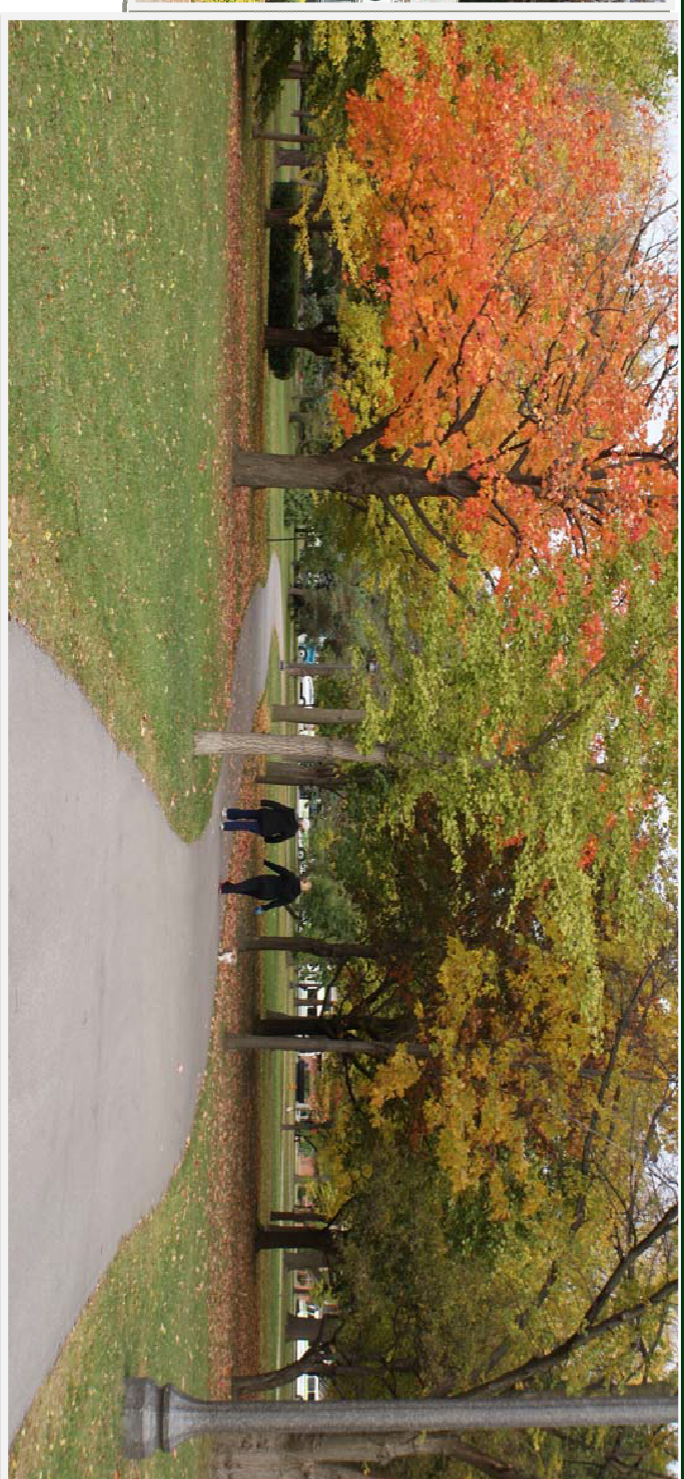


CHAPTER 5: ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS



REDISCOVER OUR PARKS

Parks and Outdoor Recreation Master Plan is a higher level document identifying the needs and recommendations for consideration in both Parks Capital and Parks Operational Budgets for the next 20 years. While the recommendations contained within are for the higher level, they provide direction for an Action Plan which is to be completed in 2016.

That Action Plan will detail each recommendation with internal departmental staff requirements, external agencies who may be involved in the implementation, priorities for consideration. As this is a twenty-year plan, a timeframe for completion has also been identified to assist future Operational and Capital Budgetary considerations.

In this chapter, the recommendations found in the body of this document have been summarized. Guiding Principles which each recommendation embodies is identified. A list of studies to be undertaken and policies and procedures to be written has been highlighted to identify the staff resources requirements of Parks.


































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1.01	Place added focus on the construction of any park amenity or recreational paths within City Parks to comply with "PART IV.1 DESIGN OF PUBLIC SPACES STANDARDS (ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT) of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005. "			✓					✓	✓		
1.02	Implement playground replacement strategy as per Council direction MB_____ based on the "Playground Audit" .			✓						✓	✓	✓
1.03	Establish pilot sites for non-traditional natural play elements and environments to establish uniqueness and to allign with emerging trends.	🚩		✓		✓	✓					✓
1.04	Review current and proposed splash pad locations and criteria for development throughout the city to ensure adequate coverage.	🚩		✓				✓			✓	✓
1.05	Work with neighbourhood communities including area youth and seniors to determine their specific interests in recreation activities, play, exercise and programming for designing park amenities at the inception of any park redevelopment plan.			✓	✓		✓				✓	✓

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1.06	Collaborate with all School Boards to determine where efforts and resources can be aligned to provide recreation facilities in both parks and school grounds to accommodate the needs of the community.			✓	✓						✓	✓
1.07	Incorporate outdoor exercise fitness stations along multi-use trails in parks where appropriate to maintain healthy activity for all.			✓		✓						✓
1.08	Focus on recreational activities and facilities for the aging population.			✓		✓						
1.09	Adopt the " <u>Age-friendly Windsor Action Plan</u> " recommendations into the parks standards including:			✓		✓						
1.09	a) Establish Wi-Fi hot spots in a parks where appropriate.	🚩		✓	✓				✓			✓
1.09	b) Promote age-friendly design in parks to ensure that pedestrian access is safe and universal.			✓					✓			
1.09	c) Provide pathways into parks for seniors and those with mobility issues to access.			✓					✓			
1.09	d) Review and identify current park washroom locations and their existing infrastructure to determine where washroom facilities need to be upgraded and new facilities located for future development (ie: Within Regional or Community Parks).	🚩		✓		✓		✓				✓
1.09	e) To identify locations for wheel chair charging stations.	🚩		✓		✓				✓		
1.10	To protect and enhance access to floral displays at Coventry Gardens, Dieppe Park and Jackson Park as our premier floriculture and horticultural display parks.			✓				✓				✓
1.11	Prepare a 'Redevelopment Plan' in collaboration with the City's Accessibility Officer to assess the condition and compliance of municipal park pathways, trails as well as beach and riverfront access from an AODA perspective in all parks.	🚩		✓		✓			✓	✓		✓
1.12	Collaborate with Transportation Planning to review the "B.U.M.P." To provide recreational pathways and trails that promote continued linkages across the city and connections with surrounding municipalities.			✓	✓				✓			✓

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1.13	Continue the Community Living Mentorship Partnership program to provide opportunities for meaningful work experience for persons with disabilities.			✓	✓							✓
1.14	Provide ongoing consultation with immigrant communities to determine their needs.			✓	✓			✓				✓
1.15	Provide First Nations' consultation on any natural lands and naturalization processes or display garden commemorating heritage of indigenous peoples of the area as required by the "Provincial Policy Statement 2014".			✓	✓		✓	✓				✓
2.01	As continuous community involvement plays a key role in the longevity of parks, encourage the establishment of "Adopt-a-Park" partnerships with community organizations and groups to assist in the sustainability of parks.				✓		✓					✓
2.02	Encourage and facilitate support for volunteer efforts in park stewardship and outdoor recreation activities such as; park restoration and renewal opportunities.				✓							✓
2.03	Encourage the establishment of partnerships with private and community organizations as sponsors including: - Agencies - Boards - Committees, and - Friends Groups to help promote parks and trails, as destinations, through sponsorship of park development, park stewardships and outdoor recreation activities.				✓		✓				✓	✓
2.04	Establish partnerships with the organized sports community to assist the City of Windsor in providing the best sports opportunities available in the region.				✓							✓
2.05	Maintain the "Recreation Activity Guide" and use multiple types of communication and social media to promote recreational opportunities in parks and outdoor recreation areas.				✓			✓				
2.06	To provide better marketing of parks through various media formats to engage the public.				✓						✓	

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3.01	Recreational activities for active healthy living should focus on self-guided opportunities through the promotion of fitness stations and park design.											
3.02	Work with the Windsor/Essex Community Garden Collective and other interested partners to provide opportunities for community gardens where there is demand at selected sites within the city as per the " <u>Community Gardens Policy</u> " in order to: a) Promote sustainability through urban agricultural projects, b) Education of sustainable gardening practices c) Establish demonstration gardens and other forms of urban agriculture.											
3.03	Provide equal opportunity access to natural areas and experience of wildlife throughout the city based on the " <u>AODA</u> ".											
3.04	Access to drinking water be provided in select, highly active Community and Regional Open Spaces within the Parks Greenway System.											
3.05	Determine shade targets through <i>Forestry and Environmental Services</i> as a follow-up to the Shade Audit for all parks in the Parks Greenway System as well as rights-of-ways in order to provide healthy shaded access throughout the city and help offset the impact of climate change.											
3.06	Prepare redevelopment plans for Sandpoint Beach to accommodate the needs of the community and establish it as a " <u>Blue Flag Beach</u> ".											
4.01	To protect and promote existing natural areas and provide connections where available.											
4.02	To promote naturalization where warranted to create buffers and connections to natural areas in consultation with the community.											
4.03	Identify and review parks or portions of parks for naturalization and establish appropriate management strategies with public consultation.											

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4.04	Collaborate with ERCA to provide performance and management strategies for all natural parks and naturalized areas including: a) Fish habitat along riverfront lands b) Watershed management areas c) Prairies d) Woodlots						✓				✓	✓
4.05	Create a performance and management plan to determine high priority natural park such as: - Peche Island - Spring Garden ANSI - Ojibway Nature Complex - The Airport Swamp Woodlots						✓				✓	✓
4.06	Prepare standards for the establishment of urban wildlife habitat to; a) Accommodate expansion of the natural areas to help facilitate better management of species at risk, habitat for urban wildlife and opportunity for nature related recreation for people. b) Establish a protocol for succession control in managed natural and naturalized areas to deter the establishment of exotic and aggressive naturally invasive species. c) Place a high priority on sustainability and ecological integrity in managing vegetation, using native plants where possible, especially for restoration of disturbed areas, and naturalization projects.	🚩	🚩				✓	✓			✓	✓
4.07	To identify drainage issues in the Parks Greenway System and areas where flooding is an issue for residents to determine if strategies promoted by the "Environmental Master Plan" (such as Low-Impact-Design and green infrastructure) can be used to accommodate storm water to help mitigate flooding.	🚩				✓	✓			✓	✓	
4.08	Protect the quality of life for future generations: establish an "Urban Forestry Management Plan" for the Parks Greenway System and public right-of-ways by conducting a full tree inventory of all city-owned trees and return to the industry standard through maintenance and funding to ensure that our urban forest remains sustainable.		🚩				✓				✓	

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4.09	Naturalize underutilized parks (in whole or part) or those with poor drainage to enhance biodiversity while addressing level of service.						✓	✓			✓	✓
4.11	Establish a 'Policy for 'No Mow' Areas'.		🚩				✓				✓	
4.12	Work with other civic departments to revise "Parking Lot By-Law" to allow 'Low-Impact-Design' in parks to reduce storm water impacts.	🚩	🚩		✓		✓					
4.13	Revisit the "Official Plan" with the Planning Department to offer green infrastructure bonuses for parkland development in subdivisions (especially in Sandwich South Planning District).		🚩				✓		✓			✓
4.14	Continue active involvement with the Planning Department in the development of the "Sandwich South Secondary Plan" to ensure that Parks and Recreational spaces are established to promote physical connectivity for pedestrian and active transportation through an ecologically diverse 'Biodiversity Gateway' by extending Little River Corridor to the Herb Grey Parkway and the Ojibway Nature Complex.						✓	✓	✓			
4.15	That The City of Windsor coordinate a stewardship project with ERCA in order to secure <i>Priority Natural Significant Lands</i> such as Ojibway Shores, Sandwich South Planning District and any other opportunities where natural features exist to improve the natural heritage system in the City.						✓	✓	✓			✓
4.16	Apply under criteria ix and x of the nomination process of UNESCO to establish the Ojibway Nature Complex of parks as a 'UNESCO Heritage Site', through the assistance of the Friends of Ojibway Prairie and ERCA, based on the universal natural significance of the properties.						✓	✓				✓
5.01	Adopt the re-classification of parks as outlined in this master plan and update the "City of Windsor's Official Plan".						✓	✓			✓	✓
5.02	Update the "Official Plan" to make certain that any new infrastructure, utilities and services abutting parkland is coordinated through the Parks Department to ensure appropriate service to parks.		🚩					✓				

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5.03	Prepare a 'Manual of Park Design Standards' for: - Each classification and sub-classification - Standard design details (eg. amenities, pathways, plant materials and field layouts) - Specifications, and - Compliance with "AODA"											
5.04	Identify the key parks that would serve as community hubs.											
6.01	Identify, prioritize and establish new trails to improve connectivity throughout the city.											
6.02	Collaborate with <i>Transportation Planning</i> to update the "B.U.M.P." to promote trail connections for neighbourhoods.											
6.03	To review opportunities to provide cyclists with safe routes through or adjacent to parkland instead of along major traffic routes.											
6.04	To review and discuss options with the railways on routes which may be abandoned in the future to provide opportunities for recreational multi-use-trails and commuter cyclists.											
6.05	Strengthen all north-south connections to the Detroit River.											
6.06	Work with and establish partnerships to obtain formal access for the development of recreational trails where appropriate on non-city owned lands, e.g., Devonwood, utility corridors and private land parcels.											
6.07	Include environmental considerations in the planning of major new trails through natural areas, and design trails to minimize environmental impacts.											
6.08	Develop trail heads and staging areas with the appropriate amenities for users including: wayfinding and interpretation.											
6.09	Amend the " <u>Adopt-a-Park Policy</u> " to include an 'Adopt-a-Trail' Program.											
6.10	Prepare and " <u>Adopt-a-Trail</u> " management plan that builds upon methods used in other jurisdictions' best practice models.											

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6.11	Update design standards on well used trails through areas with high environmental values to keep people on trails and to protect the resources.			✔			✔		✔			✔
7.01	Work with the <i>Police Services</i> to communicate and impement " <u>CPTED</u> " principles in parks to increase levels of safety while addressing a balance between aesthetic and environmental considerations.			✔	✔	✔				✔		
7.02	Establish a ' <u>Policy for Park and Trail Lighting</u> '.	🚩	🚩	✔						✔		
7.03	Establish a ' <u>Policy for Emergency Call Buttons</u> ' within parks and along trails.	🚩	🚩							✔		
7.04	Develop a ' <u>Parkland Encroachment Policy and Procedure</u> ' to enforce and educate the public regarding encroachment into city parks and open space.		🚩							✔		
8.01	To review and update the 2012 park disposition list.	🚩									✔	
8.02	That in areas of deficient park open pace a strategy be developed to identify and acquire property suitable for the parkland.							✔			✔	
8.03	Investigate opportunity to acquire lands from school boards, railways or other underutilized sites in the city for parks purposes as they become available to offset areas which demonstrate a deficiency in parkland.				✔			✔	✔		✔	
8.04	Actively explore alternative funding mechanisms such as sponsorships from businesses, individual donors, partnerships, grants and gifting can be made directly for parkland purposes				✔						✔	✔
8.05	To encourage donation (i.e. bequeathing, estate settlements, in-trusts) of land for parks purposes based on the " <u>Donation Policy (M20-2013)</u> ".						✔				✔	
8.06	That the <i>Parks, Recreation and Culture Departments</i> undertake a " <u>Sports Needs Analysis</u> " in conjunction with community and sports facilities users looking at consolidation opportunities more immediately for the east end of Windsor and ultimately city wide.	🚩			✔	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔	✔
8.07	Review and develop designated areas in parks for skateboarding facilities throughout the city.	🚩		✔							✔	✔

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8.08	Review and develop designated areas in parks for spraypads throughout the city.											
8.09	Review and develop a sport court strategy for the whole city to determine appropriate locations.											
8.10	Review and develop an outdoor swimming facilities strategy to ensure adequate access for all users.											
8.11	Adopt a policy with Asset Management that establishes level of service for the maintenance and operation of parks.											
8.12	To establish a 'Management Plan' for each city park and open space.											
8.13	To develop 'Park Design Standards', and adoption of policies to improve and reduce maintenance costs, while achieving an aesthetically pleasing environment for each park type.											
8.14	To standardize park maintenance and level of service, as well as lifecycle costing by formalizing Parks Operations inspection and management standards as "C.I.T.E." based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classification and location of the park – setting, ranging from very natural to urban. - Infrastructure – type, age, condition, replacement cycle. - Type and amount of use – numbers of people, demographics served, times of highest use. - Environmental characteristics – sensitivity of vegetation and wildlife, amount of shade from trees provided. 											
8.15	Review the current City Forestry's Tree Nursery and determine its needs and identify an appropriate location in order for forestry to maintain an acceptable level of service and a reliable source for carolinian tree species as well as boulevard trees.											
8.16	Establish and adopt an ongoing GIS referenced AutoCAD based data inventory in collaboration with Asset Management and Geomatics of all park assets including the purchase of computerized digital systems and equipment as needed to capture assets within the park system.											

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8.17	Establish a labeling protocol for interpretation and communication of the horticultural and biodiversity of the plant material found in select premier natural and horticultural parks.				✔						✔	✔
8.18	Review the "Parks Bylaw" for updates on a five-year basis.			✔	✔		✔	✔			✔	✔
9.01	Establish Neighbourhood Parks and a stronger community focus by providing opportunities for social gathering and a sense of pride in the community.			✔	✔			✔				✔
9.02	Park design to be in character with the type of park, its location and setting and operational management practices.							✔			✔	✔
9.03	Establish a 'Policy and Procedures for Public Consultation' when soliciting any development in parks.		🚩	✔	✔		✔	✔				✔
9.04	That park development include areas of open turf where appropriate, to facilitate unorganized sport play.					✔	✔	✔			✔	✔
9.05	Review outdoor picnic facilities to ensure appropriate distribution throughout the city.	🚩		✔				✔				✔
9.06	Undertake a 'Feasibility Study' in collaboration with the Windsor-Essex Sports Organizations to determine the needs for: a) artificial sports fields b) sports dome	🚩			✔			✔			✔	✔
9.07	Implement the restoration, rehabilitation and conservation proposals for Willistead Park, of: a) the Parks Gates and Perimeter fencing. b) the South Parterre Garden. c) the Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Fountain. d) an Urban Arboretum. in a phased approach as per the park concept plan.				✔		✔	✔				✔

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9.08	Amalgamate Parks Forestry and Horticultural Operations to centralize parks services at Jackson Park to:										✓	✓
9.08	a) Relocate of the City's Greenhouses from Lanspeary Park to Jackson Park.				✓			✓			✓	✓
9.08	b) Create a true 'Botanic Garden' .	✓		✓			✓	✓				✓
9.08	c) Investigate and develop a Display Greenhouse for year-round demonstration and horticultural programs.	✓		✓				✓				✓
9.08	d) Investigate the potential collaboration with Schools Boards and the Community Garden Collective for horticultural training at the facility.		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓
9.08	e) Formalize an 'Urban Arboretum' .			✓			✓	✓				✓
9.08	f) Provide year-round interest with activity through a 'Festive Winter Lights Display' and an outdoor 'Skating Rink' .				✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
9.08	g) Update the "Jackson Park Master Plan".	✓		✓			✓	✓			✓	✓
9.09	Work collaboratively with Local Organizations such as horticulturalist and artist groups to help promote, educate and enhance the public's experience when visiting parks. (for example: guided tours, workshops and interpretation)				✓							✓
9.10	Protect and increase access to and along the Riverfront Parks .			✓				✓	✓			✓
9.11	Identify popular marine-based recreation areas within city parks and establish 'Marine-based Recreation Design Guidelines' that meet the needs of the community to provide access for non-motorized water-based activities, e.g., boating, paddle boarding, kayaking, swimming, walking, sitting, and picnicking.	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓			✓
9.12	Identify popular fishing areas along Riverfront Parks and establish 'Recreational Fishing Design Guidelines' that meet the needs of the community.	✓		✓				✓				✓
9.13	Ensure that the phased development projects are carried out as per the "Central Riverfront Implementation Plan 2001" taking into consideration the "2014 Public Consultation Update Report".							✓				✓

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9.14	Work with Recreation and Culture for the management of sculptures found along the riverfront, as per the "Maintenance Management Manual".				✓			✓				✓
9.15	Undertake a study to replace the 'Charlie Brookes Memorial Peace Fountain' at Reaume Park for redevelopment options in consultation with the community.	🚩					✓				✓	✓
9.16	Identify the impacts of special events on our parks and work in collaboration with Special Events Coordinators to determine appropriate locations.				✓							✓
9.17	Investigate the addition of park infrastructure that would support special events as potential revenue generators. (examples: special displays at a botanic garden, or long-term event in a park)	🚩						✓			✓	✓
9.18	Create a 'Policy on Weddings in Parks' in collaboration with Recreation and Culture including specified locations and fees.		🚩					✓			✓	✓
9.19	Determine locations within Community Open Spaces and Regional Open Spaces to establish dog parks.	🚩						✓				✓
9.20	Evaluate the environmental impacts of dogs in parks and work with stakeholders to establish 'Policies and Procedures for Off-Leash Dog Parks'.	🚩	🚩				✓					✓
9.21	Create a 'Dog Park Information Package' downloadable from the City's website.				✓							✓
10.01	Complete an update to "Rediscover Our Parks" on a 5-year basis to: a) Track progress. b) Reassess priorities should opportunities arise. c) Address trends, changing demographics, or the economy of the city.			✓	✓		✓				✓	