



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Aaron Douglas Art Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Aaron Douglas Art Park is located in central Topeka at the intersection of SW 12th St and SW Lane St.

SW 12 ST AND SW LANE ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: .4 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Aaron Douglas Art Park is a neighborhood park. It includes a freestanding mural wall constructed in 2005. It is accented by a wedge of planting and a small central pad which can hold informational placards. This park hosts the annual Aaron Douglas Art Fair each September. Concrete pathways provide access to the artwork and around the perimeter of the site. Planting on the site consists of turf, a few trees, and a landscape bed.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Mural: **+**

Sidewalks: **0**

Turf/Landscape: **0**

RATING KEY

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Mural and signage provide opportunities for street interest and draw in pedestrians.

Opportunities:

Site lacks amenities for visitor comfort and facilities for extended activity. Provision for human comfort through water fountains, benches, and shade elements would enable a wider range of activities to occur on the site. Plantings could create greater seasonal interest. Introduction of strategic lighting elements would extend the park's period of use.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

No ADA issues, however, there are no parking areas dedicated to the park to provide access for festivals. Parking currently occurs in the loading areas along the back of adjacent retail.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Signage documents history of famous African-Americans in Topeka



Image 2: Curvilinear sidewalk connects across the site

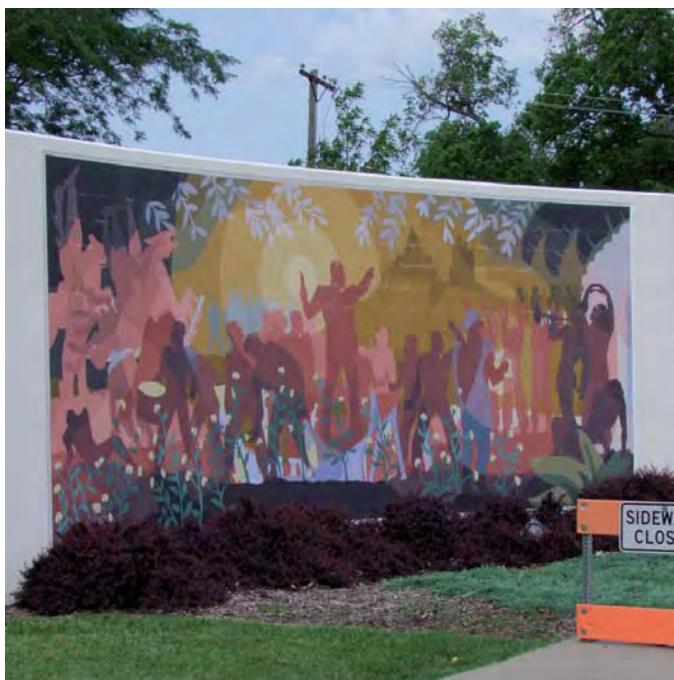


Image 3: Mural celebrates the richness of African-American contributions to community in Topeka



Image 4: Junipers and Spirea provide year-round interest, but lack seasonal change



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Austin Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

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1. SITE LOCATION:

Austin Park is located in central Topeka, south of SE 23rd St, between SE Madison St and SE Adams.

2300 SE JEFFERSON ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 4 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

The site is a neighborhood park, mostly open green area with recreational facilities and a few large trees. Recreational facilities include a baseball field, basketball court, tennis courts, and play equipment. Human comfort amenities include restrooms and a shelter with six picnic tables. The front door to the park is a cul-de-sac. Surrounding houses do not front the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Baseball Field (Practice): -

Playground: **0**

Basketball: -

Restrooms: -

Grill (large): **+**

Shelter: **0**

Grill (small): -

Tennis Courts: -

Parking: -

Water Fountains: -

RATING KEY:

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Austin Park has amenities that many other neighborhood parks lack, such as sidewalk connections to the community and parking. In addition, it provides amenities such as restrooms and water fountains promoting extended usage by visitors. The larger grill is in good condition.

Opportunities:

Austin Park's strange location limits access. A clear "front door" is needed as parking is accessed from an alleyway. Drive and signage are located within an interior neighborhood cul-de-sac. The sidewalks and trails are decayed and require new surfacing for safe access. The baseball field has no clay, only backstops, fences, and turf. The tennis courts lack nets and need resurfacing. The roof and siding of the shelter is in poor condition. The playground's older pieces of equipment are deteriorating and need to be replaced. Replacing the older play equipment would be an opportunity to

combine the playground elements and make the site more cohesive and accessible. Water fountains are corroded and hazardous to drink from. Like other parks with grills, there is no designated place to dispose of ashes, resulting in ashes being piled around the base of the grill and scattered throughout the surrounding area. Overall, the current site offers the opportunity to create an accessible, cohesive experience if pathways are provided to benches, grills, and recreational amenities.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2**

Lack of parking and sidewalk connections makes access difficult, but not impossible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Sidewalks provide access throughout the site and connections to the surrounding community



Image 2: The tennis court is unusable due to the decayed net, uneven surface, and weed growth



Image 3: Water fountains on the site are corroded and hazardous to human health



Image 4: Access is provided to the restrooms on paved pathways. Shelter building needs to be re-sided.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Bentley Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Bentley Park is located in southeast Topeka, south of SE 23rd St, north of SE 26th St, between SE Madison St and SE Jefferson St.

2620 SE JEFFERSON ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 1.6 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

The site is a neighborhood park, consisting mostly of open green area with a few large trees providing excellent shade and several pieces of play equipment. Play equipment includes a spiral slide, swings, seesaw, and a climbing piece. In addition, there is one bench and one picnic table.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Bench: **0**

Trees: **+**

Slide: **-**

Turf: **0**

Swings: **-**

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

The site is well maintained and clean. The turf is well mowed and trees are in good condition. Equipment is, overall, dated and needs replacement.

Opportunities:

Bentley Park lacks human comfort amenities such as water fountains and trash cans, which limits the potential use of the space. There are no pathways within the park or sidewalk connections to surrounding neighborhoods. Most of the trees on the site are mature and provide shade. Rejuvenating the tree plantings will be important to maintain good shade. Playground elements are spaced widely apart with small mulch bases and could be grouped with pathways to be more useable.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2**

There is no parking around the perimeter and no interior walkways to access park elements. Elements are widely spaced across the site and are only accessible by walking through turf areas.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Bentley Park's signage is consistent with Shawnee County standards



Image 2: Bentley Park is mostly well-mowed turf surrounded by a few trees. Opportunities exist to tie the elements to surrounding walkways



Image 3: Bentley Park's play equipment is in poor condition and widely spaced



Image 4: The mature trees on the site provide filtered shade for dated play elements



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Betty Phillips Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Betty Phillips Park is located south of central Topeka, west of SE Irvingham St and SE Girard St.

3300 SE IRVINGHAM ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 15.6 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Betty Phillips Park, formerly known as High Crest Park, is considered a neighborhood park. The site was formerly a military housing area for Forbes Field. The site is mostly open green, along a heavily treed creekway, with a newer playground, shelter, basketball courts, and parking. This site is also a linear park with connections to the Landon Trail.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Basketball: **0**

Shelter: **+**

Playground: **+/-**

Trash Cans: **-**

Parking: **+**

Trail Loop: **+**

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

There are plenty of open space and recreational opportunities within Betty Phillips Park. The site received grant funding due to its location in a low income area providing the county opportunities for upgrades and expansions. The surrounding residential lots front to the park, providing eyes on the site for safety. Connections between elements provide better access than many Shawnee County parks.

Opportunities:

Additions of trail markers to indicate distance for joggers and walkers would support more activity. Trash cans have repeatedly been stolen in the past and should be replaced with tamper resistant screws or bolts to deter future theft. Because there are no restrooms, this park becomes a short-term experience. Adding restrooms and water fountains would provide elements to support longer experiences on the site.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

The site provides parking on site and good pedestrian connectivity to the surrounding community through trails and walkway connections on the site between program elements.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: The shelter is new and in good condition



Image 2: This playground is new, with good quality surfacing and a variety of activities for children. Older and unused playground elements should be removed



Image 3: Sidewalks connect site elements while open green space provides for free use of activity



Image 4: Basketball courts are in good condition.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Brookfield Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Brookfield Park is located six miles west of central Topeka, in the center of the Brookfield subdivision, to the east of SW Kingsrow Rd, between SW Golf View Dr and SW 25th St.

2430 SW KINGSROW RD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 5.1 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

The site is a neighborhood park with play equipment, a shelter, and recreational facilities and serves as a standard for future park development. Additional amenities include water fountains, tennis/basketball courts and paved walkways connecting elements.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playground: **+**

Shelter: **0**

Tennis/Basketball: **0**

Water Fountain: **0**

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

This park contains newer play equipment which is ADA accessible and in good condition. The shelter, athletic courts and pavement are new and provide plenty of amenities to the surrounding community.

Opportunities:

There is no formal parking attached to the park, making it primarily used by those in walking or biking distance. There is some on-street parking; however head in parking off the surrounding street would promote more traffic on site. Additional amenities such as bathrooms, benches, and bike racks are also provided promoting extended usage. Additions of a perimeter trail loop and distance markers for walkers/joggers would be a nice addition and provide more surveillance of the park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

This park is easily accessible by pedestrians in the surrounding neighborhoods. An ADA playground with elements connected by walkways make this accommodating to handicapped users and one of the few parks within Shawnee County to offer this amenity.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Shelter provides a good location for neighborhood events and gathering.



Image 2: Playground equipment is new and connected with paved pathways



Image 3: New tennis and basketball courts accommodate recreational activities



Image 4: Basic water fountains provide some level of comfort, which could be augmented with bathrooms and benches



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Central Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

The site is located in central Topeka, off of SW 13th Street and SW Clay Street.

13000 SW CLAY STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 15.4 Acres

Classification: Community Park

The site is considered a small community park with an open green, pond and recreational facilities tied to the community center. Site features include a football field, track, and multiple pieces of play equipment. Additional elements include benches, shelter, pergola, grill, and water fountains.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Football field: +

Entry corner landscaping: +

Playgrounds: 0

Shelter: 0

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Large mature trees provide plenty of shade to the playground areas and shelter making this a great spot for local events and activities. The large areas of turf also provide plenty of space for multiple groups to gather. The pergola has strong character, with its brick posts and timber roof.

Opportunities:

The park does not contain a trail loop around the park but does provide access between elements. The addition of a loop would promote connections to the surrounding neighborhood and attract more users. The park also contains only on street parking which is accessible to park users. There are minimal trash cans and benches on site, and no restrooms which are needed for the programming elements provided on site. Remove dated playground elements and group with newer elements to create a coherent experience.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Accessible to surrounding pedestrians and allows for parking around the park. Walkways and fishing dock are ADA accessible. Needs an ADA accessible playground.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Landscape beds at the south entrance of the park are well maintained and provide a positive face to the community



Image 2: The pond at Central Park provides a place for fishing and other activities



Image 3: The pergola has strong character with its brick columns and wooden beams



Image 4: Water fountains and picnic tables provide some level of human comfort



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Chesney Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Chesney Park is located in central Topeka. It is bound by SW 18th St on the north, SW Clay on the east, SW 19th on the south, and SW Buchanan on the west.

1823 SW CLAY ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 3.4 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

The site is a large neighborhood park, primarily open green space with mature trees and recreational amenities. The site contains a basketball court, playgrounds, shelters, and a tennis court converted into a skate park. Shelters are standard park shelters with picnic tables and a gazebo. Parking occurs through designated parallel parking spaces along the west edge of the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Basketball: **0**

Lighting: **+**

Playgrounds: **0/- (Conditions and age vary)**

Shelter 1: **+**

Shelter 2: **+**

Skate Park: **0**

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Chesney Park offers plenty of open green space with mature trees. With surrounding houses fronting the street, Collins Park has the potential to become the front yard for the entire neighborhood. The granite curbs add unique character to the site. Paved connections are provided between elements making the various amenities accessible. Lighting helps neighbors patrol the park in the evenings.

Opportunities:

Chesney Park needs more benches and trash bins. Pathways are decaying and need replacement. Older equipment needs removal and replacement. Remaining pieces should be grouped with newer equipment. Maintenance needed on equipment and surfacing.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

Easily accessible, but needs more trail and walkway upgrades. Future considerations should be made for accessible playgrounds and other ADA accessible features.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Site furnishings are damaged and tired



Image 2: A variety of play equipment provides for children of different ages



Image 3: The traditional park shelter is in good condition, the design with picnic tables could use updating



Image 4: Older equipment should be grouped into larger play areas accessible from trails.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Collins Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Collins Park is located west of central Topeka, at SW Collins Ave, with SW Huntoon St to the north and SW 15th St to the south.

1400 SW COLLINS AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 4.2 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Collins Park is a neighborhood park consisting of mostly open turf with mature trees and facilities for recreation and play. Surrounding houses face the park, making it the front yard for the entire neighborhood.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Basketball/Volleyball: -

Benches: 0

Landscape Plantings: +

Playgrounds: -

Trees: +

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Collins Park offers plenty of open green space with mature trees. The turf is well-mowed and trees are in good condition. With surrounding houses fronting the street, Collins Park has the potential to become the front yard for the entire neighborhood. The site provides for human comfort with a few benches and one water fountain.

Opportunities:

Parking is prohibited on the streets surrounding the park and there are no designated parking areas within the park. Therefore, access is limited to pedestrians and bikers. However, there are no paved connections to site elements within the park or to the surrounding neighborhood streets. The one pathway which bisects the site does not connect to sidewalks on surrounding streets. In addition, there are no bike racks or trash cans. Playground elements should be rethought, with consideration for updating and replacements. A loop trail with marked distances, head-in parking, and connections between elements within the park would increase the potential usability of the park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **1**

Minimally accessible to pedestrians or vehicles.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Play areas and benches sit on mulch surfaces without connections between elements



Image 2: Play equipment is very spread out, resulting in lack of coherence to the space



Image 3: The site provides additional amenities supporting longer visits (ex. water fountain)



Image 4: Landscape beds at the entrance to the park enhance the neighborhood and provide seasonal change



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Crestview Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Crestview Park is located in central Topeka, directly south of Shunga Drive at SW Washburn Ave.

4801 SW SHUNGA DR



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 66.1 Acres

Classification: Community Park

The site is part of the Shunga Trail network which extends along the floodplain of Shunganunga Creek. Program elements include the Community Center, BMX track, a disc golf course, playgrounds, tennis courts, and a ball diamond. The pool is now closed and scheduled to be removed.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Ball Diamond: **0**

Playgrounds: **0**

RATING KEY:

BMX Track: **0 (privately operated by others)**

Pool: **- (closed to be removed)**

+ Excellent Condition

Community Center: **0**

Shelter: **0**

0 Good Condition

Disc Golf: **+**

Tennis: **-**

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Crestview Park offers plenty of open green space and accommodates some recreational activities. Since 2005, the west expansion of Shunga Trail has featured 8' walks to accommodate pedestrians and bikers. Crestview is a nice linear green space providing large trees, shaded open space, and longer trail connections.

Opportunities:

The entire area of Crestview Park and much of the Shunga Trail network is located within Shunganunga Creek's 100-year flood plain. Minimal structures and improvements should be located within this zone, however the existing bath house associated with the aquatics center should be considered as an opportunity to repurpose this building for a fitness center. Focus should be placed on resurfacing of the tennis courts. This site may also serve as a location for a larger spray ground out of the 100-year floodplain areas.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

Good accessibility to trail areas. Opportunities to upgrade with newer accessible equipment.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: While there is plenty of open space, the turf is weedy



Image 2: The old pool is currently an aesthetic detriment to the site and is scheduled to be removed



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Cypress Ridge Golf Course

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Cypress Ridge Golf Course is located seven miles west of central Topeka, west of SW Urish Road, between SW 21st St and SW 29th St.

2533 SW URISH RD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 171.8 Acres

Classification: Special Use Park

The site is a standard 18-hole golf course with enhanced character due to the topography of the site and variation in ecological zones.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Cart Paths: - **(No cart paths on the back 9 holes)**

Fairways: +

Greens: +

Rough: 0

RATING KEY:

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Cypress Ridge is well maintained and offers good character for golfers in the Topeka area. The fairways, greens, and surrounds are maintained to a pristine condition. Mature trees throughout the site offer shade. Cart paths are in good shape.

Opportunities:

Most of the trees at Cypress Ridge are mature. Rejuvenation with new tree plantings would ensure that shade levels remain similar in the future. Additional turf maintenance to roughs by spraying for weeds would be the only opportunity for turf improvements.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

Accessible to all parties, however the course lacks cart paths on the back 9 holes of the course.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Daily**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: The greens are pristine at Cypress Ridge



Image 2: Mature trees offer changes of shade and sun



Image 3: The fairway



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Dornwood Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Dornwood Park is located southeast of Topeka, at the intersection of SE 25th St and SE Highland Ave, directly northwest of Hwy 470.

SE HIGHLAND AND SE 25TH ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 110.9 Acres

Classification: Community Park

Dornwood Park is a large community park consisting mostly of open green space with ball fields, a playground, and nature trails. The 7-mile Dornwood Park trail provides Shawnee County with the opportunity to create one of the few nature preserves within its park system. Remains of an old stone dairy building occur on the site providing opportunities for theming. The site hosts several baseball fields.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Baseball facilities: -

Parking: -

Gates: -

Playground: 0

Nature trails: 0

Signage: -

RATING KEY:

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

The nature trail makes Dornwood stand out for different types of recreation in many of the community parks in Topeka. Dornwood also enjoys the sponsorship of a recent group called "Friends of Dornwood" who are partnering with the county parks and recreation department. This large natural area provides an opportunity for Shawnee County to add a previously unseen type of offering to their parks system through a nature preserve appealing to a new group of people that may not currently be utilizing the parks system.

Opportunities:

Shawnee County's Dornwood Park has the opportunity to be primarily natural areas with a formal nature preserve. By improving parking, providing soft and hard trails, and adding features for extended visitor stays, the site could become a strong attraction for many citizens. Restrooms, seating, water fountains, and settings for passive activities would enhance user experience of the site. Baseball fields along the parks edge should be considered for restoration or

removal and restored to natural area. Playground areas need rethinking, with removal or maintenance of older play equipment. Additional shade structures would increase potential use of the site. In addition, work to restore the natural systems to their various ecotones (i.e. woodlands, prairies, etc.) could attract attention and make the site serve as a learning center. Additional programming elements might include overlooks, environmental art, trail loop markers, environmental education stations, and shelters. By drawing on Dornwood's unique attributes, this park can be transformed to realize its full potential. To provide a greater vision for this property, it is recommended that an overall park master plan be created to allow for a better understanding of the sites assets, ecosystems, programming needs, costs, and phasing.

In the broader context of the Shawnee County parks systems, an additional trail from the north to the south part of the park would allow Shawnee County the opportunity to get closer to close a much needed extension from the Deer Creek Trail to the Shawnee Lake Trail loop. Should this inclusion be made, additional accommodation for bikers such as bike racks and water fountains would be needed.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2**

Pathways and parking lots make accessibility difficult. As improvements are made, ADA accessibility should be considered.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule:

Natural areas: **Minimal**

Ball fields: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Dornwood's facilities have decayed and need updating



Image 2: While active at night, much of Dornwood Park is underutilized during the day



Image 3: Parking surfaces at Dornwood are in poor condition



Image 4: A variety of newer play equipment at Dornwood entertains children of various ages. Older equipment needs maintenance and removal. Equipment should be grouped and placed within a contained area for maintenance. Additional shade structures should be provided



Image 5: Remnants of the old dairy barn provide interest, learning opportunities and potential for theming the rest of the park.



Image 6: The existing gates accessing the nature trail do not provide enough of a barrier to keep motorized vehicles from the nature area and could be enhanced to provide a more aesthetically pleasing experience.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Elmhurst Green

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Elmhurst Green is located on west side of SW Washburn Ave, between SW Munson Ave and SW 12th St.

1197 SW WASHBURN AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 1 Acre

Classification: Open Space

Elmhurst Green is considered an open space consisting of a ½ block landscape strip with a paved central trail and several landscape berms. This public green contains no programming for citizen usage, but enhances the neighborhood.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Landscaping: +

Lighting: +

Pavement: +

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Street lighting provides better visibility onto the site for public safety in the evenings. Pavement is new and in good condition. Landscape plantings appear well-maintained.

Opportunities:

Elmhurst Green is a mini park serving as a public green, with the central paved trail and surrounding landscape berms. Adding benches and other amenities would expand the possibilities for use. Public and environmental art would enhance the visual interest in the space.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

Trail is ADA accessible, but this public green adjacent to the busy parkway is not meant for heavy citizen traffic.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **weekly**

Active/Passive: **passive**

Trail Distance: **500'**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Elmhurst Green's landscape berms provide seasonal interest and privacy buffers for the houses behind



Image 2: The central paved trail curves through the site, providing space for a leisurely stroll



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Felker Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Felker Park is located in southwest Topeka, east of SW Gage Blvd at SW 25th St.

2540 SW GAGE AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 62.1 Acres

Classification: Specialty Park

Felker is a specialty park, containing mostly open green with mature trees and athletic facilities. It was originally part of the Federal Lands to Parks program and was received in pieces. Its facilities include 4 ball diamonds, 18 tennis courts, and several soccer fields. Additional amenities include concessions and restrooms. Wells Park shares a boundary to the south as part of the Shunga Trail system.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Ball diamonds: **0**

Concessions: **0**

Restrooms: **0**

Tennis Courts: **+**

RATING KEY:

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Concessions, fields, and tennis courts are well maintained. This park also contains large open areas and connections to the Shunga Trail system.

Opportunities:

Felker Park provides Shawnee County with a nice active park facility. However, because the property was received in piece through the federal lands to parks proves, ball field orientations and sizes don't conform to typical or desirable standards. The 18 Kossover Tennis Courts need coloring. Long term considerations might be made for reconfiguration of this facility to provide a more usable complex capable of hosting regional tournaments and bringing in revenue for the county. Considerations should also be made to provide a connection from the parking lot through the park to the existing Shunga Trail.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

Good vehicular and pedestrian access. Additional connection through park to Shunga Trail should be made. ADA improvements should be considered for play areas.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly/Daily**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Shelters provide accommodation for groups to gather and watch games



Image 2: Shelters are new, with surfacing and furnishings in good condition



Image 3: Surfaces are in good shape on courts, but could use a fresh coat of coloring



Image 4: Baseball fields are well maintained, but orientation of the various fields is not ideal



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Forbes Field Golf Course

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

The site is located south of Topeka off SW Topeka Blvd (Hwy 75).

700 SW CAPEHART RD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 76 Acres

Classification: Specialty Park

The site is a basic, wide open course with few trees and little topographic change.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Tees and Green: **+**

Surrounds/Roughs: **0**

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Turf is well maintained. Bunkers also appear well maintained.

Opportunities:

The course has few mature trees. However, the roughs are heavily weeded. The course is straight and open with few obstacles. The addition of more trees and treatment of weeds in rough areas would enhance both visual quality and playability of the course.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

Easily accessible by vehicle, with few obstacles for handicap accessibility.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Daily**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Pond with rock edges



Image 2: The small landforms are gently sculpted, but there is little variation in grade across the course



Image 3: The few mature trees provide a little shade throughout the course



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Gage Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Gage Park is located northwest of central Topeka. It is bounded by SW 6th Ave to the north, SW Gage Blvd to the east, SW 10th Ave to the south, and SW Westchester Rd to the west.

4001 SW 6TH AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 114 years (Established in 1899)
Size: 161.5 acres
Classification: Regional Park

Gage Park is not only one of the largest parks within Shawnee County's park system, but also one of the oldest. The park dates back to 1899 when the heirs of Guilford Gage donated 80 acres of land to establish this facility. This 160 acre park has a regional draw providing activities that include the Topeka Zoo allowing visitors various activities and options to occupy a day trip or longer. Gage Park also includes the Reinisch Rose Garden, Doran Rock Garden, the Carousel in the Park, Gage Park Greenhouse, the Blaisdell Family Aquatic Center, Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts, Hills Pet Nutrition Bark Park, and Kansas Children's Discovery Center. Recreational facilities include an accessible baseball diamond, softball diamond and competition horseshoe pits. Children's activity areas include Animal Land and multiple playgrounds. In addition, various shelters occur throughout the park with facilities for grilling and picnicking.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

1910 Entry Gateway: +
Accessible Ball Diamond: +
All War Memorial: 0
Amphitheater: 0
Animal Land Playground: -
Ball Diamond: 0
Big Gage Shelter House: 0
Blaisdell Family Aquatic Center: +
Carousel in the Park: +
Children's Discovery Center: +
Children's Party House: 0
Conservatory Greenhouses: 0
Corral No. 2: -
Hills Bark Park: 0

Horseshoe Pits: +
Island Grill Shelter: +
Mini Train: +
Munn Memorial: 0
North Gateway: -
Play Land/Animal Land: 0/-
Reinisch Rose Gardens and Doran Rock Garden: +
Sand Volleyball Courts: +
Snyder's Cabin: -
South Gateway: +
Steak Grill Grills: -
Steak Grill Shelter: 0
Tennis Courts: -
Train Depot: +

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

Horseshoe Pits Bleachers: -

Westlake Shelter House: +

Horseshoe Pits Shade Structure: 0

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Gage Park's diversity of activities is one of the many strong points driving the high traffic through this site on a daily basis. This diversity offers users of all ages the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities and draw visitors throughout the region. The park is filled with well-established trees providing extensive shade and comfort to visitors and additions to the park continue to be uniform with the existing site allowing for a cohesive experience for all users.

LANDSCAPE

Throughout the park the landscape varies greatly including manicured gardens, native prairie installations, manicured turf and heavily treed areas. The turf within Gage Park is well-mowed, but is heavily weeded outside of the detail areas including the horseshoe pits where the turf is highly manicured and pristine. Many established trees throughout Gage Park create excellent shade and many saplings have been placed around the park to encourage future growth.

Manicured planting areas including the rose gardens, entries and other garden areas are also well maintained and continue to see new additions provided by the greenhouses on site.

SPORTS AREAS

In addition to the passive activities on site, the athletic spaces on site are maintained to a high level. The accessible ball diamond is new and in very good condition. Other ball diamonds are also in good condition. The horseshoe pits offer a unique amenity with well-maintained turf.

AQUATIC CENTER

Newer additions to the park such as the aquatic center provide additional activities drawing visitors back to Gage Park re-energizing this park for the future. The updated aquatic center provides a variety of new activities and elements which are driving high traffic and usage.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Gage Park continues to be one of the biggest entertainment draws to Shawnee County, providing a variety of activities for visitors. Within the park, additions continue to be made drawing more people to use the park. Of the 160 acres of land encompassed by the park, a vast majority of the park is occupied providing less opportunity for future expansion. To provide a clear direction for the future of this park, a master plan for future expansion is recommended to guide Shawnee County in its continuous development of this iconic and historical park.

In addition to the recommendation above, the following areas were identified for future growth and maintenance opportunities:

ENTRANCES

The historic (1910) entry gateway at the southeast corner of the park provides a strong sense of arrival, to keep the historical character intact; the lighting elements could use restoration. Other entries are less distinctive. For example the Zoo Parkway entry off 6th Ave is marked only by a sign with stacked cinder blocks and a small landscape bed. Signage for the park entries should tie into the historic character seen in the 1910 gateway or follow Shawnee County standards seen throughout the park system to provide uniformity.

CONNECTIONS

Gage Park's largest opportunity for improvement is the current lack of designated pedestrian connections between elements. There are few sidewalks linking elements within the park and parking areas.

PLAY AREAS

Animal Land's concrete animals show cracks and need rejuvenation. The benches throughout the children's play areas are in a variety of conditions. Older equipment placed within mulch rings and areas where poured surfaces are beginning to deteriorate should be replaced and placed within contained edges to promote longer lifespan of the surfacing and ease of maintenance.

ATHLETICS

Of the main athletic facilities, most have been maintained to a high level. Currently the areas that need the most attention would be the tennis courts which need to be resurfaced with new fencing, wind screens and nets. Additional items to be addressed include the benches and shade structures over the horseshoe pit area.

FURNISHINGS

The benches, picnic tables, and trash cans throughout the park are in a variety of styles and conditions. There is no uniformity between elements. A plan should be developed to unify these elements throughout the park as replacements are necessary.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Many program elements are individually accessible, however connections between elements are lacking. Replacement of elements in the future should consider ADA Accessible options to promote options to all users.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly/Daily**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: 1910 Historic Gateway has strong visual impact



Image 2: Many pathways lack connections



Image 3: Steak Grill area needs resurfacing



Image 4: Pier allows for accessible fishing and overlook of pond



Image 5: Distinctive horseshoe court features pristine turf



Image 6: Community pool area provides for a variety of activities in newly restored surroundings



Image 7: Accessible baseball field creates opportunity for everyone to participate in play



Image 8: Mini train runs throughout the summer, providing a fun activity for children



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Giles Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Giles Park is located northeast of central Topeka, directly south of highway 70 at the intersection of SW Taylor Street and W 1st Avenue.

750 SW 1st ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 0.5 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Giles Park is a small neighborhood park adjacent to I-70 with a few mature trees, two benches, and aging play structures. It is accessed through a parking circle which is shared with several dilapidated homes that overlook the park. Its adjacency to I-70 creates extreme noise pollution.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playgrounds: -

Benches: -

Fenced Perimeter: +

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Mature trees provide shade.

Opportunities:

Connections to the surrounding neighborhood sidewalks would enhance the community's access of the park.

Connections to a perimeter trail from benches and playgrounds would add usability. Replacement of playground structures and grouping elements would bring more users to the site.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 1

Site is not easily accessed to people outside of the neighborhood. There are no pedestrian connections made to the surrounding community or within the park. This makes the playground equipment inaccessible for ADA users.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Equipment should be grouped into a space with edging and surfacing over the entire area



Image 2: Play equipment is decaying and needs to be updated



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Hillcrest Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Hillcrest Park is located on the eastern edge of Topeka, north of SE 21st St, between SE Michigan Ave and SE Iowa Ave.

1800 SE 21ST ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 43.6 acres

Classification: Community Park

Hillcrest Park is a small community park with open green space and numerous recreational opportunities. Recreational facilities include an aquatic center, basketball courts, community center, playgrounds, and tennis courts. Shade is provided by a shelter.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Aquatics: **0**

Basketball courts: **0**

Playgrounds: -

Shelter: **0**

Tennis: -

Trees: +

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

A variety of facilities provide a range of activities for citizens of various ages. Large trees provide users access to shade.

Opportunities:

Basketball and tennis courts are decaying and need resurfacing and new nets. Additional amenities such as water fountains and benches would enable extended use. Provision for alternative transportation, such as sidewalk connections and bike racks, would create greater connectivity. Older playground elements need to be replaced and resurfacing is needed under newer elements. Opportunities to access open areas around the site's perimeter exist by adding trail loops which would encourage more walkers and joggers to visit the site. Connections should be tied into surrounding neighborhood sidewalks. Additional benches, water fountains, bike racks and pedestrian trails would encourage greater usage. Additional soccer goals in open areas would bring in more active uses and provide additional amenities for the community center. Addition of more shade structures and spray grounds to the aquatic center would add a unique element not found in many Shawnee County facilities.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

No real connections to surrounding neighborhoods. Although there are connections to parking lots, playgrounds are spread out and there is no loop connection around the site. Needs ADA accessible playground.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Bioswales provide good management of rainwater and enhance the site's visual character



Image 2: Basketball and tennis courts are decayed and in need of resurfacing



Image 3: Older play equipment needs maintenance or replacement. Surfaces are decayed and weedy. Organization of newer elements into one overall contained area would enhance user experience.



Image 4: Aquatic center provides opportunities for expansion to encourage more usage from the surrounding community



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Holliday Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Holliday Park is located on the northeast edge of central Topeka, with SW 12th St to the north, SW Taylor St to the east, and SW Western Ave to the West.

1200 SW WESTERN AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: .3 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Holliday Park is a historic neighborhood park containing brick walks, iron fencing, a memorial, fountain, and playground. The park was created where the original town site and later subdivision meet. The bend in the street pattern created the triangular “leftover” space that became the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Brick walks: **+**

Playground: **+**

Fencing: **+**

Signage: **0**

Fountain: **0**

RATING KEY:

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Holliday Park has strong character due to its nature as an historic triangular vest pocket park. Its fencing and walks sit elegantly in the context of surrounding historic homes. Its fountain is a distinctive element providing a pleasant experience not seen in many Shawnee County facilities.

Opportunities:

Holliday Park has the potential for more signage and with more detailed landscaping around seating at the fountain and monument areas to complement the existing historically-oriented elements. The addition of a perimeter loop walk and drinking fountain would increase visitors to the park and provide additional elements for user activity. Playground elements are grouped relatively close, but resurfacing around all elements would enhance the space.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

Perimeter parking along the historic curbs and pathways makes it easily accessible to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: The memorial commemorates Cyrus K. Holliday, founder of the Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company



Image 2: Signage would be enhanced with the addition of formal plantings



Image 3: The fountain area is brick-paved, creating a unique place within the neighborhood

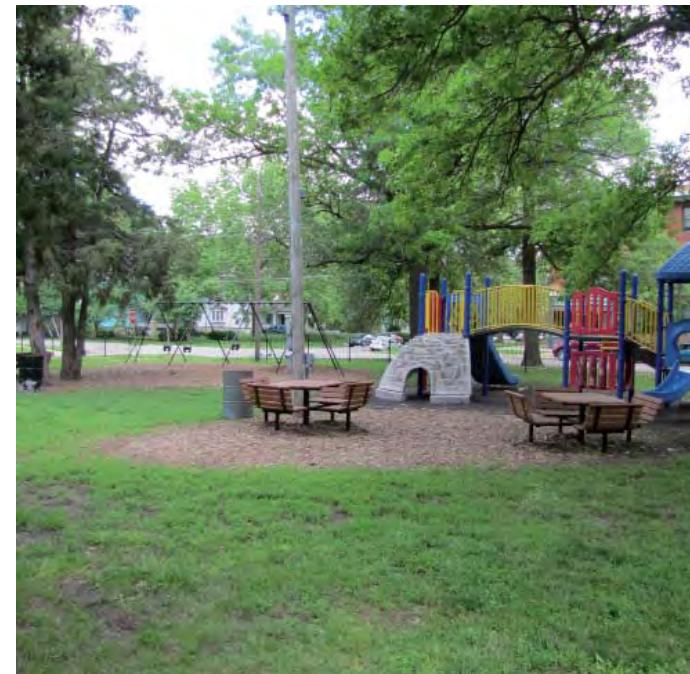


Image 4: A variety of playground elements provides for children of different ages. Resurfacing around these elements would enhance the playground experience



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Hughes Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Hughes Park is located north of central Topeka, with SW 7th St to the north, SW Orleans St to the east, SW 8th Ave to the south, and SW Parkview St to the West.

725 SW ORLEANS AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 3.7 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Hughes Park is a large neighborhood park with a variety of recreational amenities and some mature trees.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Benches: -

Shelter: 0

Parking: 0

Tennis/Basketball: 0

Pickleball: +

Trash: -

Playground: -

RATING KEY:

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

The playground was designed and built to be accessible. Some of the courts have been resurfaced. Walkways provide connections between program elements.

Opportunities:

This heavily used park is beginning to show signs of wear. The playground equipment and surfacing could use updating, along with the benches. Additional trash cans would reduce the amount of litter evident on the site. Water fountains would enhance user experience on basketball, pickleball, and tennis courts. A loop trail with markers would provide walkers and joggers a friendlier user experience.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

Parking and interior trails between elements provide easy access to all elements. Handicap accessible playground is starting to show signs of wear.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Playground equipment is scattered and lacks coherence. Surfacing does not extend to full protection zone.



Image 2: Some tennis courts have recently been resurfaced and renovated into pickleball courts



Image 3: Other courts are aging and need resurfacing



Image 4: Playgrounds need resurfacing, equipment needs updating and maintenance



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Huntoon Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Huntoon Park is located in central Topeka. It occurs in the median between SW 12th Street and Huntoon Street at their intersection with Topeka Blvd.

1200 SW TOPEKA BLVD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 0.2 acres

Classification: Open Space

Huntoon Park is a triangular open space adjacent to Topeka's Capitol City gateway. The site has high visual access, but physical access is limited. The primary feature of the site is a large sculpture of a meadowlark surrounded by brick pathways.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Brick walks: -

Bird Sculpture: 0

Large Trees: +

Turf: 0

Upgraded Landscape: +

RATING KEY:

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Plantings and turf appear well-maintained, providing aesthetic benefit to the surrounding community.

Opportunities:

Physical access is limited. While pavers are in good condition, they are buckled and uneven. Resetting and spraying for weeds would enhance safety and visual quality. Adding benches would provide a pleasant area to relax in the shade.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 2

Walkways are not accessible in their current condition. Park location surrounded by heavily traveled roads makes access difficult for pedestrians

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Brick pavers are in good condition, but need to be reset



Image 2: Meadowlark statue provides a unique feature at the center of the park



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Lake Shawnee

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Lake Shawnee is located southeast of Topeka, at the intersection of SE 29th and SE Croco Rd.

3137 SW 21ST ST.



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 74 (Established September 1939)
Size: 414.4 acres
Classification: Regional Park

Lake Shawnee is a 410 acre manmade lake surrounded by over 414 acres of parks and recreational land created as a Works Progress Administration project completed on September 3, 1939. This regional park draws over a million visitors from the area for day and overnight trips to the park every year. Facilities include a wide variety of sport, social, and nature activities. Sport facilities include ten lighted baseball/softball diamonds, three soccer fields, tennis courts, volleyball courts, golf course and disc golf course. Social gathering spaces are provided through five shelters and two gazebos in addition to the camping facilities. Activities for children include playgrounds spread throughout the park in addition to the various water activities which are supported with two marinas, one with a boathouse, and a family swim beach. Nature experiences occur through trails and the 20-acre Ted Ensley Gardens.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Bettis Family Sports Complex: +
Concrete Trail: +
Gazebo 1: 0
Gazebo 2: +
Girls Softball Complex: 0
Garden House: +
Lake Shawnee Camp Ground: +
Lake Shawnee Disc Golf Course: 0
Lake Shawnee Event Center: +
Lake Shawnee Golf Course: +
Marina/Boathouse: +

Marina/Launch (east): +
Reynolds House: 0
Shelter 3: +
Shelter 4: +
Shelter 5: -
South Boat Ramp: +
Swim Beach: +
Tennis Courts: +
Ted Ensley Gardens: +

RATING KEY:

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Lake Shawnee is Shawnee County's largest recreation area and draws visitors from throughout the region for various activities including athletic tournaments, lake activities, camping and daily recreation. Its variety of amenities provides for a large range of activities for all ages making it one of the premier parks in the region.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

The Betti Family Sports Complex is new and in good condition with its own dedicated maintenance staff working the grounds for the complex. The complex offers the greatest opportunity to host regional tournaments and bring revenue to the parks department. The Lake Shawnee Golf Course is the nicest golf facility in Shawnee County's offerings providing excellent maintenance and the most challenge of the three Shawnee County courses.

TRAILS

The Lake Shawnee walking/jogging trail loop surrounds the full park and provides pedestrian access to all venues in the park.

PUBLIC GARDENS

Ted Ensley Gardens is well signed throughout the surrounding community including on incoming highways into the area. The 20 acres of gardens is well maintained with its dedicated staff and continues to provide new additions bringing visitors back to the site. In addition, its variety of garden types and spaces provides interest to many people and hosts a variety of opportunities for photo shoots, weddings and other private events. As this arboretum space expands, consideration should be given to charging admission to offset costs and provide the parks and recreation department with another additional revenue stream.

PLAYGROUNDS

The playgrounds within Lake Shawnee are the newest and best examples of playgrounds in the Shawnee County holdings. The playgrounds provide a variety of opportunities to the various age groups, are well maintained, and contained within a dedicated space allowing for easy maintenance and longevity of surfacing.

OPPORTUNITIES:

COUNTY / REGIONAL TRAILS

As mentioned in the strengths above, Lake Shawnee is home to one of the few trails systems that wrap completely around the park containing a 7 mile trail loop. Providing connections to the existing Landon or Deer Creek trail systems would allow visitors to bike from the western and northern edges of the Topeka metroplex to access this broader parks and trails experience. By making a connection to the Landon Trail south or west of this project, visitors would be able to access over 150 miles of trail providing access to other areas of Kansas.

FURNISHINGS

The benches, picnic tables, and trash cans throughout the park are in a variety of styles and conditions. A plan should be developed to unify these elements throughout the park through scheduled replacement and as replacements are necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The Lake Shawnee Park system provides users access to a variety of environment types and areas capable of introducing environmental education stations informing visitors about the environment they are in. In addition, this park provides opportunities to introduce environmental art installations around the trail system where it can be viewed and enjoyed by pedestrians and visitors driving through the park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

The loop road and pedestrian trails allows for every element within the park to be easily accessed. The park offers many ADA accessible boat and fishing docks. Future replacement or expansions of playgrounds and other elements in the future should consider ADA Accessibility to promote options to all users.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain:

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly/Daily**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **7 Miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: The beach offers a unique attraction for visitors to come and enjoy fun in the sun



Image 2: Shelters supports surrounding functions



Image 3: Much of the area around Lake Shawnee is open lawn with scattered mature trees



Image 4: Paving around the south boat ramp and marina needs to be re-surfaced



Image 5: Lake Shawnee overlook signage does not match Shawnee County standards.



Image 6: Shelter #4 is a newer shelter in good condition and provides a gathering space for large groups and smaller events.



Image 7: Ball fields at Bettis Sports Complex are well equipped



Image 8: Areas around the softball fields need re-seeding



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Little Oakland Park
Date Completed: June 20, 2013
Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Little Oakland Park is located in central Topeka, north of Fairchild Street, between NE Chester Avenue and NE Forest Avenue.

NE WABASH AVE AND NW FAIRCHILD STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: -
Size: 1.9 acres
Classification: Neighborhood Park

Little Oakland Park is located two blocks from Oakland Billiard Park. It is consistent with most other Shawnee County neighborhood parks providing playgrounds in that it is an open green space dotted with large trees and pieces of play equipment of various ages and conditions. Playground structures are spread out across the site.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Benches: -	Shelter: 0
Drinking fountain: 0	Swings: -
Grills: 0	Tennis courts: -
Merry-go-round: -	Trash Bin: 0
Playground: +	

RATING KEY:
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Large trees provide shade. Playground in overall good shape. Well mowed. Site furnishings have recently been painted in bright colors. Little Oakland Park provides good connections to surrounding community pedestrian network and between elements.

Opportunities:

In order to support the surrounding community, aging structures and play equipment need to be replaced and maintained. Combining the playground elements and resurfacing play areas would promote safer use. Additional trash cans and disposal containers for grilling remains would enhance the aesthetic quality of the site. Resurfacing the courts and adding new nets would encourage more use by the surrounding community.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Pedestrian connections are good, however playground elements are spread out and not ADA accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Shelter is in good condition, with picnic tables to accommodate groups



Image 2: Grills are in good condition, but the lack of designated places to dump ashes results in piles of grill refuse at the base of the grill



Image 3: Many of the site furnishings have been painted bright colors



Image 4: Tennis court and basketball courts show evidence of weeds, need resurfacing and new nets



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: McKinley Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

McKinley Park is located north of central Topeka at the intersection of NW Gordon St and NW Western Ave.

SW Corner of NW GORDON ST & NW WESTERN AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 1.3 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

The site is a small neighborhood park composed of turf areas that wrap around a small wooded area. Amenities on the site include two small shelters with one picnic table each, restrooms, playground, swings, smaller play equipment pieces, and a basketball court.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playgrounds: -

Basketball: -

RATING KEY:

Restrooms: -

Turf: 0

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

Benches: -

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

McKinley Park's restrooms provide opportunities for extended usage of the park. Larger trees provide shade to key elements.

Opportunities:

McKinley Park provides a good offering and variety of program elements. However the site requires major renovation and improvements. Resurfacing of basketball courts is needed. Restroom facility needs re-siding and roofing. Older playground equipment is unsafe and should be removed. Additional benches and trail connections to other parts of the park would encourage use of areas that residents may not know are available.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

Connection to perimeter walkways allows for pedestrian access to playgrounds, restrooms, and shade structures.

Additional walks are needed to connect basketball courts and other elements to the park.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Many of the site furnishings are deteriorating and hazardous



Image 2: Play elements float in the turf without order or coherence



Image 3: The site does offer a small picnic shelter



Image 4: Public restrooms extend the possible period of use, but need maintenance



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Old Prairie Town at Historic Ward Meade Park
Date Completed: June 20, 2013
Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Old Prairie Town at Historic Ward Meade Park is located north of central Topeka.

124 NW FILLMORE ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **5.2 acres**
Size: **5.2 acres**
Classification: **Specialty Park**

Old Prairie Town at Meade Park is a collection of restored historic buildings from throughout the Topeka area. It is characterized by a central green surrounded by brick walkways and historic buildings.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Brick Walks: +	Gravel Drives: 0
Buildings: +	Turf: 0
Gardens: +	

RATING KEY:
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Parking facilities are adjacent and handicap accessible. Brick pathways are in good condition. Historic buildings provide link to Topeka's past. Human comfort is provided for with public restrooms and drinking fountains. Gardens are well maintained.

Opportunities:

Additional buffering of I-70 with trees and/or walls would reduce noise on site.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Vehicular and pedestrian connections to the surrounding community are good. Most facilities are accessible, however ADA accessibility to all buildings should be considered.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Daily/Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Old Prairie Town's signage links to the rest of Shawnee county park system's branding



Image 2: The general store gives visitors the opportunity to feel like they've gone back in time

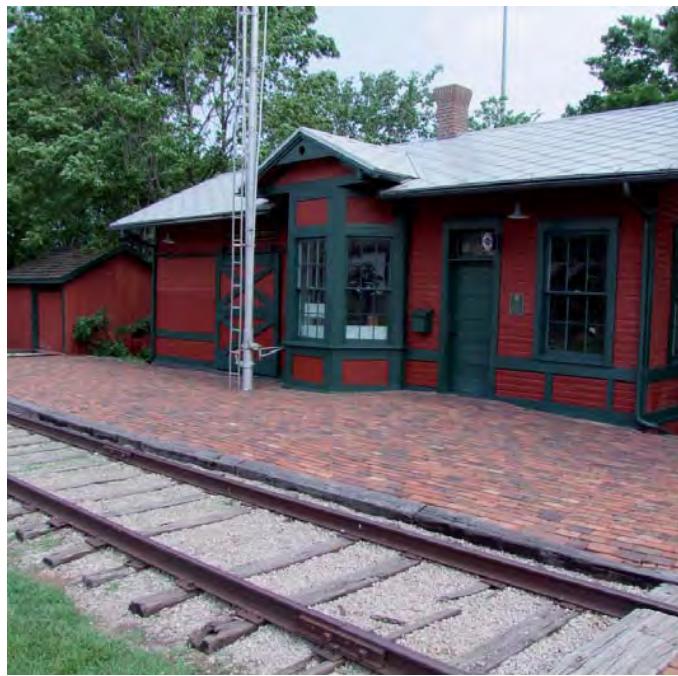


Image 3: The train depot provides a reconstruction of Topeka's historic transportation system



Image 4: Unique water features provide interest and satisfy human needs



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Rueger Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Rueger Park is located south of Topeka, west of S Kansas Ave between SW 27th St on the north and SW 29th St on the south.

2801 S KANSAS AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 23.7 acres

Classification: Specialty Park

Rueger Park has very steep topography and was built as a National Guard grading exercise.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: +

Restrooms: 0

RATING KEY:

Clay fields: +

+ Excellent Condition

Concessions: +

0 Good Condition

Lighting: 0

- Poor Condition

Playground: 0

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

This facility is well maintained and provides all amenities necessary to support smaller competitive regional tournaments.

Opportunities:

Upgraded parking lot lighting would improve safety. Parking lot walkways connecting to field access walks would increase access.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 5

Good pedestrian and vehicular access. The site is ADA accessible to all elements and activities.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Daily**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Fields are in good condition



Image 2: Newer shelter provides all amenities expected for athletic field facilities



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Sherwood Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Sherwood Park is located at the center of the Sherwood Park subdivision, 10 miles west of central Topeka.

7802 SW 28TH STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 4.1 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Sherwood Park is classified as a neighborhood park in the center of a developing residential subdivision and is composed mostly of a stormwater detention area. Trees on the site were developer installed, providing little shade.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playground: +

2 Benches: +

1 Trash bin: +

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Newer playground structure provides some shade elements. Open spaces provide opportunities for program expansion.

Opportunities:

This newer park to Shawnee County provides extensive open spaces for expansion. Opportunities to provide greater boundary definition exist between the park and surrounding lots. Pathways connecting the surrounding neighborhood and the playground in addition to a perimeter walkway with additional trees could help define the space and provide shade opportunities. Playground edging would improve maintenance. The existing park sign does not conform to Shawnee County standards and blocks visual access to the park, making it appear part of the surrounding lots. Current signage could be replaced to conform to Shawnee County standards and open up the "front door" to the park, making it more welcoming to visitors.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **1**

No connections are made to the surrounding community for pedestrian access. Playground is not ADA accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Sherwood Park signage does not conform to Shawnee County standards and blocks visual access to the park



Image 2: The playground is new and in good condition. Adding a container edge would allow for better maintenance



Image 3: There is no delineation between the edges of private yards and public space



Image 4: Most of the park consists of detention area, providing residents plenty of access to open space for practices and informal athletic opportunities



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Shunga Glen Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Shunga Glen Park is located in central Topeka, east of SW Washburn Ave between SW 22nd Park to the north and SW Shunga Drive to the south.

2400 SW WASHBURN AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 21.5 acres

Classification: Community Park

Shunga Glen is a community park with open green, a few mature trees and athletic activities. Recreational amenities include a playground, skate park, and Shunga trail connection.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Skate park: +

Shunga trail: +

Playground: -

Parking: 0

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

The connection to Shunga trail allows Shunga Glen Park to be accessible through regional greenways. The skate park is in good condition. Several parking areas provide residents vehicular access to the site.

Opportunities:

Shunga Glen Park offers good open space for practices. Adding soccer goals would improve use and provide local teams with playing space. There are strong opportunities to update and improve the playground area. Additions of benches, lighting, restrooms, trash bins, and water fountains would increase use and improve the site for the community.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 3

The site has good vehicular and pedestrian access, but providing ADA accessible elements is essential to make the site fully accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain:

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Dual parking areas provide good visitor access to the park and extensive Shunga Trail



Image 2: The skate park is in good condition and is one of the nicest Shawnee County offerings



Image 3: Outdated play equipment is not connected through pathways and needs replacement and seating for parents watching their children



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Shawnee South Community Park
Date Completed: June 6, 2013
Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Shawnee South Community Park is located 8 miles south of central Topeka, at the intersection of University Blvd and SW Westview Rd.

6715 SW WESTVIEW RD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 64.5 acres

Classification: Community Park

Shawnee South Community Park is a medium-sized community park, primarily mowed turf with baseball fields, a community garden, playground, restrooms, and scattered trees. It is also home to the Velma K. Paris Community Center, which has events that often utilize exterior park spaces.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Baseball Fields: **0**

Restrooms: **0**

RATING KEY:

Benches: **0**

+ Excellent Condition

Trash: **0**

0 Good Condition

Playground: **+**

- Poor Condition

Soccer Fields: **0**

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

The Shawnee South Community Park provides many different activities to visitors and the community center. Open spaces allow for future expansion. Existing athletic fields are in good shape and well maintained.

Opportunities:

The program offerings in Shawnee South Community Park serve many residents that might otherwise go unserved. Opportunities to improve the newer existing playground include adding shade structures and surfacing the playgrounds with a single surfacing type. A loop trail with benches and markers would improve usability for walking and jogging.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Vehicular access is good, but pedestrian access is difficult. Mixed surface on playground makes access difficult.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Playground does have paved access



Image 2: Playground has mixed surfacing



Image 3: A small community garden associated with the Community Center floats in the middle of the site, without easy access to water



Image 4: Sports fields are easily accessible and in good condition with access to restrooms.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Washburn Park

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

Washburn Park is located northwest of central Topeka, east of SW Billard Ave. and SW 10th Ave.

2810 SW 10TH AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 12.7 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

The site is a large neighborhood park dominated by a drainage culvert. Amenities include a shelter with picnic benches and grills, courts for various activities, an informal backstop, playgrounds, and a bridge to cross the creek.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playgrounds: -

Grill: +

Courts: -

Bridge: 0

Shelter: 0

Informal Backstop: -

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Washburn Park is a well-maintained neighborhood park, containing extensive amounts of shade trees. Houses fronting the park provide security.

Opportunities:

Washburn Park provides many opportunities for visitors, however this park needs updating to meet conditions seen at other parks. The playgrounds need new surfacing, the courts have been converted to bicycle polo courts, but minimal use occurs due to decayed surfaces and the furnishings need to be updated. The site lacks walkways around the park, resulting in no connections to surrounding community and between park amenities. There are no trashcans. Grills show evidence of need for places to dump ashes. Additional tree trimming would improve visibility and safety within the park. Within the stream channel, there is severe bank erosion. Restoration of vegetation is necessary to stabilize the creek bed.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

This park is accessible to vehicles, with space for parking. However, pedestrian access is limited, with no connections between elements. Additional considerations should be made to update facilities to current ADA standards.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **General**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Washburn Park is connected to the surrounding neighborhoods by a bridge crossing the creek which is not controlled by Shawnee County Parks



Image 2: Bicycle Polo Court need resurfacing and possibly lighting to increase potential for use



Image 3: The playground is in good condition



Image 4: Lack of designated areas to dispose of coals from grill results in dirty grilling area



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: West Lawn Memorial Gardens

Date Completed: June 20, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

West Lawn Memorial Gardens is located 9 miles west of central Topeka, directly north of I-70 at the Auburn Road exit.

820 SW AUBURN RD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: --- acres

Classification: Specialty Park

West Lawn Memorial Gardens is a community cemetery consisting primarily of open grassland with a pond, gazebo, Canine and Veterans Memorial areas.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: **0**

Gravel Drives: **0**

RATING KEY:

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Rural setting provides plenty of space for expansion. Surrounding prairie provides for serene views.

Opportunities:

This scenic site just to the south of the Kansas River provides unique prairie landscape. Additional buffers along the I-70 frontage would help reduce traffic noise. Opportunities exist along occupied plot areas away from native areas for additional trees to provide shade.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

Vehicular access is provided to the site. Pedestrian connections would be difficult to provide.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: West Lawn Memorial Gardens' rural location ensures plenty of space



Image 2: Surrounding prairie land creates a serene atmosphere



Image 3: Veterans and canine service dogs are offered free burial in West Lawn Memorial Gardens



Image 4: Various sculptural installations create places of serenity within the cemetery



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Westboro Park

Date Completed: June 6, 2013

Completed By: Hank Moyers



1. SITE LOCATION:

The site is located in the western edge of central Topeka, off of SW Huntoon Street and SW Lakeside Drive.

1273 SW LAKESIDE DRIVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 4 acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

The site is a long green, classified as a small neighborhood park. The site contains a non-competition level baseball diamond, flower beds, grill, shelter and picnic area, and playground equipment. The landscape treatment on the southern end of the park was installed as an effort of the surrounding residential neighborhood. The site contains mature trees and large expanses of open turf areas for informal gatherings and activities.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playgrounds: **0/- (Varies per structure)**

Entry Corner L.S.: **+**

Ball Fields: **-**

RATING KEY:

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths:

Large mature trees provide plenty of shade to the playground areas and shelter making this a great spot for local events and activities. The large areas of turf also provide plenty of space for multiple groups to hold gatherings or informal games and practices. Residences surrounding the site front to the park providing good visibility to the site.

Opportunities:

The park does not contain any trail loop around the park or access between elements, the park also contains only on street parking with minimal trash cans and benches on site.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2**

The site contains minimal access to pedestrian or vehicular connections both on site and around the park area. Connections to individual elements throughout the site are missing making handicap accessibility difficult.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0

Maintenance Schedule: Weekly

Active/Passive: Passive

Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Landscape efforts by surrounding neighbors Enhanced the local landscape and build pride in the Community.



Image 2: Playgrounds need additional attention, but pathway around the structure provides ease of maintenance and preserves playground surfacing.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Adams Park
Date Completed: 10/14/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of se 34th Street, East of SE Adams Street

3300 SE ADAMS STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1951
Size: 1 acre
Classification: Neighborhood

Adams Park is a small neighborhood park that is located adjacent to SE Adams St. The park is adjacent to a residential neighborhood with residential properties adjoining the park on the north and south. The park is mostly open space with a little bit of play equipment in one corner.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Table: 0
Play structure: 0
Turf: 0
Trees: 0

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

There is an access walk from the street to the picnic table. Good visibility from busy street and adjacent homes.

OPPORTUNITIES:

No trash cans. No benches at play equipment. There is no access walk to the play equipment. Wood chip surface under equipment could be improved with rubber.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Newer play structure with not access walk to it. The safety surface is not an approved type.



Image 2: Open space with lots of mature shade trees.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Aquarian Acres Park
Date Completed: 10/17/13
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE 29th street, west of SE Aquarius drive

2701 SE AQUARIUS DRIVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1988
Size: 1.4 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

This is a small neighborhood park with two tennis courts and a small parking area. There is a small area of mowed grass but the majority of the park is a wooded area.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Tennis courts: 0
Turf: 0
Trash Container: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Concrete courts that with a small investment could be in good shape.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Very little additional space for another amenity. Gravel parking lot could be improved to asphalt.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4
Gravel parking lot limits access to tennis courts.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Concrete tennis courts with gravel parking lot.



Image 2: Tennis court needs to be resurfaced.



FACILITY INVENTORY

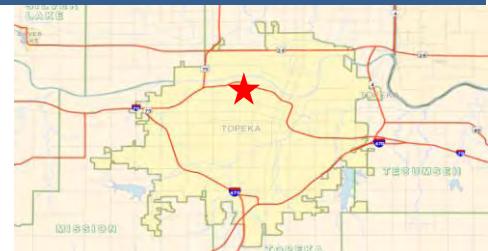
Name of Site: **Aubumdale Park**
Date Completed: **9/12/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of Interstate 70, east of NW Waite Street

2400 SW PERRY STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1927**
Size: **26.9 acres**
Classification: **Community**

Large park with mostly open area that serves as a water retention area for the adjacent Ward-Martin Creek in high water events. The total retention area is bisected by Ward-Martin Creek. Ward-Martin Creek is stocked with trout in the spring and fall.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: 0	Bench: 0
Turf: 0	Table: 0
Landscape: 0	Trash can: -
Play equipment: -	

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Stream that runs through park has trout stocked in it and is fishable. Good number of mature trees that provide shade. Small off street parking is a plus.

OPPORTUNITIES:

New play equipment would be a great improvement. Matching benches, trash cans and tables would look good.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**
No interior walk system between features.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **95%**
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Active**
Trail Distance: **N/A**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Ward-Martin Creek that runs along the east boundary of the park.



Image 2: Ward-Martin Creek is stocked seasonally with trout by the KDWPT as part of the Community Fisheries Assistance Program.



Image 3: Small landscaped areas in the park adds interest to the area.



Image 4: Expansive open area in the park has been used in the past as a rugby field. The primary purpose is as a water detention area for Ward-Martin Creek in high water events on the Kansas River.



Image 5:



Image 6:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Big Shunga Park
Date Completed: 09/09/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SW 29th street, west of SW Macvicar Ave

2715 SW MACVICAR AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1943
Size: 83 acres
Classification: Community

Big Shunga Park is a large community park that is generally comprised of open space. There is a collection of conifer trees in a conifer garden and other large trees located throughout. There is no off street parking and very limited access to the site other than walk-up. The Shunga Trail has a connector that runs through Big Shunga Park and under SW 29th St. which opens up the neighborhoods to the south of SW 29th St. to access to the trail.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Conifer Garden: +
Trail connector: +
Trees: 0
Turf: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Shunga trail connecting walk runs through Conifer Garden. Park unique types of Conifer Trees. This is an expansive area with good open space and mature trees. Site is used for temporary disc golf course several times per year.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Opportunities for development are limited as most of the site is in the flood plain of the Shunganunga Creek.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **99%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **.25 mile**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Conifer Garden in Big Shunga Park with varieties of conifer trees that are not commonly seen in the area.



Image 2: Nature trail at Big Shunga Park that runs adjacent to the Shunganunga Creek.

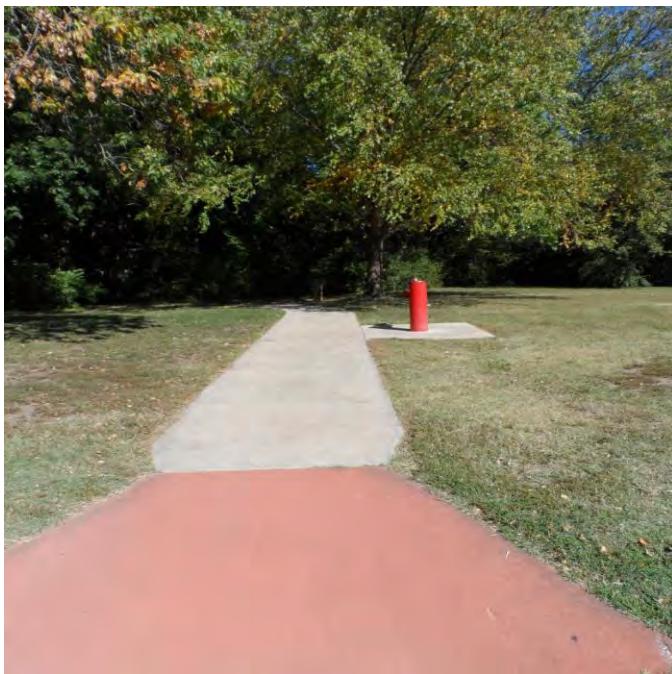


Image 3: Walk from parking lot at McDonald tree that connects to the Shunga Trail.



Image 4: McDonald Field at Big Shunga Park. Baseball field that is used primarily for 30 and over league.

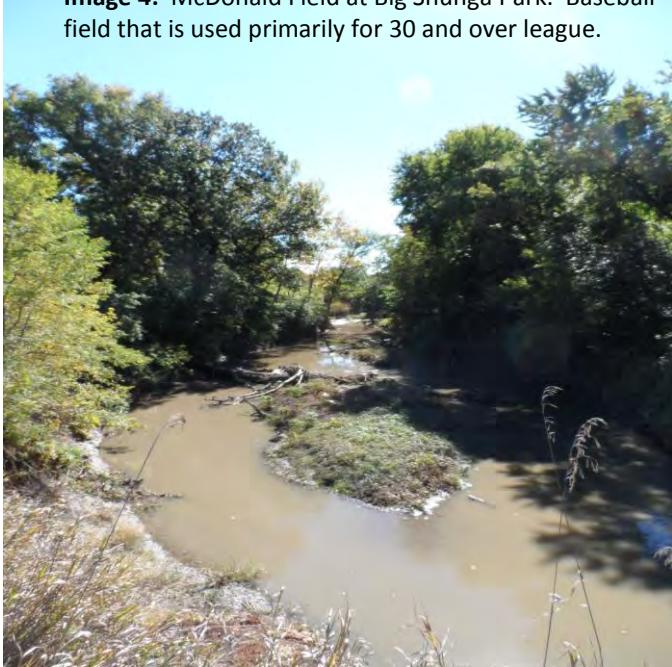


Image 5: Play structure in Big Shunga Park adjacent to the Shunga Trail. Play Structure is in good shape.

Image 6: Shunganunga Creek as it runs through Big Shunga Park.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Bishop Park**
 Date Completed: **10/8/13**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

On SW Arnold avenue between SW 33rd street and SW 31st street

3101 SW ARNOLD AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1964
 Size: 5.5 acres
 Classification: Neighborhood

Bishop Park is a large neighborhood park that is adjacent to Maude-Bishop elementary School. The park has a play area with mature shade trees with the balance of the area general open space. There is a sport court area but the courts are in very poor shape and should be removed.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play structure: **0** Backstop: **0**
 Play equipment: **0** Trees: **0**
 BBQ Grill: - Turf: **0**
 Basket ball courts: -

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Adjacent to an elementary school that increases use. Good sized park with an abundance of open space.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Area is not conducive to good tree growth. Trees are not a good species or in good condition. All equipment in park is dated and needs attention. Sport courts are in serious disrepair and in need of care or removal.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
 Active/Passive: **Active**
 Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



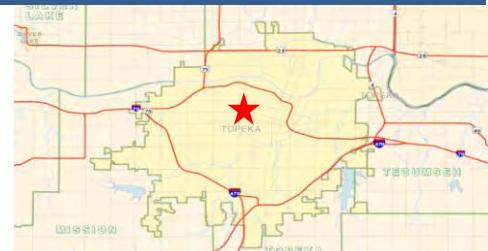
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Boswell Square Park
Date Completed: 10/02/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 13th Avenue, west of SW Boswell Avenue



1300 SW JEWELL AVENUE

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1991
Size: 3.3 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Small neighborhood park that takes up one square block. The park has residents across the street on all sides that allow for viewing into the park. The park shares a parking lot with a nearby church and had a nice mix of active play areas and open space.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: 0	Play amenities: 0	Monument: +
Trees: 0	Gazebo: 0	Tables: 0
Landscape: +	Basketball: 0	
Play structures: +	Drinking Fountain: -	

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Strong neighborhood component to the park. Landscape is a strong feature. Walk links much but not all amenities. Lights add to park and match lights in other parks.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Walkway to connect all amenities. Uniformity is needed in benches, tables and trash cans.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 3

Good accessibility from parking lot to some amenities. Some of the amenities are not accessible. Play structure is accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **N/A**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Nice newer play structure that is accessible and has an appropriate fall protection surface.



Image 2: Older play equipment that is present in the park. Is not accessible but does have an appropriate fall protection surface.



Image 3: Small gazebo that is in the park with an accessible route to it. Mismatching refuse containers at entrance.



Image 4: Open area on the south end of the park that is used for larger neighborhood events and youth sports practices.



Image 5:

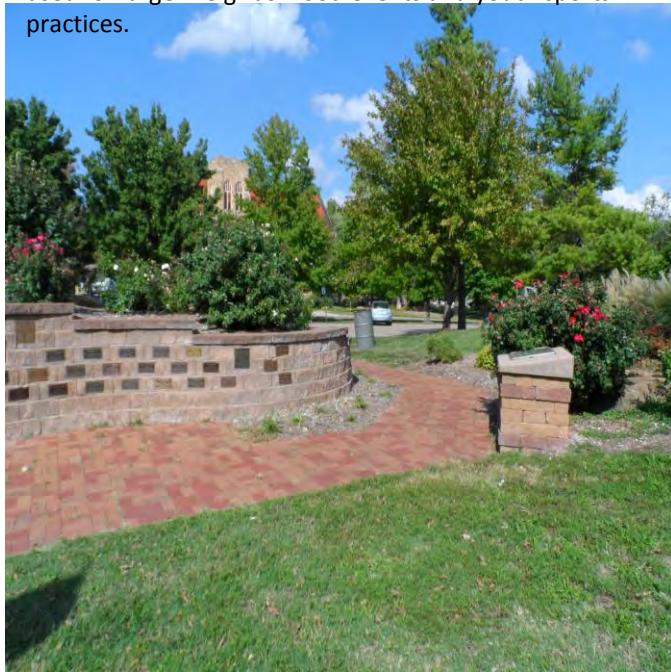


Image 6:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Brookfield Park
Date Completed: June 6, 2013
Completed By: Hank Moyers

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1. SITE LOCATION:

Brookfield Park is located six miles west of central Topeka, in the center of the Brookfield subdivision, to the east of SW Kingsrow Rd, between SW Golf View Dr and SW 25th St.

2430 SW KINGSROW RD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1989
Size: 5.1 Acres
Classification: Neighborhood Park

The site is a neighborhood park with play equipment, a shelter, and recreational facilities and serves as a standard for future park development. Additional amenities include water fountains, tennis/basketball courts and paved walkways connecting elements.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playground: +
Shelter: 0
Tennis/Basketball: 0
Water Fountain: 0

RATING KEY:
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

This park contains newer play equipment which is ADA accessible and in good condition. The shelter, athletic courts and pavement are new and provide plenty of amenities to the surrounding community.

OPPORTUNITIES:

There is no formal parking attached to the park, making it primarily used by those in walking or biking distance. There is some on-street parking; however head in parking off the surrounding street would promote more traffic on site. Additional amenities such as bathrooms, benches, and bike racks are also provided promoting extended usage. Additions of a perimeter trail loop and distance markers for walkers/joggers would be a nice addition and provide more surveillance of the park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

This park is easily accessible by pedestrians in the surrounding neighborhoods. An ADA playground with elements connected by walkways make this accommodating to handicapped users and one of the few parks within Shawnee County to offer this amenity.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Shelter provides a good location for neighborhood events and gathering.



Image 2: Playground equipment is new and connected with paved pathways



Image 3: New tennis and basketball courts accommodate recreational activities



Image 4: Basic water fountains provide some level of comfort, which could be augmented with bathrooms and benches



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Burnetts Mound (Skyline Park)
Date Completed: 10/15/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of interstate 470 between SW skyline parkway and SW skyline drive

3511 SW SKYLINE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1958
Size: 106.7 acres
Classification: Community/Undeveloped

Skyline Park is what is called locally “Burnett’s Mound”. There is much history and folklore that surrounds Burnett’s Mound. The site is a large tract of land that is a hilltop in south Topeka. There is a road that goes to the top but access is generally restricted by a locked gate. The site is a mix of open space and wood land. There has been a recent push to develop a trail system throughout the park. The site has a cell tower at the south end and two water towers at the north end. there is no off street parking at the bottom of the roadway which requires patrons to park on the street.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Expansive area. Best view of Topeka in town. Good potential for trail development. Many acres of native grasses with some woodland on the south end of the property.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Locked gates restrict vehicle access to the top of the mound. Water tower and security camera detract from experience. Need signage, information kiosk for trails. Clear trail head is needed. Could be a destination spot if we are able to actively develop and program the site to its fullest potential.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Soft 2.0 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: View of native grasses from the road to the top of the mound.



Image 2: Semi-annual burning limits the spread of invasive woody plants.





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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Charles Curtis Greenway Park
Date Completed: 9/12/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels

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1. SITE LOCATION:

Various locations on North Topeka Blvd between NW Gordon and Soldier Creek

1000-1500 BLOCK OF NORTH TOPEKA BLVD.



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1967
Size: 5.6 acres
Classification: Specialty

Charles Curtis Greenway is a series of landscaped parcels along both sides of NW Topeka Blvd. The parcels serve to break up the scenery and provide color and open space. There is a connection to the Soldier Creek trail and several other amenities in different locations.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Landscape: +
Trees: 0
Turf: 0

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Landscape at North Topeka and Paramore is very nice. Soldier Creek Trail runs past this greenspace with a signalized crossing of NW Topeka Blvd here. There is a newer drinking fountain along the trail near NW Topeka Boulevard.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Irrigation systems would reduce maintenance costs. Trail signage at this location would be visible from a major roadway.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **Hard .25 miles, Soldier Creek Trail**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Landscaped bed that is visible from NW Topeka Boulevard a very busy road in Topeka. There are beds on both the north and south sides of NW Topeka Blvd.



Image 2: Turf and landscape in the area would benefit from the addition of an irrigation system.

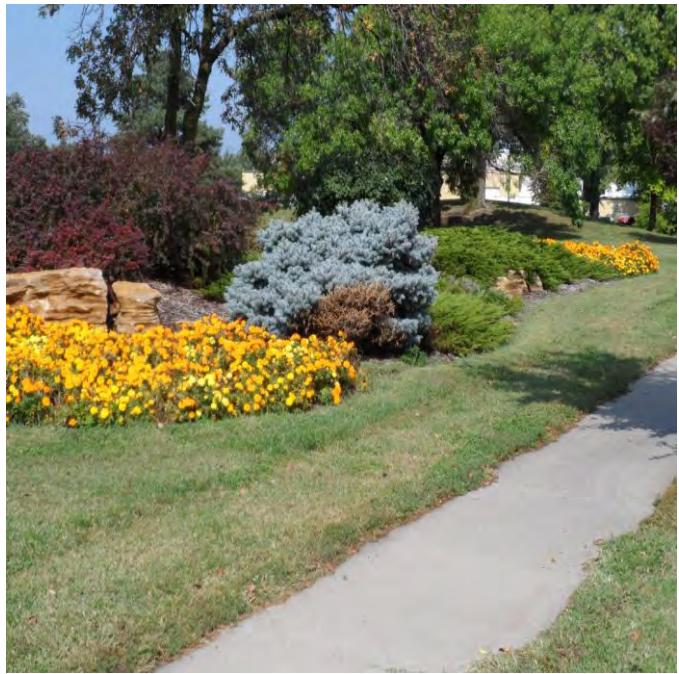


Image 3: Color adds dramatic look to the landscape.



Image 4: Open areas are present on both sides of NW Topeka Blvd. adding a dimension of depth to the space.



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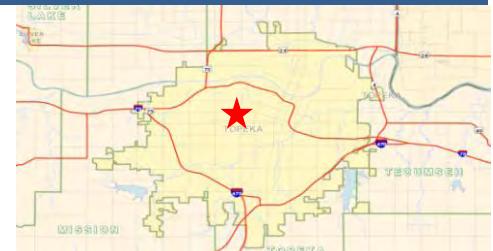
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Children's Park
Date Completed: 10/07/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 6th, east of SW MacVicar



600 SW MACVICAR

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1908

Size: 7.7 acres

Classification: Neighborhood

Chesney Park is a large neighborhood park that is cut through diagonally with Ward-Martin Creek. The park features large open tracts of ground and numerous large mature shade trees. There is some play amenities located in the south half of the park. There is off street parking and some of the amenities are accessible by a walk.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: **0**

Benches: -

Turf: **0**

Trash cans: -

Play equipment: **0**

Walks: **0**

Tables: **0**

RATING KEY

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Large neighborhood park that is at the intersection of two busy streets. Nice mature shade tree provides comfortable environment in summer. Turf is in good shape.

OPPORTUNITIES:

New play structure to replace existing equipment would be a plus. Mix of table and bench type could be improved with a consistent color and type. Creek channel through park divides the facility. Walk system with bridge would be nice.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Some elements connected by existing walks.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **95%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **N/A**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Expansive open space with large mature shade trees provide a pleasing appearance from the streets.



Image 2: The park is divided in half by Martin Creek creating two distinct portions. North is passive open space, south is active with play features.



Image 3: Basketball court does not have an accessible route to it.



Image 4: Some newer play equipment with an accessible route leading to it.



Image 5: Picnic table on a pad at the end of an accessible route. Tables throughout the park do not match style or



Image 6: Older concrete table that adds an interesting style component but does not match other styles. No accessible route.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site:	Clarion Woods Park
Date Completed:	10/15/13
Completed By:	Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 37th street, west of SW Fairlawn

3701 SW FAIRLAWN ROAD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1990

Size: 46 acres

Classification: Neighborhood

This is a very large neighborhood park that is, generally speaking, a natural area. The majority of the park is wooded with some open ground to the east near SW Fairlawn Road. There is a seven acre pond located at the park that serves as a focal point for the natural experience. There are a series of walking trails located throughout the park property.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Fishing Dock: - Signage: **0**
Trash cans: -
Nature trail: **0**

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Great natural setting in city limits. Pond is in good shape and stocked on a regular basis. Nature trail are obvious with some signage.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Improved signage is needed. Improved trail head is needed. Dock is in need of some renovation and repair.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**
Active/Passive: **Active**
Trail Distance: Soft .75 miles

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Nature trail that runs through a mixed hardwood/cedar forest and grassy meadows.



Image 2: View of the lake from the fishing dock.



Image 3: Signage that denotes native grassland is in disrepair.



Image 4: Image depicts a native grass meadow adjacent to the nature trail.



Image 5: Decking of the fishing dock in in general good condition, however railing around the dock is missing.



Image 6: Handmade sign of the nature trail that shows user their location relative to the rest of the park.



Image 7: Rough handmade bridge that spans a low water crossing.



Image 8: Nature trail as it runs through a meadow.



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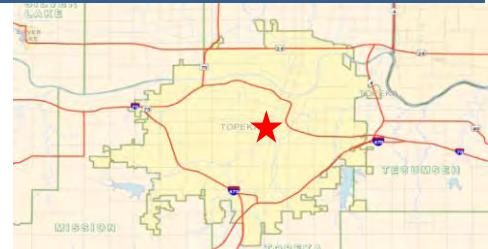
Name of Site: Clyde O'Bracken (Sertoma/Plaza) Park
Date Completed: 9/12/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of Kansas Judicial Center and west of SW Jackson Street

200 SW 12TH STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1969
Size: .7 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

This parcel is located just south of the parking lot that serves the Kansas Judicial Center. The park has some open space and some mature trees with picnic amenities and some old play equipment. The park is isolated from the residential neighborhood to the south by a busy street.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: 0	Lions Memorial: 0
Trees: 0	Landscape: 0
Tables: -	Shelters: 0
Play equipment: -	

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Visibility to street is a plus. Small open air shelters provide a space for State workers to picnic in the shade.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Renovating landscape on Lions Club Memorial would enhance the appearance. New picnic tables would make a dramatic difference. Play equipment is tired and not accessible.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2-3**

There is access to shelters. No access to play equipment.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **N/A**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Lions Club memorial. Landscape needs to be renovated.



Image 2: Existing landscape bed is in good shape showing signs of recent work being done. Irrigation would allow for the addition of some seasonal color.



Image 3: One of two small open air shelters present in the park. Plaques denote their erection by Lions Club members.



Image 4: Play equipment at the site is all old. Given the demographics of the area it is questionable as to whether it is necessary at all.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Country Club Park**
 Date Completed: **10/20/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**

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1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 24th street, east of SW Topeka blvd

2501 SW TOPEKA BLVD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1948
 Size: 2.3 acres
 Classification: Neighborhood

The site is a small neighborhood park along busy SW Topeka Blvd. The site is mostly open green space with some shade trees and a few pieces of old play equipment. The park is bisected by SW Country Club Rd. Adjacent homes back up to the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: 0	Bench: 0
Trees: 0	Trash cans: -
Tables: 0	Play equipment: 0/-

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: The park breaks up the line of businesses and residences that line SW Topeka Blvd. providing green space.

OPPORTUNITIES: No walk system at the park, perimeter or interior, to move patrons through the park. New play structure and accessible route would open up the park to more patrons. There is a need to pull together elements with an identifiable color and style.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**
 No interior walk system to allow access for any amenities.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open space with younger shade trees throughout.



Image 2: Old play equipment throughout the park.



Image 3: Small picnic table that is not accessible and does not have an accessible route to it.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Croix Park
Date Completed: 10/17/13
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW Croix street, east of SW Kirkland Avenue

3446 SW KIRKLAWN AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1959
Size: .2 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

The site is a very small neighborhood park that is little more than a large traffic median. The space is surrounded by roadway with houses across the streets that look in on the park. The park could be the eastern gateway to the neighborhood.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Table: 0
Trash can: -
Trees: 0
Turf: 0

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Mature trees that are a desirable species.

OPPORTUNITIES:

This is a large traffic island with turf and trees. It is in a neighborhood off of the main roads. Landscaping the area could make for an attractive entryway to the neighborhood. The site is probably too small for play equipment with too much traffic on the adjacent streets to encourage people to cross the street but it could be dressed up with colorful amenities.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

There is a side walk with ramps along SW Croix Street.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Large mature shade tree that could be the focal point of a landscape plan.



Image 2: Open space that could accommodate some limited passive recreation activities.



Image 3: Walk that provides access to the park but not throughout the park.



FACILITY INVENTORY

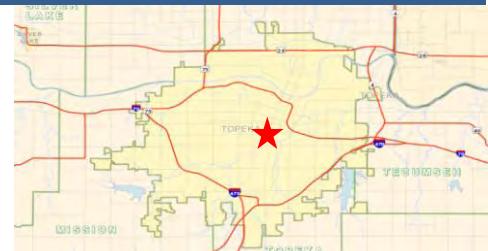
Name of Site: **Cushinberry Park**
Date Completed: **10/02/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SE 15th Street, east of SE Monroe Street

335 SE 15TH STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1913
Size: 4 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Cushinberry Park is a large triangular neighborhood park with numerous amenities including a trailhead for the Landon Trail and proximity to the Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education National Historic Site. The park has a good mix of open space and mature shade trees. There is no off street parking at the park but it is available at the adjacent NPS site.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Benches: 0	Drinking Fountain: 0	Trees: 0
Tables: 0	Buffalo Statue: 0	
Play Equipment: 0	Stage: 0	
Basketball Court: 0	Turf: 0	

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Mature trees make for good shade. Play structure is good. Other components are tired. Good visibility from street. Features like drinking fountain increase staying time.

OPPORTUNITIES:

The stage needs updating and repairs to the back wall. West half is more accessible but not completely accessible.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

East half is minimally accessible. West half is more accessible but not completely accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **100%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Hard .25 miles, Landon Trail**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Newer play structure with an accessible route and surface.



Image 2: Basketball court adds an element to the park. The surface is in disrepair.



Image 3: Older style table that is not accessible.

Image 4: Stage/performance area that has an accessible route. The stage could use some repair work to make it look better and more user friendly.



Image 5: Older play equipment that is in need of some work to make it more presentable or replacement.



Image 6: Statuary that is present that adds interest to the space.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Danbury Park**
 Date Completed: **10/01/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Danbury Park is located south of Interstate 70 at SW Danbury Lane and SW Westchester Road.



3315 SW DANBURY LANE

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1962
 Size: .5 Acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

This is a small undeveloped parcel that is directly south of I-70. There are several mature trees on the site which is in a residential area. The site has no other amenities that would identify it as a park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Nice grove of oak trees. Turf coverage is good and quality ok.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Disposal of this property possibly to adjacent land owner.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **5**

Not accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: Weekly

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance:

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Located at the corner of SW Westchester and SW Danbury, Danbury Park features a nice grove of Burr Oak trees.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Deercreek Trafficway
Date Completed: 10/02/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SE 6th on SE Deercreek Trafficway to south side of Interstate 70

600 SE DEER CREEK



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1977
Size: 5.0 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

Deer Creek Trafficway is primarily a traffic median with right-of-way on either side of the roadway. Deer Creek Trail runs down the east side of the road. There are some shade trees along the roadway.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: 0
Trees: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Deer Creek Trail runs along the east side of Deer Creek Trafficway.

OPPORTUNITIES: The majority of Deer Creek Trafficway is turf with some trees. Deer Creek Trafficway is a roadway that the parks division mows on a weekly basis.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 90%

Maintenance Schedule: Weekly

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Hard .33 miles, Deer Creek Trail**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Deer Creek Trafficway showing the roadway divided by a median with the Deer Creek Trail to the left of the image, along the tree line.



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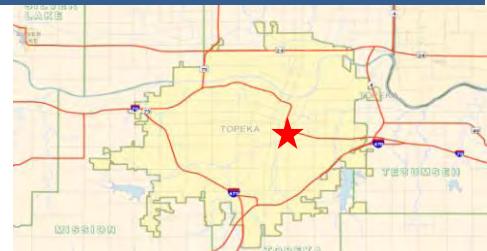
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Deercreek Trail
Date Completed: 9/12/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels

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1. SITE LOCATION:

From SE 2nd Street to SE 10th Street along Deer Creek



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: Two miles in length.
Classification: Trail (Hard)

This is a concrete multi-modal trail that runs from SE 2nd to SE 10th St in SE Topeka. This trail is an integral part of the comprehensive trails plan for Shawnee County.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trail surface: +
Trash Cans: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Connects to Shunga Trail at SE 2nd street to allow for cross town movement.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Development south to Lake Shawnee would provide access to amenities at Lake Shawnee.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 2
Accessible

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 100%

Maintenance Schedule: **Monthly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Hard 2 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Sidewalk across Deer Creek Trafficway from Deer Creel Trail.



Image 2: Deer Creek Trail south from SE 6th St.



Image 3: Deer Creek Trail north to SE 6th to intersection with Shunga Trail at SE 2nd St.

Image 4: Deer Creek Trail going under SE 6th with a spur to the pedestrian walkway on SE 6th.



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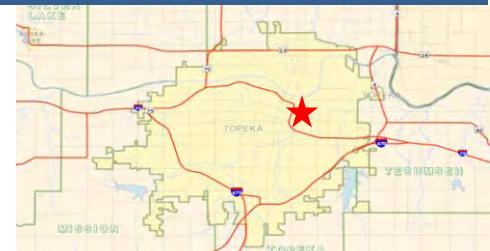
Name of Site: Doran Park
Date Completed: 10/07/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Dead end of NE Doran Avenue west

500 N. MICHIGAN



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1963
Size: 2.8 Acres
Classification: Undeveloped

Undeveloped parcel at the end of NE Doran Avenue. Parcel is created by a bend in the creek at this location.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Vacant lot on the bend of a creek.

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: N/A
Active/Passive: N/A

Trail Distance: **N/A**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Unmanaged open space at the bend of the creek.



Image 2: More of the same.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Eastborough Park**
 Date Completed: **10/01/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

East of SE Arter Avenue, south of SE 3rd Street



300 SE ARTER AVENUE

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1969
 Size: 10.5 Acres
 Classification: Neighborhood

This parcel is a large neighborhood park that has good open space and mature shade trees. The majority of the park is wooded with a clearly defined play area. The park has several unique and separate portions to it. The Deer Creek Trail runs along the east edge of the park. There is no off street parking, all use is walk up from the neighborhood.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play structure: **0** Turf: **0**
 Play equipment: **-** Trees: **0**
 Picnic table: **0**
 Grills: **-**

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Nice mature trees in good size park. Interior walk connects amenities.

OPPORTUNITIES: Possible connection to Deer Creek Trail exists. There is a need for 3-5 year old play area to replace old equipment. Grills need accessible path.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2**

There is an interior walk that connects some amenities and a curb cut at the street.

6. GENERAL NOTES

% Floodplain: **100%**
 Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
 Active/Passive: **Active**
 Trail Distance: **Hard .15 miles, Deer Creek Trail**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



Image 4:



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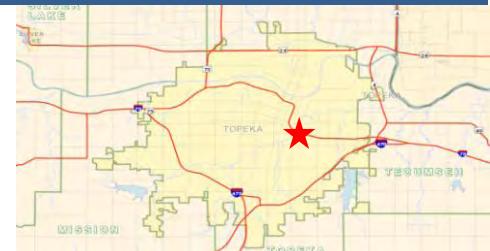
Name of Site: **Eastgate Park**
 Date Completed: **10/01/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

East of SE Rice Road on SE 7th Street

640 SE HACKBERRY DRIVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1971**

Size: **.9**

Classification: **Neighborhood**

Eastgate Park is a small neighborhood park that is adjacent to a low income apartment building complex. The park has few amenities and those show signs of abuse. The park is primarily open space that adjoins a wooded area to the north.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment: **-**

Trash cans: **-**

Basketball court: **0**

Benches: **-**

Turf: **0**

Tables: **-**

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

This park serves a depressed neighborhood that needs a quality park for outdoor activities. Could be made safe and secure to encourage activity.

OPPORTUNITIES:

There is only one trash can and no tables or benches. No interior walk system. Old play elements that are not accessible. There is a walk along the adjoining street.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

No interior walk system.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance:

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Play equipment that is old and disjointed.



Image 2: Play element that should be removed and replaced with a coordinated thought out play area.



Image 3: Remnants of play structure that is left after most of it was vandalized.



Image 4: Basketball court that is in decent shape, but could benefit from having the lines re-painted on it.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Edgewater Parkway Park
Date Completed: 10/15/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SW Shunga drive along SW James and SW Edgewater terrace

2300 SW EDGEWATER TERRACE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1951

Size: 14.3 acres

Classification: Neighborhood

Edgewater Parkway Park is a large neighborhood park that is essentially greenspace that runs along either side of a drainage ditch. There are a couple of picnic tables but no other amenities to speak of. The park is a mix of wooded area along the waterway and open space. There are a number of large specimen mature trees throughout the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Lots of nice mature shade trees throughout. Open space that would allow for group activities.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Park is made up of a series of disjointed parcels that are on either side of a drainage ditch.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **50%**
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Active**
Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open space that allows for group activities. Turf is in generally good shape.



Image 2: Large mature shade trees throughout the park provide for natural beauty as well as a comfortable spot on a hot summer day.



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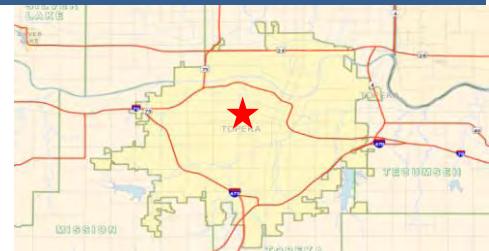
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Edgewood Park
 Date Completed: 9/12/2013
 Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SW 2nd Street and east of SW Edgewood



101 SW THE DRIVE

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1915
 Size: 6.1 acres
 Classification: Neighborhood

Large neighborhood park in a residential area. The park has a good mix of open space, wooded areas and mature shade trees to provide comfort for park patrons. Good visibility to residents of the neighborhood and a good mix of amenities throughout the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: **0**
 Turf: **0**
 Play structure: **+**
 Play equipment: **0**

Tables: **0**
 Benches: **0**
 Trash Cans: **0**
 Shelter: **0**

Tennis courts: **-**
 Basketball goal: **0**

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Newer play structure with walk extended to it. Fall surface is in good shape. Benches in good shape and are accessible. Good mature shade trees.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Tennis courts are in bad shape and need to be considered for repurposing. Older play equipment is not accessible. Drinking fountain would add to park amenities. Open air shelter needs to have a new roof placed on it.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2**
 Good accessible route to shelter and play structure.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **N/A**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open air shelter that is in a good spot and a nice amenity. The roof needs replaced to make it look and perform better.



Image 2: Newer play structure with a proper fall surface and an accessible route to it.



Image 3: Sport courts that are in a state of disrepair. Surfaces need to be redone with a new coat of paint and lines.



Image 4: Older play equipment that should be replaced with newer equipment.



Image 5: North side of the park that has open green space for group activities.



Image 6: Interior portion of the park with mature shade trees.



SHAWNEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Fairway Park
Date Completed: 10/20/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SW 29th street, west of SW Topeka blvd

2711 SW TOPEKA BLVD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1944
Size: 3.4 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

This site is a linear greenspace along SW Topeka Blvd and SW Fairway Dr. The site has some mature shade trees on it and a landscaped bed at SW Topeka Blvd and SW 29th St. There are no other amenities on this site.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: 0
Turf: 0
Landscape: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

High visibility, nice landscape at SW 29th and SW Topeka

OPPORTUNITIES:

There is a potential for expanding the landscape presence at this site. Auto irrigation would reduce labor.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open green space along SW 29th St.



Image 2: Median that separates SW Fairway Dr. from SW Topeka Blvd.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Family Park
Date Completed: 10/15/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Corner of SW Urish and SW 21st street

6801 SW 21ST STREET

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1956
Size: 80 acres
Classification: Community

This is a large tract of open space north of Cypress Ridge Golf Course. There is a control line airplane circle at the site with open space that allows for remote control airplane and kite flying. There is a fire station at the corner of the property.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Line control airplane circle is a unique feature for a public park. Secondary grass circle with concrete flying pad is good.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Need to crack seal asphalt flying surface. Open area adjacent to Cypress Ridge Golf Course provides for lots of opportunities.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

Curb cut at street for off street parking, but no interior walks for access to flying circle.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Memorial marker moved from the previous flying area at Gage Park to present location.

Image 2: Asphalt flying circle is newer asphalt but needs cracks sealed to maintain in good shape.



Image 3: Wide expanses of open area work well for remote controlled airplane and kites. All three groups have trouble co-habiting the same site.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Freedom Valley Park
Date Completed: 10/02/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

1400 SE LOCUST AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1980
Size: 31.6 acres
Classification: Community

Freedom Valley Park is a large park that is classified as a community park due to the total acres. The majority of the park is a storm water detention area for the adjacent Biddle Creek. There is a lot of terrain to the park that makes much of it unusable for typical park programming. There is an off road parking lot, basketball court and other amenities located at the park. It is somewhat hidden in an area that is not easily accessible by vehicle.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment: -	Tables: 0
Ball court: 0	Walk: 0
Fishing Pond and Dock: 0	Turf: 0
Benches: 0	Trees: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Walk trail throughout that provides for physical activity. Fishing pond and accessible dock are a nice feature. BBQ grills are in good shape. Large open spaces dominate the parcel. Minimal beneficial quality trees are present on the site. The majority of the site is used as a water detention site in the event of high water on Biddle Creek.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Play equipment, benches, tables, drinking fountain, trash cans, etc are worn and faded. Walk system could be extended to other parts of the property. Basketball court would benefit from being repainted with lines clearly visible. New play equipment that is centrally located and on an accessible path would improve the play environment.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

Minimal connection of amenities, especially play equipment.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **80%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Hard .7 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Walkway meanders from the top of the hill down to the pond at the bottom.



Image 2: Wide expanses of open space exist at the park. There is a lot of slope to the area so large group activities that can take place are limited.



Image 3: Accessible fishing dock is in good repair. Water level of the pond is down dues to regional drought



Image 4: Pond is stocked by KDWPT, however water levels have prohibited this from taking place for a while.



Image 5: Amenities on site are a mixed bag that does not portray a type or pattern.



Image 6: Play equipment is old and spread out throughout the upper parts of the park.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Garfield Park
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

East of north Kansas Avenue, north of NE Soldier Street

1600 N KANSAS AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1907

Size: 33.1 acres

Classification: Community

Garfield Park is a community park that has a host of amenities for many user groups. The community center, pool and shelter house allow for extended visits by patrons. There is a good mix of open space for group activities and shaded areas with mature shade trees for patron comfort. The playground is relatively new but there are a number of other play elements that are quite old. The park is a North Topeka fixture and much loved by North Topeka residents.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Parking Lots: 0	Small Shelters: 0
Aquatic facility: +	War Memorial: 0
Play equipment east: -	Basket Ball Court: 0
Tables: 0/-	Gazebo: +
Individual Play components: 0/+	Play structure west: 0
Drinking Fountain: -	Enclosed shelter: +/0
Trees: 0	Turf: 0

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Good open areas on park perimeter to all for passive activities. Pool and bath house are new and in good shape. Small shelters add variety and interest. Community Center creates a strong local connection to North Topeka. Gazebo and patio area north of community center are in good shape. Basketball court is in good shape accentuates indoor facility. Nice large park with many amenities to attract and keep patrons. Lots of mature trees that provide shade for patrons. Proximity to Soldier Creek trail is a plus.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Maintenance filling cracks in parking lot and park roads is needed. Play structure to the east should be removed. Lack of consistency in type / color of tables and benches. Play equipment ranges from tired to needing to be removed. Drinking fountain, while functional, is in disrepair and needs to be replaced. Many amenities are tired and need to be replaced. Interior walk system is incomplete. Extending would allow for better access through park. Lots of over head utilities, burying them would enhance the aesthetics of the park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating:

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **5%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **.5 miles Soldier Trail**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Community Center building that gets a lot of use by residents for recreation programs.



Image 2: Open area with mature trees that provide shade. Gazebo and play equipment in the background.



Image 3: Basketball court north of the community center that is available for walk up use.



Image 4: Many of the play components are old and spread out through park.

Image 5: Roller slide that is fun but does not meet current standards. No fall surface or accessible route.

Image 6: Newer play area with accessible route and appropriate fall protection.



Image 7: Garfield shelter that can be rented by the public for private events is adjacent to the community center.



Image 8: Garfield Family Aquatic Center is a nearly new facility that is in good shape with modern aquatic center amenities.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Gateway Park**
Date Completed: **9/30/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of west 1st Street at SW Topeka Blvd all four corners of the intersection of west 1st Street and SW Topeka Blvd



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 2008
Size: 4.5 acres
Classification: Community

Gateway Park is a large open space at the intersection of W. 1st St and SW Topeka Blvd. There is a parcel at each quadrant of the intersection with some landscape on the two north quadrants and small trees on all four quadrants.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: **0**
Turf: **0**
Landscape: **0**

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

This site is at the intersection of two busy streets and adjacent to an on ramp for I-70. The green space breaks up an otherwise industrial look.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Irrigation would allow for enhanced turf landscape. New trees are struggling.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open space that is adjacent to W 1st St.



Image 2: Public sidewalk that is on the site that goes along SW Topeka Blvd.



Image 3: Turf quality throughout the area is good, but could be better with enhanced cultural activities and . . .

Image 4: Looking at west bound W 1st St at the busy intersection of SW Topeka Blvd and W 1st St.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Grant Bradbury Park
Date Completed: 10/22/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SW 65th street, west of SW Westview road

1400 SW 65TH STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1971
Size: 77.3 acres
Classification: Specialty

This site is a nearly 80 acre tract of undeveloped native prairie with some woodlot. The site has been developed with some grass trails that allow for movement through the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Parking lot: **0**

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Nearly 80 acres of native prairie with a wide biodiversity.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Interpretive signage is needed along the trails or at the parking lot. Improvements to the parking lot offer hikes with transportation for those with limited mobility.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Soft 2 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open grassland. The site had hay cut on it in 2013, but is often burned.



Image 2: Open grassland with woodlot in the background.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Gwendolyn Brooks Park
Date Completed: 10/17/13
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SW 37th Street, west of SW Topeka Blvd

3691 SW TOPEKA BLVD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1959
Size: 5 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Large neighborhood park that is adjacent to two major roadways. The park itself is bisected by SW 37th Terr that acts as a cut through to SW 29th St. The park has a drainage ditch that runs through the SW portion of the park. There are a number of amenities in the park ranging from play equipment to a State of Kansas historical marker that denotes Topeka as the Capital city.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment: 0 Trash cans: 0/-
Parking: 0 Turf: 0
Benches: 0 Trees: 0
Picnic tables: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Kansas historical marker. Nice sized parcel in a neighborhood. Good visibility from major road.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Park is disjointed with road splitting in half. Ditch running through it is getting deeper and wider. Play equipment is old and no accessible route to it. No walk in park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4
No access to play equipment, benches or tables.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Historical marker adjacent to Topeka Blvd and the parking lot of the park.



Image 2: Small bridge over the drainage ditch that runs through the park.



Image 3: Example of the play equipment that is old and outdated.



Image 4: Drainage ditch has cut away the stream bank and needs to be remediated to slow down runoff and improve erosion of the ditch.



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PARKS AND RECREATION**

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Hillsdale Park**
 Date Completed: **10/01/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Located at the intersection of SW Fairlawn Ave and SW Huntoon St

5201 SW HUNTOON ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1952
 Size: 5.5
 Classification: Neighborhood

This is a medium sized neighborhood park that has a lot of open space, mature trees, a drainage ditch running through it and some good amenities. The site is located along two busy streets with residential neighborhoods to the south and east.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment: +/-	Benches: 0
Tables: +	Trees: 0
Drinking fountain: +	Grill: -

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Consistent color theme throughout the park. Good visibility into park from residents.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Link existing play areas with an accessible walk. Perimeter walk would make nice loop trail. Older play elements should be removed and replaced. Young child play area needed.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Small landscaped feature add to color of the site but add a high maintenance area with limited access to water.

Image 2: Play equipment is in good shape with an accessible route to it for accessibility.



Image 3: Nice mature trees provide shade for older play amenities. Older amenities do not meet current standards for play equipment.



Image 4: Large expanses of undeveloped open space provide space for group activities.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Home Park**
 Date Completed: **10/08/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

East of SW Atwood avenue, south of SW 35th street

3510 SW ATWOOD AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1967**
 Size: **7.8 acres**
 Classification: **Neighborhood**

Horne Park is a large neighborhood park in the midst of a large residential area. There are a number of amenities located throughout the park with open space for passive recreation opportunities. The park has a good mixture of trees and open space. The trees are in generally good shape but are not generally desired species.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment: 0	Play structure: +
Turf: 0	Benches: 0
Backstop: -	Tables: 0
Trees: 0	

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Play structure is new and in good shape. Good accessibility to table and play structure. Good tree cover that shades amenities.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Play equipment other than structure is well maintained but old and dated. New play equipment and a walk system would tie park together. No drinking fountain in park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Main structure is accessible as well as a table. Majority of park is not.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Old play structure that is dated and not accessible.



Image 2: Evidence of an abundance of use on the older play equipment,



Image 3: Newer play structure with an accessible route and safety surface.



Image 4: Merry-go-round that is popular but dated and not accessible.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Horseshoe Bend Park**
 Date Completed: **10/20/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**

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1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE 43rd Terrace, west of SE Horseshoe Bend Drive

520 SE 43RD TERRACE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 2009
 Size: 5.8 acres
 Classification: Neighborhood

Large neighborhood park in a developing neighborhood. The park has a pond with a walking trail and some new amenities. The neighborhood has seen development in the past and is showing signs of increased homebuilding at this time.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: 0	Benches: 0
Turf: 0	Tables: 0
Playground: 0	Trash cans: 0

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Nice walk trail around pond provides for exercise opportunity to neighbors. Emerging neighborhood will have lots of kids. Nice amenities.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Need accessible route to playground and other amenities. Open air shelter would enhance park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4
 Access to park and around pond but not to other amenities.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Hard .28 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: New play structure that needs an improved safety surface and a walk to it.



Image 2: Small pond on the site is stocked by KDWPT as part of their Community Fisheries Assistance Program.



Image 3: The pond is a major focal point of the park.



Image 4: Walk trail around pond provides opportunity for park patrons to get out and walk.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Indian Hills Park
Date Completed: 10/15/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 25th street, west of SW Stutley court

2528 SW STUTLEY COURT



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1995
Size: .5 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Indian Hills Park is a small neighborhood park in a cul-de-sac. The park cannot be seen from a roadway that carries neighborhood traffic. It can be accessed by the residential walk system; there is minimal parking for drive up access.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: 0 Play equipment: 0/-
Trees: 0
Play structure: 0

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Accessible from ramp on street. Walk to play structure provides for accessibility. Nice trees that will shade whole park in future.

OPPORTUNITIES:

No benches or tables in park. No safety surface for play ground.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 2
Curb cut and route to play structure.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Play structure that has an accessible route but not an accessible surface.



Image 2: Aged play equipment that does not meet current standards .



Image 3: Stand alone structure that does not meet current standards. An accessible swing would be a more



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Jayhawk Park
 Date Completed: 10/21/2013
 Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE Lott street, east of SE Michigan avenue

1420 SE LOTT ST



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1996
 Size: .2 acres
 Classification: Neighborhood

Small neighborhood park in a residential area. The park is in a low area with poor access from the street. There are a number of amenities in the park that are dated.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: 0	Benches: 0
Turf: 0	Tables: 0
Play equipment: 0	BBQ grill: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Accessible route to bench and table.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Swing set is only play equipment and looks well used. New play equipment would enhance park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Accessible route to bench and table. No accessible equipment. Grill not accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Small open area with young trees that provide some shade.



Image 2: Walk from street provides access to the picnic table at the end of the walk.



Image 3: Play equipment shows signs of use but no walk or safety surface.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Keyway Park I**
 Date Completed: **9/30/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

North and south of Interstate 70 from SE 3rd Street to SE 10th Street

201 SE MADISON STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1968
 Size: 1.9 acres
 Classification: Specialty

Keyway Park is a series of small green spaces that are along I-70 through downtown Topeka. The spaces are intermittently spaced from SE 3rd to SE 10th on either side of the interstate.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Green space along I-70 on the east and west sides of the interstate, outside the fence between SE 4th and east of SE 10th Street.

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: This is among the larger parcels that make up the Keyway Parks.



Image 2: Median strip b/w ornamental fence and public parking. Per acre maintenance cost is high.



Image 3: exit ramp from I-70 with a strip of right-of-way greenspace.



Image 4: Parcel at the top of the bank from the interstate.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Keyway Park II
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North and south of Interstate 70 from 3rd to SE 10th Street



301 SE MADISON STREET

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1968
Size: 3.6 acres
Classification: Specialty

Keyway Park is a series of small green spaces that are along I-70 through downtown Topeka. The spaces are intermittently spaced from SE 3rd to SE 10th on either side of the interstate.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Green space along I-70 on the east and west sides of the interstate outside the fence. Between SE 3rd and east of SE 10th Street.

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Greenspace at the bottom of the elevated interstate near SE 3rd St.



Image 2: Greenspace adjacent to a public parking lot at the bottom of the slope up to the elevated interstate.

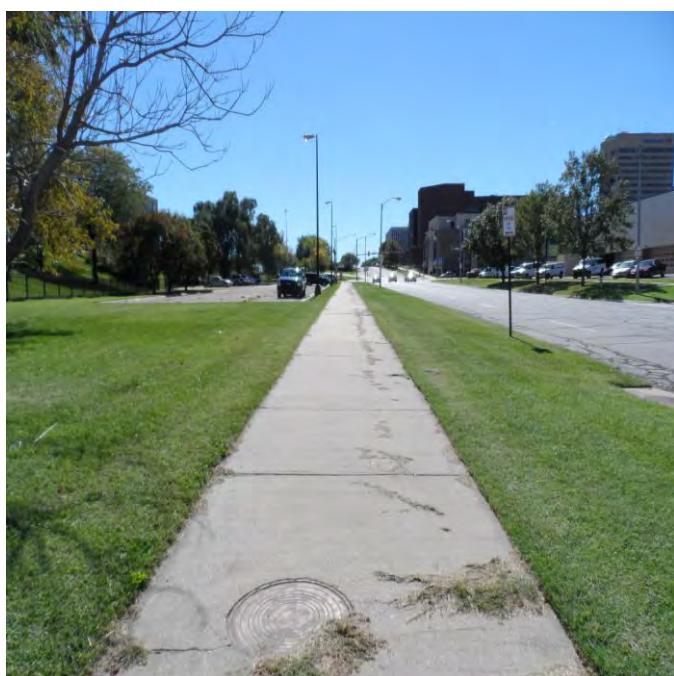


Image 3: Public sidewalk and greenspace that is across the street from the County Courthouse. High visibility area that is frequented by staff and the governing bodies of the City and County.



Image 4: Entrance ramp to I-70 at SE 4th St.



SHAWNEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Lake Shawnee Golf Course
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of se 45th street, west of se West Edge road

4141 SE WESTEDGE ROAD

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: 190 acres
Classification: Specialty

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **Daily**
Active/Passive: **Active**
Trail Distance: **Hard 4.64 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Lake Shawnee Trail
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

3137 SE 29TH STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: 7.2 miles
Classification: Trail (Hard)

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: As needed
Active/Passive: Active
Trail Distance: Hard 7.2 miles

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



SHAWNEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Lake Shore Parkway
Date Completed: 10/20/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Traffic median between lanes of traffic

3300 SE LAKESHORE BLVD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:

Size: 3.4 acres

Classification: Undeveloped

This site is a traffic median that separates the lanes of SE Lakeshore Blvd. The median has minimal landscaping on it but does provide greenspace for the residences that line the boulevard. The predominant feature of the median is the high voltage electrical distribution lines that run the length of the median.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Traffic median between east/west lanes of traffic on Lake Shore Blvd.

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/B

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



SHAWNEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Lakewood Park
Date Completed: 10/20/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE 25th Street, West of SE Lakewood Drive

2301 SE LAKWOOD DRIVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1910**

Size: **15.8 acres**

Classification: **Neighborhood**

Lakewood Park is a large neighborhood park with open space and large mature trees. There is an enclosed shelter located in Lakewood Park that has a small amount of old play equipment. There is very limited residential exposure at this location. The Landon Trail is located on the opposite side of Butcher Creek from Lakewood Park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: **0**

Shelter: **0**

Turf: **0**

Play equipment: -

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Shelter house is a nice addition. Proximity to the Landon Trail.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Play equipment is old and tired and needs replaced. No benches, tables or trash cans in park. Proximity of the Landon Trail could make Lakewood Park a trailhead if there was a way to get access to the trail.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Shelter is accessible from parking lot.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **95%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Enclosed shelter at Lakewood Park is available for rental for general public.



Image 2: Expansive open spaces with large mature trees highlight Lakewood Park.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Landon Trail
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

From SE 15th Street to SE Sanneman Drive along Butcher Creek



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: 4.5 Miles
Classification: Specialty

Landon Trail is a 4.75 multi-modal concrete trail that is part of the Rails to Trails program. The trail runs north and south from approximately SE 15th St to the south city limits. At that point the Kansas Rails to Trails Conservancy takes over and maintains the trail south of Topeka.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Strong connecting north-south trail route. Connects to the Shunga Trail at Butcher Creek where there is a round-about. Connects to new trail at SE 45th that will someday connect to Lake Shawnee.

OPPORTUNITIES: Improve trail surface from SE 45th St to the city limits at SE 53rd St. Signage along the trail at street and trail intersections would be an added benefit.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating:

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **90%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Monthly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Hard 4.75 Miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Separated lanes of the trail at a road intersection.



Image 2: Bridge over Shunga Creek near USD 501 Service Center.



Image 3: Separated lanes near road intersection with bollard to restrict motor vehicle traffic.

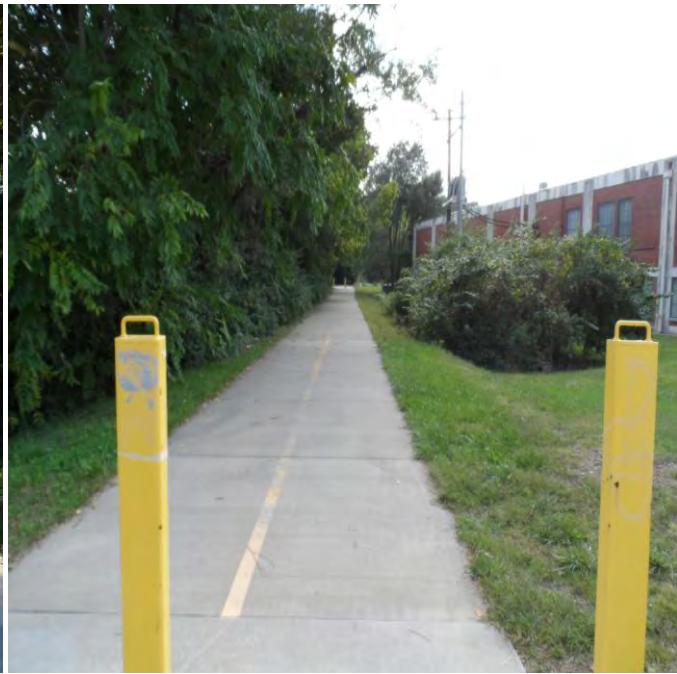


Image 4: Trail near the north terminus at SE 17th St.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Laurens Bay Park
Date Completed: 10/15/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 47th street, east of SW Vorse Street

4700 SW VORSE ROAD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 2010
Size: 7.1 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Lauren's Bay is a large neighborhood park that is still being developed. It is in a neighborhood that is still in the process of being developed. The park features a pond with a large water feature. The park ground itself had to be essentially cut out of a hillside. There is a residential walk system that gets you to the park but no interior walk system at this time. There is a new play structure and some tables and benches but all are in need of additional work to make them more useable.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: 0/-
Trees: 0
Play structure: 0
Pond: 0
Benches: 0
Tables: 0

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Cohesive color scheme. Pond and waterfall are nice features to work off of. Park is in a developing neighborhood.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Need to plant some trees for future shade. Need to develop an internal walk system between amenities. Nice play structure. Needs surface and walk. Fishing dock would be nice addition. Needs sign and trash cans.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

Curb cut at street for walk. No interior walks.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: New play structure that needs an accessible route and proper fall protection.



Image 2: New bench that overlooks the small pond that is part of the park.



Image 3: Water feature at the park that adds to the ambience. Will take ongoing maintenance to keep looking nice and in good working order.



Image 4: Pond that is part of the CFAP program and stocked by KDWPT. The addition of an accessible fishing dock and route would enhance the user experience.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Lindbloom Park
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SE 4th Street, West of SE Oak Bend Drive
3151 SE 45th Street



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: **16.83 acres**
Classification: **Undeveloped**

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating:

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **80%**
Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:

Image 1:

Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Major Palm Park
Date Completed: 10/14/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 37th street, west of SW Mulvane street

1815 SW 37TH STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1960

Size: 15.1 acres

Classification: Community

Major Palm Park sits back from the roadway and is not visible from the street. There are apartment complexes on the east and west with some residential to the north and an interstate highway to the south. The park is essentially split by a drainage ditch with all the amenities located on the north side of the ditch. The south side of the park has been discussed as a good area for a dog park. There is a good mix of open space with shade trees throughout the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Monument: +/0

Trees: 0

Restrooms: 0/-

Tables: 0

Turf: 0

Benches: 0

Play equipment: 0/-

Drinking Fountain: 0

Ball Diamond: 0

RATING KEY

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Multiple opportunities for park patron to participate in a variety of activities. Nice sized park with mature shade trees. Restrooms allow for longer patron visits. Existing drinking fountain and parking lot are in good shape.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Ball diamond needs a total renovation. Tables, benches, cans are different types and colors. Play equipment is old and tired. Need to crack seal parking lot.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 3

Exterior of restrooms, drinking fountain, bleacher pad accessible the rest of facilities are not.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Memorial plaque at the park entrance honoring the namesake of the park.



Image 2: Existing swing set that does not have an accessible route or surface.



Image 3: Softball diamond at the park that is functional but needs some updating to make more usable.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

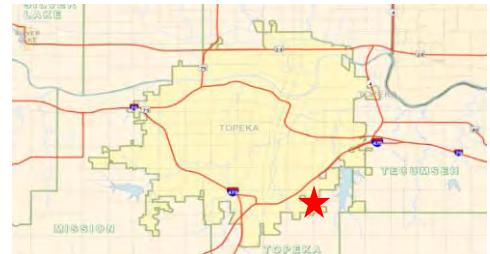
Name of Site: **Matthews Park**
 Date Completed: **10/17/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SE 37th Street, West of SE California Avenue

3723 SE COLORADO



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1953**
 Size: **12.8 acres**
 Classification: **Undeveloped**

This is a large undeveloped parcel of ground that is managed as a natural area. There are mowed trails throughout the parcel that provide for walking exercise. The residential to the north is limited; however residential development is coming towards the park from the south.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Parking: **0**

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Natural area with mowed soft trail. Good sized parcel that has development moving towards it from the south.

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**
 Active/Passive: **Active**
 Trail Distance: **Soft .5 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Expansive open area with mowed soft trails throughout the parcel.



Image 2: Mowed areas that are adjacent to houses to soften the transition from natural area to residential area.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site:	Meadowood Park
Date Completed:	9/30/2013
Completed By:	Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of NW Lyman Road, east of NW Vail Avenue



1850 NW LYMAN ROAD

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1989
Size: 3 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Meadowood Park is a neighborhood park with open turf areas as the predominant feature. The park is adjacent to a trailer park that presumably provides most of the patron. The park has a small play structure and few other amenities.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: **0** Table: **0**
Turf: **0** Walk: **0**
Play Structure: **0**
Play components: **0**

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Picnic table is on a pad with an accessible route. Decent play equipment but not accessible.

OPPORTUNITIES:

No trash cans, only one table. Poor drainage throughout park. No safety surface on accessible path and swings. Path to play structure and top tier is not accessible due to lip at end of walk. Walk to trailer court would allow for ease of access.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 3

Walk to facility from Lyman Road but not from trailer court. Lip at play structure to platform limits accessibility. Picnic table is not accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open area along NW Lyman road with younger shade trees.



Image 2: Picnic table on pad with a path but not an accessible route.



Image 3: Small play structure at the park that is on an accessible route. Structure and surface are in decline.



Image 4: Barbecue grills show little signs of use. They are not on an accessible route and do not have ash



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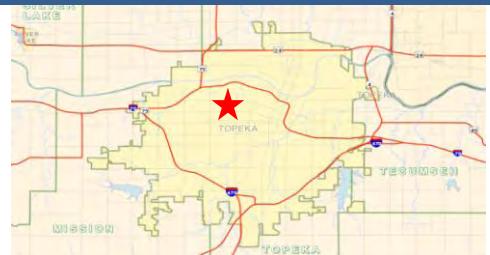
Name of Site: **Medford Park**
 Date Completed: **10/01/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SW 8th Ave at SW Medford Ave

740 SW MEDFORD AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1967**

Size: **.6**

Classification: **Neighborhood**

Medford Park is a very small neighborhood park that has few amenities. The park is located in a good stable neighborhood. Ward-Martin Creek runs along the east boundary of the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Perimeter walk: **0**

Picnic table (1): **0**

Play equipment, swings and merry-go-round: **0**

RATING KEY

+ Excellent Condition

0 Good Condition

- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Corner lot location. Good visibility from residences.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Needs 1-2 trash cans. New play structure would add to park. Existing play equipment is old and tired. Not accessible. Walk up or street parking.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **100%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Old and dated play equipment needs to be replaced with a modern play structure.



Image 2: Lack of route to tables and other features of the park make it inaccessible to individuals with limited mobility.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Nana's Park**
Date Completed: **9/30/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SE 37th, East of SE California avenue

SE 37TH AND SE CALIFORNIA AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **0**
Size: **1.8 acres**
Classification: **Neighborhood**
Small neighborhood park with a small parking lot and a nice mix of amenities. Situated at the corner of two busy streets the park has a significant residential exposure to the south and east. Off street parking makes it more usable to families from furthest reaches of the neighborhood.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playground: 0	Turf: 0
Benches: 0	Trees: 0
Table: +	Parking: 0
Trash cans: 0	

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Off street parking with asphalt lot. Playground equipment is in good shape. Interior walk allows for access to amenities.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Benches are not at a comfortable height for patrons. Wood chip surface could be improved with a rubber surface.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Good access through park. Limited by fall surface at play structure.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Active**
Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Oak Parkway Park**
Date Completed: **10/15/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 29th street, west of SW Randolph

2915 SW RANDOLPH



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1960
Size: 3.3 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Oak Parkway Park is a small linear park at the corner of SW 29th St and SW Randolph Ave. The predominant characteristic of the park is that it has a connection to the Shunga Trail located here. The park runs along the south branch of the Shunganunga Creek and has a good mix of shaded woodland and open space.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment: -

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

This park is essentially a green space at the intersection of two roads. There is a connection to the Shunga Trail that exists at this park with an underpass under SW 29th St.

OPPORTUNITIES: Enhanced signage to denote the Shunga Trail connection would enhance the park. New play equipment and an accessible route would enhance use.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **100%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Single play structure in the park is not accessible and does not have an approved safety surface.



Image 2: Mature shade trees that are adjacent to the South Branch of the Shunganunga Park.



Image 3: View down SW Randolph showing the existing greenspace that makes up the majority of the park.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Oakland Billiard Park**
Date Completed: **10/01/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of NE Sardou Avenue, west of NE Poplar Street



2000 NE SARDOU AVENUE

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1957
Size: 41.2 acres
Classification: Community

Oakland Billiard Park is a community park with a community center, pool, ball diamonds, walking trail, skate park and other amenities that one would expect in a community park. The park serves the Oakland community of Topeka and is very popular and beloved by residents of the community.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment 1: +	Tables: 0	Turf: 0
Play equipment 2: 0	Restrooms: 0	Trees: 0
Play components: 0	Skate park: 0	Landscape: 0
Benches: +	Aquatic facility: -	

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Large Park with lots of amenities. Ball fields are tired. Nice walk system through park. There are many nice mature shade trees that are located in the park. The skate park is a nice amenity that is heavily used.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Need to update or remove play equipment east of center. Ball fields need renovation to bring up to date. Aquatic facility is old and beyond useful life span.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Good walk system through park linking amenities. Play equipment is not accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Active**
Trail Distance: **Hard 1.1 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



FACILITY INVENTORY

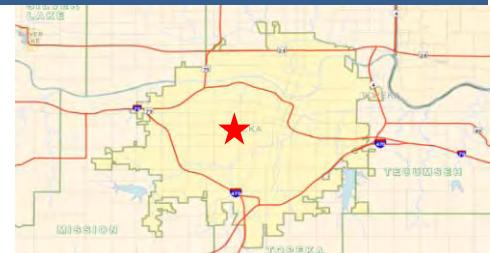
Name of Site: Oakley Circles
Date Completed: 9/9/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Various parcels located around SW 20th Ave and SW Oakley Ave

2000 SW OAKLEY AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1971
Size: .75
Classification: Undeveloped

Oakley Circles is a series of traffic islands dotted throughout the area. The parcels are all small in size and have no amenities other than trees and turf.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

No facilities or amenities.

Turf: 0

Trees: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Provides green space at intersection.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Irrigation would allow for improved turf quality. Low spots need filled and stumps need to be removed at SW 20th and SW Westwood.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: One of several medians at SW 20th and SW Birchwood.



Image 2: Green space and trees breaks up the intersection providing a visual respite.



Image 3: Small traffic circle at SW 20th and SW Westwood.

Image 4: Cul-de-sac at SW Westwood Dr and SW Westwood circle.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Oakwood Hills Park
Date Completed: 10/17/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE 42nd Street, West of SE Adams street

4201 SE ADAMS STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1977
Size: 2.2 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Small neighborhood park across SE Adams from a trailer court. The park has limited amenities. The experience could be enhanced with the addition of new play equipment and benches and tables. The predominant feature of the site is open space.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment: 0/-
Parking lot: 0
Turf: 0
Trees: 0

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Good immature trees near parking lot and play equipment. Good open space for group activities. Asphalt parking lot.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Backstop is in bad shape and needs repair. Play equipment is old with no walk to it. No walk throughout park. No tables or benches.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4
No access to play equipment.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Active
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Pinecrest Park
Date Completed: 10/22/13
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE Pinecrest Drive, West of SE Indiana Avenue

1230 SE PINECREST DRIVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1951
Size: .9 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Small neighborhood park in the middle of a residential neighborhood. The park has good visibility from across SE Pinecrest Drive. Homes to the north of the park back up to the park. The park has dated amenities that should be updated to make the park more attractive to area patrons.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: 0
Turf: 0
Play equipment: 0/-

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Nice group of bald cypress trees that provide shade. Good visibility to park from homes across street.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Play equipment is old and tired. New structure with an accessible walk and matching tables, benches and trash cans would be great.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 5
No accessible route to play equipment.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Active
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:

Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Potwin Islands
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

West 1st; SW 2nd; SW 3rd; at SW Woodland
West 1st; SW 2nd; SW 3rd; at Greenwood



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1899
Size: 2 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Potwin islands are a series of traffic islands that are in the road intersections of the Potwin neighborhood. Each island has mature trees, electrical service, water, bench and signage.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: 0/-
Turf: 0/-
Landscape: 0/-
Signage: 0/-

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

The Potwin Islands provide excellent neighborhood character. There is a strong connection with the islands from the residents of Potwin.

OPPORTUNITIES:

There is a general neglected look to the islands that is likely inherent in the priority given to their care by the parks division and the inability of the neighborhood to pick up the slack. With sufficient funds and manpower these islands could be a focal point of the neighborhood.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Stone curbs match the curbs along the streets of Potwin.



Image 2: Most of the islands show damage from cars driving into them. Turf quality is fair.



Image 3: Each island has a curb cut with a brick sidewalk to the interior of the island.



Image 4: Smaller island at the end of a street at SW Willow.



Image 5: Some of the islands show deterioration of the stone curb. Others have recently had their stone curbs repaired.



Image 6: Another island at SW Willow with a slightly different configuration.

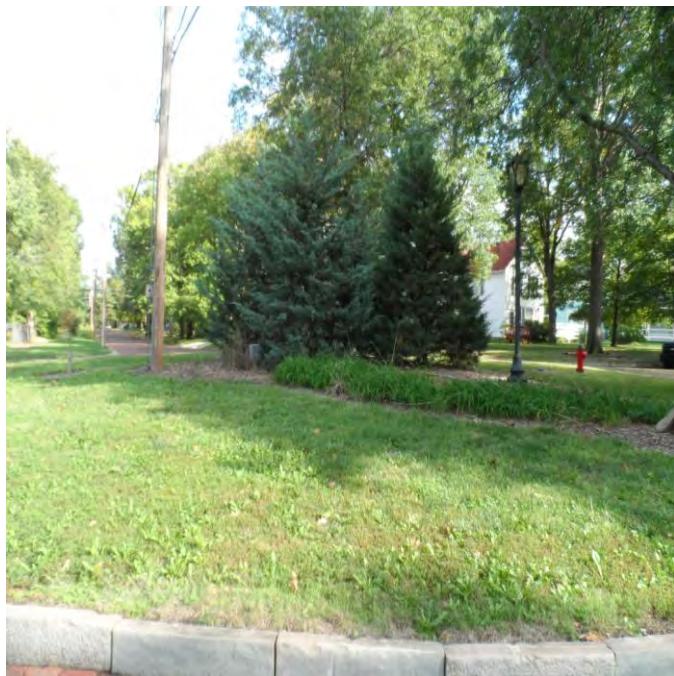


Image 7: Island on NW Grove. The islands on NW Grove have a half moon appearance to them.



Image 8: Island on a main road in Potwin with concrete curbs that do not match the stone of the majority of the islands. Nice mature shade trees on many islands.

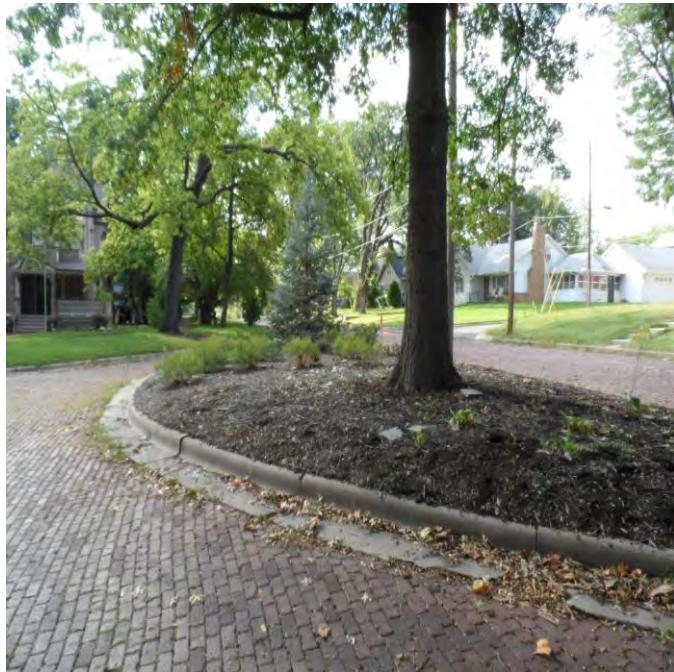


Image 9: Half moon island on NW Grove with concrete curbs.



Image 10: Half moon island on NW Grove with no trees but stone curbs. Tree on this island was killed by a gas leak and not replaced.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Rice Park
Date Completed: 10/01/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels

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1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE 6th Avenue, East of SE Norwood Street

520 SE NORWOOD STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1965

Size: 16.5 acres

Classification: Community

Rice Park is a community park on the east edge of Topeka. Rice has a community center that operates primarily as a senior center. Rice features a nine hole disc golf course, basketball court, open air shelter and play equipment.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Tables: **0** Play structure: +
Shelter: + Disc Golf: +
Grill (Big): **0** Landscape: 0
Grill (small): - Turf: **0**

Trees: **0**
Basketball court: **0**

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: A nine hole disc golf course is located on both sides of the existing drainage ditch. There are tees and baskets features around the tree line. There are small natural areas throughout the disc golf course. The presence of the Community Center allows for the possibility of long term visits at the park. Good play equipment and open air shelter that are in close proximity to the center and each other.

OPPORTUNITIES: Need benches and additional tables for patrons. Additional trash cans. Park is hidden behind homes and hard to find.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Rice Community Center. This center hosts part-time recreational programming and is the site for the East Topeka Senior Center.

Image 2: Park features an accessible open air shelter with tables.



Image 3: Playground structure that is just outside the community center. The structure has an accessible walk to it and a rubber mat safety surface below it.

Image 4: Large bbq grill adjacent to the open air shelter.



Image 5: Rice Park has a nine hole disc golf course on the grounds. The holes have natural areas adjacent to them that create additional challenges to the disc golfer.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Ripley Park**
 Date Completed: **10/01/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SE 2nd Street, East of SE Lawrence street

300 SE LAWRENCE STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1916**
 Size: **19.06 acres**
 Classification: **Community**

Ripley Park is a community park in east Topeka that was damaged in the 1966 Topeka tornado. At one time Ripley had a community center and a pool. Ripley Park now has clusters of play equipment and sport courts that are largely in disrepair. The relative remoteness of the park and nearby low income housing makes for a large amount of vandalism. The park does have a large open air shelter and restrooms.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Picnic tables: -/+	Restrooms: +
Grills (big & small): 0	Basketball courts: -
Parking lot: 0	Turf: 0
Play equipment: 0	Trees: 0

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Lots of nice mature shade trees. Nice interior walk. Lots of picnic tables. Good sized park system.

OPPORTUNITIES: Many picnic tables in bad shape. Shelter needs a new roof and a coat of paint, wood repair. Play equipment is tired. Some components are accessible. Court surfaces are in bad shape and choked with weeds.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Good walk system through park connecting some, but not all amenities.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
 Active/Passive: **Active**
 Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **River Front Park**
 Date Completed: **9/30/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of NW Curtis, West of NW Topeka blvd

300 NW CURTIS



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 2011
 Size: 5 acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Proximity to river makes for premium park opportunity. Parks Division shop facilities are located at this location and help meet the needs of the Parks and Recreation Department.

OPPORTUNITIES: Much talk over the years to develop the river front for public activity. Topeka Bridge provides striking impact for park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
 Active/Passive: **Passive**
 Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



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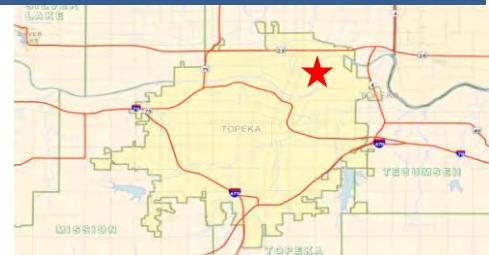
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Riverside ATV Park
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels

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1. SITE LOCATION:

1599 NE Chester Ave



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1952

Size: 100 acres

Classification: Specialty

Riverside ATV Park is a large specialty park that is dedicated solely to off road trail riding for motorcycles and all terrain vehicles. There are a number of trails present at the site that allow for these types of vehicles to be used. The site is a mix of open area and trees and is adjacent to the Kansas River.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Signage: -

Trails: -

Trashcans: -

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Very few sites like this exist in the area. The actual site is relatively removed from residential areas.

OPPORTUNITIES: Development of a parking lot off of the roadway would alleviate some of the problems with the site and patrons driving their off road vehicles to the site or parking a vehicle and trailer on the road. Trails need to be better defined and managed. Need to better manage conflict b/w patrons and the adjacent property owners. Need to develop an ATV loading and unloading area.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 5

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 100%

Maintenance Schedule: As Needed

Active/Passive: Active

Trail Distance:

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:

Image 1:

Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Romig Park
Date Completed: 10/15/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of sw 21st street, west of SW Randolph drive

3001 SW 21ST STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1972

Size: 3.8 acres

Classification: Neighborhood

Romig Park is a small neighborhood park that was given to the PR Department by the National Park Service as a part of the Federal Lands to Parks Program. It is a generally undeveloped parcel with a few old play elements and benches. There are a few shade trees located throughout the parcel.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Benches: 0

Playground equipment: 0/-

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Green space that runs along a busy road, serves to break up the landscape. Parcel is part of the National Park Service, Federal Lands to Parks Program.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Landscaping along road would add to visual impact. No definition between park and adjoining space exists .

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 5 N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open space that can be used for a variety of recreational uses.



Image 2: One of several pieces of play equipment that are aged and in need of replacement.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

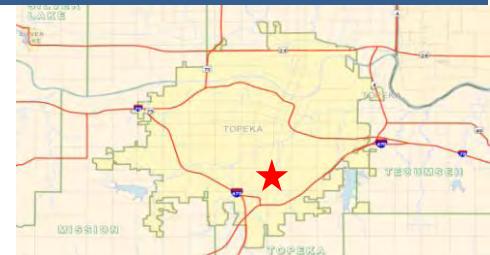
Name of Site: **Samuel Jackson Park**
 Date Completed: **10/02/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE 10th Avenue, East of SE Chandler

1220 SE 10TH AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1920**

Size: **2.6 acres**

Classification: **Neighborhood**

Samuel Jackson is a neighborhood park in east Topeka. The park is a triangular park between SE8th and SE 10th St. SE 10 St carries a lot of traffic daily. The park features a community center, spray park, and play ground. The park has many mature shade trees that provide comfortable conditions for park patrons during the summer months.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play structure: +	Tables: 0
Play components: 0	Trees: 0
Spray Park: +	Turf: 0
Benches: 0	

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Interior walks tie many elements together. Mature trees provide for shade. The spray park is a neighborhoods draw for the park. The play equipment is newer and in relatively good shape.

OPPORTUNITIES: Drinking fountain in park is needed. Better and colorful trash cans will tie colors together. Depending on what happens with the community center at the park, restrooms may be needed for the spray park. Some of the older play elements should be removed and replaced with new.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

Most amenities tied together. Play equipment is accessible.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **100%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance:

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Spray park that is located north and east of Abbott Community Center.



Image 2: Example of older play equipment that is present in the park.



Image 3: Newer play structure that is available for use.



Image 4: Play equipment that is available for younger kids that lacks an accessible route and surface.



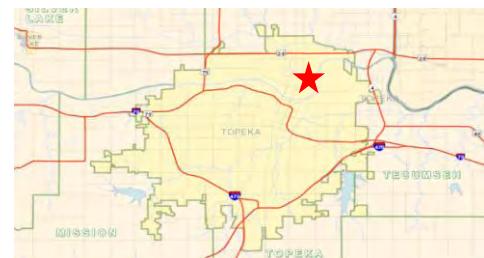
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Santa Fe Park
Date Completed: 10/07/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of NE Division Road, East of NE River Road



1500 NE DIVISION ROAD

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1955
Size: 12.2 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Santa Fe Park is a large neighborhood park with off street parking for the two ball diamonds and play area. The north portion is primarily open space that can be used for group activities, while the south portion has a good number of shade trees around picnic tables and play equipment. The park has an interior walk system that connects many of the amenities and connects the park with Oakland Billard Park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Walk system: +	Basketball Court: -	Play structure: +
Drinking Fountains(s): +	Trash cans: 0	Play equipment: 0
Ball diamonds: 0	Tables: +	Horseshoes: -
Benches: 0	Parking: 0	
Soccer Field: 0	Grill: 0	

RATING KEY

+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Walk system makes the entire park accessible. The walk system creates a nice walk for the neighborhood to use for exercise. Tables are the same throughout and in good shape. Nice play structure with much graffiti clean-up.

OPPORTUNITIES: Ball diamonds and basketball courts are tired and in need of a renovation. Horseshoe courts need to go away or be refined. Trash cans are in bad shape. Parking lot is a good size but needs crack sealing.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 1

Walk around and through the park makes for good access.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 100%
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Active
Trail Distance: Hard .95 miles

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: One of two ball fields present in the park. Generally in good shape but updating of materials would help enhance usability.



Image 2: Basketball court that was converted from a tennis court. The court is in need of a resurfacing job.



Image 3: Newer play structure that is in good shape with an accessible route and surface.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Seabrook Park
Date Completed: 10/9/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels

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1. SITE LOCATION:

South of sw 25th street, west of SW gage blvd

2501 SW GAGE BLVD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1952

Size: 3.2 acres

Classification: Neighborhood

Seabrook Park is a neighborhood park that is located on SW Gage Blvd. The park is primarily open space with some shade trees throughout. There is some old play equipment scattered throughout the park. There is no off street parking and no interior walk system.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: **0**

Trees: **0**

Play equipment: **0**

Tables: -

Benches: -

Trash cans: -

Backstop: **0**

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Good mature trees in mix of species. Good open space for recreational activities.

OPPORTUNITIES:

No tables, benches or trash cans in park. Perimeter and interior walk system would open up park. New play structure and drinking fountain would enhance experience.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**

Walk along SW Gage is accessible with curb cuts. No interior walks.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open space amid mature trees. Turf quality is fair to good.



Image 2: Sand diggers that are very popular but messy and difficult to maintain.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

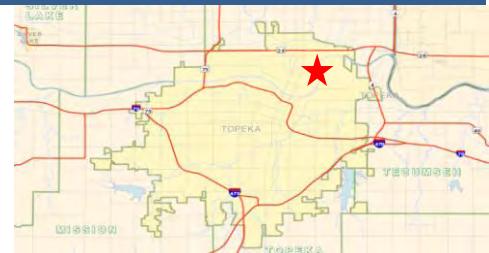
Name of Site: **Seward Avenue Boat Ramp**
 Date Completed: **10/03/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of NE Seward Avenue, East of NE Kincaid Road

4400 NE SEWARD AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1989
 Size: 2 acres
 Classification: Specialty

Seward Ave boat ramp is a specialty area at NE Seward Ave on the Kansas River. The boat ramp provides water craft access to the Kansas River. The area has a gravel parking lot and a concrete boat ramp.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

There are no amenities at this site other than the boat ramp itself.

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: One of a few public access points to the Kansas River.

OPPORTUNITIES: Amenities like benches, tables and trash cans are lacking. Signage indicating river use safety and park rules would be a nice added touch.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **100%**

Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance:

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Existing boat ramp that extends to the Kansas River.



Image 2: Existing asphalt chip parking lot that serves the facility.



FACILITY INVENTORY

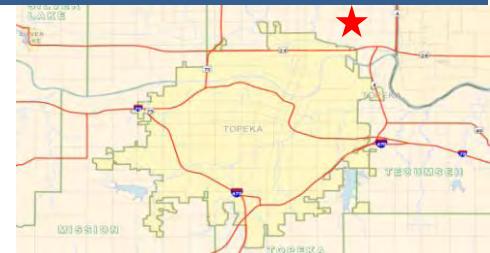
Name of Site: Shawnee North Community Park
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of NE 43rd Street, East of North Kansas Avenue

300 NE 43RD STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1920

Size: 69.9 acres

Classification: Community

Shawnee North Community Park is a 70 acre park complete with ball diamonds, tennis courts, community center, large aquatic facility, nature trail and many other amenities. The park is located north of Topeka on NE 43rd St. The many amenities make it a popular destination park for folks from Shawnee County and nearby Jefferson County. The park is the site of the former Shawnee County Poor Farm.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Signage: 0	Drinking fountain: 0	Play structure: 0
Tennis courts (s): 0	Landscape: +/0	Benches: 0
Youth Soccer: +	Turf: 0	Tables: 0
Sand Volleyball: 0	Trees: 0	Trash cans: 0
Ball Diamonds: +/0	Concession/Restrooms: 0	Aquatic facility: +
Community Center: 0/-	Shelter: +	Nature Trail: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Ball diamonds (4) are in generally good shape. Landscape elements throughout are good. Aquatic facility is a strong feature of park. There is an abundance of open space for passive activity and soccer. Good parking that meets the need is available at the site.

OPPORTUNITIES: Tennis courts are in need of resurfacing. Mix of colors and styles of benches, tables and trash cans. Needs remedied. Parking lots need to have cracks sealed. Community center has an aged grace to it but needs exterior remodeling including renovation or removal of the porch. The addition of a gym would greatly enhance the usability of the facility. Lack of access to sanitary sewer requires the use of a lagoon, aquatic facility holding pond and dumping of pool water into adjacent creek. Improvements to nature trail would make it much more user friendly. Addition of a perimeter walk around park would be a great asset.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating:

No elevator in community center.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **33%**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Soft 2.5 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Existing tennis courts that are in good shape at the present. A new surface will be needed in the near future.



Image 2: Existing youth soccer fields on the site of the old pool. Turf is in good shape for athletic use.



Image 3: Sand volleyball courts.



Image 4: One of four ball fields that host youth and adult baseball and softball.



Image 5: Existing play structure that is in good shape. Accessible route with a combination wood chip and



Image 6: Shawnee North Aquatic Facility, the premier aquatic facility in the park system.



Image 7: Open air shelter that is available for reservation. Adjacent to the aquatic facility.

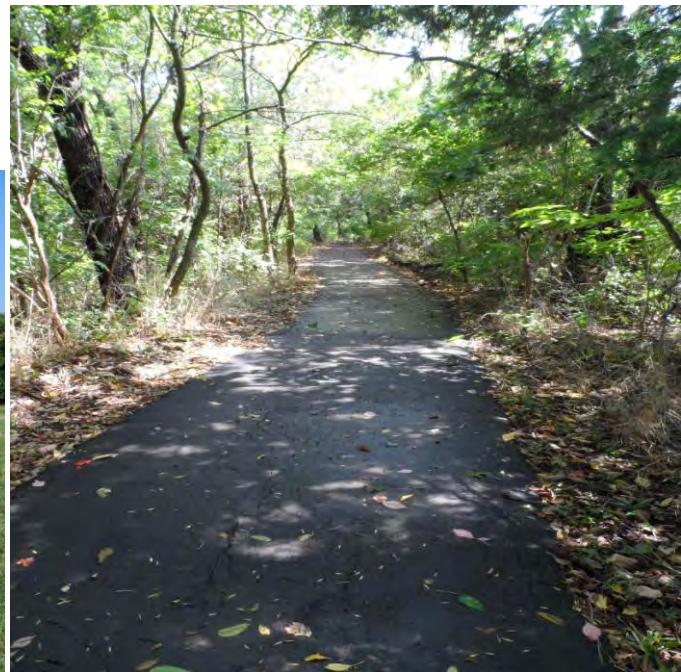


Image 8: Nature trail that is part of a 2.5 mile trail system in Shawnee County North Community Park.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Shimer Park
Date Completed: 10/07/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 20th Street, West of South Kansas Avenue

2037 S KANSAS AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1909
Size: 1.7 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

This is a small neighborhood park with just a few amenities. The primary feature of this park is a connection to the Shunga Trail at this location.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

BBQ Grill: 0	Drinking Fountain: +
Table: 0	Trees: 0
Play Equipment: 0	Turf: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Adjacent to the Shunga Trail, high visibility to South Kansas Avenue. Good tree cover providing shade.

OPPORTUNITIES: Little connection between amenities. A small concrete connection is needed between Shunga Trail and SW 20th Street. No benches. Bench on trail would be good. Play equipment is minimal and tired.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4
Little connectivity between amenities.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 100%
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Active
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Outdated play equipment that is on the site. No accessible route or surface.



Image 2: Open space in Shimer Park that is adjacent to the Shunga Trail.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Shunga Parkway Park**
 Date Completed: **10/22/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW Shunga Drive, West of SW Washburn drive

2501 SW WASHBURN AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1943**
 Size: **14 acres**
 Classification: **Community**

Linear community park that follows the Shunga Creek. This parcel has a mix of open space and large mature shade trees. The Shunga Trail runs along this park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Playground: **+**
 Trees: **0**
 Turf: **0**
 Trash cans: **0**
 Benches: **+**
 Tables: **0**

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Good visibility to the park from residents across the street on SW Shunga. There is a newer play structure that is accessible from the trail but not the street. The Shunga Trail runs along the park and brings a lot of activity to the park. Good mix of quality shade trees throughout the park. There are a lot of benches for seating as you go along the trail.

OPPORTUNITIES: There is a need for additional trashcans and picnic tables. Access to the play structure from the street would be a good thing. There is some older play equipment that should be replaced or removed.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **100%**
 Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
 Active/Passive: **Active**
 Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:

Image 1:



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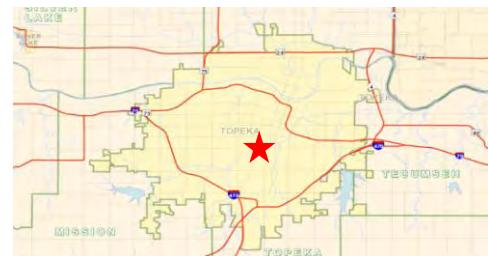
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Shunga Trail**
 Date Completed: **9/30/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

From SW Fairlawn at Crestview East to SE 2nd along the Shunga creek



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1988
 Size: 8 miles
 Classification: Trail (Hard)

Multimodal trail system that extends 8 miles from west Topeka to east Topeka and connects to the Landon Trail and Deer Creek Trail. Development started in 1988 and continues with the approval of phase 12 to SW 29th St.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Heavily used on the west end for primarily recreational uses. Meanders primarily through the park system for much of the route. Connects with several other trails and the bikeway system.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Need for additional drinking fountains and restrooms along the trail. Better signage to point out amenities and connectors. The extension to SW 29th needs to be completed to get users past I-470 and SW 29th St and make a connection to SW McClure Rd and the Safe Route to School path that will get school kids back and forth from French Middle School and McClure Elementary School.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **2**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **100%**

Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: **Hard 8 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



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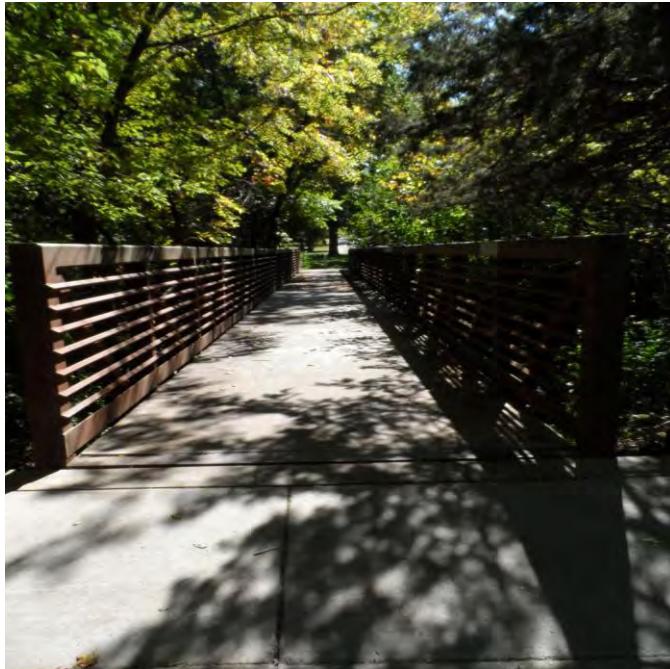


Image 3:

Image 1:

Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Sims Park
Date Completed: 10/01/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Located at SW 19th St and SW Sims Ave. Small island park with roadway on all sides

1842 SW SIMS AVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1912
Size: .7 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Sims Park is a small neighborhood that is bordered on all sides by roadway. There are a few small amenities in the park with several mature shade trees.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Play equipment: -
Trash can: -
Turf: 0
Trees: 0

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Residences look into park, good visibility. Nice open area in center.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Playground - old elements that are inaccessible. Need new trash cans. New equipment would add a great deal to park.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

<u>RATING KEY</u>	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Active

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Old play elements need replaced with modern equipment.



Image 2: Good stand of mature trees exist providing shade for park patrons.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Soldier Creek Trail**
Date Completed: **9/30/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

NW Lyman Road to Garfield Community Center along New Soldier Creek channel



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: 1.9 miles
Classification: Trail

Soldier Creek Trail runs primarily east/west along the old Soldier Creek channel from Garfield Park to NW Lyman Rd. The trail is a concrete trail with benches, trash cans and a drinking fountain located along it. The trail goes by several parks and green spaces as well as the North YMCA.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trash cans: **0**
Signage: **0**
Drinking fountain (Topeka Blvd): **+**

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Crosswalk at signal and North Topeka Blvd is a big plus.

OPPORTUNITIES: More benches would create more rest stops.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **1**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**
Active/Passive: **Active**
Trail Distance: **Hard 1.9 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Natural area in Garfield Park that is adjacent to Soldier Creek Trail.



Image 2: Picnic shelter and Vietnam War Memorial that is adjacent to the Soldier Creek Trail in Garfield Park.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Southboro Park
Date Completed: 10/21/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels

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1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE 45th Street, West of SE Michigan Avenue

4451 SE MICHIGAN AVENUE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1980
Size: 3.6 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

Wooded area that is divided by a drainage ditch.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Undeveloped drainage area that is covered in trees and shrubs.

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



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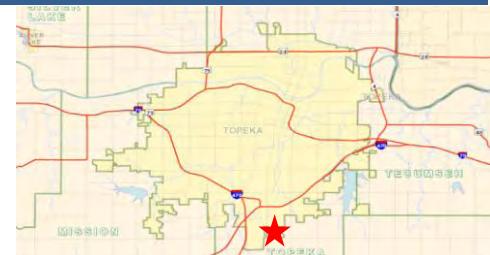
Name of Site: Terra Heights Park
Date Completed: 10/20/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SW Heights Road, West of SW Terra Drive

100-200 BLOCKS SW TERRA DRIVE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1952
Size: 2.6 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Small neighborhood park that is behind homes in the Terra Heights neighborhood. There is very limited access to the parcel from anyone other than homeowners that share a property line with the park. There is a drainage ditch that divides the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: 0
Turf: 0
Play equipment: -

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Only park opportunity for families in the neighborhood.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Park runs behind houses in neighborhood with very limited access. Ditch through middle of park is getting deeper and wider. Play equipment is very old and very tired. No tables, benches or trash cans.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 5

No access throughout.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0

Maintenance Schedule: Weekly

Active/Passive: Active

Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Brick walk to wrought iron pergola provide unique design characteristic to the space.



Image 2: Low rock wall with brick cap defines the space well.



Image 3: Rock wall is weathered and in need of repair to stabilize.



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Undeveloped – SE 4th Street and SE Jefferson
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

SOUTH OF SE 4TH STREET, EAST OF SE ADAMS

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

Small undeveloped green space adjacent to the roadway.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths: Green space

Opportunities: Relatively low visibility and visual impact

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Passive
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Undeveloped – SE 33rd and SE Indiana**
Date Completed: **10/22/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Vacant lot on the NW corner of SE 33rd and SE Indiana



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: .33 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

Vacant lot on SW Indiana.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Vacant lot

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Undeveloped – SE 47th and SE Mercier**
 Date Completed: **10/20/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Farm ground on SE Mercier between SE 47th and SE 48th, East side of SE Mercier



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
 Size: 1.75 acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Drainage ditch with some turf and cultivated field.

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule: **0**
 Active/Passive: **Passive**
 Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Undeveloped - SW 7th Ave and SW Frazier Ct
Date Completed: 9/9/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Traffic island on SW Frazier Court south of SW 7th Street



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: _____
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Traffic circle in a cul-de-sac.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Traffic circle.
One red maple tree in center: +

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:
None discernible

OPPORTUNITIES:
None

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule:
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Traffic island that is the parcel. Complete with tree and utility pole.



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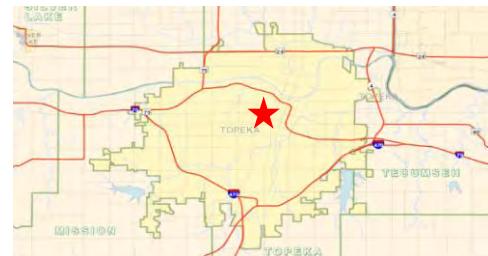
Name of Site: Undeveloped – SW 8th and SW Buchanan
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Median on SW 8th between SW Buchanan and SW Lincoln

SW 8TH AND SW BUCHANAN



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **0**
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

This space is a landscaped median on SW 8th St. that separates two lanes of traffic. It runs for one block.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Turf: **0**
Trees: **0**
Landscape: **0**

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Landscaped median.

OPPORTUNITIES: Irrigation would improve turf quality.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Welcome sign to Old Town that was provided by the NIA.



Image 2: Landscaped median on SW 8th that makes up this parcel.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Undeveloped – SW 8th Ave and SW Vesper Ave**
 Date Completed: **10/01/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Traffic island at the intersection of SW 8th Ave and SW Vesper Ave



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
 Size: .25 acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

Half-moon traffic island at a street intersection.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Traffic island with three traffic signs, one utility pole and a fire hydrant.

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

None discernible.

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A
 Sidewalk on east/west axis.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule:

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Very small space that separates flow of traffic.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Undeveloped – SW 21st and SW Harrison**
 Date Completed: **10/20/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Vacant lot SW corner of SW 21st and SW Harrison



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
 Size: .25 acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Vacant lot at SW Corner of SW Harrison and SW 21st Street

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
 Active/Passive: **Passive**
 Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



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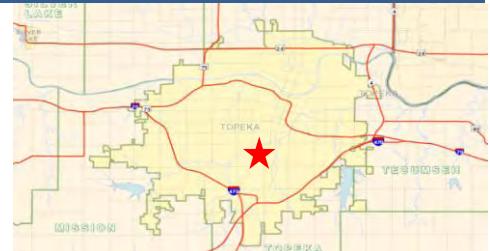
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Undeveloped - SW 26th and SW Western
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Traffic Island



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Traffic island with turf.

<u>RATING KEY</u>	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:

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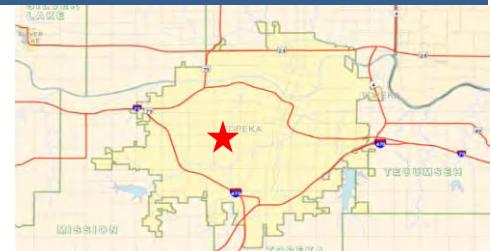
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Name of Site: Undeveloped – SW 28th Terrace (West of Gage Blvd)
 Date Completed: 9/9/2013
 Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Traffic island on SW 28th Terrace, south of SW 28th Street
 (West of Gage Blvd)



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
 Size: .25 acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

This parcel is a traffic island that is located on a cul-de-sac.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Landscape: N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Green space for the neighborhood.

OPPORTUNITIES:

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
 Maintenance Schedule:
 Active/Passive: Passive
 Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Undeveloped – SW 29th and SW DeSousa Court
Date Completed: 10/15/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

EAST OF SW 29TH STREET ON SW DESOUSA COURT

TRAFFIC ISLAND

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

Traffic circle that is located on a cul-de-sac in a neighborhood.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Circular traffic island on cul-de-sac with some landscape elements

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: As needed
Active/Passive: Passive
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



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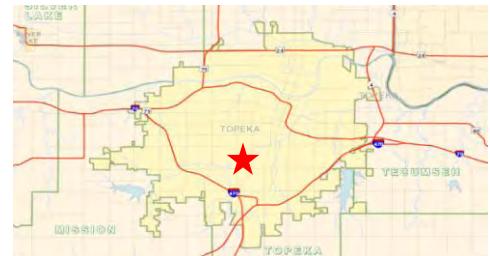
FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Undeveloped – SW Burlingame and SW Clontarf**
 Date Completed: **10/20/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Vacant lot on the NE corner of SW Burlingame and SW Clontarf



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
 Size: .25 acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Vacant lot at the corner of SW Burlingame and SW Clontarf

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
 Active/Passive: **Passive**
 Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Undeveloped – SW Damon Court
Date Completed: 10/20/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SW 29th street, west of SW Boswell (cul-de-sac)



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Cul-de-sac on SW Damon Court

<u>RATING KEY</u>	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating:

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Undeveloped – SW Granthurst and SW Terrace**
Date Completed: **10/20/2013**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Traffic Island at SW Granthurst and SW Terrace



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Traffic island with turf and knock out roses.

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Undeveloped – SW Merriam Court and SW Granthurst**
Date Completed: **10/20/13**
Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

Traffic Island at SW Merriam Court and SW Granthurst



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Traffic island with turf.

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: N/A

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
Active/Passive: **Passive**
Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:

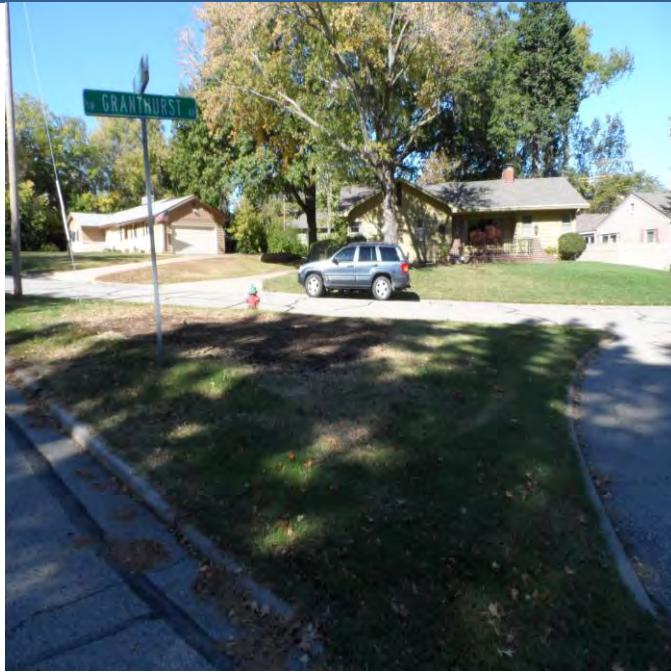


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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Undeveloped – SW Warner Court
 Date Completed: 9/9/2013
 Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Traffic island on SW Warner Court, east of SW Oakley Avenue, North of SW 20th Street



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
 Size: .25 acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

Traffic island on SW Warner Court with some landscape elements.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Landscape: **0**
 Trees: **0**

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Provides green space on cul-de-sac at SW Warner Court.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Remove landscape timbers to improve appearance.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule:

Active/Passive: Passive

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Small landscaped cul-de-sac on SW Warner Ct.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Undeveloped - SW Wildwood Lane
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

On SW wildwood lane east of SW Plass (cul-de-sac)



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age:
Size: .25 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths: N/A

Opportunities: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating:

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: 0
Active/Passive: Passive
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:

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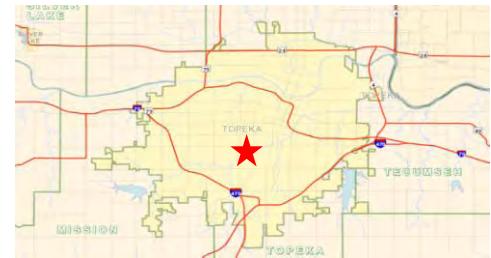
Name of Site: Unnamed Park
Date Completed: 10/20/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels

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1. SITE LOCATION:

North of SE 25th Street, West of SE Monroe Street

2301 SE MONROE STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1975
Size: 2.9 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Undeveloped ground adjacent to rail road tracks.

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Greenspace in the area.

OPPORTUNITIES: N/A

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Passive
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:

Image 1:

Image 2:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Veteran's Park
Date Completed: 10/03/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

North end of Kansas Avenue Bridge



131 NW LAURENT STREET

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1968
Size: 4.4 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Neighborhood park that is located adjacent to the NOTO district of North Topeka. The park is relatively undeveloped with a large parking lot and several parcels on either side of the Kansas Avenue Bridge. There is a veteran's memorial with flags and some landscaping at one location.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Parking Lot: 0/-	Flag poles/monument: 0
Landscape: +	Basket ball court: -
Turf: 0	
Trees: 0	

RATING KEY
+ Excellent Condition
0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS: Good proximity to developing NOTO District. New landscaping is a plus.

OPPORTUNITIES: Proximity to developing NOTO District makes it a more critical parcel. Parking lot could use some repair and maintenance. Basketball court needs work and path way to it.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 3

No handicap stalls in parking lot. No access to east half of the park. Walk through to North Kansas Avenue provides access to businesses.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Active
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Basketball court that is in Veterans Park. There is not an accessible route to this location.



PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Wakarusa Park
 Date Completed: 1/27/2013
 Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

SE 97th Street & SW Topeka Blvd



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: Unknown
 Size: 1.8 Acre
 Classification: Undeveloped

Wakarusa Park is a 1.8 Acre Parcel that processes public access to the Wakarusa River. The Park has a nice mix of open space & wooded areas.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Table: 0
 Play structure: 0
 Turf: 0
 Trees: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Provides public access to the Wakarusa River. Amenities like picnic tables & benches would provide comfort to patrons.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Needs some sort of ramp for boat access. Needs parking, so that patrons do not have to park on small access roads.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 4

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 50%
 Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
 Active/Passive: Passive
 Trail Distance: N/A

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:

Maintenance Schedule: Weekly

Active/Passive: Active

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Open expanses offer ample space for group activities.



Image 2: Old play equipment needs to be replaced with modern equipment with an accessible route to it.



Image 3: Shade trees throughout provide shade for patrons.

Image 4: Mixture of styles and colors of benches and tables.



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Warren Park
Date Completed: 9/09/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Between SW gage blvd and SW Randolph north of Shunga creek

2810 SW GAGE BLVD



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1980
Size: 97.7 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

Owned by the State of Kansas and leased to Shawnee County for use. The area is a mix of open space and woodland. It generally runs along the Shunganunga Creek. The Shunga Trail runs along the south perimeter of the area. There is a tree nursery, a wetland and native grass area with walking trail located north of the Shunga Trail.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Wetland area 0
Trails +

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Shunga Trail runs along south of margin. In wet years, wetland is an attractive bird watching spot. Trails are well defined and provide a number of alternative routes. Visitors can switch from shaded woodland trails to open trails through tall grass prairie ecosystems.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Invasive woody plants are a problem. Obvious efforts are being made to combat the problem. Signage would provide a road map for the users. Better interpretive signage throughout would be a plus.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **3**

Nature trails are accessible to some degree.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **100%**

Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**

Active/Passive: **Active**

Trail Distance: Nature **4.0** miles

Hard **.76** miles

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Bat boxes that are located near the wetland area.



Image 2: Tree nursery that is located on the site has a number of trees for use in the park system.



Image 3: Expanse of native grasses that are periodically burned to control invasive woody plants such as grey



Image 4: Wooded trail that is adjacent to the Shunga Creek.



SHAWNEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Wells Park**
 Date Completed: **9/09/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

East of SW Gage Blvd, south of Shunga creek

2840 SW Gage Blvd



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1964
 Size: 4.9 acres
 Classification: Undeveloped

This parcel is an undeveloped parcel that is south of the Shunga Creek, south of Felker Park. Wells Park is a wooded area that has a series of nature trails throughout. It adjoins the Warren Natural area to the north.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

N/A

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths: Undeveloped natural area.

Opportunities: Relatively inaccessible.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **N/A**

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **75%**
 Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**
 Active/Passive: **Passive**
 Trail Distance: **Nature**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Welton Grove Park
Date Completed: 10/15/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

4100 SW CAMBRIDGE



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1979
Size: 48 acres
Classification: Undeveloped

Welton Grove is a large undeveloped tract of land that is managed as a natural area. The primary purpose of the parcel is to store water in the event of a high water event on the south branch of the Shunganunga Creek. The area is heavily wooded with large mature trees and a few open areas. Walking trails have been developed throughout the parcel.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Signage: 0/-
Trails +

RATING KEY	
+	Excellent Condition
0	Good Condition
-	Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Expansive area with lots of potential. Trails that go from open area to densely shaded wooded areas. Offer wildlife and bird watching opportunities within the city limits of Topeka. Cannot be developed because of floodplain requirements.

OPPORTUNITIES:

No real exposure. No central/main entry. No parking area for visitors outside the neighborhoods that the park adjoins. More marketing to what the park is and how to access it would be a benefit and increase the use.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **99%**

Maintenance Schedule: **As needed**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **Soft 3 miles**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Entrance to trail area accessible through a neighborhood.



Image 2: Signage at the park is in need of upgrading and expansion.



Image 3: Trail entrance from another neighborhood that needs signage indicating park information and routes.



Image 4: Access to trails from yet another neighborhood. There is a small sign at this location but information is scarce.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Westboro Circles
Date Completed: 10/01/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

Various Parcels:

Traffic island - SW Shadow Lane and SW Pembroke Lane
Traffic island – SW Avalon Lane and SW Lakeside Drive
Traffic island – SW Westover Road and SW Lakeside Drive
Round-a-bout – SW Westover Road and SW Windsor Court



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1926
Size: 1 acre
Classification: Specialized

These are a series of traffic islands throughout the Westboro area that have been developed with landscape, artwork and in one case a fountain. The care of some of the islands is done by the neighborhood association and the costs are shared in others.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Landscape: +
Paved walk: +
Turf at Windsor Court and Westover: -

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Clean traffic islands with some artistic features and landscape.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Irrigation would allow for better turf and landscape.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: N/A

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**

Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**

Active/Passive: **Passive**

Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1: Landscaping and statuary provide a break from the pavement at this traffic island.



Image 2: Turf and walkway in this traffic island provide a small extension of the park.



Image 3: Traffic island near park provides for attractive median b/w roadways.

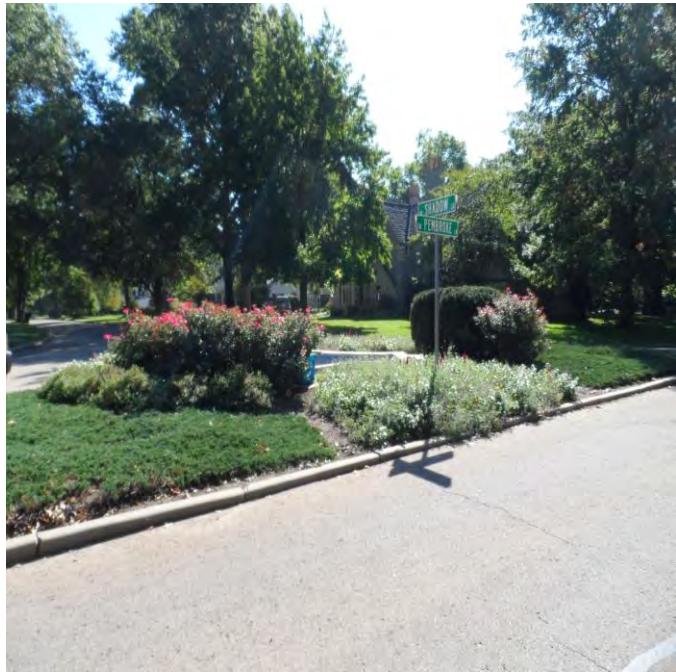


Image 4: Large circular traffic median has relatively poor turf vigor. Improved cultural practices are needed.



Image 5: Traffic island on south end of park enhances the roadway.



Image 6: Traffic island east of Westboro Park with landscaping and decorative fountain that is currently



Image 8: Same traffic island as Image 7 that highlights the landscape elements in the island.

Image 7: Traffic island south of park along busy SW 17th St. provides and attractive entrance into the neighborhood.



SHAWNEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION

FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: Willow Park
Date Completed: 9/30/2013
Completed By: Terry Bertels



1. SITE LOCATION:

NORTH OF SW 6TH STREET, WEST OF SW GARFIELD AVENUE
1800 SW 6TH STREET

2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: 1898
Size: 4.4 acres
Classification: Neighborhood

Triangular neighborhood park south of the Potwin neighborhood. The park has a good selection of mature shade trees with a few amenities that are in poor shape. The park is divided in two by the Martin Creek channel.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: 0	Benches: -
Turf: 0	Tables: -
Play equipment: 0	Trash cans: -
Walks: 0	Landscape: 0

RATING KEY

- + Excellent Condition
- 0 Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Strengths: High visibility area with much to offer. Nice mature trees provide shade.

Opportunities: Walk way is in need of repair and a purpose. Walks in some cases go to nowhere. There are many different styles of benches throughout the park. There needs to be uniformity throughout. Play equipment is old and needs to be replaced. Drinking fountain addition would be good.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: 3

Existing walk system moves patrons through park but not to amenities. There are ramps and curb cuts at various points through the park.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: 0
Maintenance Schedule: Weekly
Active/Passive: Active
Trail Distance: 0

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



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FACILITY INVENTORY

Name of Site: **Woodall Park**
 Date Completed: **10/20/2013**
 Completed By: **Terry Bertels**



1. SITE LOCATION:

South of SE Monroe Street, West of SE Madison Street

2131 SE MADISON STREET



2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:

Age: **1975**
 Size: **1.2 acres**
 Classification: **Neighborhood**

Small neighborhood park with a mix of trees and a little open space. Very few amenities in the park.

3. INVENTORY OF FACILITY AMENITIES AND CONDITIONS:

Trees: **0** Tables: -
 Turf: **0** BBQ Grill: -
 Benches: **0/-**

RATING KEY

- +** Excellent Condition
- 0** Good Condition
- Poor Condition

4. STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

STRENGTHS:

Mature trees that create good shade throughout.

OPPORTUNITIES:

No play equipment for local kids. Grill is crooked and needs straightened or removed. Benches and tables are in bad shape and need removed and replaced.

5. ACCESSIBILITY RATING (SCALE OF 1 TO 5):

Rating: **4**
 No walk system throughout to amenities.

6. GENERAL NOTES:

% Floodplain: **0**
 Maintenance Schedule: **Weekly**
 Active/Passive: **Active**
 Trail Distance: **0**

7. PHOTO INVENTORY:



Image 1:



Image 2:

