

CHAPTER 9 Planning Framework

9.0 INTRODUCTION

The statement of goals and objectives provides a framework for determining the community's recreational needs, and formulating recommendations and implementation policies for addressing those needs. A goal is defined as the result or achievement toward which effort is directed. The goals described in this document reflect general aspirations for the community's park, recreation, open space and trail amenities. An objective is defined as something that one's efforts or actions are intended to attain or accomplish. The objectives listed in this document represent more detailed descriptions of desirable outcomes.

9.1 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1 Accessibility

- Objective 1. Ensure that public parks, trails and recreation facilities comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards to the greatest extent possible.
- Objective 2. Ensure that public park and recreational facility usage, and recreation programming, is affordable for all.
- Objective 3. Provide for adequate connections and access to public parks and trails, including public parking, public transportation and trail connections.
- Objective 4. Create neighborhood parks that are conveniently located and accessible to the neighborhoods they serve.

Goal 2 Education

- Objective 1. Educate citizens regarding the location of public parks, trails and recreational facilities in Bozeman.
- Objective 2. Educate the public regarding rules, regulations and proper etiquette for the use of public parks and trails to minimize impacts and conflicts.
- Objective 3. Enforce park rules and regulations to minimize impacts and conflicts.
- Objective 4. Educate residents about the availability of recreation programs.
- Objective 5. Provide recreational programs that teach and promote environmental awareness and stewardship.
- Objective 6. Provide recreational programs that teach parents how to recreate with their children.

Goal 3

Funding

- Objective 1. Establish regular and sufficient funding sources to acquire, develop and maintain public parks, trails and recreational facilities.
- Objective 2. Establish regular and sufficient funding to provide the resources necessary to meet the community’s recreational programming needs.

Goal 4

Partnerships

- Objective 1. Work with user groups, service organizations and other relevant entities to develop new and enhance existing parks, trails and recreation facilities.
- Objective 2. Partner with user groups and service organizations to provide recreation programs for the community.
- Objective 3. Work with County, State and Federal governments to achieve a coordinated approach to recreation services.
- Objective 4. Coordinate with the School District to achieve mutually beneficial recreational opportunities.

Goal 5

Connections

- Objective 1. Continue to obtain new trail corridors and connectors for existing trails through the development process in compliance with the PROST Trail Plan Map.
- Objective 2. Use trails to connect community facilities and institutions such as schools, library and parks.
- Objective 3. Connect Bozeman trails to Gallatin County and Forest Service trails wherever feasible in accordance with the PROST Trail Plan Map.

Goal 6

Usability

- Objective 1. Ensure that new parks and recreation facilities are properly located and sized, and that the land is suitable to support the intended activities and functions of the park and/or facility.
- Objective 2. Use regulatory and non-regulatory tools to enable and encourage the creation of larger, more functional parks.
- Objective 3. Ensure that adequate amounts of parkland or cash-in-lieu are provided through the development process to meet the recreational needs of the community now and into the future.
- Objective 4. Increase and enhance trail-related amenities such as benches, signage, pet sanitary stations and bridges.
- Objective 5. Ensure that adequate facilities are available to support recreation programs.

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- Goal 7** **Equity**
- Objective 1. Provide parks, trails, recreation facilities and programs that meet the needs of all residents regardless of age, gender, economic condition, physical or mental limitation, etc.
 - Objective 2. Ensure that park, trail, recreation facilities and programs are provided to meet the needs of users in an equitable manner with no user group(s) receiving preferential treatment.
 - Objective 3. Provide parks, trails, recreation facilities and programs throughout the City in a geographically equitable manner; avoid creating areas that are underserved or over-served in relation to the rest of the community.
- Goal 8** **Predictability**
- Objective 1. Create standards for property owners associations that maintain public parks and trails for inclusion in association bylaws.
 - Objective 2. Provide standards for trail construction and maintenance.
 - Objective 3. Require adequate maintenance plans for private open space in planned unit developments.
 - Objective 4. Provide minimum requirements for improvements to newly dedicated parkland.
 - Objective 5. Develop and provide standards for additional improvements to dedicated parkland.
- Goal 9** **Safety**
- Objective 1. Upgrade and enhance existing park facilities, such as restrooms and playground equipment, as financial resources permit.
 - Objective 2. Ensure that public parks and recreational facilities are maintained and signed to ensure usability and safety.
 - Objective 3. Develop standards for safety.
 - Objective 4. Review plans for new park development to ensure compliance.
- Goal 10** **Planning**
- Objective 1. Identify, acquire and/or preserve significant open spaces within the planning area.
 - Objective 2. Prepare individual park master plans for all new and existing parks, and amend existing plans as needed.
 - Objective 3. Expand the City's trail system in a predictable, logical and safe manner.
 - Objective 4. Use GIS-based databases of parkland and trails for planning and maintenance.

- Goal 11 Service**
- Objective 1. Ensure an excellent quality of life for Bozeman residents by providing a high level of service for the amount and type of recreation programs and facilities.
 - Objective 2. Provide a high level of service for the maintenance and safety of parks and recreation facilities.
 - Objective 3. Support public sport and team play programs currently provided by user groups.
- Goal 12 Responsiveness**
- Objective 1. Ensure that recreation programming is responsive to the changing needs and demands of the community.
 - Objective 2. Monitor socio-economic changes in City’s population and adapt the City’s recreation program offerings accordingly.
 - Objective 3. Monitor trends in the field of recreation programming, such as Target Market Segments recreational programming, and adapt the City’s recreation programming as needed.
- Goal 13 Health**
- Objective 1. Improve the health of the City’s residents by providing the recreational facilities and program that promote healthy, active lifestyles.
 - Objective 2. Use parks and open spaces to provide opportunities to experience nature.
 - Objective 3. Mitigate air and water pollution with parks, trails and open spaces.
- Goal 14 Prosperity**
- Objective 1. Encourage economic vitality in the community by providing recreational facilities that attract tourists, as well as new residents and businesses, to our City.
 - Objective 2. Provide recreation programs that expand professional competencies and provide professional and continuing education opportunities to enhance the skills and knowledge of the City’s workforce.
- Goal 15 Community**
- Objective 1. Provide recreational opportunities that enhance family relationships.
 - Objective 2. Provide recreation programs that enhance the self-esteem, self-reliance, self-image, resiliency factors, life skills and leadership skills of the community’s youth.
 - Objective 3. Use recreation as a tool to combat negative social activity such as graffiti and vandalism.
 - Objective 4. Use recreational facilities and programs as forums for community involvement and interaction.