



# Parks & Recreation

## Capital and Maintenance Update

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**BUNCOMBE COUNTY**

# Overview

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**Parks & Recreation enhances and improves resident's quality of life through Health and Wellness and connection to, preservation of the Natural Environment.**

**Investments in Parks & Recreation is an investment in the social, emotional and physical well-being of our community.**



# History of CIP & Maintenance

## Lack of a comprehensive planning process for CIP (Capital Investment Program) for Parks & Recreation

- Level of care was restricted to basic maintenance
- Projects were planned on an annual basis
- Lack of focus on long-term planning

## High level of Deferred Maintenance

- Maintenance was not performed as scheduled or as needed due to limited resources or other County-wide priorities
- Aging infrastructure and amenities in disrepair struggle to deliver the benefits of parks and recreation to all members of the community.
  - Lack of Park amenity and beautification standards



# Results

**Facilities fall into disrepair and become exponentially more expensive to repair often requiring major renovations that are more costly.**

## Results

- Deteriorating facilities with unsafe conditions
- Deferred maintenance and repairs backlog
- Unkept parks with unsafe and mis-matched amenities
- Poor visitor experience and perception of Buncombe County Parks & Recreation Department



# Current Initiatives



# Internal Assessments

Focus	Deliverables
<b>Community Center Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inventory of Center Amenities</li><li>• Categorized issues base on scale for safety</li><li>• Resolution of priority 1 safety issues at Centers</li><li>• General Services has created a CIP plan for resolution of issues</li><li>• Dedicated funds for Community Centers established</li></ul>
<b>Parks Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baseline inventory of most Parks &amp; Recreation amenities</li><li>• Initial safety assessment of parks<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safety issues addressed</li></ul></li><li>• Facility maintenance coordination<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dedicated funds for Parks &amp; Recreation</li></ul></li></ul>



# Systemwide Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Plan will be comprehensive, equitable, sustainable, and rooted in fiscally responsible solutions that will guide department growth, capital improvement and recreation program decisions for the next 20 years.

## Key Deliverables

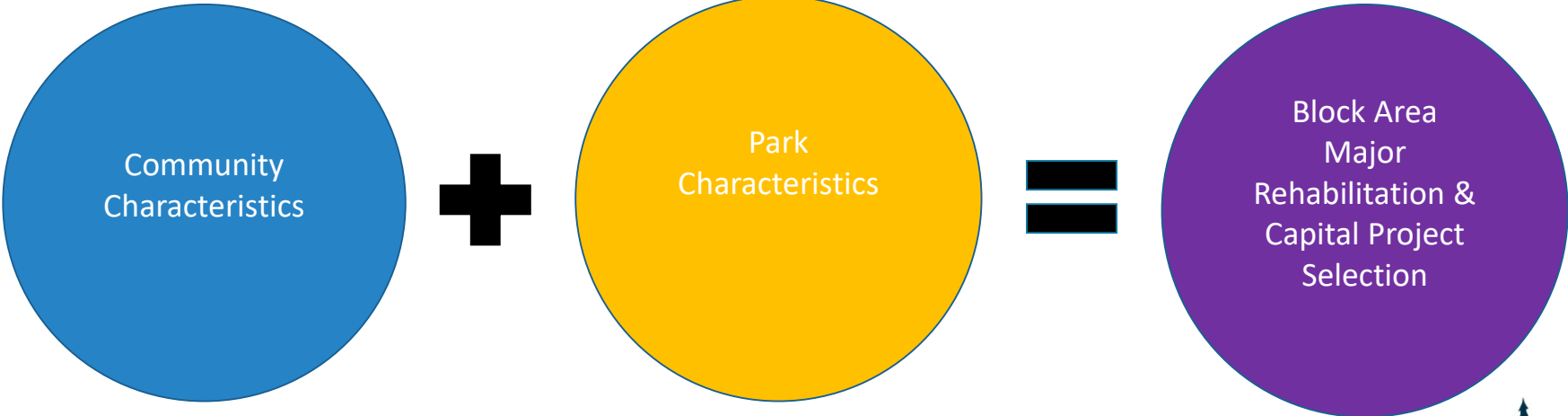
- Comprehensive Inventory of Park Facilities, Greenways and Recreation Services
- Needs Assessment based on equitable public input process, staff input, demographic trends and mapping exercises
- Visioning – Guide CIP
- Analysis of Systemwide Opportunities and Constraints
- Planning and Value-Based Solutions





# Equity Matrix

Buncombe County Parks and Recreation is developing a set of equity-based criteria for prioritizing capital investment and large rehabilitation projects.



# Key Strategies

Focus	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive Park Inventory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect, categorize and illustrate data, facilities, and site conditions</li> <li>Creation of Maintenance Plan</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation of Park Standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniform amenity and beautification standards</li> <li>More inviting and safer parks</li> <li>Multi-year plan to bring all parks to standard</li> <li>Increased accessibility (ADA)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 to 10-year CIP program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diverse and equitable investment in park infrastructure</li> <li>Identify deferred maintenance priorities</li> <li>Identify and Seek Grant Funding where appropriate</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated Greenways Master Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placeholder for FY25</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restructure MOU's and Agreements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly define goals and expectations</li> <li>Outline clear commitments and investments</li> </ul>



# Questions?

