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System Plan

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Priorities:

- ❑ Enhance existing parks, greenways and athletic fields
- ❑ Greenway connectivity and wayfinding
- ❑ Equitable distribution of parks and facilities
- ❑ Highest priority programs are fitness/wellness, history, nature, aquatics, and family
- ❑ New solutions needed for urbanizing areas
- ❑ Provide for better coordination with schools
- ❑ Specialized facilities; dog parks, barrier free playgrounds, disc golf, aquatic center
- ❑ More and better specialized classes and programs
- ❑ More partnerships
- ❑ Improve athletic fields
- ❑ Enhance awareness of programs offered
- ❑ Keep character of city through art, history and diversity
- ❑ Affordable and easily accessible programs



Plan, Design and Manage the Public Realm as an Integrated System

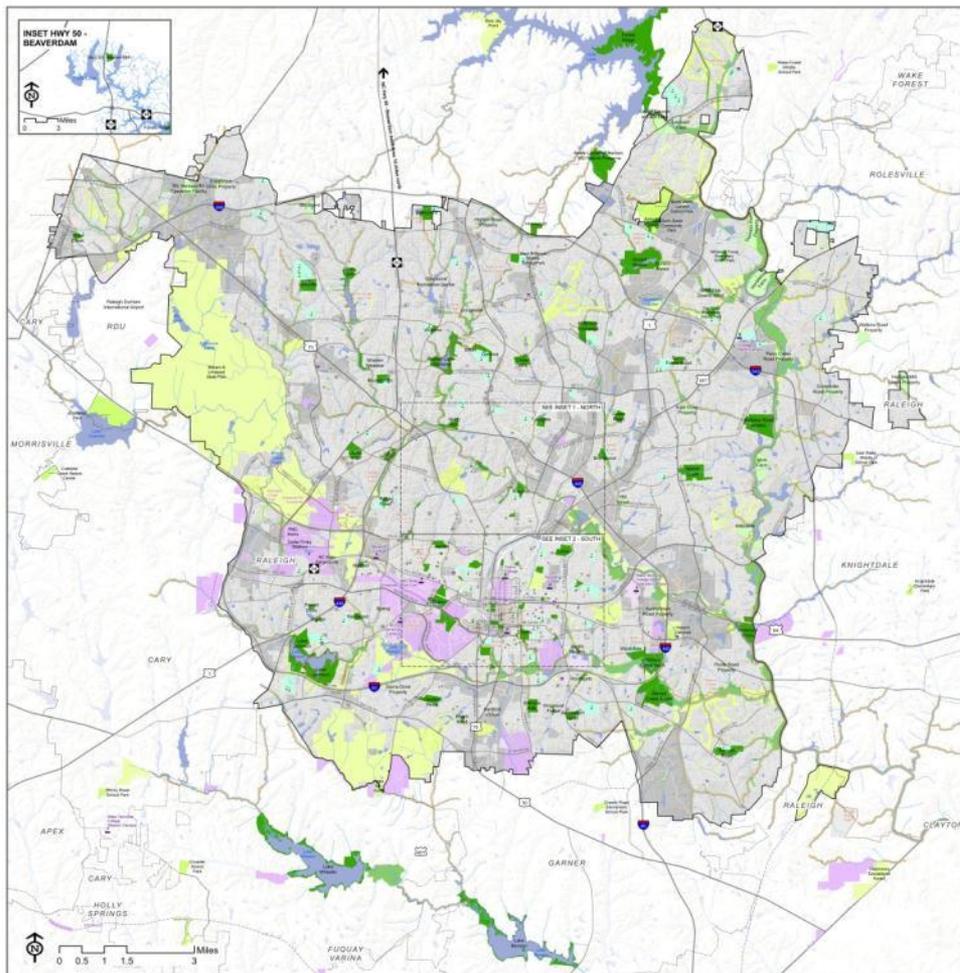
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City of Raleigh Public Realm:

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LEGEND

City of Raleigh Park	School Site	Jurisdiction	State Site	Universities and Colleges	Major Road
City of Raleigh Greenway	CDM/CAO Corridor	Raleigh ETJ	Wake County Site	Public School	Proposed Major Road
Unincorporated City Park	Greenway Trail	Residential	Historic Landmark	Private School	Street
Wake County Park	Lake/Pond/Reservoir	Non-Residential	Library	Place of Worship	Proposed Street
Non-City of Raleigh Parks & Open Space	Rivers and Streams				

City of Raleigh
Parks and Recreation - Public Realm Map

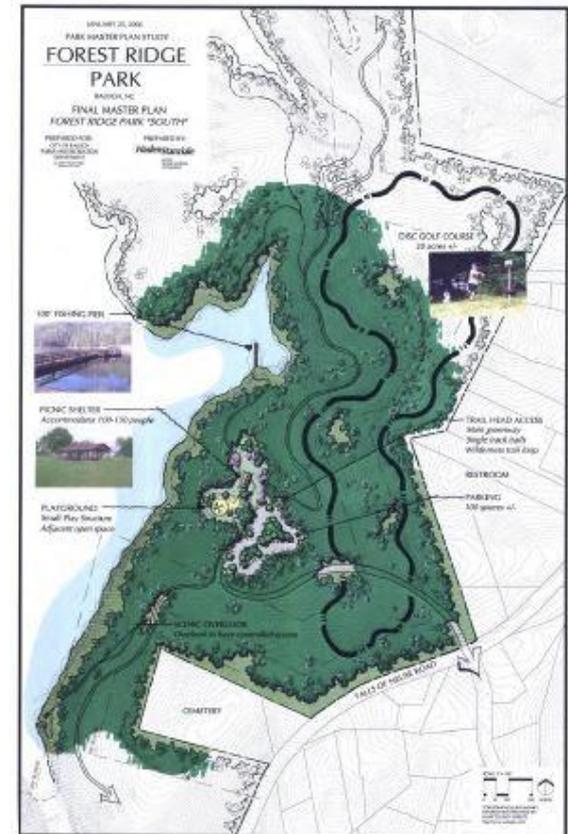


The City of Raleigh Parks and
Recreation System Plan:
*Bringing Parks to People,
and People to Parks*

1 Outdoor Adventure

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- **Forest Ridge Park Outdoor Adventure Center, Falls Whitewater Park, Neuse River Greenway Trailhead**
- **Accessible to All:** Public transportation, Greenways, Affordable, 'Adventure Pass'
- **Club/Volunteer-Driven**
- **'Nature Niches'** throughout the City





2 Sustainability

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- ❑ **Multi-modal Connectivity:** transit, pedestrian, bike, car
- ❑ **Urban Agriculture:** Community gardens, 'Farm parks'
- ❑ **Social Impacts:** Increased community decision-making, Parks as activity nodes, Active spaces that promote health and fitness, Culture that values sustainable practices
- ❑ **Continue Green Building**



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Arts

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- **‘Southern Capital of Arts and Culture’**: integrated throughout the System and the City
- **National Leader for Per Capita and Public Arts Spending**: including public and private construction
- **Increased Awareness of Economic Impacts**
- **Central Coordinating/ Fundraising Entity**: arts calendar, directory of artists and venues, liaison for public venues
- **Increased Capacity**: invest in existing organizations and venues



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Natural Areas

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- **Improved Access:**
Education, recreation, and environmental research
- **Conservation and Preservation:**
Natural areas and systems, Local watersheds
- **Think, Plan and Act**
within a broad ecological framework

Walnut Creek Wetlands Center



Fletcher Park Water Garden



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Special Populations

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- **Balance of Opportunities:**
Space, families, accessible programs and facilities, transportation
- **Increased Support:**
Education, mentoring, caregiving, transportation
- **Increased Awareness:**
County-wide, City leaders, non-profits

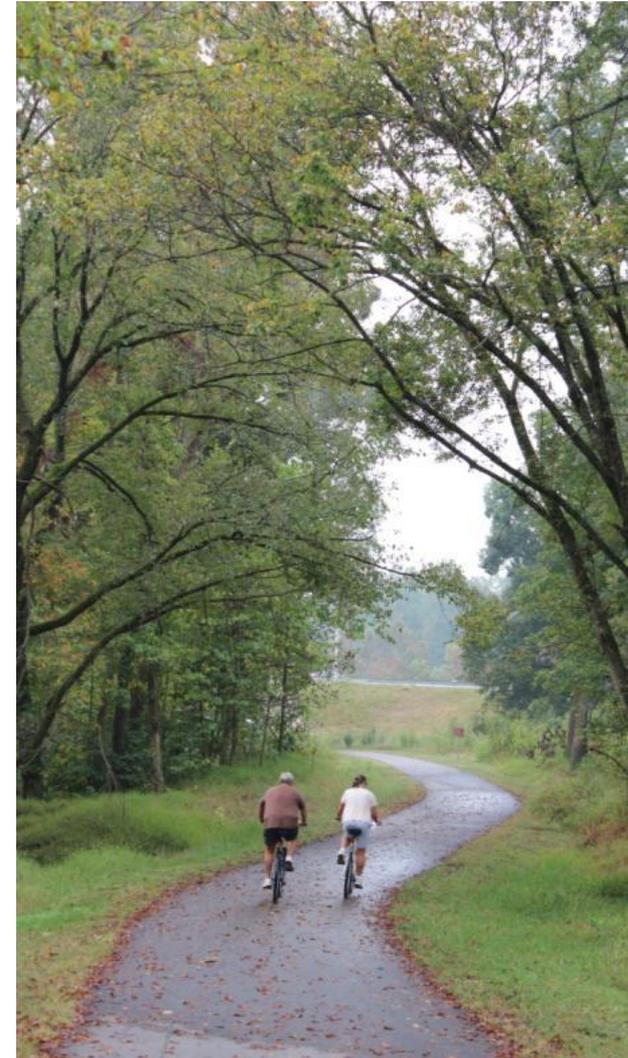


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Greenways & Trails

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- **Circulation and Route Hierarchy:** Connectivity, Integration into infrastructure, Accessible, Commuting corridors
- **Design Guidelines:** Safety, comfort, convenience, amenities, restrooms
- **Programming:** Fitness, health, wellness, environmental
- **Wayfinding:** To and from the system, Shopping and entertainment destinations, Orientation and routes





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Athletic & Aquatic Special Use Venues

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- **Multi-sport Indoor Athletic Complex:** Track and field, aquatics, tennis, basketball, others; Attract regional and national competitions, create economic impacts; Alternative turf
- **Inclusion, Awareness, and Increased Participation:** All sports accessible to all types of users, Attract tourism, Provide entertainment
- **Small Scale Skateboarding Opportunities Throughout the City**



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Equity & Existing Parks

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- ❑ **Equity:** Public transportation, accessible, affordable, distribution, inclusive, high quality
- ❑ **New Neighborhood/ Walk-to Parks:** ½ - 1 mile service area, Public access to school facilities
- ❑ **Standard City-wide ‘Amenities Package’:** Wi-fi, Café tables and chairs, Adult swings, Art, Food and beverage, equipment concessions, etc.
- ❑ **On-going Public Involvement in Park Improvements:** ‘Re-purposing’ to respond to local needs



Oakwood Common

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Community Health & Fitness

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- ▣ **Flexible and Diverse Spaces:** Accessible, connected, urban
- ▣ **Health Integrated into Parks:** Fitness, active lifestyle, food and nutrition
- ▣ **Health and Fitness Culture throughout the System and the City:** Dispersed programs, frequent schedule, integrated into daily life



Yoga Class in Nash Square



10 Urban Populations + Growth Centers:

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- ❑ **Enhance Existing Downtown Squares** to respond to urban lifestyles, attract new residents and businesses
- ❑ **New Urban Parks in Redevelopment Areas (Pockets of ‘Wow!’):** Proactive planning, acquisition and development
- ❑ **New Classification(s) and Acquisition Criteria**
- ❑ **Creative Funding:** Partnerships, reimbursement, fees, BIDs, bonds, others; Different mechanisms for different spaces (neighborhood, pocket, plaza, green, etc.)



11 Historic Resources

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- **Protect and Preserve Precious Resources**
- **Proactive Approach, Tell the Unique Raleigh Story, e.g. ‘City of Public Service’:** Acquisitions, interpretation, programs, overall experience, transportation, integration with other system elements
- **Multiple Sources of Funding and Support:** Adaptive use, entertainment value, art, partnerships, volunteers



Tucker House, Raleigh

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Multiculturalism

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- **Recreation Centers as Multicultural Centers:** Multicultural staff, family participation, multi-lingual
- **Improved Communication between City Leaders and Multicultural Communities:** Prioritizing multicultural issues through ambassadors program, better multicultural representation, improved outreach, promotion of multicultural events



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Active Adults

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- ❑ **Enhanced Transportation and Accessibility:** Affordable and convenient public transportation 24/7, accessible sidewalks, trails and greenways
- ❑ **Expansion of Existing Centers:** Longer hours, variety of indoor and outdoor programs and facilities, intergenerational facilities and programs, therapy pools
- ❑ **Technology-based Activities and Programs**
- ❑ **Fitness and Wellness for All Ages and Abilities**
- ❑ **Continue to Support Senior Clubs**



Five Points Active
Adults Center

14 Parks & Transportation

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- **Equitable Access to Parks:**
Integrated, multi-modal, accessible, safe routes to schools and parks, complete streets
- **Additional Parks** to fill in gaps
- **Implement Existing Transportation Plans**
- **Increase Awareness** of transportation alternatives



Marbles Kids Museum, Raleigh

15 Education: Youth & Teen

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- ❑ **Affordable, Convenient Public Transportation:** Youth passes, shuttles, improved City center service areas, home to schools to parks
- ❑ **Better Places to ‘Hang Out’:** More things to do, meet friends, work out, skate, basketball, etc.
- ❑ **Integrated Skateboarding throughout the City**
- ❑ **Access to Nature/ Adventure Facilities and Programs**
- ❑ **Life Skill Programs:** Mentors, tutors, finances, college opportunities, jobs, guest speakers
- ❑ **Increased Collaboration with Wake County Schools and Colleges**



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People to Parks, Parks to People

- Integration
- Connectivity
- Equity
- Technology
- Communication
- Public/ Private Partnerships



Where are we in the planning?

Existing
Conditions
Overview



Needs &
Priorities
Assessment



Visioning



Implementation
Plan

Completed

Completed

**Visioning
Sessions,
On-line
Website**

**Fall/ Winter
Public
'Check-in'**

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