

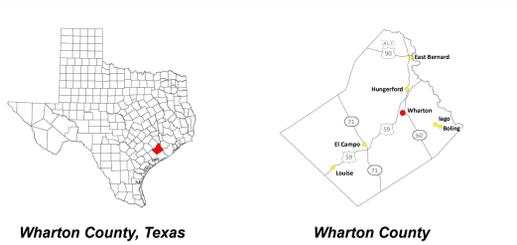
Map ID	Goals & Objectives	Activity Year(s)			Lead Organization	Cost Estimate	Funding Sources
		2018-2021	2022-2024	2025-2028			
1	Goal 10.1 Maintain recreation facilities in good condition. Develop a shared-resources plan with Wharton ISD and other community partners to ensure all available area facilities are properly maintained and can be utilized year-round. Establish a voluntary park donation fund for maintenance, repair, upgrade of city parks, neighborhood mini-parks, and play lots. Solicitation could be added to city utility bill.	X			City	< \$1,000 (legal)	GEN; ISD; WCC; WGS; WYS; Local
QTY WIDE	Schedule creation of new Parks Master Plan.	X			City	< \$1,000	GEN
QTY WIDE	Budget sufficient funds for park maintenance and for on-going facility development.	X	X	X	City	\$10,000	GEN; CSBG
QTY WIDE	Schedule biennial review of the Parks Master Plan and update priority list as needed. Solicit new public input every five (5) years.	X	X	X	City	< \$1,000	GEN; EDC
QTY WIDE	Conduct biennial review of a shared-resources plan with Wharton and community partners to ensure all available area facilities are well-maintained and can be utilized year-round.	X	X	X	City	< \$1,000	GEN; ISD; WCC; WGS; WYS; Local
QTY WIDE	Goal 10.2 Improve existing recreation facilities to permit and encourage additional use and construct new facilities that fulfill residents' expressed needs and bring the city more up to standard.	X			City	< \$1,000 (legal)	GEN
QTY WIDE	Develop policy to educate public regarding benefits of private donation of land to be used for parks, greenbelts, and open space.	X			City	< \$1,000	GEN
2	Establish Riverfront Park concept planning as a key subject for further review, study, and recommendation by CC Parks & Recreation Committee and Wharton Economic Development Corporation; continue discussions until a concept plan is finalized.	X			City; EDC	Staff	GEN
3	Apply for funding in fall 2020 to the TPWD Local Parks Small Community Recreation Program to improve Harris Park.	X			City	Variable	GEN
4	Conduct "community work day" at parks to accomplish a portion of development using volunteer labor. Remove debris and dilapidated equipment from all park areas. Tasks can include site preparation, clean-up, and preliminary construction tasks. Seek volunteers from residents, City Staff, community service workers, EDC, school district, religious and civic groups, etc.	X	X		City	< \$1,000	GEN; Local
5	Construct improvements to Harris Park, including at least three (3) general use soccer fields, one (1) light activity area, picnic tables with BBQ grills, and park benches as appropriate.	X	X		City	\$75,000 (or 50% match of TPWD grant funds)	GEN; EDC; TPWD (Total grant and match not to exceed \$150,000)
6	Install passive activity areas that can be enjoyed by elderly residents (such as horseshoes or domino card tables) at Harris Park, and/or elsewhere as appropriate.	X	X		City	\$2,000 per	GEN; EDC
7	Install inclusive play activities (such as "scent or sensory garden") and inclusive playground equipment that can be enjoyed by children with physical disabilities at Harris Park, and/or elsewhere as appropriate.	X	X		City	\$2,000 per	GEN; EDC
QTY WIDE	Develop master plan for Wharton Parkway Connections sidewalk/trails network.	X			City	Variable	GEN
8	Apply to TPWD Recreational Trails Fund (January 2020) and/or to TxDOT Transportation Alternative Program to extend Santa Fe Trail through Mayfair Park, and/or elsewhere as specified in the Wharton sidewalk/trails network master plan.	X		X	City	Variable	GEN
9	Apply for funding in fall 2020 to the TPWD Small Community Recreation Program to improve Mayfair Park.	X			City	Variable	GEN
QTY WIDE	Encourage development of other indoor activities typically operated by private businesses such as a movie theater, bowling alley, roller-skating rink, gymnastic/twirling center, and indoor rodeo facilities.	X		X	City	Staff	GEN; Chamber; EDC; Local
QTY WIDE	Encourage development of other outdoor activities typically operated by private businesses such as a skate park, equestrian facilities, miniature golf, bicycle motor-cross, and a mountain bike trail.	X		X	City	Staff	GEN; Chamber; EDC; Local
10	Extend Santa Fe Trail through Mayfair Park and/or elsewhere as specified in the Wharton sidewalk/trails network master plan.	X		X	City	Up to \$240,000 + TxDOT Funds (variable)	GEN; EDC; TPWD (City contribution would be up to \$40,000 as 20% of match); TxDOT; TA (20% match required)
11	Construct improvements to Mayfair Park according to facility needs in the updated Parks Master Plan.	X		X	City	Up to \$75,000 (or 50% match of TPWD grant funds)	GEN; EDC; TPWD (total grant and match not to exceed \$150,000)
12	Continue Riverfront Park concept planning discussion until a concept plan is finalized.	X	X	X	City; EDC	Staff	GEN
13	Continue programming and festivals at Wharton parks. Festivals and events provide diverse activities not normally available in the park and enhance the usefulness of the facilities. These events can also highlight the community's cultural diversity or offer special events such as kite-flying contests or bike-a-thons. Earmark any proceeds from activities for use in park improvement projects.	X	X	X	City; EDC	\$5,000 - \$10,000	GEN; Local
QTY WIDE	Goal 11.3 Establish ongoing maintenance and improvements to open spaces and highway right-of-way to demonstrate local pride and attract visitors, investors, and new residents.	X			City	< \$1,000 per year	GEN; Local
QTY WIDE	Start annual Tree Planting Campaign; plant 10 trees per year. Prioritize public spaces and thoroughfares.	X			City	< \$1,000 per year	GEN; Local
QTY WIDE	Conduct cleanup of vacant lots and improvements to property with frontage on thoroughfares. Establish annual "community work day" to accomplish a portion of related projects.	X			City	< \$1,000 per year	GEN; EDC; Local; TDA; DRP; TxDOT
QTY WIDE	Develop exhibits at park facilities and floodplain areas to foster nature appreciation and to educate visitors about local flora, fauna, and geology. This can include community gardens and/or xeriscape gardens.	X		X	City	\$2,000	GEN; Local
QTY WIDE	Develop native grass and garden areas along floodplain to preserve habitat and support natural functioning of floodplain. Encourage residents to do the same on private property.	X		X	City	\$2,000	GEN; Local
QTY WIDE	Dedicate open space and natural areas to limit future floodplain development and to ensure that unique features are preserved.	X		X	City	Varies by program	GEN; Local
QTY WIDE	Continue annual "community work day" to accomplish a portion of projects related to cleanup of vacant lots and improvements to properties with frontage on thorough-fare, as well as parks improvements.	X	X	X	City	< \$1,000	GEN; Local; TDA; DRP
QTY WIDE	Continue annual Tree Planting Campaign; plant 10 trees per year. Prioritize public spaces and thoroughfares.	X	X	X	City	< \$1,000 per year	GEN; Local; TDA; DRP

Sources: GEN = City of Wharton Municipal Funds; CSBG = Community Development Block Grant Program; EDC = City of Wharton Economic Development Corporation (4B); ISD = Wharton ISD; Local = Donations from private citizens, organization, and local businesses; TDA DRP = Texas Department of Agriculture Downtown Revitalization Program; TPWD = Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; TxDOT = Texas Department of Transportation; Statewide Transportation Enhancement Grants; Transportation Alternative Program; WCC = Wharton County Junior College; WGS = Wharton Girls Softball Club; WYS = Wharton Youth Soccer Club

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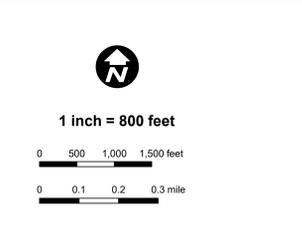
City of Wharton

Wharton County, Texas

Map 11A

Recreation and Open Space

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Texas State Plane Zone 4
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