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# Township of Southgate Recreation Action Plan



Township of Southgate 2020

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## Minor Sports:

<b>Sustainability</b>		
Demographic and Economic trends		
Situation	Goal	Action
Potential for increase in Dundalk subdivisions.	Be involved with planning process and informed of potential buyers and demographics.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be current on development and planning</li> <li>2. Meet with developers to be current on possible buyers</li> <li>3. Research similar communities with major growth</li> </ol>
Declining number of youth participating in Minor Sport	Maintain and keep existing youth sport active in our community. Increased development will affect greatly	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keep sport affordable within community.</li> <li>2. Active communication and support from Recreation Department.</li> <li>3. Research financial assistance from corporate sponsors within Southgate</li> </ol>
Amalgamations and assimilations	Make Southgate centre point for recreation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify amalgamation potential and necessity.</li> <li>2. Communicated best interest for Southgate.</li> <li>3. Keep facilities affordable and attractive for non-residents</li> </ol>
Partnerships	Maintain partnerships with surrounding Municipalities if Southgate cannot supply sports options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Negotiate fair user fees to ensure sport is affordable and offered to all residents</li> </ol>

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<b>Affordability</b>		
Increased cost of operations and registrations		
<b>Situation</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Action</b>
Operations	Maintain Southgate operations cost as cost efficient as possible	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Continue cost effective improvements to equipment</li><li>2. Southgate council support of operation deficits</li><li>3. Constant research on effective operations /best practice</li></ol>
Cost of Registrations	Maintain lowest registration fees in county and surrounding area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Southgate support lower fees and charges.</li><li>2. Southgate support of operation deficits</li><li>3. Identify and attract Corporate sponsors</li></ol>

## Other Non-Traditional Sports:

<b>New Opportunities / Future Necessities</b>		
What is on the horizon		
<b>Situation</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Action</b>
Immigration/ Migration of population brings new non-traditional sport	Monitor and embrace new opportunities for recreation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Keep current with trends in Municipalities south.</li></ol>
Commuting population's needs and expectations of recreation	Maintain a balance of what will attract commuting population and what Southgate can afford	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Communicate with residents of want and needs</li><li>2. Keep current with trends in Municipalities south</li></ol>

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## Extreme Sport:

New Opportunities / Future Necessities		
What is on the horizon		
Situation	Goal	Action
Youth relying on individual sporting activities have ventured into extreme sporting such as BMX, water sport, rock climbing	Monitor and embrace new opportunities for recreation Create new exciting sporting facilities	1. Keep current with trends in extreme sport and what youth are interested in. 2. Monitor other Municipalities and what they are offering
Secondary providers bringing new sport to Southgate	Support without opposition all new ventures	1. Southgate create open arms policy to new accredited sporting ventures

## Passive Outdoor Recreation Activities:

New Opportunities / Future Necessities		
What is on the horizon		
Situation	Goal	Action
Aging population imply need to expand individual drop in recreation	Create opportunities for seniors to keep active	1. Maintain parkland amenities to support individual activities. 2. Open facilities with activities 3. Identify Secondary providers to provide passive recreation.
Commuting Population and lack of time to participate in organized sport	Create opportunities for commuting population to keep active	1. Maintain parkland amenities to support individual activities. 2. Open facilities with activities. 3. Identify Secondary providers to provide passive recreation.

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## Other Trends:

New Opportunities / Future Necessities		
What is on the horizon		
Situation	Goal	Action
Of leash / Dog Parks	Identify and balance dog usage within parklands	1. Keep current on the need and requests from residents

## Memorial Park Dundalk

Parkland Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Add year-round element to park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Create cross country ski trails throughout park</li><li>Create toboggan hill (safety measure from L&amp;M parking lot)</li></ul>	Current Current	Equipment cost \$1500 Excavation cost \$?
Extreme Sport BMX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Good location to extend BMX park and add element of extreme BMX</li></ul>	< 5 years	?
Community Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduction of community garden in 2013 was a success. As interest grows a need to increase plots into unused campsites may be solution.</li></ul>	Current	
Beach Volleyball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Build court in suitable location</li></ul>	2020	\$2,500
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Playground accessibility</li><li>Public Washrooms</li></ul>	Current	

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Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	Up to 50% could be surplus for Senior Housing or future Multi Use Facility	<5 years	
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## Pat Dales Park Dundalk

<b>Parkland Development</b>			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Add year-round element to parkland	Second location cross country skiing and toboggan hill	Current	
Playground Accessibility	AODA accessible standards for public built environment implemented going forward 2016. May in future bring playgrounds installed prior to 2016 to accessible standards	> 5 years	\$20,000
Soccer Field Development	Revitalize existing soccer field Agricultural lands	Current to 5 years	
Dog Park	Location for development	Current to 5 years	\$15,000
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	None land leased from Agricultural Society		

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## Joe Lisanti Memorial Park

Parkland Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Shade canopy	Increase trees	Current	
Age appropriate play Structure 5 under	If funds become available add under 5 years play structure	Current	?
Development	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. Size limitations		
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	None park limited in size		

## Egremont Community Park

Parkland Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Increase water element to parkland / Pond access	Promotion of pond water activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kayak/ Canoe intro days</li></ul> Clear coast line of brush for viewing / fishing	Current	
Increase individual/ family usage	Introduce Frisbee golf or other park games Increase walking trails	Current	
Extreme Sport BMX	Good location for development	< 5 years	
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	25% land could be deemed surplus Ball Diamond lights should be removed		

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## Proton Community Park

Parkland Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Shade canopy	Increase shade canopy by increasing trees	Current	
Development	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. Primary usage minor baseball. No size limitations		
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	50% of parkland unused / unsuitable for development could be returned to farm Ball lights could be removed (one team)		

## Swinton Park Community Park

Parkland Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Sport Court improvements	Replace concrete sport pad Cover pad with shuffleboard court material	< 5 years Current	\$15,000 \$5,000
Development	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. Size limitations		
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	Facility could be surplus with new senior's centre / Smaller numbers attending Hillside activities	>5 years	



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## Dromore Community Park

<b>Parkland Development</b>			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Development	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. No size limitations		
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	75% of parkland surplus / possible development opportunity or returned to farmland		

## Proton Station Community Park

<b>Parkland Development</b>			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Development	No major development in < 5 years. Park is passive play area. Size limitations		
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	50% parkland is surplus / unused parkland could be sold for development	> 10 years	

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## Dundalk and District Community Centre

Facility Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Accessible Seating	Decide on suitable location and build	2018-20	
Multi-use Facility	Possible location for addition to increase usage	Planning 2018	
Re Configure Auditorium	Redesign Aud to incorporate youth drop-in centre and permanent location for early years programming. Centre Hall converted to gymnasium	2018	
Repurpose Ice Surface	Redesign ice surface into a field house. Amalgamation of Minor Hockey may decrease rentals / revenues and increase operating deficit beyond community acceptance. Amalgamation may allow Southgate to get out of supplying expensive infrastructure.		

## Frank Macintyre Building Memorial Park

Facility Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Development	Newly renovated nothing for next 10 years		

## Lions Pavilion Memorial Park

Facility Development			
Recreational themes and infrastructure			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Pavilion Improvements	Concrete floor sinking major repair in < 5 years. Concern is will structure handle repair or will repair cause the closure of facility. Temporary fix such as sub floor may be a suitable option Facility beyond acceptable cost to maintain. Demolition maybe only acceptable option	< 5 years  <5 years	Concrete replacement \$10,000 + Sub floor \$5000
Development	Include replacement in multi-use facilities. Possible location for new facility	5 to 10 years	
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	Include replacement in Multi-use Facility. Possible location for new facility		

## Holstein Pavilion

Facility Development		
Recreational themes and infrastructure		
Goal	Action	Timeline
Increase usage	Research other potential building usage	
Development	Current usage does not reflect need/ washrooms newly renovated	
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	Current usage has value to Community Kid n Us returning to facility in 2020	

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## Swinton Park Community Centre

<b>Facility Development</b>		
Recreational themes and infrastructure		
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Building renovation	Wall panelling replaced or changed to drywall / accessible door widths and washrooms	
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	Hillside Organization decreasing numbers and lack of Community usage, the facility could be deemed surplus	5 to 15 years

## Proton Community Park Pavilion


<b>Facility Development</b>		
Recreational themes and infrastructure		
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Increase usage	Research other potential land usage	
Development	Current usage does not warrant development	
Surplus Land/ Infrastructure	Lack of Community usage and decreasing ballpark usage, facility could be deemed surplus	

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## Memorial Park Pool

Facility Development		
Recreational themes and infrastructure		
Goal	Action	Timeline
Keep asset open as long as possible	Replacement cost may be too high for tax base to support.	
Development	Limited by design / Slash pad may add feature that extends value to community	
Accessibility	Accessible washrooms and access concern	
Replacement	Incorporate into multi-use facility	5 to 10 years

## Fees and Charges

	Cost of Ownership/ Acceptable Deficit	Increased Rates effects on Usage	Market Value 2020	Current Rate
Community Centres (Macintyre/Swinton)	Seniors and youth programming need considered as value to Community	Rates close to community acceptance	\$125	\$117/ \$100
Community Centre Auditorium	Renovation increases usage and decreases cost of ownership. Auditorium rental space and programming should decrease deficit of operations by \$5,000	Renovation changes usage	\$50 per hour	\$50 per hour
Community Centre Ice Surface (Summer Events)	The cost of renting ice surface for one-time usage is too high to justify renting. Reason for one-time users is to make large profits.	Minimal fee small in relation to possible profits	\$800	\$690
Pavilions	Family reunions are decreasing in popularity. Cost of ownership will soon outweigh usage	Rates close to community acceptance	\$110	\$107
Ball Parks	An amenity that enhances the community parks. Decreases usage some parks will be obsolete	Southgate rates have no bearing on usage/ lack of youth has greater influence	\$40	\$37
Swimming Lessons	Pools operate at a loss. Managing cost and programming has kept an acceptable operating deficit.	Minimal rate below value	\$75	\$70
Ice Rates	Operating deficits on comparable facilities are averaging \$60-100,000. Community economic and social value should be considered in deficit. Existing agreements with free usage, insurance and administration costs are part of ownership.	Decreased usage affects the ability to keep rates down	\$155 Regular \$130 Minor	\$140 Regular \$128 Minor

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<b>Fees and Charges Review</b> Direction and Recommendation		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Be current with programming trends	On going	
Current fees seem within communities' budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2% Increase on all fees to maintain deficit on operations</li></ul>	Annually	
Participation numbers are slowly decreasing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased fees may be required to balance budget</li></ul>		

## Fees Charges Projected

<b>Suggested Rate Increases</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
		2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Swinton Park Community Centre/ Frank Macintyre Building</b>					
Macintyre Fri to Sun	\$104.25	\$106.33	\$108.46	\$110.63	\$112.84
Swinton Park Fri to Sun	\$89.25	\$91.03	\$92.86	\$94.71	\$96.60
Monday to Thursday 3 hrs or less	\$56.33	\$57.46	\$58.60	\$59.78	\$60.97
Youth Programs	\$18.85	19.23	19.61	20.00	20.40
Public Programs	\$37.57	38.32	39.08	39.87	40.66
<b>Community Centre Auditorium</b>					
Family Gathering	\$375.66	383.17	390.84	398.65	406.62
Events No Alcohol (reg staff hours)	\$164.38	167.66	171.02	174.44	177.93
Youth Hockey Tournaments	\$113.72	115.99	118.31	120.68	123.09
Meetings/ Funeral Lunches	\$113.72	115.99	118.31	120.68	123.09
Public Programs	\$94.91	96.81	98.74	100.72	102.73
	\$46.99	47.93	48.89	49.87	50.86
<b>Arena Ice Surface</b>					
(With Bar)	\$610.44	622.65	635.10	647.80	660.76
Without Bar	\$329.65	336.24	342.97	349.83	356.82
Booth	\$65.80	67.11	68.46	69.83	71.22
<b>Pavilions Hopeville Dundalk and Holstein</b>					
Pavilion	\$94.91	96.81	98.74	100.72	102.73
Holstein Alcohol Events	\$338.10	344.86	351.76	358.79	365.97
Former Council Chambers Holstein	\$56.33	57.46	58.60	59.78	60.97



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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Parks</b>		2%	2%	2%	2%
To reserve a specific non designated section of parkland	\$32.88	33.54	34.21	34.89	35.59
<b>Ball Parks</b>					
Per Game Monday to Friday	\$32.88	33.54	34.21	34.89	35.59
Per Game Adult lights	\$37.57	38.32	39.08	39.86	40.67
Minor Ball no lights per team	\$51.64	52.67	53.73	54.80	55.90
Minor Ball lights per game	\$14.16	14.44	14.73	15.03	15.33
Slow Pitch no lights per team	\$192.70	196.55	200.48	204.50	208.58
Tournaments Saturday only	\$117.39	112.83	115.09	117.39	119.74
Friday and Saturday	\$150.40	144.42	147.31	150.25	153.26
Weekend	\$178.41	171.50	174.93	178.43	182.00
<b>Camping Memorial Park</b>					
Per night	\$38.85	39.63	40.42	41.23	42.05
7th night	Free				
<b>Memorial Pool</b>					
<b>Public Swimming</b>					
Tots	Free	0%	2%	0%	2%
Child (3-12years)	\$3.09	3.09	3.32	3.32	3.54
Youth (13-16years)	\$3.54	3.54	3.98	3.98	4.42
Adult (17years +)	\$4.86	4.86	5.30	5.30	5.75
Family (same household)	\$9.73	9.73	10.17	10.17	10.61

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<b>Season Pass</b>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
		2%	2%	2%	2%
1 Child	\$95.13	97.03	98.97	100.95	102.91
1 Adult	\$118.58	120.95	123.37	125.83	128.35
2 persons (same household)	\$142.04	144.88	147.78	150.73	153.75
Family (same household)	\$188.05				
<b>Lessons</b>					
1 Child	\$69.25	70.64	72.04	73.49	74.96
2 Children (same household)	\$117.00	119.34	121.73	124.16	126.64
3 or More Children (same household)	\$165.00	168.30	171.67	175.09	178.60
Private lesson per 1/2 hour	\$30.00	30.60	31.21	31.84	32.47
Semi-Private per additional person	\$19.50	19.89	20.29	20.69	21.11
Pool Rental	\$51.77	52.81	53.86	54.94	56.04
<b>Dundalk Ice Rates</b>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
		2%	2%	2%	2%
Prime Ice	\$123.01	125.47	127.98	130.54	133.15
Minor Hockey/ Figure Skating	\$113.76	116.04	118.36	120.72	123.14
Non-Resident Minor/ Figure	\$117.83	120.19	122.56	125.04	127.54
Non-Prime local	\$81.95	83.59	85.26	86.97	88.70
Summer Adult Sports	\$71.77	73.20	74.67	76.16	77.69
Summer Youth Sports	\$61.55	62.78	64.03	65.32	66.62

## Agreements

Township of Southgate has entered into agreement to provide recreation for the entire municipality and surrounding areas.

<b>Agreements Review</b> Direction and Recommendation		
<b>Agreement</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
<b>Dundalk Agricultural Society</b> (Community Centre)	25 year	2020
<b>Township of Artemesia</b> (Proton Station Community Centre)1987	Ongoing	No term
<b>Melancthon</b> (Arena and Dundalk Parks facilities) (extended Staff Report Clerk 2015-31)	4 year	Dec 2023
<b>Wellington North</b> (annual operating and capital cost of "ice oriented" activities)	4 year	Dec 2023
<b>Dundalk Lion's Club</b> (Dundalk Lion's donation of \$900, for five free uses Community Centre, 10 (ten) free days including all park lands and Macintyre Building)	Annually	
<b>Dundalk Community Centre Concessions</b>	Triffina Henderson	
<b>Dundalk Soccer Club</b> (operating grant \$1,000 annually)	Closed	
<b>Dundalk Lawn Bowling Club</b> (\$400 annually and maintains bowling pitch for uses of pitch and use of Macintyre Building. 5 tournaments and 2 executive meetings)	Annually	
<b>Hillside Academy</b> Swinton Park CC usage (\$1,500)	Annually	
<b>Holstein Minor Ball</b> (start fund \$250)	Held in Trust	

## Master Goals

<b>Development</b>		
Action	Timeline	Cost
Parks and facilities are above communities need and ability to sustain. No major development is required at this time.	Current	
Multi Use Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibilities for new facility</li> <li>• Redesign Community Centre</li> </ul>	5 year	
Effects of Substantial growth in Dundalk area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flato Meadows</li> <li>• White Rose</li> </ul>	Current	

<b>Programming and Service Delivery</b>		
Action	Timeline	Cost
Be current with programming trends	On going	
Rely on secondary provider policy till community increases in size and need Actively pursue secondary providers for programs	On going	
Research and implement Youth Drop in Centre Community Centre	2020	
Use second Facility Operator as Programmer to do research and develop Southgate Programs	Current	

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<b>Marketing Strategies</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Create Recreation awareness program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brochure</li><li>• Website current and up to date</li><li>• Program board permanently located in Arena lobby</li></ul>	Current/ On Going	
<b>Implementation Strategy</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Policy development <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use policy as direction</li><li>• Rely on Secondary provider policy</li><li>• Facility Operator Programmer</li></ul>	Current/ On Going	

<b>Public Consultation</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Community survey and feedback on need Survey completed on Survey Monkey for new home owners	2018	
Active communication with all user groups	Current/ On Going	

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<b>Health Community</b>			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Create unstructured play to increases activity	Find local organizations willing to run play days in the parks	Current/ On Going	
Invest in individual play infrastructure	Continue financial support for activities such as Frisbee golf	Current	
Continued support of the SEGHC and its programming efforts	Stay current with the organization and help promote healthy activities provided by this organization. Actively participate in Run Jump Play initiative	Current/ On Going	

<b>Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal</b>			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Identify Infrastructure	Maximize revenues / usage to make facilities sustainable. Identify what is sustainable and what is not.	On going	
Olde Town Hall	Renovation	2020	\$4 million
Dundalk Linked Trails	Map future developments and trail possibilities to create a walkable community Flato Glenelg to school link	2020-2025	DC
Holstein Park	Passive play components		
Beach Volleyball	Install court Memorial Park	2018	\$2500

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<b>Revenues</b>			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Increase usage over increased rates	Promote facilities and create revenue through more usage. Manage fees and charges to promote usage	Current / On Going	
Increase rates annually	2% increase in fees	Current	

<b>Accessibility</b>			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Continue to address accessibility issues throughout the Municipality	Pool Lions Pavilion Swinton Park Hopeville Pavilion Holstein Pavilion Holstein Washrooms Trails Playgrounds	Current / On Going	

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<b>Surplus Infrastructure</b>			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Identify surplus and /or unused Municipal Infrastructure	Memorial Park Lions Pavilion Swinton Park Parkland Swinton Park Community Centre Hopeville Pavilion Proton Community Park Hopeville Ball lights Egremont Parkland Holstein Ball Lights Dromore Parkland Proton Station Parkland Olde Town Hall	Current / On Going	



## Dundalk Development Plans Goals

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<b>Development</b>		
Action	Timeline	Cost
Subdivision Parkland requirements	Current	
Southgate Multi Use Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research need for future building</li> <li>Possibilities for new facility</li> </ul>	2020	On hold due to Olde Town Hall project
Walk Ability of Community Linking Community	Current	

<b>Programming and Service Delivery</b>		
Action	Timeline	Cost
Be current with programming trends	On going	
Rely on secondary provider policy till community increases in size and need Actively pursue secondary providers for programs	On going	
Research needs and expectations of new community members	Current	
Facility Operator Programmer Establish Southgate programs	Current	

<b>Public Consultation</b>		
Action	Timeline	Cost
Community survey and feedback on need Survey future home owners for input on expectations	Current	
Active communication with all user groups	On going	

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<b>Parks and Recreation Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal</b>			
Goal	Action	Timeline	Cost
Identify Need/ expectations	Communicate with developers and future home owners to find needs and expectations of the community	On going	
Identify Infrastructure	Research possible infrastructure required by new home owners.	On going	
Multi Use Facility	Continue to develop a plan for renewal of facilities and infrastructure.	2025	
Improving Current Infrastructure	Identify areas of critical need with increased population <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pool</li><li>• Soccer fields</li></ul>	On going	
Revisit Partnerships and Agreements	Priority is Agricultural lands and soccer fields	<5 years	

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## Appendix

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[Policy #42- Secondary Providers](#)

[Policy #30- Facility Rental](#)

[Policy #31- Alcohol Risk Management](#)

[Policy #29- Campground Policy](#)

[Policy #43- Smoke Free Policy](#)

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