3	2	2				0.3	1	3	1			4	
Lions	18.5										1	1		1	0.5		6	1			1	
Veterans	19			6							1				0.5			1				
Neighborhood Parks																						
Tim Gauna	2					1	0.5				1							1	1			
IIOF at Fairview	5.25					2			2		1							1				
Kiwanis	4.3										1							1			1	
Lake Clark	10										1							1			2	
Rogers & Maise	3.8		1				1.5				1					1		1				
Pocket Parks																						
Faulkner Lot	1.46						0.5											1				
Lampasas Triangle	0.18																					
Minnie McDowal	0.08															1		1		1		
Storey Lot	3.32																	1				
Susie B. Garrett	0.79						0.5															
Willie Love	0.25										1							1				
Special Use																						
Disc Golf Course	47	X																1	1		1	
Kachina Prairie	35	X													0.5			1				
Pierce Park	1.72																	1				
Lampasas Lot	20	X																				
TOTALS	254		9	6	0	6	2	3	5	2	11	3	1	2	2.3	3	17	16	1	1	1	12

Community Parks

Bluebonnet Park - C/SU

Veterans Memorial Park - C/SU

Jaycee Park

Lions Park

BLUEBONNET PARK

Park Designation: Special Use / Community Park



SIZE:

46 ACRES

LOCATION:

201 S. HWY 287

MAIN FEATURES:

POND
BASEBALL FIELDS (4)
SOFTBALL FIELDS (4)
COVERED BLEACHERS
CONCESSIONS STANDS (2)
M/W RESTROOMS (3)
PAVILLION
PLAYGROUNDS (2)
PICNIC SHELTERS (5)
NATURE TRAIL
CONCRETE PARKING (232 SPACES)
IRRIGATION SYSTEM

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Park Designation: Special Use / Community Park



SIZE:

19 ACRES

LOCATION:

2301 ENNIS PARKWAY

MAIN FEATURES:

**PLAYGROUND UNIT
LIGHTED SOCCER FIELDS (3)
UNLIGHTED SOCCER FIELDS
(3)
VETERANS MEMORIAL
PICNIC SHELTER
CONCESSIONS STAND
M/W RESTROOMS
CONCRETE PARKING (120
SPACES)
IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

JAYCEE PARK

Park Designation: Community Park



SIZE:

35.5 ACRES

LOCATION:

2300 PARK STREET

MAIN FEATURES:

**PICNIC SHELTERS (4)
PLAYGROUND (2)
TENNIS COURTS (2)
SAND VOLLEYBALL (2)
LAKE (27.2 ACRES)
BACKSTOPS (3)
CONCRETE PARKING (15 SPACES)
GRAVEL LOTS (3 LOTS)
PICNIC PADS (4)
CONCRETE TRAIL (1/3 Mile)
DRINKING FOUNTAIN**

LIONS PARK

Park Designation: Community Park



SIZE:

18.5 ACRES

LOCATION:

1200 W. LAMPASAS

MAIN FEATURES:

- 1/2 MILE WALKING PATH
- PLAYGROUND UNIT
- PAVILLION
- M/W RESTROOM
- POND
- EXERCISE STATION
- CONCRETE PARKING (42 SPACES)
- IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Neighborhood Parks

Community Center Park to be renamed Timothy Gauna Park – N / SU

Fairview Park

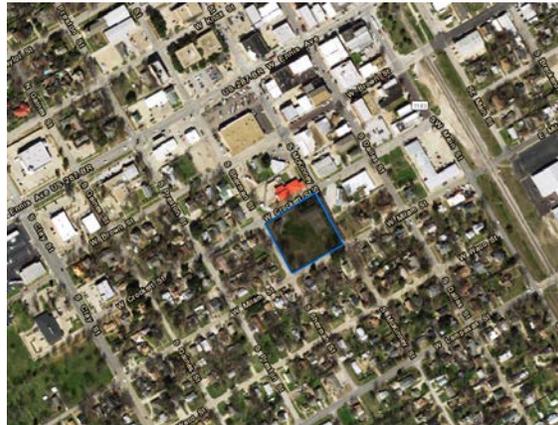
Kiwanis Park

Lake Clark Park – N / SU

Rogers & Maise Park – N / SU

TIMOTHY GAUNA PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park / Special Use



SIZE:

2.0 ACRES

LOCATION:

301 W CROCKETT STREET

MAIN FEATURES:

**COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING
OLD POOL HOUSE
HALF COURT BASKETBALL
SWINGS (2)
MONKEY BARS
SMALL SOCCER
PICNIC TABLES (2)
LARGE TREES ON PERIMETER
STREET SIDE PARKING
OPEN SPACE**

FAIRVIEW PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park



SIZE: 5.25 ACRES

LOCATION: 410 4th STREET

MAIN FEATURES: BACKSTOPS (2)
PLAYGROUND
GRAVEL PARKING
OPEN SPACE



KIWANIS PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park



SIZE:

4.3 ACRES

LOCATION:

610 PARK STREET

MAIN FEATURES:

**PICNIC SHELTER
PLAYGROUND
CIRCLE DRIVE PARKING
TRAIL CONNECTOR
LAKE (27.2 ACRES)**

LAKE CLARK PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park / Special Use Park*

*See also Kachina Prairie and Ennis Disc Golf Course



SIZE:

10 ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD PARK / 35 ACRES
NATURE PRESERVE / 47.5 ACRES DISC GOLF &
UNDEVELOPED LAND

LOCATION:

2100 W. BALDRIDGE

MAIN FEATURES:

LAKE (156 ACRES)
PLAYGROUND
PICNIC SHELTERS (3)
BOAT RAMP
ASPHALT PARKING (25
SPACES)
GRAVEL PARKING (30 SPACES)
KACHINA PRAIRIE
DISC GOLF COURSE

ROGERS & MAISE PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood / Special Use Park



SIZE:

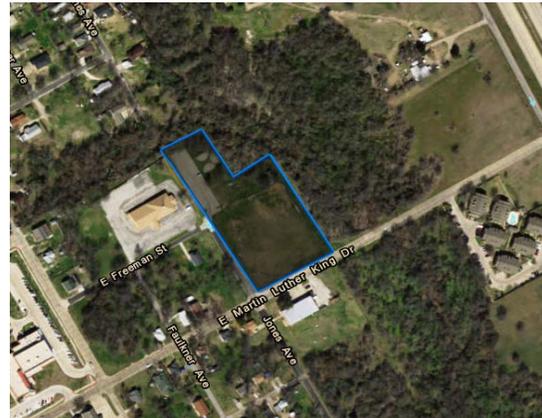
3.8 ACRES

LOCATION:

900 E MARTIN LUTHER KING DR.

MAIN FEATURES:

**LIGHTED SOFTBALL FIELD
LIGHTED HALF COURT
BASKETBALL (3)
M/W RESTROOMS
CONCRETE PARKING (51 SPACES)
PLAYGROUND
PICNIC PADS (2)
IRRIGATION SYSTEM
DRINKING FOUNTAIN**



Pocket Parks

Faulkner Lot

Lampasas Triangle Lot

Minnie McDowal – P / SU

Storey Lot

Susie B. Garrett

Willie Love Park

FAULKNER LOT

Park Designation: Pocket Park



SIZE:

1.46 ACRES

LOCATION:

1208 N FAULKNER AVE

MAIN FEATURES:

**HALF COURT BASKETBALL
OPEN SPACE
WOODED AREA**



LAMPASAS TRIANGLE LOT

Park Designation: Pocket Park



SIZE:

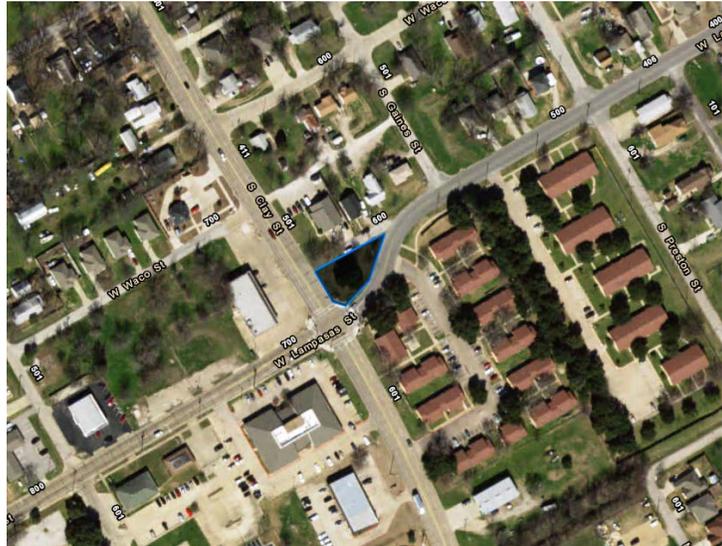
0.18 ACRES

LOCATION:

NE LAMPASAS / CLAY
INTERSECTION

MAIN FEATURES:

HISTORICAL MARKER
TREE COVER



MINNIE McDOWAL PARK

Park Designation: Pocket Park / Special Use

SIZE:

0.08 ACRES

LOCATION:

119 N DALLAS ST

MAIN FEATURES:

UNDER CONSTRUCTION
PAVILION
RESTROOMS
LANDSCAPING
WATER FEATURE
ART WALL
DRINKING FOUNTAIN
BENCHES



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STOREY LOT

Park Designation: Pocket Park



SIZE:

3.32 ACRES

LOCATION:

2300 PRESTON STREET

MAIN FEATURES:

**BACKSTOP
OPEN SPACE**



SUSIE B. GARRETT PARK

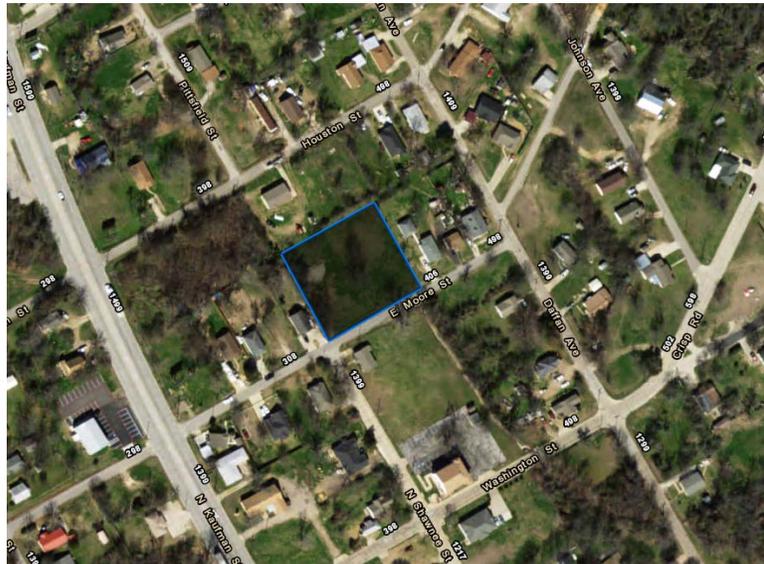
Park Designation: Pocket Park



SIZE: 0.79 ACRES

LOCATION: 402 E MOORE STREET

MAIN FEATURES: HALF COURT BASKETBALL
OPEN SPACE



WILLIE LOVE PARK

Park Designation: Pocket Park



SIZE:

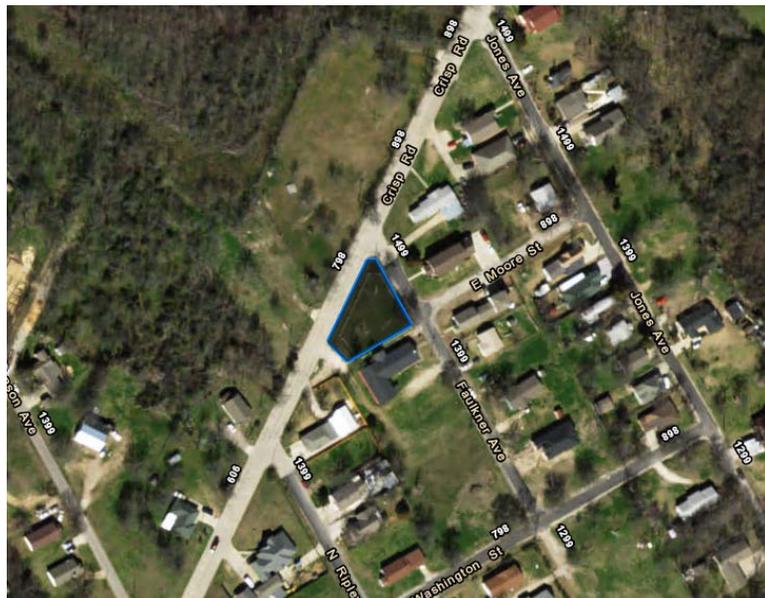
0.25 ACRES

LOCATION:

705 CRISP ROAD

MAIN FEATURES:

PLAYGROUND
STONE AND IRON FENCE



LAMPASAS LOT

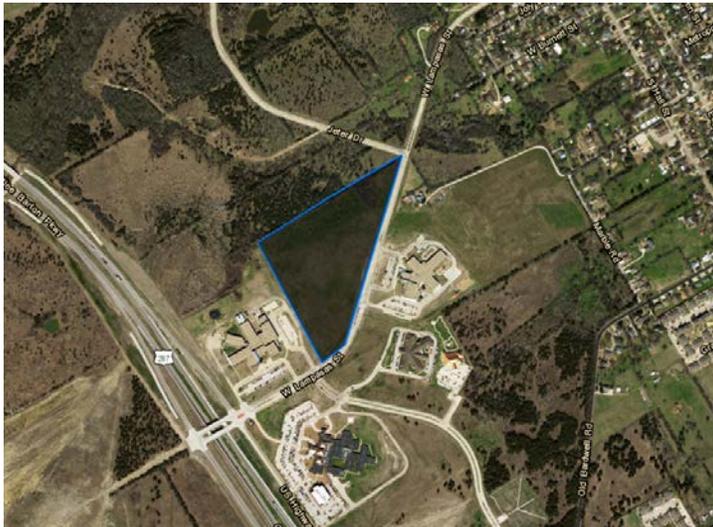
Park Designation: Undeveloped Land



SIZE: 20 ACRES

LOCATION: 1700 LAMPASAS STREET

MAIN FEATURES: UNDEVELOPED LAND



PIERCE PARK

Park Designation: Linear Park / Greenbelt Buffer / Special Use Park



SIZE:

1.72 ACRES

LOCATION:

NW & SW MAIN STREET

MAIN FEATURES:

**MONUMENT SIGN
LANDSCAPING
FLAG POLE
HISTORICAL MARKERS
TREE COVER
GRAVEL PARKING
OPEN SPACE
IRRIGATION
LIGHTING
SPECIAL EVENT ELECTRICAL
PANELS & WATER CONNECTIONS
MEMORIAL**

Special Use Designations

Bluebonnet Park (Baseball & Softball Complexes)

Veterans Memorial Park (Soccer Complex, Veterans Memorial)

Timothy Gauna Park (Community Center)

Lake Clark Park (Disc Golf Course, Kachina Prairie)

Rogers & Maise Park (Lighted Softball Field, Restrooms)

Minnie McDowal Park (Restrooms, Water Feature)

Pierce Park (Special Events Infrastructure)

BLUEBONNET PARK

Park Designation: Special Use / Community Park



SIZE:

46 ACRES

LOCATION:

201 S. HWY 287

SPECIAL USE
DESIGNATIONS:

BASEBALL FIELDS (4)
SOFTBALL FIELDS (4)
COVERED BLEACHERS
CONCESSIONS STANDS (2)
M/W RESTROOMS (3)
CONCRETE PARKING (232 SPACES)



The eight baseball and softball fields at Bluebonnet Park serve as the competitive homes for the Ennis Baseball Association and the YMCA/Ennis Girl's Softball Association. Both youth sports organizations serve boys and girls age 3 to 15, and host spectators of all ages.

Bluebonnet also hosts tournaments and other city-wide special events.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Park Designation: Special Use / Community Park



SIZE: 19 ACRES

LOCATION: 2301 ENNIS PARKWAY

SPECIAL USE DESIGNATIONS: LIGHTED SOCCER FIELDS (3)
UNLIGHTED SOCCER FIELDS (3)
VETERANS MEMORIAL CONCESSIONS STAND
M/W RESTROOMS
CONCRETE PARKING (120 SPACES)



The lighted and unlighted soccer fields at Veterans Memorial Park serve as the competitive home for the Ennis Soccer Association. The youth sports organization serves boys and girls age 3 to 19 throughout the entire city and surrounding areas, and hosts spectators of all ages. The league hosts events virtually year-round. The Veterans Memorial located in the front of the park brings in daily visitors from across the area. The park also hosts several special events.

TIMOTHY GAUNA PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park / Special Use



SIZE: 2.0 ACRES

LOCATION: 301 W CROCKETT STREET

SPECIAL USE

DESIGNATIONS: COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING



The Community Center Building within Timothy Gauna Park is available for rental and consistently booked on weekends throughout the year. The large room can host 50 guests. A variety of events are held in the building including baby showers, birthday parties, family reunions, church socials, and weddings.

DISC GOLF COURSE

Park Designation: Special Use Park



SIZE:

47.5 ACRES DISC GOLF &
UNDEVELOPED LAND

LOCATION:

ENTRY AT AIRPORT ROAD

MAIN FEATURES:

MACH II BASKETS (18)
GRAVEL TEE PADS (7)
NATURAL TEE PADS (11)
TEMPORARY HOLE AND WAY-FINDER
SIGNS
GRAVEL PARKING (30 SPACES)

The Disc Golf Course is located on the south side of Lake Clark Park and is accessed off of the Airport Road. The course was designed by the Ennis Disc Golf Association and Parks Staff. Baskets and other components have been primarily funded by private donations and corporate sponsorships.

KACHINA PRAIRIE

Park Designation: Special Use Park / Nature Preserve



SIZE: 35 ACRES

LOCATION: 1816 BALDRIDGE STREET

MAIN FEATURES:
NATURE TRAIL
BISON STATUE
BENCHES
INFORMATION KIOSK
GRAVEL PARKING



Kachina Prairie is located on the north east side of Lake Clark Park. It is a rare, undisturbed part of the Blackland Prairie ecoregion and a southern extension of the North American tall grass prairie which once covered 170 million acres in North America. It is now being actively conserved by a coalition of the Ennis Garden Club, Indian Trail Master Naturalists, City of Ennis and the Texas Land Conservancy.

ROGERS & MAISE PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood / Special Use Park



SIZE: 3.8 ACRES

LOCATION: 900 E MARTIN LUTHER KING DR.

SPECIAL USE DESIGNATIONS: LIGHTED SOFTBALL FIELD
M/W RESTROOMS
CONCRETE PARKING (51 SPACES)



The lighted athletic field at Rogers & Maise Park is primarily being used a practice facility for baseball, soccer, and football, however it has the potential to be used as a competitive field. Field use is by permit only and lights are subject to a \$20 per night fee. The restrooms on the premises are also currently by permit only. Permit holder of the fields or other special events are given access.

MINNIE McDOWAL PARK

Park Designation: Pocket Park / Special Use



SIZE:

0.08 ACRES

LOCATION:

119 N DALLAS ST

SPECIAL USE
DESIGNATIONS:

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PAVILION

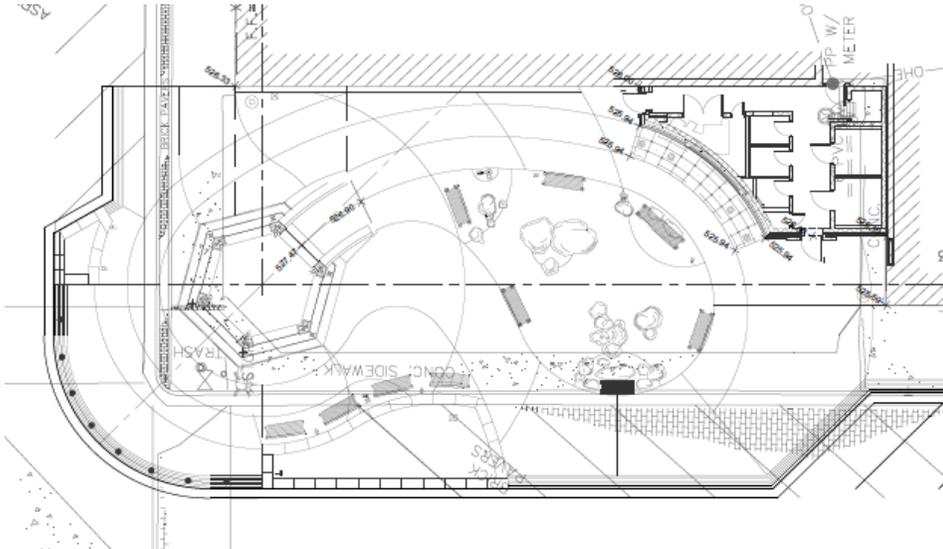
RESTROOMS

LANDSCAPING

WATER FEATURE

ART WALL

WATER AND ELECTRIC FOR EVENTS



Minnie McDowal Park 2.0 will feature restroom facilities, a pavilion, a “playable” water feature, extensive landscaping and an art wall. There will also be electrical and water connections to support the Farmer’s Market and other downtown events. The primary purpose of this park will be to draw and/or retain people into the downtown business area.

PIERCE PARK

Park Designation: Linear Park / Greenbelt Buffer / Special Use Park



SIZE:

1.72 ACRES

LOCATION:

NW & SW MAIN STREET

SPECIAL USE
DESIGNATIONS:

MONUMENT SIGN
LANDSCAPING
FLAG POLE
HISTORICAL MARKERS
LIGHTING
SPECIAL EVENT ELECTRICAL PANELS &
WATER CONNECTIONS
MEMORIAL

Pierce Park contains a large flag pole, with a large American Flag. It serves as the official flagpole for the city. Pierce Park also contains an extensive electrical panel and several water connections. This infrastructure aides with vendor connections during the Polka Festival, Bluebonnet Festival, and other Main Street events. Pierce Park's primary purpose is as a green buffer between the downtown business center and the railroad.

Park Standards & Recommendations

Neighborhood Park Standards

Community Park Standards

Existing Park Improvement Recommendations

Future Park Considerations

Neighborhood Park Standards

Facilities normally provided at a neighborhood park in the City of Ennis should consist of:

1. Playground equipment for children aged 2-12.
2. Space for court games, such as basketball, tennis, volleyball or in-line hockey.
4. Walking/jogging trails.
5. Playfield space for non-organized competitive games such as baseball, football and soccer.
6. Passive space possibly for a pavilion with tables and grills, drinking fountains and sitting areas.
7. Small off-street parking is a consideration if users are beyond an acceptable walking distance or if users need to drive to access the park.
8. It is not desirable to light athletic facilities in a neighborhood environment since lighting is often objectionable to nearby residents; however, some lighting for security purposes should be incorporated into the park.
9. The allocation of space in the neighborhood park should be approximately 50 percent passive area and 50 percent active area. The above facilities are those generally considered for active space. The passive space should be used to develop the character of the park by creating an open landscaped setting with trails, sitting areas, and picnic space. The desire is for the park to become an integral part of the neighborhood.

Community Park Standards

A community park serves several neighborhood areas, and should therefore be conveniently accessible by automobile and include provisions for off-street parking. The optimal size for the community park will vary by use, but they will typically be many times larger in size than a typical neighborhood park. This size should be based on its intended use and the population residing in the service area.

Activities provided should include both active and passive space. Space and park amenities for active uses like those associated with neighborhood parks including field and court games as well as passive spaces more extensive than the neighborhood parks for trails, natural areas, picnicking, and ornamental or natural landscape areas. Special amenities, such as large group pavilions, splashpads or lighted or unlighted athletic fields or facilities may be placed in community parks provided careful thought is given to their design and location. When possible, a community park should be well removed from the residential environment due to the traffic, noise, and lights associated with the sports complex. Based on use, accessibility and other requirements, the community park should be located in a non-residential area served by major thoroughfares.

Athletic complexes within community parks are designed primarily for competitive play by both young people and adults, however other features should be included in or around the complex. Among these are play apparatus, court game space, picnicking facilities, and trails. Support facilities in a sports complex include restrooms, concessions, multi-purpose building(s), and maintenance facilities. Parking is a major consideration for the sports complex. Spaces should be allocated to accommodate those currently participating, those lingering following the previous games and those arriving to participate in the next scheduled game.

Existing Park Improvement Recomendations

BLUEBONNET PARK

Park Designation: Special Use / Community Park

SIZE: 46 ACRES

LOCATION: 201 S. HWY 287

MAIN FEATURES:

- POND
- BASEBALL FIELDS (4)
- SOFTBALL FIELDS (4)
- COVERED BLEACHERS
- CONCESSIONS STANDS (2)
- M/W RESTROOMS (3)
- PAVILLION
- PLAYGROUNDS (2)
- PICNIC SHELTERS (5)
- NATURE TRAIL
- CONCRETE PARKING (232 SPACES)
- IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Comments and Recommendations:

The eight baseball and softball fields at Bluebonnet Park serve as the competitive homes for the Ennis Baseball Association and the YMCA/Ennis Girl’s Softball Association. Both youth sports organizations serve boys and girls age 3 to 15, and host spectators of all ages. Bluebonnet also hosts tournaments and other city-wide special events.

On the other side of the large parking lot, a large pavilion overlooks a large pond and open field that is covered in Bluebonnets every spring. From the field a trail system leads into a scenic tree lined area, then re-emerges by one of 2 playground areas.

1. Shade is scarce within much of the park, but is almost non-existent on the athletic complex side. Efforts have been made to add canopies over the bleachers. This should continue until all bleachers are covered. Additional coverings over the dug-outs and picnic tables at the concession buildings should also be added. Additional trees should be added to the center of the athletic complexes and up the main entries from the parking lot.
2. Parking at the athletic complex is also inadequate. Efforts to build additional parking and agreements to use parking at a future development site adjacent to the park should alleviate some parking concerns.
3. The lighting systems need to be retrofitted to the Musco Control Link system or a similar system to provide more control and programming ability.
4. The main playground unit within the park is nearing the end of it’s typical usage cycle. Large star cracks indicating stress and future failure are developing on the slides. Replacement should be expected within a few years.
5. The irrigation systems and backflow devices within the athletic complexes are very segregated, making future use of technology and smart-controllers very unfeasible. Future considerations to consolidate these systems should be made.
6. Several of the ballfields are in need of renovations. Efforts to add appropriate fencing, drainage, grading, topsoil, and grass-cover are underway. Two of the eight ballfields have been renovated.
7. Areas around the pavilion area should be irrigated to ensure adequate grass coverage around these areas year-round.
8. Routes to connect the park to a trail system including access to Veterans Park, the USACE parklands and Lake Clark Park should be explored.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Park Designation: Special Use / Community Park

SIZE: 19 ACRES

LOCATION: 2301 ENNIS
PARKWAY

MAIN
FEATURES: PLAYGROUND
UNIT
LIGHTED SOCCER
FIELDS (3)
UNLIGHTED
SOCCER FIELDS (3)
VETERANS
MEMORIAL
PICNIC SHELTER
CONCESSIONS
STAND
M/W RESTROOMS
CONCRETE
PARKING (120
SPACES)
IRRIGATION
SYSTEM

Comments and Recommendations:

The soccer fields at Veterans Memorial Park serve as the competitive home for the Ennis Soccer Association. This youth sports organization serves boys and girls age 3 to 19, and host spectators of all ages. The soccer fields are located on two tiers. The upper tier is has lighting, irrigation adequate sidewalks. The lower tier is not as significantly developed, lacking lighting, irrigation, and sidewalks. Veterans also hosts tournaments, sports camps and other city-wide special events, such as the Relay for Life.

Within the rest of the park is a large concession and restroom building, a playground, a two large concrete parking lots, a large memorial and a passive parks space with tree cover and open fields.

1. Shade is scarce within much of the park, but is almost non-existent on the athletic complex side. Efforts should be made to add canopies over the bleachers. This should continue until all bleachers are covered. Additional coverings over the picnic tables at the concession building should also be added. Additional trees should be added around the concession area and between the fields along the sidewalks.
2. The lighting system needs to be expanded to cover the lower tier of the complex.
3. The irrigation systems and backflow devices within the athletic complexes are very segregated, making future use of technology and smart-controllers very unfeasible. Future considerations to consolidate these systems should be made. Additional zones should be added to provide full coverage to the top tier of fields, while a full irrigation system needs to be added to the bottom tier of fields.
4. All fields are in need of renovations. Efforts to add appropriate fencing, drainage, grading, topsoil, and grass-cover are underway. While two of the soccer fields have been renovated, they still lack proper topsoil. The native soil compacts much too easily and leads to poor grass coverage. A ryegrass overseeding program should also be considered to provide grass coverage when the fields are in heaviest use in early spring.
5. Routes to connect the park to a trail system including access to Bluebonnet Park and Lions Park should be explored.
6. Expansion of the park should also be considered to allow for league expansion, practice use fields and larger tournaments.

JAYCEE PARK

Park Designation: Community Park

Comments and Recommendations:

SIZE: 35.5 ACRES

At 35.5 Acres, Jaycee Park is the largest Community Park that does not host any youth sports associations. It surrounds Old City Lake from the dam at Kiwanis Park around to through the lake's overflow spillway and over to Preston Street. It is bordered on the west by Park Street until reaching the neighborhood on Woodlawn Drive.

LOCATION: 2300 PARK STREET

The active area of the park is centered around a small concrete parking lot. From this parking lot there is nearby access to the two tennis courts, the Ivan Goodwin Walking Trail, 2 playgrounds, 2 sand volleyball courts, 4 picnic shelters and 3 practice baseball fields. There is almost constant use of this park because of its variety of amenities, its centralized location within the city and dense neighborhood population surrounding it.

MAIN FEATURES:
PICNIC SHELTERS (4)
PLAYGROUND (2)
TENNIS COURTS (2)
SAND VOLLEYBALL (2)
LAKE (27.2 ACRES)
BACKSTOPS (3)
CONCRETE PARKING (15 SPACES)
GRAVEL LOTS (3 LOTS)
PICNIC PADS (4)
CONCRETE TRAIL (1/3 Mile)
DRINKING FOUNTAIN

1. The amenities located within Jaycee Park attract patrons from across the city, making a restroom facility a requirement. A restroom facility large enough to accommodate at least 100-150 users per hour would be required to service the users of the existing and future amenities planned for this park.
2. Surveys and other citizen input suggests the city should consider installing a splashpad. With its central location, and space, Jaycee Park is an ideal location for a splashpad. It should be located within the active section of the park near the tennis courts, sand volleyball and playground. A "single pass" system could possibly drain into Old City Lake.
3. The sand volleyball courts are in need of refurbishment. Appropriate drainage, underlayment and a concrete "mow strip" border should be added to gauge and regulate sand movement.
4. A timed lighting system should be added to the volleyball and tennis courts.
5. The fencing and court of the tennis courts are in need of replacement. The fences have several holes and snagged wire.
6. Trail heads from the nearby neighborhoods which continue through a park loop and also connect the park to an external trail system should be explored.
7. The two playground structures in the park is dated, obsolete and dangerous. The slide gets extremely hot in the daytime, while the wooden climber has several split and weathered boards. There is not an adequate fall zone or surfacing material to cushion a fall from the equipment. The playgrounds should consolidated into a single unit and be replaced as soon as possible. A shade structure should be considered with all new playground installations.
8. Parking area renovations and expansions should be considered.
9. Rentable pavilions near the splashpads should be considered as revenue opportunities.
10. Tree coverage and irrigation should be considered throughout the park. Pumping irrigation from Old City Lake should be considered. Water usage for irrigation should be off-set by drainage from the splash pad.

LIONS PARK

Park Designation: Community Park

SIZE: 18.5 ACRES

LOCATION: 1200 W.
LAMPASAS

MAIN FEATURES: ½ MILE
WALKING PATH
PLAYGROUND
UNIT
PAVILLION
M/W RESTROOM
POND
EXERCISE
STATION
CONCRETE
PARKING (42
SPACES)
IRRIGATION
SYSTEM

Comments and Recommendations:

At 18.5 acres, located on the corner of Lampasas and Hall Street, Lions Park offers a variety of activities and amenities, making it attractive to the many patrons it accommodates daily. The main attraction of the park is a highly trafficked, circular, ½ mile long, 4 foot wide concrete walking path that surrounds a large pond. Turn of the century lighting is logically spaced throughout the park for security lighting. Large trees are also abundant on the property and around the walking path, which provide ample shade for year round use. Two concrete parking lots located on the north-east and south-east sides are accessible off Lampasas or Hall Street. A large city-owned storage facility known as “Green Valley” is located north of the Hall Street lot. Between the two parking lots are a large playground and pavilion with restrooms. A wooden exercise station is located off the walking trail to the north of the pond. Benches and pond “overlooks” also branch off the walking paths.

1. The amenities located within Lions Park attract patrons from across the city, making parking lot accommodations a requirement. The 42 parking spaces offered at Lions are full during daily peak use hours or events. Adding any other amenities to this park will require additional parking. Converting the “Green Valley” facility to additional parking should be considered.
2. Surveys and other citizen input suggests the city should consider installing a splashpad. With it’s central location, and space, Lions Park is an ideal location for a splashpad. It should be located within the active section of the park near the playground area. A “single pass” system could possibly drain into the on-site pond.
3. The pond water is very stagnate, which has resulted in fish kills in the past. An aerator, fountain or water feature should be added to improve water quality.
4. The exercise station gets regular use from patrons and is in decent condition, but was not built from sustainable materials. Replacement exercise equipment made of sustainable materials should be considered.
5. Trail heads from the nearby neighborhoods which continue through a park loop and also connect the park to an external trail system should be explored. A trail from Lions Park to Veterans Park should be considered if development takes place on the land between the two parks.
6. The playground structures are in good condition, however, the metal slides get extremely hot in the daytime. Also, the sand material in the fall zone is not an appropriate surfacing material to cushion a fall from the equipment. Engineered Wood Fibar and drainage should be installed in the playground and swing area. A shade structure should be considered.
7. Tree coverage and irrigation should be considered throughout the park. Pumping irrigation from Old City Lake should be considered. Water usage for irrigation should be off-set by drainage from the splash pad.

TIMOTHY GAUNA PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park / Special Use

Comments and Recommendations:

Formally known as Community Center Park, Timothy Gauna Park is a 2 acre block located along the southern edge of Ennis' downtown historical district. It is bordered by the streets of W Crockett, W Milam, S McKinney and S Sherman. The site was once home to the Optimist Community Pool and is still the site of the Community Center. While the pool was filled in, the old pool house is still standing. Directly behind the Community Center, a large concrete slab serves as two ½ court basketball courts, however only one backboard and rim are currently installed. To the south of the basketball courts are a swing set and monkey bars. To the west is a second swing set, two picnic tables under large trees and a small soccer field, on top of the site of the filled in pool. The pool house building stands on the corner of W Crockett and S Sherman.

1. The park is in major need of redesign and redevelopment. This redevelopment should incorporate all components the “Neighborhood Park Standards.”
2. The three biggest components of the park are the Community Center, old pool house building and large slab basketball court. All three structures are in need of replacement or major repairs. The pool building and kitchen areas of the Community Center serve as dry storage and work-shop space for Parks Maintenance. Should these areas be demolished new work areas and storage areas would need to be provided to keep Parks Maintenance operating sufficiently. Attempts to seek professional services to repair the concrete basketball slab have resulted in a consensus that it cannot be repaired.
3. The playground equipment in the park is dated, obsolete, dangerous and lacks appeal. There is no fall zone or surfacing material to cushion a fall from the equipment. Presently, little to no play occurs there because of these deficiencies. The playground should be replaced as soon as possible. A shade structure should be considered with all new playground installations.
4. A perimeter sidewalk trail should be added around all four sides the park.
5. A mix of fast growing, short-life trees and slower growing, long-life trees should be planted and irrigated along the trail to add shade.
6. A small group pavilion, picnic pads, a ½ court basketball court, and another active amenity should be added to the site.
7. The existing parking areas along the streets need to be reestablished, lined and account for ADA access.
8. Appropriate signage, which fits a city-wide theme for neighborhood parks should be installed at the main points of entry.
9. The site would be ideal for a future skate park. Skaters are already present in the downtown area, so bringing them to the location would be ideal and most likely reduce the likelihood of damage to downtown infrastructures.

SIZE: 2.0 ACRES

LOCATION: 301 W CROCKETT STREET

MAIN FEATURES: COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING
OLD POOL HOUSE
HALF COURT BASKETBALL SWINGS (2)
MONKEY BARS
SMALL SOCCER
PICNIC TABLES (2)
LARGE TREES ON PERIMETER
STREET SIDE PARKING
OPEN SPACE

FAIRVIEW PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park

Comments and Recommendations:

Fairview Park is a 5.25 acre triangular shaped parcel of land located between 4th Street, Avenue B and Knighthurst Road, which is leased to the City by the I.O.O.F. It once served as the competitive softball complex for the Ennis Girl's Softball League and the two backstops from that era still stand. A small gravel parking lot is accessible near the larger softball field on the southwest side off 4th Street. A swing, metal slide and climbing dome are located on the northwest side, and a drainage ditch bisects the park between the two backstops. Large power poles follow an electrical easement along the Knighthurst Road frontage.

SIZE: 5.25 ACRES

LOCATION: 410 4th STREET

MAIN FEATURES: BACKSTOPS (2)
PLAYGROUND
GRAVEL
PARKING
OPEN SPACE

1. The park is in major need of redesign and redevelopment. This redevelopment should incorporate all components the "Neighborhood Park Standards."
2. Overall, the large backstop on the south end is in good shape. It needs a repair to the chain link fabric on the 3rd base side. It should be accommodated into the redesign of the park. The smaller backstop should be removed or replaced. The area of the second field should be re-purposed as a multi-purpose field. Semi-permanent goals could be installed to encourage unorganized play.
3. The playground equipment in the park is dated, obsolete and dangerous. The slide gets extremely hot in the daytime, while the dome climber and swing set have rusty bolts and bent frames. There is no fall zone or surfacing material to cushion a fall from the equipment. Presently, little to no play occurs there because of these deficiencies. The playground should be replaced as soon as possible. A shade structure should be considered with all new playground installations.
4. The outfields of the ballfields are very depressed and hold water making mowing difficult for several weeks after rains. Efforts to add drainage and improve grading should be made as soon as possible to improve access to the park land.
5. A ½ mile perimeter trail of should be added with trail entries at Ave's B,C,D, & E as well as Knighthurst Rd. Two culverts or bridges need to be built to span the drainage ditch and connect the two sides of the park. Lighting and rest areas with benches should be placed strategically around the trail.
6. A mix of fast growing, short-life trees and slower growing, long-life trees should be planted and irrigated along the trail to add shade.
7. A small group pavilion, picnic pads and a lighted ½ court basketball court (with room to build out to full court) should be built near the playground area.
8. The existing parking area needs to be re-established and enclosed with bollards or a curb and the surfacing needs to be refurbished and overlaid. A second small parking lot should be installed near the pavilion and playground area.
9. Appropriate signage, which fits a city-wide theme for neighborhood parks should be erected near the corner of Knighthurst and Avenue B for maximum visibility and a second sign needs be installed near the midway point between Avenue C and Avenue D, along 4th Street.

KIWANIS PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park

SIZE: 4.3 ACRES
LOCATION: 610 PARK STREET
MAIN FEATURES: PICNIC SHELTER
PLAYGROUND
CIRCLE DRIVE
PARKING
TRAIL
CONNECTOR
LAKE (27.2 ACRES)

Comments and Recommendations:

Kiwanis Park is a 4.3 acre neighborhood park located along the southern water edge of Old City Lake. It is bordered by Park Street, Old City Lake, Jaycee (Community) Park, and wraps around the lake to Preston Street. A horseshoe shaped drive serves as the park's main access and parking area. A picnic shelter, small playground, swings, T.O.C. light and numerous trees are located between the driveway and Park Street. On the north side of the driveway is a narrow peninsula, while on the west is a trail connector to the "Ivan Goodwin Walking Trail." Because of the large duck population the park is unofficially referred to as "the duck park" by citizens.

1. While not able to meet all aspects of the "Neighborhood Park Standards" this park is sufficiently designed and it's proximity to other parks (Jaycee and Storey Lot) lessens the need to meet all criteria.
2. The primarily wooden playground equipment in the park is dated, obsolete, dangerous and lacks appeal. There is no fall zone or surfacing material to cushion a fall from the equipment. The play unit still gets a lot of use by patrons, which raises the likelihood of an accident. The playground should be replaced as soon as possible. A shade structure should be considered with all new playground installations.
3. Trails and trail connectors would be the one needed amenity to add to this park. Connection trails from the Preston Street and Park Street intersection, and from Lake Shore Drive and the Story Lot along the lake waterfront to the "Ivan Goodwin Walking Trail" and the Clay Street intersection would add direct pedestrian connectivity from three neighborhoods within the service area.
4. Tree coverage within the main park area is adequate, however the Fruitless Mulberry trees along Park Street are nearing the end of their 30 year life cycle. Replacement with a longer life cycle trees should take place as they begin to regress. Trees should be planted and irrigated along the future trail connectors to add shade and intrigue to those areas.
5. Appropriate signage, which fits a city-wide theme for neighborhood parks should be installed along Park Street where it would be most visible.

LAKE CLARK PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood Park / Special Use Park*

*See also Kachina Prairie and Ennis Disc Golf Course

SIZE: 10 ACRES
NEIGHBORHOOD
PARK / 35 ACRES
NATURE
PRESERVE / 47.5
ACRES DISC GOLF
& UNDEVELOPED
LAND

LOCATION: 2100 W.
BALDRIDGE

MAIN LAKE (156 ACRES)
FEATURES: PLAYGROUND
PICNIC SHELTERS
(3)
BOAT RAMP
ASPHALT
PARKING (25
SPACES)
GRAVEL PARKING
(30 SPACES)
KACHINA
PRAIRIE
DISC GOLF
COURSE

Comments and Recommendations:

Lake Clark Park is a 10 acre neighborhood park located along the eastern water edge of Lake Clark. It is bordered by Lake Clark, Baldrige Street, the Kachina Prairie and the Ennis Disc Golf Course. The park is essentially separated by the lake into 3 large areas along Baldrige Street. Although the park land begins around the Williamsburg Dr. intersection the developed sections of the park do not begin until the second area where there is a large parking lot and a boat access ramp for Lake Clark. At the end of Baldrige Street is the active section of the park where a playground and picnic shelter are located within a traffic circle. Two small parking areas are also off the traffic circle and a large peninsula with a picnic shelter jut out into the lake.

1. To better serve the nearby neighborhoods and enhance safety, the active area of the park should be relocated from the Baldrige St. traffic circle to the large open area located between the Lakeridge Dr. and Williamsburg Dr. intersections and near the Kachina Prairie entrance.
2. The playground equipment in the park is dated, obsolete, dangerous and lacks appeal. There is no fall zone or surfacing material to cushion a fall from the equipment. The playground area is also located within a traffic circle, which requires all patrons to cross a street to enter or exit the area. It should be relocated replaced as soon as possible. A newer climbing structure is in excellent condition and should be relocated and incorporated into the new playground footprint. A shade structure should be considered with all new playground installations.
3. Trails and trail connectors are a needed amenity to add to this park. Connection trails should start from Kachina Prairie and should follow the lake around to the Lake Clark dam spillway. Eventually, this trail should continue on to and through the disc golf course area, with eventual connection to Bluebonnet Park. Direct pedestrian connectivity should be added from the Lakeridge Dr. intersection and along Baldrige St. Additional trails from Kachina Prairie to Country Club Rd should also be considered to extend the trail network.
4. There is very little tree coverage within the main park areas. Trees should be planted and irrigated along the future trail connectors and around the new active play area to add shade and intrigue to these areas.
5. The traffic circle area should be landscaped with native and perennial plants that would beautify the area.
6. Appropriate signage, which fits a city-wide theme for neighborhood parks should be installed along Baldrige Street where it would be most visible.

ROGERS & MAISE PARK

Park Designation: Neighborhood / Special Use Park

SIZE: 3.8 ACRES

LOCATION: 900 E MARTIN LUTHER KING DR.

MAIN FEATURES: LIGHTED SOFTBALL FIELD
LIGHTED HALF COURT BASKETBALL (3)
M/W RESTROOMS
CONCRETE PARKING (51 SPACES)
PLAYGROUND
PICNIC PADS (2)
IRRIGATION SYSTEM
DRINKING FOUNTAIN

Comments and Recommendations:

Rogers & Maise Park is a 3.8 acre lot located east of the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Jones Avenue. The eastern property lines terminate approximately 25 feet before a small creek channel, which wraps around to the north park border. The park once served as the competitive softball complex for Adult League softball and the backstop, dugouts and enclosed outfield fence from that era still stands. The facility is now mostly used as a practice field. A large concrete parking lot is accessible off of Jones Avenue. To the east of the parking lot are three lighted ½ court basketball courts arranged in a cloverleaf pattern. To the south of the basketball courts is a new playground and swing set, and to the south of playground is the softball field. A restroom building stands behind the bleachers near the home plate area of the field. Between the restroom and the new playground, an old chain link fence enclosed children’s play area is in the process of being removed. An old concrete drinking fountain is also near the restroom.

1. The park is in need of several improvements to bring it up to the “Neighborhood Park Standards”, however the installation of the new playground has breathed new life into the park and patronage has gone from non-existent to constant.
2. While the playground is new, the supporting infrastructure around the area is not. New benches, trees and a concrete path need to be installed around the new playground. A shade cover might also be considered in the future. Special considerations need to be taken to ensure there is appropriate ADA access from the parking lot to the playground, ballfield bleacher area and restrooms.
3. A perimeter trail should be added with trail entries at MLK from the east property line, MLK at Jones Ave, Jones Avenue at Freeman Street and connections off of the parking lot and ADA accessible paths should be considered. To add extra appeal to the path, efforts should be made to obtain the land all the way to the creek channel, including the large triangular parcel landlocked by the park and creek.
4. To further expand the park, a pedestrian bridge over the north creek channel should be planned to connect the park with other city owned property and the “Faulkner Lot”. A trail extension over the bridge to Washington Street would directly connect the northern neighborhoods in the park service area to the existing park.
5. A medium sized group pavilion should be built between the playground and the restroom building.
6. Appropriate signage, which fits a city-wide theme for neighborhood parks should be erected near the corner of MLK and Jones Avenue.
7. Considerations to update the ballfield and basketball court lighting systems and repair the ballfield fencing should also be made.

FAULKNER LOT

Park Designation: Pocket Park

SIZE:	1.46 ACRES	Comments and Recommendations: The “Faulkner Lot” is approximately 1 acre compiled of three smaller lots located near the intersection of Washington Street and Faulkner Avenue. It currently contains a single concrete half basketball court and a small bench. The eastern property lines terminate at what would be the undeveloped road ROW of Faulkner Ave. 1201 & 1207 N. Faulkner, a couple of undeveloped lots owned by EISD are one the opposite side of this undeveloped road ROW. The north property line borders with 1212 N Faulkner Ave, a privately owned undeveloped lot which has road frontage on Washington Street. The west border of the properties is an alley and privately held homes, which have frontages along Washington St and Jones Ave. A privately held, undeveloped lot at 1202 N. Faulkner separates the third city property, which extends along the Linden St. ROW to a 1/3 acre lot on Jones Ave. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. This park should be incorporated into Rogers & Maise Park to allow more acreage, and a northern entry into the park.2. A pedestrian bridge to connect with Rogers & Maise should be built at Jones Ave.3. Two privately held lots, 1202 & 1212 N. Faulkner should be obtained to increase road frontage and expand usable area.4. Two lots held by EISD, 1201 & 1207 N. Faulkner should also be obtained to increase road frontage and expand usable area.5. Walking trails and park gateways should be built which extend from Washington St. and Linden Street, through the Faulkner Lot and into Rogers & Maise Park.
LOCATION:	1208 N FAULKNER AVE	
MAIN FEATURES:	HALF COURT BASKETBALL OPEN SPACE WOODED AREA	

LAMPASAS TRIANGLE LOT

Park Designation: Pocket Park

Comments and Recommendations:

SIZE: 0.18 ACRES

LOCATION: NE LAMPASAS
/ CLAY
INTERSECTION

MAIN FEATURES: HISTORICAL
MARKER
TREE COVER

The “Lampasas Triangle Lot” is located at the northeast corner of Clay St and Lampasas. It is a leftover parcel of land created to align the east-west Lampasas intersection. Currently, there are several trees and a historical marker on the property. A dentist office sits to the north of the property, while across the street to the south of Lampasas is a senior living facility.

1. This property should be used as a gateway into the historical downtown district. A “City of Ennis” sign and extensive landscaping should be planted to welcome motorists and pedestrians into downtown.
2. To further expand mobility and use of the lot, a sidewalk should be installed along both the Lampasas and Clay Street road frontages.
3. A picnic table or bench should be installed under the shade of the tree cover.
4. The sidewalk should extend to the picnic table or bench to accommodate for ADA accessibility and promote use by the senior community nearby.

MINNIE McDOWAL PARK

Park Designation: Pocket Park / Special Use

Comments and Recommendations:

SIZE: 0.08 ACRES

Among several new amenities, the new Minnie McDowal Park will include restrooms, a recirculating water feature extensive landscaping. It is scheduled to open in Fall of 2017.

LOCATION: 119 N DALLAS ST

This property should be used as a gateway into the historical downtown district. A “City of Ennis” sign and extensive landscaping should be planted to welcome motorists and pedestrians into downtown.

MAIN *UNDER
FEATURES: CONSTRUCTION*
Coming 2017:
PAVILION
RESTROOMS
LANDSCAPING
WATER FEATURE
ART WALL
DRINKING FOUNTAIN
BENCHES

1. The restrooms at this facility should be heavily used, extra maintenance should be expected. Staff should consider multiple options for daily cleaning.
2. Usage of the water feature as a splash pad should be expected. Staff will be required to obtain a pool operators certification and training before the park is operational.
3. Irrigation should be placed on a central irrigation control and monitoring system.

STOREY LOT

Park Designation: Pocket Park

SIZE: 3.32 ACRES

LOCATION: 2300
PRESTON
STREET

**MAIN
FEATURES:** BACKSTOP
OPEN SPACE

Comments and Recommendations:

The “Storey Lot” is an open field area located just south of the former Storey Manufacturing Building on Preston Street. The lot is just over 3 acres and currently has a small practice baseball backstop on the north east corner. The eastern border of the lot is adjacent to an electric easement and the railroad yard. The southern side of the property has heavy tree cover in areas and extends down to an area across the street from Kiwanis Park and Old City Lake.

1. Trails from Kiwanis Park should extend into the Storey Lot, and reconnect with the north east portion of Jaycee Park.
2. Because of it’s size, accessibility and location, this areas should be considered for use as a dog park in the future. This area is off a major feeder road, making it highly visible, yet it is far enough away from nearby residential properties buffer additional sound and traffic concerns.

SUSIE B. GARRETT PARK

Park Designation: Pocket Park

Comments and Recommendations:

SIZE: 0.79 ACRES

Susie B. Garrett Park is an open field area on three parcels of land located at 400, 402 & 404 E Moore Street. There is substantial road frontage on Moore Street, however a deep ditch makes access difficult. The other 3 sides of the park are surrounded by residential properties and chain link fences. A half basketball court is located on the western side of the property. The remainder of the property is open field, with a few trees.

LOCATION: 402 E MOORE STREET

MAIN FEATURES: HALF COURT BASKETBALL OPEN SPACE

1. The size, and accessibility of Susie B. Garrett Park are not ideal for a neighborhood park. The lack of access points and parking, make use of this park impractical.
2. At this time, no improvements are recommended for this site.
3. Resources should be allocated to developing a north access to Roger's & Maise Park through the "Faulkner Lot" properties. This would bring the Susie B. Garrett Park, 1/4 mile "pocket park" service area within the 1/2 mile "neighborhood park" service area of Rogers & Maise Park.

WILLIE LOVE PARK

Park Designation: Pocket Park

SIZE:	0.25 ACRES	Comments and Recommendations: Willie Love Park is a small enclosed lot located on the corner of Crisp Road and Faulkner Avenue. A stone and pipe fence borders the area on the north and west sides of the property. The south side abuts the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Ennis. A small parking lot is located on the east side of the park. Access is gained off Crisp Road. The pipe fence encompasses several small playground features.
LOCATION:	705 CRISP ROAD	
MAIN FEATURES:	PLAYGROUND STONE AND IRON FENCE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The size, and accessibility of Willie Love Park are not ideal for a neighborhood park.2. The playground at this site is outdated and lacking a proper fall zone.3. At this time, no improvements are recommended for this site.4. Resources should be allocated to developing a north access to Roger’s & Maise Park through the “Faulkner Lot” properties. This would bring the Willie Love Park, 1/4 mile “pocket park” service area within the 1/2 mile “neighborhood park” service area of Rogers & Maise Park.5. The City should consider donating the park and it’s contents to the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

LAMPASAS LOT

Park Designation: Undeveloped Land

SIZE: 20 ACRES

LOCATION: 1700 LAMPASAS STREET

MAIN FEATURES: UNDEVELOPED LAND

Comments and Recommendations:

The “Lampasas Lot” is a 20 acre, triangle shaped property located near Hwy 287 at 1700 Lampasas Street, on the north side of the street. The property is adjacent to EISD’s Dorrie Miller Intermediate school on the west. The road frontage along Lampasas Street begins at the intersection of Lampasas and Jeter and continues until the intermediate school.

1. The size and accessibility of this land makes it ideal for development of municipal facilities, indoor recreation or community park expansion.
2. At this time, no improvements are recommended for this site.
- 3.

PIERCE PARK

Park Designation: Linear Park / Greenbelt Buffer / Special Use Park

Comments and Recommendations:

Pierce Park is located between NW Main Street, SW Main Street and the Railroad Tracks. It begins on the north from Baylor Street and continues south until Brown Street. This property serves as a buffer between the downtown business center and the railroad. There are several trees and historical monument signs and memorials within the park.

1. This park should be used as a gateway to a linear walking and biking trail which would extend from downtown to Jaycee/Kiwanis Parks to the north and to I.O.O.F. at Fairview Park to the south.
2. Downtown events are held in this area. Pierce Park adds needed shade and landscaping to the downtown area. More trees, ground cover and landscaping should be added to the park.
3. Irrigation in the park should be expanded to accommodate new landscaping and cover bare dirt areas.
4. To further expand mobility and use of the park, a sidewalk should be installed along the Main Street road frontage.
5. Picnic tables and benches should be installed at various locations under the shade of the tree cover.
6. The sidewalk should extend to the picnic tables and benches to accommodate for ADA accessibility.

SIZE: 1.72 ACRES

LOCATION: NW & SW MAIN STREET

MAIN FEATURES: MONUMENT SIGN
 LANDSCAPING
 FLAG POLE
 HISTORICAL MARKERS
 TREE COVER
 GRAVEL PARKING
 OPEN SPACE
 IRRIGATION
 LIGHTING
 SPECIAL EVENT
 ELECTRICAL PANELS & WATER CONNECTIONS
 MEMORIAL

Park Distribution Map and Service Areas

Community Park Service Area – 1 mile radius

Neighborhood Park Service Area – ½ mile radius

Pocket Park Service Area – ¼ mile radius

Special Use Athletic Complex – 3 mile radius





Future Park Considerations

- Provide park services to existing populated areas outside of existing neighborhood park service areas.
- Integrate all or portions of US Army Corps of Engineers park properties into the city's park system as the city's population growth extends toward Lake Bardwell.
- Establish a parkland dedication ordinance to ensure quality of life and park standards are maintained and land for future parks is available.

Trails System

Goal 1: Build perimeter and loop trails through existing parks.

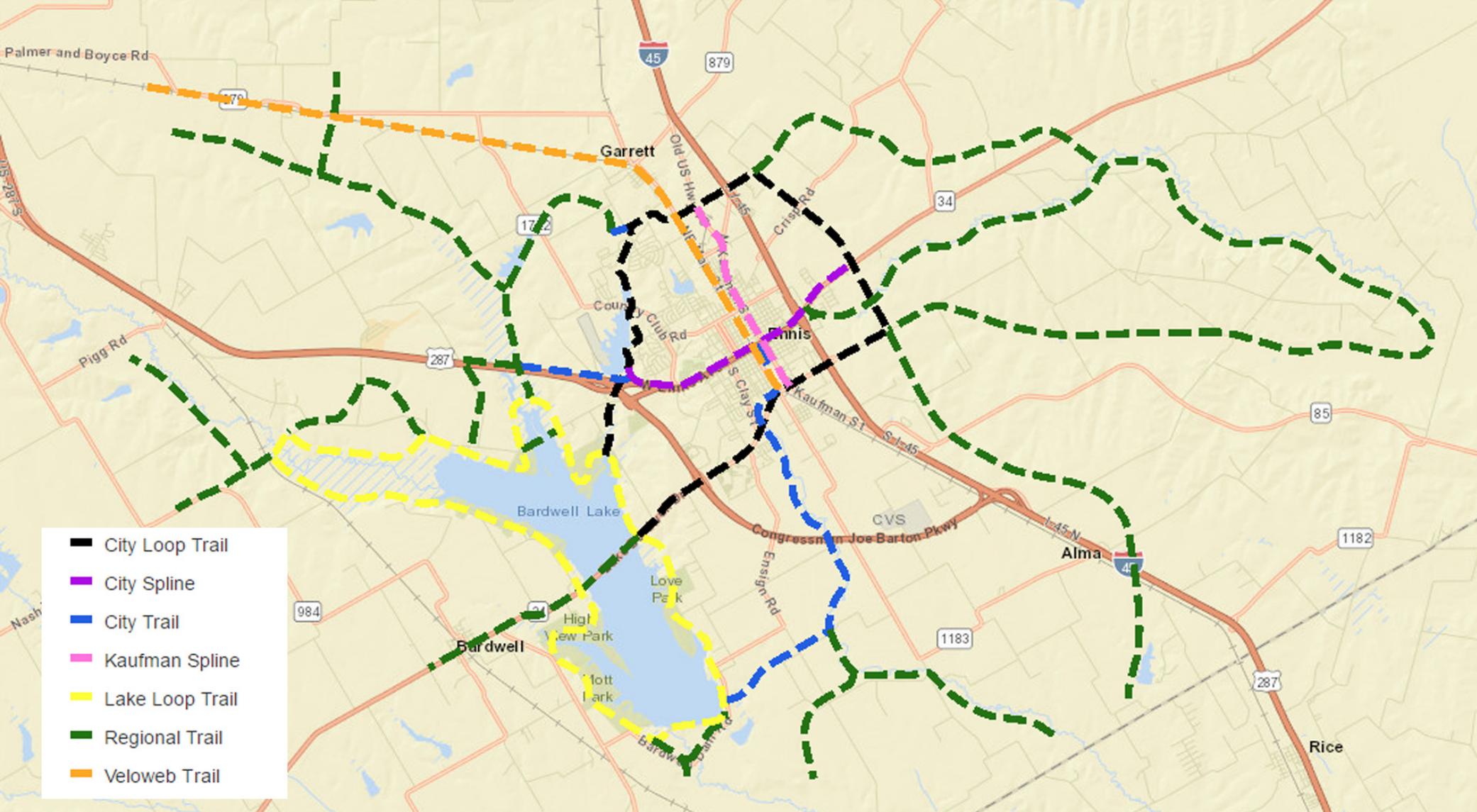
- Create a looped trail system throughout the parks facilities that will provide opportunity for recreation and passive recreation within a single park. Build trails to accommodate multiple forms of transportation including cycling, skating, jogging and hiking.
- Plant trees, and incorporate signage, benches, lighting, landscape and picnic tables to beautify and encourage usage.
- Incorporate trail heads from the loop and perimeter trails to expand into a webbed park trails system.
- Connect with Inter-Cities Trails Systems, including Veloweb and other regional trails.

Trails System

Goal 2: Provide an open space system which links parks, schools, greenbelts, neighborhoods, business/retail areas, USACE Parks, traditional gathering spaces and open spaces.

- Create a trail system throughout the City that will provide opportunity for recreation and easier united access to existing parks as well as alternative modes of transport e.g. cycling, skating, jogging and hiking.
- Research the use of utility easements; sidewalks within the street right-of-way and drainage ways as potential trail connections.
- Incorporate trail heads and new trail development into or through new developments by a Parkland Dedication Ordinance.
- Connect with Inter-Cities Trails Systems, including Veloweb and other regional trails.

2015 Comprehensive Plan Trails



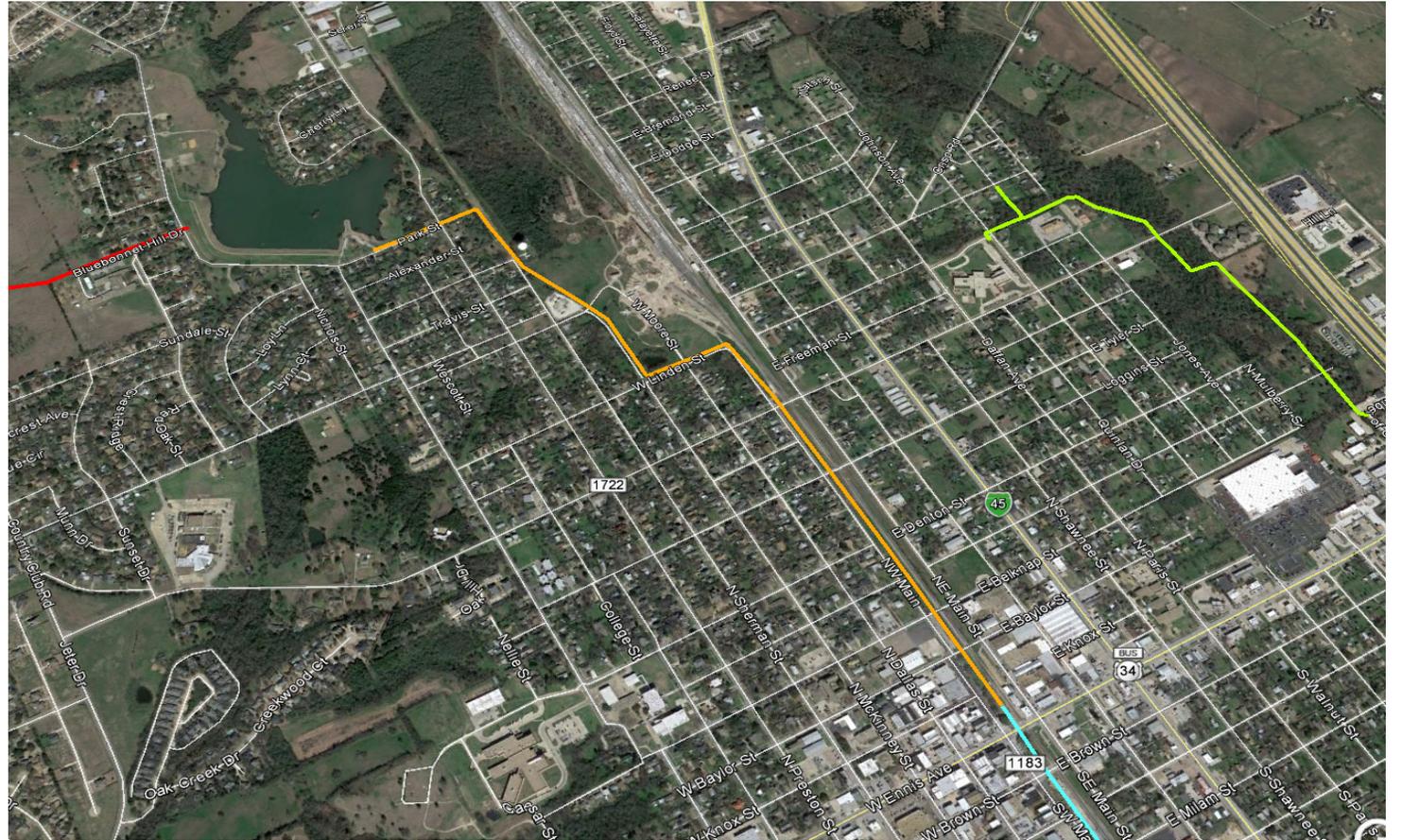
City of Ennis Parks Master Plan

Proposed Park Trails

- Park web
 - I.O.O.F. Park at Fairview to Pierce Park
 - Pierce Park to Kiwanis Park / Jaycee Park
 - Jaycee Park to Kachina Prairie / Lake Clark Park
 - Lake Clark Park to Bluebonnet Park
 - Bluebonnet Park to USACE Parks
 - Bluebonnet Park to Veterans Park
 - Veterans Park to Lions Park
 - Carver Elementary to Rogers & Maise Park to Chamber of Commerce Drive

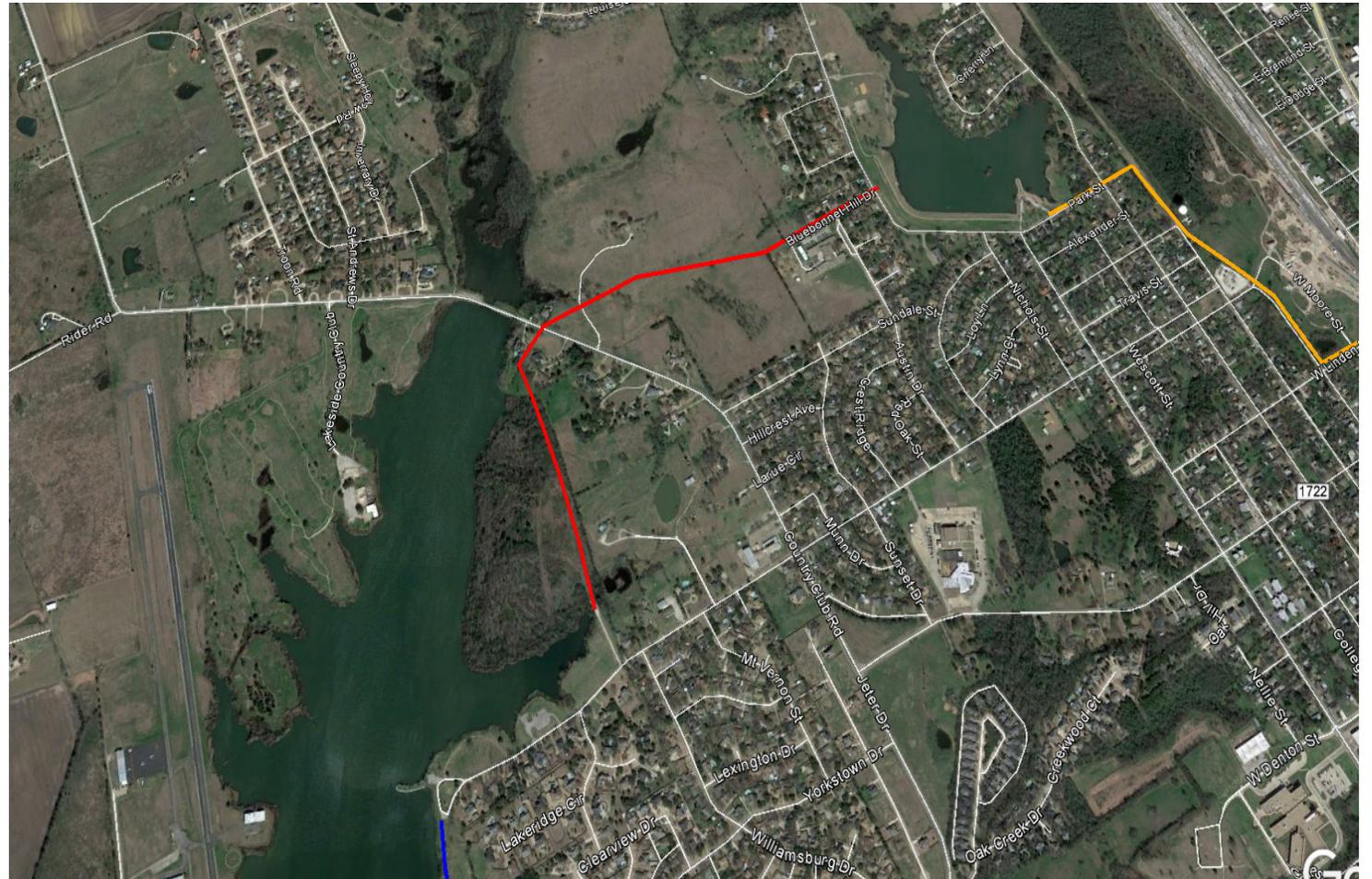
Proposed Park Trails

- Pierce Park to Kiwanis Park / Jaycee Park
 - 1.35 miles



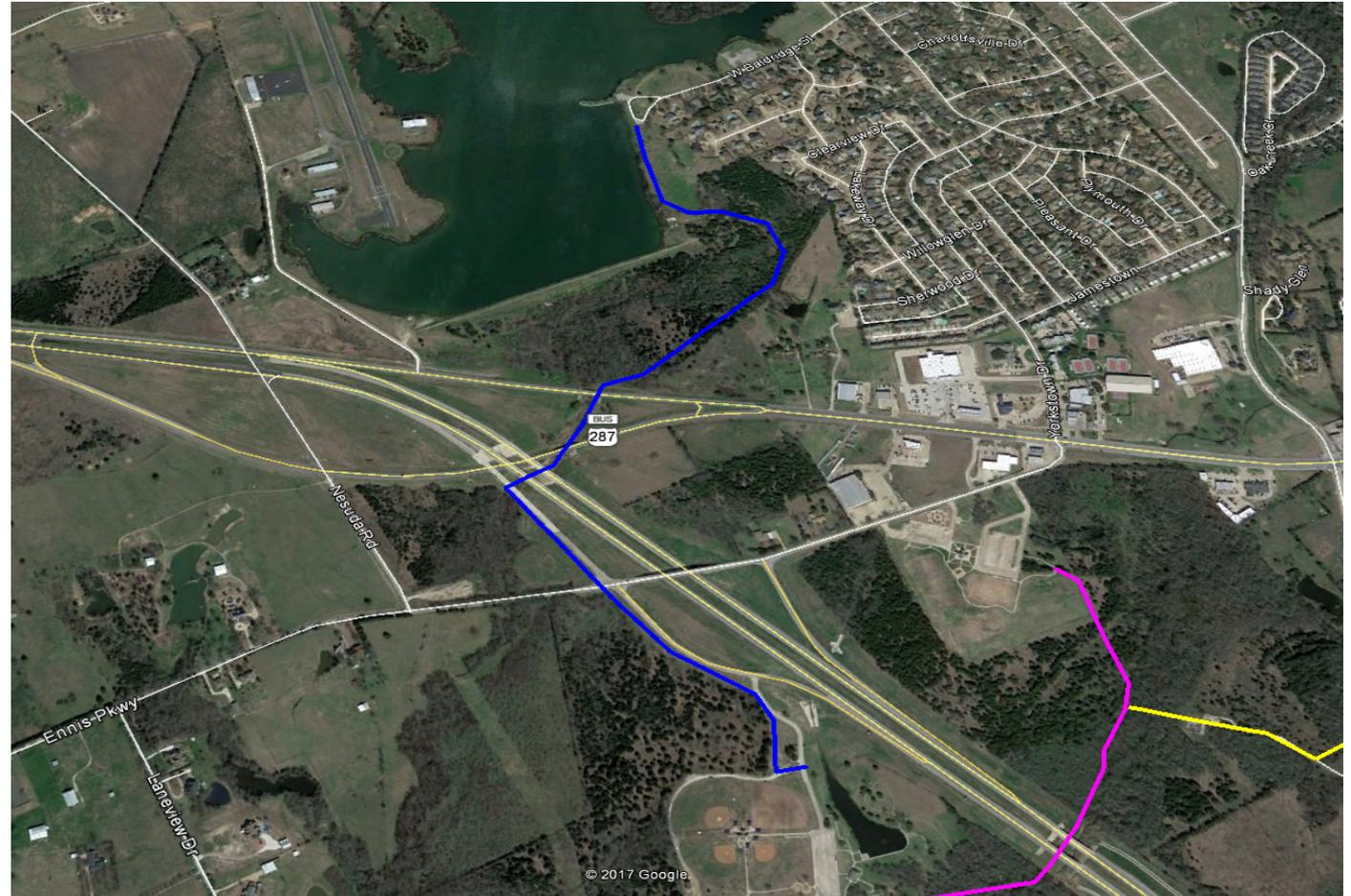
Proposed Park Trails

- Jaycee Park to Kachina Prairie / Lake Clark Park
 - 1 mile



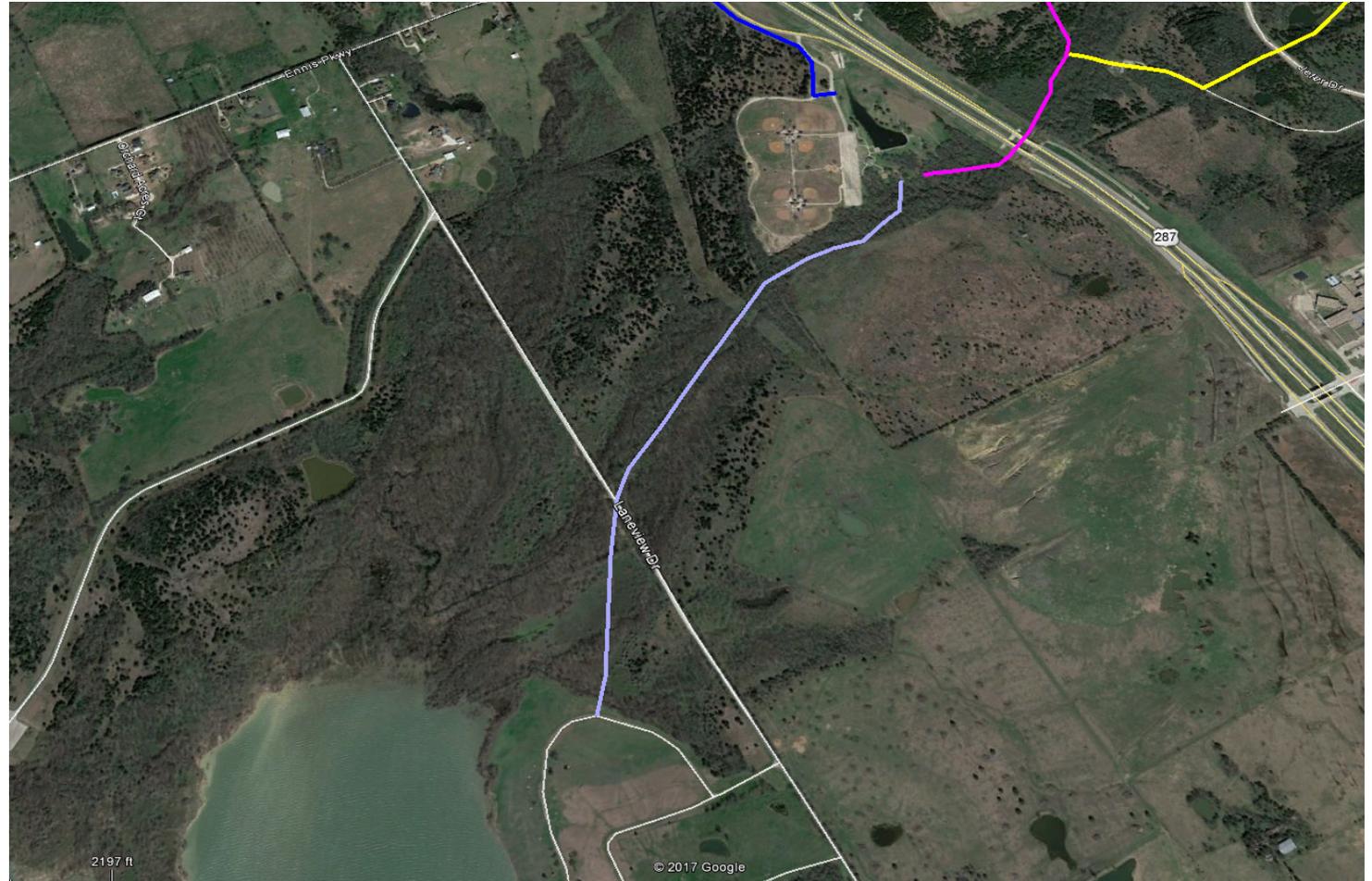
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- Lake Clark Park to Bluebonnet Park
 - 1.25 miles



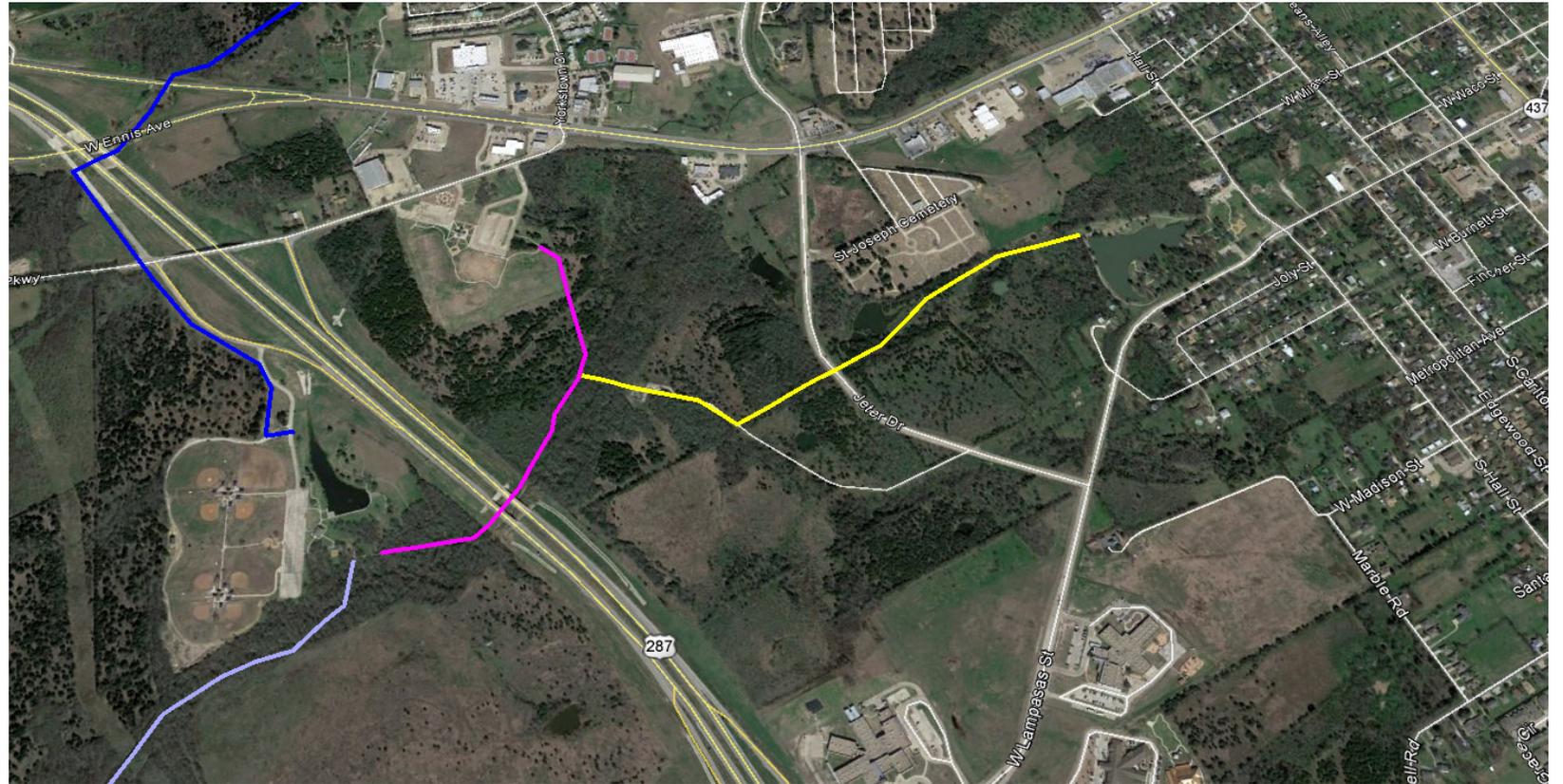
Proposed Park Trails

- Bluebonnet Park to USACE Parks
 - .90 miles



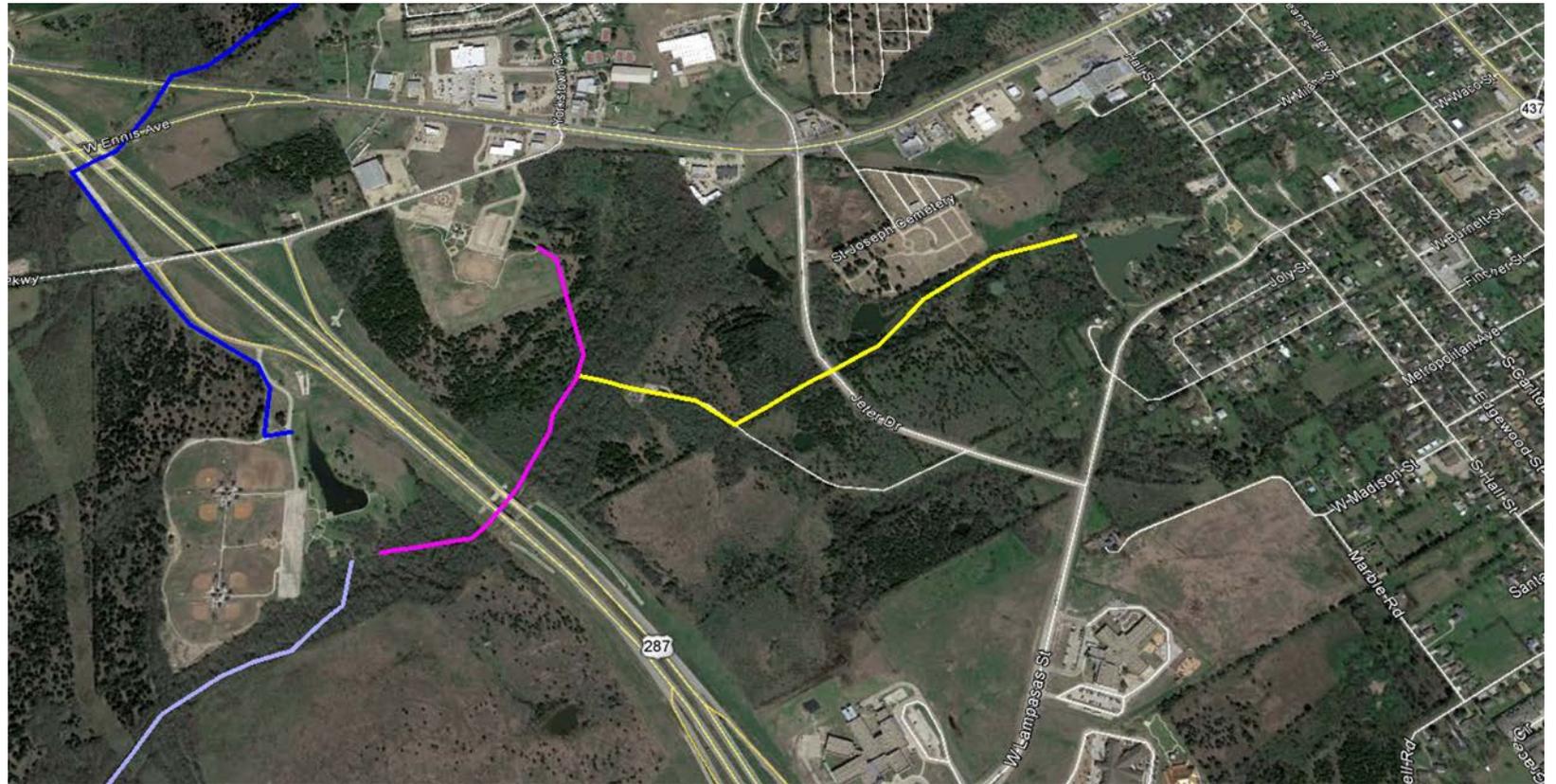
Proposed Park Trails

- Bluebonnet Park to Veterans Park
 - .50 miles



Proposed Park Trails

- Veterans Park to Lions Park
 - .65 miles



Proposed Park Trails

- Carver Elementary to Rogers & Maise Park to Chamber of Commerce Drive
 - .85 miles

