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Introduction

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The 2025 Update to the City of The Colony's Community Development & Parks Master Plan is intended to monitor the city's progress pertaining to the improvement of the park system and to ensure the plan continues to align with the needs of the community.

This plan begins with an introduction to the community and park system and is followed by the findings from community engagement, the recreational needs of the community, recommendations to address these needs, and concludes with a schedule of projects for the city to best meet these needs.

Plan Outline

The 2025 Update to the City of The Colony's Community Development & Parks Master Plan has been divided into the following eight chapters:

Chapter 1 - Introduction: This chapter introduces the reader to the purpose of this plan. The goals and objectives will be identified along with a summary of the demographics of the community and the importance of public parkland.

Chapter 2 - Accomplishments: This chapter identifies projects the Parks and Recreation Department has successfully started and/or fully implemented over the past five years.

Chapter 3 - Parks Inventory: This chapter provides an assessment of the existing parks system and updates the classification tables.

Chapter 4 - Community Engagement: This chapter highlights the engagement efforts that were utilized to collect resident feedback specifically, the community survey, stakeholder interviews, and city hall meetings - with a summary of the findings.

Chapter 5 - Needs: This chapter utilizes the information in this plan to identify the recreational gaps within the community.

Chapter 6 - Level of Service Analysis: This chapter specifically looks at the recreational level of service (LOS) provided by the city and compares the city to benchmark communities.

Chapter 7 - Recommendations: This chapter is a culmination of the information within this plan and outlines specific projects for the city to best meet the recreational needs of the community.

Chapter 8 - Implementation Schedule: This chapter is intended to be a guide for the development of the park system for the next five years. Projects have been grouped into specific years and have an estimated cost associated with them.

The Colony Parks and Recreation Mission:

To enhance the quality of life for all citizens of The Colony by providing a variety of safe, modern, and affordable Parks and Recreation facilities and activities to meet the diverse and growing needs of our community.

Plan Goals:

To track improvements to the park system

To engage with the residents

To ensure the proposed projects continue to align with the vision of the community

To identify recreational gaps within the community

To propose recommendations to address these needs

To provide a schedule for the improvement of the park system

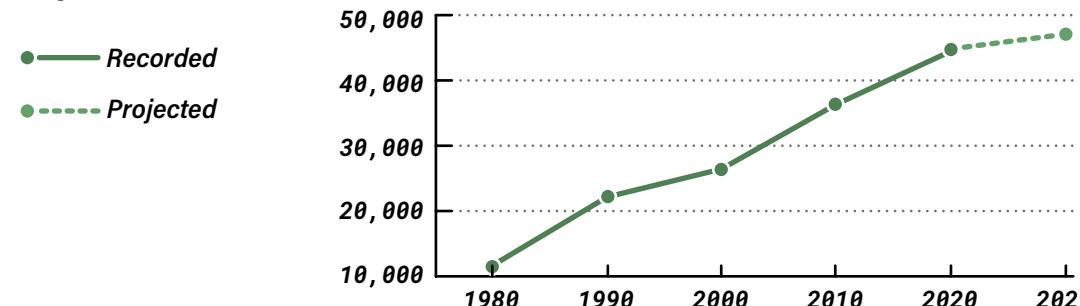
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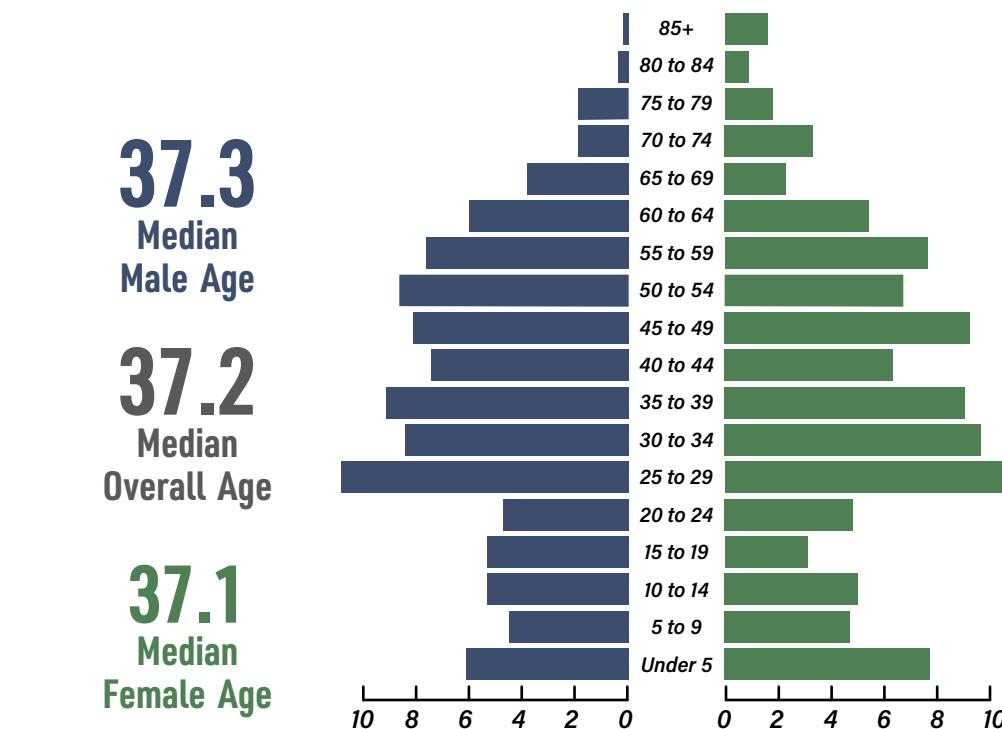
Community Context Updates

The Colony is located in North Texas in Denton County, approximately 26 miles northwest of Dallas. With an overall population of 44,916, The Colony is the 31 most populated city within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Both, The Colony and Denton County have experienced significant population growth within the past ten years, with The Colony growing by 23% and Denton County by nearly 37%.

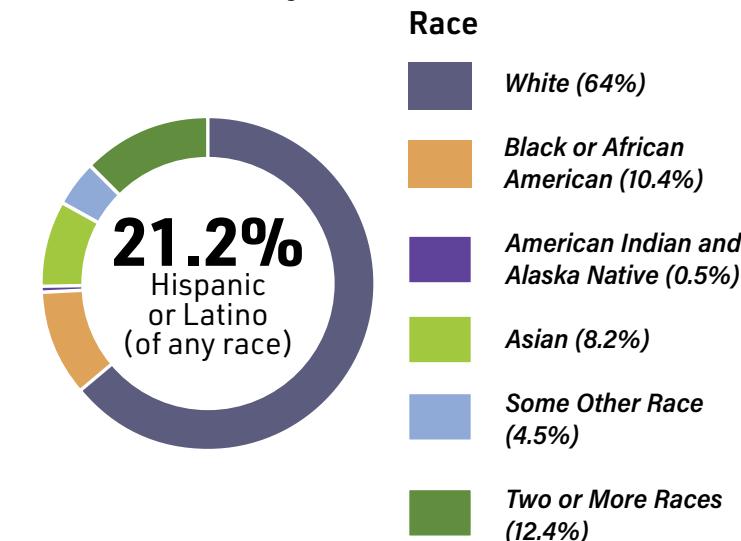
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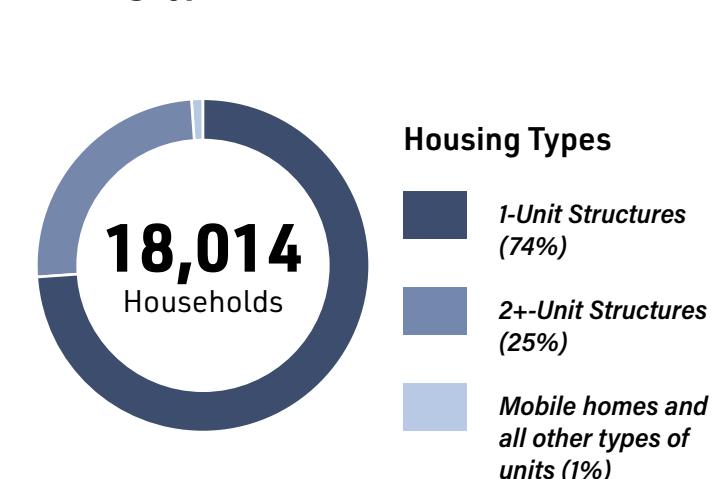
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Housing Types



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Households

Impact of Parks and Recreation

According to the National Park and Recreation Association (NRP), parks have a wide variety of positive impacts throughout the community.

Economic Impacts:

Parks have a significant impact on the economy.

- U.S. Parks and Recreation Agencies generated \$201 billion in economic activity in 2021.
- U.S. Parks and Recreation Agencies supported more than 1.1 million jobs in 2021.

Business Impacts:

Parks and Recreation facilities attract businesses.

- Employers are more than likely to locate near high-quality park and recreation amenities.
- 87% of corporate executives say quality-of-life is an important factor they consider when making new facility, expansion, or relocation plans.

Residential Impacts:

Parks create environments where people want to live.

- Nearly 75% of U.S. adults say that access to a nearby park, playground, open space, or recreation center is an important factor in deciding where they want to live.
- Housing units adjacent to passive parks are attributed to having a home value premium of eight to ten percent.

Environmental Impacts:

Parks play an important role in preserving and conserving the natural environment.

- Approximately one-fourth of the land area in Texas is located within the 1 percent of 0.2 percent floodplain. The conservation of this land, either for natural areas and/or greenbelts or linear parks can reduce the risk of urban flooding.
- Denton County is home to approximately 60 species of rare, threatened, or endangered wildlife and fauna. The preservation of park land can ensure these animals and plants can be protected.



Economic Impact of Local Public-Private Partnerships

The Colony has successfully developed several public-private partnerships with organizations who develop and/or operate recreational facilities for the community. These partnerships generate revenue for the city through lease agreements. The city has received \$8.1 million in direct revenue from lease payments over the past 15 years.

The following partnerships have contributed nearly a total of \$100 million in private capital development for public recreation facilities in The Colony:

- Hidden Cove Park:** \$39 million
- Tribute & Old American Golf Course:** \$37.6 million
- Hawaiian Waters:** \$11.5 million
- Stewart Peninsula Golf Course:** \$4 million
- Blue Sky Sports Center:** \$2 million
- The Athletic Club:** \$2 million

Accomplishments

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2019 - 2025 Accomplishments

One of the primary goals of this plan is to identify the accomplishments from the Parks and Recreation Department since the adoption of the 2019 Master Plan. The city has successfully implemented and in the process of implementing several of the projects identified in the 2019 Master Plan, including:

2019

- Complete a rec center feasibility study for Five Star East location

2020

- Implement Green City and City Works asset management and work order system
- Construct Splashpad Phase I

2021

- Update and enhance Stewart Creek Park

2022

- Update and Enhance Five Star Complex (West) and maintenance area

2023

- Replace playgrounds at Five Star Complex
- Develop West Shore Park
- Enhance areas along Shoreline Trail
- Update and enhance Pawsome Playground Dog Park
- Update and enhance Lion's Club Park

2024

- Replace and relocate playground at Bill Allen Memorial Park
- Update and enhance Turner Athletic Complex
- Development of a new senior center

2025

- Construct a trail connection along the Oncor easement from North Colony Boulevard to Squires Drive

On-Going

- Expand the Park Loop Trail along the Oncor Easement
- Complete and implement an on-street bike route signage plan
- Review approved tree list and revise tree ordinance
- Replace field lights at Bridges Park
- Update CDC/Parks Master Plan
- Continue to develop the city-wide trail system according to the 2017 Trails and Bikeways Master Plan
- Install art along pedestrian and traffic corridors and continue to provide median enhancements and landscaping improvements
- Continue to program recreational activities in parks and natural areas
- Provide erosion improvements at Bill Allen Memorial Park
- Construct pickleball courts

Projects The Colony has successfully implemented include:

2019

Complete a rec center feasibility study for Five Star Complex (East)

The Colony developed a feasibility study for a recreation center in 2019 and is in the process of acquiring funds for the development of this new facility.

2020

Implement Green City and City Works asset management and work order system

The City has successfully implemented both Green City and City Works and now can operate more efficiently.

Construct Splashpad Phase I

The City installed a splash pad at Kids Colony Splash Park, and is operational during the Summer, between Memorial Day through September 30. This provides children and families with an opportunity to cool off from the summer heat.

2021

Update and enhance Stewart Creek Park

The City improved Stewart Creek Park with new supporting facilities, which allows the park to be better activated. The improvements included swimming buoys, an automated park entry system and extra entry lane, boat ramp exit road, shade over picnic tables, and security cameras.

2022

Update and enhance Five Star Complex (West) and maintenance area

The City enhanced Five Star Complex, now known as The Athletic Club, with the addition of security cameras, a maintenance yard expansion, and concrete/general repairs.

2023

Replace the playgrounds at Five Star Complex (West)

The City replaced both playground equipment at Five Star Complex (West), now known as The Athletic Club. The soccer field playground equipment encompasses approximately 2,150 square feet while the baseball field playground equipment encompasses approximately 2,580 square feet. Both playgrounds are in excellent condition and not anticipated to be replaced until 2043.

Develop West Shore Park

The City successfully developed West Shore Park, a 1.14-acre neighborhood park. West Shore Park contains playground equipment, BBQ grilling stations, and a covered pavilion.

Enhance areas along Shoreline Trail

The City is in the process of improving the shoreline at Stewart Creek Park to combat erosion. The shoreline has been cut back to where it is stable and has been filled with large rocks. This project also included the relocation of the trail in eroded areas, replacement of interpretive signage, and the installation of pollinator gardens.

Update and enhance Pawsome Playground Dog Park

The City has replaced and improved lighting facilities at Pawsome Playground Dog Park.

Update and enhance Lion's Club Park

The City has recently updated replaced the roof on the pavilion and added accessible electricity.

2024

Relocate and relocate playground at Bill Allen Memorial Park

The City began work on the enhancement of Bill Allen Memorial Park in 2023. The playground has been replaced and now encompasses approximately 6,340 square feet, is in excellent condition, and is not anticipated to be replaced until 2044. This facility now includes a berm hill and is the first playground to utilize synthetic turf for surfacing within the city.

Update and enhance Turner Athletic Complex

The City identified the need to improve the Turner Athletic Complex. So far, the City has replaced the field lighting and is in the process of developing a conceptual master plan for the site; the city will improve the facility based on this master plan.

Development of a new Senior Center

The City recently purchased and relocated The Colony Senior Center to the former Stewart's Creek Elementary School property.

2025

Construct a trail connection along the Oncor easement from North Colony Boulevard to Squires Drive

The City has expanded the Park Loop Trail (Segment 1A) which now provides continuous access from Squires Drive to Taylor Street.

Projects The Colony is currently implementing or is on-going include:

Expand the Park Loop Trail along the Oncor easement

The Park Loop Trail was expanded to improve connectivity and walkability within the community and now provides 3.5 miles of continuous paved trail. The City is continuing to assess the opportunities for trail expansion.

Complete and implement an on-street bike route signage plan

The City is in the process of developing an on-street bike route signage plan.

Review approved tree list and revise tree ordinance

The City reviews the approved tree and revises their tree ordinance annually.

Replace field lights at Bridges Park

The City started replacing the field and court lights at Bridges Park in May of 2025.

Update CDC/Parks Master Plan

The City is currently developing the updated Community Development and Parks Master Plan, and is anticipating an adoption date of mid-summer 2025.

Continue to develop the city-wide trail system according to the 2017 Trails and Bikeways Master Plan

The City is continuing to develop new trails that were identified from the 2017 Trails and Bikeways Master Plan.

Install art along pedestrian and traffic corridors and continue to provide median enhancements and landscaping improvements

The Colony has a high-quality reputation for their art and median landscaping and has continued to implement these when available.

Continue to program recreational activities and in parks and natural areas

The City has a well-diversified programming system and continues to add or remove programs based on community feedback.

Provide erosion improvements at Bill Allen Park

Bill Allen Memorial Park has significant erosion concerns and the City is in the design phase with an engineering firm to address these issues.

Construct pickleball courts

The City is in the process of constructing four outdoor pickleball courts at The Colony Senior Center.





Parks Inventory Update

Over the past five years, the Parks and Recreation Department has continued to improve the parks system by developing new parks and enhancing existing ones. New parks that have been developed since the 2019 Master Plan include:

- West Shore Park

Parks Classification Summary

The Colony's parks system is divided into nine categories, each with their own intended site purposes, service areas, and amenities. The nine types of parks include:

- Undeveloped Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Regional Parks
- Athletic Facilities
- Special Use Parks
- Recreational Facilities
- Natural Areas
- Greenbelts and Trails

Undeveloped Parks

Undeveloped parks are city-owned land with the future intent of being developed as parks. Undeveloped parks are vacant lots and can vary in size. As the City is approaching build-out, it is crucial to utilize undeveloped parkland for recreational opportunities. Recommendations for undeveloped parks are provided in Chapter 8 – Recommendations, with a proposed timeline outline in Chapter 9 – Implementation Schedule.”.

The following properties in The Colony are classified as undeveloped parks:

- Augusta Park
- Squires Drive Park

Neighborhood Parks

Neighborhood parks are typically five to ten acres and provide opportunities for active and passive recreation. Neighborhood parks serve a one-and-a-half-mile radius and are usually within walking or biking distance for residents in the surrounding neighborhood. The amenities provided typically include playgrounds, picnic areas, pavilions, sport courts, unlighted play fields, walking / jogging trails, natural open spaces, parking, and restrooms.

The Colony provides 12 neighborhood parks:

- Austin Ranch Park
- Carr / Chapman Park
- Dave Cowan Park
- Friendship Park
- Lion's Club Park
- Perryman Park
- Ridgepointe Park
- Scout Park
- Slay / Baker Park
- Taylor Street Park
- West Shore Park
- Wilcox Park

Community Parks

Community parks are usually 40 to 100 acres and provide a wide variety of opportunities for recreation, both active and passive. Community parks serve a two-mile radius and while residents may be encouraged to travel to the park through walking or biking, driving is likely a popular way for residents to access these parks. Community parks generally have facilities such as sports fields / courts, spraygrounds, amphitheaters, disc golf courses, multi-purpose trails, playgrounds, pavilions, picnic areas, open spaces, parking, and restrooms.

The Colony provides two community parks:

- Bill Allen Memorial Park
- Kids' Colony Park

Regional Parks

Regional parks provide community-based recreation at a larger scale and may include unique amenities, recreational opportunities, and promote tourism. The size of a regional park varies depending on the specific use; however, they are generally a minimum of 50 acres and serve those within a ten-mile radius. Regional parkland can encompass a large area and may be owned or leased by the city.

The City provides three regional parks:

- The Athletic Club - previously Fast Star Complex (West)
- Hawaiian Waters - previously Five Star (East)
- Turner Athletic Complex

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) owns land along the lake which includes dedicated parkland and Wildlife Management Areas. The Colony leases 2,167.17 acres of land from the USACE, and the land is either maintained and operated by the city or subleased to a private entity with a public-private partnership. Of the 2,167.17 acres of leased land, a total of 1,567.15 acres are classified as regional parkland:

- Eastvale (Blue Sky)
- Hidden Cove Park and Marina
- Stewart Creek Park
 - Stewart Peninsula Golf Course
- Wynnewood Park
 - Old American Golf Course
- Tribute Golf Course

The following table clarifies the regional parks within The Colony:

Name of the Park	City-Owned	USACE Owned and Leased to the City	Operated & Maintained by the City	Subleased to a Private Entity to Operate
Eastvale Park (Blue Sky)		X		X
The Athletic Club	X		X	X
Hawaiian Waters	X			X
Hidden Cove Park and Marina		X		X
Stewart Creek Park		X	X	
Stewart Peninsula Golf Course		X		X
Turner Athletic Complex	X		X	
Wynnewood Park		X		X
Old American Golf Course		X		X
Tribute Golf Course		X		X

Athletic Facilities

Athletic facilities can be designed for a single recreational purpose - i.e. baseball fields - or they can be multi-purpose, serving a variety of community members - i.e. multi-purpose sport fields for soccer and football. Athletic facilities vary in size based on the intent and serve specific user groups, typically youth and/or adult athletic organizations. Facilities are usually lighted to maximize the usability of the facilities and can accommodate practices and games.

The Colony provides four athletic facilities:

- B.B. Owens Softball Complex
- Bridges Park
- Camey Soccer Complex
- North Colony Baseball and Softball Complex

Special Use Parks

Special use parks are designed for a specific recreational purpose, generally providing a space for residents with similar interests to recreate, and may provide facilities such as dog parks, skate parks, cemeteries, etc. There are no standard sizes for special use parks as they are dependent on the intent of the park.

The Colony provides five special use parks:

- Bridges Cemetery
- Greenway Park
- Historical Park
- Pawsome Playground Park
- Wheel Zone Bike & Skate Park

Recreational Facilities

Recreational facilities are similar to special use parks; however, they are designed to provide recreational opportunities for several hours at a time, and may include facilities such as indoor recreation centers, aquatic parks, community theaters, senior centers, event venues, or community centers. While most recreational facilities are used for specific purposes, they can also be multi-purpose allowing the city to accommodate changing interests and trends with minor improvements to the facility itself. Most recreational facilities are indoor and provide year-round active and passive recreational opportunities.

The Colony provides three recreational facilities:

- Community / Senior Center
- The Colony Aquatic Park
- The Colony Recreation Center

Natural Areas

Natural areas provide a change of scenery from the urban environment and usually contain few man-made features. Natural areas often contain specific cultural or historical resources and/or have an aesthetic appeal with resources such as creeks, lakes, wetlands, wilderness areas, forests, open meadows, and topography changes. Natural areas provide countless benefits, including the preservation and conservation of ecosystems and habitats, nature education, opportunities for passive, primitive, and active recreation, and storage of flood water.

Approximately 600 acres of Wildlife Management Areas along the shoreline of Lewisville Lake are leased by the city from the USACE.

The Colony provides nine natural areas, either within or outside of park boundaries:

Natural Areas	
Outside Park Boundaries	Within Park Boundaries
	BB Owens Softball Complex
	Ridgepointe Park
Wildlife Management Areas	Bill Allen Memorial Park
	Stewart Creek Park
	Eastvale Park (Blue Sky)
	Turner Athletic Complex
	Hidden Cove Park & Marina
	Wynnewood Park (Tribute)

Greenbelts and Trails

Greenbelts are linear parks with trails that are usually developed around a natural resource such as a creek, drainage way, river, lake shore, or utility corridor. Greenbelts preserve valuable open spaces and natural habitats while offering a natural environment for walking, jogging, cycling, etc. Greenbelts improve the connectivity of a community by linking neighborhoods to parks, schools, and shopping areas relatively free from automobile interference. Greenbelts are natural buffers between land uses, serve as utility easements, and can usually be acquired at a relatively inexpensive price due to the restrictions on development. Design standards for greenbelts are relatively flexible to allow the maximum use of the natural environment in the design. Greenbelt corridor widths are often determined by the existing topography, severity of flooding, and other unique natural features. Greenbelt corridor widths of less than 25 "usable" feet should be avoided and narrow corridor sections kept to a minimum.

The Colony provides 14 greenbelts and trails:

- Austin Ranch Trail
- Bill Allen Trail
- Grandscape Trails
- Hidden Cove Trail
- Lebanon Trail
- Main Street (FM423) Trail
- North Colony Trail
- Park Loop Trail
- Shoreline Trail
- South Colony Trail
- Stewart Creek Trail
- Taylor Street Greenbelt
- The Athletic Club Trail
- Tribute Nature Trail

Park Inventory

Undeveloped Parks			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Augusta Park	1.80	0	- Open Space
Squires Drive Park	7.61	0	- Hike and Bike Trail - Open Space
TOTAL ACRES	9.41	0	

Neighborhood Parks			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Austin Ranch Park	2.95	2.95	- Hike and Bike Trail - Multi-Purpose Field
Carr / Chapman Park	1.24	1.24	- Basketball (half court) - BBQ Grills - Benches - Litter Receptacles - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playground - Security Lighting
Dave Cowan Park	2.32	2.32	- BBQ Grill - Benches - Litter Receptacles - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playground - Security Lighting

Neighborhood Parks (cont'd)			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Friendship Park	1.64	1.64	- Basketball (full court) - BBQ Grill - Benches - Hike and Bike Trail - Litter Receptacles - Pavilions - Picnic Tables - Playground

			- BBQ Grill - Benches - Fishing Pond - Hike and Bike Trail - Horseshoe Pit - Litter Receptacles - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playground - Security Lighting - Trailhead
Lion's Club Park	7.34	7.34	
Perryman Park	2.98	2.98	- BBQ Grill - Benches - Hike and Bike Trail - Litter Receptacles - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playground - Security Lighting

Neighborhood Parks (cont'd)			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Ridgepointe Park	14.69	1.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BBQ Grill - Benches - Hike and Bike Trail - Litter Receptacles - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playgrounds - Nature Area - Trailhead
Scout Park	5.37	5.37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Covered Picnic Tables - Fishing Pond - Foot Bridge - Hike and Bike Trail - Litter Receptacles - Picnic Tables
Slay / Baker Park	2.49	2.49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basketball (half court) - Benches - Litter Receptacles - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playground

Neighborhood Parks (cont'd)			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Taylor Street Park	13.36	2.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Backstop - Bleachers - Creek - Hike and Bike Trail - Memorial Monument - Off Street Parking - Pedestrian Bridge - Multi-Purpose Field
Wilcox Park	1.91	1.91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bench - Litter Receptacle - Picnic Table - Playground
West Shore Park	1.14	1.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playground - BBQ Grill - Pavilion
TOTAL ACRES	57.43	32.58	

Community Parks			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Bill Allen Memorial Park	48.77	23.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amphitheater - Basketball (full court) - Benches - Creek - Disc Golf Course - Fishing Pier - Fishing Pond - Hike and Bike Trail (lighted) - Litter Receptacles - Nature Area - Nature Trail (0.6-mile looped trail) - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playground - Security Lighting
Kids' Colony Park	2.90	2.90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basketball (full court) - Benches - Little Receptacles - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playgrounds - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Security Lighting
TOTAL ACRES	51.67	26.31	

Regional Parks			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Eastvale Park (Blue Sky Sports Center) (A Corps of Engineers property leased to The Colony; subleased to a private entity)	55.00	27.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indoor Multi-Purpose Fields - Indoor Restroom Facility - Litter Receptacles - Nature Area - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Offices - Outdoor Soccer Fields (lighted) - Security Lighting - Wildlife Management Area
Hawaiian Waters (A City property leased to a private entity)	33.27	18.67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cabanas - Litter Receptacles - Lockers - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Offices - Picnic Tables - Restaurant / Concessions - Restroom - Spraypool - Water Park

Regional Parks (cont'd)			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Hidden Cove Park & Marina (A Corps of Engineers property leased to The Colony; subleased to a private entity)	600.00	152.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BBQ Grill - Benches - Boat Marina - Boat Ramp - Bunk Houses - Cabins - Camp Sites - Conference Center - Covered Picnic Tables - Gatehouse / Office - Hike and Bike Trail - Horseshoe Pits - Maintenance Building/Yard - Nature Area - Nature Trail - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pavilions - Picnic Tables - Playgrounds - Restaurant - Restrooms - RV / Boat Storage Facility - RV Sites with water / electric - Sewer Plant - Storage Facility - Vending Machines - Volleyball Courts - Water/Electric Hookups - Water Well - Wildlife Management Area

Regional Parks (cont'd)			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Stewart Creek Park (A Corps of Engineers property leased to The Colony)	130.00	103.6	(Separate park facilities listed below)
Stewart Creek Park (The Colony Parks & Recreation)	65.00	38.60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Backstop - BBQ Grills - Beach - Boat Ramp - Covered Picnic Tables - Drinking Fountain - Event Venue - Fishing Pier - Hike and Bike Trail - Horseshoe Pits - Human Sundial - Lewisville Lake Access - Litter Receptacles - Memorial Sundial - Nature Area (0.5-mile trail) - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pavilion - Picnic Tables - Playground - Restroom - Security Lighting - Trailhead - Volleyball Courts
Stewart Peninsula Golf Course (Subleased to a private entity)	65.00	65.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clubhouse - Driving Range - Golf Course - Lewisville Lake - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Offices - Restaurant - Restroom

Regional Parks (cont'd)			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
The Athletic Club	76.66	76.66	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creek - Baseball / Softball Fields (lighted) - BBQ Grill - Benches - Bleachers - Concession Building / Restroom - Drinking Fountains - Event Venue - Soccer / Football Field (lighted) - Hike and Bike Trail (lighted) - Litter Receptacles - Maintenance Building Yard - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Offices - Pavilions - Picnic Tables - Playgrounds - QR Fitness Trail - Scoreboards - Security Lighting - Soccer Fields (lighted) - Veterans Memorial
Turner Athletic Complex	26.68	10.68	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bleachers - Concession / Restroom - Creek - Litter Receptacles - Memorial - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Security Lighting - Soccer Fields (lighted)

Athletic Facilities			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Wynnewood Park (The Tribute) (A Corps of Engineers property leased to The Colony)	650.00	384.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lewisville Lake Access - Nature Area - Old American Golf Course - Tribute Golf Course - Tribute Nature Trail - Wildlife Management Area
Old American Golf Course (Subleased to a private entity)	143.00	143.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clubhouse - Driving Range - Fire Pit - Golf Course - Historical Railroad Bridge - Lewisville Lake Access - Litter Receptacles - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Restaurant - Restrooms - Trailhead
Tribute Golf Course (Subleased to a private entity)	263.00	241.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Banquet / Meeting Space - Clubhouse - Golf Course - Lewisville Lake - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Offices - Pro-Shop - Restaurant - Restroom
Total Acres	1,571.61	773.61	

Athletic Facilities			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
B.B. Owens Softball Complex	20.00	10.13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bleachers - Creek - Litter Receptacles - Maintenance Yard - Multi-Purpose Field (lighted) - Nature Area - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pond - Restroom - Scoreboards - Security Lighting - Softball Field (lighted)
Bridges Park	22.01	9.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseball Field (lighted) - Bleachers - Creek - Hike and Bike Trail - Memorial Monument - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Scoreboard - Security Lighting - Tennis / Pickleball Courts (lighted)
Camey Soccer Complex	4.93	4.93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bleachers - Litter Receptacles - Off Street Parking - Portable Lighting - Soccer Fields
North Colony Baseball & Softball Complex	16.77	16.77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseball Fields (lighted) - Baseball Fields (unlighted) - Bleachers - Concession / Restroom - Hike and Bike Trail - Litter Receptacles - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Security Lighting - Softball Field (lighted)
TOTAL ACRES	63.71	40.93	

Special Use Parks			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
Bridges Cemetery	1.67	1.67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Gravestones - Texas Historical Marker
Greenway Park	2.22	2.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creek - Hike and Bike Trail - Historical Bridge - Memorial Monument
Historical Park	0.5	0.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historical Monument - Decorative Light Pole - Electric Hookup - Time Capsule
Pawsome Playground Dog Park	4.50	4.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Litter Receptacles - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pavilion - Security Lighting
Wheel Zone Bike & Skate Park	0.68	0.68	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Bike Racks - Bleachers (Covered) - Litter Receptacles - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Skatepark / BMX Park
Total Acres	9.57	9.57	

Special Use Parks (cont'd)			
Name	Total Acres	Developed Acres	Facilities
The Colony Senior Center	20.75	4.57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Game Room - Kitchen - Meeting Rooms - Offices - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Restrooms - Pickleball Courts
The Colony Recreation Center	2.90	2.90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classrooms - Common Game Area - Gymnasium - Meeting Room - Offices - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Racquetball Court - Workout / Fitness Room
The Colony Aquatic Park	4.57	4.57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BBQ Grill - Creek - Fitness / Lap Pool - Leisure Pool - Litter Receptacles - Offices - Off Street Parking (with ADA parking) - Pavilions - Spraypool - Volleyball Court
Total Acres	37.79	21.61	

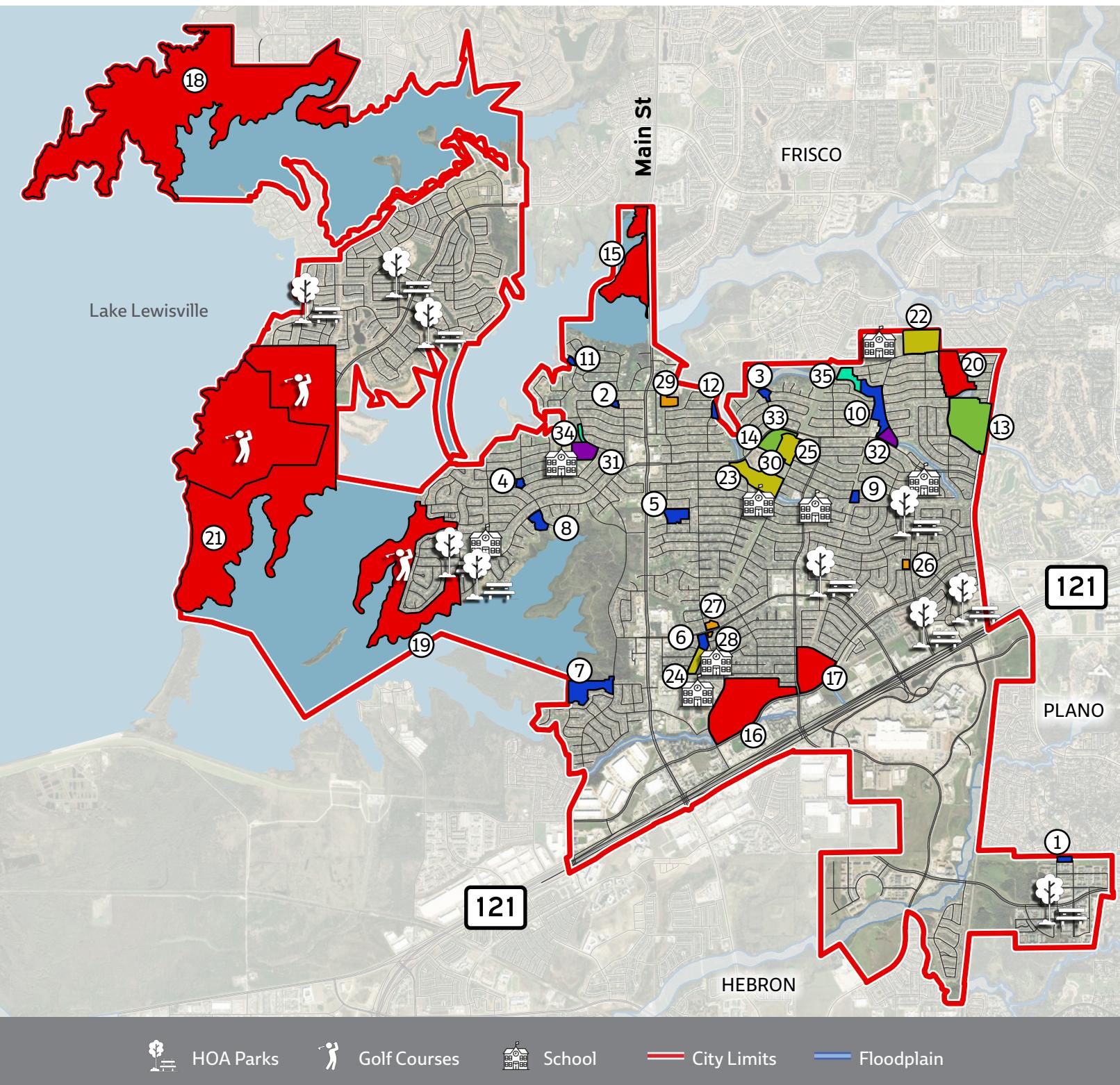
Natural Areas		
Name	Total Natural Acres	Amenities within Natural Areas
Natural Areas WITHIN PARKS (acreage totals included in previous categories)		
B.B. Owens Softball Complex	9.70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Litter Receptacles - Nature Areas
Bill Allen Memorial Park	25.36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Litter Receptacles - Mile Markers - Nature Areas - Trails
Eastvale (Blue Sky) Park	27.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature Areas - Shoreline of Lewisville Lake
Hidden Cove Park and Marina	447.80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Litter Receptacles - Mile Markers - Nature Areas - Shoreline of Lewisville Lake - Trails
Ridgepoint Park	13.59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Interpretive Signage - Litter Receptacles - Mile Markers - Nature Areas - Shoreline of Lewisville Lake - Trails

Natural Areas (cont'd)		
Name	Total Natural Acres	Amenities within Natural Areas
Turner Athletic Complex	15.90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Litter Receptacles - Nature Areas
Wynnewood Park	266	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Interpretive Signage - Litter Receptacles - Mile Markers - Nature Areas - Shoreline of Lewisville Lake - Trails
Total Acres	832.25 (Included in park acreage totals shown previously)	
USACE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS		
USACE Leased Wildlife Management Areas <small>(Not in parks, within City Limits and ETJ)</small>	600.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Interpretive Signage - Litter Receptacles - Mile Markers - Trails
Total Acres	600.00	

Greenbelts & Trails				
Name	Length (in miles)	Trail Width	Trail Surface	Facilities
Austin Ranch Park	3.41	10'	Concrete	- Hike and Bike Trail
Bill Allen Trail	0.60	6' & 10'	Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Trash Receptacles - Nature Areas
Grandscape Trails	0.92	10'	Concrete	- Hike and Bike Trail
Hidden Cove Trail	2.28	Varies	Natural	- Nature Areas
Lebanon Trail	2.80	2' (PIP) & 8' (Concrete)	Poured in Place (PIP) Rubber and Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hike and Bike Trail - Foot Bridge
Main Street (FM423) Trail	2.95	10'	Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hike and Bike Trails - Art Panels
North Colony Trail	4.60	10'	Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hike and Bike Trails - On-Street Bike Route
Park Loop Trail	3.82	10'	Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creek - Foot Bridge - Hike and Bike Trail - Memorial Monument

Greenbelts & Trails (cont'd)				
Name	Length (in miles)	Trail Width	Trail Surface	Facilities
Shoreline Trail	3.32	10'	Decomposed Granite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike Maintenance Station - Bike Rack - Hike and Bike Trail - Lake - Trailhead Map
South Colony Trail	1.20	6'	Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hike and Bike Trail - On-Street Bike Route
Stewart Creek Trail	0.65	10'	Decomposed Granite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Playground - Benches - Restroom
The Athletic Club	1.43	10'	Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benches - Trash Receptacles - Dog Waste Stations - QR Fitness Stations
Tribute Shoreline Nature	5.00	8'	Decomposed Granite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bike and Maintenance Station - Bike Rack - Hike and Bike Trail - Kayak Launch - Lake - Restroom - Trailhead
Total Miles	32.98			





Overall Park System

Neighborhood Parks

1. Austin Ranch Park
2. Carr/Chapman Park
3. Dave Cowan Park
4. Friendship Park
5. Lion's Club Park
6. Perryman Park
7. Ridgepointe Park
8. Scout Park
9. Slay/Baker Park
10. Taylor Street Park
11. West Shore Park
12. Wilcox Park

Community Parks

13. Bill Allen Memorial Park
14. Kids' Colony Park

Regional Parks

15. Eastvale (Blue Sky)
16. The Athletic Club
17. Hawaiian Waters
18. Hidden Cove Park & Marina
19. Stewart Creek Park
20. Turner Athletic Complex
21. Wynnewood Park

Athletic Facilities

22. B.B. Owens Softball Complex
23. Bridges Park
24. Camey Soccer Complex
25. North Colony Baseball & Softball Complex

Special-Use Parks

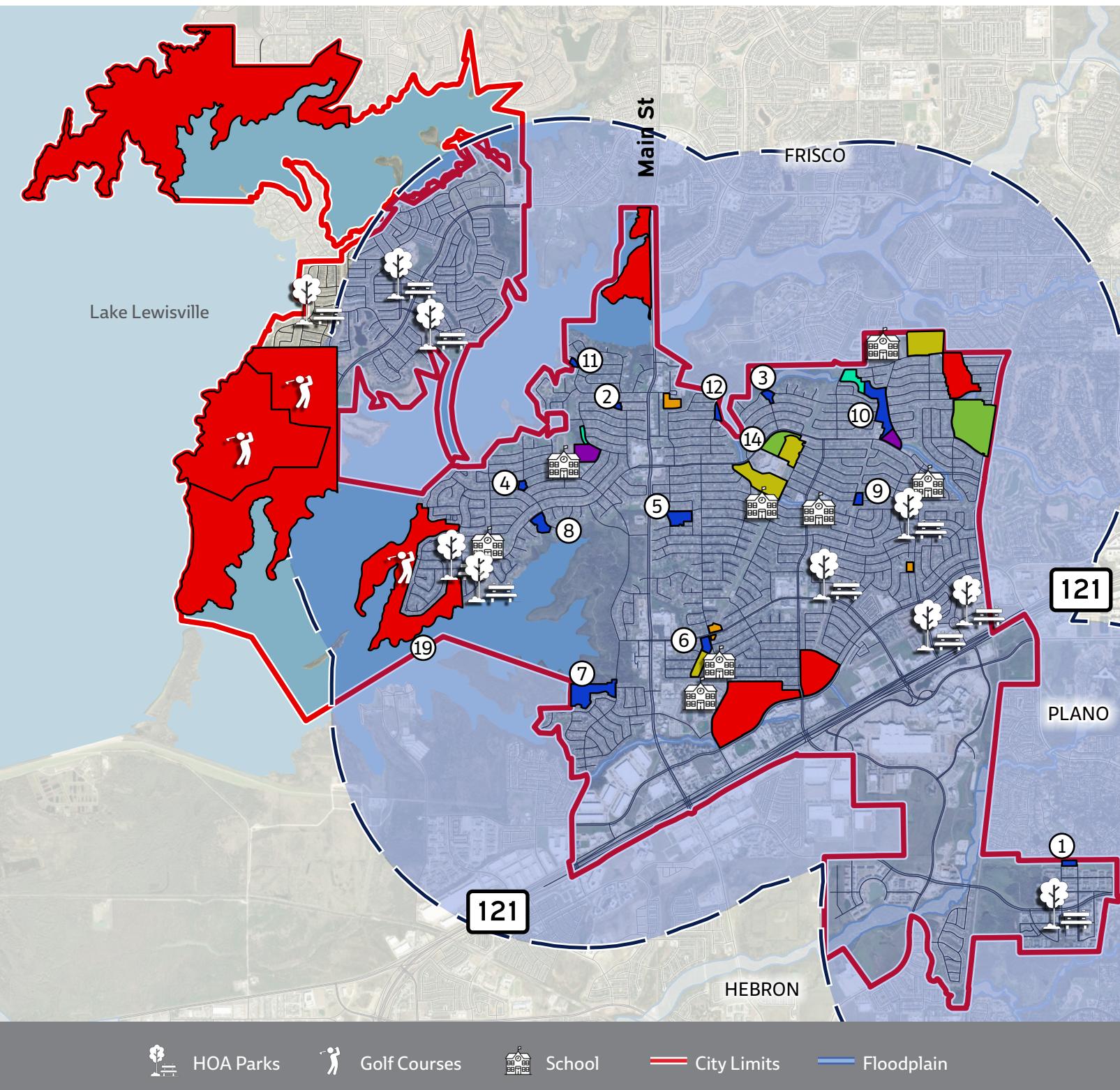
26. Bridges Cemetery
27. Greenway Park
28. Historical Park
29. Pawsome Playground Park
30. Wheelzone Bike & Skate Park

Recreational Facilities

31. Senior Center
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33. The Colony Recreation Center

Undeveloped Parks

34. Augusta Park
35. Squires Drive Park

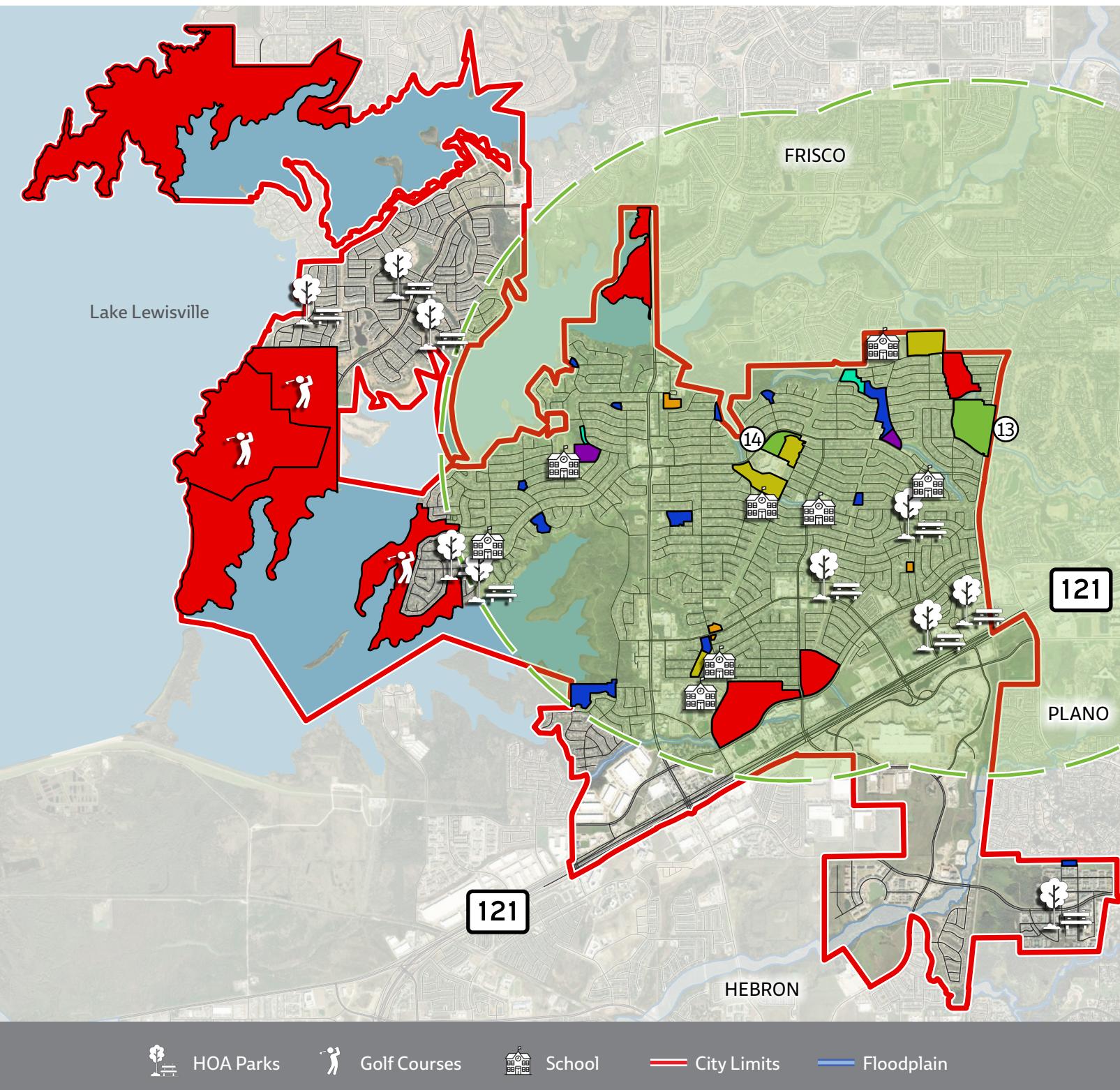


Neighborhood Park Service Areas

Neighborhood Parks

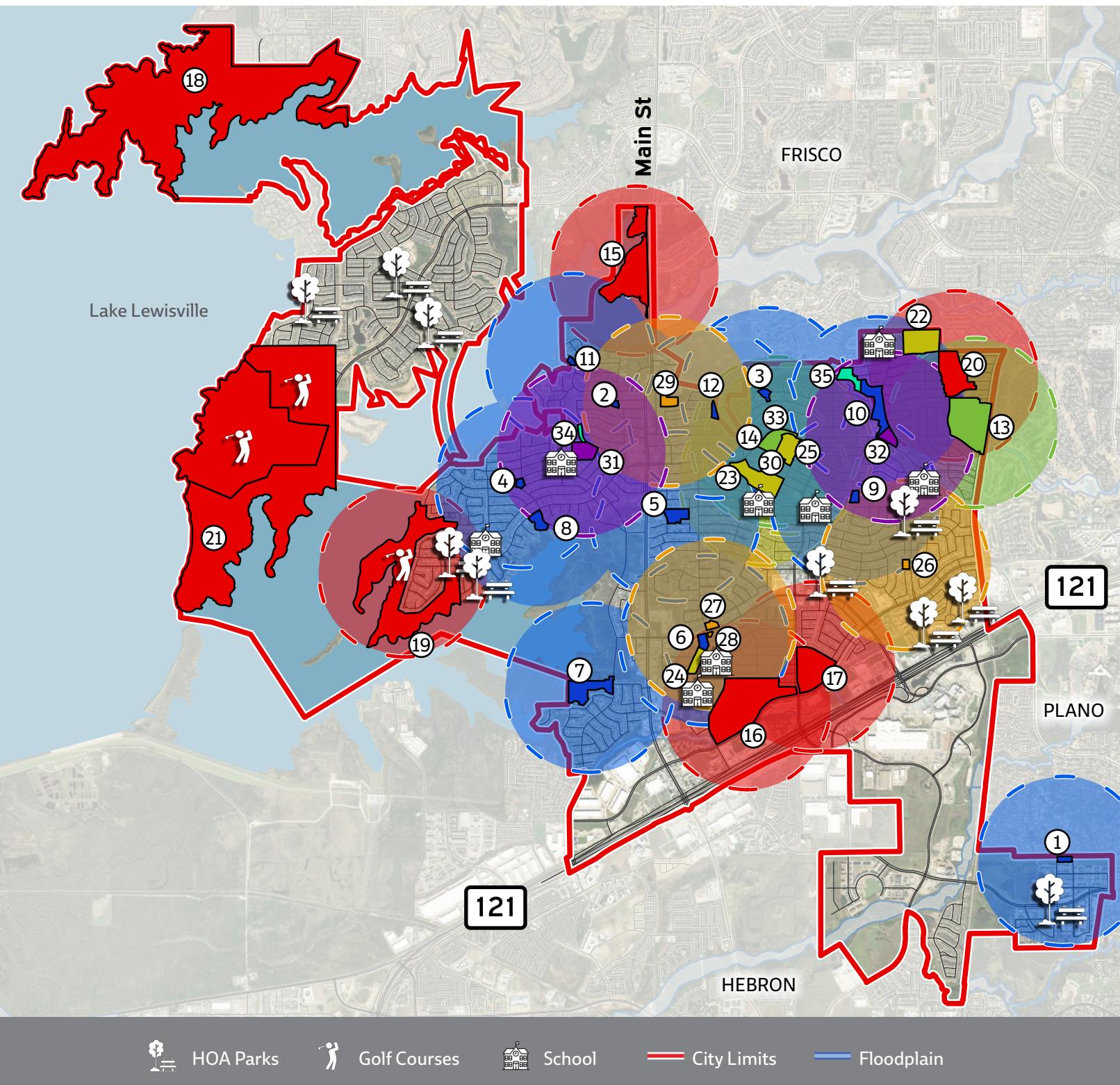
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11. West Shore Park
12. Wilcox Park

1.5 Mile Radius



Community Park Service Areas

- Community Parks**
 - 13. Bill Allen Memorial Park
 - 14. Kids' Colony Park
- 2 Mile Radius**



10-Minute Walk: (Each circle represents a 10-Minute Walk or 0.5 miles)

Neighborhood Parks

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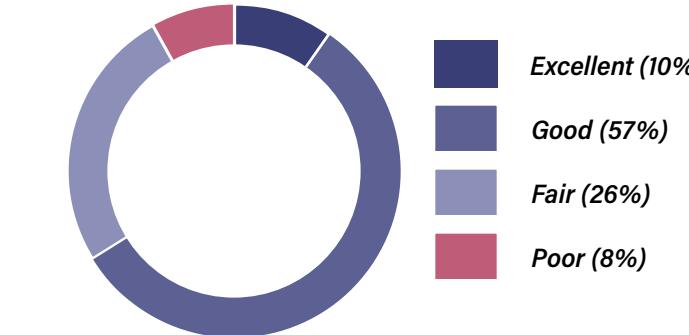
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35. Squires Drive Park



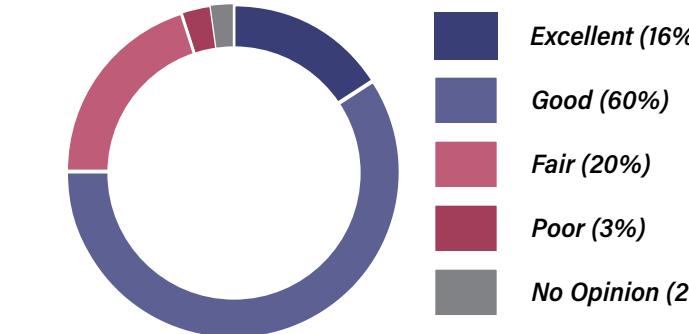
Summary of Findings

To better understand the recreational needs and goals of the community, the City developed an online survey and held a pop-up event to engage directly with citizens. A summary of the public engagement findings can be found below:

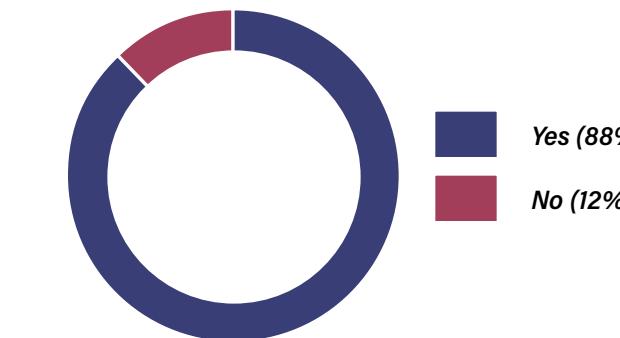
How would you rate the existing parks and recreation facilities?



How would you rate the level of maintenance of city parks and recreation facilities?



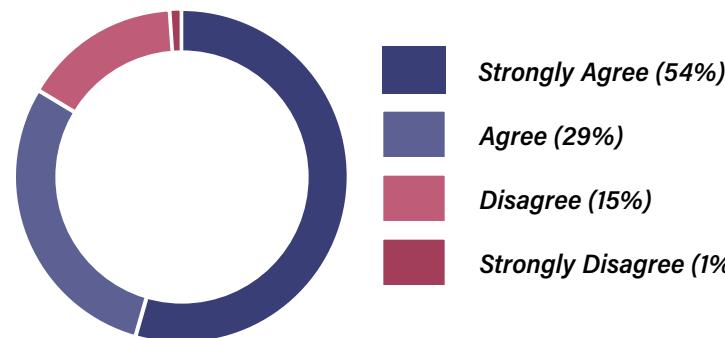
Are additional park and recreation facilities/amenities needed?



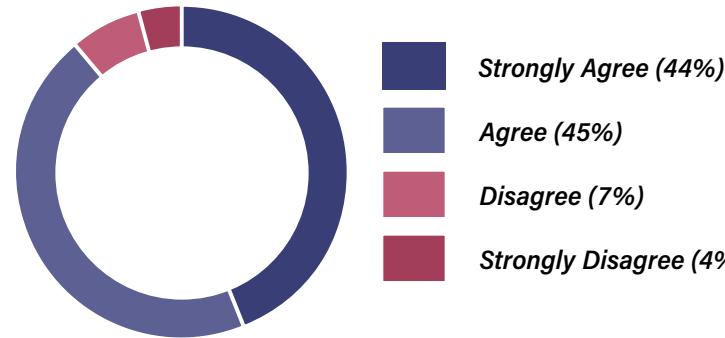
The top requested amenities in ranked order:

Ranking	Amenity
1	Restrooms
2	Shade
3	Trails
4	Wildflower / Pollinator Gardens
5	Sport Courts
6	Lighting
7	Fitness Equipment
8	Drinking Fountains
9	Playgrounds
10	Landscaping
11	Picnic Shelters
12	Fishing Piers
13	Public Art
14	Sport Fields
15	Amphitheaters
16	Spraygrounds
17	Inclusive Play
18	Lawn Games
19	Disc Golf Courses
20	Skate Park / BMX Park

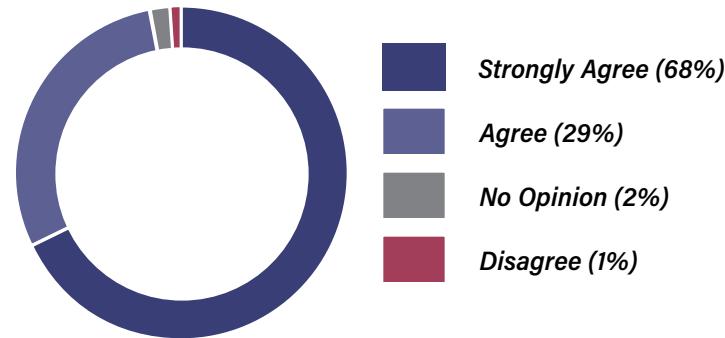
The role of parks, recreation, and open space is more important today compared to ten years ago.



Existing parks should be upgraded/improved.



Parks and recreation facilities are an important and beneficial use of tax dollars





The Colony identified the goals and objectives that would best align with the vision of the community during the 2019 Community Development and Parks Master Plan. The City has continued to successfully implement projects that serve the residents. The community's vision of the park system has not significantly changed since the 2019 Plan, and thus the goals and objectives have remained the same.

Park Goal:

To preserve the hometown feel of the community and its identity as the City by the Lake by providing enhanced recreational opportunities for the residents and visitors to the community.

Objectives:

- To focus on recreational development that utilizes Lake Lewisville as the City's primary asset for future recreational opportunities
- To investigate options for improved recreational facilities that are cost effective and meet the needs of the community, including studies for new and/or expanding facilities.
- To encourage new and increased partnerships with local schools, HOAs, Corps of Engineers, property developers and businesses for the expansion of recreational opportunities for citizens.
- To continue enhancing the trail network throughout The Colony, as outlined in The Colony Trails and Bikeways Master Plan and the North Central Texas Council of Governments Veloweb Plan.
- To develop a communications plan to inform citizen about amenities, programs, and special events by utilizing various forms of media, including signage, branding, social media, print media, and direct mail/ email.
- To work with and mentor youth sports associations to successfully develop their programs.
- To continue to offer recreational programming opportunities and incorporate new and innovative programming ideas to meet the needs of the community.

Natural Open Space Goal:

To identify, protect, and preserve quality natural areas in parks, open spaces, and other appropriate areas within The Colony, for the protection of valuable ecosystems, unstructured recreational activities, and inherent aesthetic values.

Objectives:

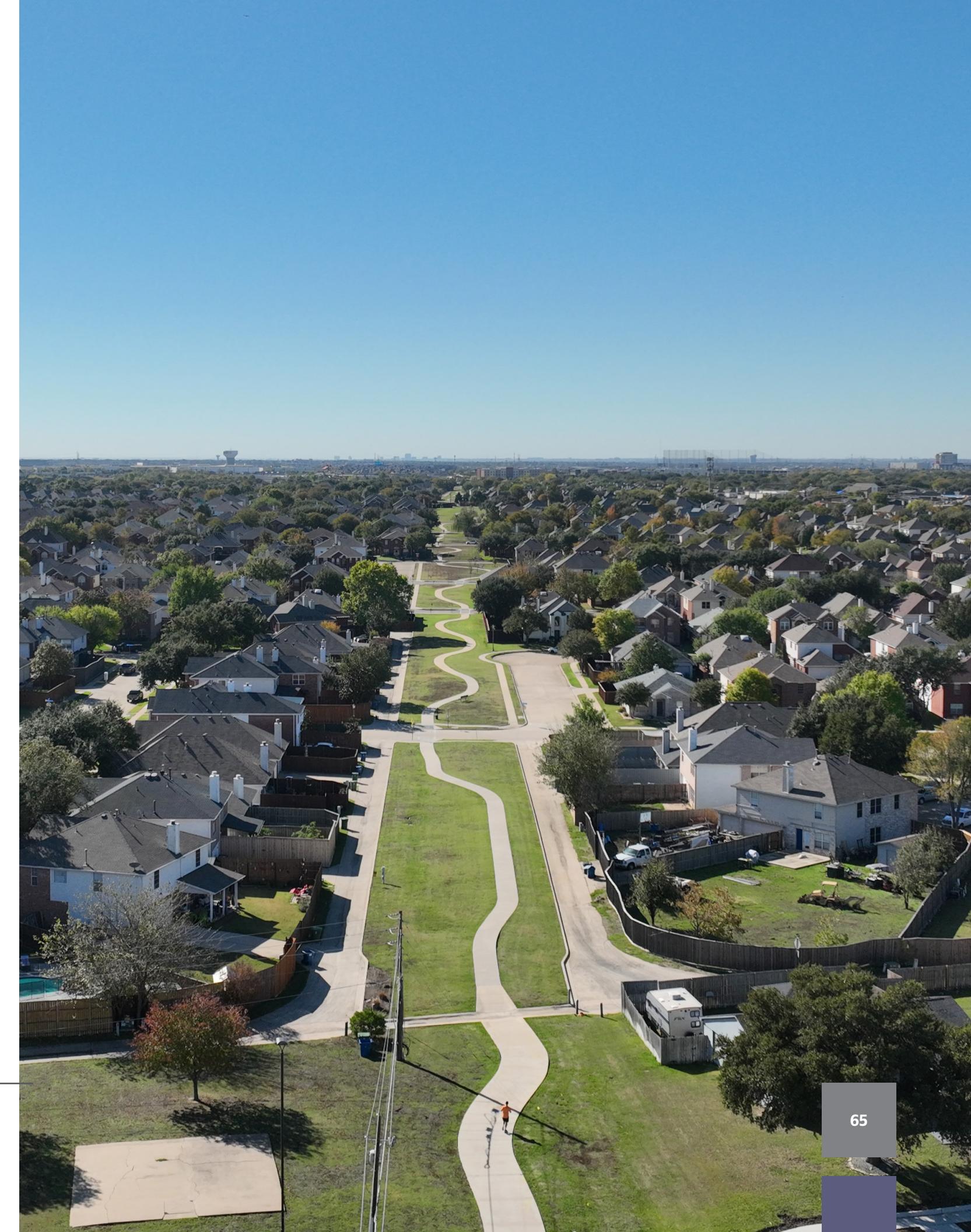
- To continue, as the designated stewards, to preserve and protect the lake parks, trails, riparian and wildlife zones on Lewisville Lake, the City's primary natural asset.
- To preserve the valuable existing ecosystems and habitats throughout The Colony and to reestablish ecosystems from threatened pollinator species.
- To enhance the aesthetic image of The Colony by beautification in City parks, facilities, trails, and scenic roadways utilizing environmentally appropriate and native species.
- To promote the viewing of the natural landscapes and habitats found throughout The Colony as a resource for creative expression and personal solace.

Administrative Action Goal:

To promote parks and recreation by participating in programs, providing plans, conducting studies, and receiving endorsements that improve Parks and Recreation services and facilities and promote the accolades the department receives as proof of the commitment to the quality of life provided to the citizens of The Colony.

Objectives:

- To continue to focus and develop trail related projects such as: the national 10-Minute Walk Campaign, construct trails and bike lanes, and apply for trail related grants
- To continue developing Community Development & Parks Master Plans and Trails & Bikeways Master Plans.
- To apply to become an accredited Parks and Recreation Agency through NRPA.





Level of Service

The Level of Service (LOS) is a measurement of usable park acres per 1,000 persons. The LOS is necessary for City staff and citizens to understand the importance of the role of the park system and to help support essential decisions in future parks, recreation, and open space development.

2025 Level of Service: 22.60 acres per 1,000 persons
With an estimated population of 44,916

2030 Projected Level of Service: 21.64 acres per 1,000 persons
With a projected population of 46,900

Methodology

- All parks, open spaces, and trails were inventoried and only developed park acres were tabulated to determine the LOS.
- It is important to note that HOA parks are not included in the LOS analysis although they do provide space and facilities for usage and meet the recreational needs of the residents.
- Golf courses and private recreational facilities on leased land in The Colony serve as destination attractions, record a high level of citizen usage and positively impact the economy. Therefore, the private recreational providers and golf courses are included in the LOS analysis.
- Trails that are found in a park are counted in the greenbelts and trails category, not the park that they are located in.
- The total parkland acres were compared to the 2023 population estimate (44,916) to develop a LOS of acres per 1,000 residents.

Recommended LOS

The Colony originally established a LOS standard of 19.0 acres of developed parkland per 1,000 residents in the 2019 Master Plan. This LOS has allowed the city to provide sufficient parkland for the community, and as such, it is recommended for the City to continue to maintain a minimum LOS of 19.0 acres per 1,000 residents. It's important to note that as the City is approaching build-out, there are limited opportunities for the City to acquire undeveloped land for recreational use, and thus the City will not be able to easily increase the Level of Service. The Level of Service is not anticipated to drastically change once the City is fully built-out, and future recommendations will likely consist of maintenance and redevelopment of recreational spaces.

Undeveloped Parks		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
Augusta Park	1.80	0.00
Squires Drive Park	7.61	0.00
TOTAL PARK ACRES	9.41	0.00

Community Parks		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
Bill Allen Memorial Park	48.77	23.41
Kids' Colony Park	2.90	2.90
Total Park Acres	51.67	26.31

Neighborhood Parks		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
Austin Ranch Park	2.95	2.95
Carr/Chapman Park	1.24	1.24
Dave Cowan Park	2.34	2.32
Friendship Park	1.64	1.64
Lion's Club Park	7.34	7.34
Perryman Park	2.98	2.98
Ridgepointe Park	14.69	1.10
Scout Park	5.37	5.37
Slay/Baker Park	2.49	2.49
Taylor Street Park	13.36	2.10
West Shore Park	1.14	1.14
Wilcox Park	1.91	1.91
Total Park Acres	57.45	32.58

Regional Parks		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
Eastvale Park (Blue Sky)	55.00	27.80
Hawaiian Waters	33.27	18.67
Hidden Cove Park	600.00	152.20
Stewart Creek Park Includes: Stewart Peninsula Golf Course	130.00 65.00	103.60 65.00
The Athletic Club	76.66	76.66
Turner Athletic Complex	26.68	10.68
Wynnewood Park Includes: Old American Golf Course Tribute Golf Course	650.00 143.00 241.00	384.00 143.00 163.00
Total Park Acres	1,571.61	773.61

Athletic Facilities		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
BB Owens Softball Complex	20.00	10.13
Bridges Park	22.01	9.10
Camey Soccer Complex	4.93	4.93
North Colony Baseball & Softball Complex	16.77	16.77
Total Park Acres	63.71	40.93

Recreational Facilities		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
The Colony Aquatic Park	20.75	4.57
The Colony Recreation Center	2.90	2.90
The Colony Senior Center	4.57	4.57
Total Park Acres	28.22	12.04

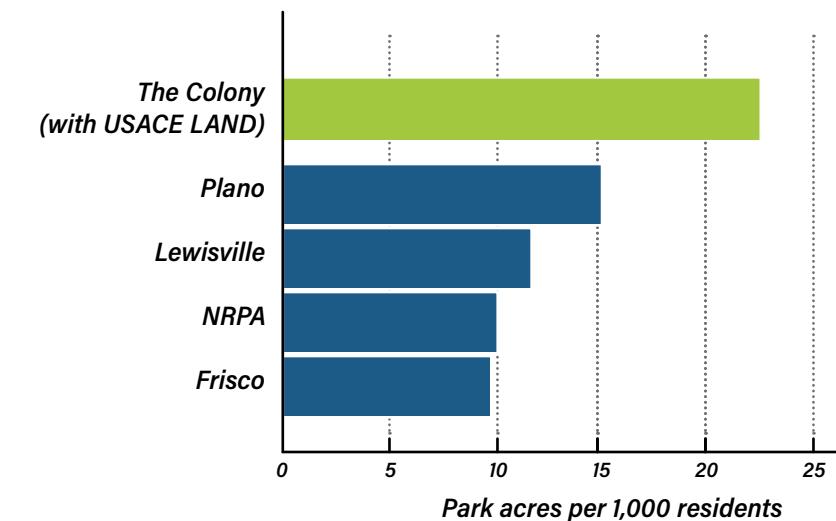
Special Use Parks		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
Bridges Cemetery	1.67	1.67
Greenway Park	2.22	2.22
Historical Park	0.50	0.50
Pawsome Playground Dog Park	4.50	4.50
Wheel Zone Bike & Skatepark	0.68	0.68
Total Park Acres	9.57	9.57

Natural Areas		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
USACE Leased Wildlife Management	600	0.00
NATURAL AREAS IN PARKS		
BB Owens Softball Complex	Included in park totals	
Bill Allen Memorial Park	Included in park totals	
Eastvale (Blue Sky) Park	Included in park totals	
Hidden Cove Park and Marina	Included in park totals	
Ridgepointe Park	Included in park totals	
Stewart Creek Park	Included in park totals	
Turner Athletic Complex	Included in park totals	
Wynnewood Park	Included in park totals	
Total Park Acres	600.00	0.00

Greenbelts & Trails		
Park	Total Acres	Developed Acres
Austin Ranch Trail	12.40 acres (3.41 miles)	12.40 acres (3.41 miles)
Bill Allen Trail	2.17 acres (0.60 miles)	2.17 acres (0.60 miles)
Five Star Trail	5.20 acres (1.43 miles)	5.20 acres (1.43 miles)
Grandscape Trails	3.35 acres (0.92 miles)	3.35 acres (0.92 miles)
Hidden Cove Trail	8.29 acres (2.28 miles)	8.29 acres (2.28 miles)
Lebanon Trail	10.18 acres (2.80 miles)	10.18 acres (2.80 miles)
Main Street Trail (FM 423)	10.73 acres (2.95 miles)	10.73 acres (2.95 miles)
North Colony Trail	16.72 acres (4.60 miles)	16.72 acres (4.60 miles)
Park Loop Trail	13.89 acres (3.82 miles)	13.89 acres (3.82 miles)
Shoreline Trail	12.07 acres (3.32 miles)	12.07 acres (3.32 miles)
South Colony Trail	4.36 acres (1.20 miles)	4.36 acres (1.20 miles)
Stewart Creek Trail	2.36 acres (0.65 miles)	2.36 acres (0.65 miles)
Tribute Nature Trail	18.18 acres (5.00 miles)	18.18 acres (5.00 miles)
Total park acres	119.90 acres / 31.98 miles	119.90 acres / 32.98 miles
Total Parkland Acres	2,511.54 acres	1,014.94 acres

Benchmark Communities

Benchmark comparisons allow the City to compare the park system to those of other similar and neighboring communities. The local communities that were identified to serve as benchmark communities include Frisco, Lewisville, and Plano.



The Colony's LOS is higher than all the benchmark communities and the NRPA average. This high LOS is a strength of The Colony and not only serves the local community but also attracts residents throughout the DFW-Metroplex. As the City is almost at build-out and the opportunities to develop new parkland are heavily limited, the City needs to continue maintaining and improving the park system.

Maintenance Analysis

The Colony has a large amount of parkland and open space that is operated and maintained at a high level. Based on City staff input and professional opinion, The Colony's park system is divided into three categories based on the level of maintenance: high, middle, and low.

- High-level maintenance parks are developed parks that are maintained and operated by the City.
- Medium-level maintenance parks are those that have an undeveloped portion and are maintained periodically by the City.
- Low-level maintenance parks are undeveloped parks and maintained on an as needed basis. Leased parks that are maintained by a private entity are classified as low level maintenance as they are not maintained and operated by the City.

High Level Maintenance

High maintenance parks involve weekly or biweekly mowing, edging, fertilizing, trash pickup, irrigation system repairs and maintenance, tree and shrub trimming, etc.

The following properties are classified as High Level Maintenance:

Park Name	Acres	Park Name	Acres
Neighborhood Parks			
Austin Ranch Park	2.95	Ridgepointe Park	1.10
Carr / Chapman Park	1.24	Scout Park	5.37
Dave Cowan Park	2.32	Slay / Baker Park	2.49
Friendship Park	1.64	Taylor Street Park	2.10
Lion's Club Park	7.34	West Shore Park	1.14
Perryman Park	2.98	Wilcox Park	1.91
Neighborhood Park Acres		32.58	

Park Name	Acres
Community Parks	
Bill Allen Memorial Park	23.41
Kids' Colony	2.90
Community Park Acres	26.31
Regional Parks	
Stewart Creek Park	38.60
Turner Athletic Complex	10.68
Regional Park Acres	49.28
Athletic Facilities	
BB Owens Softball Complex	10.13
Bridges Park	9.10
Camey Soccer Complex	4.93
North Colony Baseball & Softball Complex	16.77
Athletic Facilities Acres	40.93

Park Name	Acres
Special Use Parks	
Bridges Cemetery	1.67
Greenway Park	2.22
Historical Park	0.50
Pawsome Playground Dog Park	4.50
Wheel Zone Bike & Skate Park	0.68
Special Use Park Acres	9.57
Recreation Facilities	
The Colony Aquatic Park	4.57
The Colony Recreation Center	2.90
The Colony Senior Center	4.57
Recreation Facility Acres	12.04
Greenbelts and Trails	
Shoreline Trails (30' usable space)	12.07 acres / 3.32 miles
Greenbelt and Trail Acres / Miles	12.07 acres / 3.32 miles
Total Park Acres	257.25
Maintenance Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	5.73



Medium Level Maintenance

Medium maintenance parks are maintained periodically with mowing and edging as needed, removal of fallen trees, erosion improvements, and flood control.

The following properties are classified as Medium-Level Maintenance:

Park Name	Acres
Neighborhood Parks	
Taylor Street Park	11.26
Neighborhood Park Acres	11.26
Athletic Facilities	
Bridges Park	12.91
Athletic Facilities Acres	12.91
Regional Parks	
Hawaiian Waters	14.60
Regional Park Acres	14.60
Natural Areas	
BB Owens Softball Complex	9.87
Bill Allen Memorial Park	25.36
Turner Athletic Complex	16.0
Natural Park Acres	51.23

Park Name	Acres
Greenbelts and Trails	
Austin Ranch Trail (30' usable space)	12.40 acres / 3.41 miles
Bill Allen Trail	2.17 acres / 0.60 miles
Grandscape Trails (30' usable space)	3.35 acres / 0.92 miles
Hidden Cove Trail	8.29 acres / 2.28 miles
Main Street Trail (30' usable space)	10.73 acres / 2.95 miles
North Colony Trail (30' usable space)	16.72 acres / 4.60 miles
Park Loop Trail	13.89 acres / 3.82 miles
South Colony ROW Trail (30' usable space)	4.36 acres / 1.20 miles
Stewart Creek Trail	2.36 acres / 0.65 miles
The Athletic Club Trail	5.20 acres / 1.43 miles
Tribute Nature Trail (30' usable space)	18.18 acres / 5.00 miles
Greenbelt and Trail Acres / Miles	97.65 acres / 26.86 miles
Total Park Acres	187.65
Maintenance Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	4.17

Low Level Maintenance

Low level maintenance parks are maintained on an as needed basis such as the removal of fallen trees, flood mitigation and repairs, and any issues that could impact the safety of the park users. Leased parks are classified as low level maintenance because they are typically maintained by a private entity.

The following properties are classified as Low Level Maintenance:

Park Name	Acres
Neighborhood Parks	
Augusta Park	1.80
Squires Drive Park	7.61
Neighborhood Park Acres	9.41
Regional Parks	
Eastvale Park	27.80
Five Star East (Hawaiian Falls)	18.67
Hidden Cove Park & Marina	152.20
Stewart Peninsula Golf Course	65.00
The Athletic Club	76.66
Wynnewood Park • Old American Golf Course • Tribute Golf Course	384 • 143.00 • 241.00
Regional Park Acres	724.33

Park Name	Acres
Natural Areas	
USACE Leased Wildlife Management Areas within city limits and ETJ	600.00
Natural Areas within Parks	
• Eastvale Park	• 27.20
• Hidden Cove Park and Marina	• 447.80
• Ridgepointe Park	• 13.59
• Stewart Creek Park	• 26.40
• Wynnewood Park	• 266.00
Natural Areas Acres	1,380.99
Greenbelts and Trails	
Lebanon Trail (30' usable space)	10.18 acres / 2.80 miles
Greenbelt and Trail Acres / Miles	10.18 acres / 2.80 miles
Total Park Acres	2,12.91
Maintenance Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	47.31



The needs assessment was identified based on community input, the existing inventory, city staff, NRPA metrics, and professional opinion. The following pages identify the recreational needs within the community.

Existing Parks

The City of The Colony has continuously developed and maintained their park system and is approaching build-out. It is imperative that the City continue to monitor and assess existing park facilities to better understand opportunities to enhance the existing parks. As the community demographics change over time, the existing parks will need to adapt.

The Colony should consider installing or updating the following at existing parks:

- Restrooms
- Shade
- Wildflower/pollinator gardens
- Sport courts/fields
- Accessible surfacing
- Fitness equipment
- Playgrounds
- Native landscaping
- Picnic shelters
- Public art

Trail Needs

Residents of The Colony made it clear that trails are an important aspect for the community. The City has successfully developed and expanded the trail system since the adoption of the 2019 Community Development and Parks Master Plan, and the City needs to continue expanding this network. Residents desire additional hiking and biking opportunities with opportunities for new loop trails. The community expressed the goal of improving regional connectivity by connecting the trails to the regional veloweb, which will provide a continuous pathway to the neighboring communities.

The City should consider incorporating the following with trails:

- Signage (e.g. trail markers, directional, and interpretive signage)
- Trailheads with information kiosks and maps
- Bike facilities including bike racks and bike repair stations
- Natural shade
- Site furniture such as benches, picnic areas, and drinking fountains
- Trail lighting

Athletic Needs

The Colony provides several opportunities for the community to participate in athletics; however, residents have expressed the need for the City to reinvest in the athletic facilities. The City is currently in the process of developing master plans for several of the athletic facilities, including BB Owen Softball Complex, Bridges Park, Camey Soccer Complex, Baseball/Softball Complex, and Turner Soccer Complex. It is important for the City to continue to update and maintain the athletic facilities.

The City should consider the following elements regarding the athletic facilities:

- Field / court maintenance
- Restroom / concession facilities
- Trails
- Playground equipment
- Paved parking
- Supporting facilities (e.g. field/court lighting, benches, drinking fountains, etc.)

Natural Areas & Open Spaces Needs

Residents consistently expressed The Colony's parks are unique because they are integrated with the natural environment. Partnerships with organizations such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has allowed the City to provide opportunities for recreation and education while preserving the natural environment. Several parks are developed alongside Lake Lewisville and provide education on native vegetation and local wildlife. It is crucial for the City to continue emphasizing aspects of the natural environment throughout the park system.

The City should consider the following elements regarding natural and open space areas:

- Preservation and conservation of natural areas
- Environmental sustainable elements (e.g. OneWater, solar lighting, etc.)
- Wildlife viewing areas
- Nature programming opportunities (nature education, Texas Master Naturalist, nature hikes, etc.)
- Wetland enhancement / preservation
- Vegetation plantings and pollinator gardens
- Invasive species control

Multi-Generational Needs

During the development of the 2019 Community Development and Parks Master Plan, the community expressed a strong desire for an updated recreation and senior center. In response, the City purchased the former Stewart's Creek Elementary School property from Lewisville ISD and reopened The Colony Senior Center at this location. Four outdoor pickleball courts are now under construction at the site. At the same time, the City completed a Recreation Center Feasibility Study and is currently seeking funding for the facility's design and construction. This facility is planned to be constructed adjacent to the Senior Center, with both facilities aimed at meeting the community's multi-generational needs, including opportunities to participate in pickleball.

Park System Priorities

The following list identifies the priorities the City should focus on to best improve the park system over the next five years.

Park System Priorities	
Priority	Element
1	Recreation Center
2	Support Facilities (e.g shade, lighting, restrooms, parking, etc.)
3	Multi-Use Trails
4	Sport Fields / Courts
5	Playgrounds
6	Pavilion / Picnic areas
7	Signage
8	Native landscaping
9	Site Furniture
10	Art Installations



New and Existing Parks

Update Aquatic Park:

- Shade
- Pool improvements
- Splashzone replacement

Replace playground at Perryman Park

Fix erosion and drainage issues at Bill Allen Memorial Park

Update Lion's Club Park:

- Playground replacement
- Pavilion replacement
- Trails
- General site improvements

Develop Augusta Park:

- Sports courts/fields
- Playground
- Pavilion
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Art
- Bike racks
- Drinking fountains
- Waste receptacles

Update Bridges Park:

- Field/court renovations
- Trails
- Parking
- Restroom
- Lighting

Conduct dredging at Scout Park

Update Stewart Creek Park with amenities including but not limited to:

- Sport courts
- Playground replacement
- Boardwalk
- Pavilion
- Trails

Enhance Taylor Street Park:

- Nature play
- Pavilion
- Little-free library
- Pollinator garden
- Art

Develop Squires Drive Park:

- Sports courts/fields
- Playground
- Pavilion
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Art
- Bike racks
- Drinking fountains
- Waste receptacles



Trails

Providing supporting facilities along trails

- Shade
- Drinking fountains
- Benches
- Waste receptacles
- Emergency call boxes

Install and replace interpretive and wayfinding signage

Program trails to be utilized for events such as 5K runs, nature walks, field trips, etc.

Continue to develop trails as identified in the Trail and Bikeways Master Plan

Athletics

Improve Kids' Colony Park

- Basketball court renovations

Update Turner Soccer Complex:

- Field renovations
- Trails
- Lighting
- Parking
- Restroom replacement

Update B.B. Owens Softball Complex:

- Field renovations
- Playground
- Shade
- Parking
- Restroom replacement
- General site improvements.

Update Little League Complex:

- Field renovations
- Ninja course
- Trails
- Restroom.
- Enhance partnership with LISD for shared use athletic facilities

Natural Area & Open Spaces

Preserve and conserve natural areas throughout the park system

Implement sustainable design practices for conservation & preservation of natural areas

Provide shelters and benches in natural areas surrounding Lewisville Lake to take advantage of the natural views

Install native plantings and pollinator areas along Shoreline Trail





The following implementation schedule has been developed and provides specific recommended actions for the City to integrate into the park system to improve recreational opportunities. This schedule provides a projected timeline for implementation, is intended to serve as a guide and provides estimated costs needed to improve the park system. Funding opportunities can be found in the following chapter.

The previous master plan identified projects for 2019 – 2029 and the City has successfully implemented several of these projects. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update is intended to ensure the recommended actions continue to meet the needs of the community through the next five years. The City will need to develop a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan following 2029.

Short-Term Projects (2025 - 2027)	
Project Details	Estimated Cost
Design and update The Colony Recreation Center • Indoor recreational facilities (Phase I)	\$5,500,000
Update Aquatic Park (Phases I-IV) • Shade • Pool improvements • Splashzone replacement	\$1,350,000
Expand the Park Loop Trail (Segment 1A)	\$775,000
Update Kids' Colony Park • Court renovations	\$50,000
Update Perryman Park • Playground replacement	\$375,000
Update Turner Soccer Complex • Paved parking • Restroom replacement • Field renovations	\$2,800,000
Complete and implement an on-street bike route signage plan	Market Value
Update BB Owens Softball Complex • Paved parking • Restroom replacement • Field renovations	\$5,550,000
Improve Bill Allen Memorial Park • Erosion improvements	\$500,000
Short-Term Project Estimated Cost	\$16,850,000

Mid-Term Projects (2028 - 2029)		
Project Details	Estimated Cost	
Update Lion's Club Park • Playground replacement • Dredging	\$1,500,000	• Pavilion replacement • Multi-purpose loop trail
Update The Colony Recreation Center • Outdoor recreational facilities (Phases I & II)	\$5,750,000	
Update Little League Complex • Field renovations • New restroom facility	\$8,400,000	• Trails • Ninja course
Develop Augusta Park • Playground • Pavilion • Picnic tables • Benches	\$1,500,000	• Art • Bike racks • Drinking fountain • Waste receptacles
Update Bridges Park • Lighting replacement • Paved parking • New restroom facility	\$2,100,000	• Field/court renovations • Trails
Improve Scout Park • Dredging	\$250,000	
Update Stewart Creek Park (Phases II & III) • Restroom • RV Areas • Boat Ramp • Parking • Trail	\$4,725,000	• Pavilions • Boardwalk • Playground renovation • Sport courts • Site furniture
Update The Colony Trails and Bikeways Master Plan	Market Value	
Apply to become CAPRA accredited	Market Value	
Develop new Community Development and Parks Master Plan	Market Value	
Mid-term Projects Estimated Cost	\$23,825,000	

Long-Term Projects (2030+)		On-Going Projects	
Project Details	Estimated Cost	Project Details	
Develop Squires Drive Park <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playground• Pavilion• Picnic tables• Trailhead connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bike racks• Drinking Fountain• Waste Receptacles -	Continue to develop trails per the Trails and Bikeways Master Plan	
Update The Colony Recreation Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor recreational facilities (Phases III & IV)	-	Install art along pedestrian & traffic corridors	
Update Camey Soccer Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field improvements• Trails• On-street parking	-	Install median enhancements and landscaping improvements	
Update North Colony Baseball & Softball Complex <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field improvements• Restroom replacement	-	Continue to program recreational activities in parks and natural spaces	
Update Taylor Street Park <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nature play• Pavilion• Little-free library• Pollinator garden• Art	-	Review approved tree list and update tree ordinance	
		Incorporate trails and bikeways to Master Thoroughfare Plan	
		Apply for an upgraded Bicycle Friendly Community Designation	
		Participate in the national 10-Minute Walk to a Park campaign	
		Overall Projected Total (Not including Long-term projects)	\$40,675,000



Funding Sources

The City of The Colony has a variety of different funding opportunities available that can assist with the funding of the proposed projects in this plan. Funding sources typically fall within two different categories: Locally Generated Funds & Community Partnerships, and Federal Funding.

Locally Generated Funds & Community Partnerships

General Fund

These funds are typically used for smaller projects such as repairs and replacements at existing park facilities.

4B Sales Tax

Type B sales tax are funds that may be used for quality of life improvement projects in addition to manufacturing and industrial developments. The Colony may use these funds to pay for land acquisition, buildings, equipment, facilities, targeted infrastructure and improvements for sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, public parks, related store restaurant, concession, parking and transportation facilities, among others.

Certificates of Obligation

These certificates have basically the same effect as general obligation bonds except they do not require an election to authorize them. An election can petitioned by five percent of the registered voters of the city. These certificates are issued on the authorization of the City Council. Repayment is based on the property taxing power of the city, utility system revenues, or a combination of the two.

Park Fee Ordinance

These fees are typically imposed on developers when they bring new development projects into the community. The fees are typically used to ensure that as more development comes to the City, more park land is developed or improved. Each jurisdiction has their own specific ordinance, but typically the City can require the developer to provide land for a park, cash in lieu of the required land, or park development fees.

Tree Mitigation Funds

These funds are fees that are imposed on developers when they remove trees in excess of what is allowed by development or tree preservation ordinances. The acquired funds are typically used for tree plantings in city-owned open space and park properties.

User Fees

This method of financing requires the eventual users to pay a fee for the use of a specific park or facility. User fees can be established to pay for debt service, maintenance, and/or operation of the park system.

Private or Corporate Donations & Sponsorships

Donations and/or sponsorships from foundations, corporations, and/or private individuals are often used to acquire/develop parks and operate programs. The City should constantly identify and pursue opportunities to receive such funding. One avenue for receiving donations is through the use of the Texas Parks & Recreation Foundation. This foundation has been developed to help all communities in the State of Texas to maximize the benefits of donations of land, property, and money.

Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant

The Texas Tax Code authorizes the City of The Colony to impose a local hotel occupancy tax which may be used to fund certain projects or programs which promote and enhance tourism and the convention and hotel industry. This fund is available to qualifying non-profit or government entities within The Colony as a Hotel Occupancy Tax Grant.

State & Federal Funding

NCTCOG Transportation Alternative Call for Projects

These funds are intended for eligible projects such as on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, shared-use paths, and related pedestrian and bicycle safety countermeasures. The North Central Texas Council of Governments looks for projects that align with those identified in their Mobility 2045 Plan.

TPWD Outdoor Recreation Grant

These grants are intended for communities with a population of less than 500,000 and can be used for the acquisition of parkland, park development, or the renovation of existing parks and open spaces. This grant is a 50% matching grant with a ceiling of \$750,000.

TPWD Indoor Recreation Grants

These grants are intended for communities with a population of less than 500,000 and can be used for the construction of recreation centers, local community centers, nature centers, and other applicable indoor facilities. This grant is a 50% matching grant with a ceiling of \$1.5 million.

Community Outdoor Outreach Program (CO-OP)

These grants are primarily used to assist non-profits and local governments for recreational programming geared toward under served populations. The intent of the funds are to introduce the importance of environmental educational and conservation and provide TPWD mission oriented outdoor recreational activities. This grant is a TPWD Sponsored grant with a minimum funding requirement of \$5,000 and a ceiling of \$50,000.

Recreational Trails Grant

These grants are intended for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects; including new trail construction, existing trail improvements, acquisition of trail corridors, trailheads, and/or amenities. This grant is federally funded by the Federal Highway Administration and administered by TPWD. This grant is 80/20 with up to 80% of the project being funded through TPWD with a ceiling of \$300,000 for non-motorized and \$600,000 for motorized trails.

Community Development Block Grant (HUD)

These funds are federally funded and distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to cities with populations greater than 50,000. The aim of the grant is to address the housing and community development needs in low-income communities through three national objectives: benefits to low-to-moderate income persons, eliminating or preventing slum or blight, and meeting an urgent need.

TxDOT Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Program

Administered by state departments of transportation, this is a federal grant. This is an 80/20 grant, with up to 80% of the project being federally funded. The purpose of the SRTS program is to encourage safe bicycling and walking among schoolchildren. These proposals can be located anywhere in the state, regardless of population size. The SRTS projects must be planned to be within public right-of-way within 2 miles of a public, charter, or private school serving K-8th grade students. The types of projects typically funded include bicycle infrastructure improvements, shared-use paths, sidewalk improvements, and infrastructure related projects to improve safety for non-motorized transportation.

Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grants

These Federal grant funds are administered through TPWD through the Texas Recreation Park Account. Note: if a City applies for an Outdoor Grant, Small Community Grant, or Indoor Recreation Grant, TPWD may choose to fund a successful project directly through LWCF with no additional or separate application.