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FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN 2018-2023

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2 METHODOLOGY

The development of the *Founders Memorial Park Master Plan 2018-2023* was carried out in six chronological steps:

1. INVENTORY

After a preliminary meeting with the Founders Memorial Park Master Plan Committee, a park inventory was conducted to assess the condition and needs of the existing park facilities that provide recreational opportunities for Dripping Springs residents at Founders Memorial Park. In the Spring of 2018, City Staff and staff from LUCK Design Team went to Founders Memorial Park, photographically documenting the facilities and charting each feature on a map of the park. This



inventory documentation included individual on site meetings with local skate park enthusiasts, residents of the Grand Prairie Circle neighborhood, meetings with City Staff on site at the Founders Memorial Park Pool and with representatives of the Friends of the Pound House Foundation on the Pound House Grounds.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

Working with LUCK Design Team, the City formulated a process for public input to gather ideas for the master plan.

From February to November 2018, the Founders Memorial Park Master Plan Committee, along with City Staff, had a total of six meetings at City Hall. At each meeting committee members (appointed by City Council) had the opportunity to provide input and direction in the formulation of the master plan.

3. FACILITY NEEDS

Facility needs were assessed and prioritized utilizing information gleaned from the Founders Memorial Park Master Plan Committee input process.

4. PARK GOALS

Analysis of the collected data and information resulted in a list of priorities that fit into one of ten broad categories or park system goals. These were then referenced back to specific recommended action items.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Multiple recommendations were formulated for the Park, based on the inventory assessment and discussions with City Staff, the Founders Memorial Park Master Plan Committee and city leadership. The recommendations are categorized in order of priority (high, medium or moderate), and include project descriptions, project types, goals satisfied from each of the priorities accomplished, potential funding sources and estimated budget stated in 2018 dollars amounts.

6. ADOPTION

In November of 2018, the Dripping Springs *Founders Memorial Park Master Plan 2018-2023* was recommended by the Founders Memorial Park Master Plan Committee for approval by the Dripping Springs Parks & Recreation Commission and the Dripping Springs City Council. The plan is effective December 2018 with comprehensive updates to the plan recommended to be made every five years or as needed.





DRIPPING SPRINGS FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK IN CONTEXT

Founders Memorial Park is comprised of approximately 32-acres of City owned public parkland located in the center of Dripping Springs, Texas. It is located east of Ranch Road 12 (RR12) and north of Texas Highway 290 and easily accessed on Founders Park Road off of RR 12 and Rob Shelton Boulevard.

Adjacent to the park is the 5-acre Pound House Homestead owned and maintained by the Friends of the Pound House Foundation. Although owned, operated and maintained by the Foundation, the Pound House functions as an integral part of the park through shared access, parking and patronage.

The park is located approximately 0.63 miles from City Hall on Mercer Street and 0.41 miles from Veterans Memorial Park. Other park facilities close to Founders Memorial Park include Dripping Springs Ranch Park (located 1.55 miles north), Dripping Springs Sports and Recreation Park (located 0.85 miles directly south) and Charro Ranch Park (located 3.10 miles south).

Programmed activities at the sports fields are operated and maintained by the Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association. The City rents the pavilion and manages and operates the Founders Memorial Park Pool.

Park amenities (the amount and their condition) include the following per the City of Dripping Springs Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2014-2024:

EXISTING AMENITIES	QUANTITY	CONDITION			ACCESSIBILITY
		GOOD	FAIR	REPLACE	
Pool House	1		1		Y
Playscape for ages 5-12	2	2			N
Playscape for ages 2-5	1	1			N
Tricycle Loop	1	1			N
Swing Set	1	1			N
Pavilion	1	1			Y
Swimming Pool	1		1		Y
Wood Picnic Tables	7		7		Y
Metal Picnic Tables	8	8			Y
Football Field	2	2			N
Multi-Use Field	1	1			N
Concrete Picnic Tables	8	8			N
BBQ Grill	2		1	1	N
Walking/Running Trail	.71 miles		.71 miles		Y
Parking Lot-Pav/Pool	1	1			Y
Parking Lot-Football Field	1	1			Y
Brumley Garden	1	1			N
Metal Benches	2	2			N

The park is surrounded by the Grand Prairie Circle residential subdivision to the west, the privately owned Carter Tract to the north, the Scott Tract (future Big Sky Ranch residential community) to the east and Texas Heritage Village residential subdivision and privately owned Cannon Tract to the south.



4 INVENTORY

In the spring of 2018, City Staff and personnel from LUCK Design Team conducted a park/facility inventory review of the recreational elements within Founders Memorial Park. Amenities around the park, including Founders Park Pool and the adjacent Dr. Pound Historical Farmstead, were inventoried and photographed to capture the current facilities within the park and their condition. The following pages document that inventory.



Central Parking (South View)



Existing Trail By The Pound House



Central Parking (Southwest View)



Electrical Infrastructure by Field 2



Backstop North of Field 2



Specimen Oak Between Fields 1 & 2



Field 1 Football Standard



Field 1 (North View)



Trail On West Side Of Park



Trail On North Property Line



Temporary Parking - East Side of Park



Maintenance Access to The Pound House



Sports Association Storage Boxes



Bleachers at Field 1



Existing Lightening Detection System



Signage At The Pound House



Pound House - Existing West Side Fence



Pound House -West Side Entrance



Pound House - Grounds



Pound House -Entry Drive



Pound House - Homestead



Pound House - Homestead



Pound House - Homestead



Pound House - East Side Grounds



Pound House - Homestead Backside



Pound House - View to East (Big Sky Ranch Tract)



Pound House - Existing Oak Trees



East Side Trail - South View



Existing Trash Receptacle Clusters



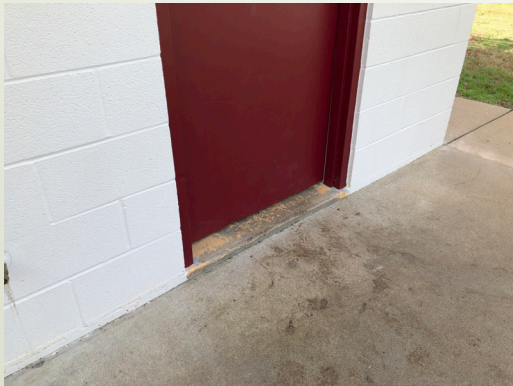
Pavilion On East Side



Pavilion On East Side (Interior)



Public Restroom (Outside Pool)



Public Restroom (Not Accessible)



Accessible Parking at Pool / Pavilion



Playground on East Side of Park



Playground on East Side of Park



Existing Playground



Open Space Between Playground and Pavilion



Founders Park Pool - Entrance



Founders Park Pool - Interior



Founders Park Pool - North View



Founders Park Pool - Pool Equipment



Founders Park Pool - North View



Founders Park Pool - North Side Trellis



Founders Park Pool - North Side



Founders Park Pool - East Side



Founders Park Pool - Northwest View



Founders Park Pool - South Side



Founders Park Pool - Southeast View



Founders Park Pool - Parking



Founders Park Pool - Gas Tanks



Founders Park Pool - Overflow Drainage



Trail - Eastside of Field 3



Founders Park Road at Rob Shelton Intersection



Northside Trail Along Founders Park Rd



Trail to Field 3 - North View



Northside Trail Along Founders Park Rd



Dedication Memorial



Founders Park Road - West View



Channel at N. End of Texas Heritage Village



Channel Along Founders Park Road



Existing Trail at Texas Heritage Village - South View

SITE OBSERVATIONS AND NOTES

Along with the photographic inventory of the site, personnel from LUCK Design Team observed the existing conditions at the park. The following site observations should be considered in context as future improvements are proposed for the park.

** What is the parking capacity at the park?* Current parking layout and legibility is not maximized to its fullest potential. Existing parking accommodates approximately 156 spaces as follows:

Parking by Pool Area: 58 spaces

Parking at Middle Ball Field: 48 Spaces

Parking at North Ball Field: Approximately 50 spaces

National parking standards for ball fields accommodating youth play is a ratio of approximately 40-50 parking spaces per field. Thus, current parking for the park is maximized with the use of the three existing fields, regardless of whether other activities at the Pound House, Founders Park Pool, the trail, playground or pavilions are utilized.

There are accessible parking spaces delineated throughout the park; however, these designated parking areas do not have accessible paths leading to recreational amenities, including the playgrounds, pavilion, trails and bleachers. Therefore the accessible parking spaces are not serving their intended purpose.



Temporary Parking - East Side of Park

Overflow parking is primarily asphalt millings at north end of park between Field 3 and the Pound House grounds. The surface condition is very poor. Any improvement to this area will need to be completed in conjunction with an impervious study for the entire park site. As part of that study, the Pound House and Founders Memorial Park can be analyzed as two separate entities.

** The Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association (DSYSA) currently uses the two Conex storage boxes on the north end of the site. The removal of these two units and the location of future permanent storage facilities should be examined.*

** Fields 1, 2 and 3 are currently maintained by DSYSA and used for lacrosse or football but they are also open to the public for general use. There are not designated accessible parking spaces servicing those fields or accessible routes to the fields and accompanying bleachers.*

There are four playgrounds north of the pool that are in good condition.

- Playground Area #1 is designed for ages 2-5 although there are no age specific signs posted; pea gravel is the fall zone material for this zone;
- Playground Area #2 is designated for ages 2-12 with wood fiber fall zone material; the playground equipment was installed by Playgrounds Etc., LLC in June of 2018;
- Playground Area #3 is a swing set; this area has concrete banding around the perimeter and wood fiber fall zone material;
- Playground Area #4 is appropriate for ages 5-12; this area also has perimeter concrete banding; the playground was installed by Burke 7/26/13 and has a ramp and wood fiber fall zone material.

There is ample shade canopy over the existing playgrounds although there are no accessible routes to the play equipment itself. Each playground zone does have ramps to accommodate future accessible tie in.

Per City Staff, the City is completing annual playground audits for each of the four areas.



* Several unprogrammed open space areas exist at the park. The northern end of the park (the area preliminarily programmed for a future skate park) has cedar trees in conjunction with intermittent hard wood trees and vegetative understory.

The area south of the Pound House grounds and north of the pavilion and playground area is open to possible recreational use. This area is currently used as a septic field.

* The restroom building north of the pool is in good condition. There is one water closet per gender and each one has a lavatory. A lip at the thresh hold of the entry doors currently exists that needs to be remedied to accommodate accessibility. There are not enough restrooms open to the public on a daily basis.

* There is a lightening detection system for the athletic fields owned by DSYS.

* The existing backstop fencing and football goal standards need replacing due to paint flaking and rust.



Lightening Detection Monitoring Device



Backstop North of Field 2

* There are signs for video surveillance at the park but no security monitoring cameras are in place or active.

* Regarding the existing trails at the park, there are low grading areas on the southeast end of perimeter decomposed granite trail and two low areas on west side of the trail. These areas tend to be wet from rain or field irrigation runoff and are an ongoing maintenance concern. Because of existing grade considerations, replacement of the decomposed granite material with concrete paths should be explored as an option.

There are currently no authorized and signed trail connections west of the athletic fields to the Grand Prairie Circle subdivision, to Ranch Road 12 or to the Texas Heritage residential community to the south of park.



Trail Low Area on West Side of Park

* Multiple large trash receptacle clusters exist at the park that are unsightly and need to be programmed into an organizable fashion both for user convenience and for bulk trash collection.

Aesthetically, Founders Memorial Park is very utilitarian. For example, the use of painted CMU block and barbed wire chain link fence around the pool and the Pound House Grounds looks very institutional. Any improvements to the park should focus on an upgrade of aesthetics and the use of richer materials.



Painted CMU at Pavilion



Razor Wire Fence at Pound House



Stone and materials complimentary in nature to those exhibited here at the Pound House could upgrade the park experience at Founders.

KEY INPUT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Staff from LUCK Design Team met individually with members of the Master Plan Committee in regards to their specific interest and involvement with the park. The following pages capture information and their opinion and insight from those meetings.

Notes from meeting with Dennis Baldwin, Dripping Springs Skate Park Representative March 5, 2018

The Dripping Springs Community Foundation (DSCF) is the umbrella organization that the skate park is receiving donations under for possible construction at Founders Memorial Park.

Current plans are for a 15,000 square-foot plaza style skate park with a projected cost of \$400,000-\$450,000. This cost does not include parking or restroom facilities. DSCF is looking at a three-year projected time line for funding; year one began April 2018 and will be reassessed in April 2019. The overall goal is to begin construction in April 2021 or before. For master planning and possible construction purposes, the skate park representatives have been talking with SPA Skateparks out of Austin.



Preliminary Skate Park Concept

Currently, the Skatepark Committee and the City of Dripping Springs are offering community skate nights on Wednesday nights at Dripping Springs Ranch Park. This is open to the public and is an effort to continuing raising awareness of the skatepark initiative.

Notes from meeting with Sharon Clark, Representative of the Grand Prairie Circle Residents - March 19, 2018.

The enlargement of Founders Park Road and the landscape buffer and traffic impact of its widening to handle traffic from the Big Sky Ranch development to the east is one of the highest concerns of the Grand Prairie Circle neighborhood.



Existing Vegetative Buffer Along Founders Park Road

Landscaping and/or reclamation of landscaping and associated conservation measures were the second highest priority of Mrs. Clark and Grand Prairie Circle residents. This includes water quality, beautification, taking care of the existing specimen oaks on site and looking at the possibility of using water collection systems at the park.

Trash collection and the consolidation of the numerous trash cans on site is an item that needs to be addressed.

The neighborhood would like a clear description of the Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association's requirements for maintenance and how they are vested in the upkeep of the park.

The amount of paved walkways and parking (specifically the balance between pervious/ impervious cover) is a concern and how this relates to the overall water flow and drainage of the site. For reference, the athletic fields were graded and established around 2010. Decomposed granite would be the preferred trail surface for improved trails in the park, especially considering the walks in the new retail and commercial developments are all concrete.

Parking is another big issue at the park, specifically during sporting events and community functions. Mrs. Clark doesn't necessarily want more parking and proposed analyzing if we can bus from other shuttle stop locations to the park during large events versus substantially increasing the number of parking spaces?

Keeping the integrity of the City's Outdoor Lighting Ordinance at the park is also a particular interest. For example, the addition of sports lighting at the Dripping Springs Sports Park drastically changed the ambient light and dark sky quality south of Texas Highway 290.

There is a need for the increase in the number of toilets and water closets at the park as well as general access to drinking water. Mrs. Clark also proposed the question of "What is the future use of the land between the pool pavilion and the Pound House?"

It was also noted that a new and better solution to this Conex storage containers is needed.

The design team was exhorted to explore the possibility of bringing a trail along the east side of Mr. Witt's property at the corner of Ranch Road 12 and Founders Park Road to extend from Grand Prairie Road to Founders Park Road. This would give residents of Grand Prairie Circle more direct access to the park without having to walk along Ranch Road 12.

Notes from meeting with Miles Matthews and Betty Meyer as representatives from the Pound House Foundation - March 20, 2018

The Pound Family resided in the house until 1983. Twenty-seven years ago the Friends of the Pound House Foundation was set up and the Pound House was open in its restored state in 2003. The Pound House has no running water but does have electricity; a septic system services the public restrooms and water is pumped from the well on site to provide irrigation for the grounds and gardens surrounding the house.

The Pound House is currently open Wednesdays through Saturdays from noon to 3 PM. They would like for the Pound House to be open all week considering TxDOT won't allow the Foundation to have a sign on Texas Highway 290 until they are open five days a week.

The Foundation currently has a part-time executive director and a part-time marketing coordinator.

The Foundation spends approximately \$100,000 in maintenance and ongoing upgrades to the Pound House and surrounding grounds each year.

The septic field that is to the south of the Pound House grounds does not service the Pound House or any of its elements; this septic field only services Founders Memorial Park.

The Vision of the Friends of the Friends of the Pound House Foundation

The Pound House Farmstead: A Place Where Real Community and Authentic History Connect

Mission Statement of the Friends of the Pound House Foundation

To protect, preserve and develop the Pound House Farmstead for the use, education, enjoyment and benefit of present and future generations.

One of the primary concerns is maintaining and preserving the historical flavor of the Pound House and surrounding grounds as development occurs around the acreage of the Pound House. The Pound House signifies the heritage of the City of Dripping Springs.

Another concern was for security of the Pound House and the historical structures that are on the site.



A secondary concern is parking and lighting at the park, even if lighting is only temporary or with special limited use hours. Another possibility would be providing electrical infrastructure to where temporary parking lighting could be erected and powered without the use of generators.



Historical Pound House Homestead

Both Mr. Matthews and Mrs. Meyer championed the idea of re-establishing the historical southern entrance to the Pound House grounds.

Events held at the Pound House include:

“The Friends of the Pound House Gala”; this event (now held in October to coincide with Dr. Pound’s birthday) is the Foundation’s big fundraiser that includes dinner and an auction.

The Gala entertains 200 to 300 people during that event.

“Pioneer Day” is a big event held on the Pound House grounds. During that event over 500 people attend; they are charged for entrance to the Pound House but the cost is minimal. Pioneer activities, Civil War reenactments and simulations of pioneer life occur during this event.

“Homespun Holidays” is held the Saturday after Christmas on Mercer Street. This event is free. In 2017, 225 people attended.

“Time Travel Thursdays” are events that are held each of the four Thursdays in July.

“Walk-through Pioneer Life” is an event that is held with second graders of the Dripping Springs Independent School District.

An event called “Sarah’s Trunk” is also held at the Pound House to reenact pioneer life.

Notes from meeting with City of Dripping Springs Staff Mariana Espinoza, Aaron Bond and Robert Steepe Regarding the Founders Memorial Park Pool

March 22, 2018.

From 2007 to 2017 the Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) ran the pool; then the YMCA pool came on line and DSISD now practices and swims at the YMCA. The City took over the operation of the pool in 2017.

Pool hours are from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Thursday; 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Friday; 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Saturday; and 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Sunday. Private swim lessons are available for scheduling before the pool is open to the public on any of those days.

A local swim team (not affiliated with DSISD) called “Tiger Splash” uses the pool on Mondays through Thursdays from 6 to 9 PM. During this time there is no public access to the pool. The Tiger Splash Team uses the pool during these hours from April 30th through Labor Day. There are four Saturdays throughout the summer that are also reserved for Tiger Splash use. City staff has indicated that for the most part the Tiger Splash Team is done with their season in mid July. 60 to 80 kids utilize the pool as part of the Tiger Splash Team., most of whom are DSISD students.

The pool is close to 30 years old and the City has been in the process of repairing it. Caulking along the perimeter coping and concrete has recently been replaced and new electrical wiring and fixtures have been installed for the building. The entry steps at the shallow end of the pool need to be upgraded to a non-skid surfacing material and the bottom of the pool needs to be re-plastered; however, the equipment in the pump room is in good condition.



Founders Park Pool Shade Trellis



Founders Park Pool

There is no Wi-Fi associated with the pool building or pool area.

There are two propane tanks that supply the three heating units associated with the pool. The Parks and Recreation Commission will make a recommendation in 2019 as to whether the pool will be open year around. Currently the pool is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend.

Residents have indicated that they want lap swimming at the pool and that they dislike the aesthetic look of the perimeter pool fence. There is also a concern from City Staff that with the influx of new homes surrounding the park, the pool might be too small.

City Staff has indicated that their top priorities for the pool include having a new perimeter fence, possibly with a new configuration, adding shade components to the pool and replacing the perimeter concrete around the pool area with cool deck. Should the concrete area be replaced with cool deck, City Staff would like to extend the cool deck on both the north and the south end of the pool to the current fence line. City Staff has construction estimates and quotes from local companies on resurfacing the pool deck area. Re-plastering the pool is another priority as is the possibility of adding new exterior lighting and replacing current lighting.

In regards to potential future storage facilities at the pool, maintenance staff has indicated they do not need more storage; the Tiger Splash team has indicated that they would like some closet space; and Pool Manager Aaron Bond has indicated that no new space is needed in association with the administrative functions at the pool.

City Staff has also confirmed that there is no video surveillance at the pool even though there is signage that indicates otherwise.



Founders Park Pool



5 VISION, MISSION AND GOALS

PURPOSE

The establishment of the Dripping Springs Founders Memorial Park Master Plan Committee was approved by the Dripping Springs City Council to collect information, study, and make recommendations to the Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council regarding the operation, enhancement, and use of Dripping Springs Memorial Ranch Park.

Committee Members were selected to represent the interest of various stakeholders, including, but not limited to the Friends of the Pound House, general park users, and residents of Dripping Springs.



PARKS AND RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Dripping Springs Parks & Recreation Commission functions under the following mission statement:

“Preserving Texas Hill Country for its people and their recreation and leisure, for its history and the sense of place, for its beauty and open spaces.”

VISION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN 2014-2024.

Adopted in March of 2015, the *City of Dripping Springs Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2014-2024* (OSMP) illustrates how important the existing and future park elements of Founders Memorial Park is to the City of Dripping Springs.

The top five Outdoor Recreational Facility Priorities (in order of priority) as stated in the OSMP are:

1. Walking /Hiking /Biking Trails
2. Natural Areas and Open Space
3. Playscapes / Playgrounds
4. Water Playscapes/ Splash Pads
5. Skate Park

The first three priorities are amenities that are already being provided at Founders Memorial Park and the next two highest priorities are programmed into the full build out of the park. Thus, Founders Memorial Park will serve as the only park in the City's park system that accommodates all of the highest park amenity priorities as identified by the residents of Dripping Springs.

GOALS FOR DRIPPING SPRINGS FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK

Multi-layered goals for the park site were also established by the Founders Memorial Park Master Plan Committee. These goals include to:

1. Enhance park user safety and security at the park.
2. Increase and update recreation opportunities and strive to create an accessible and inclusive outdoor environment.
3. Provide a pleasing and comfortable park environment.
4. Maintain, preserve and embrace the historical nature of the Pound House grounds and Founders Memorial Park.
5. Improve and upgrade pedestrian and vehicular circulation and legibility in the park.
6. Protect the integrity of the outdoor lighting ordinance.
7. Keep a balance of parking v. non- parking areas (pervious versus impervious cover).
8. Seek out ways conservation and education measures may be introduced into the park (Water Quality, Beautification, Water Collection, etc.).
9. Anticipate and mitigate the impact of increased future traffic at the park.
10. Establish and prioritize best practices for the maintenance of all recreational elements and support amenities in the park.

In order to implement these goals of the Founders Memorial Park Master Plan, specific objectives were identified as action items. These action items are further expanded in "Section 6 - Needs Assessment and Action Plan".



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NEEDS ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES AND ACTION PLAN

After a series of meetings, the planning committee identified the following possible park improvement items for prioritization into High, Medium and Moderate categories:

- Skate park addition
- Restroom at north side of park
- Parking and improved roadway at north end of park
- Trash Collection and Consolidation
- New Fencing Surrounding the Pound House (Not at City's Expense)
- New Swimming Pool Perimeter Fencing
- Replace Concrete at Pool with New Cool Deck material
- Addition of Shade Components at the Pool
- Landscape Buffer / Founders Park Road Widening Mitigation
- New Trails within the Park
- New Trails within the Park Connecting to Big Sky Ranch to RR12
- New Trails Connecting the Grand Prairie Circle Neighborhood to Founders Park Road
- Trail Connection to Texas Heritage Village
- Re-establishing the Southern Entrance to the Pound House
- Splash Pad addition to the North of the Pool
- New Trails Connecting to the Park (Off Site)
- New Bleacher Pad and Bleachers at Field 1
- Lighting or Electrical Infrastructure for the Pound House Grounds (Not at City's Expense)
- Family Pavilion Between Fields 1 and 2
- Family Pavilion by Future Splash Pad
- Additional Closet Storage for Tiger Splash Swim Team
- Addition of WIFI Access at the Pool
- Re-plastering the Swim Pool
- Additional Exterior Lighting at the Swim Pool

These items were discussed and prioritized by the Dripping Springs Founders Memorial Park Master Plan Committee in September of 2018. The items were then captured in graphic form in the *Founders Memorial Park - Preliminary Master Plan* dated October 31, 2018 (see page 31).

While many of the park and recreational improvements are intuitive, several items need to be placed in context.

PARKING

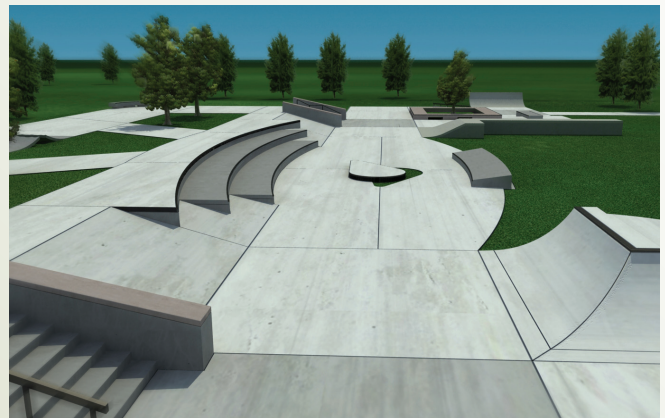
The proposed addition of a skate park at the north end of the park significantly impacts the use and energy of the park. Specifically, understanding the parking impact of a skate park addition was a desire of the Master Plan Committee. Several skate parks of different sizes were analyzed to establish a standard parking ratio for skate parks.



Skate Park	Size of Skate Area	Parking	Ratio
New Braunfels Skate Park	17,282 SF	16 Spaces with Overflow for Another 34 Spaces	0.92 spaces /1,000 sf
San Marcos Skate Park	17,743 SF	Shared parking with Library	Not able to calculate
Buda Skate Park	9,693 SF	15 Spaces	1.54 spaces /1,000 sf
Lakeway Skate Park	8,717 SF	24 Spaces Shared with a Basketball and Volleyball Court	2.75 spaces /1,000 sf
House Park Skate Park	34,070 SF	31 Spaces with Overflow Shared with Adjacent Activity Center	0.90 spaces /1,000 sf

In context of this analysis, the parking standard for a future skate park at Founders Memorial Park is proposed at 1 parking space for every 1,000 SF of skate area.

The total amount of parking depicted on the *Preliminary Master Plan* is approximately 205 vehicular spaces. This is an increase of fifty spaces from the current existing parking on site. The breakdown of intended parking spaces for users breaks down as follows:



Ball Fields - 150 (50 spaces per field)

Skate Park - 15 spaces for 15,000 sf of skate area

Flex Use (Pool/Playground/Trail) - 40 spaces

RESTROOMS

Currently, only one rest room or water closet per gender serves the entire park, exclusive of the changing rooms and rest rooms associated with the pool. The *Preliminary Master Plan* proposes the addition of two more rest room buildings on site. One facility is indicated at the east side of the proposed skate park to service both the skating community and sports participants at Field 1. A second rest room is proposed central to the park and would serve athletic field users and those using the trails.

Another option is the exploration of an expansion to the existing restrooms exterior of the pool fence.

Integral to the development of the *Founders Memorial Park Master Plan 2018-2023* is the concurrent planning and design of the Scott Tract property as a single family development. The property is approximately 200 acres and shares the east property boundary of Founders Memorial Park and the Pound House. This planned development brings an additional 780 residential lots adjacent to Founders Memorial Park, which will increase the amount of users at the park.

Under the new development, Founders Park Road will be realigned from its current configuration and extend further east into the Scott Tract community. Founders Park Road will in turn be a conduit allowing access to Ranch Road 12 and to the park amenities from the Scott Tract community. A concern noted by the Committee members was the traffic impact this will have on the park and the existing surrounding neighborhood communities. Vehicular noise mitigation measures and vegetative buffering are two items strongly exhorted by the Committee as Founders Park Road is realigned and extended east.



BIG SKY RANCH
DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS

Base mapping compiled from best available information. All map data should be considered as preliminary, in need of verification, and subject to change. This land plan is conceptual in nature and does not represent any regulatory approval. Plan is subject to change.

Aesthetically, the Scott Tract development offers an opportunity to upgrade the historical character and aesthetics at Founders Memorial Park. The new community offers a high end use of materials in the exterior landscape (including stone columns, metal fencing and vegetative enhancements) that can also be extracted into the Founders Park environment. As noted in the following Action Plan matrix, numerous upgrades and improvements to the Pound House grounds and Founders Memorial Park are planned (and paid for) as part of the developer agreement between the City and the Owners of the Scott Tract development. These include new fencing, improved parking east of Field 3, trail additions and additional planting and vegetation associated with the Founders Park Road realignment.

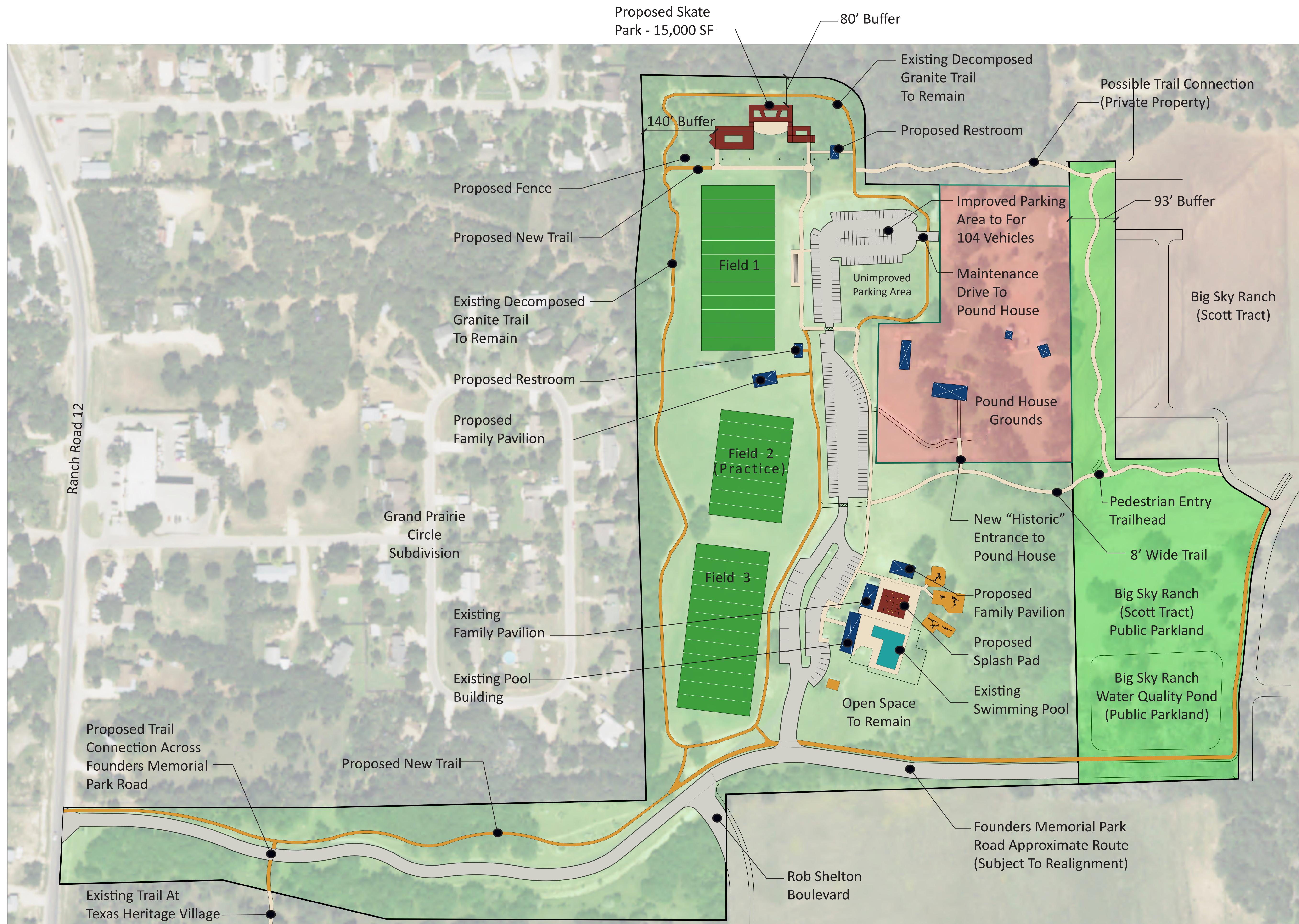
TRAIL CONNECTIONS

Numerous trail connections are highlighted in the *Founders Memorial Park - Preliminary Master Plan*. A trail extension from the park west to ranch Road 12 is envisioned, including a proposed trail connection across Founders Park Road to the existing trail west of the Texas Heritage Village Development. Trails will also extend east along Founders Park Road into the Scott Tract community and connect to that community's park and trail system.

A major trail addition is planned south of the Pound House grounds southern border. This trail will be concrete and provide non-vehicular access to the ball fields and the proposed skate park. This important trail extension will bring pedestrian traffic to the south entrance of the Pound House , an important consideration that representatives for the Friends of the Pound House Foundation have exhorted to the master planning committee.

There is also the potential of an east -west trail connection on the south side of the Carter tract that could link that property and the Scott Tract development to the northern end of the park. This potential trail corridor is on private property and would need to be negotiated with the owners of the Carter tract prior to being viable.

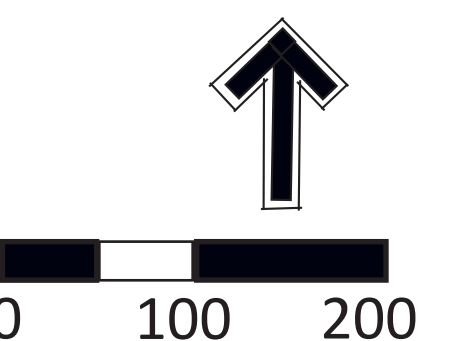
Presented on the following pages, in order of preferred priority, is a project Action Plan with project descriptions, type, goals satisfied from each of the priorities accomplished, potential funding sources and estimated budget amounts stated in 2018 dollars. This matrix is meant to serve as a guide to implementing park and recreation components as illustrated in the *Founders Memorial Park - Preliminary Master Plan*.



FOUNDERS MEMORIAL PARK - Preliminary Master Plan

City of Dripping Springs

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Priority Item	Priority Name	Project Description	Project Type	Goal(s) Satisfied	Funding Sources	Est. Budget Amount
High	Skatepark	15,000 SF plaza style skate park with fencing on the south side	Construction	Goal 2	Private Fundraising; Grant Funding from Texas Parks & Wildlife	\$400,000-\$450,000
High	Restroom at north side of park	20' x 30' SF Restroom at the north end of the park to service skate park, trail users and sports groups	Construction	Goals 3 & 9	General Funding	\$150,000
High	Parking and improved roadway at north end of park	Approximately 104 parking spaces and improved park roadway at the north end of the park side (west of the Pound House Grounds)	Construction	Goal 5 & 9	Big Sky Ranch Developer Agreement	\$200,000
High	Trash Collection and Consolidation	Consolidation of the trash cans along the main park drive; provide a trash enclosure	Planning and Construction	Goals 3 & 9	General Funding	\$9,000
High	New Fencing Surrounding the Pound House	1,160 LF of 8' High Security Fencing	Planning	Goals 1 & 4	Big Sky Ranch Developer Agreement	\$127,600
High	New Swimming Pool Fence	460 LF of 8' High Security Fencing	Construction	Goals 1 & 4	TBD	\$52,900
High	Cool Deck at Pool	Replace Concrete of Pool with New Cool Deck Material	Construction	Goals 1,2, 3 & 10	General Funding	\$12,000
High	Addition of Shade Components at the Pool	1. Shade over shallow end of pool 2. Shade over second bay area on north end of pool	Installation	Goal 3	Eagle Scott Project; Grant Funding; General Funding	\$38,500
Medium	Landscape Buffer / Founders Park Road Widening Mitigation	Addition of New Plant Material / Berming / Fencing for mitigation of Founders Park Road Widening	Mitigation	Goal 9	Big Sky Ranch Developer Agreement	TBD
Medium	New Trails within Park	470 LF of 8' wide concrete trail; 1,710 LF of 6' wide concrete trail;	Construction	Goals 2 & 5	General Funding	\$83,760
Medium	New Trails within Park Connection Big Sky Ranch to RR12	2,300 LF of 8' wide concrete trail	Planning	Goals 2, 5 & 9	Big Sky Ranch Developer Agreement	\$110,000
Medium	Connection of Grand Prairie Circle Neighborhood to Founders Park Road	550 LF of 8' wide concrete trail	Planning	Goals 2, 5 & 9	Developer	\$26,400
Medium	Trail Connection to Texas Heritage Village	100 LF of 8' wide concrete trail	Planning	Goals 2, 5 & 9	Developer	\$4,800
Medium	Re-Establishing Southern Entrance of Pound House	65 LF of Path and Entry Way Portal (2 Columns) to the South of the Pound House	Planning	Goal 4	Friends of the Pound House	\$15,000

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Medium	Splash Pad Addition to the North of the Pool	3,000 SF of Splash Pad with Perimeter Fencing and Mechanical Equipment	Planning	Goal 2 & 9	General Funding	\$500,000 (Need to Verify)
Moderate	New Trails Connecting to Park (Off Site)	Concrete Trails connection to Founders Memorial Park from new development (primarily from Big Sky Ranch)	Planning	Goals 2, 5 & 9	Big Sky Ranch Developer Agreement; Potential Trail Connection North of the Pound House	TBD
Moderate	Bleacher Pad and Bleachers at Field 1	(2) 10 row x 33' long bleachers on 20' x 80' concrete pad	Construction	Goal 2	General Funding	\$50,400
Moderate	Lighting or Electrical Infrastructure for Pound House Grounds (Even if Temporary)	Running Electrical Conduit and Wire with Junction Box/Duplex to the west side of the Pound House for temporary Lighting	Construction	Goal 1	Friends of the Pound House	\$5,000
Moderate	Family Pavilion Between Fields 1 and 2	20' x 40' Metal Roof Pavilion	Construction	Goal 2, 3 & 9	General Funding	\$45,000
Moderate	Family Pavilion by Future Splash Pad	20' x 40' Metal Roof Pavilion	Construction	Goal 2 & 9	General Funding	\$45,000
Moderate	Storage for Swim Team	Additional Closet storage for Tiger Splash Swim Team	Construction	Goal 10	Tiger Splash	To Be Provided by Tiger Splash
Moderate	Addition of WIFI Access at the Pool	Addition of WIFI Access at the Pool	Purchase and Installation	Goals 1, 2 & 3	General Funding	TBD
Moderate	Plastering the Swim Pool	Not a current need but will be within the next five years	Construction	Goal 10	General Funding	TBD
Moderate	Additional Exterior Lighting at the Swim Pool	Addition of approximately (4) Exterior Light Pole Standards	Construction	Goal 1	General Funding	\$14,000 (need to verify)