

PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FINDINGS

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PURPOSE OF STUDY

- Update to existing Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Evaluates current facilities and recommends changes for next 10 years

SUMMARY OF INPUT PROCESS

- Collected and reviewed prior studies
- Visited all parks and facilities
- Meetings with City Staff
- Public Meetings for input and ideas
- Response to the questionnaire
- Meeting with local youth Sports Leagues
- Interviews with Mayor, Council, City administrator(s), Public Works and others

SUMMARY OF PLANNING PROCESS

- Compile all input received
- Studied State and National Standards
- Compared to similar cities
- Present draft master plan for review
- Finalize master plan report

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- Parks and Recreation in general enjoys broad support
- There is strong support for the addition of parks and amenities
- Taylor-Brawner Park as a passive park is enjoyed by all – How can it be replicated?
- Publicity, registration and communications can be improved



SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Anticipated population growth will require adding 38 acres of new parks during the next 10 years; majority in south Smyrna. Additional facilities to include:
 - 2 Basketball courts; 4 baseball/softball; 4-6 tennis; 2-4 soccer/lacrosse/multi-use; 1 volleyball; more park trails; 4-6 pavilions; skate park; 3 playgrounds; 2-3 community gardens



SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Add more elements to N. Cooper Lake Park – make it a more complete Nature/Passive Park
- More trails and sidewalks linking neighborhoods to Silver Comet Trail and other regional attractions
- Add new sidewalks regularly



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- Additional funding needed for maintenance – Consider increase non-resident fees in youth leagues
- Add Staff to Public Works to improve maintenance on restrooms, picking up trash, and lawns/fields – specifically for weekends
- More oversight of private contractors

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- Consider moving Gymnastics to dedicated facility or building an additional gym at the community center
- Add more youth/teen programs – especially for teenage girls (softball, etc.)
- Facilitate creation of Intramural Program
- Add new staff to accommodate operations and maintenance as new parks are added

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improvements in communication and Cooperation
 - Cobb County – Better Connections to County Parks, cooperation on trails/sidewalks; maintenance
 - Cobb County Schools – Benefits from sharing facilities could be improved
 - City Groups and Departments – Improve publicity and process about programs; Improve coordination with recreational leagues

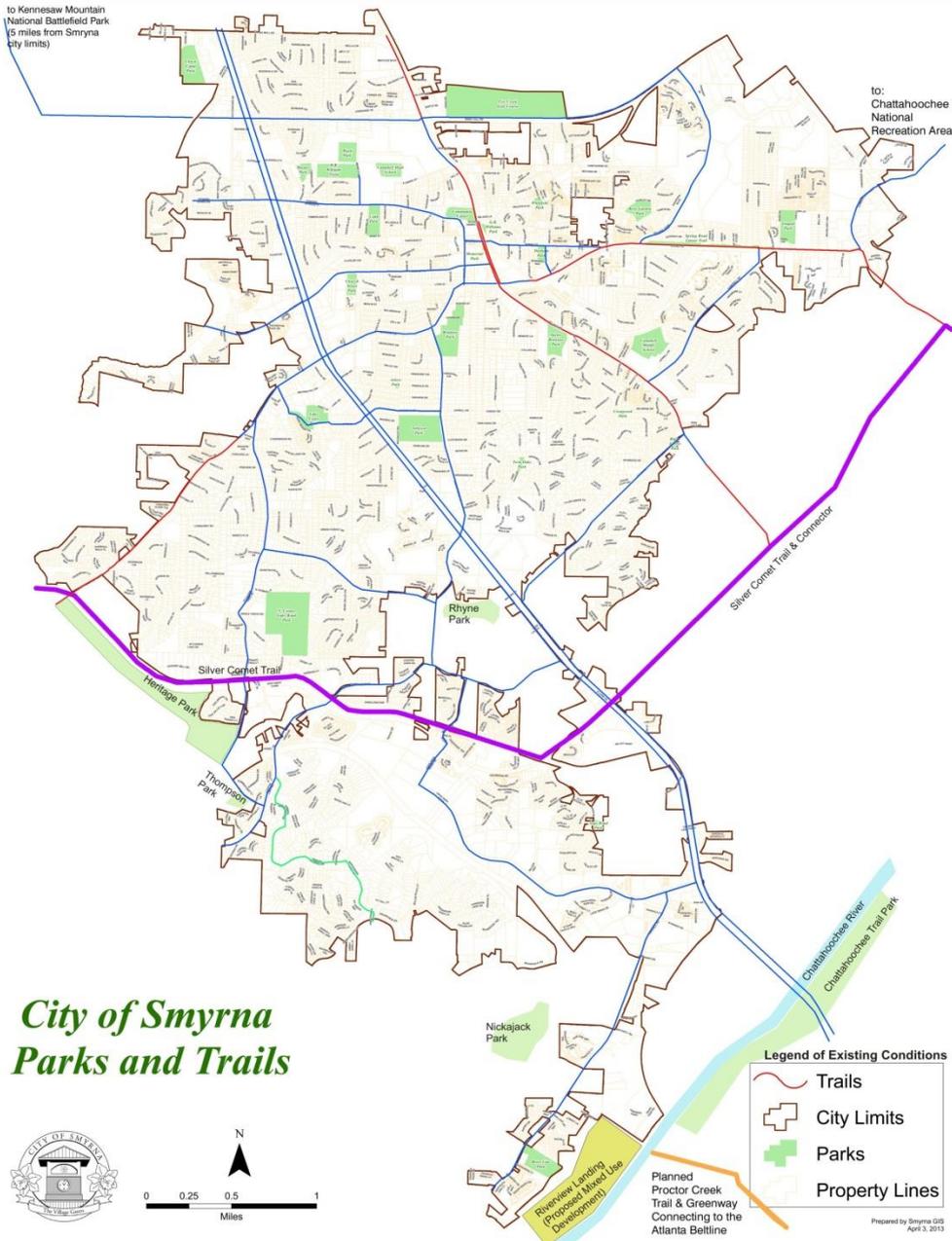
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS



Re-design open space system at Market Village/Village Green to replicate success of Taylor-Brawner Park



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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Smyrna Parks and Trails system



SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Indoor Swimming Facility – has some popular support
- Tolleson Pool is old, open-air and serves summer recreation but doesn't meet competition standards
- There are two Cobb County facilities within 5 miles of Smyrna
- 45% swim team participants are not Smyrna residents

Option 1: Maintain Existing Conditions

Option 2: Enclose Existing Pool - \$500,000 - \$1,000,000 – Pool is still old and will not meet competition standards

Option 3: Remove and replace existing pool with a new swim facility similar to South Cobb Aquatics - \$5,000,000 plus parking

Option 4: Develop a new aquatic facility – requires new property and infrastructure; \$10-20 million, depending on type of facility and location.



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