

## Existing Shakopee Goals and Strategies

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**1. Maintain a safe, healthy and attractive parks, recreation, trails and open space system that meets the recreation needs of the City.**

1.1 Provide for fully developed parks, trails, facilities, and open space in sufficient quantities to meet the needs of Shakopee's growing population.

1.2 Preserve and enhance the natural resources of the community.

1.3 Review development proposals to ensure neighborhood streets, sidewalks, and lot configurations are compatible with the park needs of the eventual residents.

**2. Ensure the cost effectiveness of the park and recreation system while maintaining quality standards.**

2.1 Promote recreational dual use of facilities where feasible

2.2 Maximize the recreational opportunities available to city residents through the development of a fair and equitable working partnership between the Shakopee School District, adjacent cities, Scott County, the DNR, USFWS, churches, civic organizations, other organization and the City of Shakopee

2.3 Use a variety of funding sources for acquisitions, development, and renovation of park and recreation facilities.

**3. Maximize participation in City programs and encourage citizen involvement in the planning process.**

3.1 Promote wide dissemination of information about programs and facilities to all citizens of Shakopee

3.2 Enhance the level of participation and utilization of park facilities

3.3 Establish an effective, ongoing means of communicating and interacting with residents about issues related to parks and recreation facilities, programs, and future development.

## **Proposed Shakopee Goals**

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### **Goals 1-11:**

**Goal 1: Provide an interconnected and diverse park, trail, and open space system.**

**Goal 2: Create a balance and variety of passive and active recreational opportunities.**

**Goal 3: Provide parkland and recreational amenities within an appropriate distance of residents.**

**Goal 4: Promote a strong community identity.**

**Goal 5: Promote cultural, art, and historic resources through parks and City programs.**

**Goal 6: Be effective stewards of the land.**

**Goal 7: Adopt sustainable environmental practices.**

**Goal 8: Design and develop facilities that are accessible and safe with life-cycle features that account for long term costs and benefits.**

**Goal 9: Seek & support community involvement.**

**Goal 10: Develop financing strategies to acquire land and develop the park & trail system.**

**Goal 11: Develop financing strategies to maintain the park system and renovate existing facilities.**

## Proposed Shakopee Goals & Sample Strategies

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### Focus Area: Connections

#### **Goal 1: Provide an interconnected and diverse park, trail, and open space system**

##### *Sample Strategies:*

Strategy 1: Identify trail connections and acquire property between parks, schools, neighborhoods, and community destinations that will create a continuous trail system.

Strategy 2: Revise service standards to allow neighborhood residents to be within walking distance of a park, school, or trail connection that provides access to a larger trail system.

Strategy 3: Identify and acquire land for wildlife corridors and trailways.

Strategy 4: Provide natural areas adjacent and/or within park areas.

Strategy 5: Establish a consistent signage program that allows residents to easily recognize the City's park and trail facilities.

Strategy 6: Review development proposals to ensure neighborhood streets, sidewalks, and lot configurations are compatible with the park needs of the eventual residents.

Strategy 7: Create multiple community trail loops that connect parks, schools, open areas, and at least one community destination.

Strategy 8: Develop a hierarchy of regional, community and local trails and on street bike lanes that address community needs. Connect these trails as a system of long and short recreational loops.

**Focus Area: Passive + Active Recreational Facilities and Variety**

**Goal 2: Create a balance and variety of passive and active recreational opportunities.**

*Sample Strategies:*

Strategy 1: Acquire ? of additional athletic fields.

Strategy 2: Construct additional # of indoor hockey rinks.

Strategy 3: Partner with the Tennis Association to submit grants and locate and construct an indoor tennis court facility.

Strategy 4: Maximize the recreational opportunities available to city residents through the development of a fair and equitable working partnership between the Shakopee School District, adjacent cities, Scott County, the DNR, USFWS, churches, civic organizations, other organization and the City of Shakopee.

Strategy 5: Provide access and availability of recreational opportunities for underserved segments of the population.

Strategy 8: Acquire sites identified in search candidate areas

Strategy 9: Provide space for reflection

**Focus Area: Connections**

**Goal 3: Provide parkland and amenities within an appropriate distance of residents.**

*Sample Strategies:*

Strategy 1: Provide neighborhood parks within six blocks of home

Strategy 2: Provide ? acres of developed parkland through public land dedication for every 1,000 residents

Strategy 3: Strategies 3-5 (Meet LEED-ND requirements) Provide access to public spaces within 1/6 mile walk of a park, green space or plaza at least 1/6 acre in size

Strategy 4: Provide access to active open space within 1/2 mile walk distance

Strategy 5: Provide safe trail access within 1/4 mile walk of trail at least 3 miles long.

**Focus Area: Community Identity**

**Goal 4: Promote a strong community identity**

*Sample Strategies:*

Strategy 1: Preserve and/or acquire sites that will provide buffers (where?), significant view corridors, and a gateway to the community.

Strategy 2: Provide well-maintained parks and facilities.

Strategy 3: Promote trail connections to and along the Minnesota River as a unique natural resource.

Strategy 4: Protect and preserve unique cultural and natural resources within the community.

Strategy 5: Utilize Parks and trails by hosting community events and celebrations.

**Focus Area: Historical/Cultural Features/Art**

**Goal 5: Promote cultural, art, and historic resources through parks and City programs**

*Sample Strategies:*

Strategy 1: Continue to evaluate needs for cultural arts programming.

Strategy 2: Work with historical and cultural organizations to identify culturally and historically significant landscapes appropriate for inclusion in the park system.

Strategy 3: Develop interpretive materials to promote community awareness and appreciation.

Strategy 4: Develop high quality diversified cultural arts including music and theatrical facilities and programs that increase community awareness, attendance, and participation opportunities

Strategy 5: Reach out to minor groups through cultural arts programs

Strategy 6: Support collaborations between local schools, business community, service groups, arts patrons, and artists that utilize artistic resources and talents.

Strategy 7: Where appropriate, develop and support policies and programs that encourage or provide incentives that attract and retain artists and artworks within the community

**Focus Area: Natural Resources**

**Goal 6 Be effective stewards of the land**

*Sample Strategies:*

Strategy 1: Provide buffer areas between athletic fields, and housing.

Strategy 2: Provide natural resource viewing opportunities.

Strategy 3: Identify and acquire land for preservation of high-quality natural resource areas, including ridgelines, woodlands, scenic views and waterways.

Strategy 4: Mark greenway corridor boundaries to prevent encroachment.

## Focus Area: Sustainability

### Goal 7: Adopt sustainable environmental practices

#### *Sample Strategies*

Strategy 1: Evaluate operational procedures to assure the City is using sustainable practices in all service areas

Strategy 2: Implement design standards that reflect sustainable methods of construction and use of environmentally sound materials where feasible.

Strategy 3: Conduct an energy audit on existing park facilities and operational methods

Strategy 4: Create an educational program for City staff and the public to promote awareness

Strategy 5: Become a leader in environmentally friendly park design & maintenance

Strategy 6: Develop or renovate facilities according to Green Building Council guidelines where feasible.

Strategy 7: Promote sustainable transportation systems by promoting trail connectivity and construction

Strategy 8: Protect water resources by utilizing BMPs for effective stormwater management

Strategy 9: Promote low impact development

Strategy 10: Preserve and incorporate existing natural areas into new development

Strategy 11: Encourage development to integrate sidewalks, open areas, trails, and recreational opportunities in their design and construction.

## Focus Area: Design Standards

**Goal 8: Design and develop facilities that are accessible and safe with life-cycle features that account for long term costs and benefits.**

### *Sample Strategies*

Strategy 1: Design facilities to be accessible to individuals and organize groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests

Strategy 2: Develop low maintenance and high capacity design standards and capabilities to reduce overall facility maintenance and operation requirements and costs.

Strategy 3: Implement the provisions and requirements of the ADA and other design and development standards

Strategy 4: Define and enforce rules and regulations concerning park activities and operations

Strategy 5: Where appropriate develop adopt-a-park programs, neighborhood park watches, park police patrols, and other innovative programs that increase safety and security awareness and visibility

Strategy 6: Establish design standards for parks, trails and facilities that encourage durability and are responsive to unique site conditions and, generally, that promote sound stewardship of natural resources.

**Focus Area: Community Involvement**

**Goal 9: Seek & support community involvement**

*Sample Strategies:*

Strategy 1: Establish an effective, ongoing means of communicating and interacting with residents about issues related to parks and recreation facilities, programs, and future development.

Strategy 2: Advocate for greater public sector involvement throughout planning processes and City Programs.

Strategy 3: Cultural diversity and reach minority population

Use a variety of techniques to inform, involve, and collaborate with the public.

**Focus Area: Funding and Implementation**

**Goal 10: Develop financing strategies to acquire land and develop the park & trail system**

*Sample Strategies:*

Strategy 1: Establish and attain a standard of \$\$ acres of appropriately-developed open space for every 1,000 residents as provided for through the public land dedication process

Strategy 2: Use a variety of funding sources for acquisitions and development of park and recreation facilities.

Strategy 3: Annually revisit the park plan goals and strategies to promote a continued vision for the park system.

Strategy 4: Generate collaborative action among diverse stakeholders to encourage and fund projects that support the park system.

**Focus Area: Funding and Implementation**

**Goal 11: Develop financing strategies to maintain the park system and renovate existing facilities.**

*Sample Strategies*

Strategy 1: Implement innovative methods to finance facility development, maintenance, and park improvement needs in order to reduce costs, retain financial flexibility, match user benefits and interests.