

Your Parks, Your Future

Project Assumptions

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The assumptions are the conditions assumed to be true for the timeframe of the project. The timeframe for each park Master Plan is expected to be 10-15 years. The assumptions set the framework for parks planning and programming by constraining the focus of future physical improvements.

I. Project Process

These assumptions about the planning process, future programming, and the future condition of parks and facilities set the parameters for and guide project recommendations.

1. Input on parks and programming planning process will be balanced, taking feedback from the Advisory Committee, stakeholders, community-at-large, commissions and City Council
2. City Council will provide final decision-making authority over the programming and parks master plan update deliverables
3. Long-term community needs are the basis for parks and programming planning recommendations
4. Arts and recreational programming recommendations will be consistent with the City's cost-recovery policy
5. Recommendations will be realistic, implementable and fiscally sustainable
6. The 2003 Heather Farm Park Master Plan will serve as the foundation for the Heather Farm Park Masterplan update
7. Arts and recreation programs may take place in multiple facilities or locations and not limited to one site
8. The project team will use existing data to the greatest extent possible, including Civic Park Master Plan, Walnut Creek Parks Strategic Plan, Clarke Swim Center studies, as well as other relevant documents
9. Proposed changes to the parks should minimize neighborhood impacts
10. Financial decisions regarding how to fund improvements to the parks and other facilities will come later

II. Civic Park

1. Civic Park will continue to serve the Downtown area
2. Any on-site buildings may be consolidated/relocated within the park or another community facility within Walnut Creek. The programs within these building may relocate to other locations within Walnut Creek.
3. The following features will remain in place:
 - a. Library and associated parking
 - b. Pedestrian bridge
 - c. Private house and access
 - d. Hand of Peace sculpture
 - e. Creek and creek walk will remain in place and the creek will remain uncovered and an integral part of the plan

4. The following features and functions will continue, but may be relocated, enlarged and/or rebuilt within the park or any of the City's other facilities:
 - a. Rose garden
 - b. Pollinator garden
 - c. Playground
 - d. Picnic areas
 - e. Programming, event and rental facilities
 - f. Gazebo
 - g. Parking

III. Heather Farm

1. Heather Farm will continue to serve as a regional destination for arts and recreational programs and park amenities
2. Any on-site buildings could be consolidated/relocated within the park or another community facility within Walnut Creek. The programs within these buildings may relocate to other locations within Walnut Creek.
3. The following features will remain in place:
 - a. Ballfields
 - b. Garden center and community gardens
 - c. Nature lake
 - d. Tennis center
 - e. All-abilities playground
 - f. Skate park
 - g. Centennial Grove
 - h. Maintenance Yard
 - i. Irrigation reservoir
 - j. Heather Drive and San Carlos Drive
4. The following features and functions will continue, but may be relocated, enlarged and/or rebuilt within the park or any of the City's other facilities:
 - a. Dog park
 - b. Picnic areas
 - c. Sand volley ball courts
 - d. Swim center
 - e. Programming, event and rental facilities
 - f. Access to Seven Hills school
 - g. Parking lots, and associated solar panels
 - h. Walnut Festival Association Office

IV. Shadelands Art Center

1. If Shadelands Art Center continues to serve as a center for arts programming, the existing building will remain at the current location, but may be renovated/remodeled.
2. Other portions of the property may be utilized for other programs.