

Comprehensive Park Plan 2015

Prepared by the Haysville Park Board with assistance by City Staff



HAYSVILLE
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The purpose of the Haysville Comprehensive Park Plan is to describe the current situation of Haysville's existing park and recreation facilities and to project future needs and improvements that will satisfy both the short range and long range recreational needs of the City. A discussion of Haysville's park areas and their evolving needs follows.

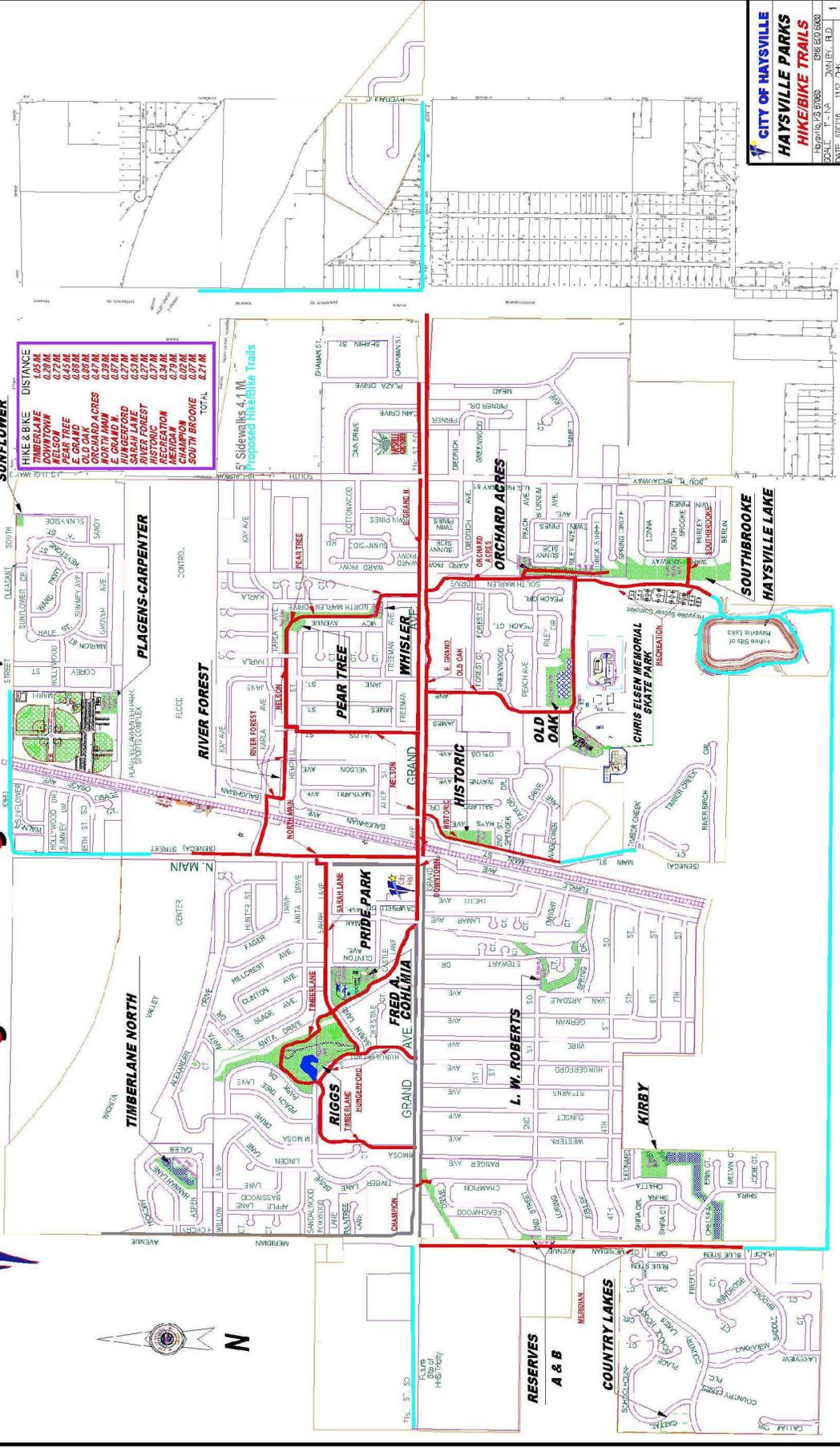
City of Haysville, Kansas PARKS & HIKE/BIKE TRAILS



SUNFLOWER

HIKE & BIKE	DISTANCE
TIMBERLANE	1.05 MI
WILSON	0.72 MI
PEAR TREE	0.45 MI
E. GRAND	0.89 MI
ORCHARD ACRES	0.47 MI
NORTH MAIN	0.39 MI
E. GRAND N.	0.97 MI
SARASOTA LANE	0.59 MI
RIVER FOREST	0.37 MI
HISTORIC	0.37 MI
WILSON	0.79 MI
CHAMPION	0.79 MI
SOUTH BROOKE	0.27 MI
TOTAL	8.27 MI

5' Sidewalks 4.1 MI
Proposed Hike/Bike Trails



CITY OF HAYSVILLE
HAYSVILLE PARKS
HIKE/BIKE TRAILS
 1500 W. G. ST. HAYSVILLE, MO 64501
 SCALE: 1" = 1/4" (AS SHOWN)
 DATE: 08/15/2018

1 - RIGGS PARK

Riggs Park contains approximately 19.5 acres. The Cowskin Creek forms its eastern boundary and extends approximately 2,200 linear feet along the park. There is a small picturesque lake in the northern part of the park which occupies a large portion of the Cowskin Creek floodplain. A gazebo sits on the south side of the lake. The lake is stocked and is used regularly by citizens. A wide and relatively deep channel, which was an old meander of a creek, bisects the park and gives the lower half of Riggs some interesting topographic character. The City Hike & Bike Path was installed and curves through the Park. With the installation of the path, Hinkley lighting, black wire benches and trash receptacles were installed to make this section uniform with other portions of the path. The lighting increases park security, and extends hours of utilization.

The northern portion of the park has two shelters; Timberlane Shelter, an open picnic shelter, and the Lion's Club Shelter. Both shelters are on concrete pads and provide clean, attractive areas for picnic activity. The Lions Club Shelter is enclosed and has restrooms, kitchen facilities and an outdoor barbeque grill. Restroom facilities in the northern section of the park were remodeled in 2012, with an additional set of ADA compliant restrooms added to the south side of the existing facilities. These facilities are open year round. Two off-street parking areas have been developed in the northern park and are accessible from Park Drive. The parking area to the west has a gravel surface and a capacity of approximately 25 to 30 vehicles. The eastern parking area is paved and contains handicapped parking for 4 vehicles.

The south portion of the park contains two picnic shelters: Riggs Shelter and the Police Shelter. Riggs Shelter was rebuilt in 2003 and its design serves as the template for all park shelters built since then. These structures are brick and have ADA compliant bathroom facilities, which were engineered for favorable air flow to keep restroom temperatures tolerable, and to aid in odor control. The two shelters have electricity and water facilities available by key to renters of the shelter. A Band Shell is also available for rental, and is used as a stage for a variety of events.

The south side of the park has a large, asphalt-surfaced off-street parking lot, which can be accessed at two points from Hungerford. The parking area is not marked, but is estimated to hold approximately 16 vehicles. There is adequate security lighting in the parking lot, and throughout the park.

Playground equipment is located throughout the park, but can be viewed as consisting of two distinct areas. The northern area consists largely of older equipment, including teeter totters, climbing bars, a slide and a tire swing. The teeter totters were replaced in 2012.

The southern area features two merry-go-rounds, a slide, swings, and a kind of jungle-gym type of equipment with multiple play options. There are two black wire benches for seating.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

In 2012 the pond was dredged to a depth of 6'. The spillway was replaced with a recessed structure and the well pump and fountain were replaced. The parking lot to the north was surface sealed in

2010. Damaged slides in the southern park were replaced, and a nine-hole disc-golf course was installed throughout the Park in 2011.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Dead trees will need to be removed from around the lake when the rip rap project is completed. Protections for the Northern Long-Eared Bat will greatly affect the tree removal process, and will require monitoring.
- The swings and one of the merry-go-rounds in the south area playground area will be removed. The swings will be replaced with a 3-bay swing structure. This structure will have a concrete apron, drainage system and new wood chips.
- Removal of the 6 horseshoe pits should also be completed. These have been in the park for several years, but are difficult and time consuming to maintain, and get very little use.
- A bicycle rack and two water fountains are needed for park users and disc golf players.
- Several items of equipment and the benches in the northern park area are outdated and should be removed. Plans are to replace these with toddler-aged equipment.
- The water main is also in need of replacement.
- Timberlane Shelter lighting needs to be updated to vandal-proof lighting.
- Parking facilities are deteriorating and need to be upgraded from gravel to hard surface. When this is done, replacement of the gravel road with a twelve foot asphalt roadway could be considered. If surfacing is not possible in the near future, the parking lot should be marked to bring it into ADA compliance.
- Landscaping is deemed as complete, but continual maintenance on areas such as the concrete H is a necessity.

HISTORY

Harley and Mildred Riggs were the original owners of the park area. The city grew around their land. Before being taken into the City, Harley platted his ground, and in the original plat there were three streets to be named for his three grandchildren - Sarah (Lane), Christine (Court) and Larry (Drive). Larry Drive was eventually omitted for drainage purposes. The northern 11 acres of the park were originally platted as Timberlane Park when that addition was developed. The dividing line between the two parks was described as an old drainage tributary that extended from the Park Drive and Timberlane Drive Intersection almost directly east to the Cowskin Creek. In May of 2015 the Park Board voted to combine the two parks into one, in accord with popular perception of the entire area as Riggs Park.

2 - FRED A. COHLMIA MEMORIAL PARK/DEWEY GUNZELMAN SWIMMING POOL

Fred A. Cohlmi Memorial Park contains approximately 7 acres and is located along the east bank of the Cowskin Creek. Approximately 650 linear feet of Cowskin Creek make up the park's west boundary. The park is relatively flat over its total area. The Dewey Gunzelman Swimming Pool is located within this park. The park contains a single sand volleyball court that runs north and south and has lights available for after-hours usage. A portion of the City's Hike & Bike Path runs parallel to the Cowskin Creek. In 2013 a sidewalk was added along the east side of the volleyball courts from Clinton Ave to the Hike and Bike Path.

The Dewey Gunzelman Pool, which was rebuilt in 1991, is an eight lane 50-meter offset "L" shaped swimming pool. The diving bay includes both one-meter and three-meter diving boards, and a drop

slide. The shallow end of the main pool has a 160-foot blue slide and an ADA compliant chair lift. The intermediate pool includes a small water slide and baby pool. The pool also has a concession stand, picnic tables, seven shade structures, benches and showers in the bathroom facilities. An asphalt-surfaced off-street parking lot is located along the south side of the pool. This lot has approximately 30 marked parking spaces. A loose gravel lot is located east of the pool. This lot is accessed from one drive off Clinton and one off Sarah Lane, and has room for approximately 60 vehicles.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

In 2008 installation of a splash pad was completed on the northwest corner of the pool. Two benches, a shade structure and fencing were installed. The fencing was constructed so that citizens can access the splash pad in early summer and late summer at times when the pool is not open.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- This area is the proposed location for the new Haysville Recreation Center. The new Center would have expanded exercise and fitness facilities as well as an indoor pool, and would be an improvement to the quality of life for all citizens.
- Upgrade the gravel parking lot to a hard surface. This should be completed simultaneously with the building of the new Center, and would bring the lot into ADA compliance.
- Add a second volleyball court with lighting.
- A bicycle rack is needed for splash pad users.
- The volleyball court water fountain may need updating if the basic fountain design is changed.
- Restroom facilities are needed for the sand volleyball courts and splash pad that could be utilized during peak use from March through October.
- A playground area near the volleyball court could be added after the new Center is built.

HISTORY

Fred A. Cohlmiya was a local businessman and supporter of the community. He owned Cohlmiya's Clothing Store. Dewey Gunzelman Swimming Pool was named after Dewey Gunzelman, who lived north of the floodway. Before Haysville had a public pool, he owned a private pool which he opened up for use by area children.

3 - PLAGENS- CARPENTER PARK/SPORTS COMPLEX

Plagens-Carpenter Park consists of 30 acres located south of 63rd Street and west of Mabel Street. Four multi-use baseball diamonds exist on the north section of the land. In the middle of these fields is a storage area and concession stand. Field one is home to the Campus High School and the Aviator Collegiate baseball teams. Field one has an announcer box and flag pole for use during games. Field three is used for Campus JV baseball games.

Two multi-use diamonds are located on the south end of the park, and are used for play and practice. These fields are practice fields for the Campus softball team. Two youth-sized diamonds are located on the eastern edge of the complex that are used for play and practice for the youth league. Two batting cages are located between fields two and three. All of the fields have irrigation systems.

The park area of Plagens-Carpenter Park includes two shelters. The main enclosed shelter was built in 2003, adhering to the template used in the other City parks. The second shelter was built as an

Eagle Scout project and is not enclosed. Existing playground equipment is older and not up to current standards. A basketball court is located in the southeast corner of the park.

The parking lot is gravel and extends the entire length of the park, east to west and south along field six. A smaller parking lot is located to the north of field eight. Although not marked, the parking lots can hold approximately 500 vehicles. The parking lot must remain gravel to maintain FEMA Floodplain requirements, but ADA compliance needs to be evaluated.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

Fields five, six, seven and eight have been added, completing the complex field design. An announcer box and flag pole were added to field one in 2011. Yellow capping and irrigations systems have been completed on all fields. Three additional storage sheds have been installed for equipment. Additional bleachers have been added to fields one, five, six, seven and eight.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Add playground equipment between fields four and seven.
- Update the outdated park equipment in the park.
- Repaint the small shelter in the park area.
- Install bicycle racks at both the park and sports complex.
- A water fountain is needed next to the Carl Hall fields.
- Restroom facilities are needed between the south and east fields.
- Parking lots need to be evaluated for ADA compliance, within FEMA guidelines.
- Bleachers on fields 1, 5 and 6 need concrete pads added underneath.
- Shade or netting structures should be installed over all bleachers.
- Protective netting between fields.
- Finish the concrete around the concession stand area and behind the garage under the announcer box on field 1.
- Provisions should be made for the 63rd street bike/pedestrian project which includes plans to connect to the park in the future.
- Purchase land south of park for additional parking. Possibly redesign park area to accommodate additional parking.

HISTORY

The park was named after Otto Plagens and Jack Carpenter who the City purchased the front 10 acres of land from. The back 10 acres were purchased by the Sunflower Improvement district for park land. The original name for the park was Carpenter-Plagens, Jack Carpenter asked the name to be changed to what it is today.

4 - ORCHARD ACRES PARK

Orchard Acres Park is located to the west of the Orchard Acres and north of the South Field Addition. It is a long, narrow parcel and contains approximately 3.0 acres. Most of the site is relatively flat and is bordered on the west by a 20-foot wide drainage channel. On the north end of park is a concrete slab and basketball goals. In the middle is a small open shelter with picnic tables next to a large playground area. On the south end (Southfield addition) is the main shelter, built in 2003, which

adheres to the template used in the other City parks. The Old Oaks disc golf course runs through this park as well. There is parking available along the street.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

The playground area has been updated with a new drainage system, new wood chips, a concrete apron and three additional pieces of equipment. The open shelter next to the playground was repaired and repainted. Three additional trees were planted next to the basketball courts.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Improved parking facilities. If the road is ever upgraded, parking could be cut into the road.
- A bicycle rack is needed.

HISTORY

Mary and Leon Miller were the original owners of the land, Charlie June was the developer. Mike Dierk platted and developed the Southfield addition.

5 - PEAR TREE PARK

Pear Tree Park is located in the east central portion of town between North Marlen Drive and Moy Avenue. Much of the site contains a major drainage channel; however there are two parcels that are flat and large enough to contain facilities. One has been developed into Pear Tree Park, the other Whisler Park, which will be discussed later. Pear Tree Park contains a shelter, basketball court, playground area and sprinkler system. The shelter was built in 2003 and adheres to the template used in the other City parks.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

In 2015 the outdated playground equipment was removed. New equipment, along with a new drainage system, wood chips and concrete apron, were installed. The equipment is suited for ages 5-12 years old.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- A bicycle rack and water fountain are needed.

HISTORY

Original owner was the Hurley's, Marlen and James McIntosh purchased the land from them. The McIntosh's owned a realty company next to the current Noah's donut shop. McIntosh did not finish the development, their company went bankrupt before completion.

6 - WHISLER PARK

Whisler Park is located just north of Freeman Avenue at the location where the drainage channel exits the Pear Tree Addition. The site is approximately .4 acres in size. The park contains an outdated open shelter and older play equipment.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Remove the existing equipment.
- Add parking by cutting into Freeman Avenue.

- Install a spray ground similar to the splash pad at Fred A. Cohlma, but smaller in size.
- Design playground area with equipment for toddlers 2-4 years old.
- Add benches and smaller sunshades near the spray ground.
- Update the existing shelter (wood/paint).
- A bicycle rack and water fountain are needed.
- Additional trees are needed in the area.

HISTORY

The area was platted with the Pear Tree addition. Marlen and James McIntosh platted the property. The park was renamed in memory of Norman Whisler, who died in August 1998. Norman lived next to the park on Moy Street. Trees, a swing set and a slide were installed for his dedication.

7 - OLD OAK PARK

Old Oak Park is located in the Old Oak Addition next to the Public Works main office. The majority of the park consists of a spring fed lake and the banks surrounding it. The banks have been cleaned and lined to accommodate fishing.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

- An 18-hole disc golf course has been installed in the park with assistance from the Air Capitol Disc Golf Association. The course includes tees for both amateur and professional golfers.
- Due to a persistent algae problem, an aerator has been purchased for the lake.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Concrete pads need to be placed at disc golf tee boxes once the course has been finalized.
- The area needs a shelter, built according to the structure template used in other city parks, with restrooms that could serve both the disc golf course and the neighboring Skate Park.
- A dock could be added to allow access to the middle of the lake for fishing.
- A bicycle rack and water fountain are needed.
- Additional trees are needed in the area.

HISTORY

Originally Delos Nelson was the original owner, the land was purchased by Lusk development. W.E. Lusk Jr developed and platted the area. The pond and skate park were included in the Old Oaks development.

8 - CHRIS ELSÉN MEMORIAL SKATE PARK

The Chris Elsen Memorial Skate Park was opened in May of 2005 and funded by the Haysville Park Board. The park contains a half pipe, quarter pipe, two moguls, and grinding bar. A portion of the Hike & Bike Path leads to the park, and a basketball court is located adjacent to the park.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Security lighting is needed around the park.
- Equipment needs to be evaluated to see what pieces should be replaced due to deterioration.
- Security cameras need to be added.

- Expand existing equipment to increase BMX track capabilities.
- A bicycle rack is needed.

HISTORY

In the spring of 2005 Tim Elsen, brother of Chris Elsen (middle school student who had recently passed away due to a heart condition) approached Park Board to discuss the possibility of naming the new skate park in memory of his brother. Skate boarding was one of Chris’s favorite pastimes. City Council approved this decision and the park was named in Chris’s memory.

9 - WW HAYS HISTORIC PARK

On August 1, 1891, W.W. Hays and his wife Juliet platted the land they owned so that the town, later know as Haysville, could begin. This area was 161.5 acres located at E 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 6 and W 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 29 Range 1 East, Sedgwick County. The original plat included Lots 1 through 28 running along what was called Main Street (now called South Main). In March of 1898, Haysville First Addition which included Lots 1 through 15 on Hays Street was platted. A small town boasting a lumberyard, blacksmith shop, two stores and a meat market had been founded.

In 1999 this area of “original” Haysville was destroyed by a tornado. In the aftermath, the City of Haysville designated the devastated area an Historic District, naming it W.W. Hays Village Historic Park, and adopted a Master Plan to accommodate development and redevelopment within the area. The park now includes the Wire House, Blacksmith Shop, Haysville State Bank and accompanying outhouses, Community Building, Hometown Market, Historic Gazebo, perennial gardens, a windmill, walking path and Masonic Lodge.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

- See map below for existing

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- See map below for future additions

HISTORY

Community Building

The Community Building was located at 110 South Hays. It is reported that the people of the community donated money to build it between 1919 and 1920. It was large enough to have dances, plays, dinners and play basketball. There was a stage, kitchen and a separate meeting area upstairs. Due to deterioration, it was torn down in 1982. A new Community Building was constructed at 130 E. 2nd Street in 2000. Citizens can rent the facility for meetings, dinners, parties, and other events.

Blacksmith Shop

John Ward built the blacksmith shop in 1914. The shop flourished until the early 1940s, during World War II. The original shop was destroyed in the 1999 tornado. An enlarged replica has been built on the same site and is being used by the Great Plains Blacksmith Association for meetings and demonstrations.

Haysville State Bank

The Haysville State Bank was founded in 1919 by F.G. Stearns and a group of stockholders. Fred and his wife, Mabel, handled the bank transactions. In 1955 the bank moved to 107 Wayne. The 1999 tornado destroyed most of the building, but the vault remained. A replica of the building has been built around the vault. Some the originally brick was incorporated into the structure.

Wire House

The Wire House is named for Edgar and Francis Wire, who lived in the home in the early 1900s. The home was originally located at 138 Hays. In 2001 the home was donated to the City and was relocated to the Historic Park, where it operates as an art gallery.

Hometown Market

This wooden pergola structure was recently added to the northern end of the Historic Park, and houses the Hometown Market, a Farm & Art Market type event.

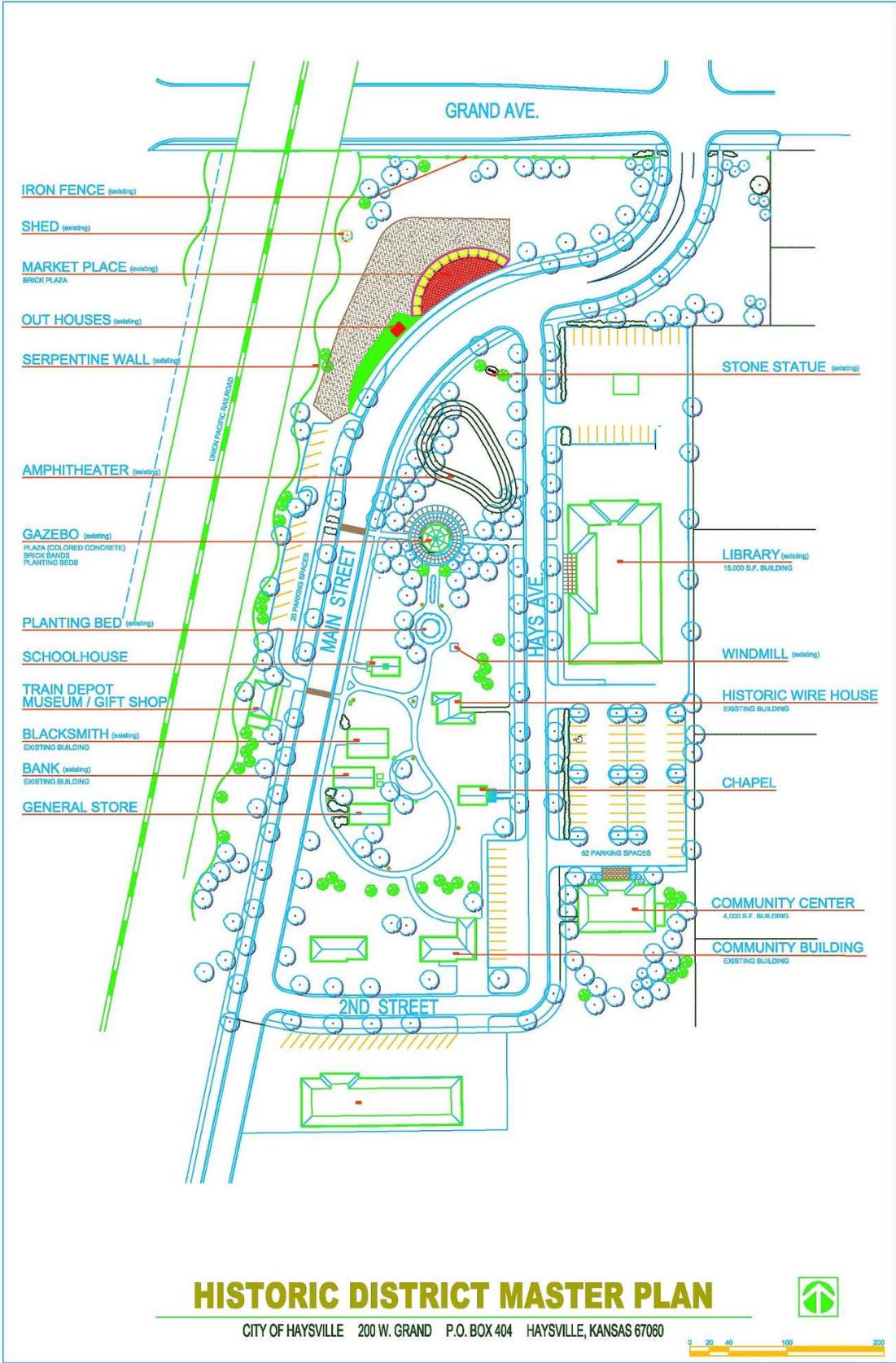
Perennial Gardens

Dedicated citizens have worked many hours planting and maintaining the beautiful gardens in the park. There are several memorial plaques located throughout the park:

1. WWII Veterans on behalf of Kever Wire VFW 6957
2. Claire Shipe (May 2, 1941 - January 2008)
3. Kenneth D. Lewis (March 28, 1939 - September 26, 2001)
4. Allan E. Cooley (July 5, 1935 - August 3, 2002)
5. Phillis Cooley (July 22, 1936 - July 25, 1999)
6. Howard K. Ragland (June 2, 1927 - January 11, 2005)
7. George Beard (December 31, 1925 - March 31, 2002)
8. Howard Cook (October 30, 1939 - August 27, 2008)
9. Robert P. Davis Sr. (September 12, 1922 - February 8, 2001)
10. Imogene Rardin (October 14, 1936 - August 19, 2008)
11. Eunice P. Schenk (June 9, 1923 - November 17, 2004)
12. Clarence J. Schenk (July 9, 1923 - November 25, 2003)
13. Mildred L.J. Davis (August 12, 1925 - February 11, 2002)
14. Carol Jean Huff (January 31, 1947 - June 9, 2007)

Haysville Library

The Haysville Community Library was established by referendum of the voters in April 1977. Betty Cattrell was named Director in June, and served as the only staff member. The library was initially housed in the Hemphill School building, built in 1948. Private donations supplied books and materials, and in 1978, the Library became part of the Kansas Library System. In 1993, the library moved into a new 10,000 square foot building, which was partially destroyed in the devastating tornado of May 3, 1999. Then, in July of 2009, the library moved into its present home in the heart of Haysville's Historic District.



10 - PRIDE PARK

Pride Park is located at the intersection of Main & Grand and is a showcase of Haysville. This is a passive park with a water fountain located at its south end. The fountain features two sculpted metal Haysville signs, and illuminated water shows that run at set times. The fountain opens yearly in mid-April and runs until early November, depending on weather. In between the fountain and the north flower bed is a colored brick-patterned concrete patio with four benches. A portion of the Hike & Bike Path borders the park. The park has a sprinkler system and is equipped with trash receptacles.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

The long-awaited water fountain was finally completed in 2014. The area has been landscaped with grass, flowering plants and trees.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Installation of a statue in the north flower bed.
- A bicycle rack and water fountain are needed.

HISTORY

The Vicker's Building and surrounding area were damaged in the May 1999 Tornado. The building was renovated by the City in 2006, and now houses the Chamber of Commerce office. With the improvements, restrooms were installed which can be accessed from the exterior by citizens.

The park name was chosen through a contest in December of 2008. The water fountain was planned for several years before its final completion in 2014. The conceptual design of the fountain was done by Teri Farha. There is a memorial plaque for Nancy Bennett on one of the park benches.

11 - L.W. ROBERTS PARK

L.W. Roberts Park is located in an old meander between the Cowskin Creek and Van Arsdale from 2nd Street to Spring Drive. It contains approximately 3 acres and much of the area is old Creek channel. The upland area of the park is undeveloped, except for an area adjacent to Stewart Drive on the west. This area has been planted with shade and ornamental trees. L.W. Roberts Park is destined to be a naturalistic facility due to its meandering path and limited drainage.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- The current random arrangement of trees prevents the park from being utilized. By selectively clearing trees, brush and foliage, the area could be developed into a nature trail. Mandatory protections for the Northern Long-Eared Bat will greatly affect tree removal, and necessitates careful monitoring.

HISTORY

Larry W. Roberts was the president of Roberts Mortgage. The company donated the property when the land was platted and the park was named after him. Roberts Mortgage was original owner.

12 - KIRBY PARK

Kirby Park contains approximately 4 acres, is flat, and drains to the east. The Kirby Shelter was built in 2003, adhering to the template used in the other City parks. The playground equipment is similar

to what was installed in the other parks in 2003. A basketball court sits at the northeast corner of the park, and practice soccer fields are located to the east. The park has an irrigation system, and a pond is situated at the southeast corner of the park, extending through the surrounding residential development. The pond is maintained by the City.

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS

Trees have been removed from the banks as the pond has matured.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Two additional pieces of equipment are scheduled to be installed in the play area
- A concrete apron will be added around the exterior of the playground area
- A drainage system and new wood chips will be installed.
- Kirby would be a third location for installing a spray ground similar to the splash pad at Fred A Cohlma, but smaller in size.
- Work needs to be done to finish leveling the banks around the pond.
- Installation of rip rap to control erosion around the pond is a long-term plan to follow leveling of the banks.
- Additional trees are needed for the area.
- A bicycle rack and water fountain are needed.

HISTORY

Howard Rischel owned and developed the Peachwood addition (Grand to 4th street) which tied into the south Hampton development. The original owners of the Hampton property were Marcell and Melvin Hampton Sr., they platted the pond for park space. The City bought the park land from Hampton for dedication in conjunction with the Peachwood development. The park was named after DL Kirby who worked for public works that died in early 1980's. The swing set was later donated by Curtis Hampton in memory of his daughter that passed away.

13 - RESERVES A & B

These two small park areas are located adjacent to 2nd Street between Peachwood Drive and Meridian Avenue. Each parcel contains about .12 of an acre. They are presently undeveloped. Due to their very narrow width and the busy arterial street bordering both parcels on the west, it appears that active recreational facilities would be inappropriate. Their best use appears to be in a purely aesthetic role, providing a welcoming entrance into the Peachwood Subdivisions from Meridian.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

None at this time.

HISTORY

Dedicated when the land was platted.

14 - TIMBERLANE NORTH PARK

Timberlane North Park is located on the northwestern boundary of the City in the Timberlane North Addition. The majority of the park is a pond and its surrounding banks. The land is planted with

Bermuda grass to absorb and resist heavy water flows from Aspen Street, preventing erosion of the pond banks. This area does have a sprinkler system.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Removal of dead/diseased trees and installation of new trees. Protections for the Northern Long-Eared Bat will affect tree removal and will require monitoring.
- Local residents have expressed a desire to replace the existing Bermuda grass with a Fescue blend. However, until drainage issues are resolved, Fescue and similar grasses would be washed away with heavy rains or storms, leaving substantial erosion damage.

HISTORY

Dedicated when the land was platted.

USD 261 FACILITIES

Playground equipment located at the six elementary schools provides residents additional facilities to use, beyond those in the City-owned park properties. Those schools include: Freeman, Nelson, Oatville, Prairie, Rex, and Ruth Clark Elementary. The track at Haysville West Middle School near 71st and Meridian is open for public use. Similarly, soccer fields located near 71st Street South & Meridian are used by the Recreation Department for league games.

ADDITIONAL PARK LAND

In addition to the developed parks, the City owns several parcels of undeveloped park land listed below. These parcels should be kept in mind as a resource available as the City grows. In addition, the City also owns an 80 acre tract of land located on 79th Street South.

15 - HAYSVILLE LAKE

The addition of 79th Street Lake will be a great asset to the community when completed. The lake will take several years to develop into a finished and usable state. Once lake development is complete it will be approximately 10 acres in size. Facilities around the lake could include a swimming area, shelter, fishing dock, paddle boats, sand volleyball, bicycle racks, and water fountains. An amphitheater should also be considered. Connection to the existing Hike and Bike Path will be essential for community access.

16 - SOUTHBROOKE PARK

This tract of land is located in the Southbrooke Addition. Future plans for this area include setting aside space in which to relocate the Recreation Department soccer fields from the school grounds near the water tower. When the land is developed, consideration should be given to combining Southbrooke with the connected Orchard Acres Park to the north.

17 - COUNTRY LAKE PARK

Two acres of land is set aside on the west side of Country Lakes for future development.

18 - SUNFLOWER PARK

The park was part of sunflower improvement district. The sunflower improvement district well fields got saltwater contamination and had to be pulled and plugged. This was one of the reasons for the annexation in the late 1970's.

19 - RIVER FOREST 2nd ADDITION

A proposed Hike and Bike Path is planned for installation after July of 2015, which will complete a missing link in our current system. This is a KDOT project.

FUTURE PARK LAND NEEDS

At the present time the total amount of dedicated park land within the City is approximately 84 acres. According to the 2013 Census there were 11,004 people living in Haysville at the time of the enumeration. Assigning a standard acreage in relation to population is no longer a nationally accepted standard of measuring park supply satisfaction. The quality of park development is more important than quantity, which is why the City is choosing to accept cash payments in lieu of park land dedication in subdivisions. One of the goals of the City, if acquiring land, should be to acquire reasonable sized parcels of at least 10 acres to be used for recreational purposes, well in advance of need. New residential growth patterns appear to be to the west and south of existing development, and developers should be encouraged to set aside parcels in these new growth areas to create facilities such as Kirby Park. Emphasis has been put on improving existing recreational facilities. The planned new Recreation Center will help meet the growing recreational needs of the community.

Plagens-Carpenter Park has become a jointly used facility for both the Haysville Recreation Department and Unified School District 261. In 2015 the Recreation Department took over the youth baseball/softball sports program. With the completion of the two youth fields in 2014, the park can serve as a great asset for building the Recreation Department, bringing people into the community, and meeting long-range needs. The fields behind Nelson Elementary are also now open to the community for practice as scheduled through the Recreation Department. These fields may also serve as practice fields for the Recreation Department's youth league.

Hike and Bike Path improvements throughout the City have been considerable and provide a great mode of transportation. They also provide aesthetic value to corridors of the City. The City should continue to build upon the four miles of trail. Improvements would connect apartments to retail and eating establishments and complete links to new subdivision growth. The southwest quadrant of the City lacks trails, and consideration should be given to providing residents access to Prairie Elementary, Freeman Elementary, West Middle School and Country Lakes addition by means of a Hike and Bike Path.

Upon the dissolution of the Peach Capitol Soccer organization, the Haysville Recreation Department assumed the role of offering a youth soccer league. The Recreation Department currently uses the original fields that Peach Capitol Soccer used, which are owned by USD 261. USD future plans are to build a new facility on this land. As a consequence, the city needs to begin planning to move the soccer fields. A tract of land would need to be large enough to include 4 game fields and 6 practice fields, with room for restrooms, concessions, storage and parking.