



Bleeker Street Boat launch is a unique facility for a city. It provides private, easy access to Nagawicka Lake for the city's citizens

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Delafield seeks to provide a park and recreation system that will meet the needs of current residents and future generations; preserve and protect the City's natural amenities; and provide a park and recreation program that is designed to enhance the quality of life for City residents.

THE PLAN

The City of Delafield has many parks; open space, recreational options, and trails in and around the city. This 5 year plan should be used as a guide for the city to preserve and improve these assets. Input to this plan came from many quarters, but its publication should not be viewed as the end of the dialogue, but the beginning.

This plan begins with a review of demographic information, and standards for park and open space. Added to this background is citizen survey information and analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of the current situation. Based on this information the Park and Recreation Commission outlined Goals and Objectives and Action plans.

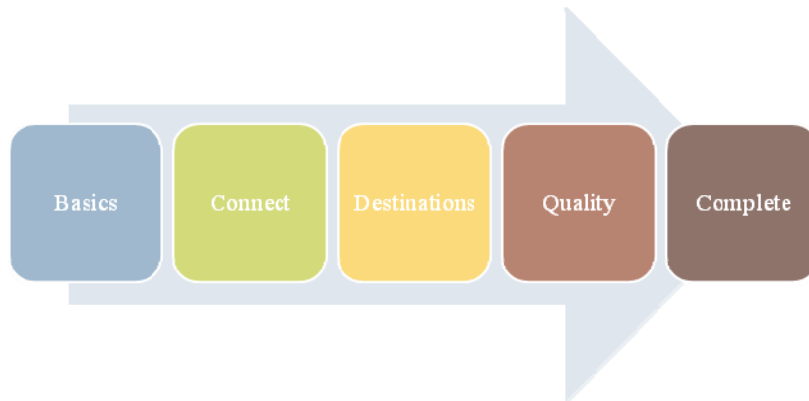
The goals are organized in two dimensions – **Location based groupings**, and **Time based themes**. Location based groupings are real physical locations (like parks, lakes, rivers). Outlining plans by physical location should allow the citizens of Delafield to visualize the plans more clearly.

Time based themes portray common goals, thoughts and motivations that occur together, and evolve over time. For example, a sports team might be said to be in a re-building year, followed by a maturing year, followed by a winning year.

This organization should allow the implementers of this plan to prioritize activities that can lead to completion of logical groupings of objectives.

Time Based Themes

The themes listed below roughly correspond to the 5 years of this plan. Each year has a focus, and they are listed below. The ultimate goal of the themes is to complete the 5 Year Vision.

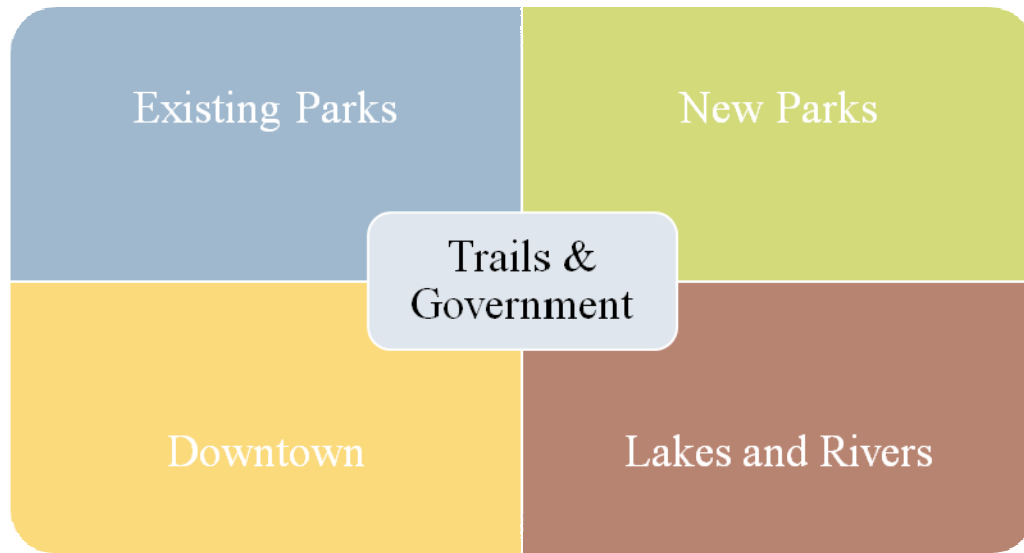


Time Based Theme Explanations

- The basics – The first step in the plan is to address gaps in service and address missing or inadequate assets. Many parks, trails, facilities and recreational opportunities need attention.
- Connect – This theme is all about adding connections – Trails, paths, and routes between destinations are the focus for this grouping.
- Destinations – This theme builds on connections by focusing on enhancing destinations – Creating new destinations that enhance the quality of life in Delafield.
- Quality – Once the vision is expanded, the focus will be on improving the quality of the offerings – ensuring that trails and destinations meet the needs of the community
- Completing the vision – Filling in the final pieces.

Location based groupings

Locations are primarily locations that have been grouped together so that they can be discussed in context. The groupings are pictured and discussed below.



- Existing Parks – Review of existing parks
- New Parks – Plans for new facilities
- Downtown – Plans for facilities in the historic downtown area
- Lakes and Rivers – Facilities related to lakes and rivers
- Trails – Trails, paths, and routes of all types
- Intergovernmental Relations and Recreation – organizational consideration of parks and recreation in the City

Summary of the purpose of the plan

There is a balance between the limited resources of the City of Delafield, and the desire for continual improvements to City developed parks, trails, and open spaces. This plan does not attempt to define that balance, but instead puts forth a plan to be used by Council, planners, staff, and Commissions to prioritize investments based on the needs and desires of the citizens, tempered by the judgment of the Park and Recreation Commission. The following pages describe the plan.