

CITY OF SCHERTZ, TEXAS

Parks & Open Space

Master Plan



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Section 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of Schertz, Texas partnered with Land Design Partners to prepare the City of Schertz Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. The plan was developed between December 2004 and January 2007 by city personnel and staff from Land Design Partners and reflects a range of issues and levels of planning with the broad-scale contextual relationships of parks in the community.

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Section 2 METHODOLOGY AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the development of this Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan, the City of Schertz wanted to ensure that the park, leisure, and recreational needs of its residents and visitors to the City were met with quality and excellence.

The Department of Texas Parks & Wildlife requires that a new Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan be developed every five years, adopted by the City, and filed with TPWD in order for the City to be competitive in the Outdoor Recreational Grant Program scoring. With this knowledge, the City identified the need to develop a Citywide Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan specific to its residents and visitors to the City of Schertz.

The City of Schertz contracted Land Design Partners to assist in the planning and formulation of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan in December of 2004.

In 2004, the City developed and distributed a City of Schertz Parks and Recreation Survey to identify park needs and priorities for park facilities and recreation programs. Over 253 surveys were received in response to this mail out.

The next step the design team took was to meet with the City of Schertz staff to establish the overall goals and objectives to give direction to the City with its future planning and direction of the park and open space system.

The design team then conducted a physical inventory of the entire park system for the City of Schertz. This inventory included acreage identification, park classification, and existing facilities located in the individual parks.

Upon conclusion of this inventory, acreage and facility standards were developed with the Parks and Recreation Board to guide the City in future planning and development. The City developed the public park standards as a hybrid of the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) standards that more accurately fit the context and needs of the City of Schertz. It is the goal of the City to continue to provide this same level of excellence to its residents as the City continues to grow in population. Using this standard, which was based on the existing park inventory, acreage and facility guidelines were developed for projected population bases for the calendar years of 2010 and 2015.

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The needs assessment surveys were also tabulated and listed in order of high, moderate, and low priorities for both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities. These priorities were derived from the weighted input and survey response from the general public and the Schertz Parks and Recreation Board. Recommendations and expenditure analysis of these park improvement priorities were also developed to assist the City and a 10-year implementation plan outlines how the priorities may be accomplished.



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Regional Context Schertz In Context

Location

Schertz is located in parts of Guadalupe County, Bexar County and Comal County. U.S. Interstate 35 bisects the north part of the City and U.S. Interstate 10 forms the southern boundary, approximately 8.5 miles from I-35. Randolph Air Force Base is located on the western side of the City. The city limits include approximately 28.32 square miles.

Proximity to Major Metros

(Distance in Miles)

San Antonio	21
Austin	62
Houston	182

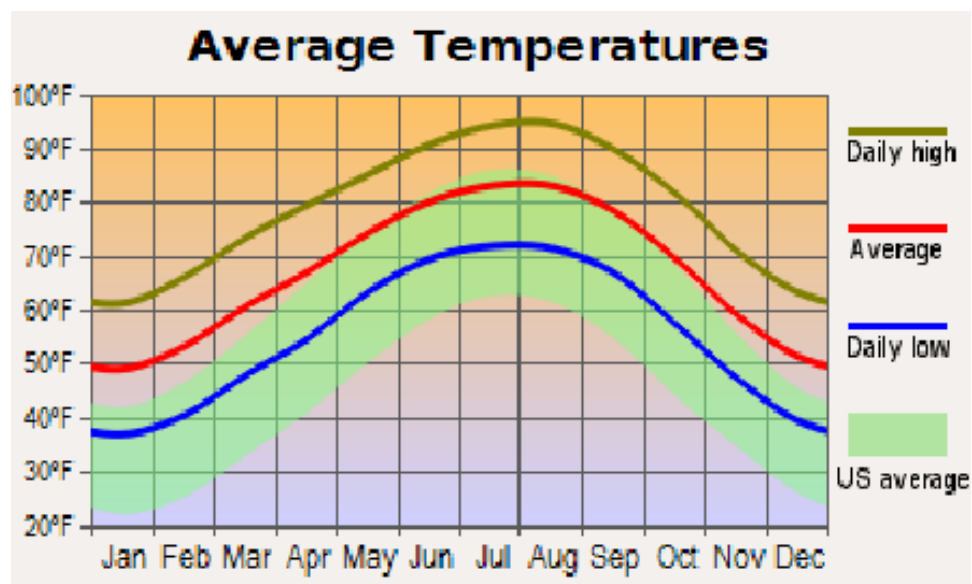
Nearby Cities

(Distance in Miles)

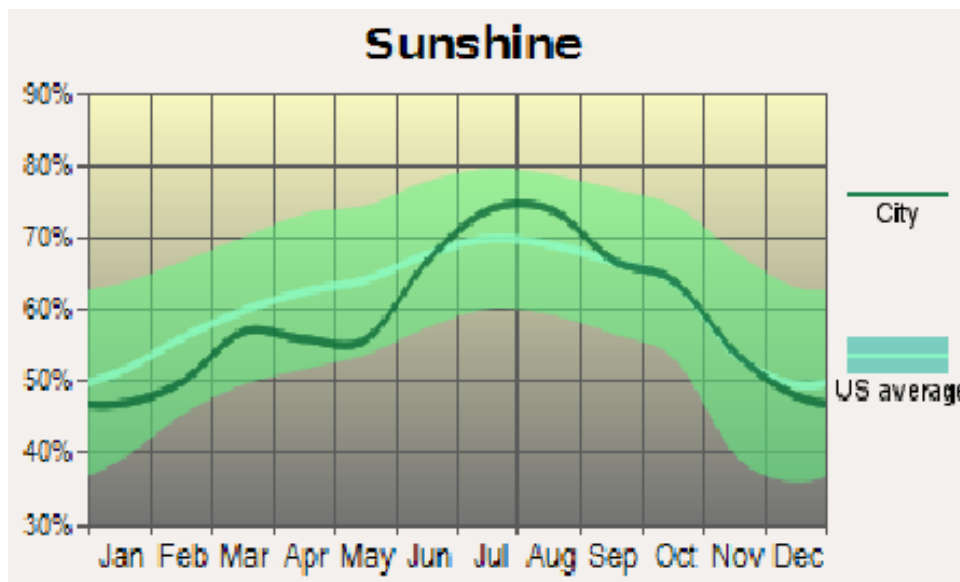
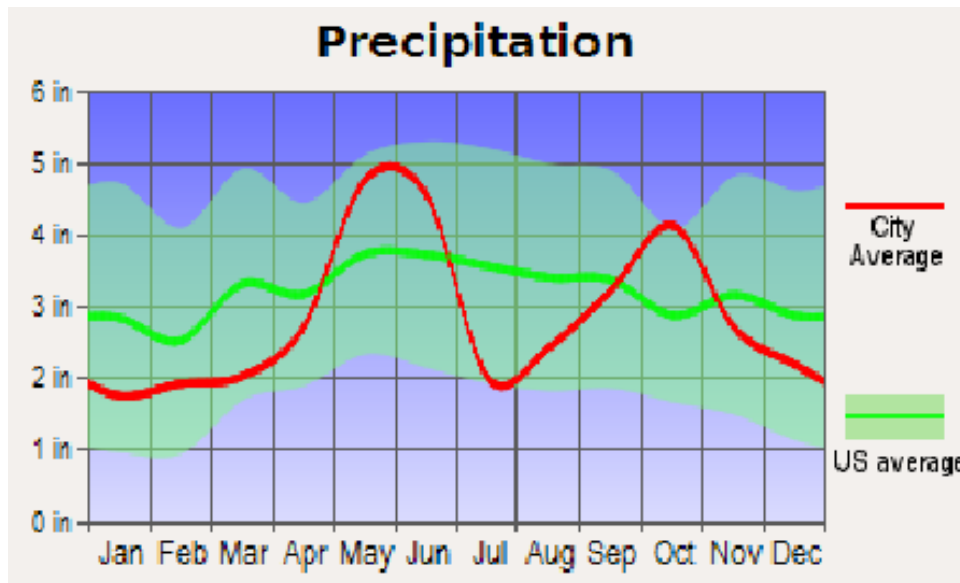
Corpus Christi	158
Laredo	179
Victoria	114
Kerrville	73
Del Rio	176
New Braunfels	16

Climate

The area has a mild subtropical climate, with temperatures ranging from an average high of 96 degrees in July and an average low of 42 degrees in January. The annual rainfall in Guadalupe county averages 33 inches, and the growing season averages 275 days. Averages for Schertz are illustrated below:



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Graphs from <http://www.city-data.com/city/Schertz-Texas.html>

Geography

Guadalupe County covers 713 square miles of flat to rolling terrain with local depressions and escarpments, and its elevation ranges from 450 to 800 feet above sea level. Schertz lies at approximately 760 feet in the Blackland Prairie Natural region of the county. Rich, deep, fertile black soils that once supported the original tallgrass prairie communities, due to land-use change, today support crop production and cattle ranching.

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Vegetation

Vegetation consists primarily of mesquite, scrub brush, and grasses in drier areas, with water-tolerant hardwoods and conifers found near creeks.

Community Facts and Figures

Median resident age: 37.2 years

- White Non-Hispanic (69.7%)
- Hispanic (19.5%)
- Black (6.6%)
- Other race (5.5%)
- Two or more races (3.4%)
- American Indian (1.2%)
- Filipino (0.5%)

Schertz Community Events:

BVYA (Buffalo Valley Youth Association)

Parade and Opening Day Ceremony

The Fourth of July Jubilee

Festival of Angels Lighted Parade

Christmas in the Park

Schertz History

Prior to settler arrival in 1843, Karankawa, Lipan Apache, and Comanche Indians inhabited the area.

Schertz was originally known as “Cibolo Pit,” and later as “Cut Off,” due to the fact that when Cibolo Creek flooded, the settlement was practically cut off from its surroundings. In 1875, when the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad was built through the area, the Schertz family donated land for the construction of the railroad depot. The town was soon officially known as Schertz.

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The first settlers of the area planted wheat, corn and oats. Cotton, however, proved most successful. With the arrival of the railroad and with it the ability to export goods, Schertz transformed from a small German settlement to a lively trading post.

In 1890 the town had a cotton gin, a grocery, and an estimated 200 residents. By 1914 it included a church, bank, and hotel.

Randolph Air Force Base built on 2000 acres in the late 1920's. This gave a big boost to Schertz's economy, as well as to surrounding areas such as Selma, New Braunfels, Seguin, and San Antonio.

The population remained at about 350 from the early 1930's to the late 1950's. Then, however, with the construction of nearby Interstate Highway 35 and the outward expansion of San Antonio, the population began to grow much faster. In 1958, the year of its incorporation, Schertz reported 2,281 residents and twenty four businesses. In 1988 it had 7,576 residents and eighty-six businesses. In 1990 the population of Schertz was 10,555, and the city had expanded into Comal County. As of 2007, the population had reached 31,788.

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INTRODUCTION

Goals for the City of Schertz Parks and Recreation System

The City of Schertz adopted the “Schertz Comprehensive Land Plan” to help guide the City in its future growth. Chapter Seven of that document outlines three goals for the Parks and Recreation system of the City of Schertz.

These goals (as stated below in Goal #1, Goal#2 and Goal #3) were reviewed by the current Schertz Parks Board to clarify the future direction of the Parks and Recreation Department as they apply to the City of Schertz today. In addition, a fourth goal was added to complete the vision of the City of Schertz Parks and Recreation System:

Goal #1

Provide a diverse and evenly distributed blend of parks, recreation, and open space areas to accommodate the current and future needs of Schertz residents.

Goal #2

Encourage the conservation of natural resources through the acquisition of parks and recreation areas, preservation of open space, and environmentally sensitive planning.

Goal #3

Encourage and promote a variety of recreational opportunities including cultural activities, community activities and special events to enhance recreation and education opportunities for residents and tourists.

Goal #4

Provide residents connectivity to the City’s parks, schools, open space and cultural centers using trails, paths, and other alternative means of transportation to provide a Citywide trail system.



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INVENTORY

An integral part in the development of a Parks and Open Space Master Plan is the critical step of understanding the existing parks and facilities within the City. This is provided through on-site inventories and verification of existing park facilities within the City and discussions with City Staff.

The City of Schertz currently owns and maintains twelve parks with a total of **131.37** acres.

For purposes of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan, the inventory of parklands for the City of Schertz has been divided into the following categories:

City-Owned Developed Parkland

This category includes all park facilities that are recognized as parks owned and maintained by the City of Schertz that have a developed park infrastructure.

Undeveloped Land Owned by the City of Schertz

The City of Schertz owns some areas of land owned that are designated as parkland but are not developed as parks.

Homeowners Association Owned and Maintained Parks

Many of the neighborhood parks within the City are Homeowner Association (HOA) owned and maintained. These parks assist in serving the recreational needs of the City and as such are included in the inventory of this Parks and Open Space master plan.

Parkland-Platted

At the time this document was being developed, several residential communities were being platted through the City. Each of these communities within the City have different timelines for plat approval. However, as a point of reference, it is important to recognize where future parks are proposed within the cities infrastructure. These parks may be either city-owned or HOA-owned depending on the platting process.

Acres and locations of parks identified in this category are approximate and subject to change.

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Open Space Lands

Numerous parcels of land are recognized by the City as open space, although these lands will never be developed as parks. They are included in this Park Service Radius Map but are not officially recognized in the park acreage guidelines outlined in “Section E- Standards and Guidelines.”

Joint-Use Facilities with Local Independent School Districts

Many local Independent School Districts have park and recreation amenities within them. Although they are not owned, operated or maintained by the City of Schertz, these facilities do service the residents of Schertz and should be noted.

Private Golf Course

An existing privately owned golf course is located within the City of Schertz. It is also indicated on the Park Service Radius Map, but is not officially recognized in the park acreage guidelines outlined in “Section E- Standards and Guidelines.”

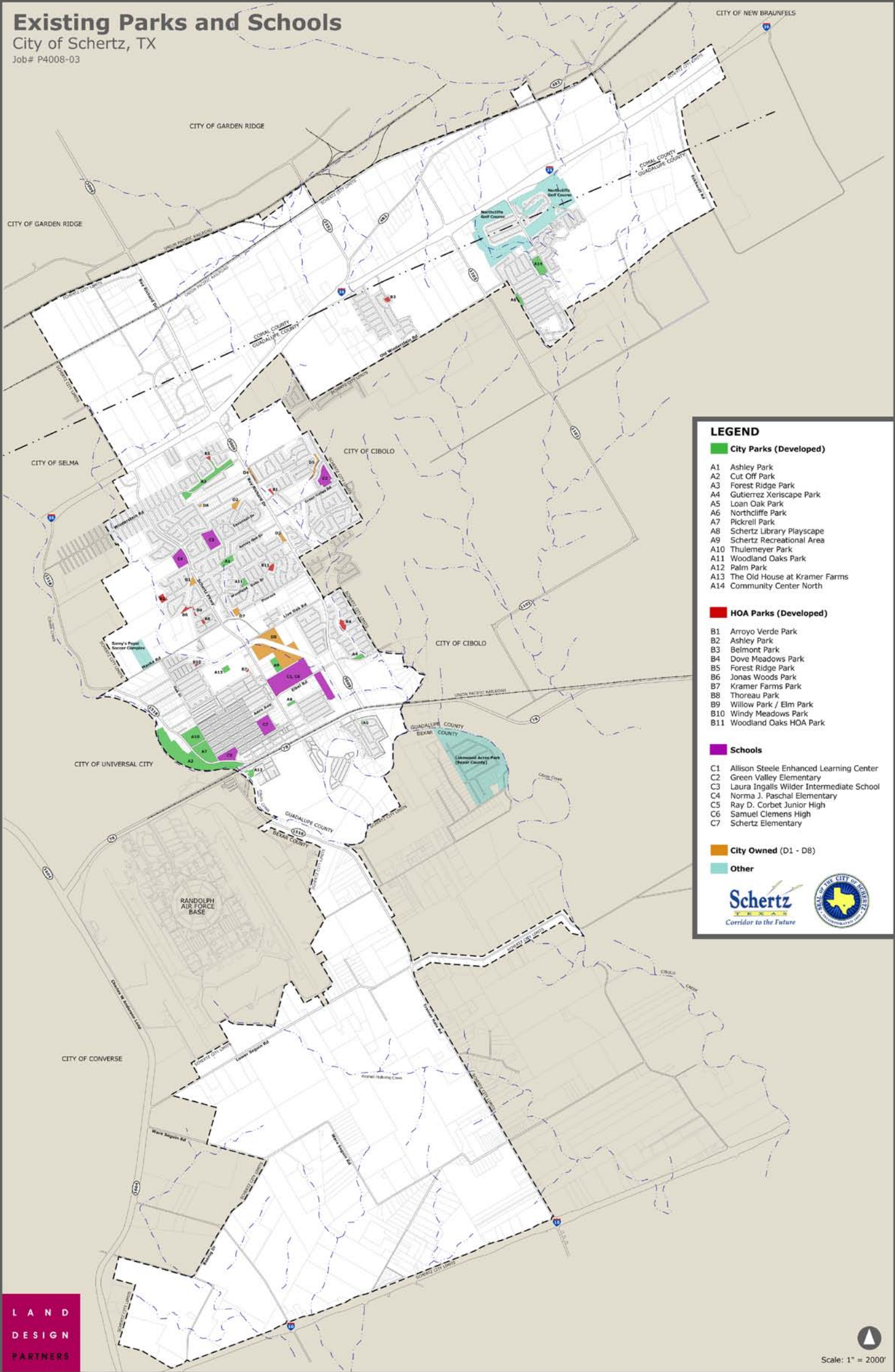
The Land Design Partners Team conducted an inventory for each of the City of Schertz developed parks. The result of each of these inventories is included on the following pages, complete with pictures of amenities located in each of the parks. The location, acreage, current and recommended park classification, and recreational facilities located in each park are also documented.

A complete matrix of the parks facilities inventory is provided after these inventories, categorizing the number of specific recreational facilities with their respective park and providing an overall total of these facilities throughout the City.

Existing Parks and Schools

City of Schertz, TX

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LEGEND

City Parks (Developed)

- A1 Ashley Park
- A2 Cut Off Park
- A3 Forest Ridge Park
- A4 Gutierrez Xeriscape Park
- A5 Loan Oak Park
- A6 Northcliff Park
- A7 Pickrell Park
- A8 Schertz Library Playscape
- A9 Schertz Recreational Area
- A10 Thulemeyer Park
- A11 Woodland Oaks Park
- A12 Palm Park
- A13 The Old House at Kramer Farms
- A14 Community Center North

HOA Parks (Developed)

- B1 Arroyo Verde Park
- B2 Ashley Park
- B3 Belmont Park
- B4 Dove Meadows Park
- B5 Forest Ridge Park
- B6 Jonas Woods Park
- B7 Kramer Farms Park
- B8 Thoreau Park
- B9 Willow Park / Elm Park
- B10 Windy Meadows Park
- B11 Woodland Oaks HOA Park

Schools

- C1 Allison Steele Enhanced Learning Center
- C2 Green Valley Elementary
- C3 Laura Ingalls Wilder Intermediate School
- C4 Norma J. Paschal Elementary
- C5 Ray D. Corbet Junior High
- C6 Samuel Clemens High
- C7 Schertz Elementary

City Owned (D1 - D8)

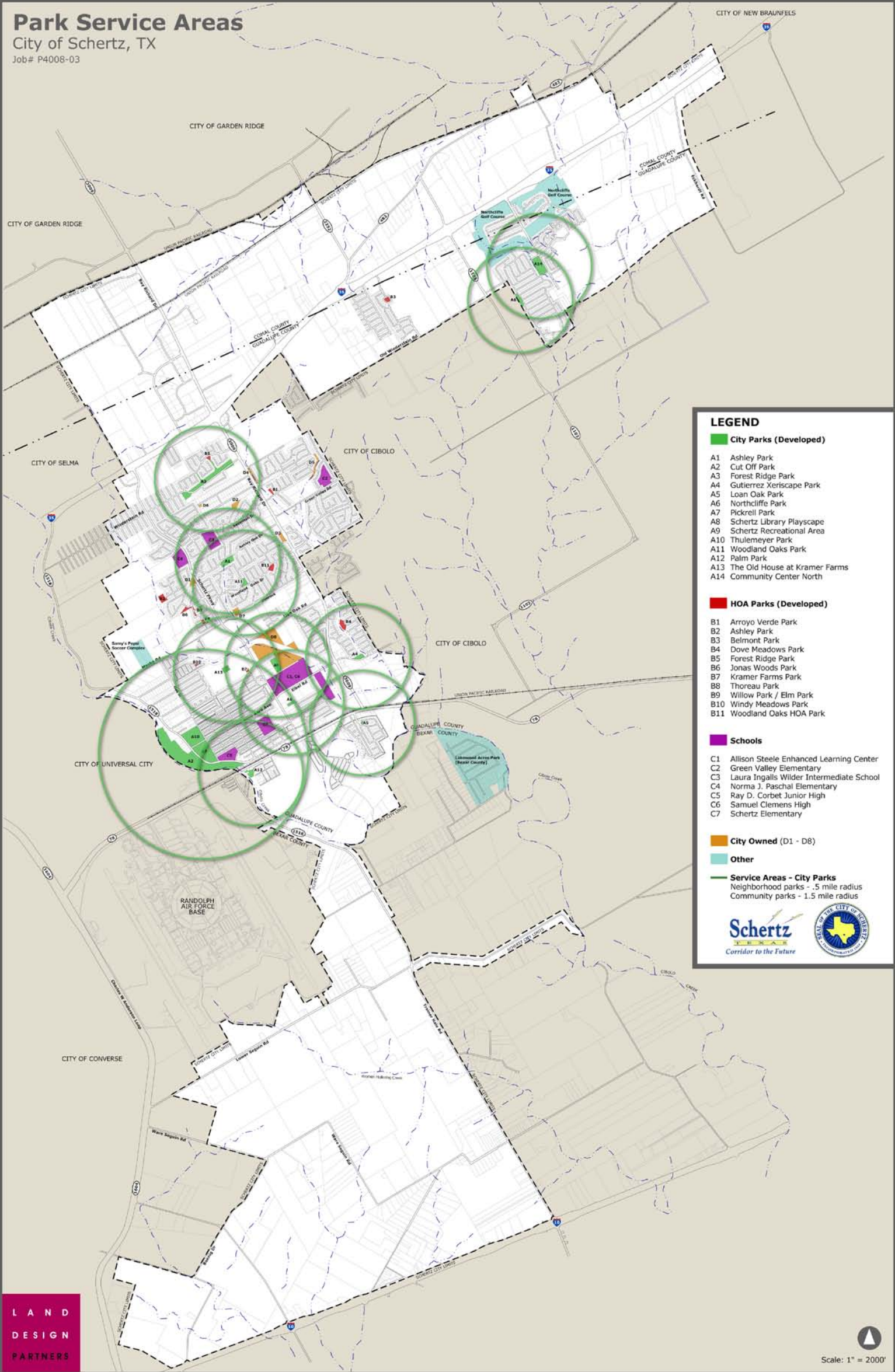
Other



Park Service Areas

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LEGEND

City Parks (Developed)

- A1 Ashley Park
- A2 Cut Off Park
- A3 Forest Ridge Park
- A4 Gutierrez Xeriscape Park
- A5 Loan Oak Park
- A6 Northcliffe Park
- A7 Pickrell Park
- A8 Schertz Library Playscape
- A9 Schertz Recreational Area
- A10 Thulemeyer Park
- A11 Woodland Oaks Park
- A12 Palm Park
- A13 The Old House at Kramer Farms
- A14 Community Center North

HOA Parks (Developed)

- B1 Arroyo Verde Park
- B2 Ashley Park
- B3 Belmont Park
- B4 Dove Meadows Park
- B5 Forest Ridge Park
- B6 Jonas Woods Park
- B7 Kramer Farms Park
- B8 Thoreau Park
- B9 Willow Park / Elm Park
- B10 Windy Meadows Park
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Schools

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City Owned (D1 - D8)

Other

- Service Areas - City Parks
- Neighborhood parks - .5 mile radius
- Community parks - 1.5 mile radius

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Section 4

INVENTORY

CITY-OWNED DEVELOPED PARKLAND

PARK INVENTORY

ASHLEY PARK



LOCATION	534 Ashley Park
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Asphalt Trail (.25 mile loop) Basketball Courts Benches Grills Open Space Picnic Tables Playgrounds Soccer Field Restroom

PARK INVENTORY

COMMUNITY CENTER NORTH

Currently under Master Planning

LOCATION	Morning Drive
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Neighborhood
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Neighborhood
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Community Center

PARK INVENTORY

CUT-OFF PARK



LOCATION	Along FM 1518/Cibolo Creek
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Asphalt Trail Grills Open Space Picnic Tables

PARK INVENTORY

FOREST RIDGE PARK



LOCATION	Along Wiederstein Road
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Neighborhood
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Neighborhood
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Decomposed Granite Trail

PARK INVENTORY

GUTIERREZ XERISCAPE PARK



LOCATION	1231 Borgfeld
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Special Use
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Special Use
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Benches Concrete Trail Compost Bin/Education Area Pavilion

PARK INVENTORY

LONE OAK PARK



LOCATION	Cloverleaf Drive
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Ornamental
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Ornamental
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Benches Concrete Paths Open Space

PARK INVENTORY

NORTHCLIFFE PARK



LOCATION	4601 Cherry Tree Drive
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Neighborhood
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Neighborhood
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Pool Open Space Picnic Tables Playground

PARK INVENTORY

PICKRELL PARK



LOCATION	Intersection of Oak/Aero (E)
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball Courts Benches Grills Open Space Picnic Tables Playgrounds Pavilions Pools Restrooms Water Fountain

PARK INVENTORY

THE SCHERTZ LIBRARY PLAYSCAPE



LOCATION	608 Schertz Parkway
ACREAGE	0.50 Acres
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Special Use
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Special Use
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	5-foot Decomposed Granite Trail (.25 mile) Benches Pavilion Picnic Tables Playground

PARK INVENTORY

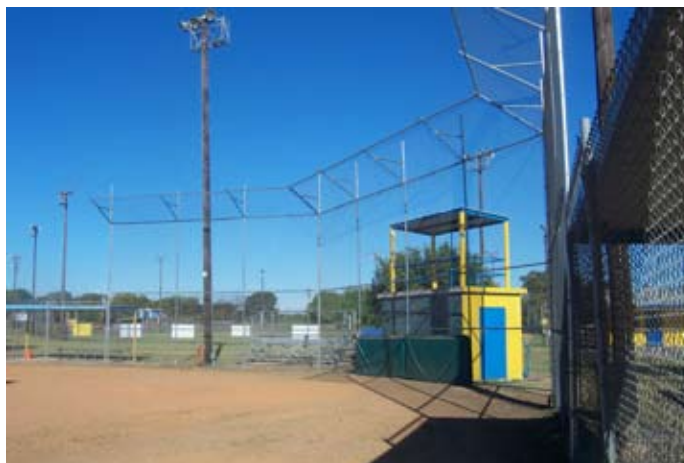
SCHERTZ RECREATIONAL FACILITY



LOCATION	1400 Schertz Parkway
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	4 Baseball Fields Concessions Building Restroom

PARK INVENTORY

THULEMEYER PARK



LOCATION	Intersection of Oak/Aero (West)
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Community
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Baseball Fields Restroom Concession Building

PARK INVENTORY

THE PARK AT WOODLAND OAKS



LOCATION	Woodland Oaks Drive
CURRENT PARK CLASSIFICATION	Neighborhood
RECOMMENDED PARK CLASSIFICATION	Neighborhood
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Basketball Court (2 half courts) Pavilion Picnic Tables Playground

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EXISTING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA) PARKLAND DEVELOPED

Existing Homeowner Association (HOA) Parkland - Developed

The following table indicates parks that are HOA developed and maintained. The amenities and acreages of these facilities have been included.

NAME OF HOA PARK	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT PARK
Arroyo Verde Park	534 Ashley Park	1.00	(1) Swing
Ashley Place Park	At the terminus of Victoria Point	8.00	Open Space Trail
Belmont Park	Intersection of American Flag Road/Riva Ridge Circle/Forester Bend	0.49	(1) Swimming Pool
Belmont Park Open Space	Intersection of Hourless Oaks/Triple Crown	1.22	Open Space Trail
Dove Meadows Park	Along Sandy Ridge Drive	4.00	(2) Basketball Goals (1) Swimming Pool (1) Pavilion (4) Picnic Tables (1) Practice Baseball Field (1) Volleyball
Elm/Willow Park	W. End of Woodland Oaks Drive	1.00	Bench Sidewalk
Forest (HOA) Ridge Park	Along Forest Ridge Drive	2.00	(1) Basketball Goal (2) Benches (1) Grilling Station (2) Picnic Tables (1) Playground (1) Pool
Jonas Woods Park	2433 Jonas Woods Drive	1.00	(1) Playground (1) Pool
Kramer Farms Park	Corner of Hitch Road/Rooster Run	1.00	(4) Benches (1) Grilling Station (1) Pavilion (3) Picnic Tables (2) Playgrounds
Thoreau Park	At the terminus of Walt Whitman Lane	1.00	(2) Benches (1) Playground Statue of turtle
Windy Meadows Park	Within Windy Oaks Mobile Home Park	0.50	(1) Basketball Goal
Woodland Oaks Park	Terminus of Woodland Oaks Drive and Lockwood Drive	3.50	(2) Basketball Goals (2) Benches (2) Picnic Tables (1) Pool (2) Tennis (1) Volleyball
	TOTAL	24.71 acres	

INVENTORY 4

Undeveloped Land Owned by the City of Schertz

The City of Schertz owns three properties that are currently designated as parkland by the City.

CITY OWNED LAND	SIZE
FM 78 Parking	Under 1.0 acres
Oak Forest Park	Approximately 2 acres
Palm Park	3.39 acres
Terminus of Dim Rock	Approximately 4 acres
Land along west side of 3009	Approximately 4 acres
Land at terminus of Forsyth Park	Approximately 2.5 acres
Future Schertz Recreational Facility	34.21 acres
TOTAL	51.10 acres

Parkland-Platted

At the time this document was being developed, several residential communities were being platted through the City. Each of these communities within the city have different timelines for plat approval. However, as a point of reference, it is important to recognize where future parks are proposed within the cities infrastructure as a part of the residential planning process. These future park areas may be either city-owned or HOA-owned depending on the platting process.

Acres and locations of parks identified in this category are approximate and subject to change.

The following table indicates these future parks and the preliminary acreages associated with them. The acreages of these facilities have been included in "Section E-Standards and Guidelines."

NAME OF PLATTED LAND	LOCATION WITHIN THE CITY	APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	PROBABLE PARK CLASSIFICATION
Ackerman Tract	--	--	
Kensington Ranch	East of FM 1518/South of I-35	27.36 acres	HOA
Laura Heights SUP	West of FM 1518/North of I-10	1.00 acres	HOA
Links at Scenic Hills	East of FM 1103	13.61 acres	HOA
Mesa Oaks	--	--	
Northcliffe	East of FM 1103	0 acres	
Ridge at Scenic Hills	East of FM 1103	32.20 acres	HOA
Riata	West of FM 1103	6.22 acres	HOA

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NAME OF PLATTED LAND	LOCATION WITHIN THE CITY	APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	PROBABLE PARK CLASSIFICATION
Sedona	West of FM 1518/ North of I-10	77 acres	Community
Tanglewood	--	--	
	TOTAL	158.54 acres	

Open Space Lands

Numerous parcels of land are recognized by the city as open space, although these lands will never be developed as parks. They are included in this Park Service Radius Map but are not officially recognized in the park acreage guidelines outlined in "Section E-Standards and Guidelines."

Joint-Use Facilities with Local Independent School Districts

The following school facilities are all located within the City of Schertz city limits. Discussion with the Chief of Police SCUCISD Garry Noegel indicate that the parks facilities, while gated, are available for use by the public from dawn till dusk as long as they are not being used during school hours or school functions.

The recreational amenities at each of the school facilities are noted below but are not included in the park wide inventory. They are shown below for reference.

Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TYPE OF SCHOOL	RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT SCHOOL
Allison Steel Enhance Learning Center	1005 Elbel Road		
Green Valley Elementary	1694 Green Valley Road	Elementary School	(1) Pavilion (1) Picnic Table (1) Playground
Laura Ingalls Wilder Intermediate School	806 Savannah Drive	Intermediate Grades 3-5	(4) Basketball Goals (1) Bench (4) Four Square Areas (1) Open Play Field (1) Playground (1) Practice Soccer Field (1) Sand Volleyball

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NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	TYPE OF SCHOOL	RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT SCHOOL
Norma J. Paschal Elementary	590 Savannah Drive	High School	(1) Basketball Goal (5) Benches (7) Picnic Tables (2) Playgrounds
Ray D. Corbett Junior High	301 Main Street	Middle School	(8) Basketball Goals (1) Football Field (9) Picnic Tables (4) Tennis Courts
Samuel Clemens High School	1001 Elbel Road	High School	(1) Baseball Field (Game) (2) Baseball Field (Practice) (8) Basketball Goals (1) Football Field (Game) (2) Football Field (Practice) (1) Soccer Field (Practice) (1) Softball Field (10) Tennis Courts (1) Track (2) Volleyball - Grass
Schertz Elementary	701 Curtiss Street	Elementary School	(2) Basketball Goals (1) Pavilion (3) Picnic Tables (3) Playgrounds Schertz Fitness Trail (1) Volleyball- Asphalt

Private Golf Course

An existing privately owned golf course is located within the City of Schertz. It is also indicated on the Existing Parks and Schools Map and is not officially recognized in the park acreage guidelines.

INVENTORY 4

Schertz, Texas Statistics and Demographics (US Census 2000)

As the City of Schertz plans for the future of its parks systems, it is helpful to have an understanding of the current population makeup and demographic trends of the City. Tables 4.4 to 4.11 were gathered from the 2000 US Census and from the Texas Water Development Board for the City of Schertz.

Schertz Population: 18,694

SEX

Table 4.4

Male	9,053	48.43%
Female	9,641	51.57%

AGE

Table 4.5

Under 5 years	1,403	7.51%
5 to 9 years	1,454	7.78%
10 to 14 years	1,659	8.87%
15 to 19 years	1,421	7.60%
20 to 24 years	802	4.29%
25 to 34 years	2,568	13.74%
35 to 44 years	3,593	19.22%
45 to 54 years	2,586	13.83%
55 to 59 years	870	4.65%
60 to 64 years	694	3.71%
65 to 74 years	1,006	5.38%
75 to 84 years	484	2.59%
85 years and over	154	0.82%
TOTAL	18,694	100%

Median Age (years): 37.2

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RACE

Table 4.6

One race	18,052	96.57%
White	15,336	82.04%
Black or African American	1,228	6.57%
American Indian and Alaska Native	90	0.48%
Asian	330	1.77%
Asian Indian	25	0.13%
Chinese	20	0.11%
Filipino	98	0.52%
Japanese	50	0.27%
Korean	82	0.44%
Vietnamese	14	0.07%
Other Asian	41	0.22%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	34	0.18%
Some Other Race	1,034	5.53%
Two or More Races	642	3.43%

Hispanic or Latino (Any Race)

Table 4.7

Total Population	18,694	100.00%
Hispanic or Latino (of Any Race)	3,640	19.48%
Mexican	2,452	13.12%
Puerto Rican	176	0.94%
Cuban	24	0.13%
Other Hispanic or Latino	988	5.29%
Non Hispanic or Latino	15,054	80.53%
White alone	13,026	69.68%

INVENTORY 4

Relationship

Table 4.8

Total Population	18,694	100.00%
In Households	18,594	99.47%
Householder	6,604	35.33%
Spouse	4,438	23.74%
Child	6,302	33.71%
Own Child under 18 years	5,078	27.16%
Other Relatives	711	3.80%
Under 8 years	327	1.75%
Non-relatives	539	2.88%
Unmarried Partner	222	1.19%
In Group Quarters	100	0.53%
Institutionalized Population	89	0.48%
Non-Institutionalized Population	11	0.06%

Households by Type

Table 4.9

Total Households	6,604	100.00%
Family Households (Families)	5,284	80.01%
With Own Children under 18 years	2,781	42.11%
Married-couple Family	4,438	67.20%
With Own Children under 18 years	2,259	34.21%
Female Householder, no Husband Present	658	9.96%
With Own Children 18 years	415	6.28%
Non-Family Households	1,320	19.99%
Householder Living Alone	1,103	16.70%
Householder 65 years and over	351	5.31%
Households with Individuals under 18 years	3,003	45.47%
Households with individuals 65 years and over 11	1,142	17.29%
Average Household Size	2.82	
Average Family Size	3.17	

INVENTORY Section 4

Housing Occupancy

Table 4.10

Total Housing Units	7,009	100.00%
Occupied Housing	6,604	94.22%
Vacant Housing Units	405	5.78%
Housing Units for Seasonal, Recreational, Occasional Use	2.40	0.21%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate (%)		2.40%
Rental Vacancy Rate (%)		6.60%

Housing Tenure

Table 4.11

Occupied Housing Units	6,604	100.00%
Owner Occupied Housing Units	5,265	79.72%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	1,339	20.28%
Average Household Size of Owner-Occupied Units	2.86	
Average Household Size of Renter-Occupied Units	2.63	

Based on 2000 U.S. Census data. For more information on population, visit the U.S. Census Bureau, providing access to a full range of U.S. Census information and data products.

Schertz Projected Population Growth

According to the "City of Schertz 2000 Impact Fee Study Update" (updated in June of 2006), the following population projections are anticipated for the City of Schertz.

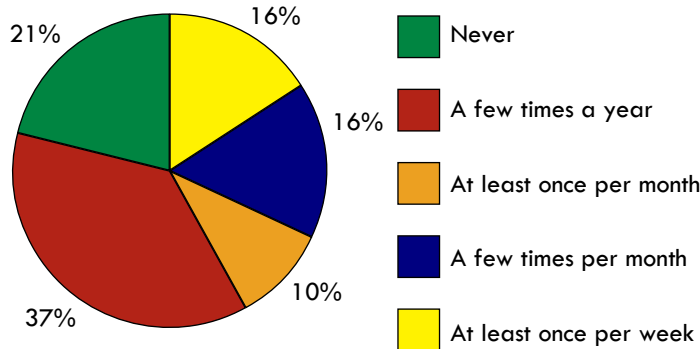
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2015 - 78,064*

*Represents ultimate buildout.

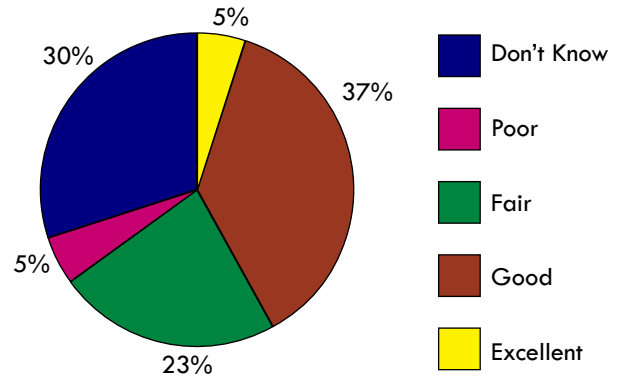
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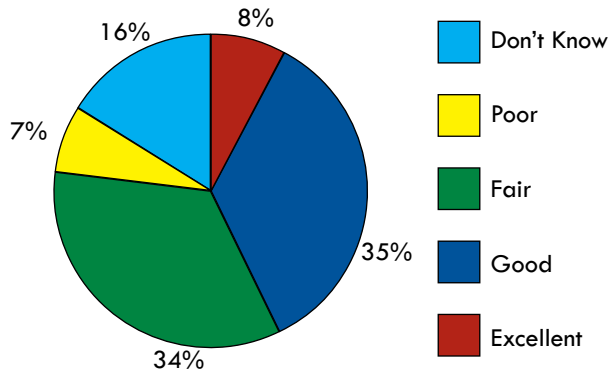
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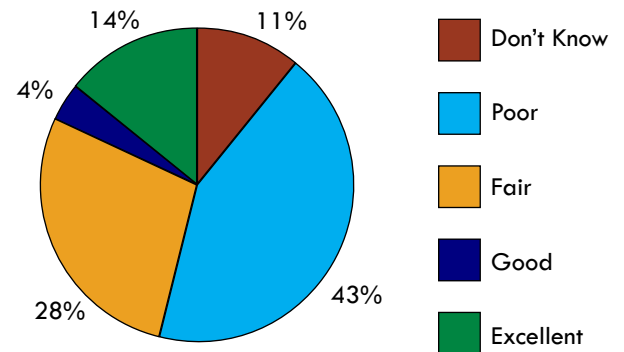
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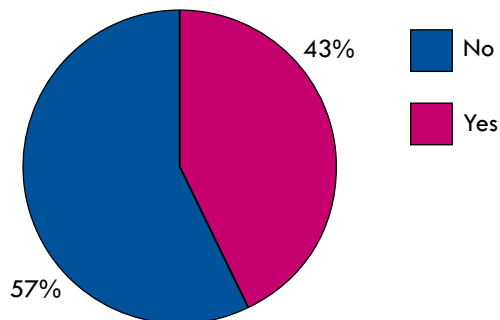
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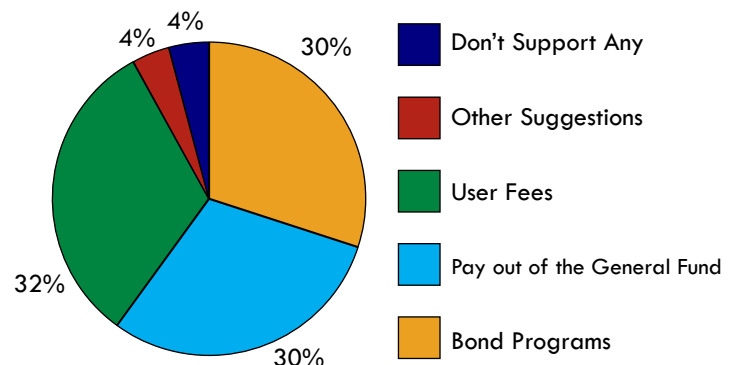
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HAVE YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD PARTICIPATED IN ANY PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE CITY OF SCHERTZ?



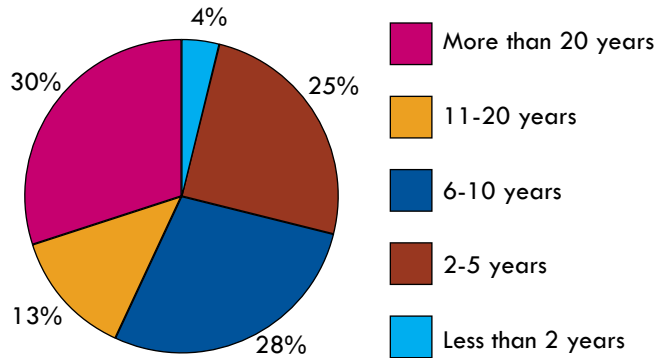
HOW SHOULD THE CITY PAY FOR NEW PARK FACILITIES?



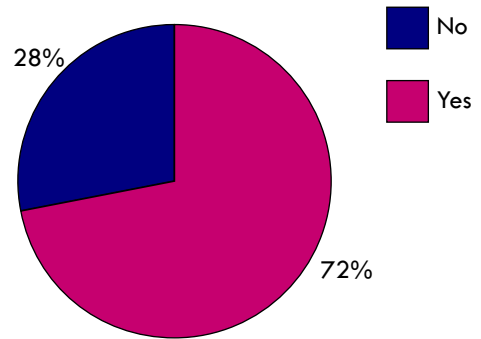
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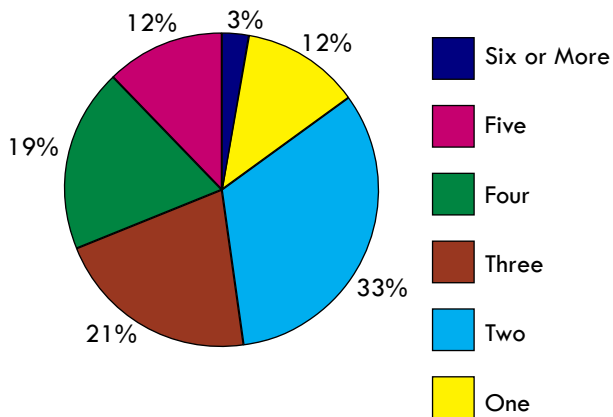
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A SCHERTZ RESIDENT?



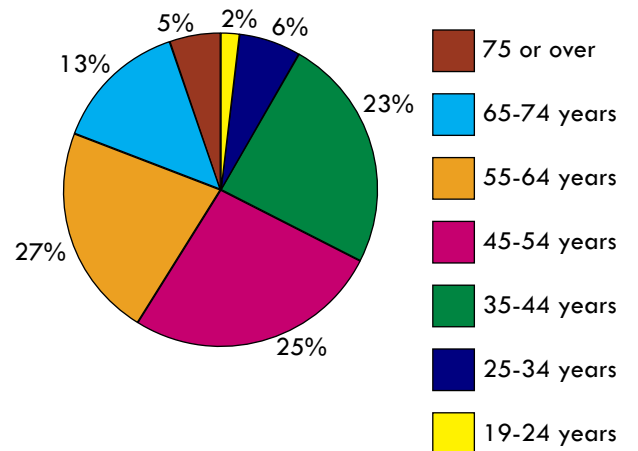
DO YOU FEEL THE CITY OF SCHERTZ NEEDS TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL PARK LAND?



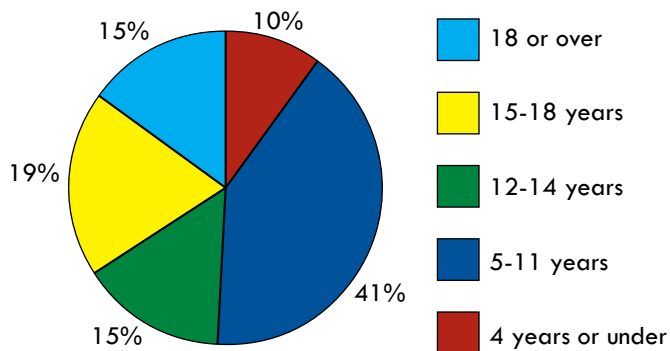
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD



SCHERTZ AGE GROUPS



HOW MANY CHILDREN LIVE WITH YOU IN THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS?



City of Schertz – Parks and Recreation Survey - 2005

The City of Schertz is in the process of preparing the City of Schertz Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan. We are asking for Schertz citizens to participate in this study so the city can plan future parks and recreation programs based upon your needs.

Please complete this survey by circling the answers that best reflect your attitudes and opinions.

Please return within 7 business days to:

City of Schertz.
Attn: Gail Douglas
Community Services Director
P.O. Drawer 1
Schertz, TX 75154

Your opinion is important and the City would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

About the Parks/Recreation Facilities in Schertz

- How often have you and members of your household visited City of Schertz parks during the past year?
1 – At least once per week 3 – At least once per month 5 – Never
2 – A few times per month 4 – A few times during the year
- How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Schertz? Would you say;
1 – Excellent 2 – Good 3 – Fair 4 – Poor 5 – Don't know/Not Familiar
- Have you or other members of your household participated in any PROGRAMS offered by the City of Schertz? 1 – Yes 2 – No-**Skip to Q5.**
- How would you rate the recreation programs offered by the city? Would you say;
1 – Excellent 2 – Good 3 – Fair 4 – Poor 5 – Don't know/Not Familiar
- Overall, how would you rate the parks, recreation opportunities and open space in Schertz? Would you say;
1 – Excellent 2 – Good 3 – Fair 4 – Poor 5 – Don't know/Not Familiar

Recreation Programs

6. In which recreation programs or activities would you or members of your household be most interested in participating? **(Circle those you would be most interested in participating)**
- | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 – Baseball | 07 – Tennis | 13 – Hiking | 19 – Health/Wellness |
| 02 – T-Ball | 08 – Volleyball | 14 – Biking | 20 – Fitness classes |
| 03 – Softball | 09 – Sand Volleyball | 15 – Fishing | 21 – Water Exercises |
| 04 – Soccer | 10 – Racquetball | 16 – Swim Lessons | 22 –None/not interested |
| 05 – Football | 11 – Gymnastics | 17 – Dance/Drama | 23 – Other: |
| 06 – Basketball | 12 – In-line Hockey | 18 – Nature Study | |

City of Schertz – Parks and Recreation Survey - 2005

Needed Park & Recreation Facilities

7. Do you feel there is a definite, somewhat or not a need for any of the following **ATHLETIC facilities** that would be ADDED to existing parks or in future parks in the City of Schertz parks? **(Circle one answer for each facility)**

<u>Athletic Facility</u>	<u>Definite Need</u>	<u>Somewhat Needed</u>	<u>Not Needed</u>	<u>No Opinion/ Not Familiar</u>
Volleyball Courts	1	2	3	4
Basketball Courts	1	2	3	4
Baseball Fields	1	2	3	4
Softball Fields	1	2	3	4
Soccer Fields	1	2	3	4
Football Fields	1	2	3	4
Practice Athletic Fields	1	2	3	4
Tennis Courts	1	2	3	4
Other (list)	1	2	3	4

8. Do you feel there is a definite, somewhat or not a need for any of the following **RECREATION facilities** that should be ADDED to existing parks or in future parks in the City of Schertz parks? **(Circle one answer for each facility)**

<u>Recreation Facility</u>	<u>Definite Need</u>	<u>Somewhat Needed</u>	<u>Not Needed</u>	<u>No Opinion/ Not Familiar</u>
Multi-Purpose Center*	1	2	3	4
Water Park	1	2	3	4
Senior Center	1	2	3	4
Hike/Bike Trails	1	2	3	4
Skateboard Park	1	2	3	4
Outdoor Swimming Pool	1	2	3	4
Indoor Swimming Pool	1	2	3	4
Natural/Open Spaces	1	2	3	4
Fishing Areas	1	2	3	4
Picnic Shelters/Picnic Pavilions	1	2	3	4
Playgrounds	1	2	3	4
Botanic/Flower Garden Area	1	2	3	4

* A multipurpose center would offer cultural, arts, dance, theater, concerts, etc.

9. How should the City pay for new and added park facilities (mentioned in Q7 and Q8)? **(Circle all that apply)**

1 – Bond Programs
 2 – Pay for improvements out of the general fund
 3 – User fees (A fee to use the facility)
 4 – Other suggestions _____
 5 – Don't support any

10. Do you feel the City of Schertz needs to acquire additional park land? 1 – Yes 2 – No

City of Schertz – Parks and Recreation Survey - 2005

Household Information

11. How long have you been a resident of the City of Schertz?
1 – Less than 2 yrs. 2 – 2 to 5 yrs. 3 – 6 to 10 yrs. 4 – 11 to 20 yrs. 5 – Over 20 yrs.
12. How many persons, **including yourself**, reside within your household?
1 – One 2 – Two 3 – Three 4 – Four 5 – Five 6 – Six or more
13. Your age? 1 – Under 18 3 – 25 to 34 5 – 45 to 54 7 – 65 to 74
2 – 19 to 24 4 – 35 to 44 6 – 55 to 64 8 – 75 or over
14. How many children **live with you** in each of the following age groups?
_____ Preschool or younger (4 yrs. or under) _____ High school (15 to 18 yrs.)
_____ Elementary school (5 to 11 yrs.) _____ College age or older (19 older)
_____ Middle school (12 to 14) _____ Total children living at home
15. What is the single most important issue or need concerning Schertz parks and recreation programs and facilities?
(Write in any comments)

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

Section 6

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) provides the industry standard for parks, recreation and open space design as recognized by park planning professionals throughout the country. This master plan follows the latest published nomenclature and standards as outlined by NRPA in the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines 1996 edition.

NRPA has directed that each municipality or governmental agency develop and provide its own guideline for growth and park planning as dictated by local conditions. As such a numerical nation wide template of standards for parks growth does not exist, although the development of one for each municipality is exhorted. Previously NRPA had directed a minimum of 11 acres of parkland/1000 population.

With that background the following standards and guidelines are to be used by the City of Schertz as a guide for minimum goals to be achieved by the City as its park system further develops. As with any issue that arises, the practice of these standards to specific situations should be applied with the wisdom of the local needs in which they are in context.

This master plan follows national park classification systems as outlined by NRPA. For purposes of this master plan the City of Schertz has divided park classifications into the following sections:

Ornamental Parks –

Typically Ornamental Parks vary from 2,500 square feet to 1 acre in size and service the immediately surrounding area up to a ¼ mile radius. Amenities in these parks are unique to the area and in some cases are simply open space areas.

Neighborhood Parks –

As the basic unit of any City's park system, neighborhood parks serve residents in a ¼ to ½ mile area. Typically there is little if any parking and roadway infrastructure at the park and the focus tends to be on informal activities and servicing passive recreational needs.

Community Parks -

Active program elements such as ball fields and larger community based recreation needs are served by the Community Park classification. They range from 16 to 99 acres in size and have a mile and a half level of service area.

Metropolitan Park –

Metropolitan Parks are large parks ranging from 100 to 499 acres in size. They typically offer active and passive recreational opportunities and a variety of remote outdoor activities such as overnight camping, fishing, hiking and biking, and the like.

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Regional Parks –

The service area for regional parks accommodates any dwellings within an hours drive. These facilities are very large in scale with acreages greater than 500-acres. Regional parks service several communities and offer an abundance of both active and passive recreational activities.

Natural Resource Parks –

These are natural areas that are set-aside as scenic buffers or preservation. They are intended for limited passive recreation opportunities.

Linear Parks/Greenways –

These are the connectors that link the park system together as well as to other neighborhoods and cultural amenities. Width varies to accommodate specific user, site requirements, and safety needs.

Special Use Parks –

Parks identified in this category are associated with a special area of interest or use by the City of Schertz and its residents.



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Existing Parkland Acreage within the City of Schertz

This table documents City-owned and HOA-owned parkland inventory acreage as indicated in “Section D-Inventory” of this master plan.

PARK CLASSIFICATION	EXISTING AND PROPOSED PARK	ACREAGE
Ornamental Park	Lone Oak	0.34
	Total	0.34
Neighborhood Parks	Arroyo Verde Park	1.00
	Ashley Place Park	8.00
	Ashley Park	14.08
	Belmont Park	0.49
	Belmont Park Open Space	1.22
	Community Center North	2.00
	Dove Meadows Park	4.00
	Elm/Willow Park	1.00
	Forest Ridge Park	14.60
	Forest Ridge HOA Park	2.00
	Jonas Woods Park	1.00
	Kramer Farms Park	1.00
	Northcliffe Park	2.78
	The Park at Woodland Oaks	1.82
	Thoreau Park	1.00
	Windy Meadows Park	0.50
Woodland Oaks Park	3.50	
	Total	59.99
Community Parks	Cut-off Park	47.28
	Pickrell Park	16.92
	Schertz Recreational Facility Phase 1	11.83
	Thulemeyer Park	16.18
	Total	92.21
Metropolitan Parks	None	0.00
	Total	0.00
Regional Parks	None	0.00
	Total	0.00
Natural Resource Parks	None	0.00
	Total	0.00
Linear Parks/Greenways	None	0.00
	Total	0.00
Special Use Park	Gutierrez Xeriscape Park	2.12
	Schertz Library Playscape	1.42
	Total	3.54
	Total Park Acreage	156.08

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ACTIVITY/ FACILITY	RECOMMENDED FACILITIES PER POPULATION*	EXISTING FACILITIES IN SCHERTZ	GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING 2005 POPULATION OF 31,300	GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING 2010 POPULATION OF 53,465	GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING 2015 POPULATION OF 78,064
Baseball Field (League)	1/5,000	10	10	14	18
Basketball Goals (Outdoor)	1/2,500	14	12	21	31
Football Fields	1/20,000	0	1	2	3
Golf Course ^C	1/50,000	1	1	1	1
Pavilion/Picnic Shelter	1/2,000	9	15	26	39
Picnic Tables	1 table/300	72	104	178	260
Playgrounds	1 area/1,000	12	31	53	78
Recreation Center	1 per 20,000- 30,000	1	1	1	2
Soccer Fields	1/5,000	1	6	10	15
Softball Fields (League)	1/5,000	0	6	10	15
Swimming Pool (Outdoors)	1/20,000	7	7	7	7
Tennis Courts	1 court/2,000	2	4	26	39
Trails	1/2-1 mile/10,000	1.53 miles	3.0 miles	6.0 miles	9.0 miles
Volleyball Areas (Outdoor)	1/5,000	2	6	10	15

- Sources:
- A. Guidelines form Appendix A in Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines, p. 60-61, 4th printing 1990, a publication of the National Recreation and Park Association.
 - B. Inventory includes HOA developed and maintained parks but not recreational facilities owned and maintained by SCUCISD.
 - C. The Northcliffe Golf Course is privately owned.

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Local Park Acreage Guidelines Applied to Total Schertz Parkland Inventory

PARK FACILITY	EXISTING ACREAGE	ACREAGE FOR EXISTING 2007 POPULATION OF 31,300	GUIDELINES FOR PROJECTED 2010 POPULATION OF 53,465	GUIDELINES FOR PROJECTED 2015 POPULATION OF 78,664
		Suggested Acreage	Suggested Acreage	Suggested Acreage
Ornamental Park	0.34	0.34 acres (.001 acres/1000)	0.34 acres (.001 acres/1000)	0.34 acres (.001 acres/1000)
Neighborhood Parks	59.99	59.99 acres (1.92 acres/1000)	106.93 acres (2.5 acres/1000)	275.32 acres (3.5 acres/1000)
Community Parks	92.21	92.21 acres (2.96 acres/1000)	213.86 acres (4 acres/1000)	314.66 acres (4 acres/1000)
Metropolitan Park	0.00	Variable	Variable	Variable
Regional Parks	0.00	Variable	Variable	Variable
Natural Resource Parks	0.00	Variable	Variable	Variable
Linear Parks/ Greenways	0.00	Variable	133.66 acres (2.50 acres/1000)	275.32 acres (3.5 acres/1000)
Special Use Park	3.54	3.54 acres (.11 acres/1000)	3.54 acres (.06 acres/1000)	3.54 acres (.04 acres/1000)
Totals	156.08	156.08 (4.98 acres/1000)	458.33 acres (8.57 acres/1000)	869.18 acres (11.04 acres/1000)

Local Park Acreage Guidelines Compared to 2010 Population in Schertz

PARK FACILITY	EXISTING ACREAGE	GUIDELINES FOR 2010 POPULATION OF 53,465	DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GUIDELINES AND EXISTING AND PROPOSED PARKS
		Suggested Acreage	
Ornamental Park	0.34	0.34 acres (.001 acres/1000)	0.00
Neighborhood Parks	59.99	106.93 acres (2 acres/1000)	(46.94)
Community Parks	92.21	213.86 acres (4 acres/1000)	(121.65)
Metropolitan Park	0.00	Variable	0.00
Regional Parks	0.00	Variable	0.00
Natural Resource Parks	0.00	Variable	0.00
Linear Parks/Greenways	0.00	133.66 acres (2.50 acres/1000)	(133.66)
Special Use Park	3.54	3.54 acres (.06 acres/1000)	0.00
Totals	156.08	458.33 acres (8.57 acres/1000)	(302.25)

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Local Park Acreage Guidelines Compared to 2015 Population in Schertz

PARK FACILITY	EXISTING ACREAGE	GUIDELINES FOR 2015 POPULATION OF 78,664	DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GUIDELINES AND EXISTING AND PROPOSED PARKS
		Suggested Acreage	Difference between Guidelines and Existing Parks
Ornamental Park	0.34	0.34 acres (.001 acres/1000)	0.00
Neighborhood Parks	59.99	275.32 acres (3.5 acres/1000)	(215.33)
Community Parks	92.21	314.66 acres (4 acres/1000)	(222.45)
Metropolitan Park	0.00	Variable	0.00
Regional Parks	0.00	Variable	0.00
Natural Resource Parks	0.00	Variable	
Linear Parks/Greenways	0.00	275.32 acres (3.5 acres/1000)	(275.32)
Special Use Park	3.54	3.54 acres (.04 acres/1000)	0.00
Totals	156.08	869.18 acres (11.04 acres/1000)	(713.10)

Section 7

RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES

The recommendations and results as indicated in this section are a combined result of the evaluation of the needs assessment survey and discussions with City Staff and the City of Schertz Parks Board.

The surveys were categorized into two categories and weighted in the following order:

(70%) Residents' Input: The City of Schertz received 252 completed surveys back from the residents.

(30%) Parks Board Input: Members of the City of Schertz Parks Board completed the Park and Recreation Survey to provide their input and direction.

The following priorities are a culmination of the tabulation of these surveys for outdoor and indoor priority items.

Summary of Needs Assessment Survey

RANK	WEIGHTED VALUE FACILITY	CITIZEN INPUT 0.70 AVERAGE RANK	CITIZEN INPUT 0.70 WEIGHTED RANK	PARK BOARD 0.30 AVERAGE RANK	PARK BOARD 0.30 WEIGHTED RANK	TOTAL WEIGHTED RANK
1	Hike/Bike Trails	1	0.7	5	1.5	2.20
2	Picnic Shelters/Pavilions	2	1.4	3	0.9	2.30
3	Playgrounds	3	2.1	1	0.3	2.40
4	Multi-Purpose Center	4	2.8	8	2.4	5.20
5	Basketball Courts	6	4.2	5	1.5	5.70
6	Tennis Courts	5	3.5	8	2.4	5.90
7	Natural/Open Spaces	7	4.9	5	1.5	6.40
8	Volleyball Courts	8	5.6	3	0.9	6.50
9	Senior Center	9	6.3	1	0.3	6.60
10	Softball Fields	10	7	13	3.9	10.90
11	Soccer Fields	12	8.4	10	3	11.40
12	Practice Athletic Fields	13	9.1	10	3	12.10
13	Baseball Fields	11	7.7	15	4.5	12.20
14	Indoor Pool	14	9.8	10	3	12.80
15	Outdoor Pool	16	11.2	15	4.5	15.70
16	Botanical Flower Gardens	15	10.5	18	5.4	15.90
17	Football Fields	18	12.6	13	3.9	16.50
18	Fishing Areas	17	11.9	20	6	17.90
19	Skateboard/Skate Park	19	13.3	17	5.1	18.40
20	Water Park	20	14	19	5.7	19.70

Section 7 RECOMMENDATIONS AND PRIORITIES

Outdoor Facilities Priority Ranking

	FACILITY
1	Hike/Bike Trails
2	Picnic Shelters/Pavilions
3	Playgrounds
4	Basketball Courts
5	Tennis Courts
6	Natural/Open Spaces
7	Volleyball Courts
8	Softball Fields
9	Soccer Fields
10	Practice Athletic Fields
11	Baseball Fields

Indoor Facilities Priority Ranking

	FACILITY
1	Multi-Purpose Center
2	Senior Center
3	Indoor Pool

Next Steps...

The City of Schertz Parks and Open Space Master Plan is a resource for the City of Schertz to plan for the continued growth of its recreational and green space needs. As outlined in the acreage Guidelines Portion of “Section F – Standards and Guidelines,” the City of Schertz Parks Board and City Staff have outlined an ambitious park growth to keep pace with the burgeoning population of the City. The overlying theme from Schertz residents, City leadership and staff, and the Schertz Park Board is to add parkland and recreational opportunities to provide connectivity via trails from residential neighborhoods to parks, schools, and other cultural and natural resources in the community.

Outlined below are specific tasks and action items that may be pursued to integrate the City of Schertz Parks and Open Space Master Plan into the growth patterns of the City and implement the vision of parks, trails, and open space in the City of Schertz.

1. Finalize the Parkland Dedication Ordinance Update

At the time this plan is being adopted, the Schertz Park Board is also in the process of updating the City of Schertz’s Parkland Dedication Ordinance. An analysis of the current ordinance indicates that the existing Parkland Dedication Ordinance is behind both the requirements of neighboring cities (ie: the City of Universal City and the City of New Braunfels – both of which updated and increased developer requirements for parkland dedication in 2006) and the recreational needs of the citizens of Schertz.

Increasing both the cash and land dedication requirements are paramount to the growth of the City’s park system.

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2. Formalize a “Pedestrian Plan”

The map enclosed on the following pages indicates “Potential Corridors” that might be possible to link the City through alternative means of transportation, specifically paths and trails. Although the plan is conceptual in nature and illustrates potential corridors and linkages across properties that are owned by the City, private entities, and public agencies, the plan illustrates the importance of visioning connectivity throughout the City.

The Potential Corridors Plan outlines a potential fifty miles of trail throughout the City. At an estimated trail section width of twenty feet (including shoulder width on either side of the trail), the development of these trails could bring an estimated 120 acres into the park system at a minimum. This does not include the open space and green space corridors adjacent to these trails associated with natural and man made drainage systems that could add another 500 to 1,000 acres to the City’s green space system.

In order to move the Potential Corridors Plan from a vision to implementation, the City should investigate formalizing and adopting a Pedestrian Plan – showing the trail linkages and alternative transportation corridors throughout the City. This plan could then in turn be adopted as part of the City’s Land Development Code to ensure that the vision of the corridor plan is implemented as development and infrastructure improvements occur in the future.

3. Prioritize Top Trail/Corridor and Park Projects

Another step by the Schertz Park Board is to prioritize potential trail and park projects for implementation. The potential trail corridors as outlined below define projects on City-owned land or land that the City has the possibility to acquire right-of-way or easement acquisition on for trails. Therefore, land purchasing and trail implementation costs are kept to a minimum. These examples of potential projects are outlined as follows:

- Trail Extension Along the Flood Control Drainage Way from Elbel Road to Maske Road
- Trail Connection from Ashley Park and Woodland Oaks Park to the intersection of Schertz Parkway and Realigned Maske Road
- Trail Connection utilizing the Electrical Corridor along Wiederstein Road to Connect the Northcliffe Area to the Central part of the City

4. Prepare Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) Recreational Trail Grant

June 1 is the historic deadline for applying for a TPWD Recreational Trail Grant. The grant consists of an 80/20 match for the construction of trails as funded from the Federal Government and administered by the State of Texas. The 20 percent match from the City may consist of cash, in-kind services, or cost of materials.

The maximum of the grant is \$125,000 per application (\$100,000 grant/\$25,000 City match). Each of the possible trail projects outlined in Item 3 above would be a good candidate for grant consideration.

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5. Investigate Future Phase Development of the Schertz Recreational Facility

The City owns 34.21 acres adjacent to the four fields comprising the Schertz Recreational Facility, although this land is not currently dedicated as parkland. As funding and in-kind services for improvements become available, the City can explore increasing the number of recreational amenities at this location to increase the number of resource based amenities outlined in Section F of this document.

6. 3009 Improvements Trail Connection to Lakewood Acres Park

Over the last calendar year, the Texas Department of Transportation has explored options for extending FM 3009 to the southeast. One of the preferred options is extending this roadway along the western boundary of Bexar County's Lakewood Acre Park. Extending a trail corridor along this roadway extension has the potential benefit of linking Schertz residents to another 175 acres of parkland. Although this parkland would not be officially designated as parkland in the City of Schertz inventory, it would serve the recreational needs of a good portion of Schertz.

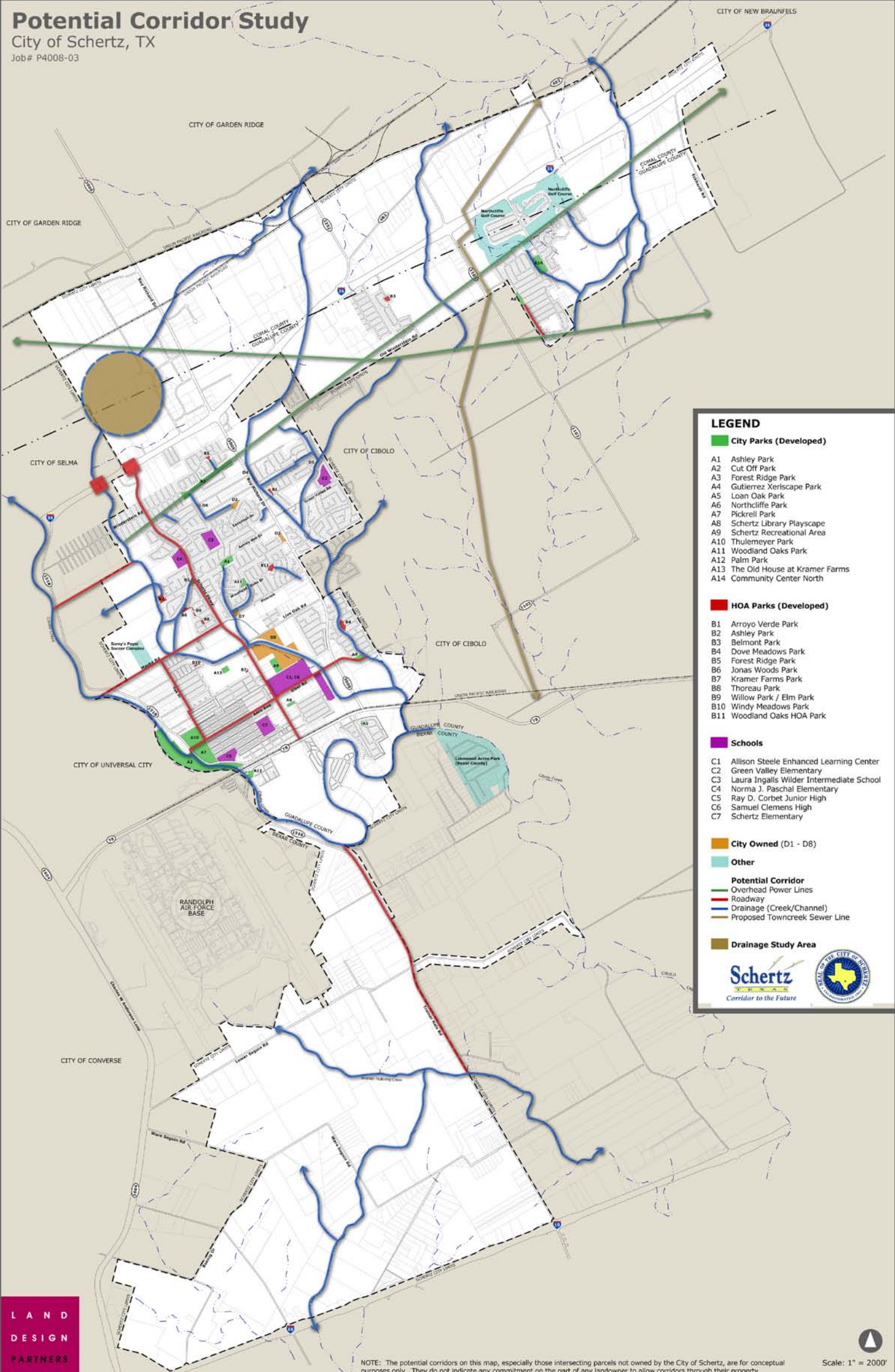
7. Appoint a liaison between the Parks Board and the Planning Commission

In order to implement this plan, communication with developers and city leaders is a high priority. A tangible way to increase this communication is to appoint a Parks Board Liaison to the Planning Commission. Appointing this liaison ensures that the vision of this plan is communicated to the board that is the first line of communication with development in the City and also allows the Park Board to be apprised of any opportunities for further parkland dedication.

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- A7 Pickrell Park
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- A9 Schertz Recreational Area
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- A11 Woodland Oaks Park
- A12 Palm Park
- A13 The Old House at Kramer Farms
- A14 Community Center North

HOA Parks (Developed)

- B1 Arroyo Verde Park
- B2 Ashley Park
- B3 Belmont Park
- B4 Dove Meadows Park
- B5 Forest Ridge Park
- B6 Jonas Woods Park
- B7 Kramer Farms Park
- B8 Thoreau Park
- B9 Willow Park / Elm Park
- B10 Windy Meadows Park
- B11 Woodland Oaks HOA Park

Schools

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- C6 Samuel Clemens High
- C7 Schertz Elementary

City Owned (D1 - D8)

Other

Potential Corridor

- Overhead Power Lines
- Roadway
- Drainage (Creek/Channel)
- Proposed Towncreek Sewer Line

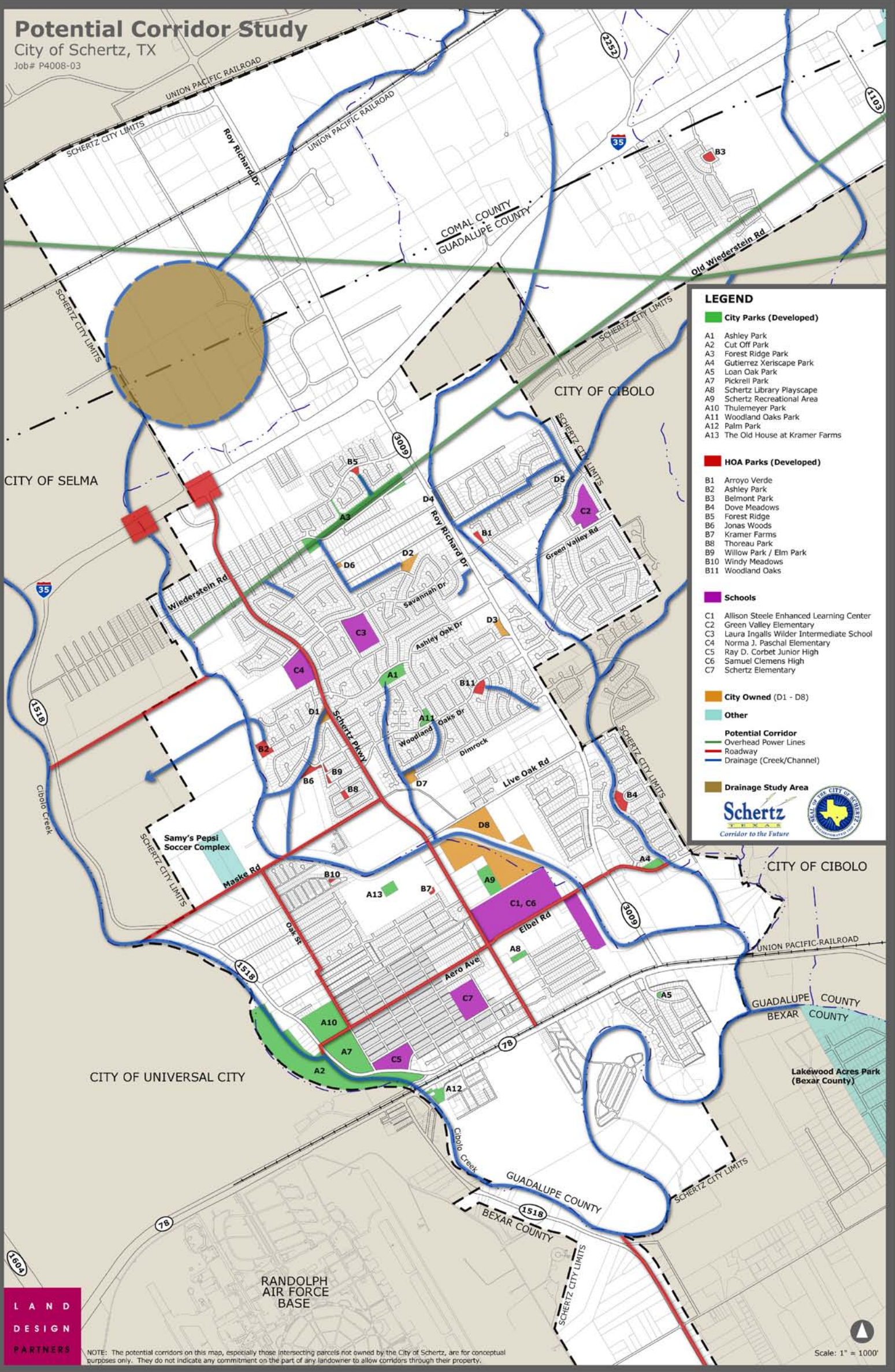
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NOTE: The potential corridors on this map, especially those intersecting parcels not owned by the City of Schertz, are for conceptual purposes only. They do not indicate any commitment on the part of any landowner to allow corridors through their property.

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USER COMMENTS

The following are written comments included in the completed Needs Assessment Survey.

Suggest a dog park.

Activities for after school hours - for latch key kids ages about 6 to 12 or 13 - maybe work with the schools these children should not be left without supervision until 6:30 or 7 at night.

I am a single mom and need more affordable outlets for myself and the children. Safe, fun things for us to do together so they as well as myself can stay active and get away from our home and I can not afford the extra programs for my children in which causes them at times not to fit in with others nor meeting new children with no physical activities to be involved in enough to make a difference with weight, self esteem and just overall learning to have social skills outside of school. You're welcome and thank you for any changes that may come.

Lone Oak Subdivision Resident.

Need park area to support all subdivisions off FM 3009 and Schertz Parkway.

I would love to see some walking paths put in. Schertz Parkway has sidewalks on both sides heading towards I-35? We can't walk safely to HEB or Wal-Mart. I think the city should put in a sidewalk for this side of its residence. The city park is a huge complex area of land, but all the play areas are geared toward little kids. It really needs to be updated. The only really nice area is the playscape by the library. We are proud of that and use it quite frequently. Teenagers need some place to go and hang out in a fun and safe environment. They need a teen club.

We are retiring in Schertz and would like to see more programming of activities other than sports.

This is late because I needed to get a copier for Animal Control 101. Recommend next time you insure the survey. I think you'd get a greater return.

More parks and open space are an absolute need. Athletic facilities would be great, but would be secondary to parks if all not economically feasible.

Would like indoor pool for year round water exercises.

Need entertainment for seniors preferably with live music on a regular basis.

The single most pressing need is more athletic type facilities to include baseball, softball, skateboarding.

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We have wasted enough tax payers money. Example being the sidewalks on Schertz Pkwy. up to I-35. I pass there frequently, see very little use of them or need except to waste money. The grass median was also a brilliant idea - now we need someone to maintain it. We have tax money for that, but not for enforcing the speed limit or noise from car radios in the Lone Oak Subdivision. A neighbor, with use of the city speed gun clocked numerous cars speeding, one at 54 mph. Try to sleep on week ends - not if you go to bed prior to 1 or 2 am - car radio noise is excellent for sleeping. Use money for more law enforcement. Let development pay for recreation.

Security and patrolling after dark and closing.

Our city is growing so quickly and we need to plan for the future by building nice facilities, and more of them, for current and future use. We need more practice fields for all sports and definitely need new public pool. The current pool is inadequate.

With Schertz continuing to grow like a weed, why aren't taxes going down?? I can't believe how much taxes we have to pay here. Every year, we have to fight higher city taxes from yearly assessments. Stop squeezing us! Give us a break. Does a small suburb like Schertz truly need 62 or 64 police officers? They don't make an effort to bond with Schertz residents. They bushwhack them with tickets.

I totally support program/activities/recreation facilities for our youth. We need something close to the newer neighborhoods too!!

Safe, clean and plenty of shade.

A green space between Schertz and Cibolo that connects the two. A bike path from Schertz to Randolph would be great to encourage commuting and recreation.

Schertz should acquire some of the land south of Randolph, off of lower Sequin for large green space. There are abundant large oaks. The area off of Schaeffer road would also be ideal for picnicking and multi-use.

I feel that there needs to be more supervised recreation for teenagers after school and on weekends I would be willing to teach drama and choir. I have several years experience for adults or kids. - Katy Truitt 659-2413

We need to provide open spaces and parks. The City of Schertz shouldn't become a place for whichever developer to come and build and place houses upon houses. We have long relied on neighborhood cities to provide our recreation, clear spaces. If we don't stop the house building insanity the City will go down. We are overbuilding.

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Use of parks at night till 10 pm.

As Schertz continues to grow, there is a definite need for more playground/park areas. More and more families with young children are moving here and we need to keep that in mind in the long range plan.

I think Schertz's future for parks and recreation is supporting families and family units. When I envision this support, I see group games and team building activities. I see swim evenings and weekends year round. My vision encompasses both traditional sports and some more competitive games. My preferences for tennis courts, indoor pool and multipurpose area reflect this vision.

The amount of park/recreation land has not kept up with the growth of the city.

Parkland - especially natural parkland is what is most attractive.

Thank you for the walking path on Schertz Parkway. It is one of the best things to happen to Schertz. Please consider the wildlife that is becoming "boxed in."

There should be a fence put around Pickrell Park. 1518 is such a dangerous road. It would be so easy for a car to go off the road and onto one of the playgrounds. This is the only reason why my family doesn't use that park. We go to the playscape instead.

The children and teen ages need more recreational facilities, skate park, maybe even a skating rink, bowling alley, arcades just bring trouble. The money you make from recycling can go to better things or our kids.

There is not enough park area for this size community. The city park has outdated equipment and is overrun with fire ants in the summer. Since we have no YMCA in the area there is a definite need for more swimming facilities. A hiking trail is sorely needed, everyone is forced to walk on the parkway.

I suggest that more young adults get involved with children to see what they might be interested in doing. Security by police or older adults. Knowing that no matter what the recreation is that participants will be safe.

Schertz needs a municipal golf course. Unlike Universal City, Schertz needs to do it right; the right location, the right price and the right management team. If done correctly, a golf course can be a money-maker for the city while providing an excellent athletic opportunity.

I think that if outsiders (people not living in Schertz) pay a fee that might help pay for some of our improvements.

We could use something for the senior citizens in Schertz. Two days of meals on wheels isn't a very good

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show. No activities for the seniors. Bowling alleys would be good. Recreation center for seniors to use for activities. No bus service for the seniors. Camps for the young people of Schertz. Something that would keep them off the streets when not in school. Playing basketball, skateboarding in the street isn't safe. What happened to the information that was collected from the forum held a couple of years ago?

We need to modernize and meet the needs of today.

Use of drainage patterns for 6' paved walk/bike trails connecting entire community with parking and EMS access. BVYA/Soccer-Texas support.

My children did participate in what was available. They are grown, but I am sure they would be involved in any of the items I have indicated.

More diversity in types i.e. skateboard - basketball and baseball. Wider/varied locations.

Upgrading existing areas to include fitness trails.

Better security.

Its not a major problem, but - ATV and dirt bike users in the creek area adj. To Pickrell Park are problematic...although motor vehicles are prohibited but enforcement is lax...Problem: these activities inhibit other activities such as, biking, hiking, running; they periodically dump oil and trash; they do negatively impact upon native flora and fauna. The same problem exists with paint ballers: they inhibit other non-invasive, low-impact activities and they tend to litter and leave trash behind.

Safe facility to help keep youth out of the streets and promotes healthy lifestyles.

Multi -purpose building to include: meeting rooms, hall with tables and kitchens for senior citizens, exercise area, stage for musicals, plays, concerts, and indoor pools.

The walking track is great however on the ground between the swings and the restrooms, the grass has not been edged along the track and therefore the track on that end is very narrow. Looks like the track could be edged at least 2 or 3 times a year so it would be wide enough for more than one person.

1. Desperately need a new pool - more lap lanes, diving board, and covered areas- check out officers pool RAFB!!
2. Skate park- again check out one on RAFB
3. Sports complex or improved BVYA fields stands etc...

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Appropriate facilities to accommodate children and extreme weather conditions. Exclusive areas for children, to safely ride bikes. Indoor pool. Facilities to promote culture and historical awareness.

Bike trails.

I think a water park and swimming pools.

Give seniors a tax break.

Have a person (park) so can better have an area for Easter and other days - not people from all over - should be town's people first

Sidewalks along FM 3009 for walking/running. Running/walking trails.

The city needs to remember the older parts of the city and include them in any Improvements I.E. "Remember the ones who brung ya."

I would really enjoy good fishing within a few miles of my home.

Longer hours and weekday use of swimming pool!! Currently the pool near our home is only open Friday thru Monday, only till 7:00. It would be great to have the use of the pool after work for exercise and relaxation until dark--9:00

Why can people us the school facilities especially the high school?

Parks with shaded picnic areas and handicap parking. Water fountains, pet areas. More parking spaces and lighted. Cibolo creek could be better cleaned out and made fishable- fish edible. And bridge crossing raised a few feet so we could cross aviation. Thanks

More lights for evening use. If more lights there will be less teenage vandalism.

1. Need more police patrol (parks).
2. More and improved covered picnic tables with new grills.
3. More parking for big events such as Forth of July...etc.
4. Police directing traffic for such events.
5. More trees in park for shade.
6. Take down signs in pavilion that say "no skateboards" since we don't have a skatepark, and if it rains one day then they should be able to skate there because that is the only dry skateboarding spot.

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Dirtbike track (motocross) not BMX

There is a need for a dog park. There is no place in any of the parks where you can exercise your dog off leash. This would be a great addition to the park facilities.

Need a common recreation and an athletic Olympic size pool, water park, hike and bike trail and picnic area.

A sidewalk or hike and bike trail on FM 3009. So many people could walk to HEB, church, bank, credit union or the new Wal-Mart. The path on Schertz Parkway is nice but it doesn't go anywhere except downtown. Lighting in the park for nighttime use. Some of my answers include children and grandchildren living in Schertz but in their own households. I always enjoy watching their baseball games at the park and other city sponsored events. I use the pool during the summer but I wish the pool would open in the AM instead of noon when the temperature is too hot in the afternoon. More senior facilities would be great.

Northcliffe Hall (fine station) needs a face lift to improve the usage by the community. It would be much better off to have city of Schertz to take over the management of this facility. Other areas of improvement consist of--paved parking area and keep the place clean the floor is very dusty.

Need senior center for 75 year olds who look, act much younger. Dancing and exercises. Multi purpose center!!!! YES!! YES! YES!!

Basketball Courts: I am 30 years old and have been playing basketball at the park for about 15-20 years on the same old broken backboards rusted rims and most importantly poorly designed support poles. The poles are supposed to be set back from the baskets so the plays don't hit the poles while playing. This has been a problem for many years and I have seen many players get hurt from the poles. I am a welder and I would be willing to donate my time and welding to build the poles if the city would provide the new materials and goals. This would be fairly inexpensive, but long needed make over for the facility.

Patrol the parks more.

More availability.

We do not have a sports park.

A community center, YMCA, or local gym which includes different programs in sports, arts and games. An indoor swimming pool is desperately needed on this side of town. It is very disappointing to have to drive 25-30 minutes to have my kids be able to swim during the colder months. This would be a great investment for our kids and the community

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During a business trip with the USAA I had the opportunity to visit Phoenix and a community called Anthem (www.delwebb.com/anthemarizona) and it was awesome! I was told that the Wall Street Journal once wrote an article about the community- and called it the “community of the future”. I recognized second floor fitness center that overlooked basketball court (with jogger track); class rooms for art classes, computers, etc.; a rock climbing wall, a pool with & a water park directly outside the community center, also numerous athletic fields and a skate rink-- and much much more!!! Again-- I know it would come with a high cost but it was great! Visit the website referred above, and if you ever had a chance to tour it, you would be amazed!!! Call me if you would like to discuss 566-7281.

(Other Suggestions to add would definitely be a skate rink and rock walls)

I like peaceful family, times at parks, quiet nature walks (private). About additional parkland-- they say.” keep the nice wilderness area at Niemitz Park by creek at least!!!” Doing a good job just keep on top of graffiti and trash pick-up. Woodland Oaks Park has a lot of graffiti and have seen used condoms, maybe more lighting needed. Thank you for asking. :)

A place for very young children to play, not only on playground equipment but in an area that allows for exploration of nature.

I think the single most important issue is going to be the city’s ability to accommodate the growth of the population not only in Schertz but in surrounding communities such as Cibolo. Parks and Recreation Orgs are needed. Soccer facilities for soccer leagues.

While I am happy to be given the opportunity to voice my opinion: This survey should be a separate part of “Schertz Tales.” It would be nice to have been able to keep the information from articles in this issue, but since the survey is listed as it is that is not possible.

It would be nice if there was a place in the park where you could take your dogs to play in the park.

Upkeep!!!!

Really like the playscapes there. They kind of need a little improvement though.

Senior center.

Absolutely additional parkland!!! The citizens of Schertz want to work out and need a place to do so. Schertz is a quickly expanding area with a lot of young families attracted to the area because it is quiet and safe. Unfortunately when I tell people I live in Schertz they only know it as a speed trap! Increasing facilities would definitely be used by citizens and community and nature area is needed because of all the expansion and new development we are losing the alluring aspect of this community and taking away all the land from the

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animals!! God created the world for animals and humans alike!!!!

There should be swimming! And there should be a walking and running track with lights! Upkeep is very poor and limited on the types of activities offered. Walking and running tracks for night time participation-

Safety-We need fences around to keep children from running in the streets.

Thanks-Shade due to Texas heat (hot summers)

Functional community center-

Multi-use, for all ages-- with fishing and nature park.

I have two grandchildren who are moving to Schertz in May 2005.

Dog park--- as our city expands and becomes more affluent, we must have plenty of green areas. Now is the time to secure more land-before developers try to buy remaining areas.

Upgrade on playgrounds.

The play area is too spread out. We have a 1 year old and a 5 and 6 year old. If the bigger kids want to play on big items the little one has nothing to do, and the other way around. I don't let my 5 and 6 year olds go by themselves because there is no fence around the park to prevent them kicking a ball on to 1518. Don't forget about TODDLERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Senior Center.

Lighting in the park for nighttime use.

We need more space for parks, hiking, etc. So many subdivisions are being created its going to be crowded up here. There has to be places to get away from all the traffic and mobs of people that are moving here.

Lack of a park close to my house.

Keep away the vandals/drug users/sellers.

Safety and ease of access.

Walking paths are badly needed. The increase in traffic makes our streets unsafe to walk upon. Biking trails are also needed for the same reason stated above. A basketball court is also needed as so many young people use the street to put the portable hoops on. Very unsafe from both perspectives of that of the driver and child.

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Hiking/Biking/Picnic.

Not enough facilities for children and youth. Need more trees and sitting space.

Better park facilities in northern Schertz - Northcliffe / Scenic Hills area.

Spending our tax dollars on parks and recreation will provide a wonderful return on our money in the form of property appreciation and the City in the form of a growing taxable base. Let's ensure the projects are managed properly.

The traffic around most parks is either too heavy or cars drive too fast. We need crosswalks with decreased speed limits around parks and maybe speed humps placed near crosswalks to get drivers attention
Recreation parks, bike trails, basketball volleyball courts in Northcliffe - anything to keep kids exercising within the community and close to home

Since you have annexed Northcliffe you have enhanced our swimming pool and park area. I am sorry they were vandalized but please don't give up on us.

Pathways to walk in a park atmosphere benefiting walkers, joggers, mothers pushing strollers (for children to not be in the street) elderly (also away from traffic) to walk in a relaxing, beautiful scenery.

More areas that will provide safe activities for children greater than five years old. Soccer fields, basketball courts inside and outside, indoor pool, etc. I like to walk and jog. I would love to see a track that's available for use. Biking trails - that will get us off of the main streets, which are very busy and provides safe biking.

Programs are well run. Parks are above average. Very limited in the Northcliffe area.

When grandchildren visit (2-3 months every summer) and other holidays during the year it would be more economical and convenient if we had more to offer them. We spend a lot of time in San Antonio and New Braunfels for recreation and etc.

Since being incorporated into Schertz, we pay taxes for the city only, not Cibolo to be upgraded with the amenities that Schertz enjoys. Our streets and sidewalks crumble while the City of Schertz gets additional parks.

Upgrade Northcliffe Park.

Not enough recreational activities to offer the Community. Example: Camp year-round, after school programs

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- teach ballet, dance, jazz, tap, projects for building making projects, etc.

The Children in Northcliffe could benefit by having a recreation area supported by the City and parents.

They need a track.

Northcliffe subdivision needs a walking track.

There needs to be something for kids to do after school..

Not enough security/safety. Bring something to Northcliffe.

Need new ones and upgrade current facilities.

Diversity in terms of ages, intellect, motor skills and easy accessibility.

Some kind of gathering place for kids to get tighter. Example; pool, clubhouse, walking track or path.

A place for neighborhood children to plan and keep them out of the street.

Access to outlying areas; more parks for new areas.

Maintenance of existing parks.

I think that there should be a place that allows in-line skating.

What wise is there besides the pool at Northcliffe? Need basketball courts Tennis would be nice; security against vandalism.

Security against vandalism.

Need expanded facilities for growing area.

Park equipment in the Northcliffe area.

Improvement in Northcliffe park equipment.

Better playground.

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Well, I feel we could use a better playground, skateboard park and picnic area for my son and I and his friends can go to and feel safe to play near my home.

Greenbelt areas, playgrounds for children. Skateboard parks will keep children from skateboarding in the streets. We have a lot of hills and that makes skateboarding very popular and dangerous in our area.

Safety and keep 'trash' bad elements out - do not compete with San Antonio to draw "bad" crowd out this way. That is why we moved here to get away from that.

Swimming pool without fees to residents; hiking and biking trails; preservation and acquisition of park areas.

Health/wellness/place for people to gather outdoors.

Northcliffe should have exclusive services.

Lack of walking areas/trails.

Neighborhood parks.

None in the northeast area; definitely need one near Northcliffe. We pay taxes just like the folks in Schertz "proper." We deserve the same facilities.

Parks recreation areas in new communities/development (is. Northcliffe as well as other in FM 1103) need to be expanded and new areas made currently parks in areas are either lacking or nonexistent.

My children and I wouldn't have to drive to New Braunfels to picnic and have fun, Existing Schertz parks do not compare with other cities. Northcliffe has no park of any sort.

There are no parks in Northcliffe.

We need more neighborhood parks in order to keep them safer. Few large parks need to be built due to more people and unseen areas. Schertz is growing in youth population and needs recreational areas to congregate.

Exercise and family events.

More variety of facilities, more child friendly areas (more playgrounds, pools, classes offered such as music, arts, and crafts). Well maintained parks and recreation areas to promote more participation by families.