

An aerial photograph of a school campus. On the left, there are several brick school buildings with grey roofs. In the center, a large green lawn is visible. In the lower-left, there is a playground with a green slide and a blue structure. A large, semi-transparent white number '01' with a green outline is centered over the lawn. A green horizontal line is at the bottom of the image.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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McKinney is not only a destination community that has been widely recognized as one of the best places to live, but it is also greatly known for its robust park system, which exemplifies their “Unique by Nature” brand. Dunaway was commissioned to work with the Parks Department and City Leaders in updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan (Parks Master Plan) to continue to position the City to account for future development while integrating the parks system into the City and its economic success.

Some of the major goals of the Parks Master Plan include:

- Keep developing new and creative park resources that will serve the various growth areas across the City
- Focus on strength reinvestment in existing parks in three key categories: restore, enhance, and reimagine
- Identify and maintain the City’s natural resources for environmental stewardship and recreational enjoyment
- Coordinate the Parks Master Plan with the separate Trails Master Plan to expand the City’s trail network throughout McKinney
- Identify key partnerships with public/public, public/private, and public/not for profits that can support both capital investments and long-term maintenance costs
- Continue conservation efforts for all parks and park land, including additional trees and shade throughout the City

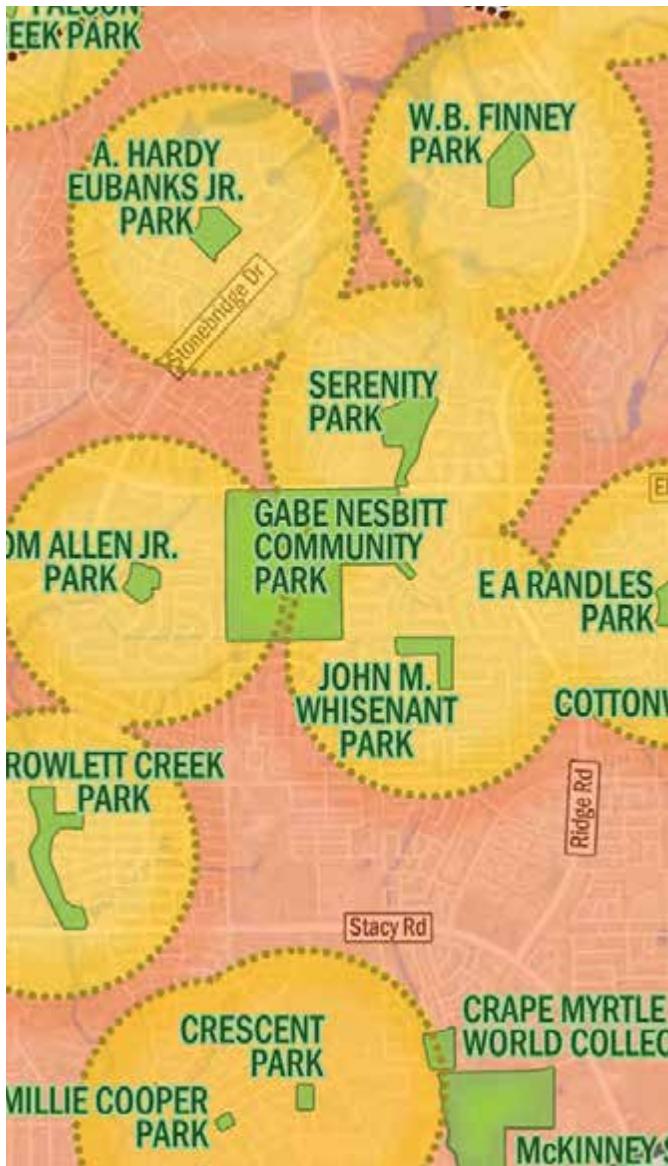
INVENTORY OF PARK LAND

Existing Park Land Acreage in McKinney	
267.91	Neighborhood Park
993.17	Community Park
243.5	Special Purpose Park
1,492.43	Linear Parks & Open Space



Existing Facilities in McKinney	
Baseball Fields	11
Basketball Courts (Outdoor)	19
Pavilion/Picnic Shelter	73
Pickleball Courts (Outdoor)	8
Playgrounds	67
Recreation Center	170,000
Soccer Fields (League)	21
Softball Fields	11
Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	5
Tennis Courts	24
Trails	78
Volleyball Courts (Outdoor)	3





**See page 88 full park service area map.*

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Priorities for the overall park system were defined by a series of key meetings, conducted by Dunaway and City staff, to get input on the desires and needs for McKinney park improvements.

First, City staff shared with the Dunaway team the previous citizen survey information related to parks and recreation. Work sessions with the Parks and Recreation staff were also facilitated in order to get their input on the park systems future needs over the next 5 to 10 years.

The Park Board and McKinney Community Development Corporation were then brought into a work session, with City staff and the Dunaway team, to discuss their input on park needs and current trends in recreation that are impacting McKinney.

The final step involved the Dunaway team taking the information from previous public input data and recent work sessions to create a specific ranking of priorities for both outdoor and indoor recreation. Separate rankings were performed by the Park Board, Community Development Corporation, and City staff. These priorities were reviewed and confirmed in a follow-up meeting with all parties. This overall process led to priorities for McKinney's parks system (indoor & outdoor facilities) over the next five to ten years.

PRIORITY NEEDS

Priority Rankings - Outdoor Facilities

Rank	High Priorities	High
1	Trails	◆
2	Downtown Park	◆
3	Multi-Use Fields	◆
4	Lighting in Parks	◆
5	Restroom / Concessions	◆
6	Outdoor Fitness	◆
7	Shade Structures	◆
8	Special Events	◆
9	Pavilions	◆
10	Wayfinding / Signage	◆
11	Nature Preserve	◆
12	Practice Fields	◆
13	Soccer Fields	◆

Rank	Moderate Priorities	Moderate
14	Playgrounds	◆
15	Learning Center	◆
16	Dog Park	◆
17	Public Art	◆
18	Fishing Piers	◆
19	Technology in Parks	◆
20	Waterpark	◆
21	Softball Fields	◆
22	Baseball Fields	◆

Priority Rankings - Indoor Facilities

Rank	High Priorities	High
1	Expand Recreation Center	◆
2	Adult / Senior Center	◆

Rank	Moderate Priorities	Moderate
3	Indoor Athletic Center	◆
4	Nature & Event Center	◆
5	New Recreation Center	◆

