



2020 Park Board



Haysville Parks Master Plan

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Purpose

The purpose of the Haysville Comprehensive Park Plan is to describe the current situation of Haysville's existing park and recreation facilities and to project future needs and improvements that will satisfy both the short range and long range recreational needs of the City. A discussion of Haysville's park areas and their evolving needs follows.

Riggs Park

Riggs Park contains approximately 19.5 acres. The Cowskin Creek forms its eastern boundary and extends approximately 2,200 linear feet along the park. There is a small picturesque lake in the northern part of the park which occupies a large portion of the Cowskin Creek floodplain. A gazebo sits on the south side of the lake. The lake is stocked and is used regularly by citizens. A wide and relatively deep channel, which was an old meander of a creek, bisects the park and gives the lower half of Riggs some interesting topographic character. The City Hike & Bike Path was installed and curves through the park. With the installation of the path; Hinkley lighting, black wire benches and trash receptacles were installed to make this section uniform with other portions of the path. The lighting increases park security and extends hours of utilization.

The northern portion of the park has two shelters; Timberlane Shelter, an open picnic shelter, and the Lion's Club Shelter. Both shelters are on concrete pads and provide clean, attractive areas for picnic activity. The Lions Club Shelter is enclosed and has restrooms, kitchen facilities and an outdoor barbeque grill. Restroom facilities in the northern section of the park were remodeled in 2012, with an additional set of ADA compliant restrooms added to the south side of the existing facilities. These facilities are open year round. Two off-street parking areas have been developed in the northern park and are accessible from Park Drive. The parking area to the west has a gravel surface and a capacity of approximately 25 to 30 vehicles.

The eastern parking area is paved and contains handicapped parking for 4 vehicles. The south portion of the park contains two picnic shelters: Riggs Shelter and the Police Shelter.

Riggs Shelter was rebuilt in 2003 and its design serves as the template for all park shelters built since then. These structures are brick and have ADA compliant bathroom facilities, which were engineered for favorable air flow to keep restroom temperatures tolerable, and to aid in odor control. The two shelters have electricity and water facilities available by key to renters of the shelters. A Band Shell is also available for rental, and is used as a stage for a variety of events.

The south side of the park has a large, asphalt-surfaced off-street parking lot, which can be accessed at two points from Hungerford. The parking area is not marked, but is estimated to hold approximately 16 vehicles. There is adequate security lighting in the parking lot, and throughout the park.

Playground equipment is located throughout the park, but can be viewed as consisting of two distinct areas. The northern area was redone in 2017 and consists of equipment meant to serve ages 2-5 years old. The southern area features a 6 bay-swing set, merry-go-round and jungle-gym type of equipment with multiple play options. There are two black wire benches for seating.

Completed Improvements

In 2012 the pond was dredged to a depth of 6', trees were removed from around the pond when this project was completed. The spillway was replaced with a recessed structure and the well pump and fountain were replaced. The parking lot to the north was surface sealed in 2010. Damaged slides in the southern park were replaced, and a nine-hole disc-golf course was installed throughout the Park in 2011. The fence was removed around the horseshoe pits for easier maintenance. In 2015, the old swings and merry go round north of the south shelter were removed. A new 3-bay swing structure was installed with a concrete apron, drainage system and new wood chips. In 2015 a floating dock and sidewalk from the north parking lot was installed. This was to allow for ADA accessibility after a complaint was received after the rip rap was installed around the lake. In 2017, a drinking fountain was installed that has an additional attachment for canine usage. This fountain is located on the south end of the park by the hike/bike path. In 2012 the north teeter-totters were replaced, the other equipment was replaced in 2017. This included a new slide, play structure and tire swing with a concrete border. Near this area, the girl scouts completed a beautification project on the WWII Veteran's Memorial. Additional larger rip rap was placed around the lake in 2018. Furthermore, huge improvements were made to the WIFI speeds increasing them from 5 Mbps to an average of 50 Mbps.

Planned Improvements

- Replace the two benches in the northern park area that do not match the standard.
- Replace the water main.
- Update Timberlane Shelter lighting to vandal-proof lighting.
- Upgrade gravel parking facilities to hard surface due to deterioration.
- Replace the gravel road with a twelve foot asphalt roadway.
- Mark gravel parking lot to bring it into ADA compliance.
- Landscaping is deemed as complete, but continual maintenance on areas such as the concrete H is a necessity.

History

Harley and Mildred Riggs were the original owners of the park area. The city grew around their land. Before being taken into the City, Harley platted his ground, and in the original plat there were three streets to be named for his three grandchildren - Sarah (Lane), Christine (Court) and Larry (Drive). Larry Drive was eventually omitted for drainage purposes. The northern 11 acres of the park were originally platted as Timberlane Park when that addition was developed. The dividing line between the two parks was described as an old drainage tributary that extended from the Park Drive and Timberlane Drive Intersection almost directly east to the Cowskin Creek. In May of 2015 the Park Board voted to combine the two parks into one, in accord with popular perception of the entire area as Riggs Park.



Fred A. Cohlmia Memorial Park & Dewey Gunzelman Swimming Pool

Fred A. Cohlmia Memorial Park contains approximately 7 acres and is located along the east bank of the Cowskin Creek. Approximately 650 linear feet of Cowskin Creek make up the park's west boundary. The park is relatively flat over its total area. The Dewey Gunzelman Swimming Pool is located within this park. The park contains a playground area for 9-12 year olds with shaded seating, two sand volleyball courts with lights available for after-hours usage, a drinking fountain, security cameras and a bike rack. A portion of the City's Hike & Bike Path runs parallel to the Cowskin Creek.

The Dewey Gunzelman Swimming Pool, which was rebuilt in 1991, is an eight lane 50-meter offset "L" shaped swimming pool. The diving bay includes both one-meter and three-meter diving boards, and a drop slide.

The shallow end of the main pool has a 160-foot blue slide and an ADA compliant chair lift. The intermediate pool includes a small water slide and baby pool. The pool also has a concession stand, picnic tables, seven shade structures, benches and showers in the bathroom facilities. A new parking lot located south of the HAC provides ample parking to serve the needs of patrons for the HAC and pool. Additional parking is located north of the swimming pool on Sarah Lane.



Completed Improvements

In 2008 installation of a splash pad was completed on the northwest corner of the pool. Two benches, a shade structure and fencing were installed. The fencing was constructed so that citizens can access the splash pad before and after the pool is open/closed. In 2013 a sidewalk was added along the east side of the volleyball courts from Clinton Ave to the Hike and Bike Path. In 2016, on-street parking was added along Sarah Lane during the construction of the new Activity Center that was completed in June of 2017. A second sand volleyball court was added in 2017. A bike fix-it station was installed in 2017. In 2018, a new playground was installed with a drinking fountain, 2 canopies and a sidewalk connection, 2 security cameras were added to cover this area. New bike racks were installed next to the Activity Center and the playground. Grass was also planted along with 7 trees as part of the Arbor Day Tree Planting in 2018. In 2019, picnic tables with ADA accesability were purchased for the concession stand. Deck chairs were purchased for patrons to use.

Planned Improvements

- We would like to add outdoor large sized games (e.g., chess, jenga, permanent corn hole, etc.)
- An additional parking lot could be added for overflow parking to the north of Sarah Lane.

History

Fred A. Cohlmiya was a local businessman and supporter of the community. He owned Cohlmiya's Clothing Store. Dewey Gunzelman Swimming Pool was named after Dewey Gunzelman, who lived north of the floodway. Before Haysville had a public pool, he owned a private pool which he opened up for use by area children.



Plagens-Carpenter Park/Sports Complex

Plagens-Carpenter Park consists of 30 acres located south of 63rd Street and west of Mabel Street. Four multi-use baseball diamonds exist on the north section of the land. In the middle of these fields is a storage area and concession stand. Field one is home to the Campus High School and the Aviator Collegiate baseball teams. Field one has an announcer box and flag pole for use during games. Field three is used for Campus JV baseball games.

Two multi-use diamonds are located on the south end of the park, and are used for play and practice. These fields are practice fields for the Campus softball team. Two youth-sized diamonds are located on the eastern edge of the complex that are used for play and practice for the youth league. Two batting cages are located between fields two and three. All of the fields have irrigation systems.

The park area of Plagens-Carpenter Park includes two shelters. The main enclosed shelter was built in 2003, adhering to the template used in the other City parks. The second shelter was built as an Eagle Scout project and is not enclosed. Existing playground equipment is older and not up to current standards. A basketball court is located in the southeast corner of the park. The parking lot is gravel and extends the entire length of the park, east to west and south along field six. A smaller parking lot is located to the north of field eight. Although not marked, the parking lots can hold approximately 100 vehicles. The parking lot must remain gravel to maintain FEMA Floodplain requirements, but ADA compliance needs to be evaluated

Completed Improvements

Fields five, six, seven and eight have been added, completing the complex field design. An announcer box and flag pole were added to field one in 2011. Yellow capping and irrigations systems have been completed on all fields. Three additional storage sheds have been installed for equipment. Additional bleachers have been added to fields one, five, six, seven and eight. Additional concrete was added next to the announcer box on Field #1. As well as concrete pads and sidewalks going out to Fields #7 and #8. In 2016, new score boards were added on fields #2, #3 and #4, along with an LED sign on field #1. In 2017, a new scoreboard was installed on field #1. At this same time WIFI coverage was expanded with a second access point placed on the new scoreboard.

History

The park was named after Otto Plagens and Jack Carpenter who the City purchased the front 10 acres of land from. The back 10 acres were purchased by the Sunflower Improvement district for park land. The original name for the park was Carpenter-Plagens. Jack Carpenter asked the name to be changed to what it is today. In 1987 dirt work began, in 1994 the first ball game was played on Field 1. Field 1 and 2 were completed at that time, between 94-98 fields 3 and 4 were built and they were completed after tornado damage in 1999. The Concession stand was completed around 2000.



Haysville Parks Master Plan Planned Improvements

- Build playground equipment between fields four and seven.
- Replace park equipment and redesign the parking lot to accommodate for additional parking.
- Repaint the small shelter in the park area.
- Install a drinking water fountain next to Carl Hall fields.
- Construct restroom facilities between the south and east fields.
- Evaluate the parking lots for ADA compliance, within FEMA guidelines.
- Add concrete pads to the bleachers on fields 1, 5 and 6.
- Install shade or netting structures over all bleachers.
- Install protective netting between fields.
- Complete WIFI access on the third access point (North Gate House) for extra coverage.
- Finish the concrete around the concession stand area.
- Make provisions for the 63rd street bike/pedestrian project to include plans to connect to the park in the future.
- Add lighting to fields 5 and 6.

Orchard Acres Park

Orchard Acres Park is located on South Ward Parkway to the west of the Orchard Acres Addition and north of the South Field Addition. It is a long, narrow parcel and contains approximately 3.0 acres. Most of the site is relatively flat and is bordered on the west by a 20-foot wide drainage channel. On the north end of park is a concrete slab and basketball goals. In the middle is a small open shelter with picnic tables next to a large playground area. On the south end (Southfield addition) is the main shelter, built in 2003, which adheres to the template used in the other City parks. The Old Oak disc golf course runs through this park as well. There is parking available along the street.

Completed Improvements

The playground area has been updated with a new drainage system, new wood chips, a concrete apron and three additional pieces of equipment. The open shelter next to the playground was repaired and repainted. Three additional trees were planted next to the basketball courts as a part of the Arbor Day Tree Planting in 2018.

Planned Improvements

- Add dedicated on-street parking.

History

Mary and Leon Miller were the original owners of the land, Charlie June was the developer. Mike Dirck platted and developed the Southfield addition.





Pear Tree Park

Pear Tree Park is located in the east central portion of town between North Marlen Drive and Moy Avenue. Much of the site contains a major drainage channel; however there are two parcels that are flat and large enough to contain facilities. One has been developed into Pear Tree Park, the other Whisler Park, which will be discussed later. Pear Tree Park contains a shelter, basketball court, playground area and sprinkler system. The shelter was built in 2003 and adheres to the template used in the other City parks.

Completed Improvements

In 2015 the outdated playground equipment was removed. New equipment, along with a new drainage system, wood chips and concrete apron, were installed. The equipment is suited for ages 5-12 years old.

Planned Improvements

- No improvements are planned at this time.

History

The original owners were the Hurley's. Marlen and James McIntosh purchased the land from them. The McIntosh's owned a realty company next to the current Noah's donut shop. McIntosh did not finish the development.

Whisler Park

Whisler Park is located just north of Freeman Avenue at the location where the drainage channel exits the Pear Tree Addition. The site is approximately .4 acres in size. The park contains an open shelter and toddler play equipment for ages 2-4 years.

Completed Improvements

In 2016 on street parking was installed. New toddler playground equipment was installed, as well as two expression swings. In 2017, irrigation design and repairs were made.

Planned Improvements

- Install a splash pad similar, but smaller in size than the one located at Cohlma Park.
- Add benches and smaller sunshades near the spray ground.
- Install a drinking water fountain.
- Plant additional trees throughout the park.

History

The area was platted with the Pear Tree addition. Marlen and James McIntosh platted the property. The park was renamed in memory of Norman Whisler, who died in August 1998. Norman lived next to the park on Moy Street. The original park had trees, a swing set and slide that were installed for his dedication.



Old Oak Park

Old Oak Park is located in the Old Oak Addition next to the Public Works main office on South Jane Street. The majority of the park consists of a spring fed lake and the banks surrounding it. The banks have been cleaned and lined to accommodate fishing.

Completed Improvements

An 18-hole disc golf course has been installed in the park with assistance from the Air Capitol Disc Golf Association. The course includes tees for both amateur and professional golfers. In 2015, an aerator was added to the lake due to persistent algae. In addition, a dock was added to allow access to the middle of the lake for fishing and ADA accessibility on the east side of town. In 2016, two sets of launching pads were poured for each disc golf hole. Stepping stones were also added at the south end of the ditch so players can cross over to the connecting shelter. Signage was completed for both the short and long tees. Signage with rules was placed near the Public Works office. A bike fix-it station was installed near the Public Works building in 2017. In 2020, the dock was moved to Dorner Lake due to the inconsistency of the water level.



Old Oak Park

Planned Improvements

- Build a shelter with template used in other city parks. Restrooms could serve both the disc golf course and the skate Park.
- Install a drinking fountain is needed
- Plant additional trees though out the park.
- Add a foot golf course to coincide with the existing golf course.

History

Delos Nelson was the original owner of the land which was purchased by Lusk development. W.E. Lusk Jr developed and platted the area. The pond and skate park were included in the Old Oak development.



Chris Elsen Memorial Skate Park

The Chris Elsen Memorial Skate Park was opened in May of 2005 and funded by the Haysville Park Board. The park contains a half pipe, quarter pipe, two moguls, and grinding bar. A portion of the Hike & Bike Path leads to the park, and a basketball court is located adjacent to the park.

Completed Improvements

In 2018, new lighting was installed, along with security cameras.

Planned Improvements

- Evaluate equipment to determine which pieces should be replaced due to deterioration.
- Expand existing equipment to increase BMX track capabilities.

History

In the spring of 2005 Tim Elsen, brother of Chris Elsen (middle school student who had recently passed away due to a heart condition) approached Park Board to discuss the possibility of naming the new skate park in memory of his brother. Skate boarding was one of Chris's favorite pastimes.

City Council approved this decision and the park was named in Chris's memory.



Kirby Park

Kirby Park contains approximately 4 acres, is flat, and drains to the east. The Kirby Shelter was built in 2003, adhering to the template used in the other City parks. The first playground equipment was based off the same template of the other parks in 2003. A basketball court sits at the northeast corner of the park, and practice soccer fields are located to the east. The park has an irrigation system, and a pond is situated at the southeast corner of the park, extending through the surrounding residential development. The pond is maintained by the City.

Completed Improvements

Trees have been removed from the banks as the pond has matured. Two additional pieces of playground equipment were purchased and installed in the play area along with a concrete apron, drainage system and wood chips in 2015. In 2016, a new teeter totter was replaced and rock lining was placed around the lake.

Planned Improvements

- Install a drinking water fountain.
- Install a spray ground similar to the splash pad at Fred A. Cohlma.
- Plant additional trees in the area.
- The HOA requested a dock be added to the lake similar to what was installed in Old Oak and Riggs Park. Prices were provided and discussion with the HOA included the fact the dock would have to allow public access and which has been an issue in the past with fishing.

History

Howard Rischel owned and developed the Peachwood addition (Grand to 4th street) which tied into the Southhampton development. The original owners of the Hampton property were Marcell and Melvin Hampton Sr., they platted the pond for park space. The City bought the park land from Hampton for dedication in conjunction with the Peachwood development. The park was named after DL Kirby who worked for public works that died in early 1980's. The swing set was later donated by Curtis Hampton in memory of his daughter, Stephanie Hampton Downing, who passed away.



Kirby Park and Shelter



Kirby Park Shelter

WW Hays Historic Park

On August 1, 1891, W.W. Hays and his wife Juliet platted the land they owned so that the town, later know as Haysville, could begin. This area was 161.5 acres located at E 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 6 and W 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 29 Range 1 East, Sedgwick County. The original plat included Lots 1 through 28 running along what was called Main Street (now called South Main). In March of 1898, Haysville First Addition which included Lots 1 through 15 on Hays Street was platted. A small town boasting a lumberyard, blacksmith shop, two stores and a meat market had been founded.

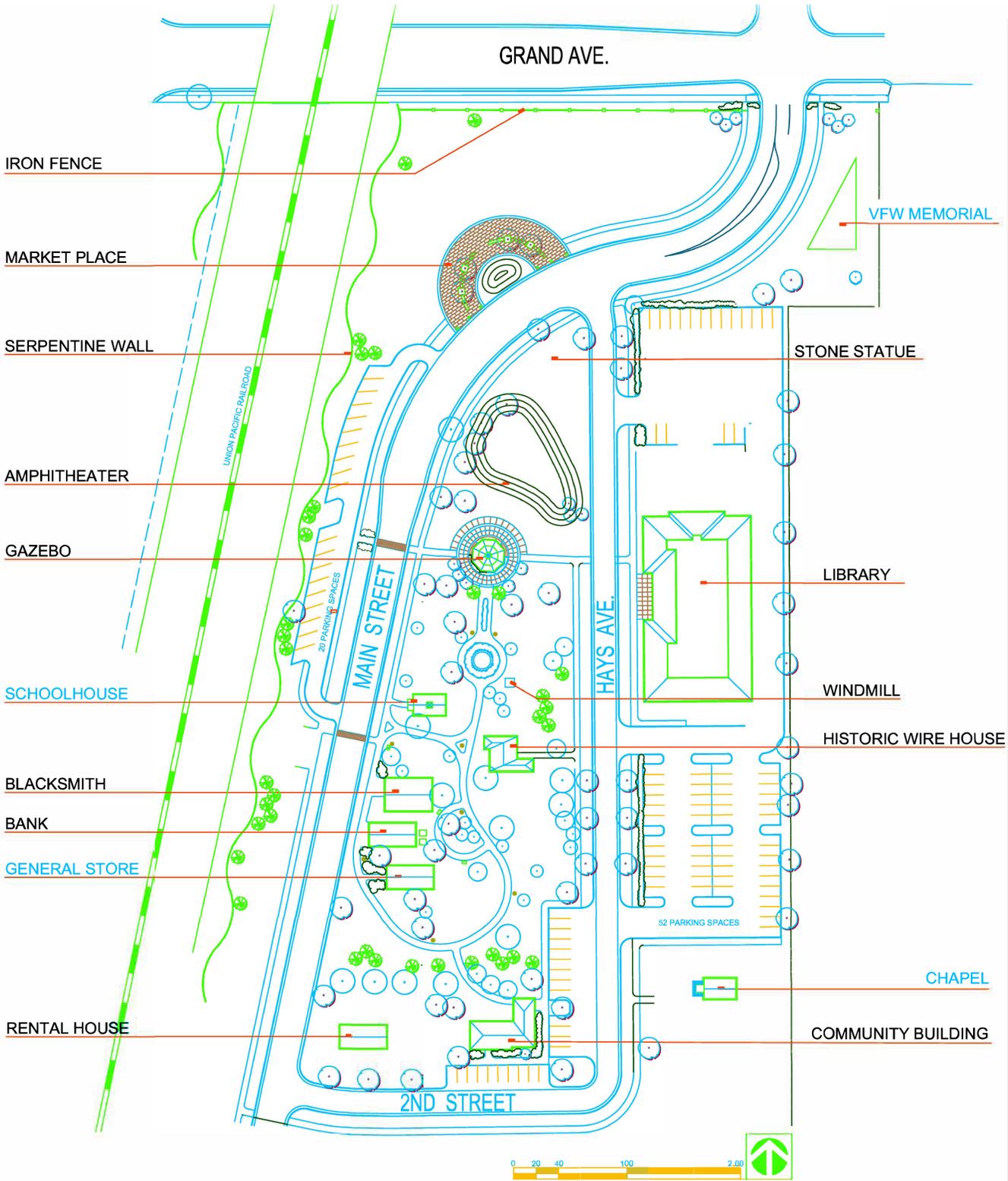
In 1999 this area of “original” Haysville was destroyed by a tornado. In the aftermath, the City of Haysville designated the devastated area a park, naming it W.W. Hays Village Historic Park, and adopted a Master Plan to accommodate development and redevelopment within the area. The park now includes the Wire House, Blacksmith Shop, Haysville State Bank and accompanying outhouses, John Deere Tractor, Library, Community Building, Hometown Market, Historic Gazebo, perennial gardens, a windmill, walking path and Masonic Lodge.

Completed Improvements

Existing buildings are shown on the map below. In 2019 the Wire house was re-sided and painted and the porch was replaced, portions of the Community Building were re-sided and painted, the bank was remodeled and turned into an office and diseased rose bushes were removed.

Planned Improvements

- See map for future additions.



HISTORIC DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

FUTURE PROJECT
EXISTING

CITY OF HAYSVILLE 200 W. GRAND P.O. BOX 404 HAYSVILLE, KANSAS 67060

Haysville Parks Master Plan



WW Hays Historic Park

History

Perennial Gardens

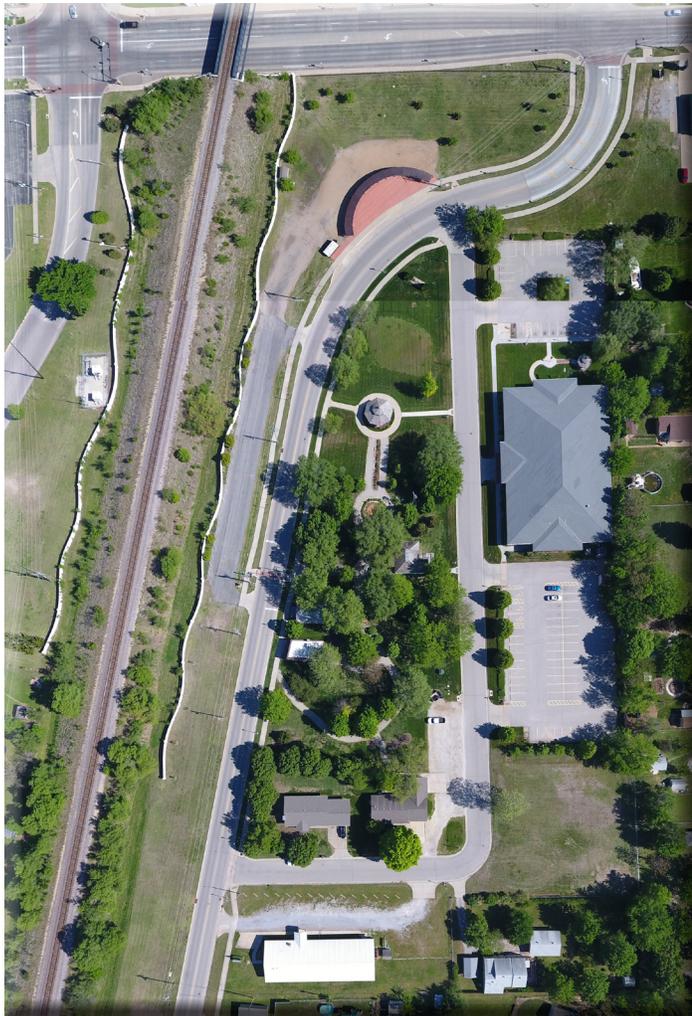
Dedicated citizens have worked many hours planting and maintaining the beautiful gardens in the park. There are several memorial plaques located throughout the park:

WWII Veterans on behalf of Keever Wire VFW 6957

- Claire Shipe (May 2, 1941 - January 2008)
- Kenneth D. Lewis (March 28, 1939 - September 26, 2001)
- Allan E. Cooley (July 5, 1935 - August 3, 2002)
- Phillis Cooley (July 22, 1936 - July 25, 1999)
- Howard K. Ragland (June 2, 1927 - January 11, 2005)
- George Beard (December 31, 1925 - March 31, 2002)
- Howard Cook (October 30, 1939 - August 27, 2008)
- Robert P. Davis Sr. (September 12, 1922 - February 8, 2001)
- Imogene Rardin (October 14, 1936 - August 19, 2008)
- Eunice P. Schenk (June 9, 1923 - November 17, 2004)
- Clarence J. Schenk (July 9, 1923 - November 25, 2003)
- Mildred L.J. Davis (August 12, 1925 - February 11, 2002)
- Carol Jean Huff (January 31, 1947 - June 9, 2007)

Haysville Library

The Haysville Community Library was established by referendum of the voters in April 1977. Betty Cattrell was named Director in June, and served as the only staff member. The library was initially housed in the Hemphill School building, built in 1948. Private donations supplied books and materials, and in 1978, the Library became part of the Kansas Library System. In 1993, the library moved into a new 10,000 square foot building, which was partially destroyed in the devastating tornado of May 3, 1999. Then, in July of 2009, the library moved into its present home in the heart of Haysville's Historic District.



Chapel

In 1893 the Hays family donated 10 lots in what is now the Historic District for the Prairie Home Christian Church and the Methodist Church. The Methodist Church was built at the corner of Hays and Grand and the Christian Church was moved from its original location south of 63rd and Broadway to First Street between South Main and South Hays. These two chapels were destroyed in the 1999 tornado. The District has become a popular site for weddings. The Historic Committee is planning to either build a replica of the Methodist Church or bring in a salvaged historic church.

Pride Park

Pride Park is located at the intersection of Main & Grand and is a showcase of Haysville. This is a passive park with a water fountain located at its south end. The fountain features two sculpted metal Haysville signs, and illuminated water shows that run at set times. The fountain opens yearly in early-May and runs until the end of October, depending on weather. Between the fountain and the north flower bed is a colored brick-patterned concrete patio with four benches. A portion of the Hike & Bike Path borders the park. The park has a sprinkler system and is equipped with trash receptacles.

Completed Improvements

The long-awaited water fountain was finally completed in 2014. The area has been landscaped with grass, flowering plants and trees. In 2016 fountain lights were repaired and the interior was painted. In 2017, a new drinking fountain, bench and bike rack was installed. In 2018, the fountain interior was repainted. The “Haysville” sign was sandblasted and painted black. In addition, a new transmitter was installed on the Vickers building providing WIFI coverage to Pride Park. In 2019, additional plants were planted in the park and in flower pots. A new surge protector and amp were replaced in the fountain. The Vickers Building was also recognized as a local historic site under the state registry.

In 2020, the Economic Development Office was moved back into the Vickers building. The carpet was removed to take the building back to the original flooring style and a historical marker was installed near the sidewalk.



Planned Improvements

- Install a statue in the North flower bed.

History

The Vickers Building and surrounding area were damaged in the May 1999 Tornado. The building was renovated by the City in 2006 and has since been home to the Economic Development Director and the Chamber of Commerce. With the improvements, restrooms were installed which can be accessed from the exterior by citizens.

The park name was chosen through a contest in December of 2008. The water fountain was planned for several years before its final completion in 2014. The conceptual design of the fountain was done by Teri Farha. There is a memorial plaque for Nancy Bennett on one of the park benches.



L.W. Roberts Park

L.W. Roberts Park is located in an old meander between the Cowskin Creek and Van Arsdale from 2nd Street to Spring Drive. It contains approximately 3 acres and much of the area is old Creek channel. The upland area of the park is undeveloped, except for an area adjacent to Stewart Drive on the west. This area has been planted with shade and ornamental trees. L.W. Roberts Park is designated to be a naturalistic facility due to its meandering path and limited drainage.

Planned Improvements

The current random arrangement of trees prevents the park from being utilized. By selectively clearing trees, brush and foliage, the area could be developed into a nature trail. Possibly look at a future study for a playground.

History

Larry W. Roberts was the president of Roberts Mortgage. The company donated the property when the land was platted and the park was named after him. Roberts Mortgage was the original owner.

Reserves A & B

These two small park areas are located adjacent to 2nd Street between Peachwood Drive and Meridian Avenue. Each parcel contains about .12 of an acre. They are presently undeveloped. Due to their very narrow width and the busy arterial street bordering both parcels on the west, it appears that active recreational facilities would be inappropriate. Their best use appears to be in a purely aesthetic role, providing a welcoming entrance into the Peachwood Subdivisions from Meridian.

Planned Improvements

- No improvements are planned at this time.

History

The land was dedicated when the property was platted.

Southbrooke Park

This tract of land is located in the Southbrooke Addition. The development of the area began in 2016, one of the main goals of this master plan included connecting the Southbrooke Addition to the north Orchard Acres Park as well as to the rest of the hike and bike path within the City.

Completed Improvements

In 2016 the hike and bike path connection between Old Oak and Orchard Acres was extended down to the middle of the soccer fields on the west side of the creek. A foot bridge and sidewalk was installed over the creek thus connecting Southbrooke to Old Oak Addition.

Planned Improvements

- Build a park next to the pump station.
- Build a concession stand and restrooms for the soccer fields and area recreation.
- Add parking for the future park.
- Build additional soccer practice fields on the east side of the creek.

Timberlane North Park

Timberlane North Park is located on the northwestern boundary of the City in the Timberlane North Addition. It can be accessed from Caleb Street or Aspen Street. The majority of the park is a pond and its surrounding banks. The land is planted with Bermuda grass to absorb and resist heavy water flows from Aspen Street, preventing erosion of the pond banks. This area does have a sprinkler system.

Planned Improvements

- Remove dead/diseased trees and install new trees. Protections for the Northern Long-Eared Bat will affect tree removal and will require monitoring.
- Local residents have expressed a desire to replace the existing Bermuda grass with a Fescue blend. However, until drainage issues are resolved, Fescue and similar grasses would be washed away with heavy rains or storms, leaving substantial erosion damage.

History

This park was dedicated when the land was platted.

Randal L. Dorner Park

Dorner Park is the latest addition to the Haysville park system. Dorner Park is located near the intersection of 79th St South and Broadway. The entrance to the park will be graced with the Randy Dorner Memorial. Dorner Park is an 80 acre plot which contains 8 youth soccer fields, a concession stand and 2, 24 hour restrooms. On the west side of the park, 2 dog parks have been constructed - one for small dogs (under 45lbs) and one for all dogs. There are over 1.5 miles of bike path that tie into the main bike path at the north side of the park. On the south side of the park there is a 10 acre lake with a dock.

Completed Improvements

In 2016, dirt work, sprinklers and grass seed were installed on the north four soccer fields. Some of the dirt work was completed on the south fields as well. The sidewalk was completed connecting Old Oak to South Brooke along with installing a footbridge to cross over the creek. In 2017, 6 new trees were planted as part of the Arbor Day Tree Planting event. The soccer fields were complete in the fall of 2018. The road and parking lot to the west of the fields were paved. Soccer began play there in the spring of 2019 and the concession stand was completed in the fall. The dog park opened in October. The access road and parking lots were paved. 2020, 4 canopies were added around the lake with picnic tables and grills.

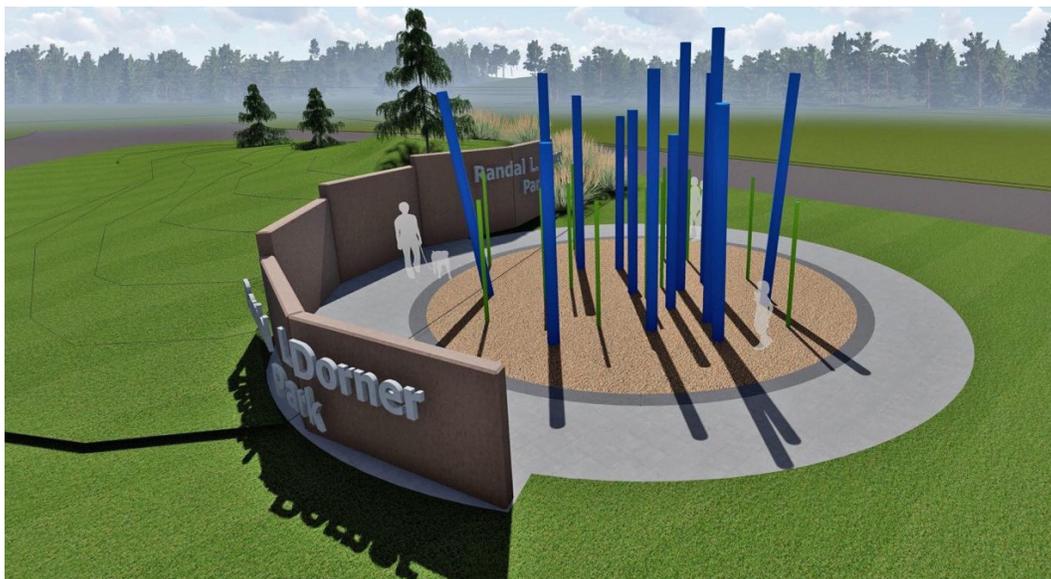


Randal L. Dorner Park Planned Improvements

- Add additional parking to the east of the lake.
- Install sand volleyball courts.
- Add lighting along bike path around lake.
- Install a playground to the north of the lake.
- Build restrooms and shelter north of the lake.
- Add cameras near the playground and shelter.
- Add WIFI Accessibility around the lake.
- Build an enclosed building (next to the entry on the south side).
- Complete the Dorner memorial at the entry.
- Build the Angel of Hope memorial on the SW corner.
- Build additional soccer practice fields.

History

Randy Dorner was the Public Works Director for Haysville for 26 years. Randy passed away in 2017, his last project with the city was the installation of the 79th St Park Bridge. After his passing the park land was dedicated to Randy for his service to the City of Haysville





Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

The committee was formed in 2015 to support community education regarding bicyclist and pedestrian issues, to proactively network with bicyclist and pedestrian related organizations and enthusiasts to provide greater outreach to the community at large, and to advocate for safe access to sidewalks, pathways, and/or roadways for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Bicycle Rack Current Locations

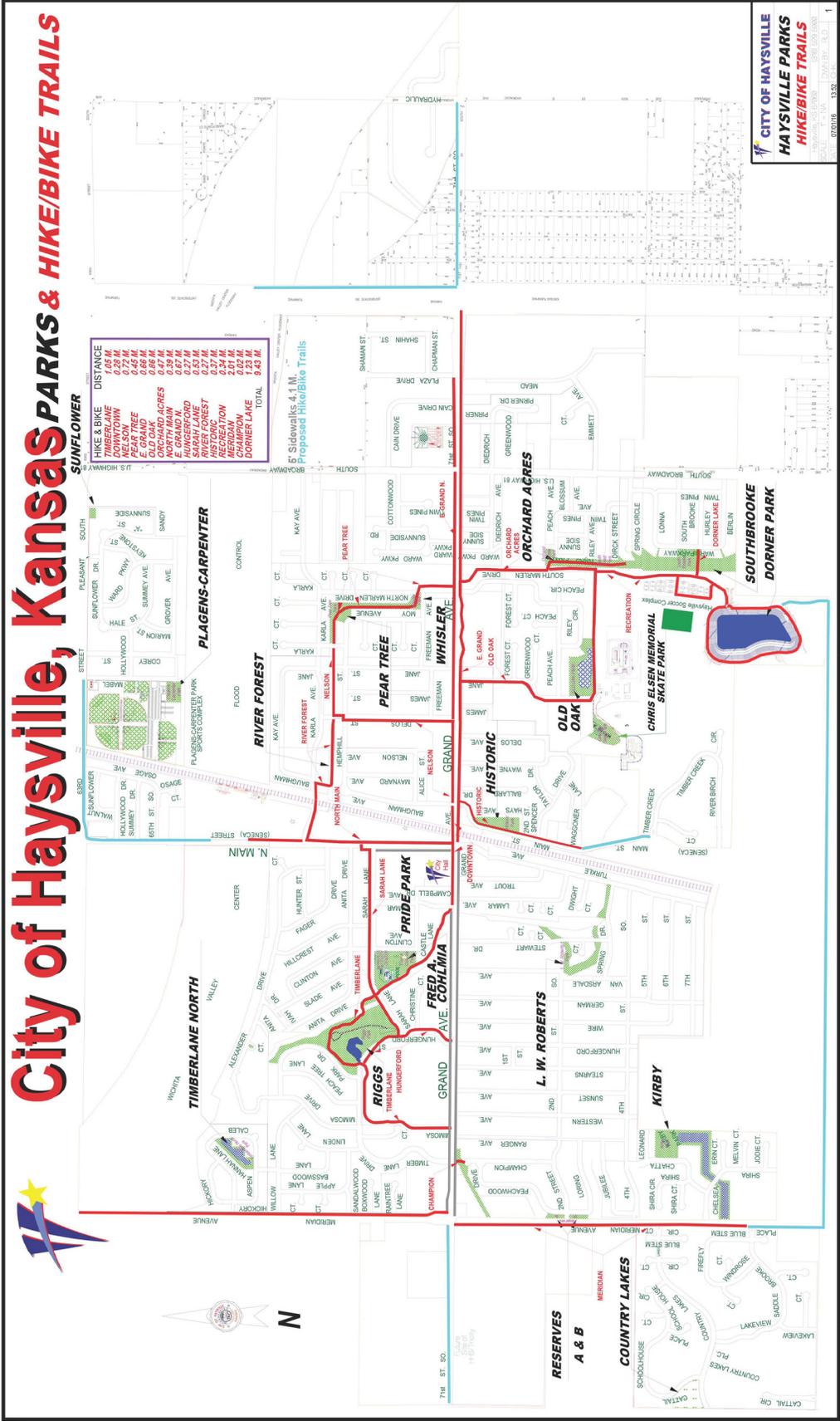
- Riggs South Park
- Library
- Activity Center
- City Hall
- Activity Center Park/Volley Ball Court Area

Future Bicycle Rack Proposed Locations

- Police Station
- Post Office/Castle
- Splash Pad
- Riggs East Side (band shell)
- Timberlane
- Rex Practice Fields
- 79th St. Park/Soccer Fields (multiple racks)
- Kirby Park
- Farmers Market
- Blacksmith Shop
- Skate Park
- Public Works (Office)
- Whisler Park
- Pear Tree
- Plagens-Carpenter Park
- Carl Hall Complex
- Orchard Acres

Bicycle Rack Fix-it Stations Locations

- Haysville Activity Center
- Public Works Office



USD 261 Facilities

Playground equipment located at the five elementary schools provides residents additional facilities to use, beyond those in the City-owned park properties. Those schools include: Freeman, Nelson, Prairie, Rex, and Ruth Clark Elementary. Another school located in the USD 261 area where additional equipment may be found, is Oatville Elementary. The track at Haysville West Middle School near 71st and Meridian is open for public use. Similarly, soccer fields located in Randal L. Dorner Park near 79th and S. Broadway will be used by the Recreation Department for league games.

Additional Park Land

In addition to the developed parks, the City owns several parcels of undeveloped park land listed below. These parcels should be kept in mind as available resources as the City grows. In addition, the City also owns an 80 acre tract of land located on 79th Street South.

Country Lakes Park

Two acres of land is set aside on the west side of Country Lakes for future development.

Sunflower Park

The park was part of sunflower improvement district. The sunflower improvement district well fields got saltwater contamination and had to be pulled and plugged. This was one of the reasons for the annexation in the late 1970's.

River Forest 2nd Addition

The Hike and Bike Path was completed in 2015, this completed a missing link in our system.

Tree Farm

A tree farm was added behind public works.

Future Park Land Needs

At the present time the total amount of dedicated park land within the City is approximately 84 acres, which includes County lakes and Dorner Park. According to the 2013 Census there were 11,004 people living in Haysville at the time of the enumeration. Assigning a standard acreage in relation to population is no longer a nationally accepted standard of measuring park supply satisfaction. The quality of park development is more important than quantity, which is why the City is choosing to accept cash payments in lieu of park land dedication in subdivisions. One of the goals of the City, if acquiring land, should be to acquire reasonable sized parcels of at least 10 acres to be used for recreational purposes, well in advance of need. New residential growth patterns appear to be to the west and south of existing development, and developers should be encouraged to set aside parcels in these new growth areas to create facilities such as Kirby Park. Emphasis has been put on improving existing recreational facilities.

Plagens-Carpenter Park has become a jointly used facility for both the Haysville Recreation Department and Unified School District 261. In 2015 the Recreation Department took over the youth baseball/softball sports program. With the completion of the two youth fields in 2014, the park can serve as a great asset for building the Recreation Department, bringing people into the community, and meeting long-range needs. The fields behind Nelson Elementary are also now open to the community for practice as scheduled through the Recreation Department. These fields may also serve as practice fields for the Recreation Department's youth league.

Hike and Bike Path improvements throughout the City have been considerable and provide a great mode of transportation. They also provide aesthetic value to corridors of the City. The City should continue to build upon the seven miles of trail. Improvements would connect apartments to retail and eating establishments and complete links to new subdivision growth. With the completion of a bicycle/pedestrian path on South Meridian in 2017 consideration should be given to an additional bicycle/pedestrian path west of Meridian on W. Grand Ave. completing the connection to and providing resident's access to Prairie Elementary, Freeman Elementary, West Middle School and Country Lakes addition. The park map shows the plan for making these connections with future trails.

Upon the dissolution of the Peach Capitol Soccer organization, the Haysville Recreation Department assumed the role of offering a youth soccer league. The Recreation Department originally ran the soccer program on the old Peach Capitol Soccer fields which were owned by USD 261. Due to school expansion we lost this ground in 2016 and moved play to Dorner Park in the spring of 2019.