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PARKS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION



INTRODUCTION

Josephine, Texas, is a growing North Texas community that sits within Collin County and Hunt County. Positioned on the urban-rural edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Josephine has experienced significant population and housing growth over the past decade as more commuters seek a balance between small-town living and regional accessibility. Surrounded by rolling prairies and natural waterways, the city retains its rural charm while embracing the opportunities that come with North Texas' rapid expansion. As growth continues, Josephine remains well-positioned to evolve while preserving its natural landscape and a strong sense of community.

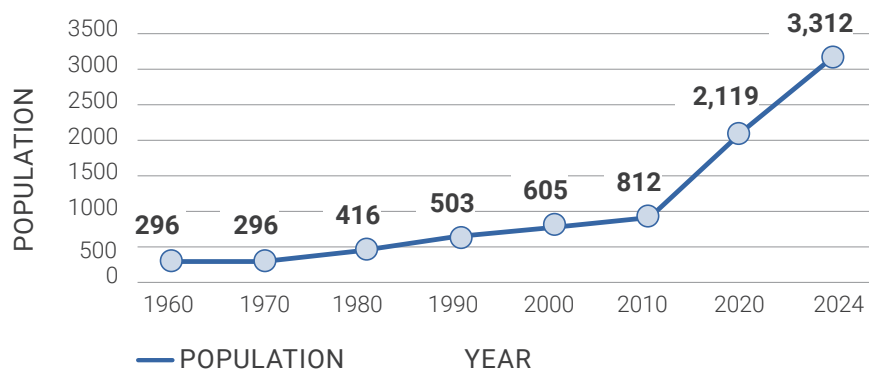
FIGURE 1.1 | REGIONAL CONTEXT MAP



Since 2010, the city's population has more than tripled, driven by new residential developments north and south of FM 6, particularly in the northeast. The Magnolia development, located within Josephine's extraterritorial jurisdiction to the south, has significantly increased demands on the city's road network and public services. Josephine's population has surged in recent years, growing from just over 800 residents in 2010 to an estimated 3,312 in 2024, with projections indicating continued rapid expansion to 11,607 residents in the coming years. This explosive growth highlights the need for strategic planning to ensure that infrastructure, public services, and community amenities keep pace with the city's evolving needs. **Figure 1.2** displays Josephine's population growth over the past 60 years.

As growth continues, the need for parks, trails, and open spaces becomes even more critical. Expanding the city's Park, Trail, and Open Space system will ensure residents can access recreational amenities. At the same time, a well-planned trail network can enhance neighborhood connectivity, alleviate transportation pressures, and preserve the natural landscape. Thoughtful investment in parks and trails will be essential in maintaining a high quality of life for Josephine's growing community.

FIGURE 1.2 | POPULATION GROWTH



Source: 1960-2020, U.S. Census Bureau & 2024, City Audit

JOSEPHINE PARKS AND TRAILS PLANNING PROCESS

A Parks and Trails Master Plan is a long-term strategic guide that helps communities plan for the development of parks and trails. As Josephine experiences growth, this plan is essential in ensuring that parks and open spaces keep pace with the city's evolving needs. It assesses the existing park system, identifies current and future demands based on population trends, and provides recommendations for expanding and improving recreational amenities. Community input is a key component of the planning process, with feedback gathered from residents, stakeholders, city staff, and local leaders through public meetings, surveys, and a steering committee. This plan serves as a roadmap for city staff, the Parks Board, and the City Council to guide decisions on park development, prioritize funding, and apply for grants to support park improvements. By proactively planning for parks and trails, Josephine can create a well-connected, accessible, and high-quality park system that enhances residents' quality of life and fosters a sense of community.

How to use this plan

The Parks and Trails Master Plan is a guiding document to help city leaders, staff, and stakeholders make informed decisions about park development and trail connectivity. This plan is the first parks and trails plan developed by the City of Josephine. To ensure a cohesive vision for Josephine's growth, it should be used in alignment with existing city plans, including the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Plan. By integrating park and trail planning with future land use strategies, the city can ensure that new developments incorporate accessible green spaces, parkland dedication aligns with growth patterns, and trail connections enhance community mobility. Additionally, this plan provides a framework for prioritizing investments, securing funding, and guiding policy decisions to create a well-connected parks system that evolves alongside Josephine's expanding population.

Planning Process

The planning process for the Parks and Trails Master Plan assessed current city assets, gathered community input, and developed a long-term vision for parks and open spaces. It begins with an inventory and analysis of existing parks, trails, and facilities to understand strengths, gaps, and opportunities for improvement. Public engagement is critical, incorporating feedback from residents, stakeholders, and city leaders through surveys, meetings, and workshops.

The plan then outlines recommendations for park expansion, trail connectivity, and facility enhancements, ensuring that future growth aligns with the community's needs. The phases of the plan include:

- ▶ **Phase 1:** Data Collection
- ▶ **Phase 2:** Data Analysis
- ▶ **Phase 3:** Visioning (Recommendations & Design)
- ▶ **Phase 4:** Implementation and Adoption

Ultimately, the plan is a strategic guide to help the city prioritize investments, secure funding, and create a well-connected, accessible, and sustainable park and trail system for residents. **Figure 1.3** displays the phases and timeline of the planning process.

FIGURE 1.3 | PROJECT TIMELINE

PROJECT PHASE	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
Data Collection		★							
Data Analysis									
Vision (Recommendations & Design)						★			
Implementation & Adoption									

★ Public Meetings

Report Outline

The Josephine Parks and Trails Master Plan is composed of six Chapters.



Chapter 1: Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the Parks and Trails Master Plan, outlining its purpose, scope, and significance for the City of Josephine.



Chapter 2: Community Context and Engagement

This chapter highlights the existing demographics within Josephine. This chapter also establishes the community's vision for parks and trails, incorporating input from residents, stakeholders, and city leaders.



Chapter 3: Strategic Direction

This chapter is a high-level overview of the most critical components of the plan: the vision statement, guiding principles, and the Parks and Trails Master plan.



Chapter 4: Josephine Parks

This chapter provides an assessment of the city's existing park system, including an inventory of current parks, their amenities, and overall conditions. This chapter also outlines recommendations and actions for parks in Josephine.



Chapter 5: Josephine Trails

This chapter focuses on the city's trail network, emphasizing the importance of connectivity between parks, neighborhoods, and key destinations. This chapter also outlines recommendations and actions for trails in Josephine.



Chapter 6: Implementation

This chapter outlines the roadmap for bringing the master plan's recommendations to life. It provides actionable strategies, prioritization criteria, and potential funding sources to guide the city in executing park and trail improvements.

TPWD Compliance

The Parks and Trails Master Plan is also critical for securing funding, particularly through grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Many TPWD funding programs, such as the Local Park Grant Program, require cities to adopt an up-to-date parks and recreation master plan that aligns with state and local priorities. This plan ensures that Josephine meets eligibility requirements by clearly assessing existing parkland, identifying future recreational needs, and outlining strategic improvements.

Minimum requirements for the plan include:

- ▶ Summary of accomplishments since previous plan (see **Page 3**)
- ▶ New, pertinent public input (see Public Engagement section in **Chapter 2** and the **Appendix** for a full recap of the public engagement)
- ▶ Inventory data (see parks inventory data in **Chapter 4** and trails inventory data in **Chapter 5**)
- ▶ Updated needs assessment (see Needs Assessment section in **Chapter 4** and Trails Needs Assessment section in **Chapter 5**)
- ▶ Priorities (See high priority projects in **Tables 6.1 and 6.2**)
- ▶ Implementation plan (see **Chapter 6**)
- ▶ Demographics (see Demographics section in **Chapter 2**)
- ▶ Goals and objectives (see **Chapter 3** and Action Items in **Chapters 4 and 5**)
- ▶ Standards (see **Chapters 4 and 5**)
- ▶ Maps (see **Figure 6.1** for recommendations map)
- ▶ Project list (see **Tables 6.1 and 6.2** for park and trail projects list and Implementation Matrix in **Chapter 6**)



Josephine City Park

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CHAPTER 2

COMMUNITY CONTEXT AND ENGAGEMENT



COMMUNITY CONTEXT AND ENGAGEMENT

This chapter assesses Josephine as an existing community and its past and current trends. Understanding the city as a whole—its demographics and existing conditions allowed the engagement efforts in the planning process to be specific to Josephine and ensured recommendations were the most representative of the community's needs. It is important to accommodate the growing population as Josephine is one of the fastest growing cities in Texas with few existing public facilities. With the city still growing, there is opportunity to expand parks and open space for current and future Josephine residents. There are floodplains that while not ideal for infrastructure, can be prime locations for parks to come. These insights are further discussed in the chapter.



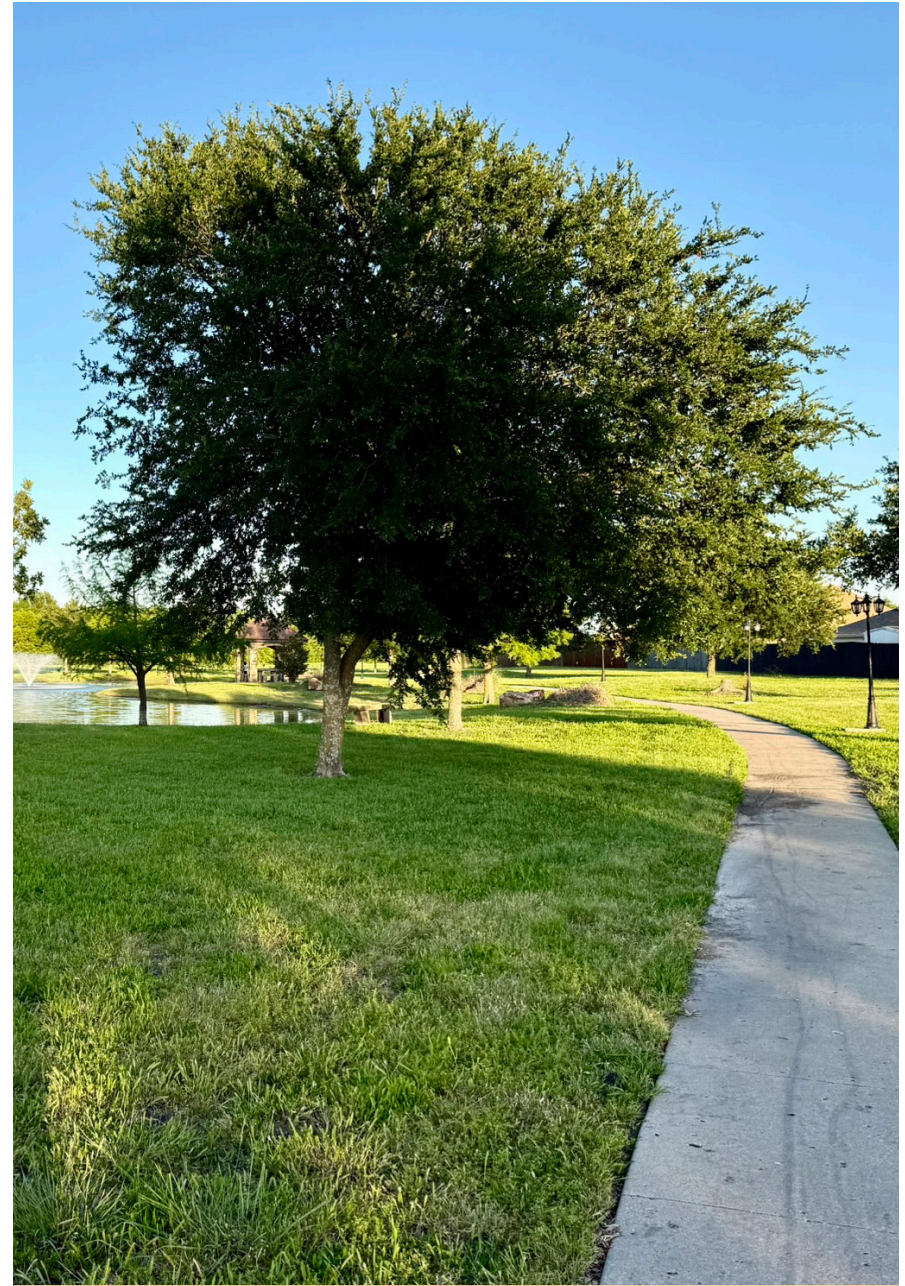
Josephine City Park Community Event

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Natural Resources

Several large floodplains cover the City of Josephine, shaping both the natural landscape and development patterns within the area. While these areas are generally unsuitable for built development, they offer a valuable opportunity for parks and open spaces.

Floodplains provide a unique setting for passive and active recreation. Their proximity to water makes them ideal for nature-based activities such as wildlife observation and exercising on the trails and pathways. These spaces support diverse ecosystems and serve as natural corridors for native species, enhancing the city's ecological health while creating enriching outdoor experiences for residents and visitors alike. With passive use in mind, there is opportunity to transform the floodplains into a beautifully landscaped space for a retention pond or rain garden with environmental educational opportunities for visitors. Strategically incorporating floodplain areas into the city's parks system not only promotes environmental stewardship but also maximizes the use of land that might otherwise remain underutilized.



Fountain View Trail

EXHIBIT 2.1 | NATURAL RESOURCE MAP

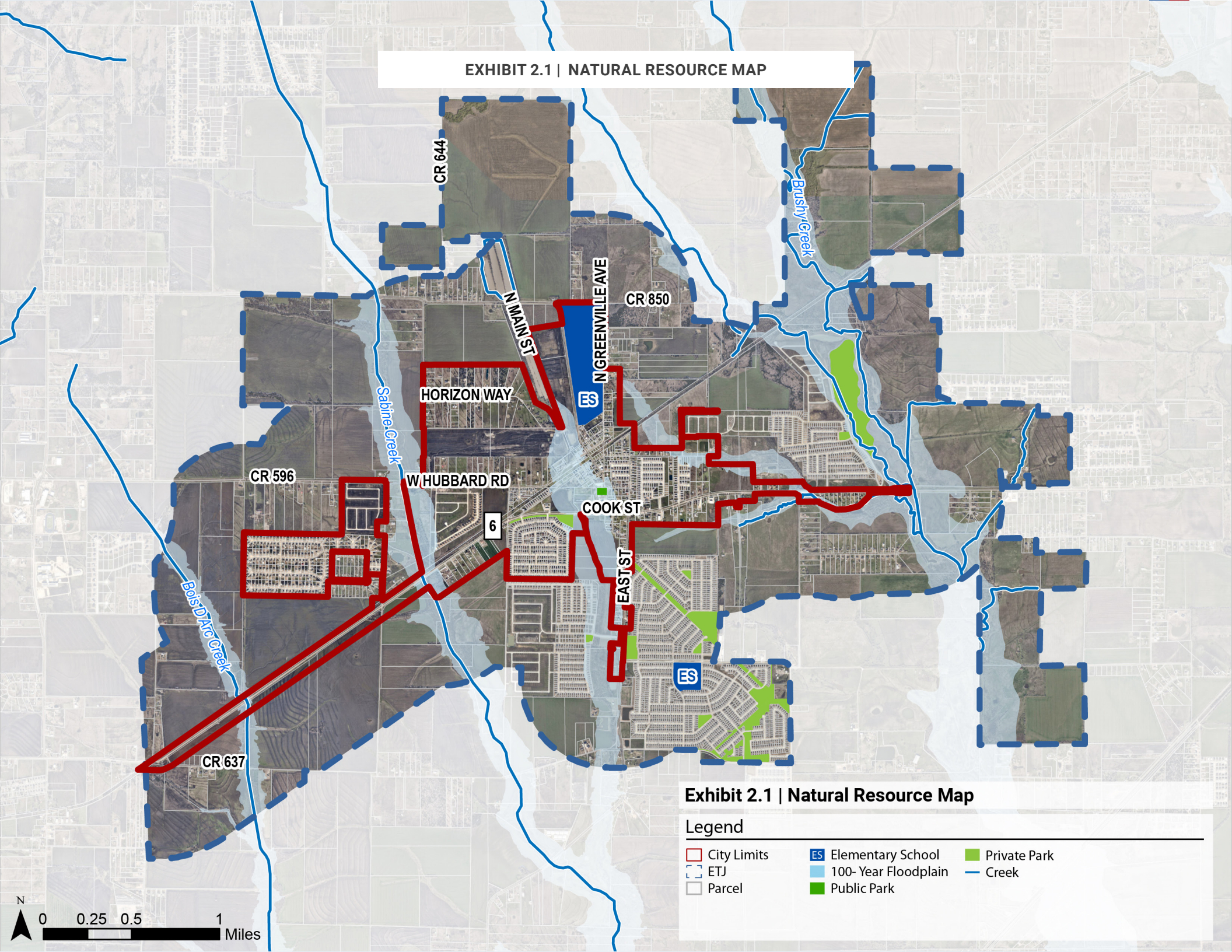
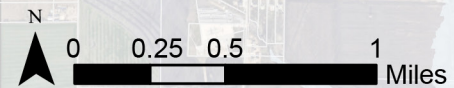


Exhibit 2.1 | Natural Resource Map

Legend

- | | | |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------|
| City Limits | Elementary School | Private Park |
| ETJ | 100- Year Floodplain | Creek |
| Parcel | Public Park | |



City Facilities

The City of Josephine recognizes the growing importance of establishing walkable connections between parks, neighborhoods, schools, and future community destinations, including the newly opened community center. There are several existing citywide facilities in Josephine including the Fire Department, Municipal Court, City Hall, and the Josephine City Park.

The fire department is located adjacent to an open space and a residential community—there is opportunity for this space to serve as a future recreational space, ideal for accessibility to nearby residents. Josephine has one school located in the city limits—Mildred Barrett Ellis Elementary School. The school district at large currently serves approximately 5,000 homes and is expected to double in enrollment by the 2028-2029 school year. Also, a part of the Community Independent School District (CISD), there are several schools in the neighboring cities of Nevada, and Lavon. As schools and the City Center serve as key gathering places, ensuring safe and convenient access to these locations is vital to supporting their role in the community and maximizing their overall impact.

Creating a network of safe, connected routes encourages active modes of transportation such as walking and biking, reduces reliance on vehicles, and helps foster a stronger sense of community. Integrating parks into this broader walkable framework enhances quality of life—making it easier for families to access playgrounds, students to walk or bike to school, and neighbors to connect in shared outdoor spaces. As Josephine continues to grow and expand their public facilities, prioritizing these connections will be essential to supporting a well-integrated parks and open space network.

Land Use

Existing parks and open space in the City of Josephine are primarily located within residential areas, serving as important community amenities and contributing to neighborhood livability. As shown in the Future Land Use map, these recreational spaces have been strategically placed where residents live and can easily access them. Several privately-owned parks and open areas exist within low-density residential neighborhoods in the far southeast corner of the ETJ. Additionally, a visible green corridor—currently used as an informal desire line, not an officially established path but used by the community. This corridor extends diagonally across the city from east to west, hinting at the potential for a more connected park and trail system in the future.

Josephine's Journey, the City's Comprehensive Plan for Growth, emphasizes this need by setting a goal to transform more existing areas into mixed-use public spaces, with a significant portion dedicated for open space. The City Center is envisioned as the focal point for initiating this type of development, serving as an anchor for future efforts to enhance urban livability. As shown in the Future Land Use Plan, floodplains exist throughout the city and provide ample opportunity for the creation of parks and open space. As this area continues to plan for growth-bringing more businesses such as retail, restaurants and other attractions—the existing park space in the downtown area will play a vital role in complementing the commercial growth by bringing more foot traffic to the area and offer essential recreational opportunities. By integrating green infrastructure into this urban core, the city can foster a healthier, more connected environment that supports economic vitality while improving residents' quality of life. This also achieves the goal of the city wanting to create development with a strong relationship between the new developments and parks and open space which makes up the public domain.

EXHIBIT 2.2 | FUTURE LAND USE MAP

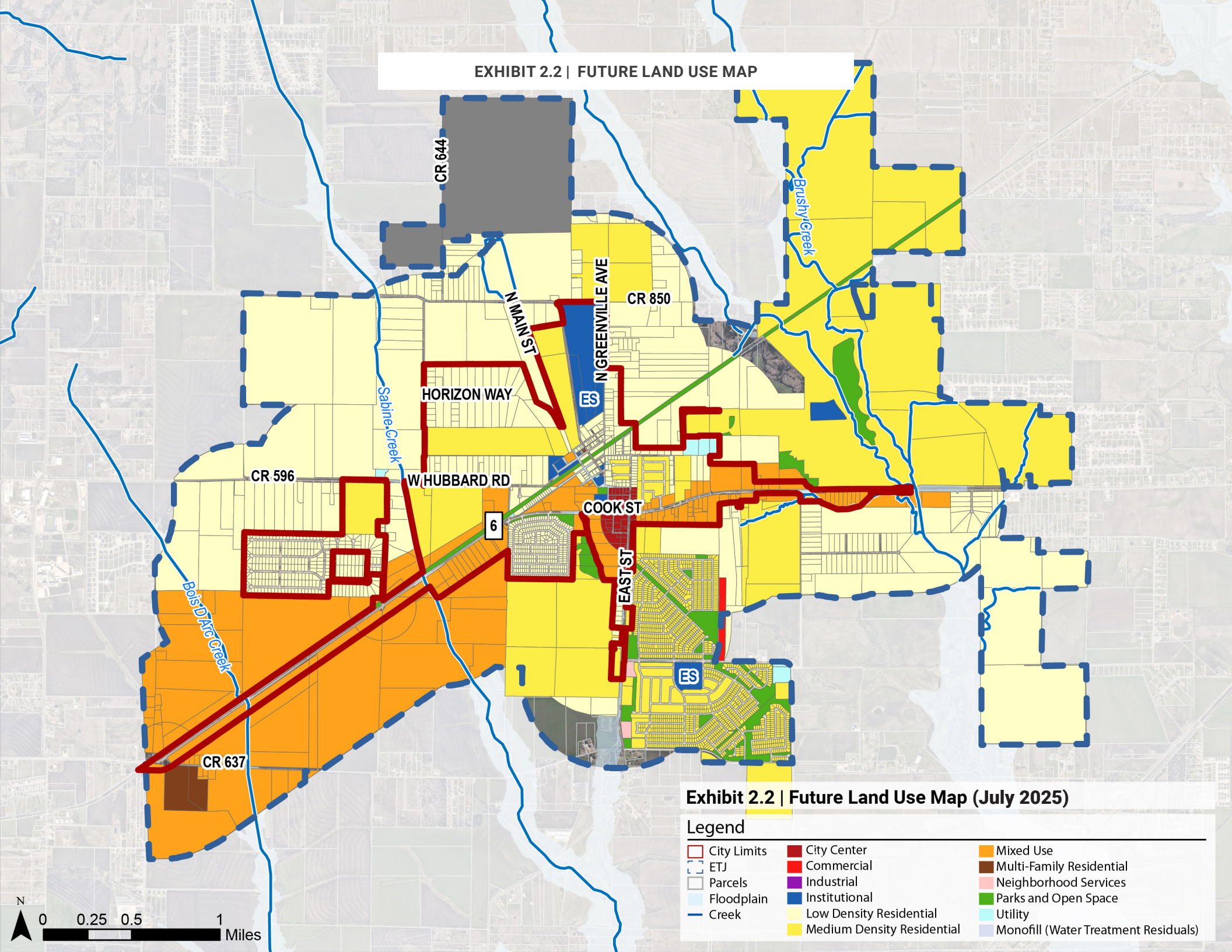
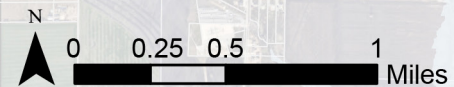


Exhibit 2.2 | Future Land Use Map (July 2025)

Legend

- | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| City Limits | City Center | Mixed Use |
| ETJ | Commercial | Multi-Family Residential |
| Parcels | Industrial | Neighborhood Services |
| Floodplain | Institutional | Parks and Open Space |
| Creek | Low Density Residential | Utility |
| | Medium Density Residential | Monofill (Water Treatment Residuals) |



DEMOGRAPHICS

Demographic studies and understanding a community's makeup is an essential step at the beginning of a planning process. Demographics can include characteristics such as gender, race, age, and income. Performing an analysis of these demographics can help understand trends in the community and identify the community's need for different parks and recreation amenities.

Growth Trends

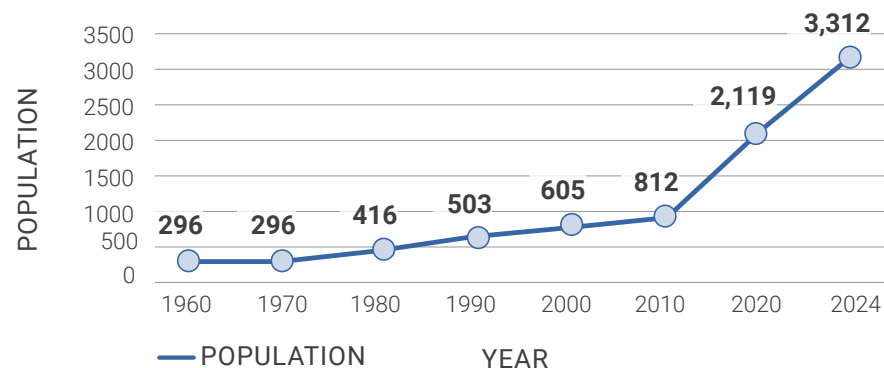
The City of Josephine has experienced relatively slow population growth for much of its history. Between 1960 and 2010, the population increased from 296 to 812 residents, a net gain of only 516 people over 50 years. The average annual growth rate was approximately 1.9%, indicating a gradual and steady pace of development during that time. However, that trend has shifted dramatically over the past decade. From 2010 to 2020, Josephine's population rose from 812 to 2,119. The massive population change equates to an average annual growth rate of about 10%. Most notably, between the 2020 census and 2024, the population rose from 2,119 to 3,312—an increase of approximately 56% in just four years. This rapid acceleration positions Josephine as one of the fastest-growing communities in the region.

Figure 2.1 showcases the historic population growth of Josephine from 1970 to 2024. **Figure 2.2** highlights the population growth of both Collin and Hunt County from 1970 to 2023.

The recent population surge in Josephine reflects broader regional trends, particularly the rapid expansion across Collin County. As one of the fastest-growing counties in the United States, Collin County's population grew from 787,102 in 2010 to more than 1.072 million by 2020, representing a 36% increase over the decade. According to 2023 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, four cities within Collin County—Celina, Princeton, Prosper, and Anna—ranked among the ten fastest-growing cities in the nation with populations over 20,000. This rapid growth underscores the county's significant influence on the region and Josephine. As now, Josephine is experiencing the development pressure and population inflow, signaling its emergence as a key development in Collin County.

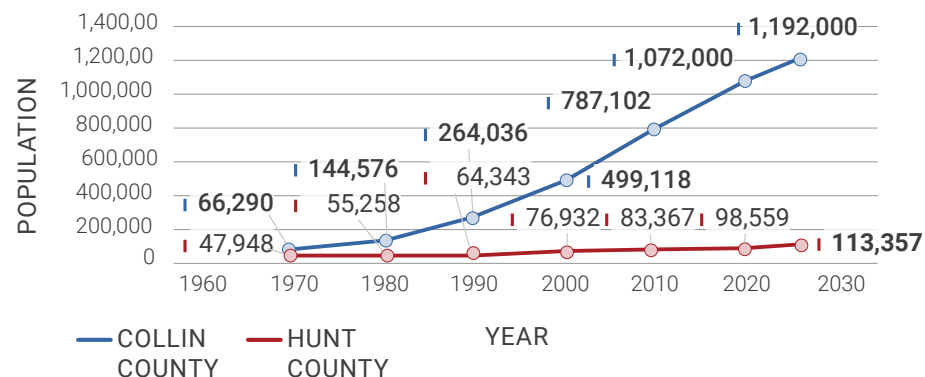
As population growth continues, so does the demand for public amenities and infrastructure. Population figures play a key role in park planning efforts, especially in meeting the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards. As referenced in **Chapter 4**, NRPA guidelines tie park acreage standards directly to population size. Accordingly, the city's rapid expansion underscores the growing need for additional parkland and recreational spaces to maintain residents' quality of life.

FIGURE 2.1 | POPULATION GROWTH OF JOSEPHINE



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population 1960-2020, City Audit

FIGURE 2.2 | POPULATION GROWTH OF COLLIN AND HUNT COUNTY



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population 1960-2020

As shown in **Table 2.1**, based on a modest exponential growth rate of 4%, the City of Josephine is projected to reach a population of approximately 4,191 by 2030, an increase of 97.7% from the 2020 census population of 2,119. By 2040, the city's population is projected to grow to an estimated 6,203, representing a 192.7% increase. Growth is not limited to the city's limits. Josephine's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) is projected to see substantial population increases. From an estimated 11,607 residents in 2024, projections suggest the ETJ could reach 21,740 by 2040, reflecting an 87.3% increase. The figures highlight the city's rapid upward trajectory and emphasize the need for forward-thinking strategies in Parks and public services to support the growing population.

TABLE 2.1 | POPULATION PROJECTION OF JOSEPHINE

EXPONENTIAL GROWTH RATE (4%)			
Year	City Limits	ETJ	Total
2024	3,312	11,607	14,919
2025	3,444	12,071	15,516
2026	3,582	12,554	16,136
2027	3,726	13,056	16,782
2028	3,875	13,579	17,453
2029	4,030	14,122	18,151
2030	4,191	14,687	18,877
2031	4,358	15,274	19,632
2032	4,533	15,885	20,418
2033	4,714	16,520	21,234
2034	4,903	17,181	22,084
2035	5,099	17,868	22,967
2036	5,303	18,583	23,886
2037	5,515	19,327	24,841
2038	5,735	20,100	25,835
2039	5,965	20,904	26,868
2040	6,203	21,740	27,943

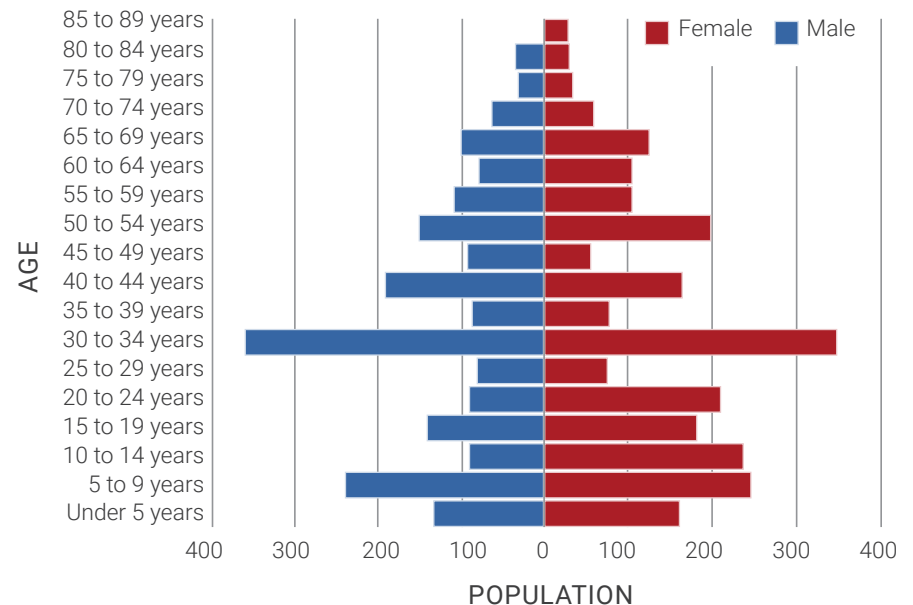
Source: 2024, Population City Audit

Age Characteristics

According to the 2023 American Community Survey (ACS), the City of Josephine has a distinctly young population. Residents aged 0 to 19 comprise 31.7 % of the population, while 57.2 % fall within the working-age range of 20 to 65. The largest age group within this segment is individuals aged 30 to 34, who account for 15.7 % of the total population. This trend points to Josephine's growing appeal among young professionals and families. Seniors aged 65 and older represent 11.1 % of the population, further emphasizing the city's overall youthful demographic.

Figure 2.3 shows that females comprise approximately 54 % of the city's population. In 2023, the median age in Josephine was 30.9, a noticeable drop from previous years, with the median age recorded at 34.9 in 2020 and 42.0 in 2010. The shift reflects a steady influx of younger residents moving into the area. Compared to broader trends, Josephine's median age is nearly five years younger than the Texas average of 35.5 and almost eight years below the national average of 38.8. The demographic shift in Josephine highlights the importance of investing in age-appropriate infrastructure, including parks, recreational amenities, and family-focused public services.

FIGURE 2.3 | POPULATION AGE PYRAMID



Source: American Community Survey, 2023

Race and Ethnicity

The City of Josephine has experienced a notable shift in its demographic makeup over the past 13 years. Historically, the city maintained a predominantly white population, with 90 % of residents identifying as White in the 2010 Census. By 2023, that number had decreased to 71.8 %, reflecting increased racial and ethnic diversity. The Black or African American population saw a significant rise, growing from just 2.8 % in 2010 to 13.6 % in 2023. In contrast, the American Indian and Alaska Native population declined from 6.5 % in 2010 to 1.4 % in 2023.

The most notable change is the growth of the Hispanic or Latino population. In 2010, there were no reported Hispanic residents within the city. By 2020, that number had increased to 14.6 %; by 2023, it had reached 19.4 %. These shifts highlight an increasing level of diversity in Josephine, signaling a broader demographic transformation that aligns with the population growth. **Table 2.2** compares racial and ethnic composition in Josephine from 2010 through 2023.

TABLE 2.2 | RACE AND ETHNIC COMPOSITION IN JOSEPHINE

	2010	2020	2023
Total Population	601	1488	4498
White Alone	90.7%	83.7%	71.8%
Black or African American Alone	2.8%	15.0%	13.6%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	6.5%	0.7%	1.4%
Asian Alone	0.0%	1.4%	0.2%
Some Other Race Alone	0.0%	5.8%	17.2%
Hispanic or Latino	0.0%	14.6%	19.4%

Source: Decennial Census, 2010, 2020 American Community Survey, 2023

Psychographics

Josephine’s substantial family-oriented population is further supported by its dominant Tapestry Segment classification. According to ESRI’s Tapestry Segmentation data, 98.6 % of households in the city fall under the “Middleburg” segment. This group typically represents suburban communities located on the outskirts of major metropolitan areas, with convenient access to employment centers.

Middleburg households are often characterized by young families, moderate incomes, and a preference for homeownership in growing suburban environments. The average household size within this segment is 2.97, aligning closely with Josephine’s youthful demographic and high percentage of children and working-age adults. This suburban, family-centric profile underscores the importance of providing adequate parks, open space, and recreational amenities. As the community continues to grow, ensuring access to well-planned, high-quality parkland will be essential in maintaining the needs of young families.

Housing

As of 2023, nearly all housing units in the City of Josephine are occupied, with an occupancy rate of 96.6%. This rate exceeds the Collin County average of 94.8% and marks a significant increase from previous decades. In 2010, just 75.5% of housing units were occupied, rising sharply to 96.9% by 2020, highlighting substantial residential growth over the past decade.

Of the occupied housing units in 2023, 95% are owner-occupied, while only 5% are renter-occupied. The ACS data reflects a significant trend toward homeownership, with renter-occupied housing steadily decreasing. In 2000, rental units made up 12.6 % of occupied housing. That share increased slightly to 15.1 % in 2020 but dropped significantly to just 5 % in 2023. The rise in occupancy rates and owner-occupied homes signals a growing sense that families and individuals are choosing to settle in Josephine long-term.

In 2023, the median household income in the City of Josephine was \$113,083. While this figure remains below the median for Collin County, it represents a substantial increase from previous years. The most significant growth occurred between 2020 and 2023, when the median income rose from \$58,750 to \$99,063, an increase of nearly 69%. The surge reflects the continued influx of higher-income households, particularly those earning over \$100,000 annually. As income levels rise, so do expectations and investments for high-quality community amenities, including well-maintained parks, recreational facilities, and open space. **Table 2.3** compares key household characteristics between Josephine and Collin County dating back to 2010.

TABLE 2.3 | KEY HOUSEHOLDS CHARACTERISTICS

	JOSEPHINE			COLLIN		
	2010	2020	2023	2010	2020	2023
Total Housing Units	294	587	1,487	287,263	376,186	421,938
Occupied Housing Units	75.5%	95.9%	96.6%	93.3%	94.0%	94.8%
Vacant Housing Units	25.5%	4.1%	3.4%	6.7%	6.0%	5.2%
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	87.4%	84.9%	95.0%	70.8%	64.8%	64.1%
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	12.6%	15.1%	5.0%	29.2%	35.2%	35.9%
Median Rent	\$850	\$1,114	\$1,367	\$968	\$1,428	\$1,792
Total Households	222	563	1437	268,042	214,843	400,182
Median Household Income	\$71,875	\$58,750	\$99,063	\$80,504	\$100,541	\$117,588

Source: Decennial Census, 2010, 2020 American Community Survey, 2023

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public participation is a foundational element of the Parks and Trails Master Plan. It ensures that the plan reflects the community's needs, priorities, and unique character—not just from a planning perspective, but from the experiences of the people who call Josephine home. By actively involving residents throughout the planning process, the city is better equipped to identify gaps in service, understand which recreational amenities are most valued, and recognize the cultural and environmental features that make Josephine distinct.

Overview and timeline

For the Josephine Parks and Trails Master Plan there were two engagement touch points with the public to get input from the community.

- ▶ **Josephine Open House.** The Open House for the Josephine Parks & Trails Master Plan was hosted on Saturday, April 5 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. It was held in conjunction with the opening of Josephine's new community center. It is estimated that around 50 people interacted with the boards and activities during the event. The workshop was conducted in an open house format and consisted of seven stations and two kids coloring tables. The stations had participants complete a variety of activities to collect feedback on parks and trails opportunities, constraints, priorities, and desired features and amenities. The following pages outline the feedback gathered during the event.
- ▶ **Survey.** The Josephine Parks and Trails Survey was open to the public from July 16 to August 10 and was advertised on the City's website, social media pages, utility bills, newsletter, and on electronic signs in the City. The intent of this survey was to gain public feedback on the Plan's vision statement, guiding principles, and subsequent action items. The survey received responses from 123 participants with 35 complete surveys. Overall, the guiding principles and action items received positive input, and majority of the action items received at least a 90% approval rate.



Josephine Open House Public Engagement Event

TAKEAWAYS AND THEMES

Public Engagement Takeaways



Emphasis on Expanding and Improving Trails and Connectivity.

Community members consistently expressed a strong interest in expanding the City's trail network and enhancing connections between neighborhoods, parks, schools, and other key destinations. Many participants emphasized the importance of providing safe and accessible routes for walking, jogging, and biking. Trails were seen not only as recreational assets, but as essential infrastructure for creating a more connected, active, and livable community.



Concerns About Pedestrian Safety and Sidewalk Infrastructure.

A recurring concern involved the condition and availability of sidewalks. Participants reported issues with broken or non-existent sidewalks, a lack of marked crosswalks, and other safety concerns that limit walkability. These comments reflect a broader community desire for a more pedestrian-friendly environment, with safe and continuous paths that support daily activity and encourage outdoor use.



Preservation and Enhancement of Natural Areas and Open Space.

Many residents expressed a strong interest in preserving and enhancing Josephine's natural features. Participants value access to open spaces and nature-based amenities and emphasized the importance of protecting natural areas while integrating them into future development. There was support for creating passive recreation spaces that allow residents to engage with the environment through walking, wildlife observation, or quiet reflection.



Request for Shade, Seating, and Comfort Amenities. Shade and rest areas—such as benches, pavilions, and seating nodes—were frequently cited as priorities for both parks and trails. Given the region's climate, these features are considered essential for ensuring comfort and usability of outdoor spaces during warmer months, especially for families with young children, older adults, and individuals with mobility limitations.



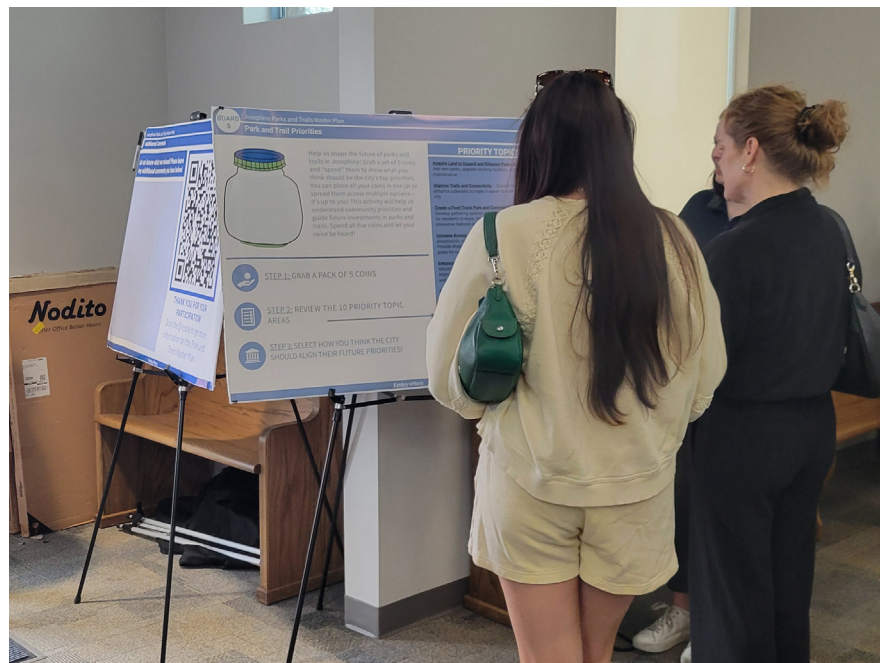
Expansion of Park Programming and Events. Residents showed enthusiasm for more community-centered programming in parks, including events, classes, festivals, and organized recreation. There was strong interest in creating opportunities for residents to gather and engage with one another in public spaces, further reinforcing parks as hubs of community life.



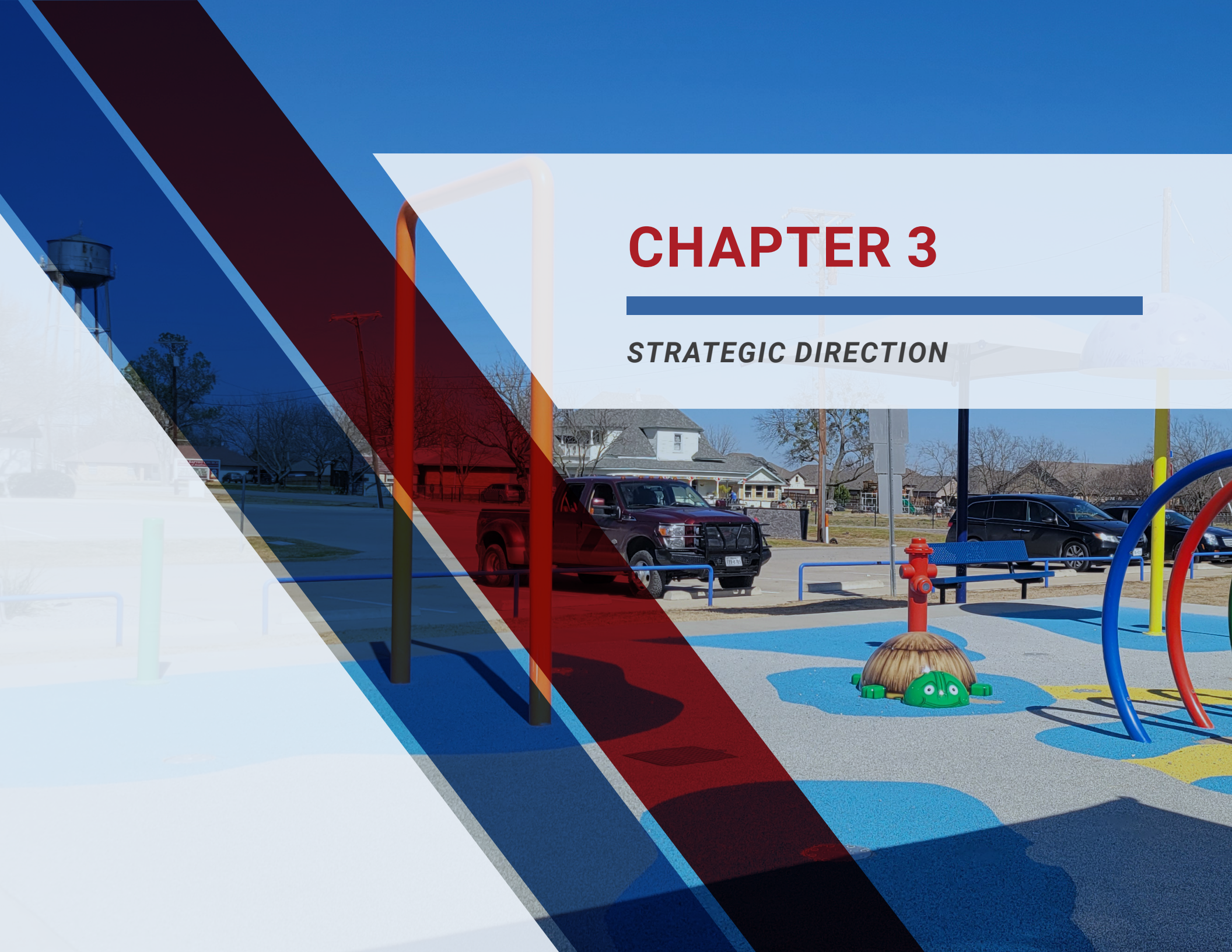
Family-Friendly Recreation Spaces. Several participants emphasized the need for parks and recreational amenities that cater to families, including features such as playgrounds, splash pads, multi-generational seating areas, and open lawns for unstructured play. Creating safe and inviting environments for children and families to enjoy time outdoors was a recurring theme throughout the engagement process.



Desire for Dog-Friendly Parks and Trails. The need for dog-friendly spaces emerged as another consistent point of feedback. Participants expressed interest in designated off-leash areas, pet waste stations, and trails designed to comfortably accommodate residents walking dogs. These features were seen as important to improving the everyday experience of pet-owning households and encouraging use of outdoor spaces.



Josephine Open House Public Engagement Event

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CHAPTER 3

STRATEGIC DIRECTION



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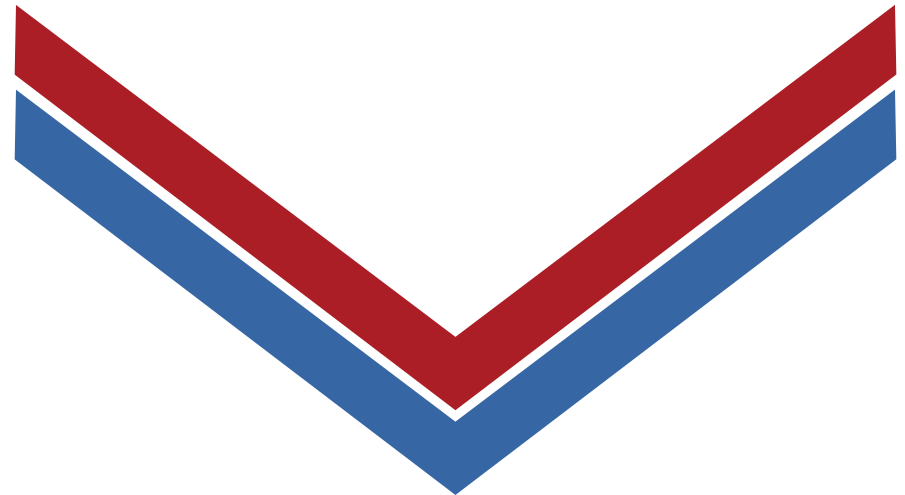
A strategic direction is a guiding framework for the Parks and Trails Master Plan. It articulates the long-term vision, mission, and core priorities that shape how a community develops and manages its parks, trails, and open space system. The strategic direction ensures that all decisions align with a common purpose enhancing the quality of life for residents in Josephine.

Role of Strategic Direction

This direction provides clarity and consistency for how the parks and recreation system should evolve to serve community needs over time. A well-defined direction offers a clear framework for prioritizing projects, allocating resources efficiently, and making informed policy, design, and implementation decisions. This clarity empowers city staff and leadership to act confidently, knowing their efforts align with shared community goals.

The components of a Park and Trails Strategic Direction are:

- ▶ **Vision Statement:** The vision is aspirational and captures the desired future for the parks and trails system. It should reflect the community's values and articulate a bold, inclusive, and forward-looking vision for public spaces.
- ▶ **Guiding Principles:** Strategic themes are overarching priorities that define the focus areas for the parks and trails system. These themes often emerge through community engagement, technical analysis, and alignment with broader city goals.
- ▶ **Park and Trails Master Plan:** This map can help guide future park and trail growth for the community and is based on the feedback heard throughout the process and the needs assessment.



VISION STATEMENT

What is a Vision Statement?

The vision statement outlines the long-term aspirations for Josephine's parks and trails system. It serves as an aspirational guide that reflects what residents and stakeholders hope to see in the future. While the statement may not describe the system's current state, it sets a clear direction for where the community wants to go and helps unify efforts toward that shared future.

How was it Created?

Josephine's vision statement was developed through a collaborative community engagement process. Residents, stakeholders, and city leaders participated in a public meeting and a survey to share their ideas and values about parks and recreation. This input was carefully considered and incorporated into the vision, ensuring it represents the community's aspirations. The process also allowed space for iteration and refinement, helping to build consensus and include a broad range of voices.

What is its Role?

The vision statement is foundational in shaping the Parks and Trails Master Plan. It provides a common reference point that guides the planning team throughout the plan's development—from identifying priorities to recommending improvements and investments. The vision also serves as a long-term guide for decision-making, policy development, and future park system updates. By aligning actions with this vision, Josephine can ensure that its parks and trails continue to evolve in ways that reflect the community's values and goals.

“Josephine will create a connected and active community, focusing on family-friendly amenities, access to nature, safe recreation areas, and accessible open spaces for all to enjoy.”

GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

What are Guiding Principles?

Guiding principles are core values that support the vision for Josephine's parks and trails system. While a vision provides a high-level aspiration, guiding principles translate that vision into more tangible themes to help shape decision-making. These principles guide key topics such as connectivity, accessibility, recreation, natural preservation, and community well-being. They are the foundation for the goals, strategies, and actions identified throughout the Parks and Trails Master Plan.

How were they Created?

The guiding principles were developed through community engagement and input from City staff and stakeholders. Feedback was gathered through public meetings, interactive activities, and surveys to understand what residents value most about parks and trails in Josephine. The principles were refined and validated during key workshops and public events to ensure they reflected the community's priorities and aspirations.

What is their Role?

The guiding principles are the framework for the entire Parks and Trails Master Plan. They help organize recommendations and ensure consistency across the plan's chapters. More importantly, they provide a clear lens for evaluating future decisions, investments, and policies. By aligning these principles, Josephine can ensure that its parks and trails system supports a high quality of life, responds to community needs, and continues to grow in a thoughtful and intentional way.

Guiding Principles



Goal 1: Enhanced Connectivity

Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.



Goal 2: Park and Trail Amenities

Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and priorities.



Goal 3: Preservation of Open Space

Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.



Goal 4: Diverse Programming

Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.



Riverfield Amenity Center and Playground

PARKS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN MAP

What is a Parks and Trails Master Plan?

The Parks and Trails Master Plan is a comprehensive map that illustrates both the existing system and future opportunities for expanding parks, trails, and open space throughout Josephine. It reflects the community's vision for a connected, accessible, and resilient network that supports recreation, wellness, and quality of life. This plan acts as a blueprint for the City to guide strategic investments and ensure equitable access to outdoor amenities for all residents.

How was it Created?

The Master Plan was developed through a combination of data analysis, community engagement, and input from City staff and leadership. It involved mapping existing park facilities and trail corridors, identifying service gaps, and gathering feedback from residents on desired improvements. Public meetings, surveys, and workshops helped inform where future parks and trail connections are most needed. The final plan reflects a balance between current needs, projected growth, and opportunities for collaboration with regional trail systems and open space networks.

What is its Role?

The Parks and Trails Master Plan map serves as a visual guide for shaping the future of Josephine's parks and recreation system. It highlights where improvements can be made, such as developing new parks in underserved areas or enhancing trail connectivity between neighborhoods and destinations. It also supports coordinated decision-making across city departments and with regional partners. Most importantly, the plan helps the City pursue grants and funding—such as those offered through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)—by demonstrating a clear, community-supported vision for the future of parks and trails in Josephine. See **Chapter 6** for the complete Parks and Trails Master Plan.



Magnolia Pointe Linear Park

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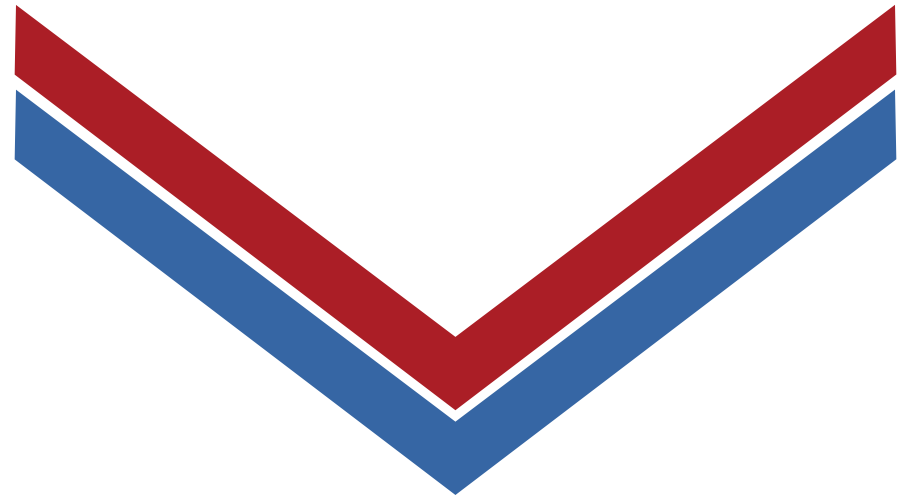
JOSEPHINE PARKS



JOSEPHINE PARKS

Parks and open spaces play a vital role in shaping a community's identity, fostering social connection, and enhancing overall quality of life. In Josephine, providing residents access to well-maintained, high-quality parks reflects community values and is critical to accommodating future growth and maintaining a strong sense of place. This chapter evaluates the current state of the parks system and identifies future needs to ensure Josephine's park network continues to serve its growing population effectively.

To inform this assessment, a comprehensive inventory of existing parkland was conducted, providing city officials with a clear picture of existing resources and opportunities for improvement. A parks classification system was established to categorize each park based on its function, size, and service area, creating a consistent framework for evaluating the city's park assets. The inventory included city-owned and privately-owned parks within the city limits and the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), recognizing that all accessible recreational spaces contribute to the community's overall park system. Each park was classified according to the established system, and key amenities—such as playgrounds, trails, pavilions, and sports facilities—were documented. This detailed analysis forms the foundation for the City's Level of Service (LOS) evaluation and will guide strategic decision-making related to parkland acquisition, facility upgrades, and future partnerships.



PARK CLASSIFICATION

Park classification provides a consistent framework for evaluating, planning, and managing park spaces based on size, function, and available amenities. This approach ensures that diverse recreational needs are met across the community. Each park type is also associated with a service area radius, which represents the distance a park is intended to serve for nearby residents. These classifications are based on National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards and have been adapted to reflect the specific needs of the Josephine community. By classifying each park, city officials can better understand the distribution and types of existing parks, identify gaps in service coverage, and strategically plan for future improvements.

The park typology identified in Josephine includes pocket parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, special use parks with linear parks, and open space. **Table 4.1** describes each of these types.

TABLE 4.1 | JOSEPHINE PARK TYPOLOGY

TYPE	SIZE/ ACRES	SERVICE AREA	ACRES PER 1,000 POPULATION
Pocket Park	2,500 SF to 1 acre	1/4-mile radius	0.25–0.50
Neighborhood Park	1 to 15 acres	1/4- to 1/2-mile radius	1-2
Community Park	16 to 99 acres	1- to 2-mile radius	5-8
Linear Park	Varies	Varies	Varies
Special Use Park	Varies	Varies	Varies
Open Space	Varies	Varies	Varies

Pocket Park

- ▶ **Size:** 2,500 SF to 1 acre
- ▶ **Service Area:** residents within 1/4-mile radius

Pocket parks are small parks designed to serve a local population or address specific needs in an area. They may feature limited amenities like benches, picnic tables, or play equipment.

Neighborhood Park

- ▶ **Size:** 1-15 acres
- ▶ **Service Area:** residents within 1/4- to 1/2-mile radius

Neighborhood parks are intended to serve a singular neighborhood and are walkable to other nearby neighborhoods. They typically include both active and passive recreation elements, including sports fields, playgrounds, walking paths, or picnic areas.

Community Park

- ▶ **Size:** 16-99 acres
- ▶ **Service Area:** residents within a 1- to 2-mile radius

Community parks serve several neighborhoods typically within a one- to two-mile radius. Like neighborhood parks, they include both passive and active recreation elements but offer a greater diversity of activities and amenities than neighborhood parks.

Linear Park

- ▶ **Size:** Varies
- ▶ **Service Area:** Varies

Linear parks are corridors of open space designed to provide recreational amenities within parks that are significantly longer than they are wide. They are strategically equipped with active amenities such as multi-use trails, trailheads, and green spaces that encourage outdoor activities. Often linear parks serve as vital links to larger park systems, neighborhoods, or districts.

Special Use Parks

- ▶ **Size:** Varies
- ▶ **Service Area:** Entire city and regional visitors

Special use parks have specialized uses and range broadly in size. They commonly serve the needs of an entire city and may attract regional visitors. Some special use parks include nature preserves, recreational courts or fields, community plazas, golf courses, arboretums, or historical sites. Since their purpose varies, their size is often determined by the type of activities they include.

Open Space

- ▶ **Size:** Varies
- ▶ **Service Area:** Varies

Open space areas are minimally programmed and contain natural features. They typically include nature reserves and nature parks. They may contain small passive amenities like benches or viewing areas.

PARKS INVENTORY

Josephine's city-owned parks and undeveloped lots were evaluated to develop the park inventory. The amenities within the privately-owned parks and open spaces were recorded so that level of service analyses could be conducted for all amenities within the City and ETJ. Parcel location and size of each park and open space were gathered from GIS and reviewed with City staff. **Table 4.2** displays the Josephine Park Inventory and **Exhibit 4.1** shows where those parks are located.



Magnolia Pointe - Community Pool

TABLE 4.2 | JOSEPHINE PARKS INVENTORY

MAP ID	PARK NAME	ADDRESS	SIZE (AC)	CLASSIFICATION	OWNERSHIP	STATUS
Community Parks						
1	Josephine City Park	201 S Main St, Josephine, TX 75164	1.3	Community	City	Developed
2	Riverfield-Trail & Open Space	N/A	45.7	Community	HOA	Undeveloped
Subtotal			47.0			
Linear Parks						
3	Magnolia Pointe - Linear Park	-	18.6	Linear	HOA	Undeveloped
Subtotal			18.6			
Neighborhood Parks						
4	Magnolia Pointe - Community Pool and Playground	1100 Community Way, Fate, TX 75189	6.2	Neighborhood	HOA	Developed
5	Magnolia Pointe - Community Pool	1417 Bridle Dr, Royse City, TX 75189	2.2	Neighborhood	HOA	Developed
6	Magnolia Pointe - Blessed Park	1110 Blessed Lane, Royse City, TX 75189	1.1	Neighborhood	HOA	Developed
7	Magnolia Pointe - Playground	715 Olde Mill Rd, Royse City, TX 75189	1	Neighborhood	HOA	Developed
8	Waverly Estates Amenity Center	1111 Burlap Ln, Nevada, TX 75173	0.9	Neighborhood	HOA	Developed
9	Riverfield Amenity Center and Playground	Waveless Run and Riverfield Dr.	1.5	Neighborhood	HOA	Developed
10	Fountainview Park	W Cook St. and Park Dr.	4.4	Neighborhood	HOA	Developed
Subtotal			17.3			
Open Space						
11	Magnolia Pointe - Open Space	-	31	Open Space	HOA	Undeveloped
Subtotal			31.0			
TOTAL Existing Park Acreage			113.9			

EXHIBIT 4.1 | JOSEPHINE EXISTING PARKS

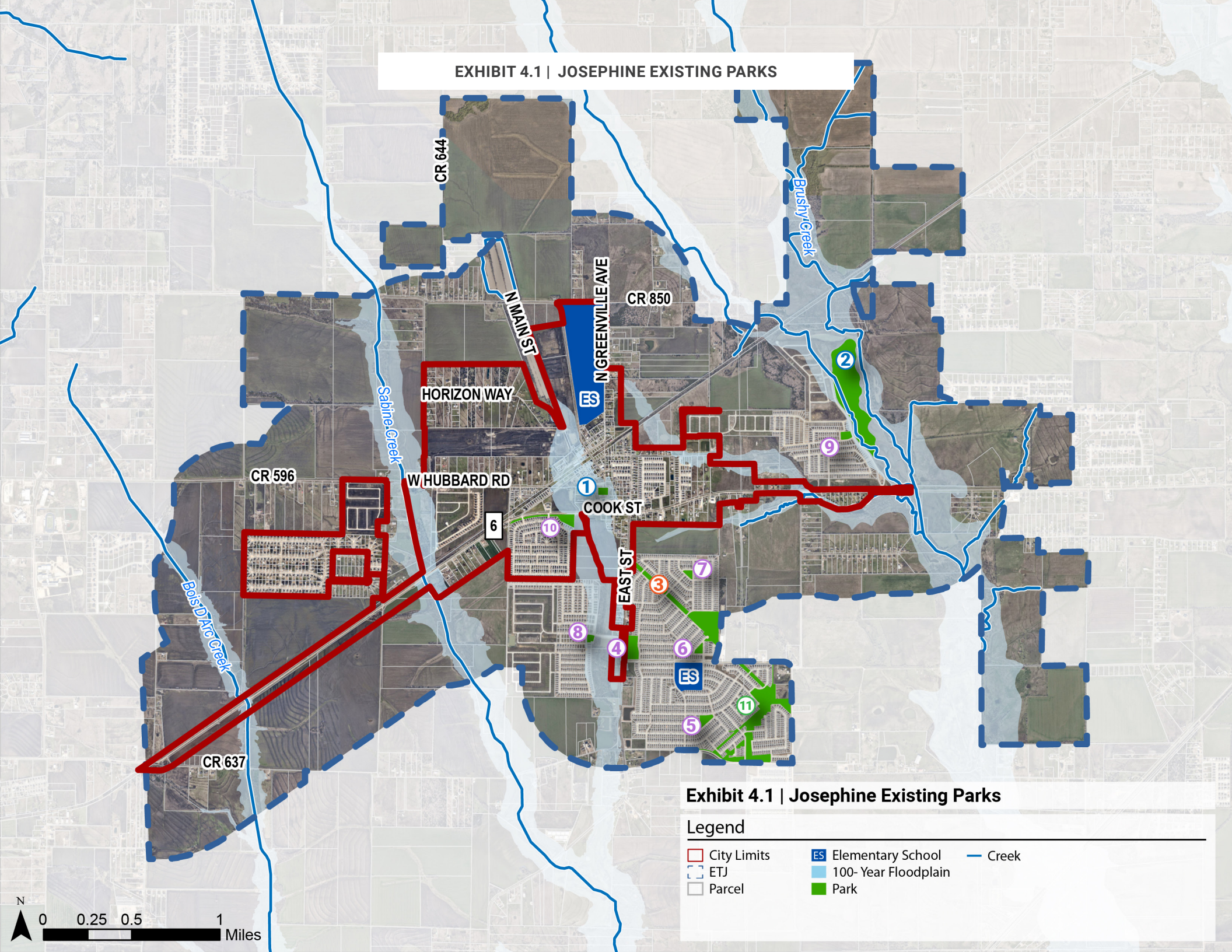


Exhibit 4.1 | Josephine Existing Parks

Legend

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| City Limits | Elementary School | Creek |
| ETJ | 100- Year Floodplain | |
| Parcel | Park | |

Analysis of Josephine's Parkland

Currently, 113.9 acres of park space exist in the city of Josephine and its ETJ. Within the city limits, there is one 1.3-acre city-owned park. The city-owned park consists of various amenities, including basketball courts, covered pavilions, playgrounds, a splash pad, restroom facility, and seating. The parks within the ETJ are privately-owned and maintained parks. In these HOA-owned parks, several of them include swimming pools, playground equipment, open lawns, shade pavilions, and seating, amongst other elements. It is important to note that, 1% of Josephine's existing parkland is intended to serve the public.

Figure 4.1 displays the percentage of parks by type. Community Parks make up the largest, share at 47 acres, providing opportunities for broader city-wide gatherings, events, and amenities. Linear Parks, totaling 18.6 acres, are typically situated along trails, greenways, or drainage corridors, enhancing connectivity and promoting active transportation. Neighborhood Parks encompass 17.3 acres and are intended to serve nearby residents with convenient, walkable access to recreational facilities. Lastly, 31 acres are designated as Open Space, offering natural or passive areas that support ecological value and low-impact enjoyment.

Currently, only 18.6 acres of the existing parkland are developed, which is just 16% of the total. The remaining 95.3 acres (84%) are undeveloped, indicating a significant amount of land that could be improved with park amenities, trails, or other recreational infrastructure. Most of this land is currently served by walking paths that do not meet standards of trail width. **Figure 4.2** displays the percentage makeup of developed vs. undeveloped parks in Josephine. Looking ahead, an additional 4.4 acres of future parkland have been identified, bringing the total park acreage (existing and future) to 118.3 acres. However, the amount of developed parkland remains the same at 18.6 acres. This emphasizes the importance of strategic planning and investment to transform undeveloped and future lands into functional park spaces that meet community needs.

FIGURE 4.1 | EXISTING PARKS BY CLASSIFICATION

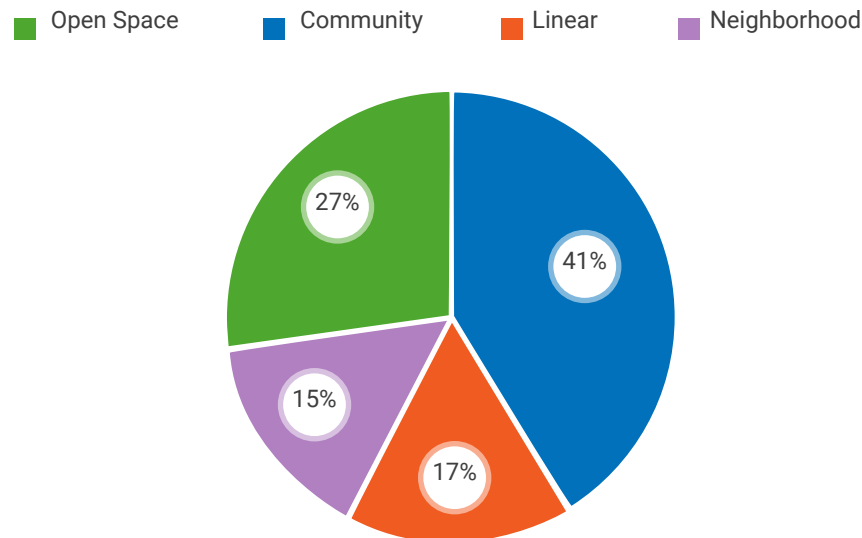
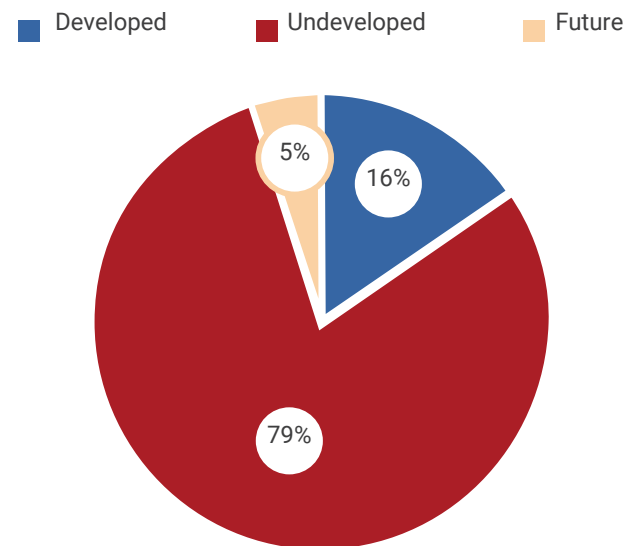


FIGURE 4.2 | JOSEPHINE PARKS BY DEVELOPMENT STATUS



JOSEPHINE CITY PARK

Community Park

Address

201 S Main St.
Josephine, TX 75614

The city of Josephine currently has one developed city-owned park, located at the center of the community. The park is in close proximity to the newly opened Josephine Community Center and is adjacent to City Hall. The park currently has many amenities and benches, but the park elements lack accessible routes. There are several large shade trees, but it lacks enhanced planting and a large, grassy open space for miscellaneous activities. There are no sidewalks or trails that connect the park to other areas of the city, rendering walking to the park difficult or nearly impossible from most points in the city. Given its location in the city center, there are considerable opportunities to promote this park as a community hub and as an integral component of an interconnected trail network.

Amenities

- Splash pad
- Playground equipment, (2) separated by age group
- Basketball courts (2)
- Shade pavilions (2) + shade sails
- Restrooms
- Water fountain
- Picnic tables (6)
- Benches (14)
- Litter receptacles (5)
- Bike rack
- Lighting
- Cultural signage
- Designated parking
- Shade trees



Josephine City Park location.



Gathering pavilion at the City Park.



Splash pad at the City Park.

RIVERFIELD – OPEN SPACE AND TRAIL

Community Park

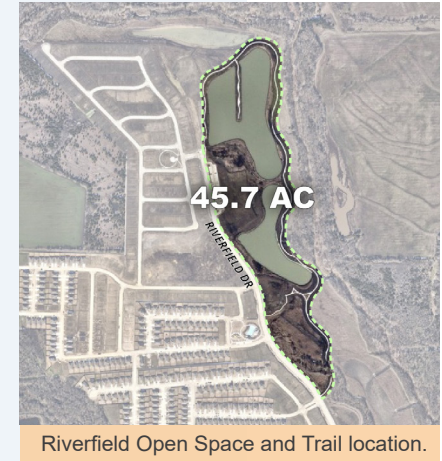
Address:

East of Riverfield Dr.

This 45-acre park serves the neighborhood of Riverfield in the eastern portion of the ETJ. Currently the park consists of a large man-made pond, 1.3 miles of walking trails, and natural open space. Further amenities are planned in the park for the future but were not currently developed at the time of inventory. This park is a significant asset to the community as it provides opportunities for active recreation and connection with nature.

Amenities:

- Walking trail
- Designated parking
- Natural plantings



Riverfield Open Space and Trail location.



The pond and open space around Riverfield's open space.

MAGNOLIA POINTE – LINEAR PARK

Linear Park

Address:

North of FM 679 and East of FM 1777

Magnolia Pointe's linear park runs diagonally across the neighborhood, providing access from the northwest corner to the southwest corner of the community. Within this park, there is a six-foot-wide walking trail and a large detention pond. The park lacks additional amenities and shade, though, like trees, benches, and signage. This park offers numerous opportunities to connect to a broader network of trails and open spaces within the city and the southern section of Magnolia Pointe.

Amenities:

- Walking trail
- Pond
- Open lawn



Magnolia Pointe Linear Park location.



Walking path and pond at the linear park.

MAGNOLIA POINTE – OPEN SPACE

Open Space

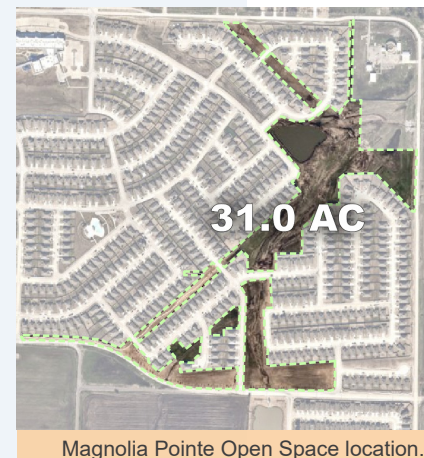
Address:

South of FM 679, North of Lonesome Dove Ranch, and West of FM 2668

Currently, this open space offers few amenities but provides a significant amount of green space to the southern portion of the ETJ. It has the potential to serve as a connector between the existing trails to the south and the Magnolia Pointe linear park to the north. Incorporating multi-use trails within the open space in the future would substantially improve the overall connectivity of Magnolia Pointe to the rest of the community.

Amenities:

- Open lawn
- Pond



Magnolia Pointe Open Space location.



Magnolia Pointe Open Space

MAGNOLIA POINTE – COMMUNITY POOL AND PLAYGROUND

Neighborhood Park

Address

1100 Community Way
Fate, TX 75189

This park is located at one of the main entries into the Magnolia Pointe neighborhood along CR 679. The Magnolia Pointe neighborhood includes three other neighborhood parks, several miles of walking trails, and several acres of additional open space. The park itself is located adjacent to a large pond along East Street and features a pool, splash pad, playground, and walking trails. The pool and splash pad are gated for neighborhood use only and are not open to the public.

Amenities

- Swimming pool
- Splash pad
- Playground equipment
- Small open lawn
- Shade structures/shade sail
- Pond
- Walking path
- Pavilion overlook
- Restrooms
- Benches
- Litter receptacles
- Designated parking
- Shade trees + enhanced planting



Magnolia Pointe Community Pool and Playground location.



Community pool and splash pad.



Community playground

MAGNOLIA POINTE – COMMUNITY POOL

Neighborhood Park

Address

1417 Bridle Dr
Royse City, TX 75189

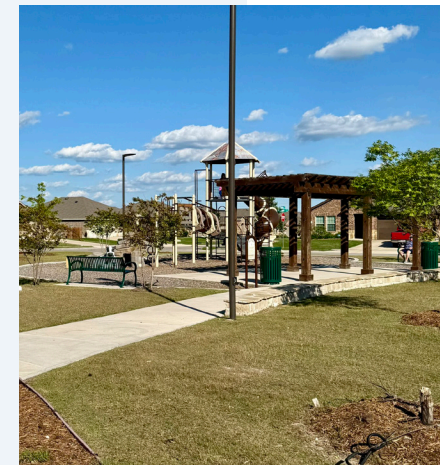
This amenity center serves the southern portion of Magnolia Pointe. It includes a swimming pool and splash pad, as well as a separate play area for kids. The park includes ample off-street parking and several ADA-compliant parking spaces. Like the other amenity center in Magnolia Pointe, the pool and splash pad areas are gated for private use only.

Amenities

- Swimming pool
- Splash pad
- Playground equipment
- Shade structures
- Restrooms
- Benches + decorative seat elements
- Litter receptacles
- Designated parking
- Shade trees + enhanced planting



Magnolia Pointe Community Pool location.



Playground and shade structure at Magnolia's community pool.

MAGNOLIA POINTE – BLESSED PARK

Neighborhood Park

Address

1110 Blessed Ln
Royse City, TX 75189

This park is located just north of CR 679 in the northern half of Magnolia Pointe. It includes a large open lawn and a walking loop with decorative shade structures on both ends of the park. It is typically recommended that a neighborhood park provides more active recreation opportunities and amenities than Blessed Park does. Seating and more shade would make this park more usable by surrounding residents.

Amenities

- Open lawn
- Shade pavilion
- Walking path (5' wide)
- Shade trees



Magnolia Pointe Blessed Park location.



Walking trail and open lawn at Blessed Park.

MAGNOLIA POINTE – PLAYGROUND

Neighborhood Park

Address

715 Olde MI Rd
Royse City, TX 75189

This park serves the northeast portion of the Magnolia Pointe neighborhood. Plentiful sidewalks in the neighborhood make this park easily accessible by walking, but ample street parking is also available. A large open lawn offers opportunities for play, frisbee, and walking dogs. The park also includes playground equipment and a large, covered pavilion that provides refuge from the sun.

Amenities

- Playground equipment
- Open lawn
- Shade pavilion
- Walking path
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Litter receptacles
- Shade trees



Magnolia Pointe Playground location.



Playground, raised planter, and shade structure at Magnolia Pointe.

WAVERLY ESTATES AMENITY CENTER

Neighborhood Park

Address

1111 Burlap Ln
Nevada, TX 75173

Within the ETJ, Waverly Estates has one amenity center that serves the entire neighborhood. It includes a pool, playground, walking trail, and restroom facilities. The park also offers designated parking spaces and on-street parking. The pool and restroom facilities are gated for private neighborhood use only.

Amenities

- Swimming pool
- Playground equipment
- Shade structures
- Walking path
- Restrooms
- Benches
- Litter receptacles
- Designated parking
- Shade trees + enhanced planting



Waverly Estates Amenity Center location.



Waverly playground.

RIVERFIELD – AMENITY CENTER AND PLAYGROUND

Neighborhood Park

Address

Waveless Run and Riverfield Dr.

Riverfield is a large community located to the northeast of Josephine in the ETJ. As of Spring 2025, this amenity center is the only fully developed park in the neighborhood, and there are at least two other future parks planned for the development. The amenity center is newly developed and offers many amenity options, as shown below. This amenity center is not open to the public and is intended for neighborhood residents only.

Amenities

- Swimming pool
- Splash pad
- Playground equipment
- Shade structures
- Restrooms
- Open lawn
- Walking path
- Benches
- Litter receptacles
- Designated parking
- Shade trees + enhanced planting



Riverfield Amenity Center location.



Riverfield pool and splash pad.



Riverfield playground and shade structure.

FOUNTAINVIEW PARK

Neighborhood Park

Address

W. Cook St. and Park Dr.

Located just off Cook Street at the entrance to the Fountainview neighborhood, this park provides open space with a pond and walking paths as its main features. The walking paths are currently only four feet wide and are in need of repairs. Its location adjacent to Cook Street makes the spaces within the park noisy, but the park provides a nice visual feature for visitors entering Josephine from the west.

Amenities

- Pond
- Shade pavilion
- Open lawn
- Walking path
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- Designated parking
- Shade trees + enhanced planting



Fountainview Park location.



Walking paths show signs of deterioration and concrete pitting.



4' wide walking paths and pond at Fountainview Park.

RECREATIONAL AMENITIES INVENTORY

Table 4.3 provides an overview of the existing park amenities within Josephine's park system. It highlights the current recreational offerings such as playgrounds, sports fields, trails, and seating areas and helps identify gaps and opportunities for future improvements to better serve the community's needs.

TABLE 4.3 | RECREATIONAL AMENITIES INVENTORY

MAP ID	PARK NAME	ADDRESS	SIZE (AC)	Playground	Open Lawn	Nature Area	Recreational Field	Baseball/Softball Field	Basketball Court	Soccer Field	Tennis Court	Pickleball Court	Sand Volleyball	Disc Golf	Dog Park	Swimming Pool	Splash Pad	Water Bodies (Pond/Lake)	Amphitheater/Stage	Shade Structure/ Pavilion	Restrooms	Drinking Fountain	Trail (Mileage)	Walking Path	Benches	Picnic Table	Bike Rack	Litter Receptacle	Designated Parking	Shade Trees/Planting	Memorial Monument
Community Parks																															
1	Josephine City Park	201 S Main St., Josephine, TX 75164	1.3	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	14	6	1	5	Y	Y	Y
2	Riverfield-Trail & Open Space	N/A	45.7	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Subtotal		2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1.3	0	14	6	1	5	1	1	1
Linear Parks																															
3	Magnolia Pointe - Linear Park	-	18.6	-	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Subtotal		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neighborhood Parks																															
4	Magnolia Pointe - Community Pool and Playground	1100 Community Way, Fate, TX 75189	6.2	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y		0.2		Y	-	-	Y	Y	Y	-
5	Magnolia Pointe - Community Pool	1417 Bridle Dr., Royse City, TX 75189	2.2	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	-

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6	Magnolia Pointe - Blessed Park	1110 Blessed Lane, Royse City, TX 75189	1.1	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-
7	Magnolia Pointe - Playground	715 Olde Mill Rd, Royse City, TX 75189	1	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-
8	Waverly Estates Amenity Center	1111 Burlap Ln., Nevada, TX 75173	0.9	Y		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Riverfield Amenity Center and Playground	Waveless Run and Riverfield Dr.	1.5	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Fountainview Park	W Cook St. and Park Dr.	4.4		Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Subtotal		6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	0	6	4	0	1.6	2	6	1	0	5	5	7	0
Open Space																															
11	Magnolia Pointe - Open Space	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Subtotal		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		TOTAL		8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	0	8	5	1	3.1	2	20	7	1	10	6	8	1

FUTURE PARKS

In addition to the 113.9 acres of existing parkland, 4.4 acres of future parkland were identified. This acreage is comprised of two parks being currently developed in the Riverfield neighborhood. They will be privately owned and privately maintained neighborhood parks for the Riverfield community. In addition, one city-owned parcel has been identified as a future pocket park or trailhead location for future trail connections. **Exhibit 4.2** shows the location of future parks in Josephine, corresponding to **Table 4.4**.



Magnolia Pointe Linear Park

TABLE 4.4 | FUTURE PARKS

MAP ID	PARK NAME	SIZE (AC)	CLASSIFICATION	OWNERSHIP	STATUS
Future Parks					
12	Riverfield Future Park - A	1.2	Neighborhood	HOA	Future
13	Riverfield Future Park - B	1.8	Neighborhood	HOA	Future
14	City Lot A	1.4	Pocket	City	Future

EXHIBIT 4.2 | JOSEPHINE FUTURE PARKS

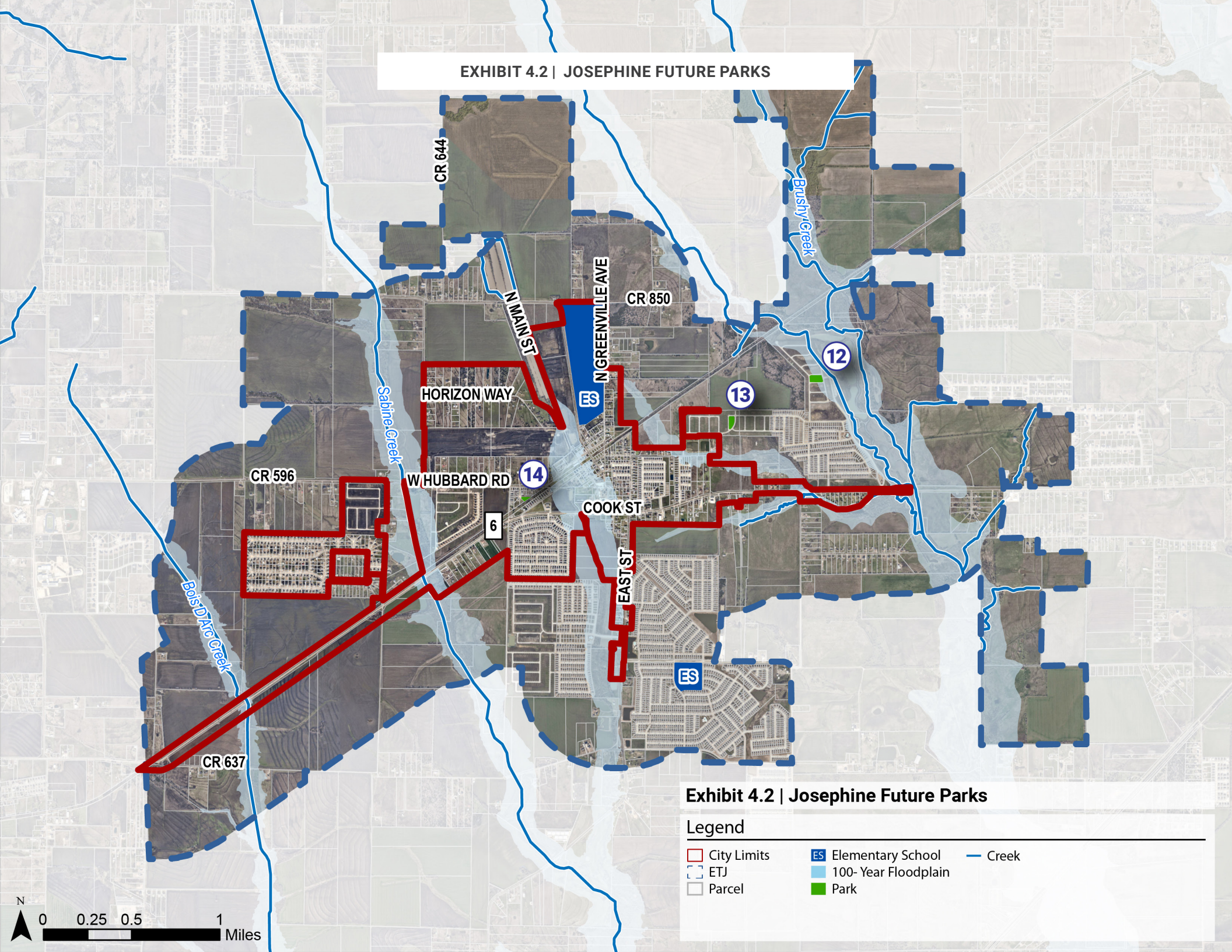


Exhibit 4.2 | Josephine Future Parks

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| City Limits | Elementary School | Creek |
| ETJ | 100- Year Floodplain | |
| Parcel | Park | |

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

To effectively assess the need for additional parkland and recreational facilities in Josephine, this plan incorporates a comprehensive evaluation using three key methodologies. The first is the standards-based approach that compares current park acreage and distribution against established national benchmarks. The second is the demand-based approach, which considers population trends and community preferences to estimate future park needs. Lastly, the resource-based approach evaluates the area's unique natural and recreational assets to identify parkland preservation and enhancement opportunities. Together, these methods provide a well-rounded understanding of the city's current park system and future needs.

Standards-Based

The Standards-Based Approach provides a baseline for planning for parks by comparing Josephine's park acreage and level of service metrics to national benchmarks. This comparison helps evaluate whether the city's current parkland and amenities are sufficient or if additional investments are needed. By assessing how Josephine's data aligns with national standards, City staff can identify which park facilities or amenities may be overused or underserved. This analysis supports more strategic decisions about future park development and resource allocation when paired with population growth projections. While national standards offer practical guidance, they should be adapted to reflect Josephine's unique character, community preferences, and local context.

Park Service

A park's service area refers to the typical distance a resident is willing to travel, usually by car, to access a particular park. In addition to these driving-distance standards, the City of Josephine also considers the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) recommendation that all residents should ideally live within a ten-minute walk of a park or open space. Using both the driving service areas and TPL's walkability standard allows the City to identify gaps in park access and strategically plan for future park locations. Service area distances may vary depending on the size and function of each type of park, helping ensure that both neighborhood and community parks are accessible to residents across Josephine. **Table 4.5** outlines the park service area for different park types.

TABLE 4.5 | PARK SERVICE AREA

PARK TYPE	DRIVING SERVICE AREA
Pocket Park	1/4-mile radius
Neighborhood Park	1/4- to 1/2-mile radius
Community Park	1- to 2-mile radius
Linear Park	Varies
Special Use Park	Varies
Open Space	Varies

The park service area analysis highlights gaps in Josephine's Park system.

Exhibit 4.2 on page 41 illustrates priority areas for future park development to address these gaps. When paired with the Level-of-Service analysis in **Table 4.3** and **Table 4.4**, the city understands where and how much park development is needed over the next 10 years.

The Park Service Area Map reveals notable gaps in park access on the west side of Josephine, where large portions of existing and future neighborhoods fall outside a 10-minute walk to a park. Closing these service gaps should be a top priority as the city grows westward. Future expansion of the park system should focus on acquiring or reserving land for parks and trails in these underserved areas. This can be achieved through strategic agreements with developers to integrate open space and parkland into new residential developments. Prioritizing park access in western Josephine will help create a more balanced and equitable park system citywide, ensuring that all residents can enjoy the benefits of nearby recreational opportunities.

EXHIBIT 4.3 | PARK SERVICE AREA MAP

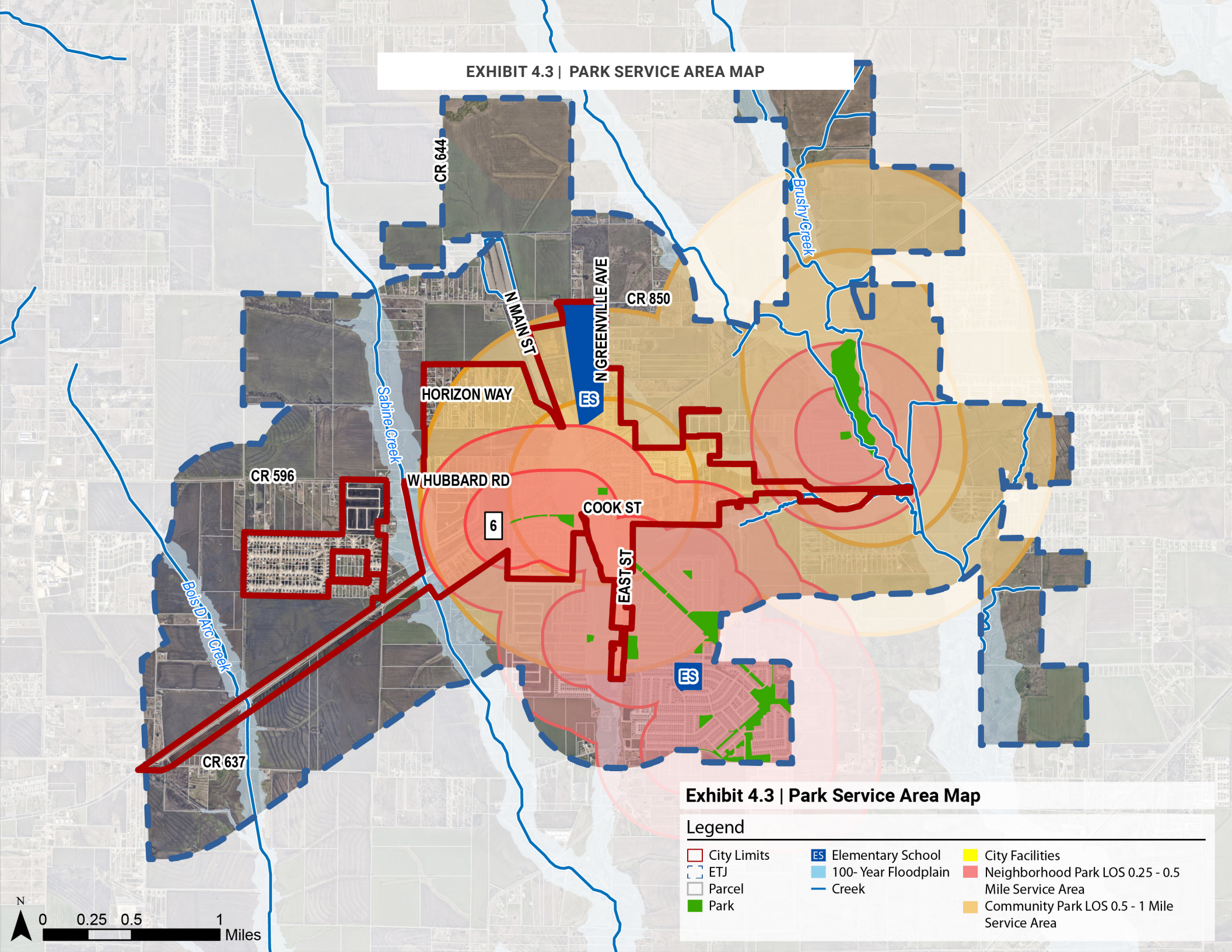


Exhibit 4.3 | Park Service Area Map

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| City Limits | Elementary School | City Facilities |
| ETJ | 100- Year Floodplain | Neighborhood Park LOS 0.25 - 0.5 Mile Service Area |
| Parcel | Creek | Community Park LOS 0.5 - 1 Mile Service Area |
| Park | | |

Acreage Level of Service

Acreage Level-of-Service (LOS) is typically expressed as a per-capita measure, such as “X acres per 1,000 residents.” The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) provides recommended LOS ranges for different types of parks, including neighborhood parks, community parks, and the overall park system. These benchmarks serve as a useful reference for evaluating Josephine’s current parkland and identifying whether there is a surplus or deficit of acreage in each park category. This comparison helps guide future land acquisition and park development decisions based on the city’s projected growth and community needs.

Two studies were conducted to assess Josephine Park’s service levels accurately. The first considers the population within the city limits (**Table 4.6**), while the second includes the city limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) (**Table 4.7**). Including the ETJ is essential due to the ongoing growth and development in these areas. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) metrics were referenced for this analysis, specifically the median LOS for park systems that maintain 250 acres or less. Based on NRPA data, a benchmark of 4.4 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents was used to evaluate Josephine’s current and projected parkland needs.

The LOS analysis for Josephine highlights a significant gap between the City’s current and projected parkland supply and national benchmarks. In 2024, with a

population of approximately 3,312, the City maintains just 1.3 acres of publicly accessible parkland, resulting in a LOS of 0.4 acres per 1,000 residents. When including planned future parkland, this increases slightly to 0.8 acres per 1,000 residents, still well below the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) benchmark of 4.4 acres per 1,000 residents. To meet this standard today, the City would need to acquire an additional 12.0 to 13.3 acres of parkland.

Looking ahead to 2040, the population is expected to nearly double to 6,203. Without additional park development, the LOS would decline to 0.2 acres per 1,000 residents, or 0.4 acres per 1,000 residents with future planned parks included. To meet the NRPA benchmark by 2040, Josephine would need to acquire between 24.8 and 26 acres of new parkland.

This growing deficit underscores the need for intentional, forward-thinking park planning. As the city expands, future development should be aligned with the future land use plan to ensure parks and open spaces are integrated into new neighborhoods. This can be achieved through parkland dedication ordinances, development incentives, and targeted land acquisition. Additionally, further programming and improvements in existing undeveloped parkland can help close the park deficit gap. A well-connected, accessible, and adequately sized park system will provide a higher quality of life and greater access to recreational opportunities for all residents.

TABLE 4.6 | CURRENT AND BENCHMARK LOS OF ALL JOSEPHINE PARKS (CITY LIMITS POPULATION)

	2024 EXISTING PARKS	2024 EXISTING AND FUTURE	2040 EXISTING PARKS	2040 EXISTING AND FUTURE
Population	3,312	3,312	6,203	6,203
Park Acreage	1.3	2.7	1.3	2.7
Current LOS	0.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents	0.8 Acres Per 1,000 residents	0.2 Acres Per 1,000 residents	0.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents
NRPA Benchmark LOS	4.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents	4.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents	4.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents	4.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents
Acreage to acquire to meet the Benchmark LOS	13.3 Deficit	12.0 Deficit	26.0 Deficit	24.8 Deficit

TABLE 4.7 | CURRENT AND BENCHMARK LOS OF ALL JOSEPHINE PARKS (CITY LIMITS AND ETJ POPULATION)

	2024 EXISTING PARKS	2024 EXISTING AND FUTURE	2040 EXISTING PARKS	2040 EXISTING AND FUTURE
Population	14,919	14,919	27,943	27,943
Park Acreage	113.9	118.3	113.9	118.3
Current LOS	7.6 Acres Per 1,000 residents	7.9 Acres Per 1,000 residents	4.1 Acres Per 1,000 residents	4.2 Acres Per 1,000 residents
NRPA Benchmark LOS	4.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents	4.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents	4.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents	4.4 Acres Per 1,000 residents
Acreage to acquire to meet the Benchmark LOS	48.3 Surplus	52.7 Surplus	9.1 Deficit	4.7 Deficit

When evaluating the LOS for parks in Josephine based on both the City Limits and the full extent of the City's jurisdiction, including the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ), the picture shifts significantly. In 2024, the combined population is estimated at 14,919, with 113.9 acres of existing parkland and 118.3 acres when accounting for planned future parks. This results in a LOS of 7.6 acres per 1,000 residents with existing parks and 7.9 acres per 1,000 residents when future parks are included. Compared to the NRPA benchmark of 4.4 acres per 1,000 residents, the City shows a surplus of 48.3 to 52.7 acres, largely due to the abundance of HOA-managed parkland across developing neighborhoods in the ETJ.

However, as the population grows, this surplus quickly shifts to a deficit. By 2040, the combined population of the city limits and ETJ is projected to increase to 27,943. With no change in park acreage, the LOS drops to 4.2 acres per 1,000 residents, or 4.3 acres per 1,000 residents when including future parks. Against updated NRPA benchmarks for growing communities (4.4 acres per 1,000 residents), Josephine will face a deficit of 4.7 to 9.1 acres. This trend highlights the urgent need for continued parkland acquisition and equitable access planning across both city and ETJ areas as growth accelerates.

As Josephine's city limits and ETJ continue to grow, strategic partnerships with private developers will be key to expanding the park system. Future single-family residential developments present an opportunity to integrate neighborhood parks, trails, and open spaces directly into new communities. Parkland dedication policies and collaborative site planning can ensure recreational spaces are equitably distributed and accessible. Additionally, the city's expansive floodplain network offers a unique opportunity to create linear parks and greenways that provide recreational value and environmental resilience. By leveraging these partnerships and natural assets, Josephine can build a park system that supports long-term growth, enhances livability, and preserves open space for future generations.

AMENITY LEVEL OF SERVICE ASSESSMENT

Amenity Level of Service (LOS) is a metric used to evaluate how effectively a community's recreational facilities meet the needs of its residents. Using recommended standards provided by the NRPA, the LOS is calculated to assess the gaps in Josephine's recreational facilities. The current LOS for several amenities such as playgrounds, splash pads, and swimming pools exceeds NRPA benchmarks, demonstrating a strong foundation in these amenities. For example, the city's four splash pads provide a LOS of 1 per 3,730 residents, resulting in a surplus of 3.33 splash pads. However, Josephine has a significant deficit in offering a broader range of recreational facilities like dog parks, fitness centers, sports courts and fields, and community activity centers. Although Josephine has two basketball courts, it still faces a deficit of .27 basketball courts as the city's LOS is 1 per 7,460 residents. As Josephine continues to grow, expanding the diversity of its recreational offerings will be essential to support the community's needs.

TABLE 4.8 | RECREATION FACILITY LOS (CITY LIMITS AND ETJ POPULATION)

AMENITY	POPULATION	STRUCTURES	NRPA LOS	EXISTING LOS	GAP
Playground/Play Structure	14919	6	1 per 3,000 Residents	1 per 2,487 Residents	1.02 Surplus
Splash Pads	14919	4	1 per 22,324 Residents	1 per 3,730 Residents	3.33 Surplus
Basketball Court	14919	2	1 per 6,566 Residents	1 per 7,460 Residents	0.27 Deficit
Rectangular Field	14919	0	1 per 4,137 Residents	N/A	3.60 Deficit
Tennis Court	14919	0	1 per 4,686 Residents	N/A	3.18 Deficit
Dog Park	14919	0	1 per 18,239 Residents	N/A	.82 Deficit
Swimming Pools	14919	4	1 per 15,000 Residents	1 per 3,730 Residents	3.01 Surplus
Recreational Facility (Gym)	14919	0	1 per 18,966 Residents	N/A	.79 Deficit
Senior Center	14919	0	1 per 24,240 Residents	N/A	.62 Deficit

DEMANDS-BASED ASSESSMENT

A successful park and recreation system should reflect the preferences and needs of the community. In Josephine, community input was critical in identifying priorities for park facilities, open spaces, and recreational programs. The demand-based approach relies on this feedback to guide improvements to the park system. Input was gathered through online surveys and public meetings with residents. This section summarizes the key findings from that engagement, highlighting the amenities and facilities most residents desire. Additional details on the overall public input process can be found in **Chapter 2**.

Josephine Open House

A community engagement open house for the Josephine Parks & Trails Master Plan was hosted on Saturday, April 5. It was held in conjunction with the opening of Josephine's new community center. It is estimated that around 50 people interacted with the boards and activities during the event.

Engagement Feedback

Feedback from the open house provided valuable insight into community priorities and helped shape the direction of the park system recommendations. Residents emphasized the need for more neighborhood parks, better trail connectivity, and additional recreational amenities for families and youth. These findings reinforce the importance of prioritizing park access in growing areas, improving existing park facilities, and expanding the city's trail network to support active lifestyles and connectivity across Josephine.

The Parks and Trails Priorities activity allowed participants to consider their biggest parks and trails priorities for the city of Josephine. Participants were given five coins and were asked to "spend" them in any of the nine priority topics jars. They could spend all five coins on one priority topic or spread them across multiple priority topics. (**Figure 4.3** and **Figure 4.4**)

SURVEY FEEDBACK

Survey respondents were given the opportunity to leave comments on each of the proposed Action Items. The common themes within these comments aligned with the Plan's vision statement and guiding principles. The primary themes revolved around family-friendly spaces and amenities, the preservation of natural areas and open space, trail expansion and community walkability, and safe recreation spaces and trails. Additionally, survey responses indicated there is a desire to expand recreation opportunities while maintaining Josephine's small-town feel. A wide array of park and trail amenities were mentioned, including tennis courts, racquetball, community swimming pools, skateboarding, volleyball, disc golf, and more.

FIGURE 4.3 | PARKS AND TRAILS PRIORITIES

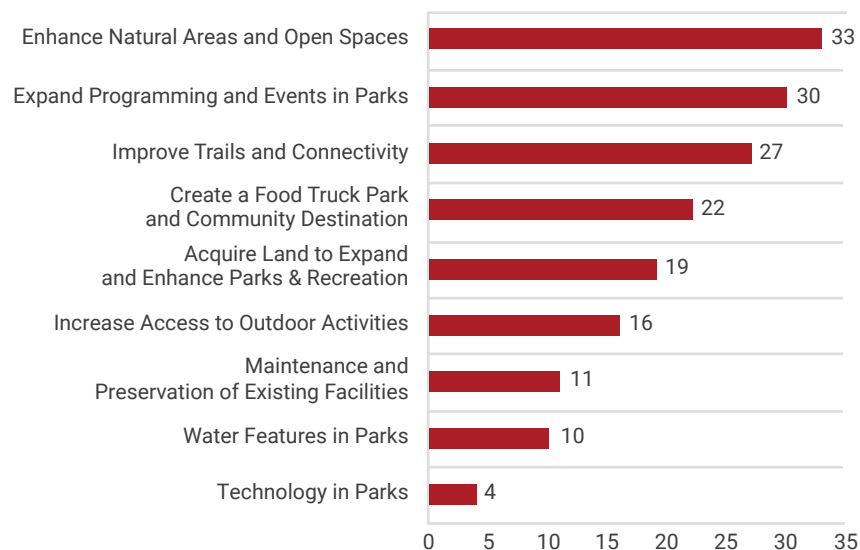
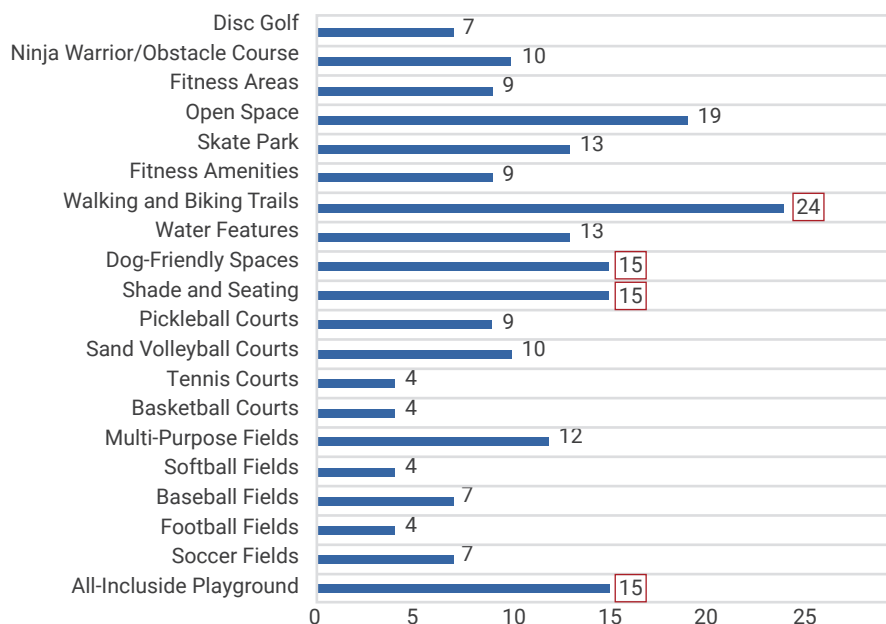


FIGURE 4.4 | PARK PREFERENCES



RESOURCE-BASED ASSESSMENT

The third component of the needs assessment for Josephine is the resource-based approach. This method identifies existing land and natural resources that could be leveraged for future parks, trails, recreation areas, and open space. These resources offer an opportunity to fill service gaps and improve access for residents across the community. In Josephine, key strategies to support this approach include converting underutilized city-owned land into parks, preserving natural features to enhance the park system, partnering with local schools to allow public use of playgrounds and athletic fields, and integrating parks into future development plans. These strategies focus on making the most available land to expand access in underserved areas and strengthen the park system. **Exhibit 4.4** illustrates how incorporating these potential resources could enhance park connectivity and coverage throughout Josephine.

Floodplain and Creeks

Within the City of Josephine, the presence of the floodplain influences where and how development can occur. While this presents certain limitations, it also offers a valuable opportunity to integrate green space into new development areas. When future development aligns with the location of the floodplain, the City should consider leveraging this natural resource to create parks, open space, and recreational amenities that benefit the broader community. By preserving floodplain areas as green corridors, Josephine can enhance flood resilience and establish a connected network of parks and trails. These green spaces can tie into existing and planned neighborhoods, schools, and other key destinations, using creeks and natural drainageways as anchors for walking trails and passive recreation opportunities.

City-Owned Facilities and Schools

The City of Josephine owns several parcels of land that present opportunities for future public use, including the creation of new parkland. By coordinating across departments and integrating thoughtful site design, these public lands could support joint-use facilities that combine recreation with other community services—such as stormwater management areas, utility easements, rights-of-way, schools, libraries, and civic buildings. Many of these city-owned parcels are in areas currently outside of the 10-minute walk service area, making them valuable assets for expanding park access in underserved parts of the community. Another key strategy is to partner with local schools through shared use agreements that allow residents to access school playgrounds and athletic fields during non-school hours. These agreements can significantly improve access to recreational amenities without requiring major new land acquisitions.

KEY FINDINGS

Based on the needs assessment from pages 42-47, the following are key findings:

- ★ **Significant Level of Service Gap.** The current and projected park acreage falls well below the NRPA benchmark of 4.4 acres per 1,000 residents, especially in developed parkland categories.
- ★ **Uneven Park Access.** The Park Service Area Map highlights apparent gaps in park access, particularly on the west side of Josephine, where many residents live outside a 10-minute walk to a park.
- ★ **Rapid Population Growth.** With the population expected to double by 2040, there is a growing need to acquire additional parkland to meet future demand.
- ★ **Undeveloped Parkland Potential.** If improved and activated for public use, existing undeveloped parks can help offset LOS deficits.
- ★ **Partnership Opportunities with Developers.** Future residential developments, especially in the western growth areas, present critical opportunities to secure open space and parkland through dedication requirements and coordinated planning.
- ★ **Creeks and Floodplains as Greenway Assets.** The city's natural floodplains and creek corridors offer opportunities to create linear parks and trails that enhance connectivity and environmental resilience.
- ★ **Leverage City-Owned Parcels.** Underutilized city-owned land should be assessed for its potential to provide additional park spaces, particularly in areas with limited access.

EXHIBIT 4.4 | RESOURCE-BASED ASSESSMENT MAP

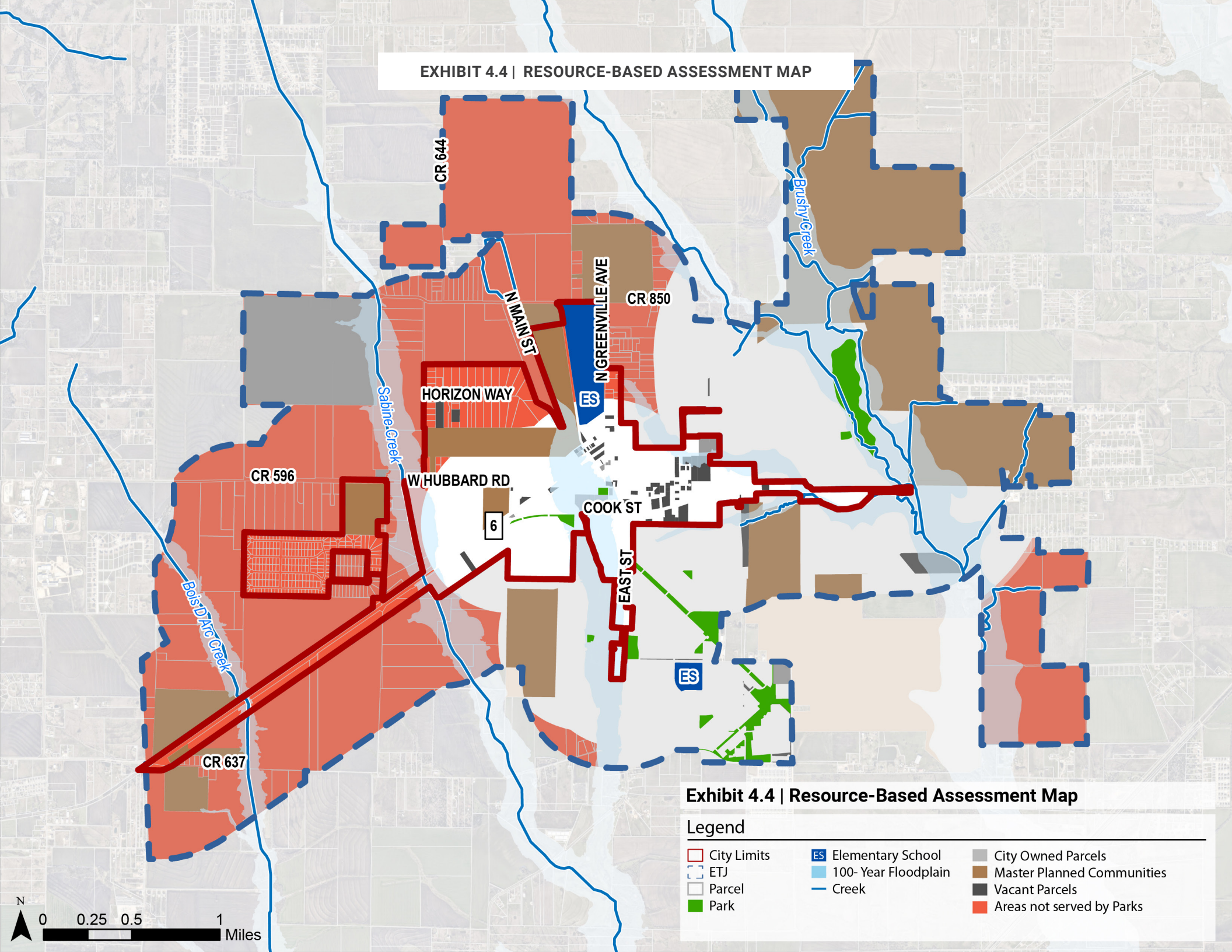


Exhibit 4.4 | Resource-Based Assessment Map

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| City Limits | Elementary School | City Owned Parcels |
| ETJ | 100- Year Floodplain | Master Planned Communities |
| Parcel | Creek | Vacant Parcels |
| Park | | Areas not served by Parks |

PARK GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS



Goal 1:

Enhanced Connectivity: Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.

- Work closely with developers and the Planning department to ensure that parks and park amenities associated with new development are designed to support community needs and connect to the larger trail system within Josephine.
- Install additional wayfinding signage throughout the community to direct to major park amenities.
- Identify parks not currently served by trails and prioritize their connection through new trail segments or sidewalks
- Require new developments adjacent to parks to include pedestrian and bicycle connections as a condition of approval.
- Develop park-trail connectors to schools, libraries, and recreation centers through safe, off-street paths or greenways.



Goal 2:

Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and priorities.

- Ensure all park spaces and amenities meet ADA standards, including, but not limited to, accessible pathways, adequate parking, restrooms, baby changing stations, or other facility features.
- Improve parks by addressing maintenance needs, including replacing non-compliant playground equipment and prioritizing funding.
- Enhance user comfort and recreational options by adding shade, seating, and rest areas in parks and along trails, and by expanding amenities such as multi-purpose fields, soccer fields, and baseball fields.
- Provide dog-friendly park spaces by incorporating designated off-leash areas, pet amenities, and clear signage to support responsible pet use.
- Prioritize multi-generational amenities, such as fitness zones, sensory play areas, and walking loops.
- Develop schedules and funding strategies for invasive species removal, erosion control, and habitat restoration in natural areas.



Goal 3:

Preservation of Open Space: Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

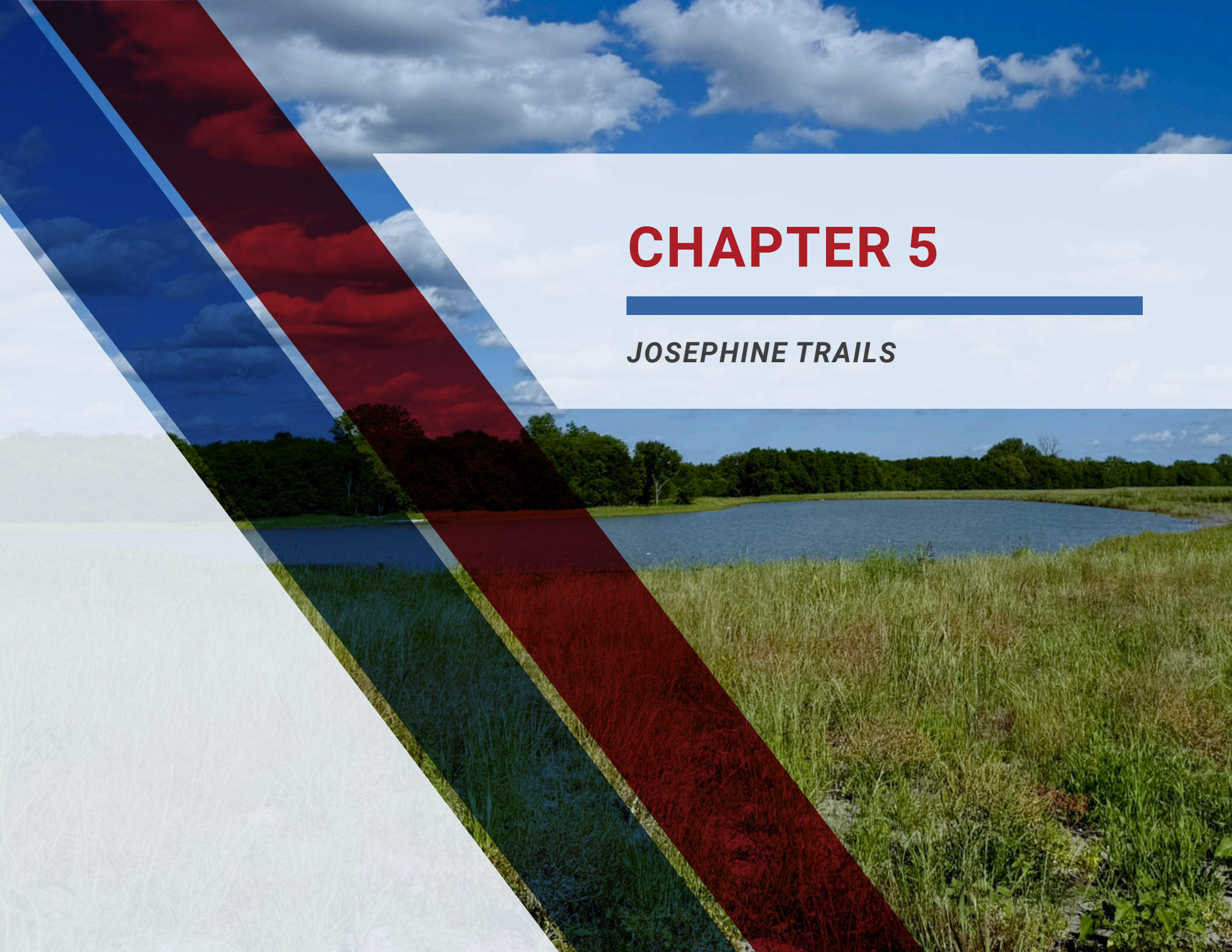
- Identify and prioritize strategic parcels for open space acquisition, focusing on areas with limited park access, environmental value, or potential for future trail connections.
- Expand parkland in areas identified as gaps through the Level of Service (LOS) assessment, specifically focusing on natural areas and community parkland to meet future population needs.
- Prioritize the preservation of open space and critical natural resources by identifying high-value environmental areas for protection through land acquisition, conservation easements, or development regulations.
- Strengthen zoning and subdivision ordinance requirements and establish incentives for the dedication of public/private parkland and open space during the development process, with an emphasis on underserved areas.
- Expand pocket parks in denser urban areas by working with the Planning Department to identify opportunities for green spaces as redevelopment occurs.
- Minimize development in the floodplain by prioritizing these areas for open space preservation, parkland acquisition, and natural resource protection through zoning and development regulations.



Goal 4:

Diverse Programming: Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.

- Work with non-profits, local businesses, and the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor park events, offer educational resources, or provide services that support land conservation.
- Support access to food and beverages near parks by allowing mobile vendors, concessions, or partnerships with local businesses.
- Utilize feedback from community surveys and focus groups to tailor programs that reflect the interests and needs of different demographics, including seniors, youth, and people with disabilities.
- Develop volunteer-led programs and opportunities to encourage community involvement and park stewardship.
- Offer a rotating calendar of family-friendly events and programs, such as youth sports programs, outdoor movie nights, fitness classes, cultural festivals, and arts in the park.



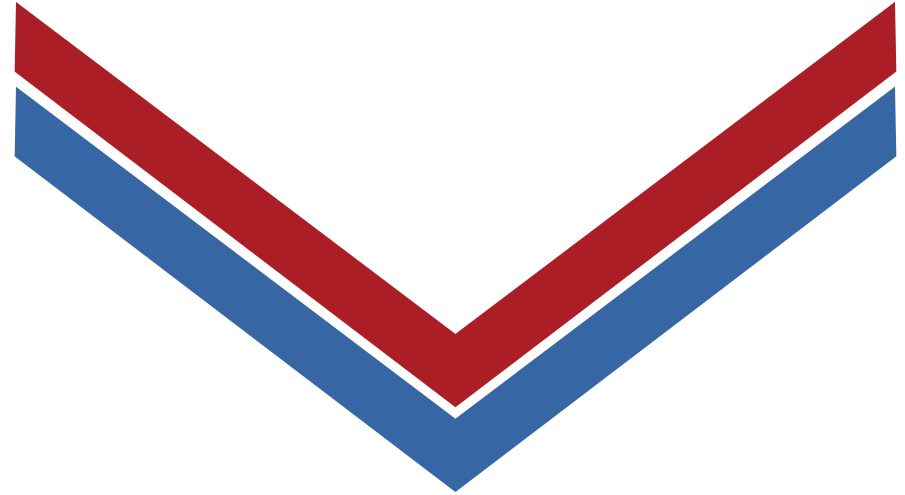
CHAPTER 5

JOSEPHINE TRAILS



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Trails are a vital community asset, offering opportunities for physical activity, fostering connection with nature, and linking essential community destinations and facilities. Additionally, trails facilitate integration with larger regional networks. The purpose of this chapter is to assess the existing conditions of Josephine's trails, identify gaps in the network, and provide recommendations to improve connectivity within the trail system.



TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

Trails are often classified by their path width, primary user groups, amenities, and surface types. Two common trail types are recreational trails and multi-use trails. Recreational trails are typically found within existing parks and open spaces, often designed as short loops intended for physical recreation. In contrast, multi-use trails are intended to accommodate multiple user groups and transportation modes and are therefore wider than recreational trails. Multi-use trails can be either shared-use paths or sidepaths. Sidepaths are found either adjacent to or within a R.O.W. and are intended for pedestrians, cyclists, and other modes of human-powered transportation. Shared-use paths exist within easements, greenways, or other public lands.

Additionally, trails are classified by their surface type. Hard surfaces consist of concrete or asphalt, while soft surfaces typically consist of decomposed granite, gravel, or other types of aggregate. Trails are also characterized by the types of amenities provided along them. These include, but are not limited to, signage, seating, restrooms and other facilities, mile markers, enhanced road crossings, vegetation, and shade elements. See **Table 5.1** for the characteristics of recreational and multi-use trails.

TRAILS INVENTORY

To understand the existing trail network in Josephine, trails within the City and its ETJ were inventoried. Accounting for all types of trails in both the city limits and ETJ, there are currently 3.39 miles of trail available for use. Existing trails within the city limits are very minimal, with only a privately-owned, one-half-mile trail available for use. The neighborhoods within the ETJ include approximately 2.88 miles of trails. Currently, no city-owned trails are available for public use, indicating a significant need for accessible recreational trails in the community.

Each trail in Josephine was categorized by its typology, path widths, mileage, amenities, and surface types. About half of the trails within Josephine are categorized as recreational trails found within existing park space, and around the other half are considered shared-use paths that follow easements or other greenways. Although several trails were characterized as multi-use trails, their minimal path widths are unable to support multiple modes of transportation. For example, the trails in the Fountainview and Magnolia neighborhoods are only 4 feet and 6 feet wide, respectively—insufficient for safe or comfortable bicycle use and not compliant with national multi-use trail standards. Additionally, the current trail network lacks shade, signage, and supporting amenities, resulting in an overall uncomfortable and disconnected user experience.

To be considered a multi-use trail, a path must meet minimum standards for accessibility, surface type, width (typically at least 10 feet), and be designed to accommodate a range of users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and individuals with mobility devices. At present, none of the trails within Josephine meet the requirements to be classified as true multi-use trails.

TABLE 5.1 | TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

TYPE	TRAIL WIDTH (IN FEET)	CHARACTERISTICS	PRIMARY USERS	AMENITIES (INCLUDES, BUT NOT LIMITED TO)	SURFACE TYPE
Recreational	8-12	Often a path or loop within another park or recreation area	Pedestrians, cyclists	Directional + educational signage, benches, water fountains	Hard or soft
Multi-Use – Shared Path	10-12	Does not follow a ROW; can be found along easements, greenways, or other public lands	Pedestrians, cyclists, and human-powered transportation	Directional signage, trailheads, mile markers, benches, drinking fountains	Hard
Multi-Use – Sidepath	10-12	Follows or is within a ROW	Pedestrians, cyclists, and human-powered transportation	Directional signage, enhanced crossings	Hard

EXHIBIT 5.1 | EXISTING TRAILS MAP

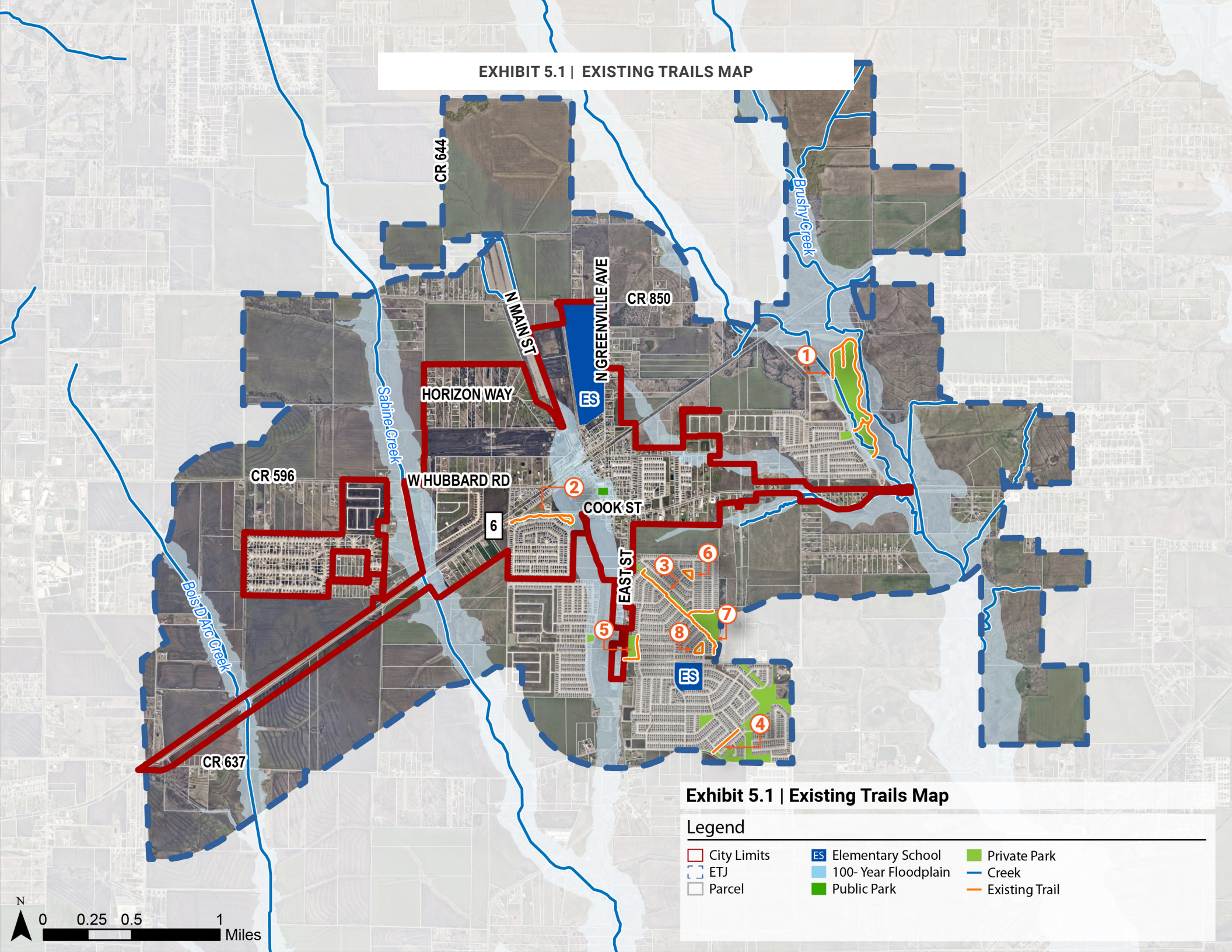


Exhibit 5.1 | Existing Trails Map

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| City Limits | ES Elementary School | Private Park |
| ETJ | 100- Year Floodplain | Creek |
| Parcel | Public Park | Existing Trail |

TABLE 5.2 | INVENTORY OF JOSEPHINE TRAILS

MAP ID	TRAIL NAME	CITY LIMITS OR ETJ	TRAIL TYPE	PATH WIDTH	SURFACE TYPE	MILEAGE
Existing Trails						
1	Riverfield Trail	ETJ	Recreational	8'	Hard	1.3
2	Fountainview Trail	City Limits	Shared-Use Path	4'	Hard	0.51
3	Magnolia Easement Trail A	ETJ	Shared-Use Path	5'	Hard	0.38
4	Magnolia Easement Trail B	ETJ	Shared-Use Path	5'	Hard	0.19
5	Magnolia Pointe Community Pool Park Loop	ETJ	Recreational	6'	Hard	0.21
6	Magnolia Pointe Park Loop	ETJ	Recreational	5'	Hard	0.17
7	Magnolia Trail	ETJ	Sidepath	5'	Hard	0.45
8	Blessed Park Loop	ETJ	Recreational	5'	Hard	0.18

RIVERFIELD TRAIL

Recreational Trail

Mileage

1.3 Miles

Amenities

- Pond
- Natural planting areas
- Designated parking



Riverfield trail location.



The Riverfield trail curves around a pond and native vegetative areas.

FOUNTAINVIEW TRAIL

Shared-Use Path

Mileage

0.51 Miles

Amenities

- Small shade structure
- Pond
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Lighting
- Shade trees
- Lots of damage to the trail
- Designated parking



Fountainview trail location.



The paths are only four feet wide and are in need of maintenance and repairs.



Typical path along the Fountainview trail.

MAGNOLIA EASEMENT TRAIL A

Shared-Use Path

Mileage

0.38 Miles

Amenities

- Pet waste station



Magnolia easement trail location.

MAGNOLIA EASEMENT TRAIL B

Shared-Use Path

Mileage

0.19 Miles

Amenities

- N/A



Magnolia easement trail location.



The trail runs through a utility easement and lacks seating and shade.

MAGNOLIA POINTE COMMUNITY POOL PARK LOOP

Recreational Trail

Mileage

0.21 Miles

Amenities

- View overlook
- Enhanced planting + shade trees
- Benches
- Designated parking
- Pet waste station



Magnolia Pointe's community pool and park loop location.



The trail provides access to the pool and playground, and offers views of the pond.

MAGNOLIA POINTE PARK LOOP

Recreational Trail

Mileage

0.17 Miles

Amenities

- Enhanced planting + shade trees
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- Pet waste station



Magnolia Pointe's park loop location.



The trail provides a recreational loop around the playground and open lawn.

MAGNOLIA TRAIL

Sidepath

Mileage

0.45 Miles

Amenities

- Pond
- No trees, shade or amenities
- Some drainage issues



Magnolia Pointe's trail location.



The trail lacks trees, shade, and other comfort amenities like benches.

BLESSED PARK LOOP

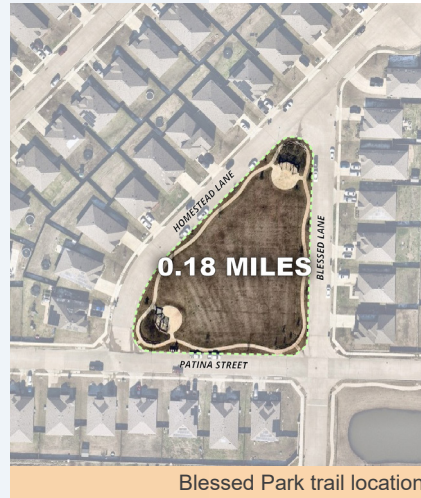
Recreational Trail

Mileage

0.18 Miles

Amenities

- Shade trees
- Shade pavilion



Blessed Park trail location.

Future Trails

While there are currently 3.39 miles of trail identified in Josephine and its ETJ, there are 3.81 miles of trail planned in the future. The 3.81 miles consists of a sidepath trail planned by TxDOT along FM 6, ending at the Collin County line to the east. This trail will provide necessary multi-use trail connections through the City along a major corridor. It is important to note that because these are TxDOT-planned trails, the exact design and mileage of them are subject to change.



The park provides a recreational walking loop around an open lawn.

EXHIBIT 5.2 | FUTURE TRAILS

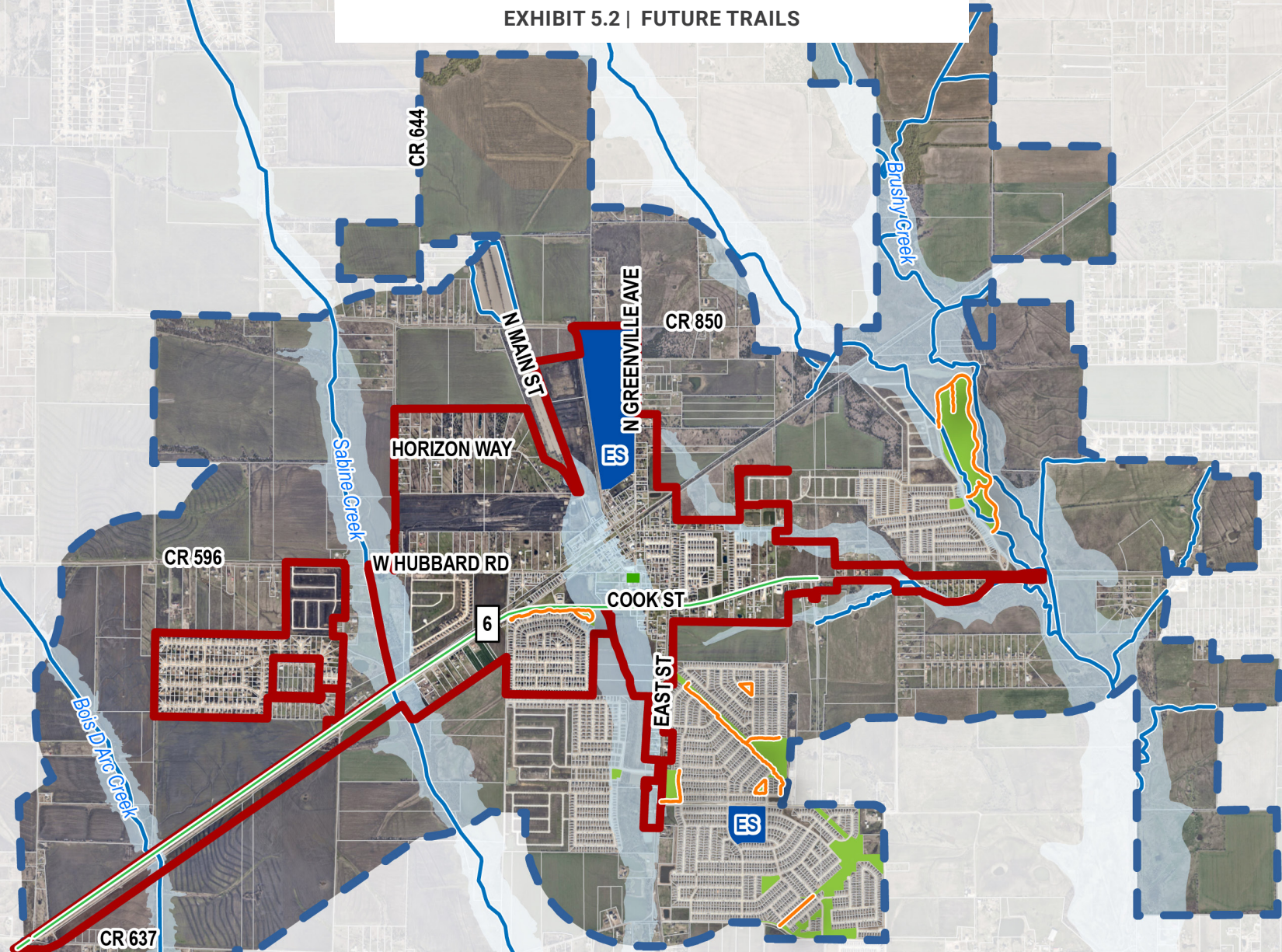
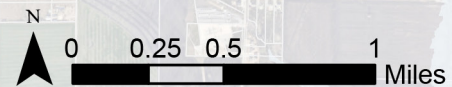


Exhibit 5.2 | Future Trails Map

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| City Limits | Elementary School | Existing Trails |
| ETJ | 100- Year Floodplain | Future FM 6 Trail |
| Parcels | Creek | |



TRAILS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Trail Level of Service (LOS) is a tool used to evaluate how well the City's trail network serves its population by measuring the number of trail miles relative to the total population. This metric focuses on the overall quantity of trails—regardless of surface type or width—and helps determine whether the community meets regional trail access standards. A lower ratio of residents per mile of trail indicates a higher level of service. For comparison, the Dallas-Fort Worth region has established a benchmark of 1 mile of trail for every 1,000 residents, which will serve as the target LOS for Josephine in this analysis.

Table 5.3 displays the trail LOS within the City limits and ETJ. As of 2024, Josephine has 3.39 miles of trail within its city limits and ETJ, serving a population of 14,919. This results in a LOS of 0.23 miles of trail per 1,000 residents. To meet the benchmark of 1 mile of trail per 1,000 residents, the city would need an additional 11.53 miles of trail. By 2040, the population is projected to grow to 27,943. If the trail network expands to the anticipated 7.20 miles, the LOS would rise slightly to 0.26 miles per 1,000 residents. To meet the Dallas-Fort Worth benchmark at that population level, Josephine would need a total of 27.9 miles of trail per 1,000 residents requiring an additional 20.74 miles.

Table 5.4 displays the Trail Level of Service within the city limits. The 2024 population is 3,312, served by 0.51 miles of trail. This results in a LOS of 0.15 miles of trail per 1,000 residents. To meet the benchmark of 1 mile per 1,000 residents, an additional 2.80 miles of trail would be needed within the city limits.

By 2040, the city limit's population is projected to increase to 6,203. With the

anticipated addition of 3.32 miles of trail along the portion of FM6 within the city limits, the LOS would rise to 0.70 miles per 1,000 residents. Even still, an additional 2.88 miles would be needed to meet the median NRPA standards for trail mileage in the city limits.

Trail Level of Service (LOS) analysis reveals a significant disparity between the trail coverage within Josephine's city limits and the combined area of the City and its ETJ. As of 2024, the city limits are served by only 0.51 miles of trail for a population of 3,312 resulting in a LOS of just 0.15 miles per 1,000 residents. In contrast, when considering both the city and ETJ together, Josephine has 3.39 miles of trail for a population of 14,919, achieving a LOS of 0.23 miles per 1,000 residents.

The current distribution of trail infrastructure reveals a significant imbalance. Much of the existing trail network is located outside the city limits, leaving residents within the city with limited access to recreational and mobility corridors. This disparity suggests a need to focus future trail development within the urban area to serve the resident population in Josephine. To meet the regional benchmark of 1 mile of trail per 1,000 residents, Josephine must expand its trail network considerably. As of 2024, the city limits alone require an additional 2.8 miles of trail to meet this standard. When including the city and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), the shortfall increases to approximately 11.53 miles. Looking ahead, the projected population growth by 2040 will widen this gap. The trail deficit is expected to increase slightly to 2.88 miles within the city limits. When factoring in the ETJ, the additional trail mileage needed to meet the Dallas–Fort Worth regional benchmark rises to 20.74 miles.

TABLE 5.3 | TRAIL LEVEL OF SERVICE
WITHIN JOSEPHINE CITY LIMITS AND ETJ

	2024 EXISTING TRAILS	2024 EXISTING TRAILS & UNDEVELOPED TRAILS	2040 EXISTING TRAILS	2040 EXISTING TRAILS & UNDEVELOPED TRAILS
Population	14,919	14,919	27,943	27,943
Miles of Trails	3.39	7.20	3.39	7.20
Current LOS	0.23	0.48	0.12	0.26
Miles to acquire to meet Dallas- Fort Worth Standard	11.53	7.72	24.55	20.74

TABLE 5.4 | TRAIL LEVEL OF SERVICE
WITHIN JOSEPHINE CITY LIMITS

	2024 EXISTING TRAILS	2024 EXISTING TRAILS & UNDEVELOPED TRAILS	2040 EXISTING TRAILS	2040 EXISTING TRAILS & UNDEVELOPED TRAILS
Population	3,312	3,312	6,203	6,203
Miles of Trails	0.51	4.32	0.51	3.32
Current LOS	0.15	1.30	0.08	0.70
Miles to acquire to meet Dallas- Fort Worth Standard	2.80	+1.08	5.69	2.88

This analysis highlights the need for strategic trail development both within the city and throughout the ETJ. Prioritizing trail investments in underserved areas will help ensure equitable access to recreational and active transportation options.

To support long-term connectivity and accessibility, the City should consider updating its development code to include modernized roadway cross sections that integrate trail or multi-use path components. These updates are especially important for collector and arterial roads that link existing neighborhoods to key destinations such as schools, civic facilities, parks, and commercial areas. Additionally, trail planning within the ETJ should emphasize seamless connections back into the city limits and outward toward nearby cities. These regional connections will help create a cohesive, long-range trail network that enhances both local quality of life and regional mobility.

Alternative Trails Target Level of Service

While the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) does not establish target Level of Service (LOS) standards for alternative soft-surface trails—such as those used for hiking, biking, equestrian, paddling, and off-road vehicles like ATVs—these trail types play a vital role in diversifying Josephine’s overall trail system. Alternative trails offer opportunities for recreation, exploration, and connection to nature that can support healthier and more active lifestyles.

Josephine has unique opportunities to align alternative trails with natural corridors, utility easements, railroad easements, and floodplain areas to enhance connectivity while minimizing environmental disruption. Design considerations should reflect the intended user groups, including ensuring that ATV-accessible trails are marked and separated from other recreational uses to reduce conflicts and ecological impact.

As the City continues to grow, strategic identification of opportunity areas—such as undeveloped land, greenways, and regional trail connections—will be key to expanding a safe and sustainable alternative trail network that complements Josephine’s rural character and meets residents’ evolving recreational needs.

MAJOR DESTINATIONS

An essential part of developing a trail needs assessment for Josephine is clearly understanding the community’s existing resources and barriers. By evaluating the current trail inventory, natural features, infrastructure, and land use patterns, the City can identify opportunities to expand and enhance the network. At the same time, understanding physical, environmental, and connectivity barriers—such as gaps in infrastructure, limited access points, or flood-prone areas—helps shape a realistic and strategic plan for future trail development. This foundational analysis ensures that future investments align with community needs and that the trail system is functional and accessible for all users.

Major Destinations

When planning a community trail network, it is essential to consider the routes residents take in their daily lives. Trails should provide direct and convenient connections to key destinations such as public facilities, schools, parks, commercial centers, and future growth areas, ensuring the system supports recreation and everyday mobility needs.

Public Facilities

Public facilities in Josephine include City Hall, the Community Center, and parks. Many of which are not accessible via sidewalks or trails, including Josephine City Park, Josephine City Hall, and the Josephine Community Center.

Josephine currently has 6 developed parks and 9 undeveloped parks or designated future parkland. To strengthen the citywide park system, additional trails are needed to link parks to their surrounding communities and to other parks in the citywide parks system. As future development occurs, trails will remain critical to providing access to parks and increasing opportunities for passive recreation.

Schools

Josephine and its ETJ has 2 elementary schools and 1 future middle school. The trail network can help provide a safe connection from neighborhoods to schools, allow for alternative access to schools, and provide recreational and educational opportunities for students. A well-provisioned trail network can increase accessibility to the schools in Josephine and allow children to safely walk to school. To support implementation, the City should explore funding opportunities such as the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program, which can help finance infrastructure improvements that prioritize safe, connected routes for pedestrians and students.

Future Growth Areas and the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Magnolia Pointe is a major residential development adjoining Josephine, located east of FM 1777 and south of FM 6. The project began construction in phases in 2018 and is planned to include over 4,800 homes at full buildout. As Josephine continues to grow, an expanded network of trails and bikeways will be important for providing safe alternative transportation options and reducing traffic congestion within the city. New development in this area will need to connect to existing city infrastructure and coordinate with the City to ensure proper integration of roadways and trail connections.

Most future development in Josephine is expected to occur within Josephine's ETJ as available land within the city limits is limited. Much of the remaining vacant land in the city is located within floodplains, making it unsuitable or challenging for development. As growth continues, planning for infrastructure, mobility, and connectivity within the ETJ will be critical to supporting new development and ensuring cohesive integration with the city's existing neighborhoods and facilities within city limits.

MAJOR BARRIERS

Both natural and man-made barriers can pose challenges to trail development in Josephine. When planning new trails, it is important to identify and address these obstacles, such as creeks, roadways, or private property boundaries, to ensure the trail system is safely accessible, connected, and inclusive for all users.

Visual Barriers

This type of barrier occurs when trail users are unable to see potential obstacles ahead, making it difficult to anticipate and avoid conflicts. Common visual barriers include hills, sharp turns, overgrown vegetation, and parked vehicles. At roadway crossings—whether at intersections or mid-block—design strategies should prioritize minimizing visual obstructions to improve safety and visibility for all users.

Connectivity Barriers

This type of barrier refers to locations where connectivity is disrupted due to unsafe or missing crossing points. These barriers are often found along high-speed, high-volume roadways that span long distances, such as highways. In Josephine, potential connectivity challenges include major roadways like FM 6 and FM 547.

Impediments to Accessibility

This barrier relates to the overall accessibility, safety, and comfort of a trail. Conditions such as uneven surfaces, debris, steep slopes, and poor infrastructure can discourage or prevent people from using bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Trails should be designed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, ensuring continuous, unobstructed routes that connect all accessible elements within a site or facility.

Trail Design and Acquisitions

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) recommends that multi-use trails be at least 10 feet wide to safely accommodate multiple users. While trails can be located within existing rights-of-way or utility easements, available space may be limited for future widening. To enhance trail mileage, design, and functionality, City staff should explore opportunities to more effectively utilize rights-of-way and easements. **Exhibit 5.2** shows the proposed sidepaths that are displayed on the Trails Master Plan in **Chapter 6**. These should align with updated cross sections for the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan. In addition to the proposed sidepaths, future trail alignments should be identified to create a connected and accessible citywide trail network.

KEY FINDINGS

Based on the needs assessment of Josephine's trails, below are the key findings:

- ★ **Significant Trail Access Deficit.** There is a significant deficit of trails available to residents within the city limits and ETJ compared to national standards.
- ★ **Trail Design Standards.** Currently, only one trail in Josephine meets the recommended minimum width for recreational and multi-use trails. Most trails in Josephine are too narrow to accommodate multiple user groups, including cyclists and other human-powered modes of transportation.
- ★ **Updates to Development Code.** The City should prioritize updating roadway cross sections within the development code to prioritize trail development along major corridors.
- ★ **Regional Trail Connections.** Identify opportunities for partnering with other municipalities and agencies for the creation of regional trail networks.
- ★ **Maximizing Existing Floodplain Areas and Greenways.** Existing assets like floodplain areas, greenways, and utility easements should be utilized for the expansion of trail access.
- ★ **Connections to Destinations and Public Facilities.** Prioritize developing a trail network that connects to key community assets like schools, community centers, and parks.

EXHIBIT 5.3 | PROPOSED SIDEPATH

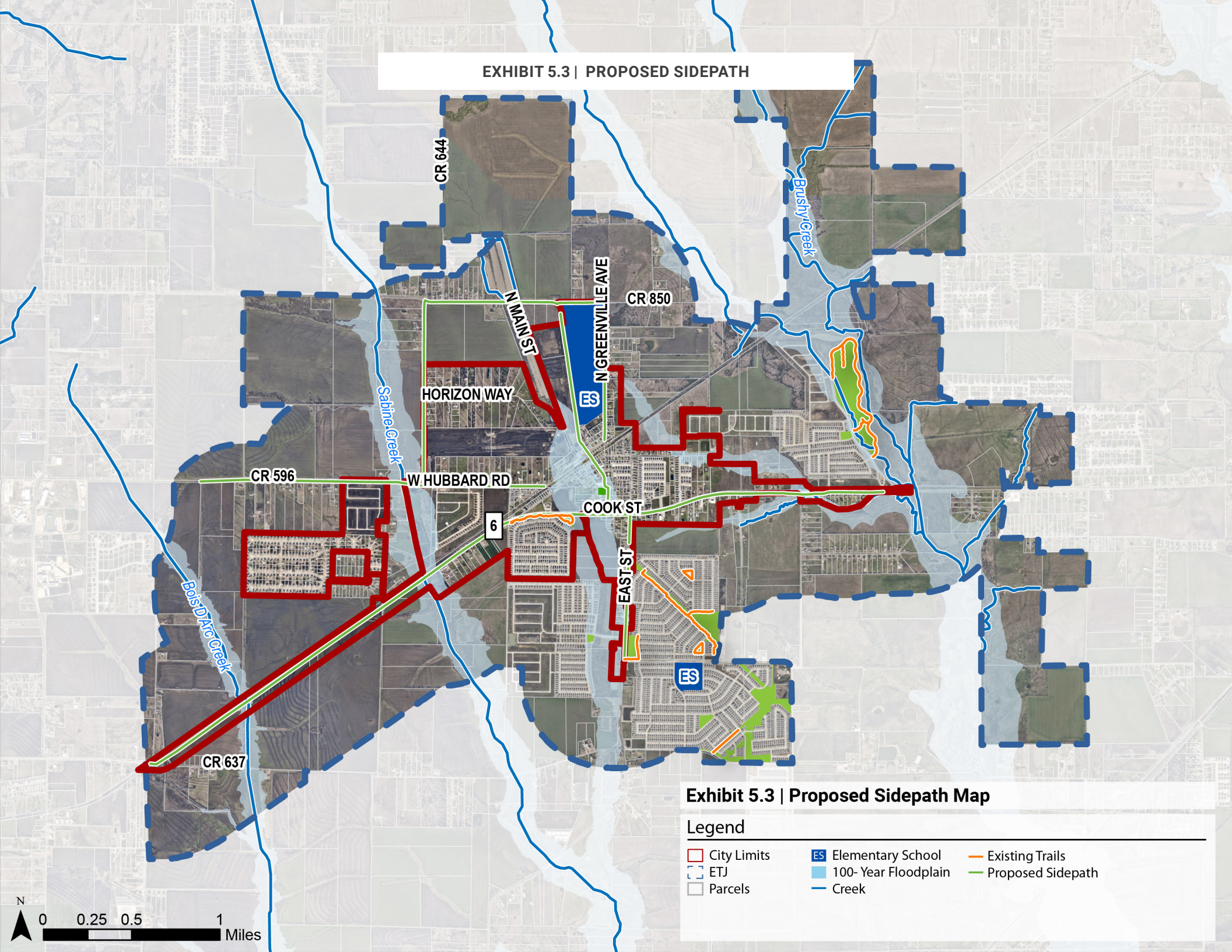


Exhibit 5.3 | Proposed Sidepath Map

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| City Limits | Elementary School | Existing Trails |
| ETJ | 100- Year Floodplain | Proposed Sidepath |
| Parcels | Creek | |

TRAIL GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS



Goal 1:

Enhanced Connectivity: Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.

- Develop a Citywide Trails and Sidewalk Connectivity Plan that maps existing infrastructure, identify gaps, and prioritize projects that link neighborhoods to parks, schools, and civic destinations.
- Expand trail access by identifying and prioritizing key gaps in the existing network, focusing on connections between neighborhoods, parks, and commercial areas, and coordinating with regional partners for broader connectivity.
- Collaborate with regional partners and property owners to transform Josephine's railroad easements into a multi-use trail system to improve connectivity and support regional trail integration.
- Leverage underutilized spaces for trail expansion through partnerships with local utilities, railroads, or other stakeholders to utilize easements, rights-of-way, or vacant land for trail connections that fill network gaps.
- Design, seek funding, and construct additional trail and sidewalk connectivity based on the priorities of the community.
- Review and update trail and bikeway design guidelines to reflect updated regional and national guidance.
- Integrate the recreational trail recommendations from this master plan into a larger active transportation and mobility plan that incorporates Complete Streets principles and establishes Josephine City Hall as the central hub.



Goal 2:

Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and priorities.

- Establish a design standard for trailheads with Low Impact Development (LID) features (i.e., use permeable surfaces like gravel or pavers to manage stormwater runoff), seating, water fountains, trash receptacles, signage, and safety features (e.g., map kiosk and location markers) along major trails to enhance access, improve connectivity, and ensure safety.
- Add mid-block crossings, pedestrian signals, and curb ramps at intersections where trails meet busy streets.
- Coordinate with Public Works and Engineering to include trail segments in roadway expansions, complete streets projects, or capital improvement plans.
- Improve trails by addressing maintenance needs and create an updated GIS database for sidewalk and trail amenities with condition assessments, amenity locations (e.g., benches, lighting, water fountains), connectivity gaps, and ADA accessibility features to guide future improvements and investments.
- Enhance user comfort and recreational options by adding shade, seating, and rest areas along trails.
- Provide dog-friendly park and trail spaces by incorporating designated off-leash areas, pet amenities, and clear signage to support responsible pet use.



Goal 3:

Preservation of Open Space: Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

- Coordinate trail planning with future parkland acquisitions to ensure access to new green spaces and preserve connectivity corridors
- Identify natural or underutilized corridors that can serve as greenways, providing both recreational opportunities and ecological preservation.
- Update subdivision and zoning ordinances to require trail easements or public access points when land is dedicated for open space.
- Ensure trails link to natural areas with minimal infrastructure—such as meadows, wooded areas, or wildlife viewing zones—to promote low-impact use and stewardship.
- Seek funding from state and federal sources (e.g., TPWD, RTP) that encourage the co-development of trail systems and preserved land.
- Assess and pursue acquisition of open space and railroad easements for proposed nature trail development.



Goal 4:

Diverse Programming: Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.

- Install unique experiences such as fitness circuits, community art walks, pollinator pathways, or cultural heritage trails with interpretative signage.
- Engage local businesses, organizations, and neighborhood groups in helping to maintain, program, and promote segments of the trail network.

CHAPTER 6

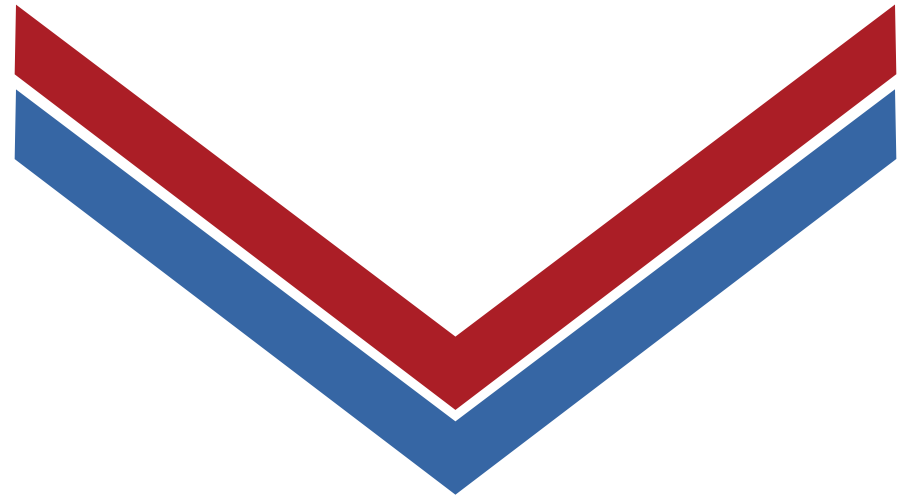
IMPLEMENTATION





IMPLEMENTATION

The final chapter presents a structured framework for implementing the recommendations outlined throughout this report. The implementation plan identifies priorities for each action, the type of action, implementation partners, and estimated costs. Additionally, the chapter explores potential funding mechanisms to support the execution and ensure the long-term success of the Josephine Parks and Trails Master Plan.



FUNDING SOURCES AND COSTS

A diverse array of funding sources is available to support the actualization of the Josephine Parks and Trails Master Plan. This section outlines potential financing strategies, including local funding, state and federal grant programs, and additional opportunities such as public-private partnerships and agreements. Together, these mechanisms form a comprehensive foundation for advancing the plan's goals and ensuring long-term project viability.

Local Funding

City Budget Allocations are primarily used to maintain, repair, and enhance existing parks and recreational facilities. These recurring funds support ongoing operations and smaller-scale improvements within the park system.

Bond Funds are typically pursued to develop new park facilities or major upgrades that require significant capital investment. Voters must approve bond measures that are used for long-term infrastructure needs aligned with community growth.

Park Donations from individuals, organizations, or businesses are allocated to a designated Park Donation Fund. These funds can be used for various purposes.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) should be guided by the implementation plan outlined in this Josephine Parks and Trails Master Plan. Aligning future capital investments with identified priorities ensures that funding is allocated to projects with the most significant community impact and long-term value.

Parkland Dedication Ordinances are regulatory tools that enable cities to require developers to contribute to the addition of public parkland in conjunction with new developments. These contributions may be land dedication or development fees. Depending on the terms of the ordinance and development agreement, cities can acquire and reserve land within new developments specifically for public park use. Parkland dedication ordinances support expansion and enhancement of the community's parks and recreation system.

State Funding Sources

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) funds the following grants:

The Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grants (CO-OP) provides grant funding to eligible tax-exempt organizations to support programming that engages underserved populations in outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental education activities aligned with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) mission. Grant awards range from \$5,000 to \$100,000 and are intended to increase access to nature-based experiences for communities with limited outdoor recreational opportunities.

Outdoor Recreation Grants offers 50% matching grant funds to eligible local governments, including cities, counties, Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs), and other special districts with populations under 500,000. These funds support the acquisition and development of new parkland and the renovation of existing public recreational areas. Funded projects must be completed within three years of grant approval.

Recreational Trail Grants are administered by TPWD with approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Recreational Trail Grant Program is federally funded through a portion of fuel taxes collected from non-highway recreational vehicle use. The program provides reimbursable grants of up to 80% of eligible project costs. Funding caps are set at \$300,000 for non-motorized trail projects and \$500,000 for motorized (off-highway vehicle) trail projects. Eligible activities include the construction of new recreational trails, improving existing trails, developing trailheads and trailside amenities, and acquiring trail corridors.

Federal Funding

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides federal funding to rural communities to support local development projects. In Texas, the program is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for communities with populations under 50,000. Eligible projects can include improvements to public facilities such as parks, sidewalks, and community centers.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is a key program administered by the National Park Service (NPS) that supports the development and enhancement of parks and recreation facilities. LWCF provides matching grants to local governments to acquire, develop, and enhance public outdoor recreation areas. Projects may include building or renovating playgrounds, trails, sports fields, and open green spaces. Typically, these grants require a 50/50 match, meaning local governments must contribute an equal share to the project.

PARK AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN MAP

The findings of the previous chapters resulted in the development of the Josephine Parks and Trails Master Plan Map. This map is intended to guide future development and recommend opportunity areas for future parks and trails. Additionally, this map will aid the City in pursuing funding for parks and trails projects. The content of the Master Plan was developed through the findings of the existing conditions inventories, public engagement activities, and the needs assessment. The inventory helped identify the location and conditions of existing parks and trails, while the public engagement helped identify community priorities, goals, and needs. The needs assessment helped identify service gaps in the parks and trails network, which guided the identification of opportunity areas on the Master Plan map. Additionally, the goals and action items within Chapters 4 and 5 helped guide the creation of this plan and determine priority areas. This map was posted online for public comment between July 16 and August 10. It was advertised on the City's social media pages, newsletter, and website.

The opportunity areas illustrated on the following map are intended to highlight areas needing parks and trails, as determined in the level of service analysis outlined in Chapters 4 and 5. Additionally, the parks on this map are distributed based on the park typology outlined in **Chapter 4**. The map is representative of the findings discussed in previous chapters and does not represent exact locations of future development.

MAP LEGEND

Community Park Opportunity Areas



Currently, Josephine does not have a large park that meets the criteria of a community park established in **Chapter 4**. The most significant opportunity for a community park is adjacent to the existing Josephine City Park. Expanding the current park would create a centralized community hub at the City Center, and could consist of recreation fields, walking paths, and trailheads to regional trail destinations. There are identified gaps in park service in the areas to the east and west of Josephine. These gaps could be effectively addressed by establishing community parks in those regions. Park amenities should include recreation fields, playgrounds, trails, and other resources that represent community needs and priorities.

Neighborhood Park Opportunity Areas



As Josephine's ETJ builds out, it will be critical to ensure that parkland and open space is included within single-family developments. These neighborhood parks should include both passive and active recreation activities that serve the local community. Developers should prioritize incorporating trail and sidewalk connections to promote connectivity across communities and ensure residents are within a 10-minute walk to a park. Neighborhood parks can help alleviate the gap in park access on the west side of Josephine as single-family neighborhoods are developed.

Special-Use Park Opportunity Areas



Per the park classifications described in **Chapter 4**, special-use parks have many uses and serve specific needs of a community. Where future trails intersect major road corridors, there are opportunities for special-use parks like pedestrian plazas or other community amenities to accompany trailheads. Floodplain corridors also provide opportunities for the preservation of floodplain and natural areas in the form of a nature preserve. This aligns with community goals for preserving open space, as indicated during community outreach.

Pocket Park Opportunity Areas



Pocket parks are small areas that provide access to green space and recreation, typically in urban areas. A city-owned lot along Cotton Circle provides an opportunity for a small pocket park or playground adjacent to the proposed Rail Trail corridor. Eventually, this park could provide trailhead access to the Rail Trail from existing neighborhoods. Another pocket park opportunity exists to the south of Cook Street in what is planned to be future commercial development, per the 2023 Comprehensive Plan. A small public park would provide opportunities for gathering and respite in the future.

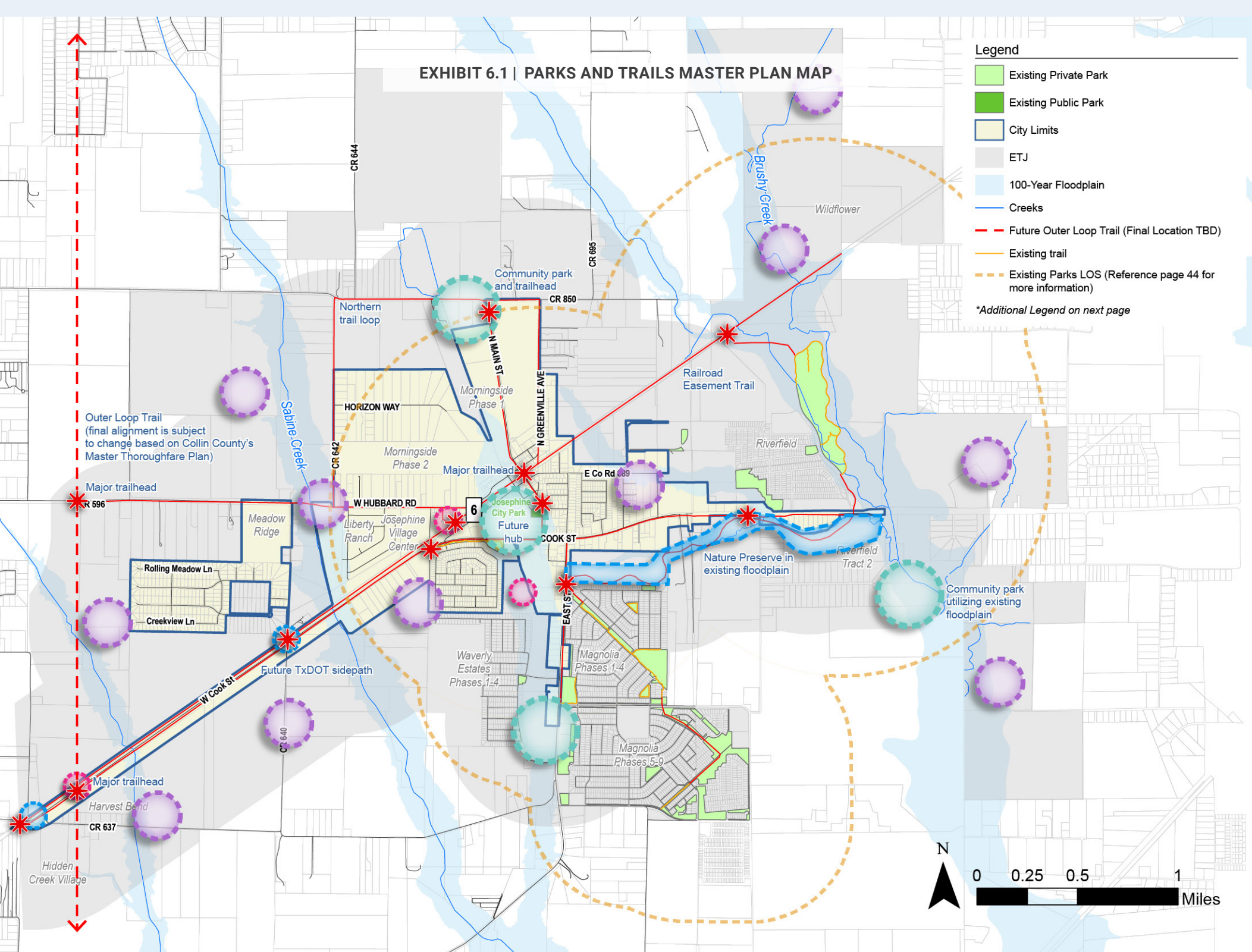
Future Trail Opportunities

 A significant opportunity for future multi-use trails includes the railroad easement corridor running northeast through the City. Eventually, this corridor could connect to other regional destinations and provide trail access to pedestrians, cyclists, and other forms of transportation. Additionally, Collin County is in the process of developing the Outer Loop corridor and an accompanying trail that will likely pass through Josephine's western ETJ. Furthermore, TxDOT has planned sidepaths along FM 6 to the Collin County line. Other sidepath opportunities include along FM 1777 south of Cook Street and a loop along Greenville Street, FM 547, FM 642, and Hubbard Road.

Future Trailhead Opportunities

 Future trailhead opportunities are recommended in significant parks or where major trail corridors intersect. Trailheads may consist of directional and informational signage, parking, lighting, comfort amenities, pet amenities, or art. Additionally, they should be designed to incorporate Low Impact Development (LID) features that minimize negative impacts on existing vegetation and natural features.

EXHIBIT 6.1 | PARKS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN MAP



IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

The Implementation Matrix is designed to function as both a checklist and a tracking tool, helping the City monitor progress on the plan's implementation over time. Each row represents a specific action, and key details are organized into columns, including action category, estimated cost, responsible parties, and timeline.

Key Factors for Successful Plan Implementation

Action Types

The action types identified in the implementation matrix represent various categories of implementation tools the City can use to carry out the plan's goals and strategies.

Study: Indicates the need for further analysis or investigation to inform decision-making and identify the most effective or efficient course of action.

Regulation: Calls for updates or changes to City ordinances or codes, which must be approved by the City Council. These actions shape how land is used or how certain activities are managed.

Operations: Focuses on adjusting or expanding City services, programs, or staffing to better support parks and recreation goals.

Policy: Involves creating or updating internal guidelines that direct how the City makes decisions or manages its resources over time.

Partnership: Centers on collaboration with other organizations—such as nonprofits, schools, or neighboring cities—to accomplish shared goals through formal agreements or coordinated efforts.

Timeline

The timeframes outlined in the implementation matrix indicate the recommended period for initiating each action.

Short-Term (0–5 Years Post-Adoption): Actions categorized as short-term are anticipated to be implemented within five years of the plan's adoption. These actions are either immediately actionable due to feasibility or are identified as high-priority objectives requiring expedited delivery.

Mid-Term (5–10 Years Post-Adoption): Intended for implementation within five to ten years following the plan's adoption.

Long-Term (10+ Years Post-Adoption): Long-term action items are aligned with the city's strategic vision and should be considered in its long-term budget. Before implementation, these actions often depend on prerequisite studies, phased development, or long-range capital planning. The item will likely require more than a decade after the plan adoption is completed.

Ongoing: These actions do not have a fixed timeline for completion but are intended to be continuously implemented throughout the duration of the master plan.

Cost

See the Parks and Trails Investment Projects List for anticipated costs of investment actions.

Partners

Successfully implementing the recommendations in this Master Plan will require collaboration beyond a single City department. A coordinated effort involving various internal departments and external partners is essential to ensure meaningful progress. The following are potential partners who may play a role in advancing the actions outlined in the implementation matrix.

Elected Officials

- ▶ City Council

Government Entities

- ▶ City of Josephine
- ▶ Collin County
- ▶ Hunt County
- ▶ Community ISD
- ▶ TxDot
- ▶ NCTCOG
- ▶ TPWD

Other Groups

- ▶ Sports Leagues
- ▶ Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Planning and Zoning Commission
- ▶ Neighborhood Organizations

TABLE 6.1 | PARKS IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

ACTION ID	ACTION ITEMS	ACTION TYPE	TIMELINE	COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	PARTNERS
Goal 1: Enhanced Connectivity: Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.						
1.1	Work closely with developers and the Planning department to ensure that parks and park amenities associated with new development are designed to support community needs and connect to the larger trail system within Josephine.	Partnership	Ongoing	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Developers, Planning Department
1.3	Identify parks not currently served by trails and prioritize their connection through new trail segments or sidewalks	Study	Short-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department
1.4	Require new developments adjacent to parks to include pedestrian and bicycle connections as a condition of approval.	Regulation	Ongoing	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation, Developers
Goal 2: Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and priorities.						
2.1	Ensure all park spaces and amenities meet ADA standards, including, but not limited to, accessible pathways, adequate parking, restrooms, baby changing stations, or other facility features.	Policy	Ongoing	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Public Works
2.2	Improve parks by addressing maintenance needs, including replacing non-compliant playground equipment and prioritizing funding.	Operations	Mid-term	\$\$\$	Parks and Recreation	Public Works
2.4	Provide dog-friendly park spaces by incorporating designated off-leash areas, pet amenities, and clear signage to support responsible pet use.	Policy	Short-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department
2.6	Develop schedules and funding strategies for invasive species removal, erosion control, and habitat restoration in natural areas.	Operations	Short-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Public Works
Goal 3: Preservation of Open Space: Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.						
3.1	Identify and prioritize strategic parcels for open space acquisition, focusing on areas with limited park access, environmental value, or potential for future trail connections.	Study	Mid-term	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation, City Manager's Office
3.2	Expand parkland in areas identified as gaps through the Level of Service (LOS) assessment, specifically focusing on natural areas and community parkland to meet future population needs.	Study	Mid-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department
3.3	Prioritize the preservation of open space and critical natural resources by identifying high-value environmental areas for protection through land acquisition, conservation easements, or development regulations.	Regulation	Long-term	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation, City Manager's Office

ACTION ID	ACTION ITEMS	ACTION TYPE	TIMELINE	COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	PARTNERS
3.4	Strengthen zoning and subdivision ordinance requirements and establish incentives for the dedication of public/private parkland and open space during the development process, with an emphasis on underserved areas.	Policy	Ongoing	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation, Developers
3.5	Expand pocket parks in denser urban areas by working with the Planning Department to identify opportunities for green spaces as redevelopment occurs.	Partnership	Short-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department
3.6	Minimize development in the floodplain by prioritizing these areas for open space preservation, parkland acquisition, and natural resource protection through zoning and development regulations.	Regulation	Short-term	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation, City Manager's Office
Goal 4: Diverse Programming: Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.						
4.1	Work with non-profits, local businesses, and the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor park events, offer educational resources, or provide services that support land conservation.	Partnership	Mid-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Chamber of Commerce, EDC, Non-profits, local businesses, ISD
4.2	Support access to food and beverages near parks by allowing mobile vendors, concessions, or partnerships with local businesses.	Operations	Short-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department, EDC
4.3	Utilize feedback from community surveys and focus groups to tailor programs that reflect the interests and needs of different demographics, including seniors, youth, and people with disabilities.	Study	Short-term	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation
4.4	Develop volunteer-led programs and opportunities to encourage community involvement and park stewardship.	Operations	Mid-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	N/A
4.5	Offer a rotating calendar of family-friendly events and programs, such as youth sports programs, outdoor movie nights, fitness classes, cultural festivals, and arts in the park.	Operations	Short-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	City Manager's Office, Communications/Marketing

TABLE 6.2 | TRAILS IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

ACTION ID	ACTION ITEMS	ACTION TYPE	TIMELINE	COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	PARTNERS
Goal 1: Enhanced Connectivity: Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.						
1.1	Develop a Citywide Trails and Sidewalk Connectivity Plan that maps existing infrastructure, identify gaps, and prioritize projects that link neighborhoods to parks, schools, and civic destinations.	Study	Short-term	\$	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department, Public Works, NCTCOG
1.2	Expand trail access by identifying and prioritizing key gaps in the existing network, focusing on connections between neighborhoods, parks, and commercial areas, and coordinating with regional partners for broader connectivity.	Study	Mid-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department, regional partners
1.3	Collaborate with regional partners and property owners to transform Josephine's railroad easements into a multi-use trail system to improve connectivity and support regional trail integration.	Partnership	Mid-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department, City Manager's Office
1.4	Leverage underutilized spaces for trail expansion through partnerships with local utilities, railroads, or other stakeholders to utilize easements, rights-of-way, or vacant land for trail connections that fill network gaps.	Partnership	Ongoing	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department, Utility Providers
1.6	Review and update trail and bikeway design guidelines to reflect updated regional and national guidance.	Policy	Short-term	\$	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department
1.7	Integrate the recreational trail recommendations from this master plan into a larger active transportation and mobility plan that incorporates Complete Streets principles and establishes Josephine City Hall as the central hub.	Policy	Mid-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department
Goal 2: Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and priorities.						
2.1	Establish a design standard for trailheads with Low Impact Development (LID) features (i.e., use permeable surfaces like gravel or pavers to manage stormwater runoff), seating, water fountains, trash receptacles, signage, and safety features (e.g., map kiosk and location markers) along major trails to enhance access, improve connectivity, and ensure safety.	Policy	Short-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	N/A
2.3	Coordinate with Public Works and Engineering to include trail segments in roadway expansions, complete streets projects, or capital improvement plans.	Partnership	Ongoing	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Public Works, Engineering

ACTION ID	ACTION ITEMS	ACTION TYPE	TIMELINE	COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES	PARTNERS
2.4	Improve trails by addressing maintenance needs and create an updated GIS database for sidewalk and trail amenities with condition assessments, amenity locations (e.g., benches, lighting, water fountains), connectivity gaps, and ADA accessibility features to guide future improvements and investments.	Operations	Mid-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department
2.6	Provide dog-friendly park and trail spaces by incorporating designated off-leash areas, pet amenities, and clear signage to support responsible pet use.	Policy	Short-term	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation
Goal 3: Preservation of Open Space: Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.						
3.1	Coordinate trail planning with future parkland acquisitions to ensure access to new green spaces and preserve connectivity corridors.	Policy	Ongoing	N/A	Parks and Recreation	N/A
3.2	Identify natural or underutilized corridors that can serve as greenways, providing both recreational opportunities and ecological preservation.	Study	Short-term	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation, Army Corps of Engineers
3.3	Update subdivision and zoning ordinances to require trail easements or public access points when land is dedicated for open space.	Regulation	Short-term	N/A	Planning Department	Parks and Recreation
3.4	Ensure trails link to natural areas with minimal infrastructure—such as meadows, wooded areas, or wildlife viewing zones—to promote low-impact use and stewardship.	Policy	Ongoing	N/A	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department, Public Works, Engineering
3.6	Assess and pursue acquisition of open space and railroad easements for proposed nature trail development.	Study	Mid-term	N/A	Parks and Recreation	N/A
Goal 4: Diverse Programming: Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.						
4.1	Install unique experiences such as fitness circuits, community art walks, pollinator pathways, or cultural heritage trails with interpretative signage.	Operations	Mid-term	Varies	Parks and Recreation	Planning Department
4.2	Engage local businesses, organizations, and neighborhood groups in helping to maintain, program, and promote segments of the trail network.	Partnership	Ongoing	N/A	Parks and Recreation	EDC, Neighborhood Organizations

PARK AND TRAIL PROJECT LIST

The following project lists outline the primary parks and trails investment projects associated with the Parks and Trails Master Plan. These projects typically involve physical improvements, infrastructure development, or enhanced service delivery, which will require significant planning and funding. Reference **Exhibit 6.2** for locations of opportunity areas corresponding to the project numbers in the table.

Timeline

The projects are categorized by their timeline of anticipated implementation: short-term, mid-term, and long-term. Descriptions of these timeframes can be found on **page 73**.

Short-Term (0-5 Years Post-Adoption)

Mid-Term (5–10 Years Post-Adoption)

Long-Term (10+ Years Post-Adoption)

Cost

The priority rankings of these projects consider City and community goals and take into account the projects that will have the biggest impact based on the findings of the needs assessment. Projects listed as **High** priority give an estimate of probable cost associated with them. These probable costs can help City professionals with preparing funding and prioritizing allocations. It is important to note that these costs may change based on numerous factors as the planning and design process continues.

\$ — Up to \$200,000

\$\$ — \$200,000 to \$1 million

\$\$\$ — More than \$1 million

TABLE 6.3 | PARKS INVESTMENT PROJECTS LIST

PROJECT NUMBER	PARKS INVESTMENT PROJECT LIST	PRIORITY	ESTIMATED COST
Short-Term (0-5 Years Post-Adoption)			
1	Bring Josephine City Park up to ADA-accessible standards, including but not limited to, providing accessible routes to all elements, providing accessible play equipment, and resurfacing the splash pad.	High	\$\$
2	Create a pocket park and playground within the city-owned lot along Cotton Circle for future connection to the rail trail.	Medium	N/A
3	Consider opportunities to create a neighborhood park that serves Josephine's eastern residents where there is currently a gap in park service.	Medium	N/A
4	Identify opportunities for introducing a food truck or other types of activity hubs adjacent to the existing Josephine City Park.	Medium	N/A
5	Install additional wayfinding signage throughout the community to direct to major park amenities.	Low	N/A
6	Develop a short walking loop in Josephine City Park that meets the community's desire for more recreational trails.	High	\$
7	Introduce multi-purpose fields at Josephine City Park to address the deficit of athletic facilities and sports fields in the City.	High	\$
Mid-Term (5-10 Years Post-Adoption)			
8	Create a pocket park at the intersection of the future FM 6 trail and the future Outer Loop trail.	High	\$\$
9	Partner with private developers to ensure the dedication of private/public neighborhood parks in future developments to the west and east of Josephine.	High	N/A
10	Develop an active, vibrant community park in the City Center, prioritizing community amenities like multi-purpose fields, playgrounds, and recreational trails.	High	\$\$\$
11	"Develop park-trail connectors to schools, libraries, and recreation centers through safe, off-street paths or greenways."	High	\$\$\$
12	"Enhance user comfort and recreational options by adding shade, seating, and rest areas in parks and along trails, and by expanding amenities such as multi-purpose fields, soccer fields, and baseball fields."	High	\$\$\$
13	Prioritize multi-generational amenities, such as fitness zones, sensory play areas, and walking loops.	Medium	–

PROJECT NUMBER	PARKS INVESTMENT PROJECT LIST	PRIORITY	ESTIMATED COST
Long-Term (10+ Years Post-Adoption)			
14	Acquire land within floodplains to preserve open space and introduce nature paths.	Low	N/A
15	Introduce a community park near Mildred Barrett Ellis Elementary School with connections to the northern loop trail and nearby neighborhoods.	Medium	N/A
16	Prioritize a pocket park within the future City Center commercial development, per the 2023 Comprehensive Plan.	Medium	N/A
17	Introduce special use parks (i.e., pedestrian plazas or other community facilities) at the planned commercial hubs, per the 2023 Comprehensive Plan, at the intersections of FM 6 and CR 640 and CR 595.	Low	N/A
18	Utilize land within the floodplain to develop a community park to the east of Josephine.	Low	N/A
19	Introduce a community park to the south of Josephine with community amenities like multi-purpose fields, playgrounds, and recreational trails.	Low	N/A

EXHIBIT 6.2 | PARKS PROJECTS MAP

Legend

- Existing Private Park
- Existing Public Park
- City Limits
- ETJ
- 100-Year Floodplain
- Creeks
- Future Outer Loop Trail (Final Location TBD)
- Existing trail

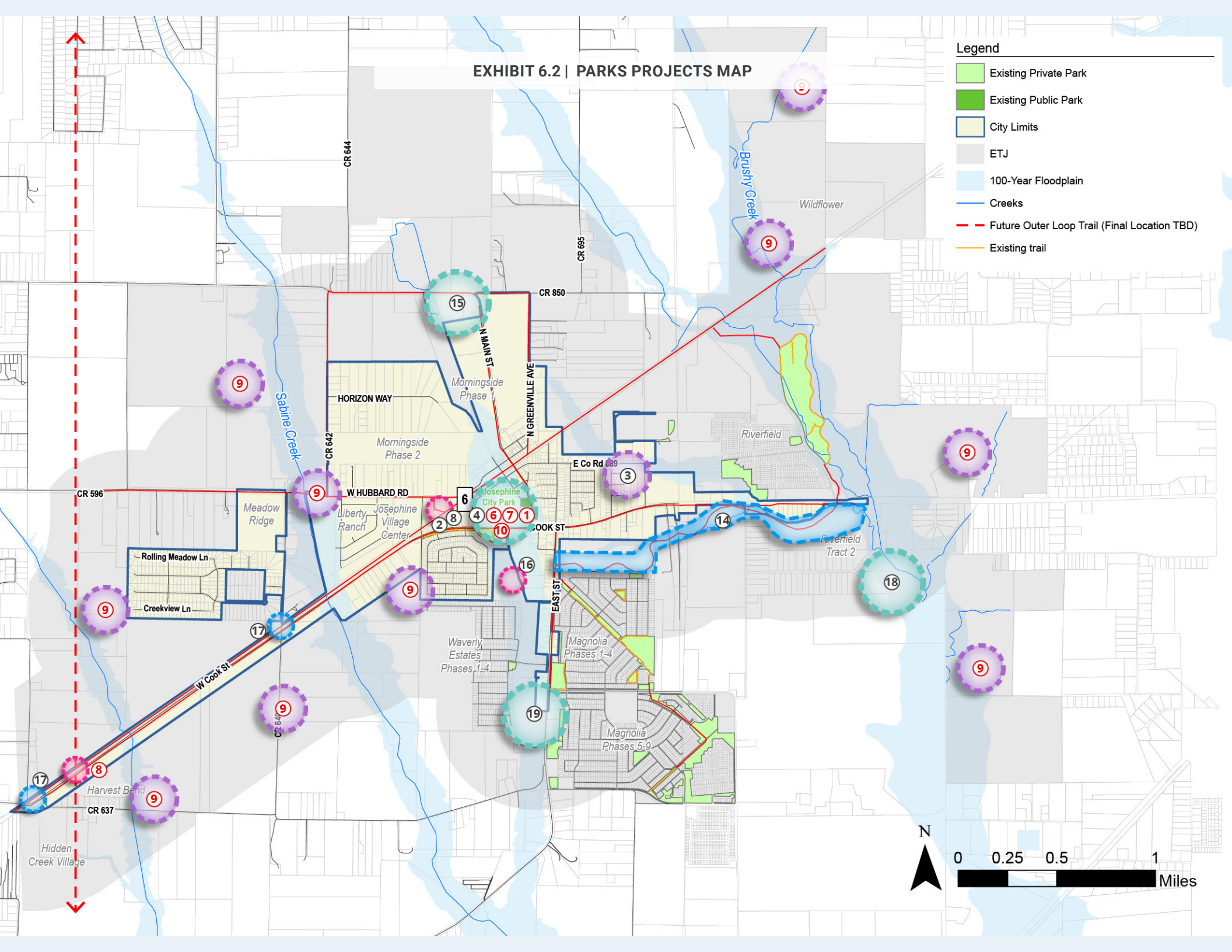


TABLE 6.4 | TRAILS INVESTMENT PROJECTS LIST

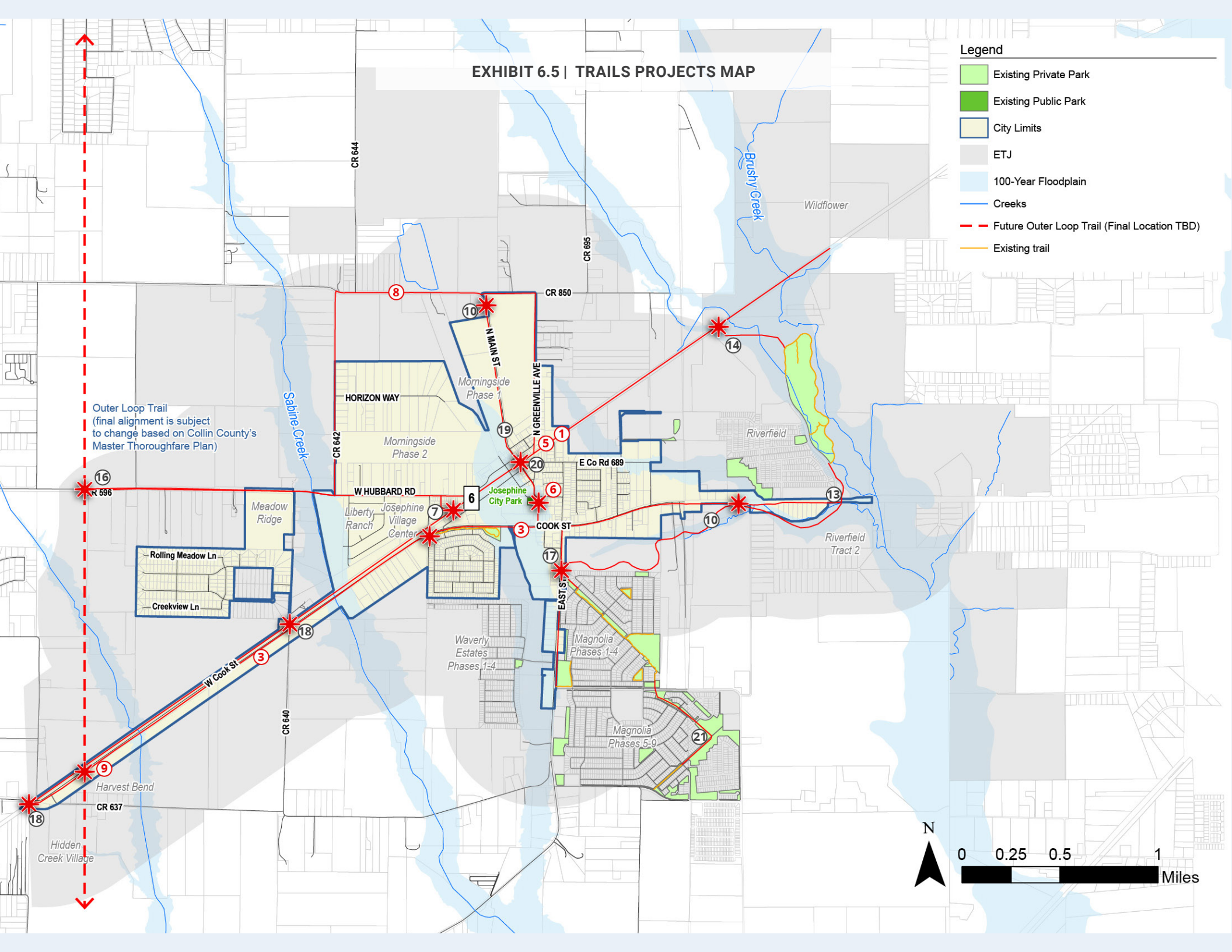
PROJECT NUMBER	TRAILS INVESTMENT PROJECT LIST	PRIORITY	ESTIMATED COST
Short-Term (0-5 Years Post-Adoption)			
1	Partner with stakeholders to obtain the rights to construct a trail within the existing railroad easement	High	N/A
2	Design, seek funding, and construct additional trail and sidewalk connectivity based on the priorities of the community.	High	\$
3	Partner with TxDOT to construct sidepaths along FM 6/Cook Street	High	N/A
4	Seek funding from state and federal sources (e.g., TPWD, RTP, NCTCOG, TxDOT) that encourage the co-development of trail systems and preserved land.	High	\$
Mid-Term (5-10 Years Post-Adoption)			
5	Construct a multi-use trail along the railroad easement, prioritizing completion closest to the city center first. Partner with Collin County to establish it as a regional trail destination.	High	\$\$\$
6	Create a trailhead at Josephine City Park that connects to the Rail Trail and to the sidepaths along FM 6, establishing the park as a vibrant recreation hub.	High	\$\$
7	Create a trailhead at the pocket park along Cotton Circle to connect to the Rail Trail.	Medium	N/A
8	Create a multi-use trail loop starting from the rail trail, then north along Greenville Ave, west along CR 850, south down CR 642, and east along Hubbard Road.	High	\$\$\$
9	Create a trailhead at the intersection of the future FM 6 trail and the future Outer Loop.	High	\$\$\$
10	Construct a soft-surface trail and trailhead within a special use park, prioritizing the preservation of natural features.	Low	N/A
11	Add mid-block crossings, pedestrian signals, and curb ramps at intersections where trails meet streets.	High	\$\$\$
12	Enhance user comfort and recreational options by adding shade, seating, and rest areas along trails.	Medium	N/A

PROJECT NUMBER	TRAILS INVESTMENT PROJECT LIST	PRIORITY	ESTIMATED COST
Long-Term (10+ Years Post-Adoption)			
13	Introduce a safe pedestrian connection from the Riverfield neighborhood entrance to the nature trail south of Cook Street.	Medium	N/A
14	Connect the Rail Trail to the multi-use trails around the Riverfield open space and ponds.	Low	N/A
15	Install wayfinding signage along primary trails (Rail Trail, Cook St, north loop, etc.)	Medium	N/A
16	Create a trailhead at the intersection of the future Outer Loop trail and Hubbard Road.	Low	N/A
17	Create a multi-use trail south of Cook Street along East Street, providing connections to neighborhoods within the ETJ and other community parkland.	Low	N/A
18	Introduce trailheads at the intersections of FM 6 and CR 640 and CR 595.	Medium	N/A
19	Create a multi-use trail connection along Main Street from the Josephine City Park to Mildred Barrett Ellis Elementary School and up to CR 850.	Medium	N/A
20	Create a trailhead at the intersection of the Rail Trail and the trail running between Josephine City Park and Ellis Elementary School.	Low	N/A
21	Connect the existing recreational trails in the Magnolia Pointe Open Space to create a linear trail corridor.	Low	N/A

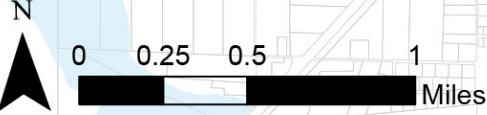
EXHIBIT 6.5 | TRAILS PROJECTS MAP

Legend

- Existing Private Park
- Existing Public Park
- City Limits
- ETJ
- 100-Year Floodplain
- Creeks
- Future Outer Loop Trail (Final Location TBD)
- Existing trail



Outer Loop Trail
(final alignment is subject
to change based on Collin County's
Master Thoroughfare Plan)

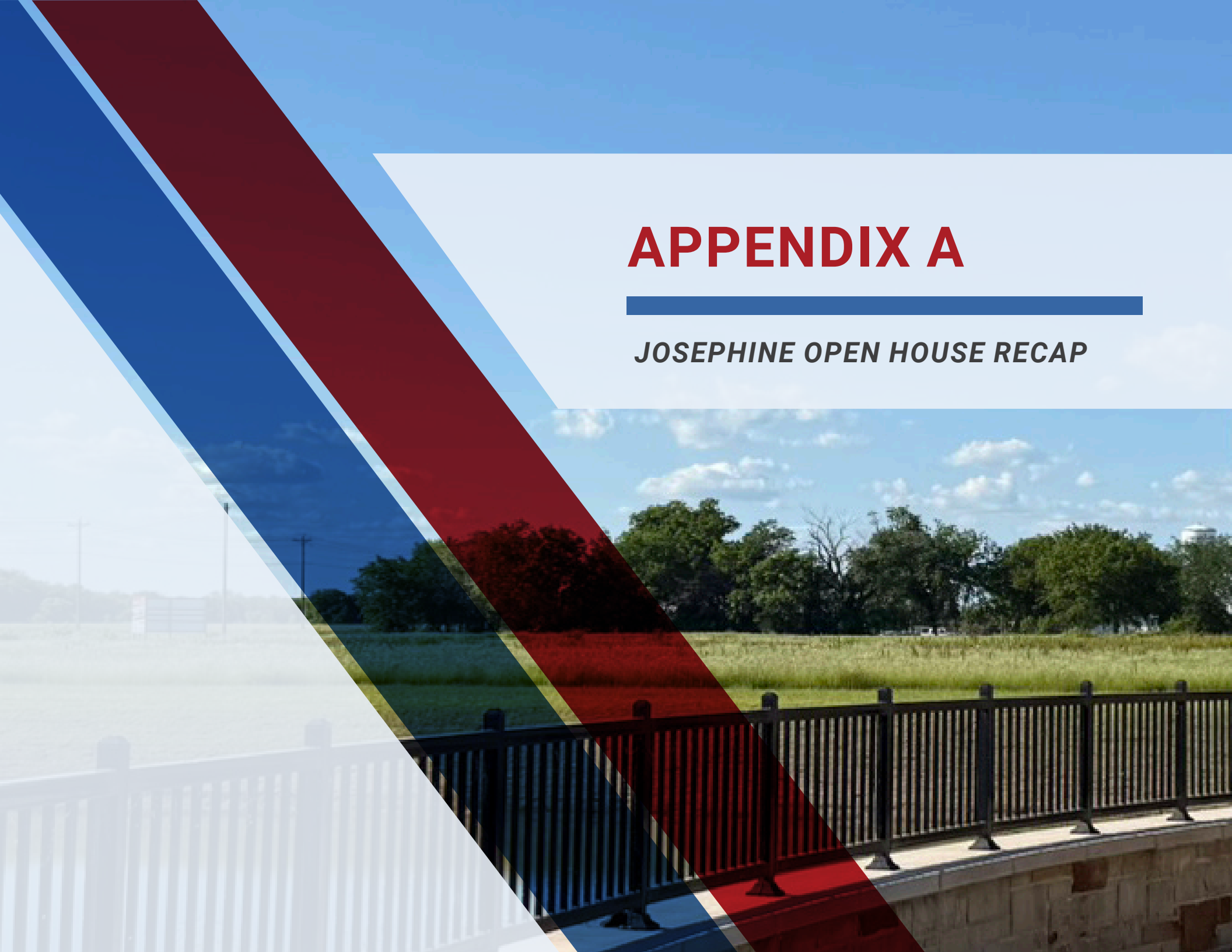


PLAN UPDATES

This plan's success depends on the ongoing engagement and dedication of City staff, the parks and recreation department, City officials, and public engagement efforts. After adoption, ongoing tracking and evaluation should be completed to ensure the plan's implementation. It is recommended that the Implementation Matrix be used to track progress and assist in developing annual progress updates. Ideally, these updates should be presented to City Council and the Parks Board annually.

After five years, it is recommended to produce a 5-year update to the plan which would include updated parks and trails inventories, needs assessments, and demographics information. Additionally, this would allow the opportunity to gain more public feedback to incorporate into the plan changes. After ten years, TPWD recommends producing a full update to the plan to ensure the plan's recommendations fit the current goals and priorities of the community.

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APPENDIX A

JOSEPHINE OPEN HOUSE RECAP

Josephine Parks & Trails Master Plan | Open House Recap Document

April 5, 2025 | City of Josephine Community Center, 404 Main St. Josephine, TX 75173 | 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

A community engagement workshop for the Josephine Parks & Trails Master Plan was hosted on Saturday, April 5 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. It was held in conjunction with the opening of Josephine's new community center. It is estimated that around 50 people interacted with the boards and activities during the event.

The workshop was conducted in an open house format and consisted of seven stations and two kids coloring tables. The stations had participants complete a variety of activities to collect feedback on parks and trails opportunities, constraints, priorities, and desired features and amenities. The following pages outline the feedback gathered during the event.



- 17 live in Josephine
 - 13 within city limits
 - 4 in ETJ
- 1 person works in Josephine
- 14 work outside of Josephine
 - Greenville (4)
 - McKinney
 - Rockwall
 - Garland (2)
 - Dallas (2)
 - Allen
 - Addison
 - Wylie
 - Heath
 - Sunnyvale

Board 2: Visioning

Participants were given the opportunity to describe their vision for the future of Josephine’s parks and trails. They were asked, “What one word would you use to describe the Parks and Trails in Josephine **today**?” as well as, “What one word would you use to describe your vision of the Parks and Trails in Josephine in **2040**?”

Results:

What one word would you use to describe the Parks and Trails in Josephine <u>today</u> ?	What one word would you use to describe your vision of the Parks and Trails in Josephine in <u>2040</u> ?
• Limited • Small • Plenty no more • No food • None • Need trails • Need food service area • Not parent-friendly • Happy • Very green / creeks • Small but happy	• Plenty • Big, spacious, open • Natural trails, walking • Creeks • Open, spacious • Nature, creeks, maintained • Connected • Inclusive • Natural trails • Walking and biking paths with safety features • More shade • Bigger splash area • Variety

Josephine Parks & Trails MP

Open House Recap Document

April 5, 2025

**Board 3: Parks and Trails Priorities – Coin Activity**

This activity allowed participants to consider their biggest parks and trails priorities for the city of Josephine. Participants were given five coins and were asked to “spend” them in any of the nine priority topics jars. They could spend all five coins on one priority topic or spread them across multiple priority topics.

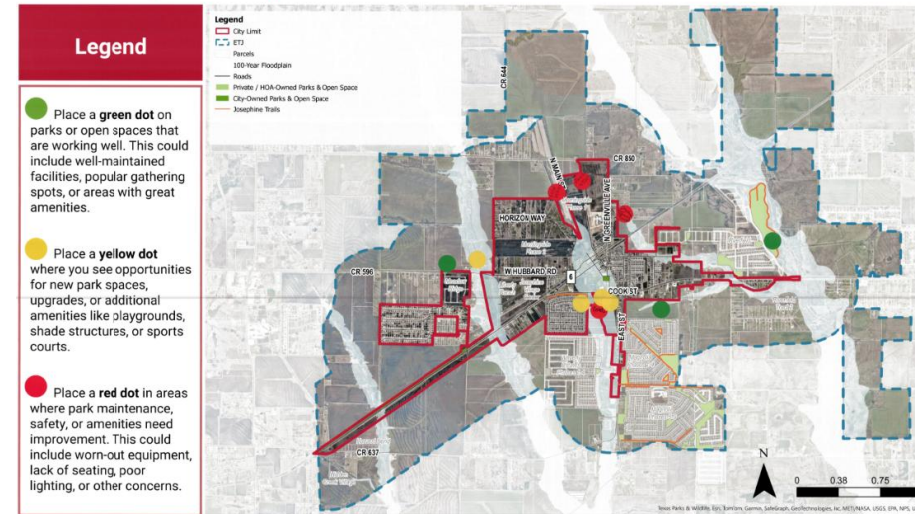
Results:

Board 4: Park Opportunities in Josephine

On this board, participants were asked to indicate their experiences with Josephine's parks and recreational spaces on a map. They used colored dots to highlight areas where they saw opportunities and constraints. **Green** dots were used to indicate parks and open spaces that are currently working well. **Yellow** dots indicated areas where participants saw opportunities for new parks, additional amenities, or upgrades. **Red** dots were used to highlight areas where safety, park maintenance, or underperforming amenities are a concern.

BOARD 6 Josephine Parks and Trails Master Plan Park Opportunities in Josephine

Use the colored dots to mark locations on the map that reflect your experience with parks and recreational spaces in Josephine.



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Results:

Green: 3

Yellow: 4

Red: 4

1. Sidewalks
2. Paved street
3. Drainage for spray ground
4. Roads

Josephine Parks & Trails MP

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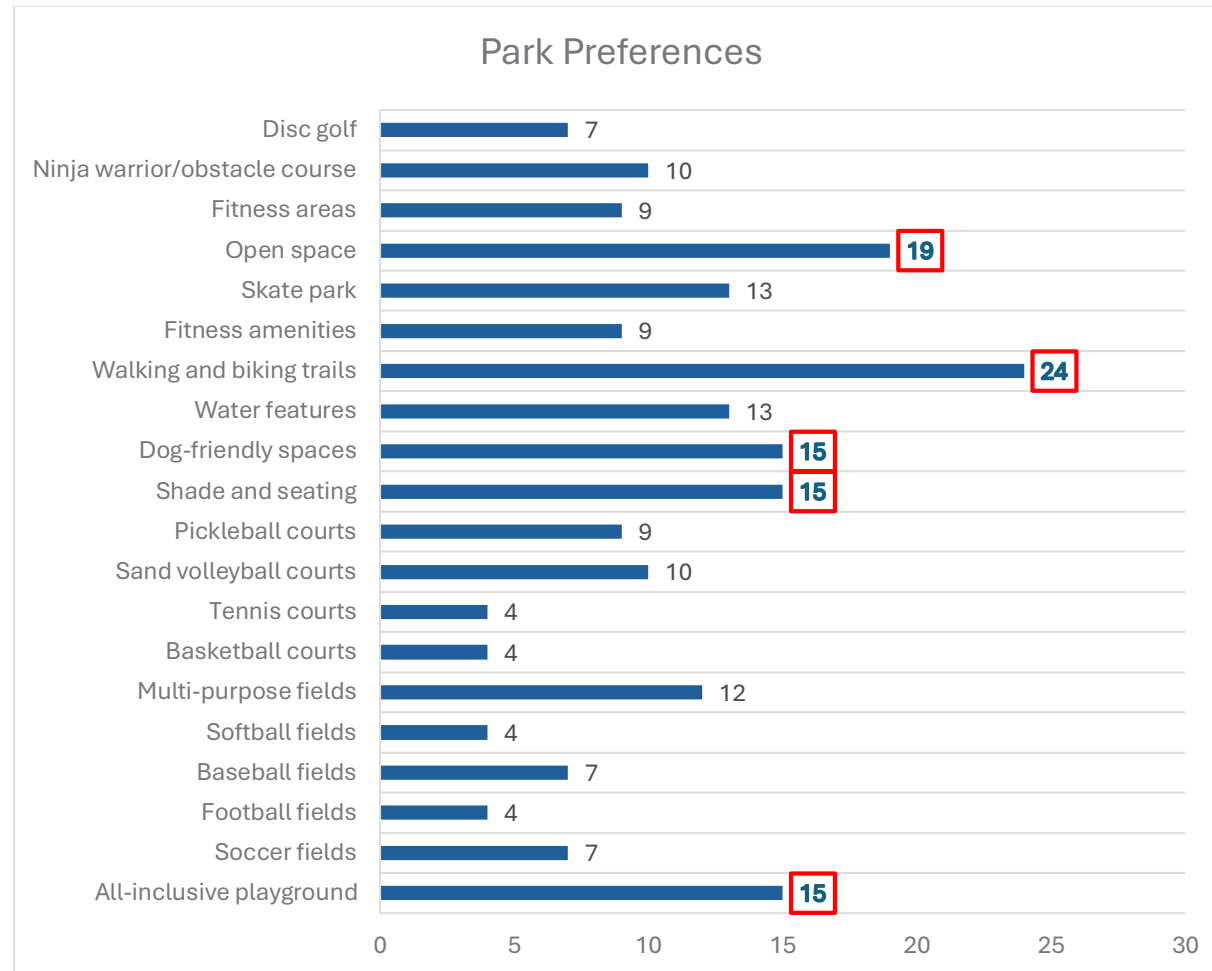
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**Board 5: Park Preferences – What Features Are Most Important to You?**

This board used a visual preference survey to understand which park and recreational features are most important to participants. They were asked to place a tally next to any feature/amenity they would like to see in new or existing parks.

BOARD 7 Josephine Parks and Trails Master Plan Park Preferences /What Features Are Most Important to You?				
Place a tally to identify the types of parks and amenities you would like to see in existing parks in Josephine or new parks.				
All-inclusive playground 	Soccer Fields 	Football Fields 	Baseball Fields 	Softball Fields
Multi-purpose Fields 	Basketball Courts 	Tennis Courts 	Sand Volleyball Courts 	Pickleball Courts
Shade and Seating 	Dog-friendly Spaces 	Water Features 	Walking and Biking Trails 	Fitness Amenities
Skate Park 	Open Space 	Fitness Areas 	Ninja Warrior/Obstacle Courses 	Disc Golf
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Board 5 Results:

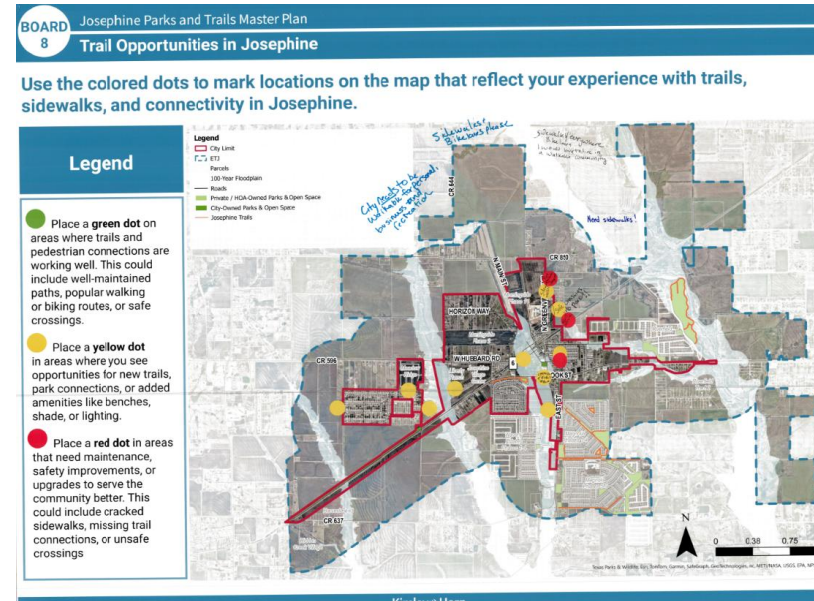


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Board 6: Trail Opportunities in Josephine

This board asked participants to map their trail experiences in Josephine. They were asked to use **green** dots to delineate areas where trails were working well in their current conditions. **Yellow** dots were used to indicate areas where participants saw opportunities for new trail connections or additional amenities. **Red** dots were used to highlight areas that need trail maintenance, have safety issues, or need improvements to serve the community better.



Results:

Green: 0

Yellow: 10

1. Connect Fountain View trail to [city] park
2. Safe crossings into park
3. Sidewalks

Red: 3

1. Turn by park is dangerous
2. Pothole

Additional Comments:

1. City needs to be walkable for personal, business, and recreation
2. Sidewalks and bike lanes please
3. Sidewalks/bike lanes everywhere. I would love to live in a walkable community
4. Need sidewalks!

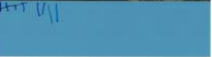
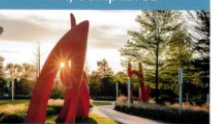
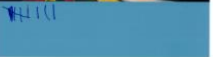
Board 7: Trail Preferences – What Features Are Most Important to You?

Board 7 asked participants to place tallies next to features/amenities that they would like to see in new and existing trails in Josephine.

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Trail Preferences /What Features Are Most Important to You?

Place a tally to identify the types of trail and amenities you would like to see in existing parks in Josephine or new parks.

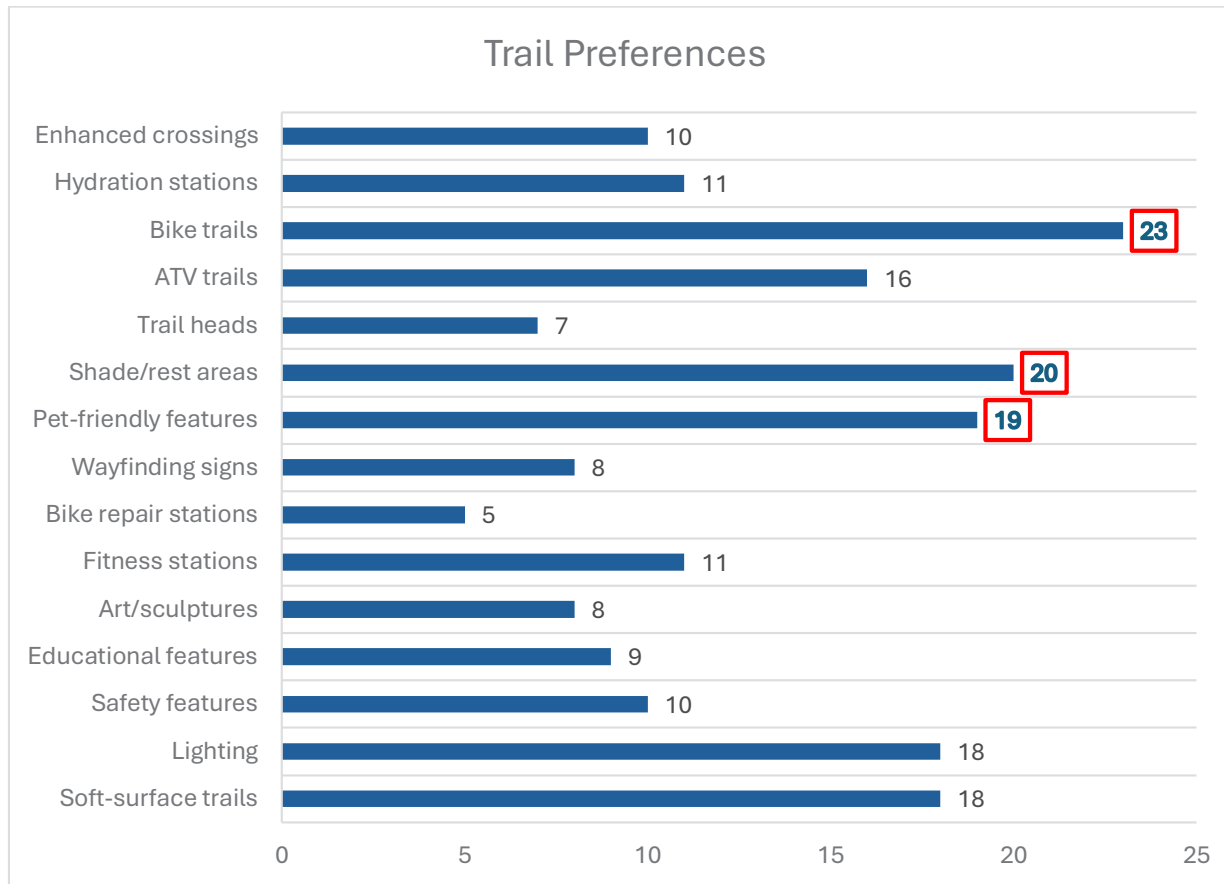
Soft-surface Trails  	Lighting  	Safety Features  	Educational Features  	Art/Sculptures  
Fitness Stations  	Bike Repair Stations  	Wayfinding Signs  	Pet-friendly Features  	Shade/Rest Areas  
Trail Heads  	ATV Trails  	Bike Trails  	Hydration Stations  	Enhanced Crossings  

Grasslands/Amount of Park

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Board 7 Results:



Kid's Corner – Design Your Own Park!

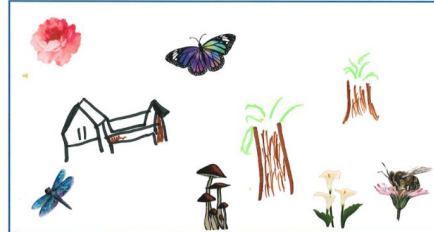
Drawing stations were set up at two tables for kids and their parents to draw their “perfect” park.

Design Your Own Park!

If you could build the perfect park, what would it look like?

- Winding Trails?
- Giant Trees?
- Sport Courts?

Grab some markers and draw your dream park below!

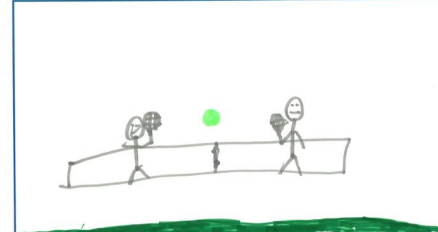


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Notes & Takeaways

- Community members placed a heavy emphasis on improving and expanding trails and enhancing connectivity.
- Many participants reported there being issues with sidewalks, a lack of crosswalks, and other unsafe pedestrian conditions. Several people noted a desire for walkability in their community.
- There was an emphasis on enhancing and maintaining natural areas and open space.
- Shade and seating in both parks and trails were priorities for many community members.
- Expanding park programming and events was a priority for participants.
- There seemed to be an emphasis on creating family-friendly park and recreation spaces.
- Creating dog-friendly open spaces and trails was noted as a desired feature by many residents.

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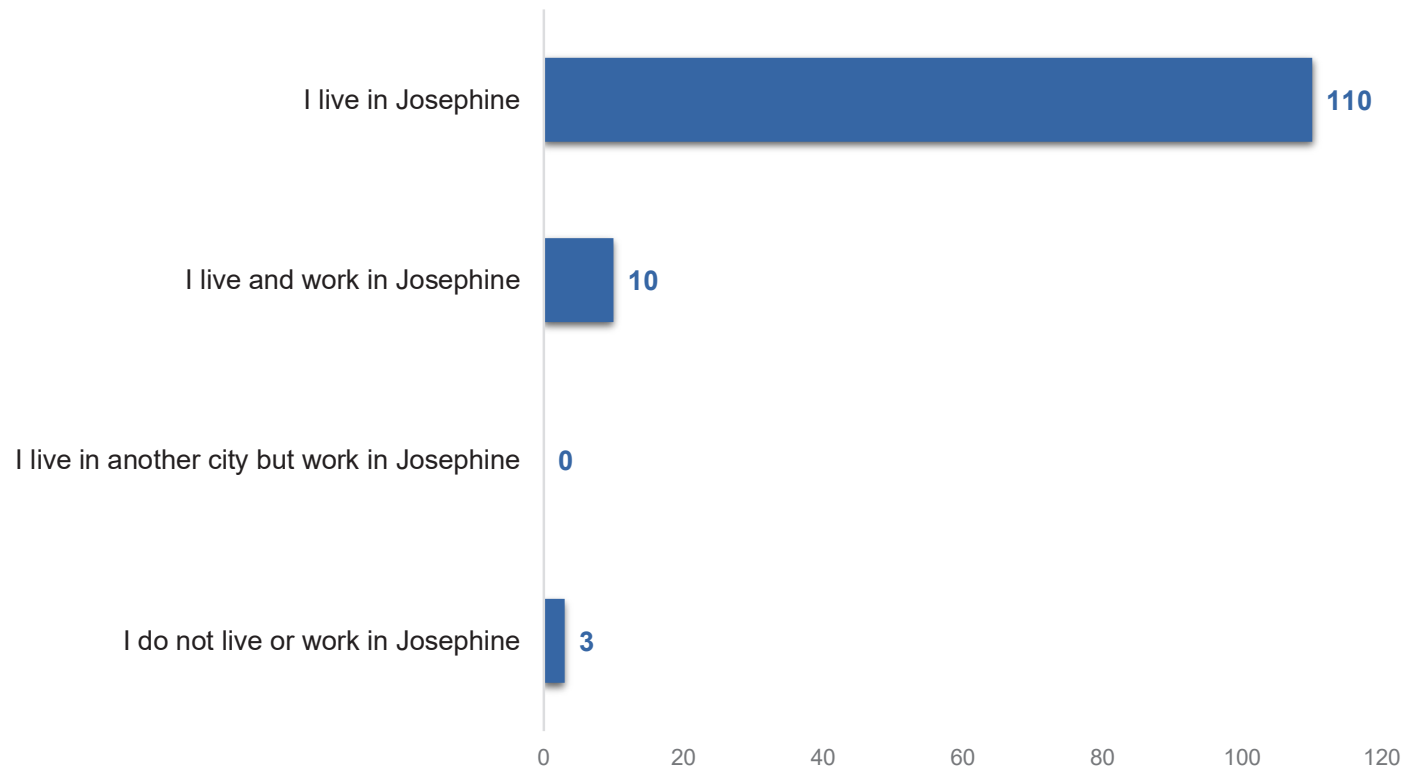
APPENDIX B

SURVEY RECAP

Josephine Parks & Trails Master Plan Survey Recap

The Josephine Parks Plan Survey was open from July 16 to August 10 and received responses from 123 participants, with 35 individuals completing the survey. The survey included questions about how well the vision statement aligned with the respondents' aspirations for Josephine's parks and trails, and feedback on guiding principles and proposed action items. Participants provided both agreement and suggestions for improvements regarding various park and trail development aspects. Overall, the public expressed strong support for the proposals, with no question receiving less than 60% approval. 34 of the questions achieved a remarkable 90% approval rate.

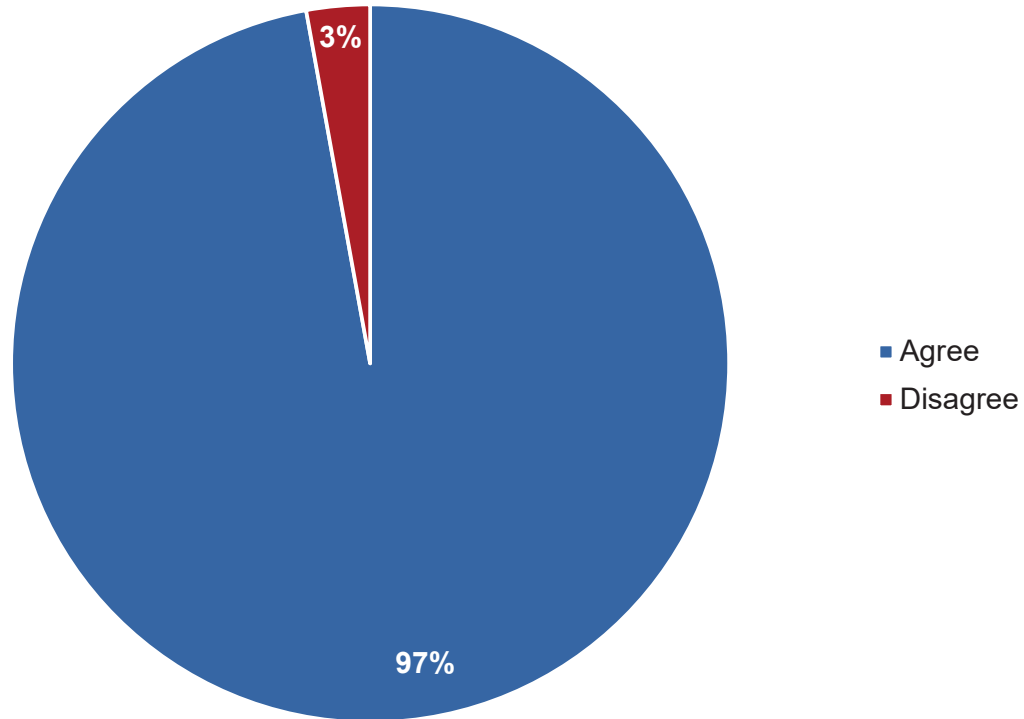
Question 1: Which best describes you?



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Question 2: Does this Vision Statement align with your desired future for Josephine's parks and trails?



Question 3: Are there elements of the Vision Statement that should be added or not included?

A total of 59 participants responded with “No” or “N/A”.

Add safe in the description of areas.
My family would love a golf course idea in our Riverfield neighborhood. The more trails and parks the better Recreation is a great idea, but the first thing that needs to be addressed is the safety on Hwy 6/

I would love to see a library added to this vision for the kids and families around.
Sounds good Tennis courts would be nice. Gives people a chance to play (tennis/pickleball). Need more active health Please add, "Without increasing taxes."

It looks good!
Statement is fine

Good enough
More open spaces than houses I hope. Plan for community engagement

Have a park development builds their on parks and trails
Safe environment for families, with less construction and pollution. More green areas. And also area Would love a dog park for big and little dogs

I would add and implement more focus on green spaces and practices, for example recycling and garden
Open to all Josephine residents Yes I agree, Texas needs to preserve nature and incorporate existing plots of land to make trails li Take out the word connected. I do not believe the park areas have to be connected. More concrete is

Add areas that include pets
It's a vision on which family and community come together and grow. Just make it safe for all

I like the word “effective” or “strategic” possibly?
Recreation areas are great, but it would be nice to have a grocery store and restaurants other than

Agree
Playground Trails and parks would be amazing Josephine will grow as a connected and lively community, offering family-friendly amenities, inclusi

I'm not sure. Statement is rather vague.
Like them all To include swings for babies and kids. Include: to promote a healthier lifestyle and a closer community. Walking trails in wooded areas

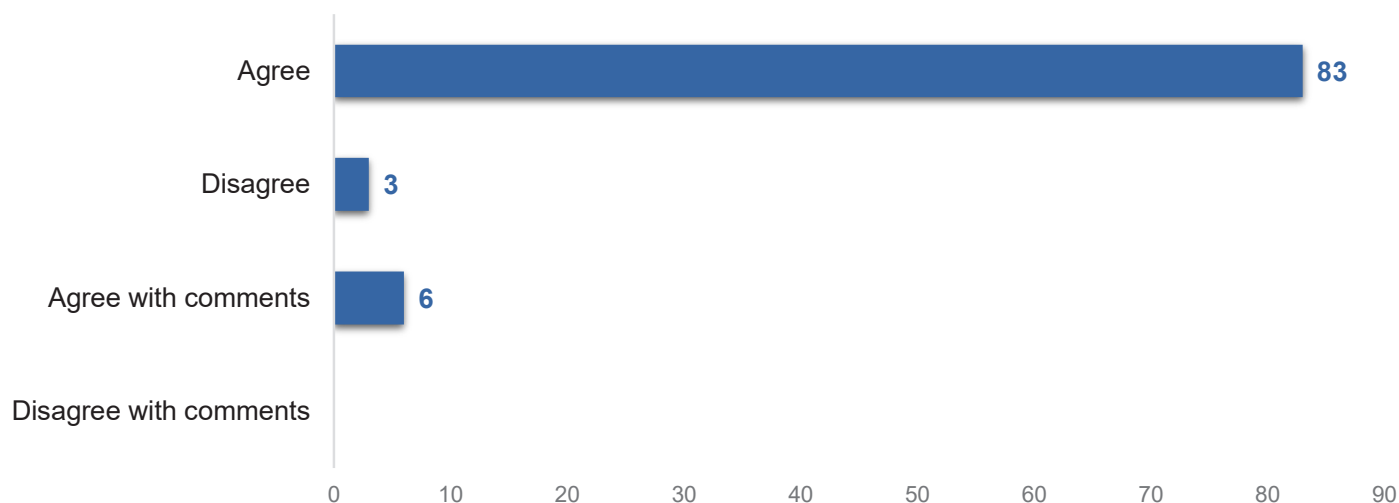
I enjoy the prospect of family friendly outdoor areas.
Adding in an intent to be Nature-focused and inspired would be great.

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Guiding Principles

Question 4: When you think about Josephine's parks and trails in the future, does this guiding principle align with that desired future?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

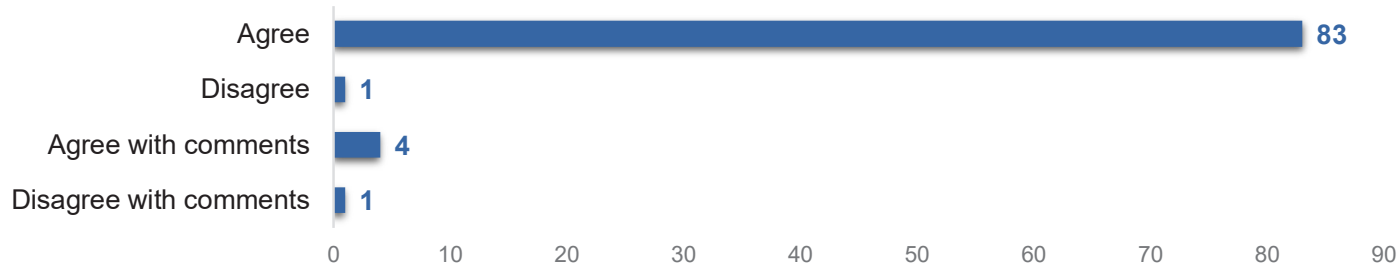


Agree with Comments:

1. I think it is a fantastic idea for bicycles and walking. My concern is the trails being used by those on motorbikes.
2. Bike lanes on the road or wide sidewalks to accommodate safe biking
3. When reading trails. I would consider bike lane and walking lane.
4. Yes but we need businesses and restaurants with activities not just downtown parks
5. With so many smaller neighborhoods in Josephine that don't offer water amenities it would be nice for those residents to have a place to go instead of paying neighbor cities money to use theirs.
6. Ensuring to include trees and native Texas plants.

Question 5: When you think about Josephine's parks and trails in the future, does this guiding principle align with that desired future?

2. Park and Trail Amenities: *Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and priorities.*



Agree with Comments:

1. How would this work? Would it be concreted for accessibility? Playgrounds at each end? Gardens?
2. Pet friendly
3. We definitely need family friendly amenities since there is not much around. I recently went to Ardmore Oklahoma and the city has something called the clubhouse which has activities like mini-golf, go karts, indoor play area, ect. Maybe not that realistic for our little town, but I thought it was awesome for the families that live there.
4. I do want to see more benches, trash cans, and grass (not weeds) in the Riverfield protected park and walking trail. I think the space is so underused due to no areas to sit, be by the pond in nice grass, or trash cans. Right now the area just has a dumped over porta potty that reeks
5. Our youth desperately need a huge community park that can accommodate the immense growth Josephine has encountered. Too many of our youth are bored and getting into trouble due to lack of things to do nearby. Toddlers to teenagers need to be kept in mind when creating a community park.

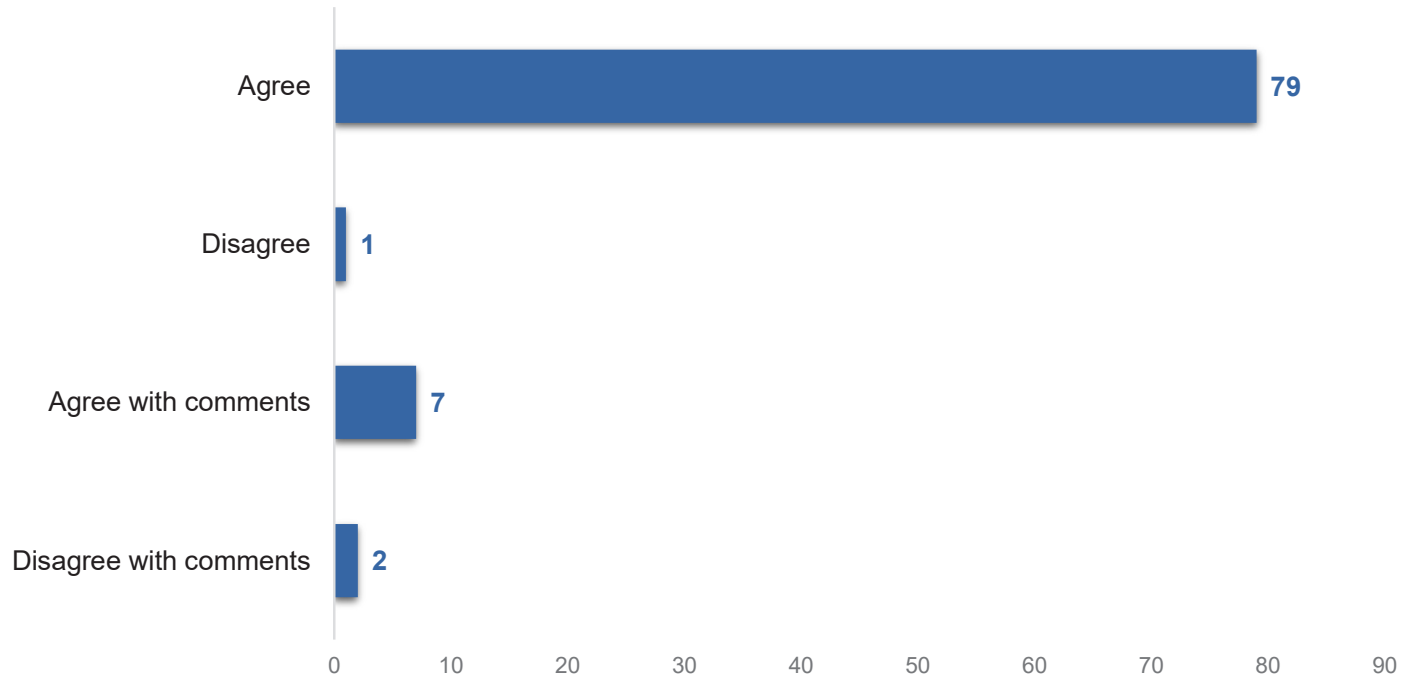
Disagree with Comments

1. Strech Bars

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Question 6: When you think about Josephine's parks and trails in the future, does this guiding principle align with that desired future?

3. Preservation of Open Space: *Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.*



Agree with Comments:

1. I do think that Josephine should do this! The downtown area is very nice, but its not really much for my teens to do. I think large lawns to toss Frisbee or play other games would be nice. Also. Would be nice for the fishing ponds and park trails in Riverfield to be maintenance and for the construction of those amenities to be completed. I was told we would have docka to walk and fish on, a bridge across the creek, pickleball courts, etc. Would also be nice to have some pavilions over there. Generally, I am saying that we should finish those areas before beginning other projects.
2. Preservation of wildlife is more important than us having a recreational place. If a park can't be added without devastating the wildlife, I don't want the park
3. Harsh weather can also be assume for this to be complete accurate to my point of view
4. Would love to see a focus on preserving natural spaces/woodlands/etc for kids to learn about and be exposed to the natural world moreso that just a playground or perfect manicured field etc
5. Yes as long as we are thinking big, without adding MORE housing. More houses and apartments take the small town feel of Josephine away from what all of us in this community were searching for out here. We moved here to escape the crowded city life of Allen, Plano, Wylie, etc.
6. Preservation is important. I live in a new development and love it, but am worried that our open, natural prairie will disappear over time. Part of the quiet appeal here is the open space, wildlife and fresh, clean air. I would like to see effort to keep the aesthetic, at least in pockets.
7. Yes! I absolutely love this idea, we need to preserve the land, we moved out here for the big green open spaces

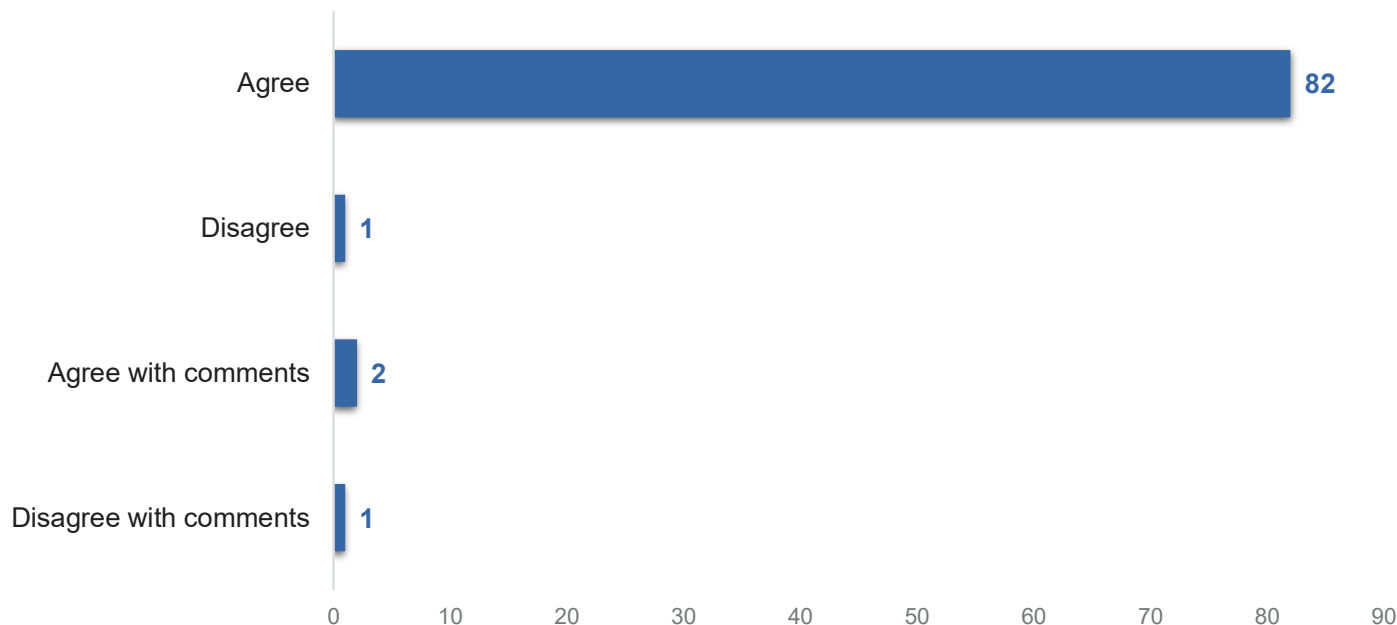
Disagree with Comments:

1. Where is open space going to be Riverfield has a big one and you never see anyone there
2. I would much rather have trails that are lit, safe, and connected than just random vast open space.

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Question 7: When you think about Josephine's parks and trails in the future, does this guiding principle align with that desired future?

4. Diverse Programming: *Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.*



Agree with Comments:

1. I would be careful about introducing too many diverse plants that could kill the natural fauna.
2. It would be great to bring back skateboarding parks, tennis courts and Racquetball walls to a community park to increase activities possible for youth. Will definitely be an attraction point for families to move to Josephine &/or stay in Josephine.

Disagree with Comments:

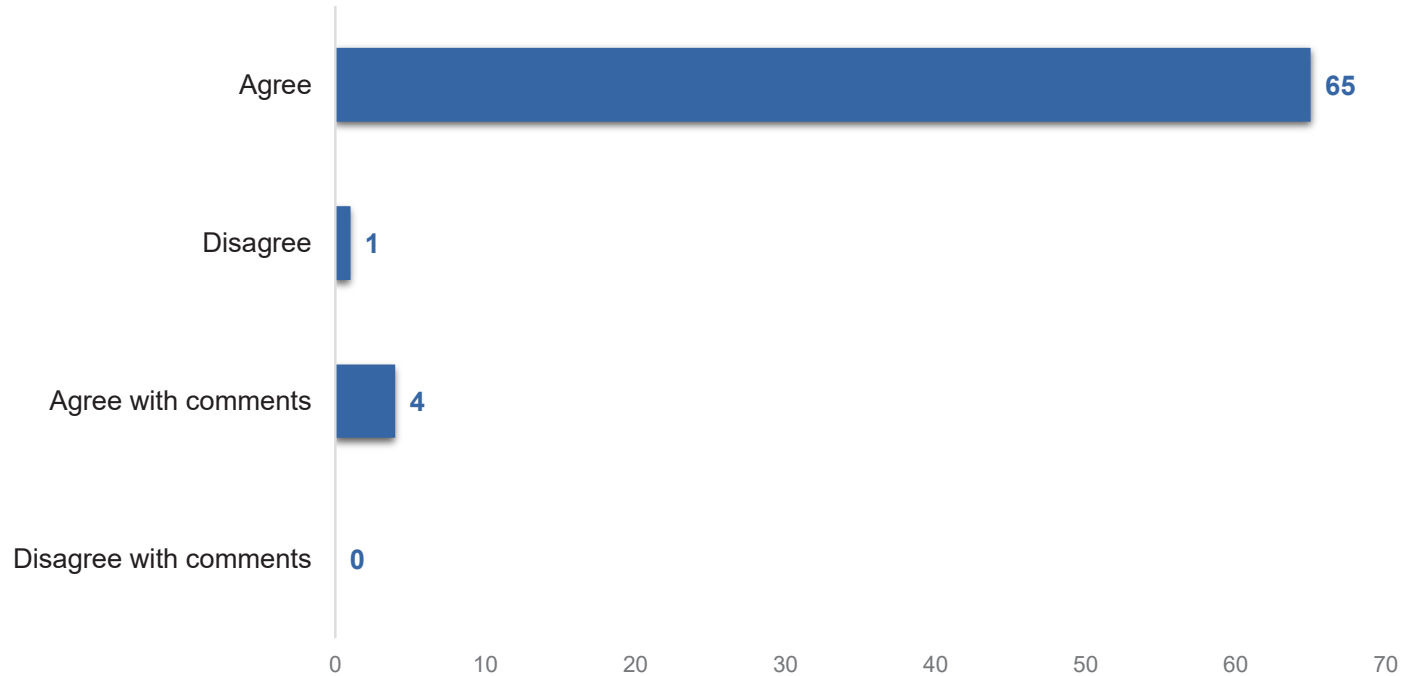
1. I would much rather have some spectacular parks, or trails, or programs, not just dabble in all different types half way.

Action Items (Parks)

Question 8: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Work closely with developers and the Planning department to ensure that parks and park amenities associated with new development are designed to support community needs and connect to the larger trail system within Josephine.



[Agree with Comments:](#)

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1. We have experienced a lot of growth in residents but no infrastructure to match it. Being away from a city environment is what people move here for and adding more trails and outdoor spaces will elevate our small town.
2. With how large Josephine is, we need more items at the park for families. Currently when the park is full there is no where to sit or for alot of kids to enjoy the water feature since its so busy.
3. N/A
4. Please input baby changing station in men's restrooms as well. Have a bigger stall in both women and men's restrooms would be a great place to put a baby changing station & include a separate hand washing station in that same stall. Benefits families and those with disabilities making it extremely inclusive.

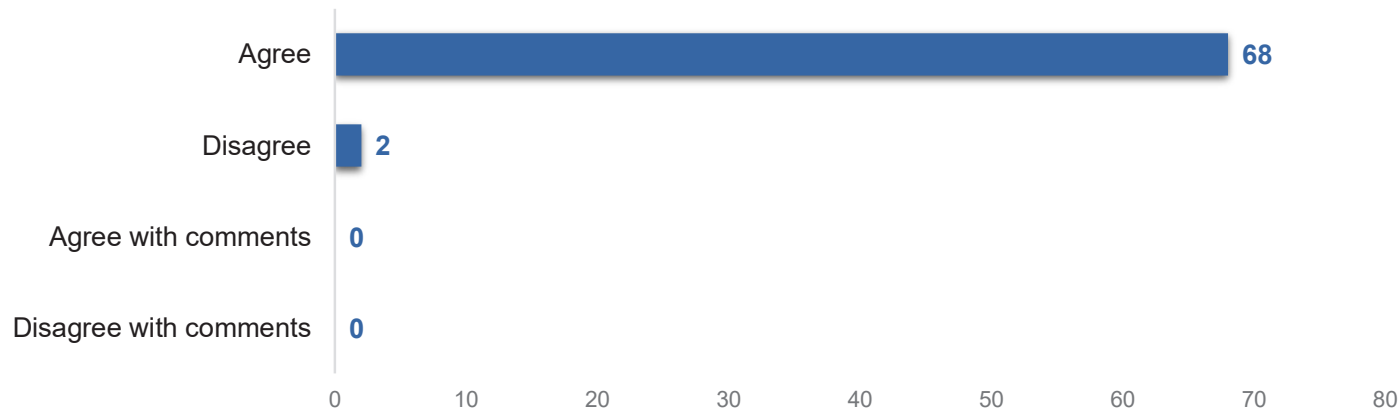
General Comments

1. "Without increasing taxes."
2. and safe, well lit at night
3. We would also like a Recreational Center for sports and a community gym.
4. Yes, I think it needs to be more than just playgrounds, but trails where everyone can utilize
5. Connecting the existing neighborhood trails/walkways to each other and to the existing City Park would be preferred.
6. More parks and amenities and no more houses!
7. The current "trail systems" are simply sidewalks within neighborhoods... I would like to see more focus on trees and native environment as part of these trails

Question 9: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Install additional wayfinding signage throughout the community to direct to major park amenities.



General Comments

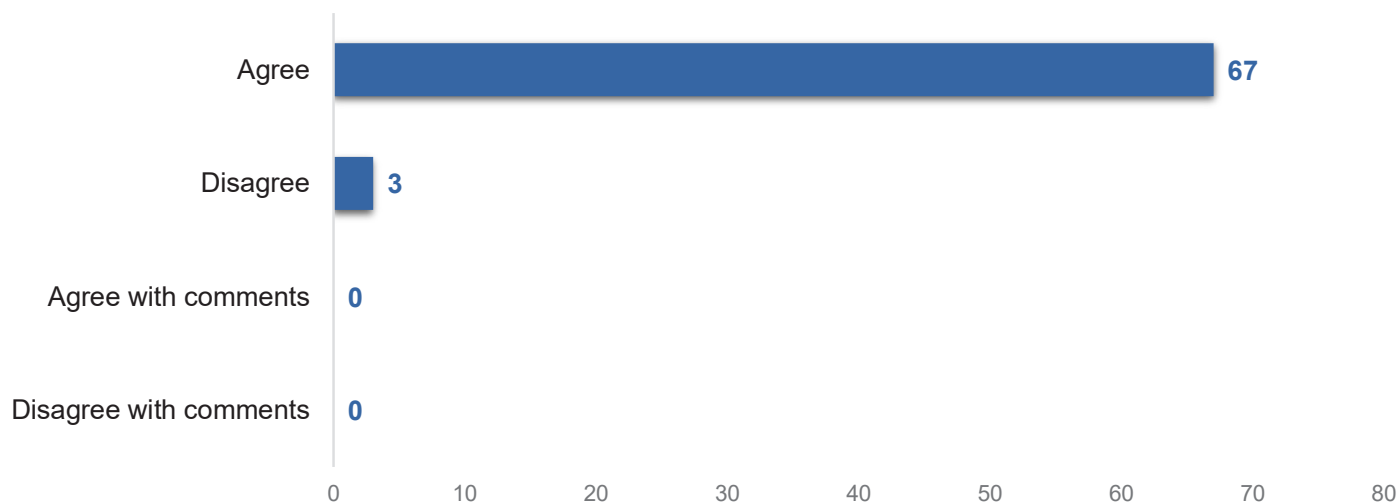
1. If people can't figure out where they came from and how to get back, they shouldn't be on a trail.
2. All signage used in Josephine should be in Josephine style. Whatever theme, colors, style Josephine wants to use for the city, it should match the signage.
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. We are a small town, I don't think spending money on signs would be necessary when you can provide the information for free (on websites, social media, etc.) or for very inexpensive costs like mailers compared to the creation, installation and maintenance of signage
5. Definitely some signage
6. Not a high priority

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Question 10: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Identify parks not currently served by trails and prioritize their connection through new trail segments or sidewalks.



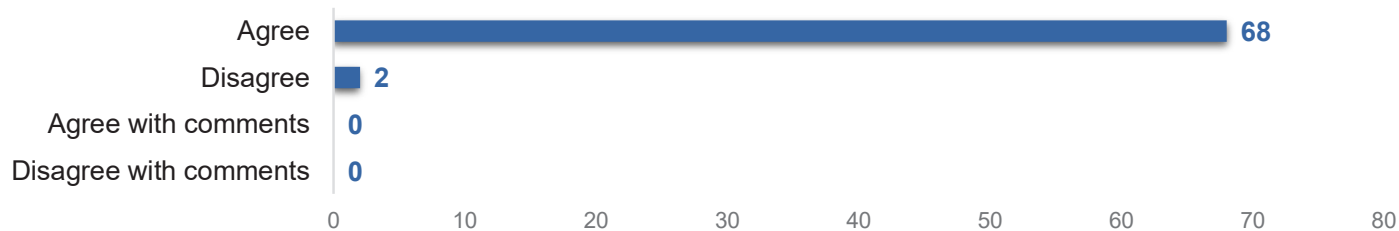
General Comments

1. Not every park has to be accessible by a trail
2. Need a trails and side walks
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. We need to develop our parks first to be tip top before expanding more and more
5. Please! We need safe ways to travel on foot.
6. Or sidewalks around the park and downtown would be nice.

Question 11: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Require new developments adjacent to parks to include pedestrian and bicycle connections as a condition of approval.



General Comments

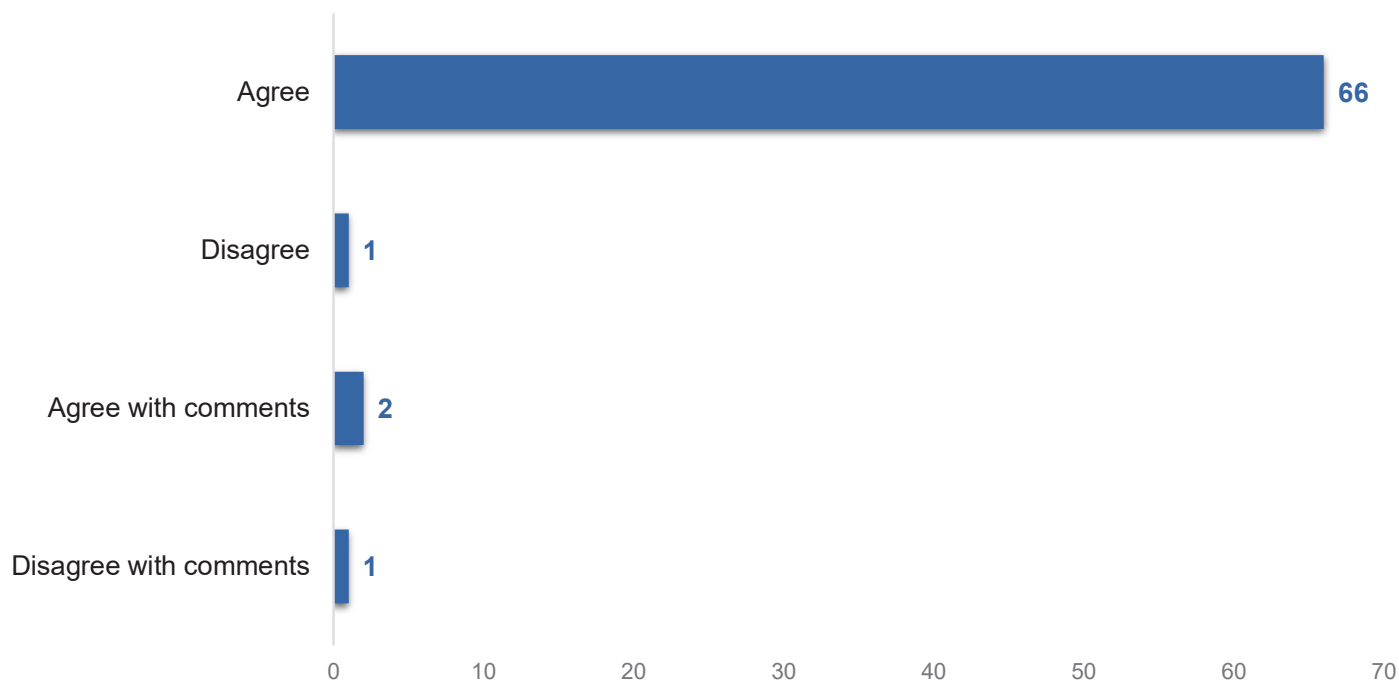
1. Having increased trails that can accommodate 3 people wide, and connect to multiple trails is ideal. Having trails connect to downtown and through the communities would be nice.
2. Definitely need trails where pedestrians and bicycles can ride
3. Sidewalk areas would be great, I live on East st where there are none and generally do not feel comfortable walking with my family on the street.
4. Doesn't seem to be a huge priority but I guess would be nice
5. "Without increasing taxes."
6. I want bike lanes, and other forms of transportation. side walks on every street.
7. Ideal, yes. Required, no.
8. Yes, much of this town is not walkable due to no sidewalks/walkeays
9. Highly Agree
10. Also, add area for handicap people
11. Some neighborhoods do not have access to parks without crossing highways... would love to see sidewalks and traffic lights added to help this

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Question 12: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Develop park-trail connectors to schools, libraries, and recreation centers through safe, off-street paths or greenways.



Agree with Comments:

1. This is the best idea yet. Walkable communities are livable communities
2. What would we be connecting since there is really just the new center and city hall with a park between?

Disagree with Comments:

2. I agree with everything but having it connect to schools

General Comments

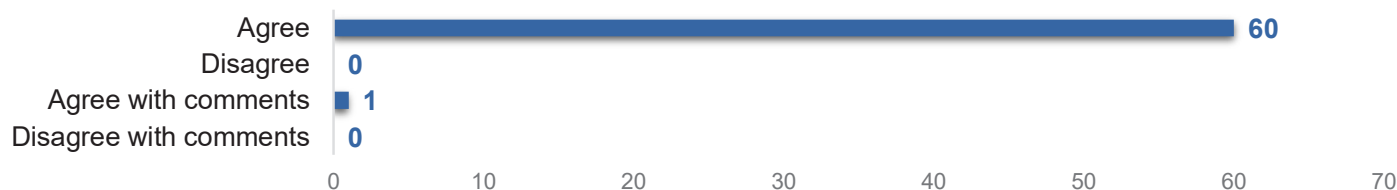
1. I would like to see emphasis on making these trails safe and immersive in nature. A balance of access to amenities or stops along the trails but plenty of space between roads and road noise
2. Agree. Need to be able to walk to places without being in danger of the roads
3. The more my family and I can walk somewhere in Josephine the better.
4. Please, do safe out of traffic lanes
5. Safe of children. Do you think these trails would be safe to lead to schools
6. "Without increasing taxes."
7. Yes, keep kids off 6!
8. Signage and crosswalks are important, especially for our kid's safety.
9. Good idea
10. Stroller friendly trails!
11. Highly Agree
12. Walkable city is great

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Question 13: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

- 2. *Park and Trail Amenities:* Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.**

Ensure all park spaces and amenities meet ADA standards, including, but not limited to, accessible pathways, adequate parking, and restrooms or other facility features.



Agree with Comments:

1. I think this needs to include changing tables

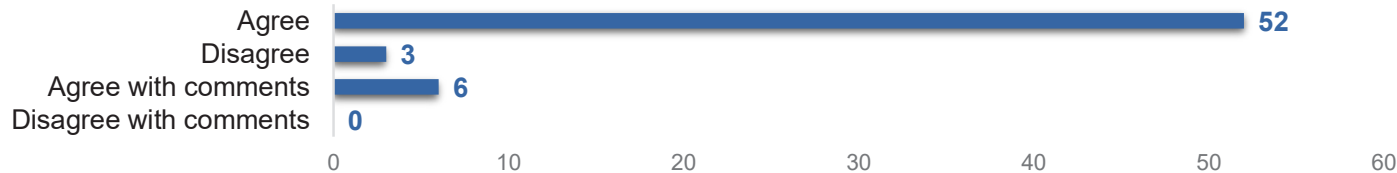
General Comments

2. I think this needs to include changing tables
3. A park with public restrooms and bike trails will be great
4. Truthly impartant
5. "Without increasing taxes."
6. restrooms WITH changing stations for babies
7. Yes, or else you will be sued.
8. I am disabled and can't tell you how important this is to me or others.
9. No more wood chips. Softer ground please.

Question 14: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

2. Park and Trail Amenities: *Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.*

Improve parks by addressing maintenance needs, including replacing non-compliant playground equipment and prioritizing funding.



Agree with Comments:

1. Stop building extreme parks with high altitudes that children can climb up on and fall too far down. Truthly impartant
2. Balance things between playgrounds and trails for others who don't need the playgrounds
3. Prioritize funding is a big one. If I had to make a top 5 of things I want my taxes to go to, a walkable community is in there
4. Adequate for ages stages
5. I dont think playground equipment should be the priority as much as prioritizing exposure and enjoyment to "the outdoors"/the natural world as preserved by the parks. I envision something like the oak point nature preserve in plano
6. Build more parks like Joe Burger Park in Fate that has something for all age groups toddlers-teenagers for families with multiple children in different age groups

General Comments

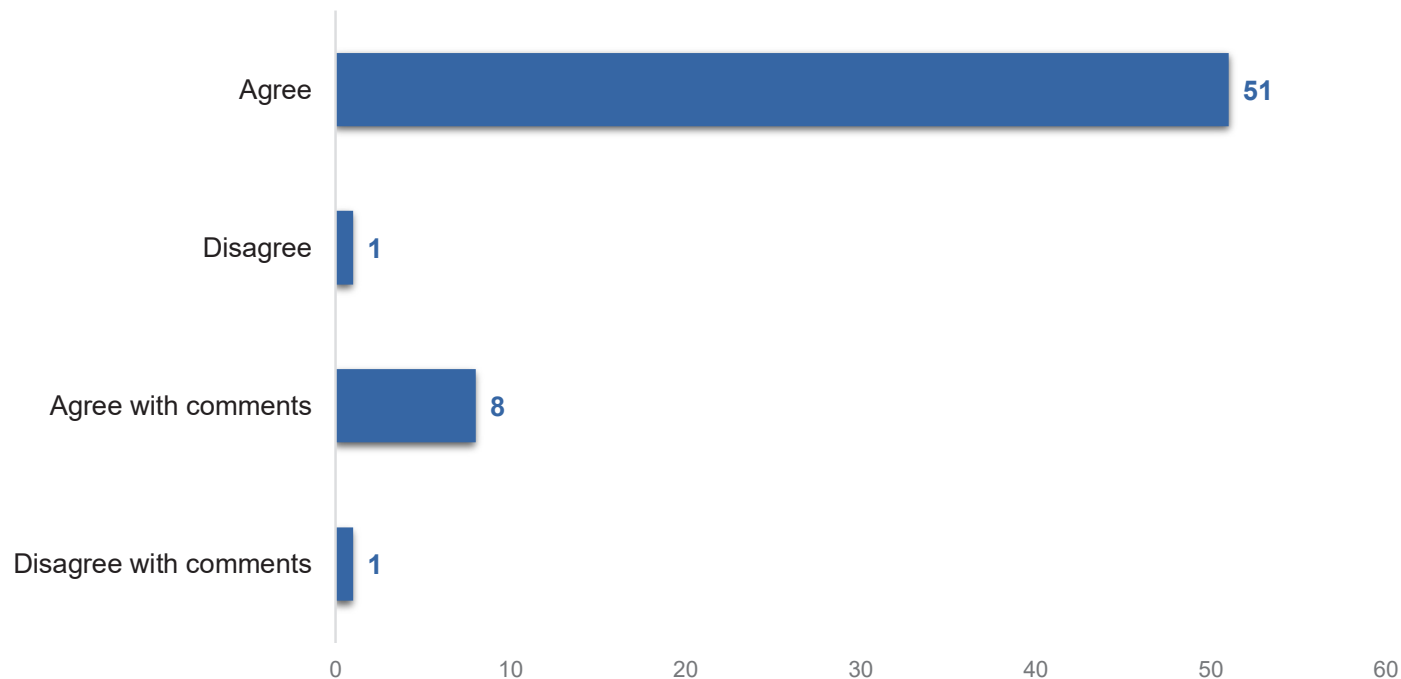
1. We grew up with equipment that is now deemed unsafe. We survived. In some cities this equipment is still standing. Get people to supervise their children when they are at the park.
2. I'd rather prioritize walking trails
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. riverfeild neighborhood doesn't have a swing set.

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Question 15: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

2. Park and Trail Amenities: *Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.*

Enhance user comfort and recreational options by adding shade, seating, and rest areas in parks and along trails, and by expanding amenities such as multi-purpose fields, soccer fields, and baseball fields.



Agree with Comments:

1. Please add shade.
2. Maybe a volleyball field and definitely an area where seating and shading is available
3. Sports complexes would be great for the community. From tournaments to city leagues to adult kickball + softball. Great way to bring a community together and bring some outside money by hosting tournaments
4. Sport complexes are a wonderful idea to bring in outside dollars if Josephine hosts any tournaments but also allow even for adult kickball leagues and softball leagues which can build friendships and support for the community
5. When will this be accomplished?!
6. Benches throughout trails would be phenomenal for pregnant women, families with littles, people with disabilities to remain active but take much needed breaks
7. I would hope that the primary focus of parks and rec is not mostly adding sports facilities and cfocusing more on outdoor nature recreation
8. Would love public accessible tennis courts.

Disagree with Comments:

1. Needs of citizens change over time. Having a ton of sports fields all over town would be silly. Sports fields should be in one area. Shade on trails under a bench every mile mile be nice. But the more things that can break that are added to a park increases employees, benefits and equipment costs to taxpayers.

General Comments

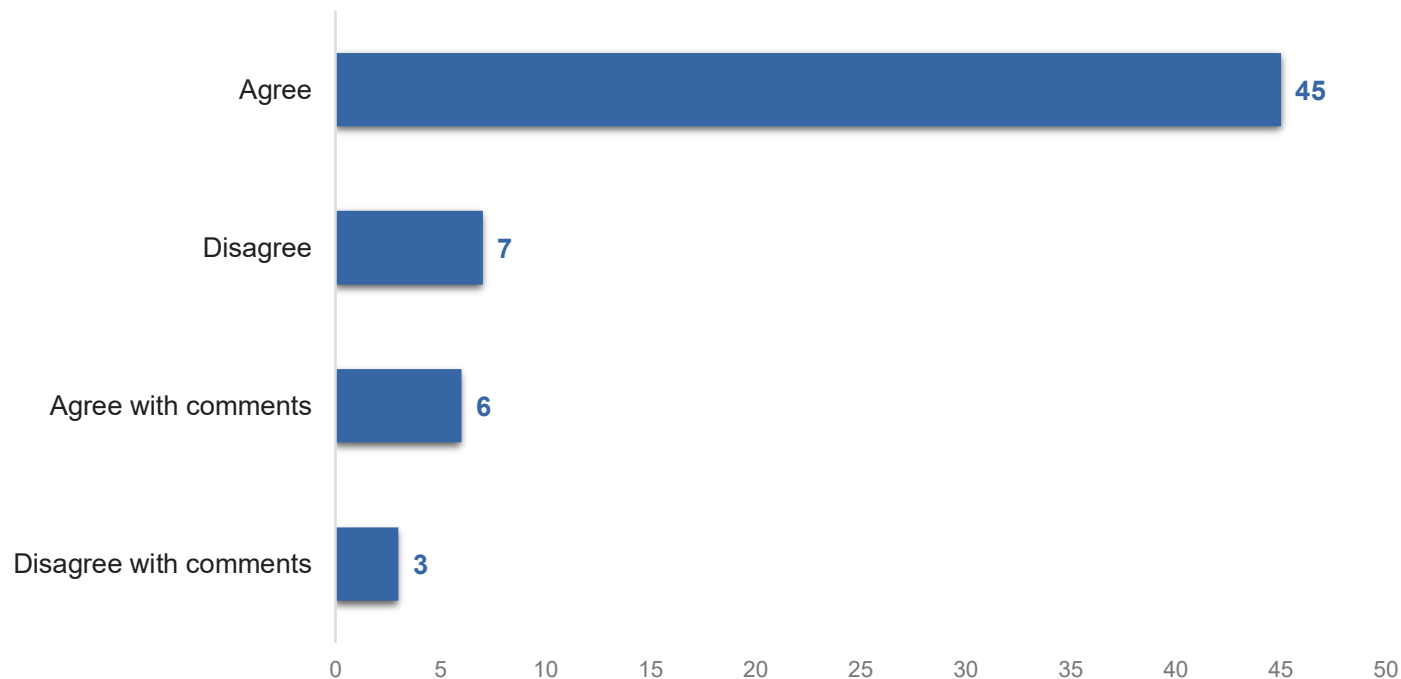
1. Josephine should create a park similar to Harry Meiers in Rockwall.
2. Shade is a big one. Even consider the canvas covers over the park itself
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. Yes like the trail in Farmersville
5. More shade would be helpful for sure! We went to the Josephine park yesterday and much of the playground was not usable due to it being too hot

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Question 16: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

2. Park and Trail Amenities: *Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.*

Provide and promote dog-friendly park spaces by incorporating designated off-leash areas, pet amenities, and clear signage to support responsible pet use.



Agree with Comments:

1. Provide ample pet waste bags.
2. With such small backyards in these subdivisions, it would be nice to have somewhere for our dogs to run around and play with each other
3. Dog park would be great. Lots of us have dogs that only get to run around in a tiny backyard by themselves with no area to support coplay
4. Unclear how I feel about the liability of such a place.
5. Yes, except for off leash places
6. I don't love dog parks, but the option would be nice.

Disagree with Comments:

1. I think there would have to be very strict rules on cleaning up after pets as this can become an issue
2. Although dog parks are great they pose a major risk especially with off leash areas. Parks and trails are needed more than this niche item
3. Many times dog parks create dog fights

General Comments

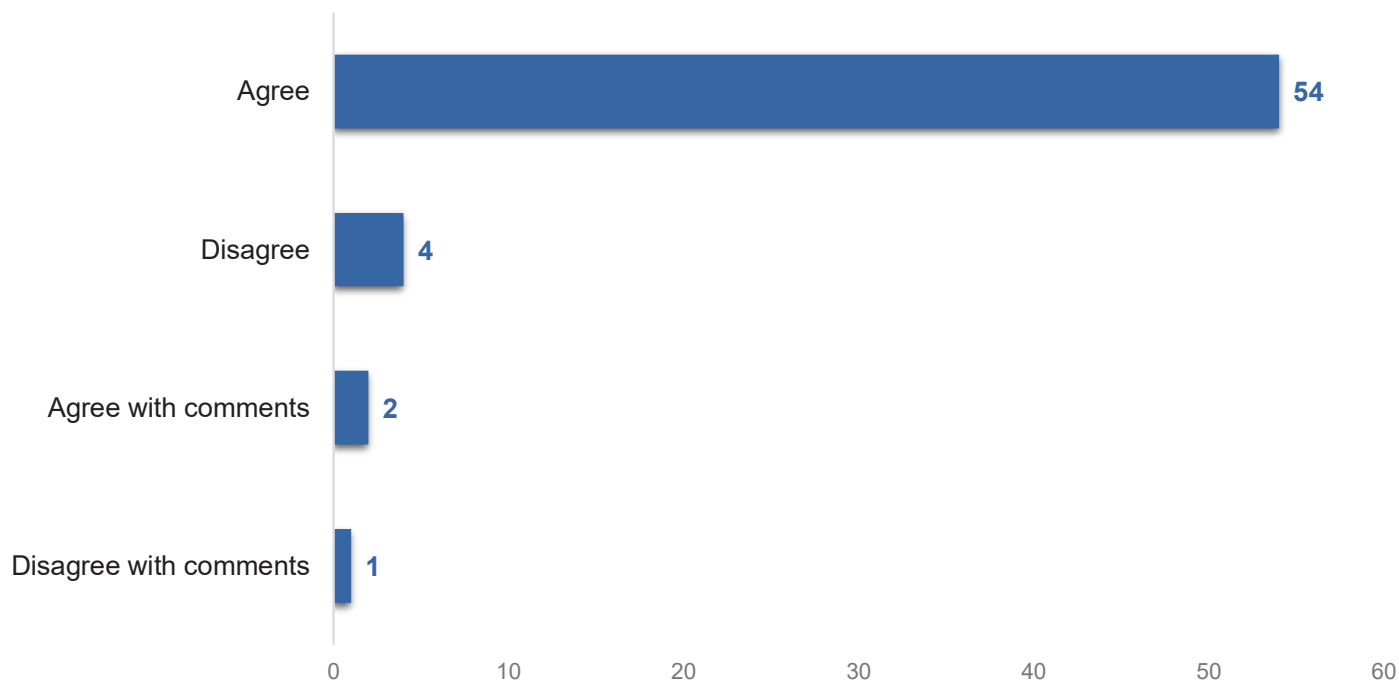
1. I think there would have to be very strict rules on cleaning up after pets as this can become an issue
2. With what we have currently with all the fog and cat dumping there is no way you can reach responsible pet use.
3. One dog park could be nice, but with so many people here already I can see challenges because all dogs do not get along with other dogs. Taking a big dog or small dog off the leash can result in injury to dog or human ."
4. Having an outdoor dog wash station would be nice. Dog friendly areas should have lots of trees to allow pets to run
5. Have poop bags for people to pickup the dogs droppings when walking there dog.
6. Please sure to include fines and penalties for people who don't follow stated rules as we have countless roaming dogs now because of irresponsible owners.
7. We are a city full of single family, fenced in yards. Dog park, along with the MTC and cleaning, is not needed.
8. Don't want dog areas near the kid areas incase a dog gets out or the area smells like poop.
9. These are a waste of money and are never cleaned or used properly or in accordance with posted rules by dog owners

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Question 17: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

2. *Park and Trail Amenities:* *Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.*

Prioritize multi-generational amenities, such as fitness zones, sensory play areas, and walking loops.



Agree with Comments:

1. Fitness zones for this with no kids are a great option and yes, for those with kids it's great to have the ability to use those amenities
2. Would love to have areas designed to promote child development

Disagree with Comments:

1. I do not think Josephine needs a dedicated fitness zone like a YMCA. It could be beneficial, but that should be for a later phase. I think having fitness machines along walking trails would be nice. Allows people to go for a few miles run, and complete body weight exercises.

General Comments

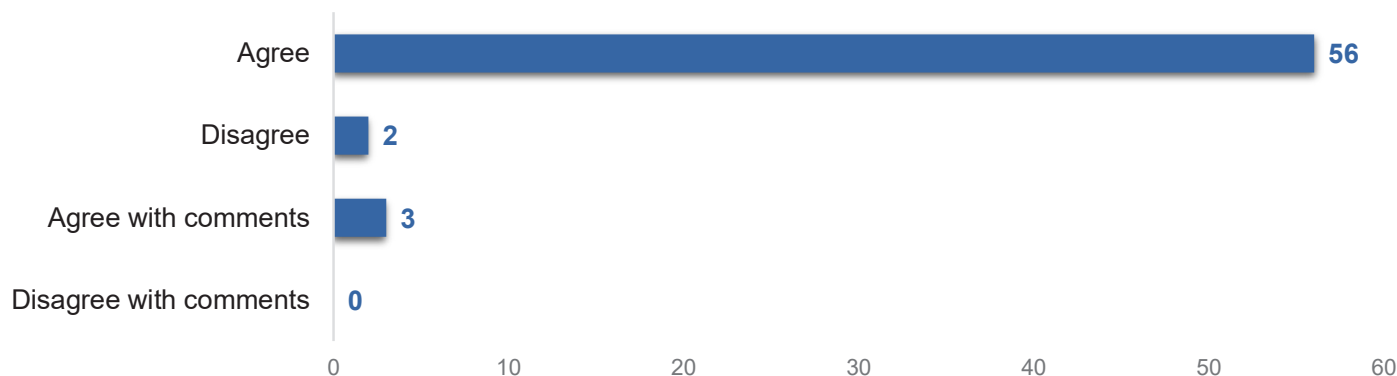
1. Just make one of each kind. Go a cost effective method. People think they will use a park every day, but life happens and plans change. The city does not have to build a tan mahal of parks.
2. Public swimming pool
3. Fitness zones would be AWESOME
4. Without increasing taxes.
5. PLEASE make a gym, city owned or a private corporation.. If there was a gym here that would be amazing for student athletes, and the general public.
6. a gym
7. Please

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Question 18: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

- 2. *Park and Trail Amenities:* Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.**

Develop schedules and funding strategies for invasive species removal, erosion control, and habitat restoration in natural areas.



Agree with Comments:

1. Taking care of the land around us should be the city's #1 priority
2. Protecting the environment should be priority 1 when looking at these additions. If they can't be done with ensuring the safety of nature, they shouldn't be done.
3. Yes great idea

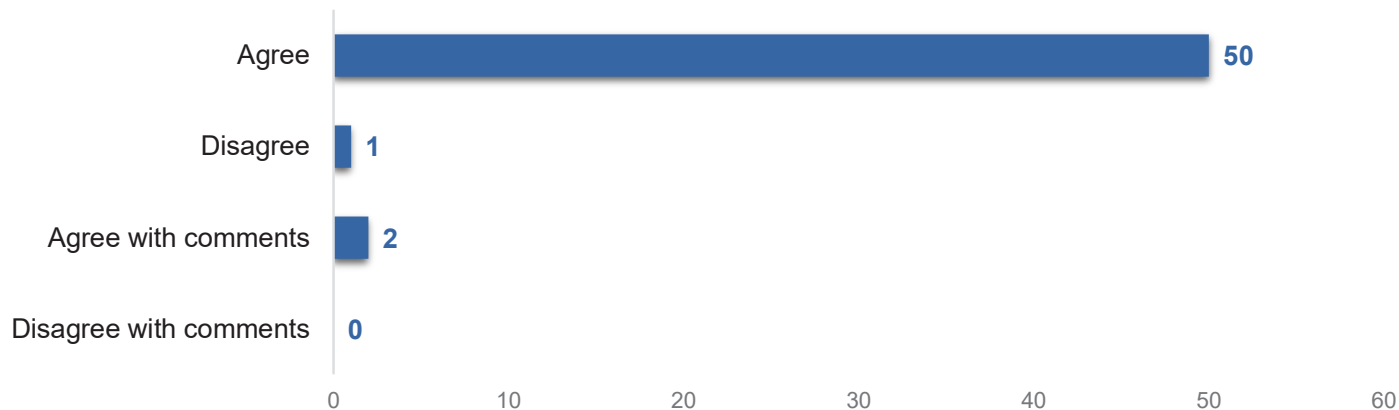
General Comments

1. It's about time. You need to have thought about this before letting developers and the City ruin natural habitats. Every creek in this area has sewage water and stormwater from subdivisions dumped in it.
2. Looking forward to a walking trail that's safe and easy to get to. Also a rest area with shading
3. Yes
4. "Without increasing taxes."

Question 19: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Identify and prioritize strategic parcels for open space acquisition, focusing on areas with limited park access, environmental value, or potential for future trail connections.



Agree with Comments:

1. Remark on those areas that has big communities and only gas stations around.
2. As long as it doesn't come with apartments attached to the space.

General Comments

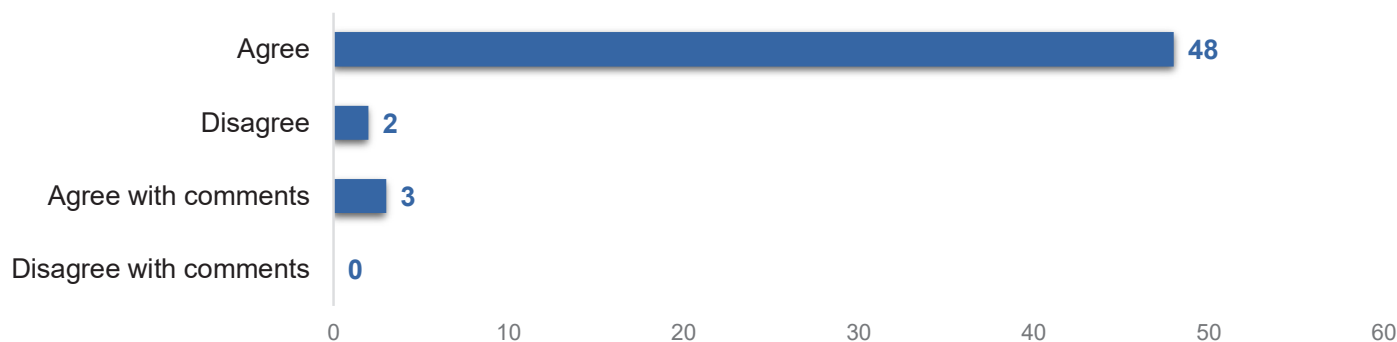
1. No acquisition. The city should work on the open space they have first like on Cotton Circle and then connect to city park or space under old water tower
2. I moved out here for the space. Please don't make it a concrete jungle. Development can happen, but everything needs to be spaced out not jammed up against everything.
3. Need more parking areas
4. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 20: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Expand parkland in areas identified as gaps through the Level of Service (LOS) assessment, specifically focusing on natural areas and community parkland to meet future population needs.



Agree with Comments:

1. Everyone need to be in area of service no exclusion
2. I don't really know what this means but please stop building houses here.
3. Something similar to Oak Point Nature Preserve in plano would be great to have before too much land is taken by development.

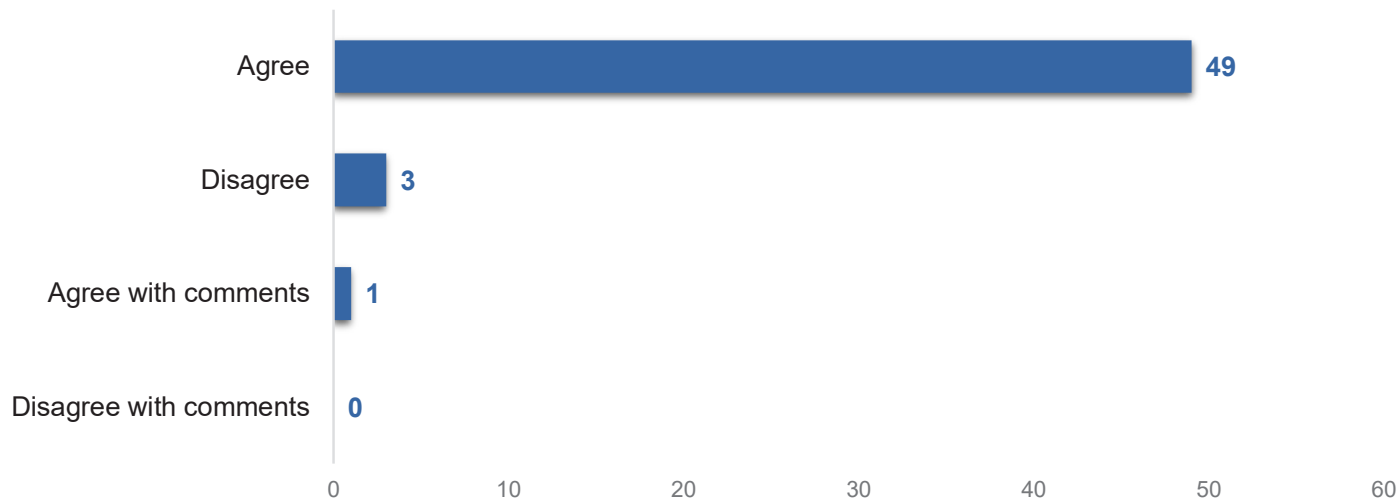
General Comments

1. Utilize land the city has already. Citizens want things now, not 20 years from now.
2. Keep everything spaced out.
3. Stop building more houses, now it's time to focus on the current residents with nice parks, bike trails and a community swimming pool. Elevation and Magnolia residents only have pools what about the rest of us ?
4. "Without increasing taxes."
5. Yes, but I think a library is crucial to this area

Question 21: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Prioritize the preservation of open space and critical natural resources by identifying high-value environmental areas for protection through land acquisition, conservation easements, or development regulations.



Agree with Comments:

1. Best guiding principle yet

General Comments

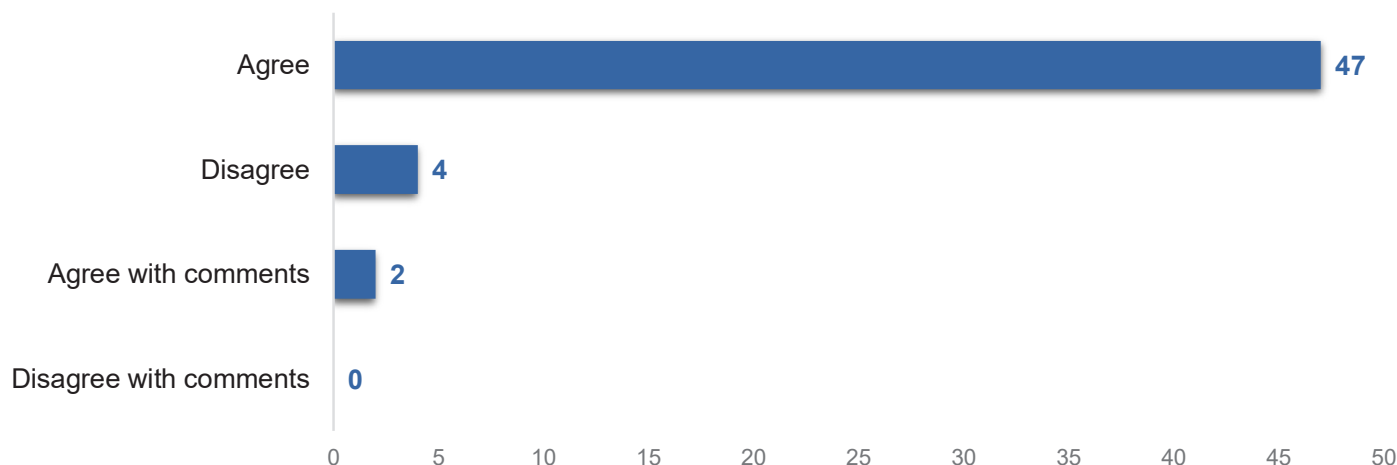
1. This city cannot afford to buy land. Too many bonds so far and we don't want to get in a financial situation like Royse City did.
2. Stop building more houses traffic is already bad nobody thought that through
3. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 22: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Strengthen zoning and subdivision ordinance requirements and establish incentives for the dedication of public/private parkland and open space during the development process, with an emphasis on underserved areas.



Agree with Comments:

1. Everyone has the right to get access not just some areas either under or over served areas
2. unless the builders have plans that they fund for specific areas within a community

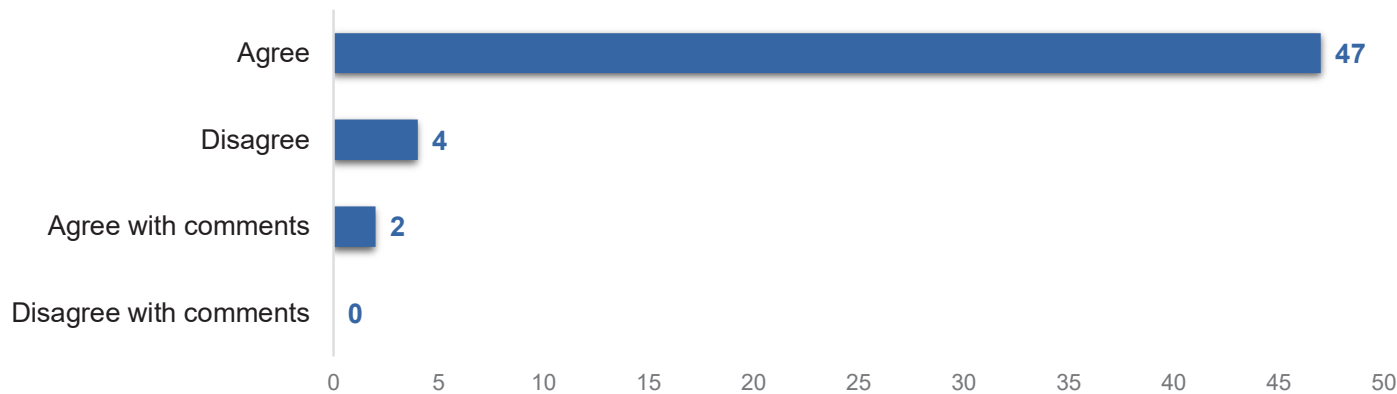
General Comments

1. We already have that in the subdivision ordinance but the city lets the developers out of the requirement by using "planned development"
2. Whatever allows Josephine to thrive and not turn into section 8 housing all over.
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. Yes, having things accessible to all, especially if it's walkable would be ideal

Question 23: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. Preservation of Open Space: *Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.*

Expand pocket parks in denser urban areas by working with the Planning Department to identify opportunities for green spaces as redevelopment occurs.



Agree with Comments:

1. Green areas with real park, not just 1 seat
2. No more neighborhoods please

General Comments

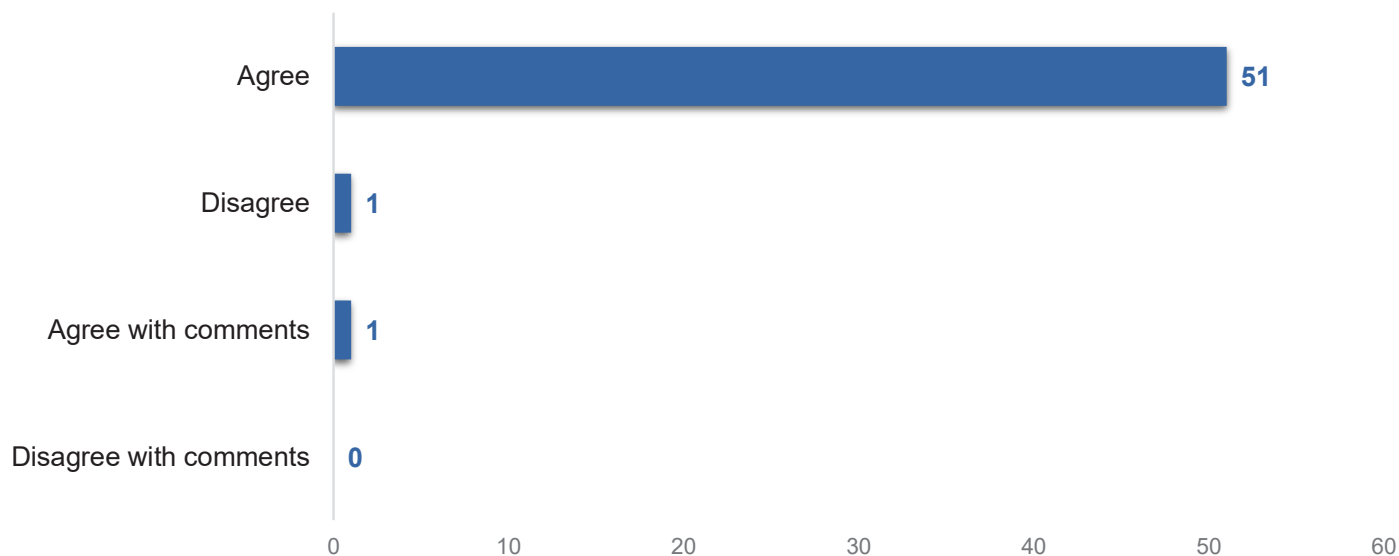
1. We don't have pocket parks. small parks exist in Magnolia and Riverfield but that isn't the city. I believe most other developments "bought out" of park requirement. Visit this again on the next park survey in 5 years, once some builds g has started.
2. There should be plenty of parks in urban areas.
3. I'm not really sure what this means.
4. "Without increasing taxes."
5. Not sure if there are or will be urban areas soon

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Question 24: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Minimize development in the floodplain by prioritizing these areas for open space preservation, parkland acquisition, and natural resource protection through zoning and development regulations.



Agree with Comments:

1. Minimize housing developments

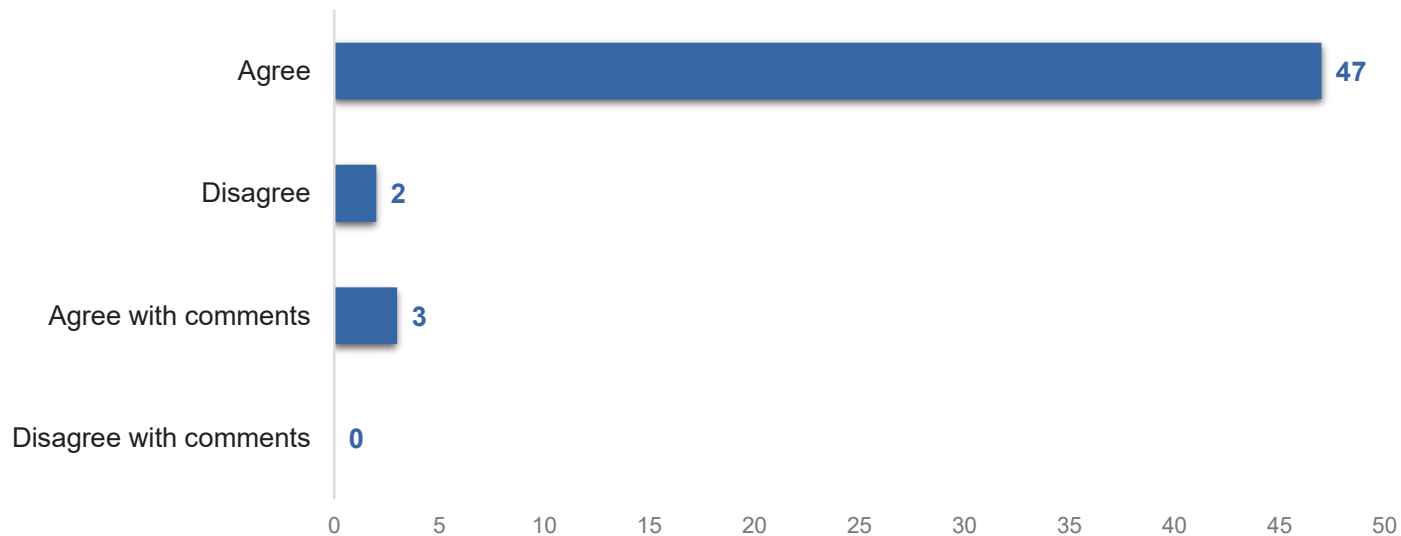
General Comments

1. City does not allow this anyway, unless builder build 2ft high out of the floodplain which can cause more flooding.
2. This will help maintain the nature of Josephine.
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. Plano does a fabulous job of this- my husband is the head pro of the city golf course- in a flood plain

Question 25: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

4. Diverse Programming: *Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.*

Work with non-profits, local businesses, and the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor park events, offer educational resources, or provide services that support land conservation.



Agree with Comments:

1. DORBA is a good partner for mountain biking trails, their members are very active in maintaining trails
2. Fourth of July was a great time. Keep the momentum.

General Comments

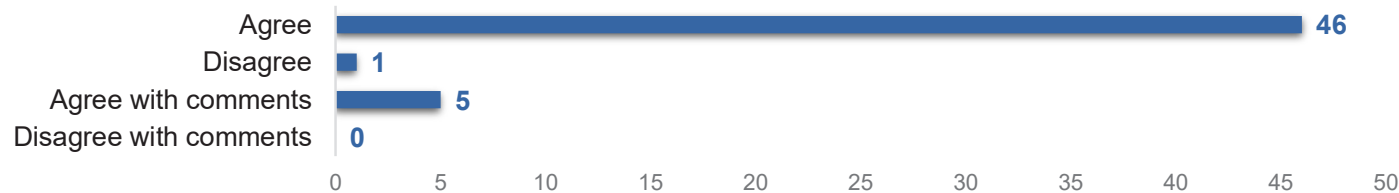
1. Stop the building of homes it's ridiculous getting out of hand we need to conserve land the bring peace and serenity to our city
2. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 26: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

4. Diverse Programming: *Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.*

Support access to food and beverages near parks by allowing mobile vendors, concessions, or partnerships with local businesses.



Agree with Comments:

1. Supporting local businesses builds such a strong community
2. Unapproved vendors showing up is what we want to avoid here. We had this in Plano and they randomly would park their dirty, questionable food trucks at parks when not approved.
3. Yes, however, if this is the case then we would need a lot more trash cans in order to maintain cleanliness
4. As long as we benefit with sales tax
5. I like the idea as long as we benefit from receiving the tax revenue from these food trucks or other means.

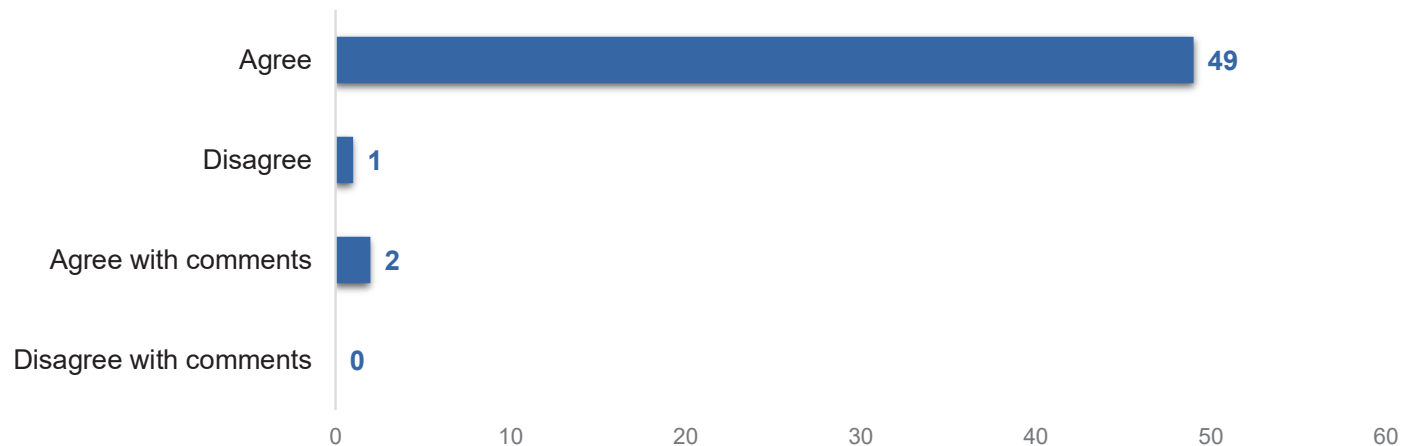
General Comments

1. Food parks are working great in Magnolia. And Fountainview. Why spend money on idea that should have been done 3 years ago. Promote restaurants for the city, please.
2. Always allow food trucks to come and go as they please. Do not have a dedicated food truck lots as those can look run down over time.
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. Fate has done a great job of this, Denison as well.
5. Yes please
6. High Priority
7. We LOVE the mobile snowcone trailer that comes to the park!

Question 27: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

4. Diverse Programming: *Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.*

Utilize feedback from community surveys and focus groups to tailor programs that reflect the interests and needs of different demographics, including seniors, youth, and people with disabilities.



Agree with Comments:

1. A focus on caring for any homeless that come through our area would be great
2. Do the survey clear, open and with time for community to be able to fill it out

General Comments

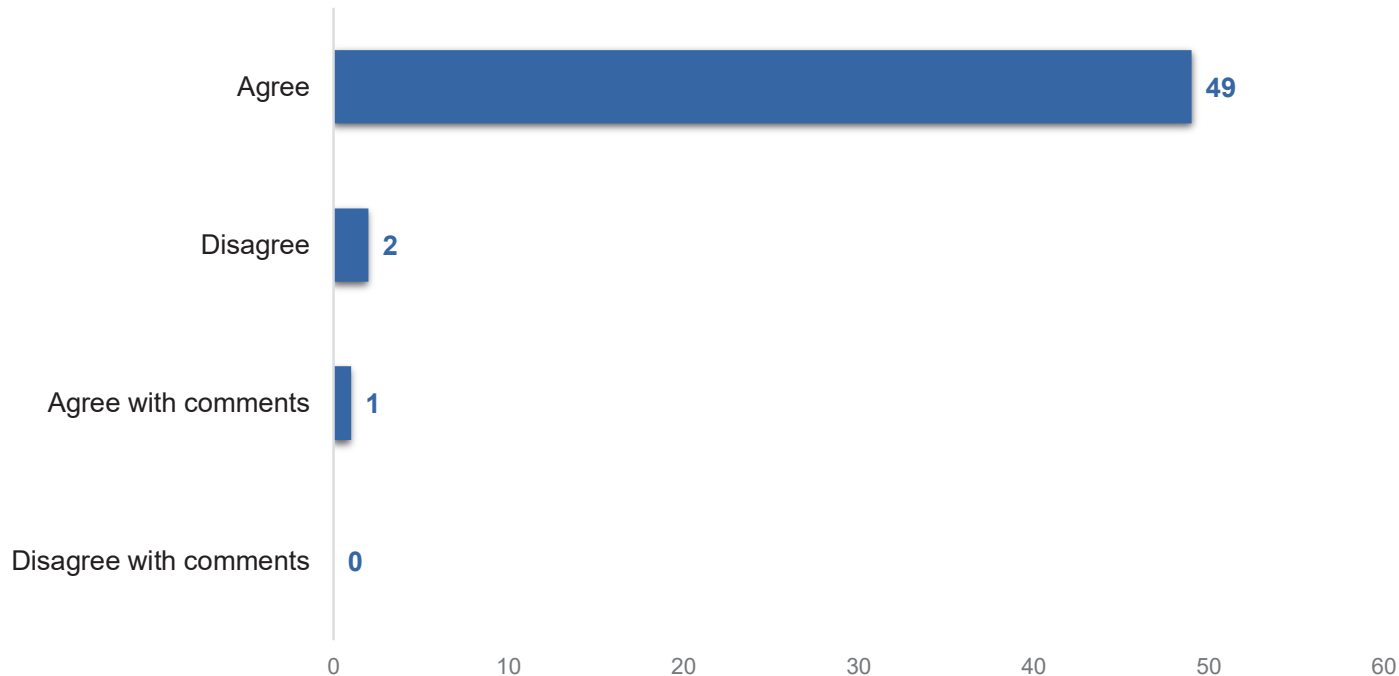
1. This is a good idea, but it will end up with the city hiring 3 more employees to keep it going.
2. It's one thing to allow diversity, but people can and will also take advantage of opportunities like this. I'm not against this, but proper planning should account for the unwanted.
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. Possibly having students in community ISD take a survey?

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Question 28: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

4. Diverse Programming: *Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.*

Develop volunteer-led programs and opportunities to encourage community involvement and park stewardship.



Agree with Comments:

1. It helps if people know their voice is heard from surveys like this

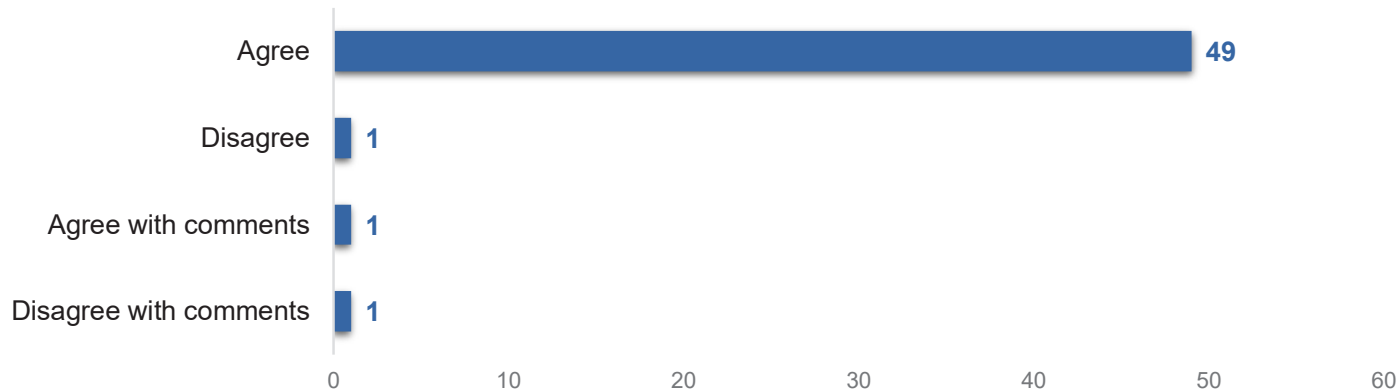
General Comments

1. "Without increasing taxes."

Question 29: When you think about Josephine's parks, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

4. Diverse Programming: *Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.*

Offer a rotating calendar of family-friendly events and programs, such as youth sports programs, outdoor movie nights, fitness classes, cultural festivals, and arts in the park.



Agree with Comments:

1. Adults also need the parks.

Disagree with Comments:

1. I don't know if it needs to be monthly events. Having a fall fest, an art festival, and few events a year should be ok.

General Comments

1. Maybe in the next iteration of parks. You are getting carried away with "cool" ideas.
2. "Without increasing taxes."
3. Yes, our family has made many wonderful memories going to the events at the Josephine park
4. YES, where there's space to accomplish this
5. We always enjoy the events here in Josephine!
6. I would LOVE a Farmers Market or more festival booth type events

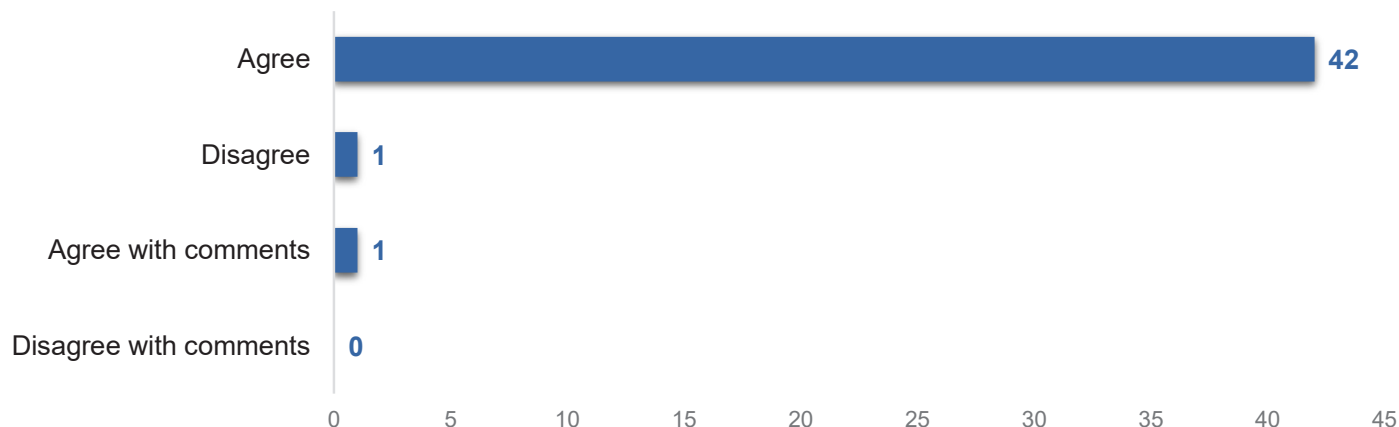
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Action Items (Trails)

Question 30: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Develop a Citywide Trails and Sidewalk Connectivity Plan that maps existing infrastructure, identify gaps, and prioritize projects that link neighborhoods to parks, schools, and civic destinations.



Agree with Comments:

1. Prioritize linking neighborhoods through trails over roads to promote a healthy active walking/biking community

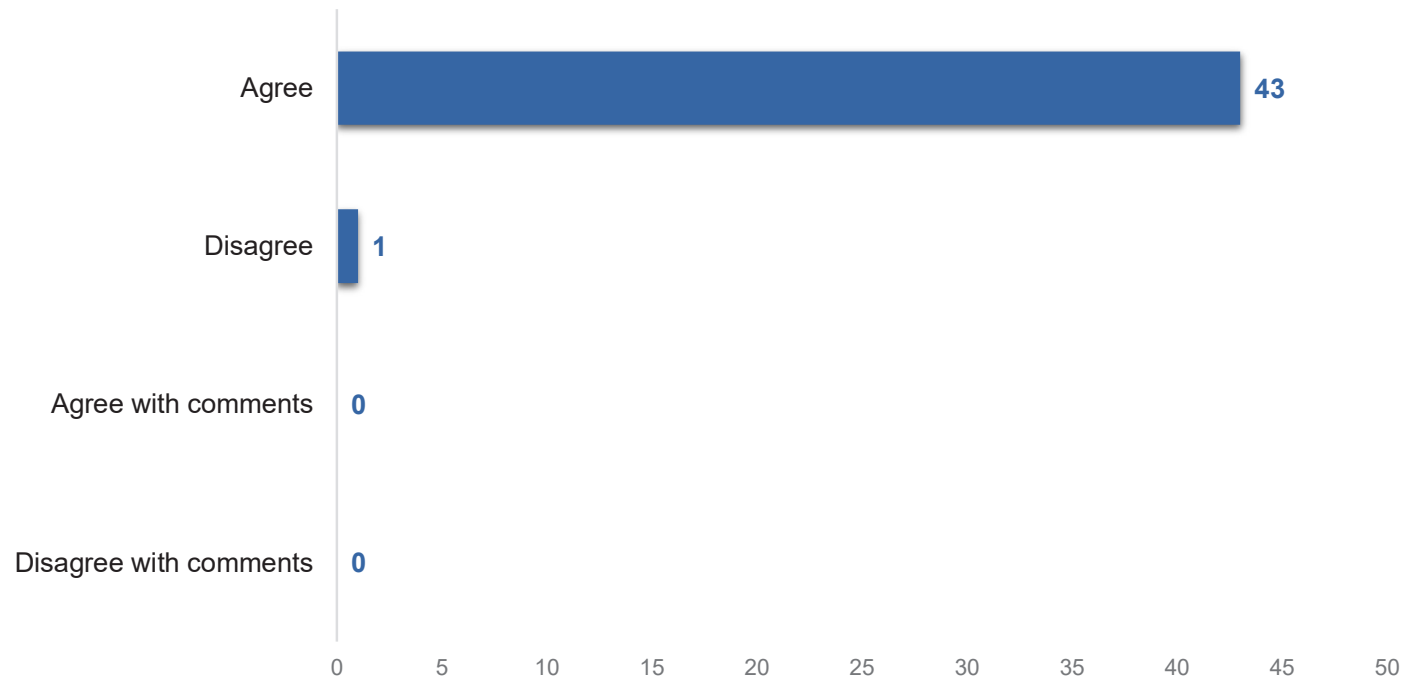
General Comments

1. We do not need to hire another engineer to regurgitate what was discussed in current plan.
2. Side walks along with the trails are must
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. Yes, yes, yes I miss being able to walk places and not have to lug all of my kids in my car
5. Highest Priority!

Question 31: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Expand trail access by identifying and prioritizing key gaps in the existing network, focusing on connections between neighborhoods, parks, and commercial areas, and coordinating with regional partners for broader connectivity.



General Comments

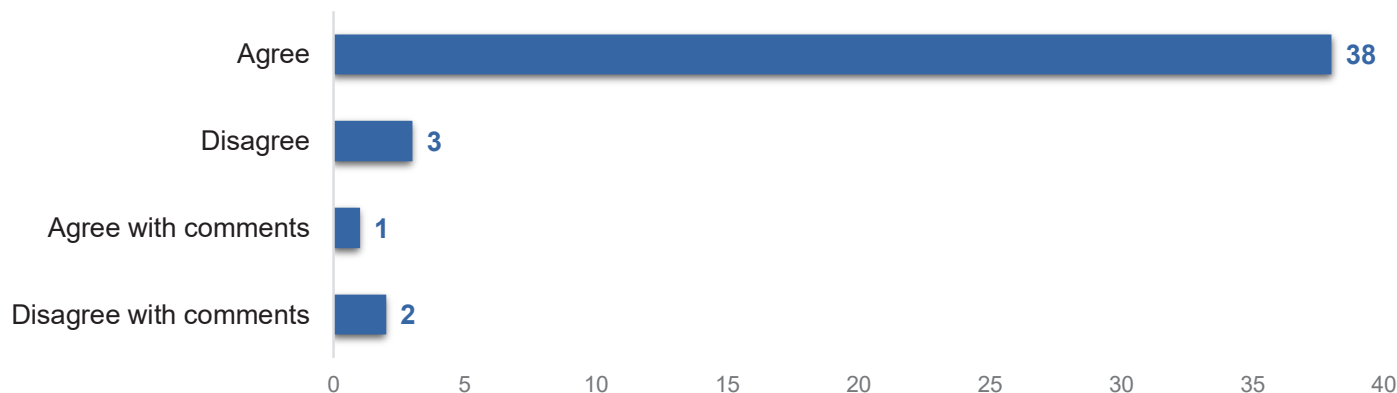
1. Be cost effective. Citizens and the MUD only have so much they can take.
2. A connected community means a lot to me. The less I would have to use my car to get around Josephine the better.
3. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 32: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Collaborate with regional partners and property owners to transform Josephine's railroad easements into a multi-use trail system to improve connectivity and support regional trail integration.



Agree with Comments:

1. I would prefer DART to be brought out here, but if that is not possible given them potentially losing a lot of funding I would like trails on the one rail lines.

Disagree with Comments:

1. I think Josephine should maintain whatever historical markers it can.
2. I don't know how possible it is but active public transportation is a dream many desire

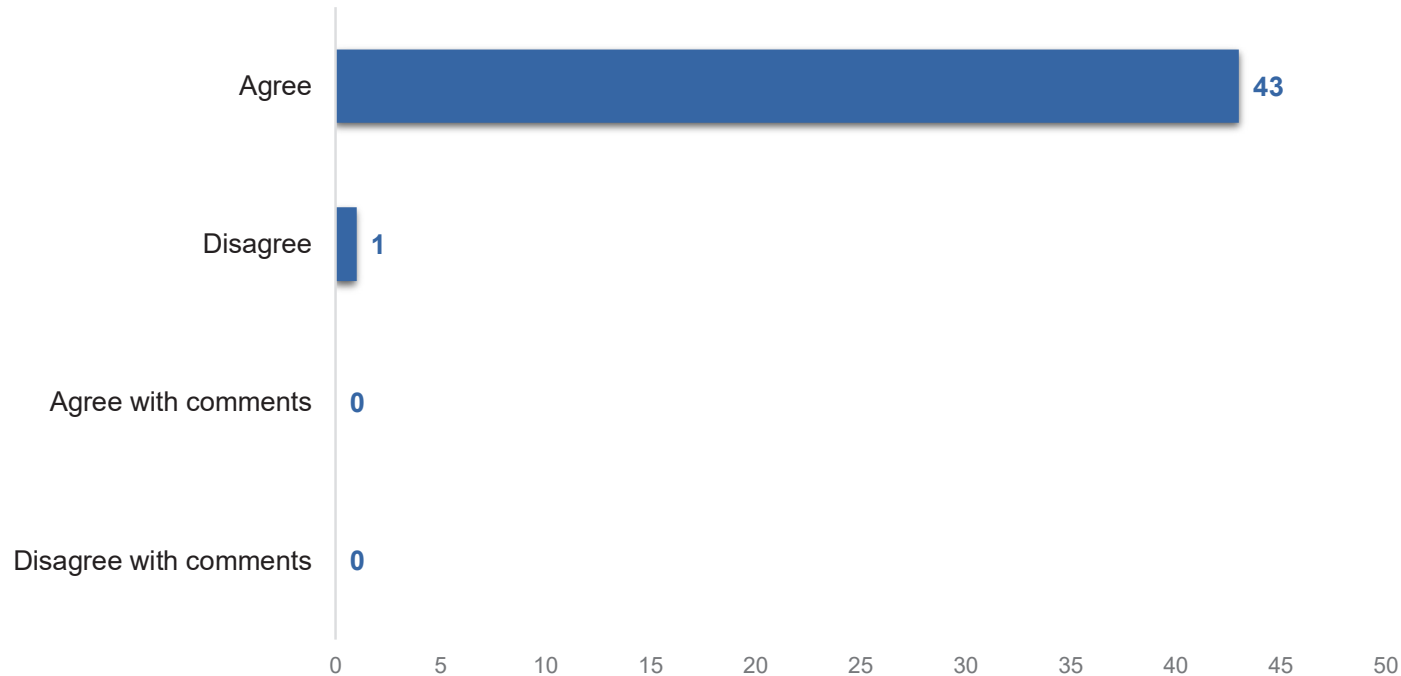
General Comments

1. It can be done but do it remotely to save all cities costs.
2. At all levels
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. This would be great, something like the rail trail in Farmersville!

Question 33: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Leverage underutilized spaces for trail expansion through partnerships with local utilities, railroads, or other stakeholders to utilize easements, rights-of-way, or vacant land for trail connections that fill network gaps.



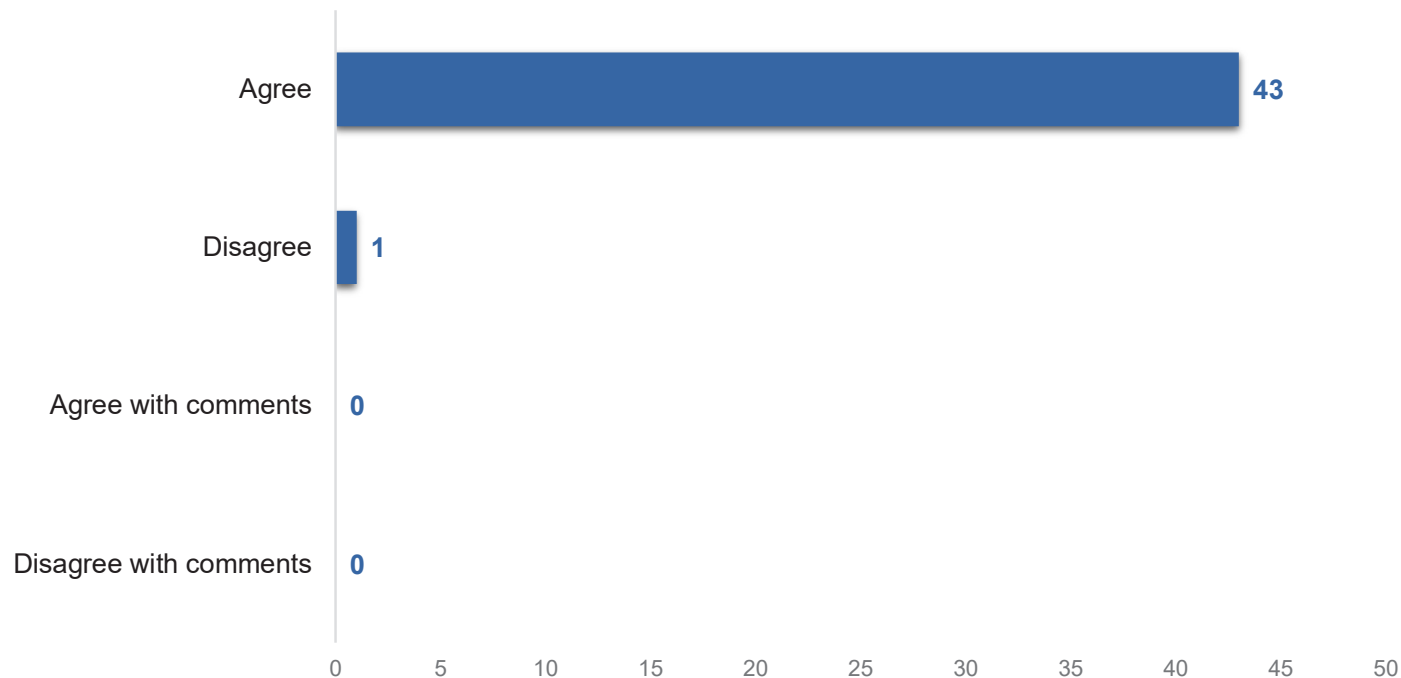
General Comments

1. I said it above. Use space the city has before buying more.
2. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 34: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

- 1. *Enhanced Connectivity:* Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.**
Design, seek funding, and construct additional trail and sidewalk connectivity based on the priorities of the community.



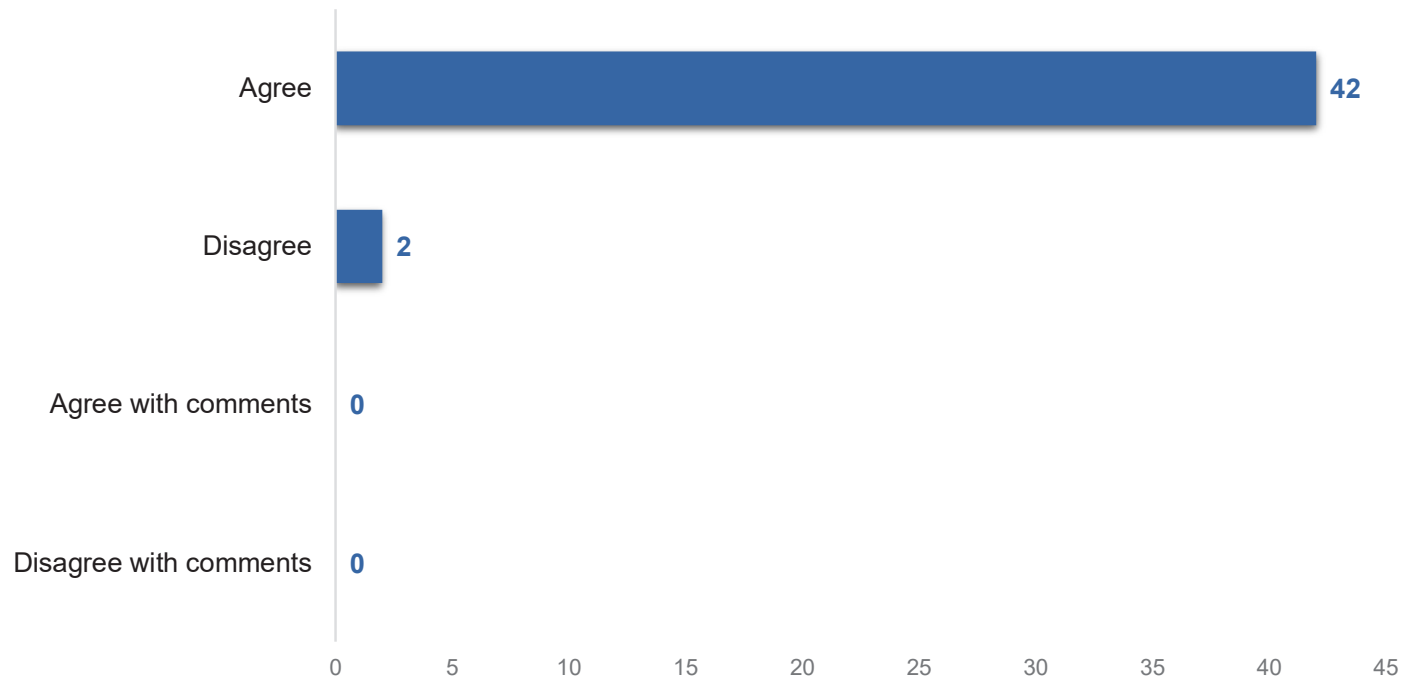
General Comments

1. Who determines the priorities? The citizens don't get to vote on priorities.
2. "Without increasing taxes."

Question 35: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. *Enhanced Connectivity: Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Review and update trail and bikeway design guidelines to reflect updated regional and national guidance.



General Comments

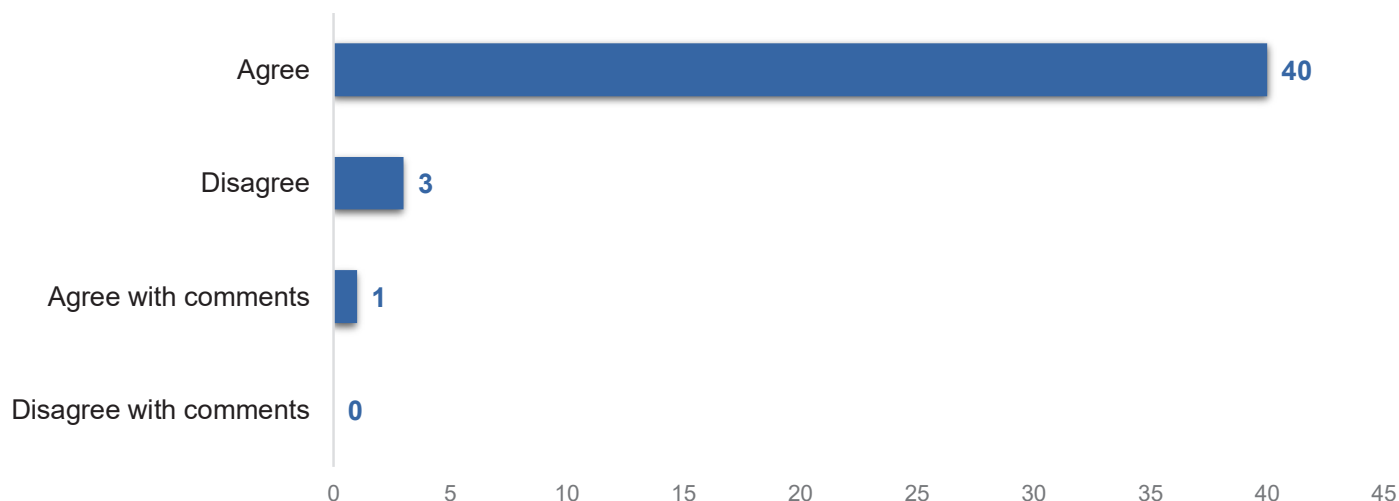
1. Whose survey was this? Where are the existing ones? If we had them I suppose it would be a good idea.
2. "Without increasing taxes."
3. Yes, it's dangerous as it is right now to try to bike anywhere here

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Question 36: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

1. Enhanced Connectivity: *Develop an integrated network of multi-use trails that connect to various community destinations.*

Integrate the recreational trail recommendations from this master plan into a larger active transportation and mobility plan that incorporates Complete Streets principles and establishes Josephine City Hall as the central hub.



Agree with Comments:

1. Wonderful idea to establish city hall as the cities central hub

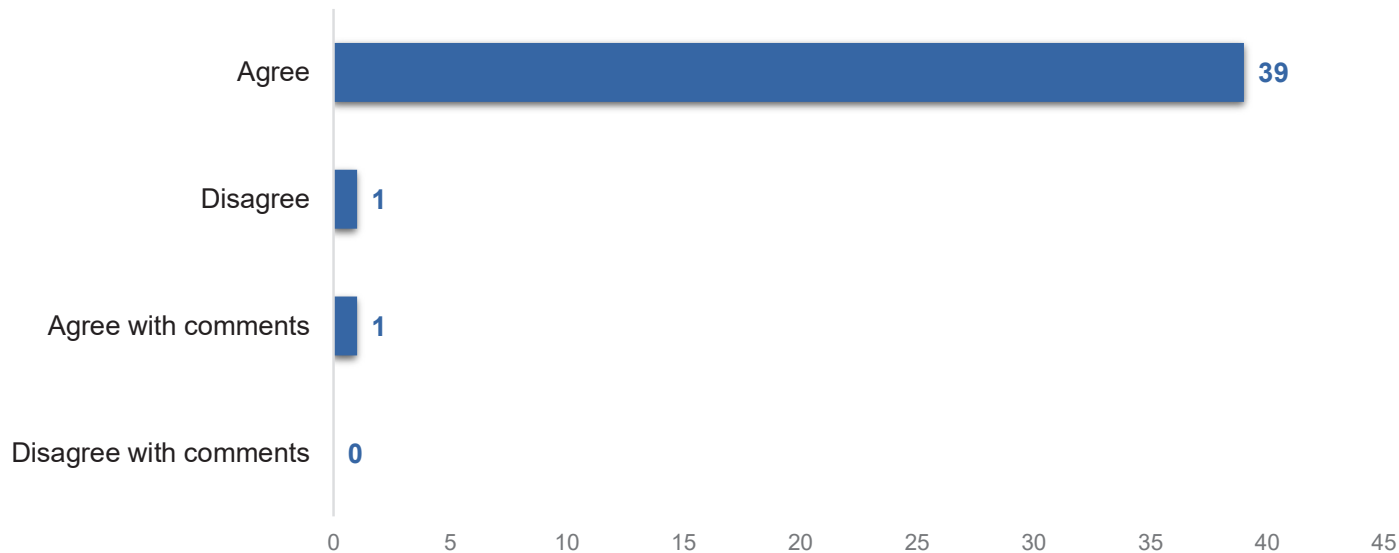
General Comments

1. Good luck. Look at Rockwall and Royse City. They do fine without a city center for everything. Fates City hall is not their hub. Josephine will never combat state .
2. While Josephine completes all these developments, they should also become a black out town to help nature. This will allow ecosystems to thrive here and not be run out like in a city.
3. "Without increasing taxes."

Question 37: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

- 2. *Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.***

Establish a design standard for trailheads with Low Impact Development (LID) features (i.e., use permeable surfaces like gravel or pavers to manage stormwater runoff), seating, water fountains, trash receptacles, signage, and safety features.



Agree with Comments:

1. In regards to safety, they do have these kiosks that you can get to every couple feet or so that will put out a loud alarm and contact police when walking trails. Might want to consider that too

General Comments

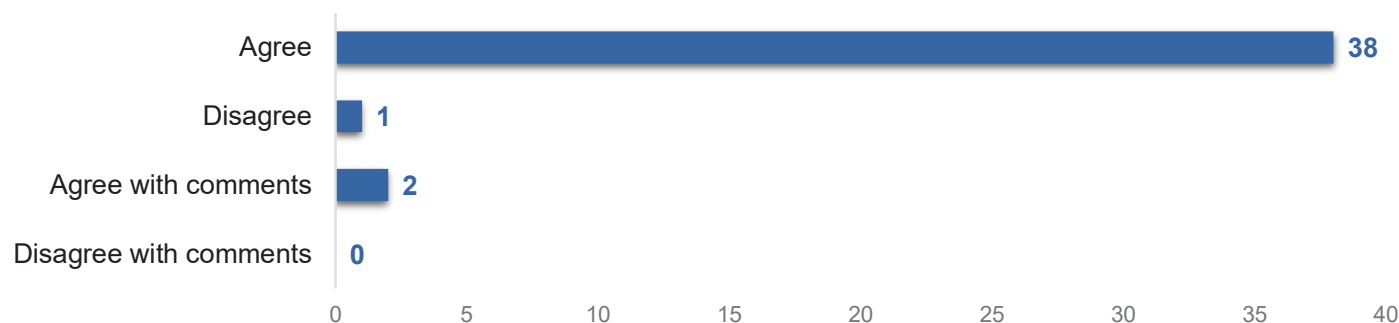
1. "Without increasing taxes."
2. Yes, much of Plano is built this way

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Question 38: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

- 2. *Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.***

Add mid-block crossings, pedestrian signals, and curb ramps at intersections where trails meet busy streets.



Agree with Comments:

1. Significant priority on the walking trail over the streets. Keep those walking a priority to encourage more walking over driving
2. Have we looked into the benefits of turnabouts? They cost less than lights, keep traffic moving, and upkeep is minimal.

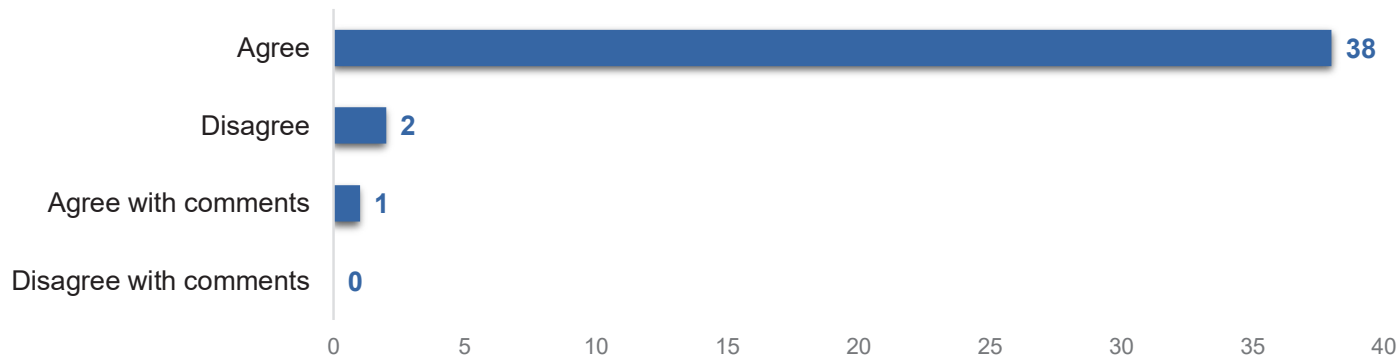
General Comments

1. If these cross FM 6 FM 547 or FM 1777 you are asking for accidents to happen.
2. If someone presses a crosswalk button. It should illuminate lights to indicate a user wants to cross. Maybe have cross walk lights that become a red light after flashing yellow for a few seconds. After users have crossed the street the lights turn off as if no crosswalk was there.
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. A definite must for safety and accessibility!

Question 39: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

- 2. *Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.***

Coordinate with Public Works and Engineering to include trail segments in roadway expansions, complete streets projects, or capital improvement plans.



Agree with Comments:

1. Again, can we avoid just putting in lights? Lights cause traffic, you can see how horrible the new light is in Nevada. What about turnabout? Those don't require electrical work and are cheaper to maintain. It also would help with flow of traffic on 6 and 547/Main Street. Also with the amount of traffic that sits on the south side of Josephine coming from the housing, it would be beneficial to have something there too for safety. Please PLEASE consider turnabouts. If you look at research it is such a better choice!

General Comments

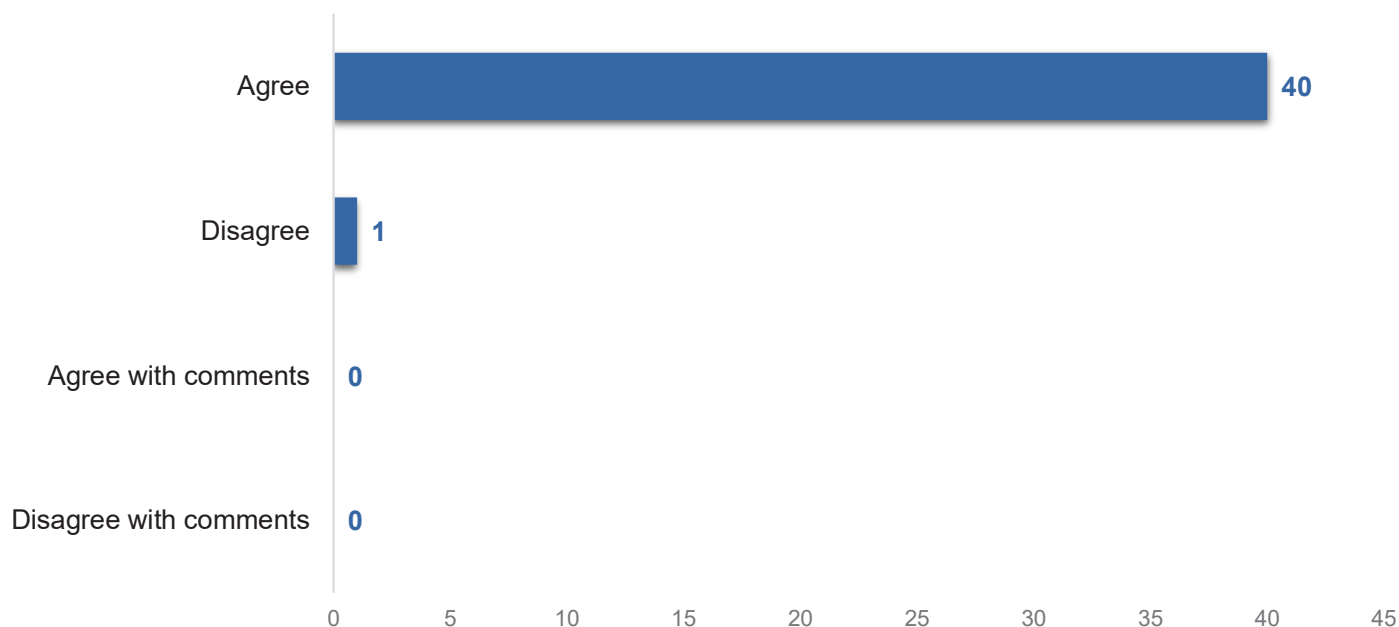
1. Why are you even asking this? All cities departments should be collaborating. Why did we buy software to coordinate and streamline. This should already have been in the works. Sounds like rework.
2. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 40: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

- 2. *Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.***

Improve trails by addressing maintenance needs and create an updated GIS database for sidewalk and trail amenities with condition assessments, amenity locations (e.g., benches, lighting, water fountains), connectivity gaps, and ADA accessibility features to guide future improvements and investments.



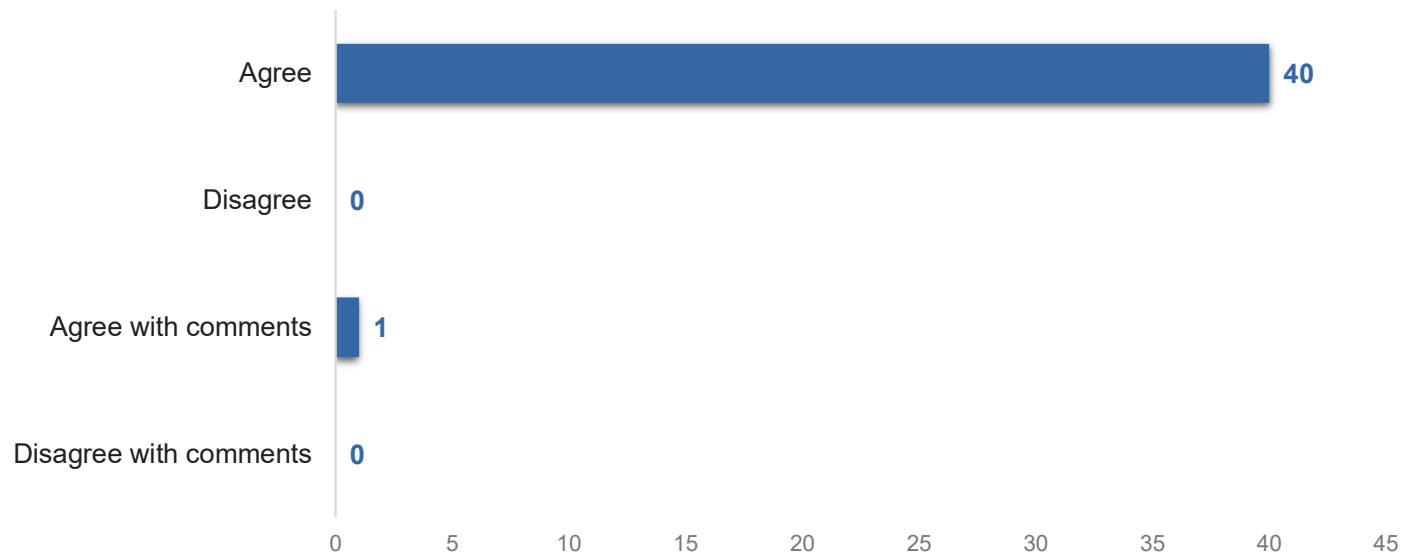
General Comments

1. If the city can't track what they build out, sure, just hire another consultant to do it
2. "Without increasing taxes."

Question 41: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

- 2. *Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.***

Enhance user comfort and recreational options by adding shade, seating, and rest areas along trails.



Agree with Comments:

1. Please don't make anti homeless benches

General Comments

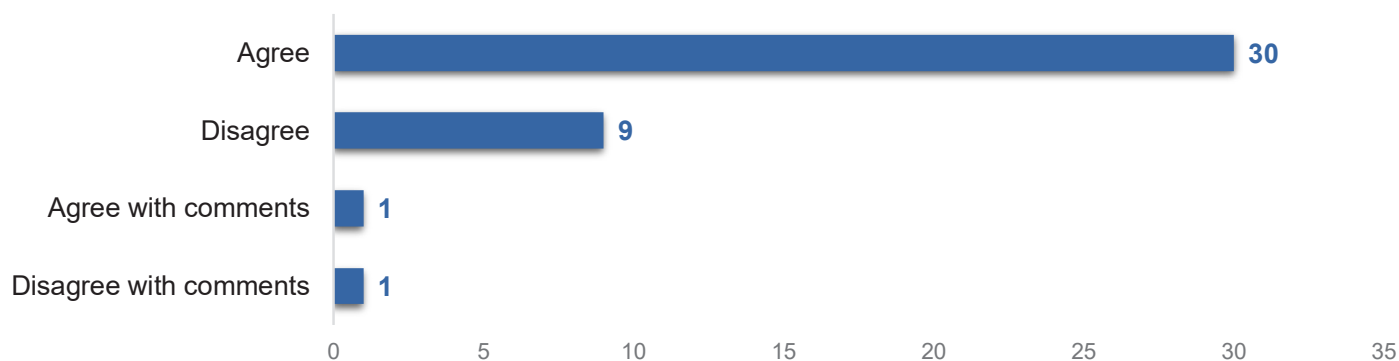
1. Similar to question I already answered
2. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 42: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

2. *Park and Trail Amenities: Identify accessible, inclusive, and family-friendly amenities that align with community needs and preferences.*

Provide and promote dog-friendly park and trail spaces by incorporating designated off-leash areas, pet amenities, and clear signage to support responsible pet use.



Agree with Comments:

1. no off leash areas

Disagree with Comments:

1. Off leash areas on trails pose a liability to people and pets.

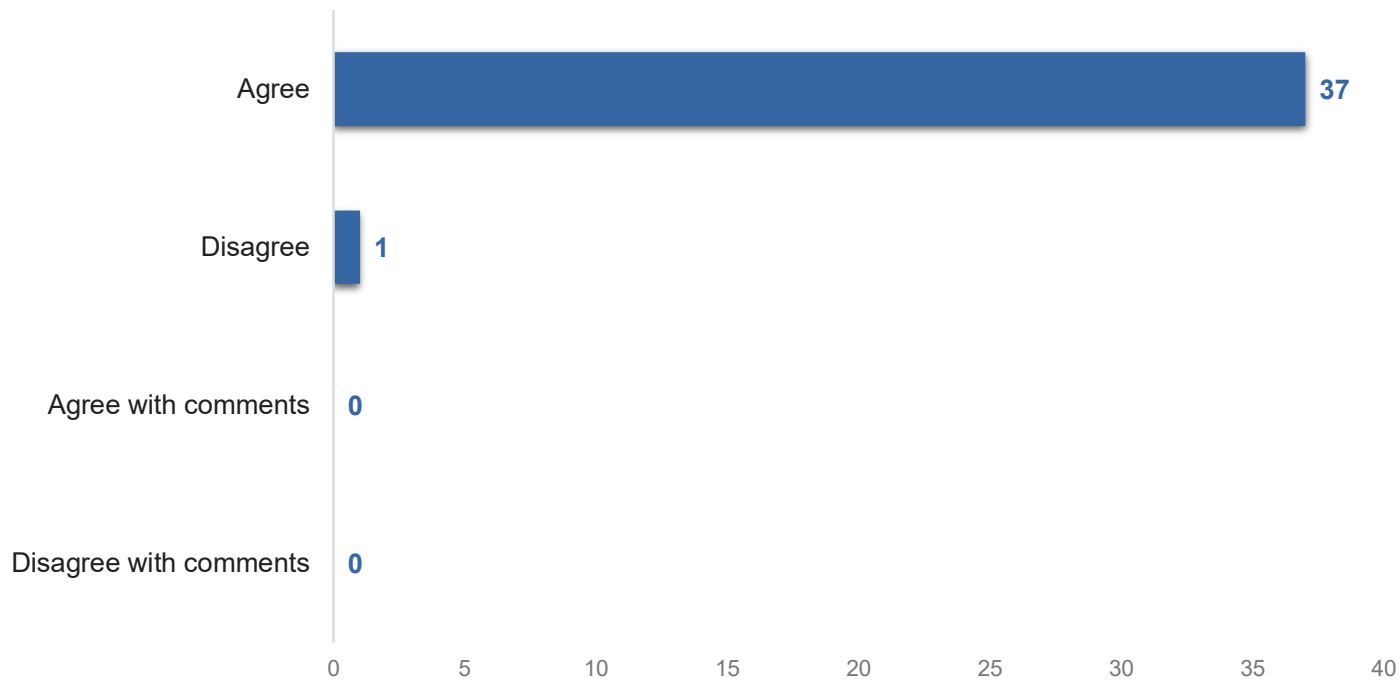
General Comments

1. Don't need a multitude of dog parks. Similar question already answered.
2. I agree with pet friendly trails, but I'm not interested in dog parks or off leash areas. I feel there are too many irresponsible pet owners.
3. Liability concerns and injuries
4. "Without increasing taxes."

Question 43: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Coordinate trail planning with future parkland acquisitions to ensure access to new green spaces and preserve connectivity corridors.



General Comments

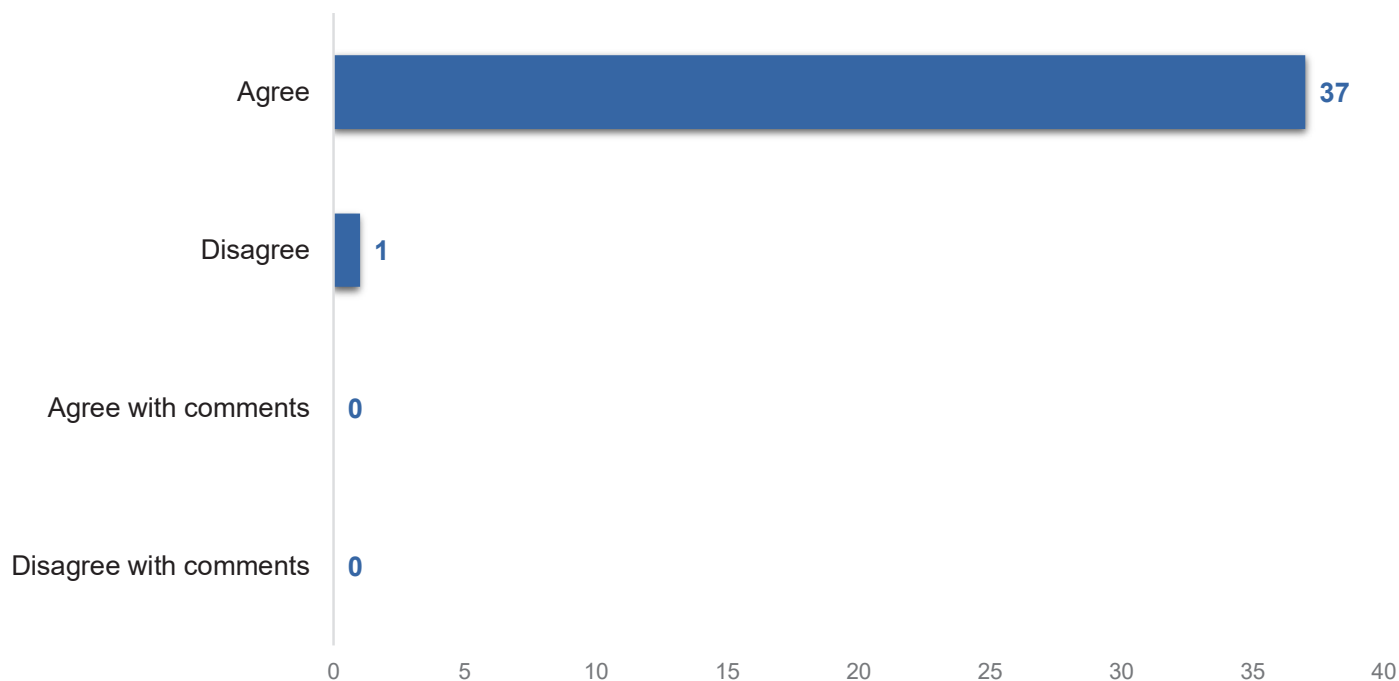
1. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 44: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Identify natural or underutilized corridors that can serve as greenways, providing both recreational opportunities and ecological preservation.



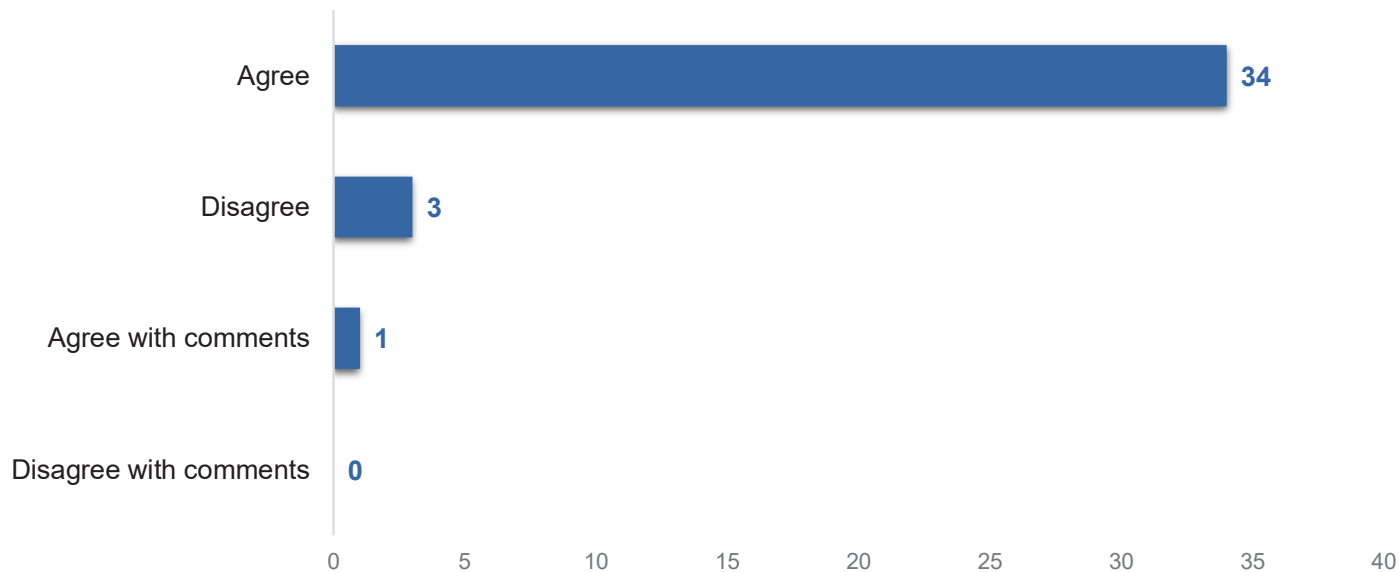
General Comments

1. "Without increasing taxes."

Question 45: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Update subdivision and zoning ordinances to require trail easements or public access points when land is dedicated for open space.



Agree with Comments:

1. All communities should require parks, especially if I'm already paying an HOA fee

General Comments

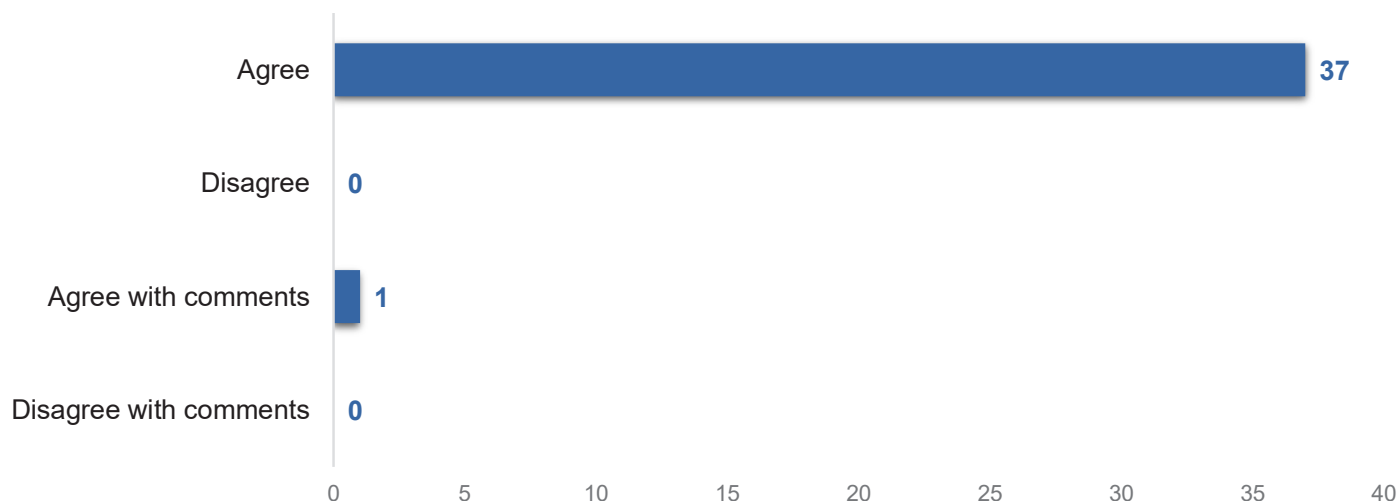
1. If the land is in the ETJ how will that work?
2. "Without increasing taxes."

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Question 46: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Ensure trails link to natural areas with minimal infrastructure—such as meadows, wooded areas, or wildlife viewing zones—to promote low-impact use and stewardship.



Agree with Comments:

1. If possible

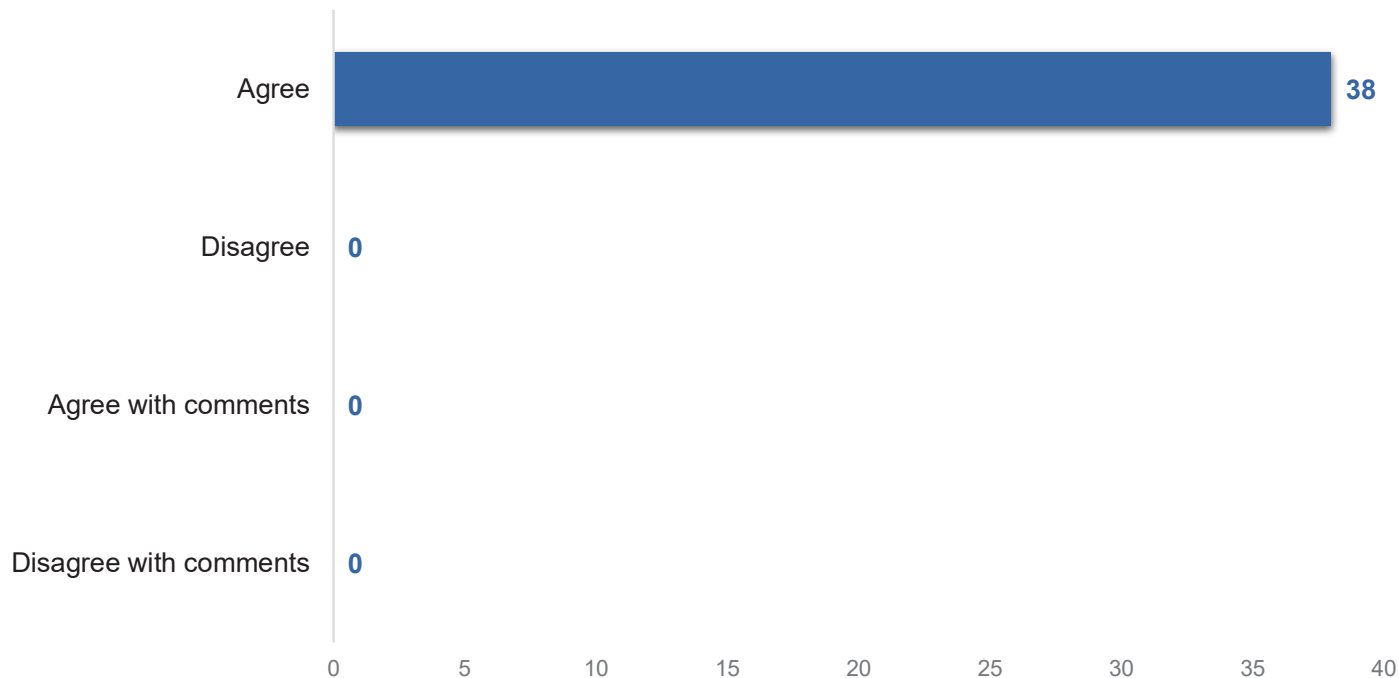
General Comments

1. Josephine should become a black out town at night.
2. Conserve land for great bike/out door use
3. "Without increasing taxes."
4. Yes the less concrete the better

Question 47: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Seek funding from state and federal sources (e.g., TPWD, RTP) that encourage the co-development of trail systems and preserved land.



General Comments

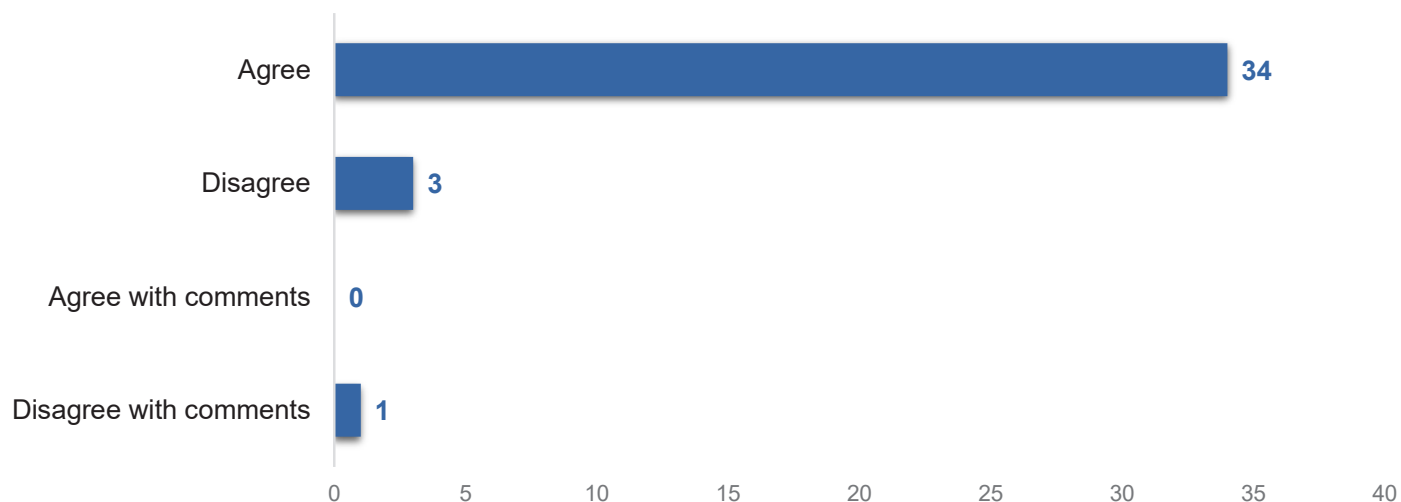
1. But please don't spend the dollars saved by getting grants by hiring the engineering firm to fill out the grant application

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Question 48: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

3. *Preservation of Open Space:* Provide greater access to open space by acquiring and preserving new parkland areas.

Assess and pursue acquisition of open space and railroad easements for proposed nature trail development.



Disagree with Comments:

1. If we could have passenger trains to take us from Josephine to the surrounding areas, I'd hate to sacrifice that opportunity for a walking trail

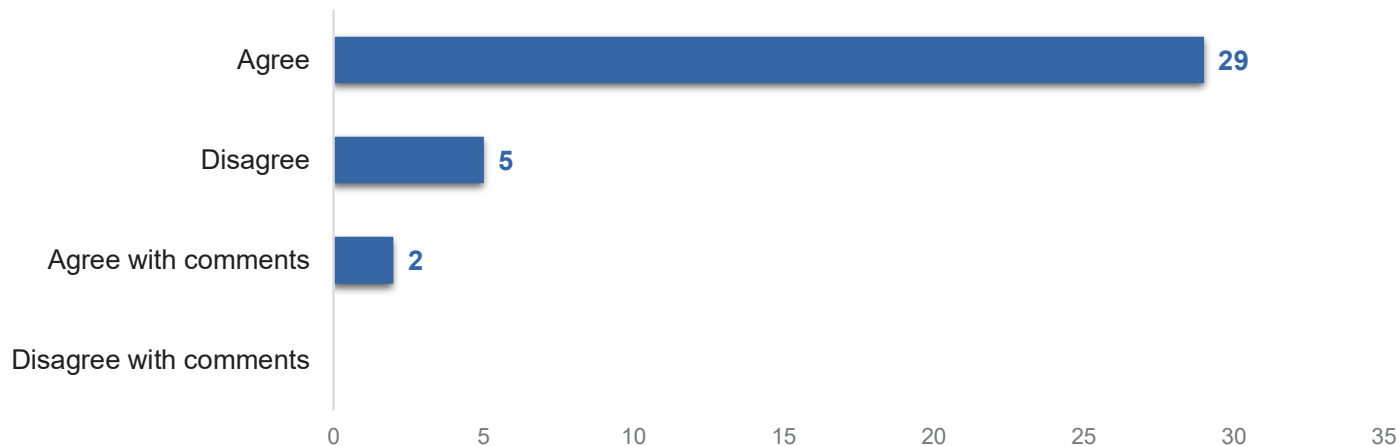
General Comments

1. The city does not have the money to purchase large open spaces. We don't want any more COB's. The railroad would probably gift the tracks.
2. It's already there. Use it
3. "Without increasing taxes."

Question 49: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

4. Diverse Programming: Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.

Create self-guided experiences with themes such as fitness circuits, art walks, pollinator pathways, or cultural heritage trails using interpretive signage or QR codes.



Agree with Comments:

1. I don't feel a fitness circuit is worth the cost it would accrue or be used. I used to live in Rowlett and alot of our parks had this feature and it would ruin in the weather and costly when needing to be repaired.

General Comments

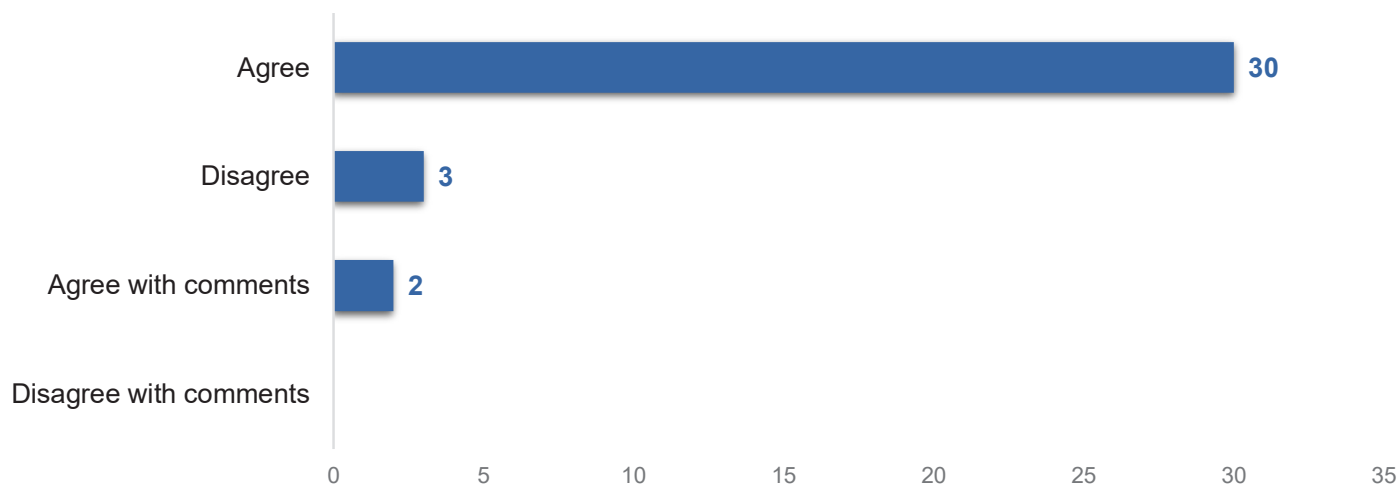
1. People tear up those things. Have you ever been to a National Park?
2. Signs will fade and look bad in the Texas sun. Please account for that wear into the signs
3. Not necessarily
4. "Without increasing taxes."
5. Love it

Josephine Parks & Trails Master Plan Survey Recap

Question 50: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

4. Diverse Programming: Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.

Engage local businesses, organizations, and neighborhood groups in helping to maintain, program, and promote segments of the trail network.



Agree with Comments:

1. Would love to see my HOA dollars go to helping everyone, not just bugging my neighbor for not having grass
2. Yes, however, I wouldn't want a TON of people coming because Josephine's roads are not built for that many cars

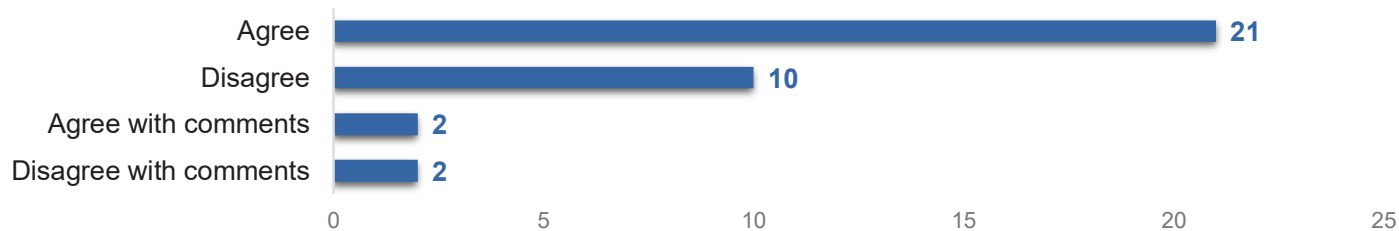
General Comments

1. If you ever get more local business,
2. "Without increasing taxes."
3. the school district may be a good place to start- student councils, certain clubs, etc.

Question 51: When you think about Josephine's trails, do the following Action Items support the associated Guiding Principle in achieving the desired future vision?

4. Diverse Programming: Explore opportunities to introduce a diverse array of parks and trails programs.

Install rotating or permanent art pieces along trails and organize community art walks or artist-led programming to connect culture and open space.



Agree with Comments:

1. Love this idea.
2. Would be good to get art from the school/kids

Disagree with Comments:

1. Take it or leave it, especially if it has to be maintained
2. Neat idea, but probably not enough interest sadly.

General Comments

1. You are asking for graffiti and more maintenance.
2. In Illinois I lived in a town that had festive benches (Batman, pokemon, cars, etc). Each year a new one was put up. Not all benches had the same theme. It expanded through multiple cities over time. Maybe Josephine can do something similar with neighboring towns.
3. Un needed cost
4. Family friendly items only
5. I don't think that's necessary



APPENDIX C

CITY PARK EVALUATIONS

Park Evaluation Form

General Information

Park Name: City Park

Date of Evaluation: 2/25/2025

Evaluation Scale

- **Does Not Exist (N/A)** – This feature is not present in the park.
- **Poor/Very Poor (1)** – In need of major repairs, unsafe, or unusable.
- **Moderate (2)** – Some wear and tear, functional but in need of improvements.
- **Great/Good (3)** – Well-maintained, clean, and in excellent condition.

Park Condition Evaluation

Feature	Does Not Exist (N/A)	Poor/Very Poor (1)	Moderate (2)	Great/Good (3)	Comments/Observations
Sports Courts (Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball, etc.)	☐	☐	☒	☐	(2) full-size basketball courts
Sports Field (Soccer, Baseball, etc.)	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Park Pathway/Trails	☒	☐	☐	☐	no walking paths or circulation paths to site elements
Public Gathering Spaces (Pavilions, Plazas, Seating Areas)	☐	☐	☒	☐	(2) pavilions with a total of 6 benches underneath them; (2) shade sails over benches at splash pad
Covered Gathering Spaces (Shade sails, pergolas, etc.)	☐	☐	☒	☐	(2) pavilions both covered
Additional Site Facilities (Restrooms, Water Fountains, Bike Racks)	☐	☐	☒	☐	(1) restroom facility; (1) water fountain
Additional Site Amenities (Benches, Picnic Tables, BBQ Grills)	☐	☐	☒	☐	(14) benches; (5) litter receptacles; (5) regular picnic tables; (1) ADA-accessible picnic table; (1) bike rack
Structured Play (Playgrounds, Climbing Structures)	☐	☐	☒	☐	Structured play areas separated for older kids and younger kids; Young Kids: swing set, springers, play tower Older Kids: swing set, play tower, playground dome, spinner

Feature	Does Not Exist (N/A)	Poor/Very Poor (1)	Moderate (2)	Great/Good (3)	Comments/Observations
Open Play Area (Large grassy areas for free play)	☐	☒	☐	☐	grassy areas are not ideal for free play/ are situated near the road
Water Features (Pool, Splash Pad, Pond, etc.)	☐	☐	☒	☐	Splash pad
Parking (Availability, Condition, Safety)	☐	☐	☒	☐	(12) parking stalls + (1) ADA stall to the north; (22) stalls facing the park to the south (shared with city hall)
Connectivity/Access (Sidewalks, ADA Compliance, Bike Access)	☐	☒	☐	☐	no circulation paths to any site elements except restrooms; bike racks + water fountains not accessible
Lighting	☐	☐	☐	☒	(4) light poles at basketball court; (3) light poles around other park elements; some lighting at parking + restroom facility
Signage (Wayfinding, Informational, Rules & Regulations)	☐	☐	☒	☐	regulatory signage at entry; splash pad rules
Plantings & Trees (Shade, Vegetative Health, Diversity)	☐	☒	☐	☐	very minimal plantings in parking islands; (8) large trees; handful of small trees; no other enhanced planting elsewhere
Sod (Quality, Maintenance)	☐	☐	☒	☐	sod has some patchy areas
Arts/Culture (Public Art, Murals, Cultural Elements)	☐	☐	☒	☐	cultural signage facing Main St with history of Josephine and site
Additional Comments:					
city states they will be redoing the splash pad surfacing; city would like more play elements for younger kids;					—
splash pad is open Memorial Day to Labor Day; open to suggestions for different type of play surfacing; KH needs to study property line along R.O.W.					—
Overall Park Condition Rating (circle one):					
Poor/Very Poor Moderate Great/Good					
Suggestions for Improvement:					

Park Evaluation Form

General Information

Park Name: City Lot 1 (culdesac)

Date of Evaluation: 2/25/2025

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Park Pathway/Trails	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Public Gathering Spaces (Pavilions, Plazas, Seating Areas)	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Covered Gathering Spaces (Shade sails, pergolas, etc.)	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Additional Site Facilities (Restrooms, Water Fountains, Bike Racks)	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Additional Site Amenities (Benches, Picnic Tables, BBQ Grills)	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Structured Play (Playgrounds, Climbing Structures)	☒	☐	☐	☐	

Feature	Does Not Exist (N/A)	Poor/Very Poor (1)	Moderate (2)	Great/Good (3)	Comments/Observations
Open Play Area (Large grassy areas for free play)	☐	☐	☒	☐	lots of grassy areas currently
Water Features (Pool, Splash Pad, Pond, etc.)	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Parking (Availability, Condition, Safety)	☐	☒	☐	☐	street parking
Connectivity/Access (Sidewalks, ADA Compliance, Bike Access)	☐	☒	☐	☐	no current circulation paths or connections to existing circulation
Lighting	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Signage (Wayfinding, Informational, Rules & Regulations)	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Plantings & Trees (Shade, Vegetative Health, Diversity)	☐	☒	☐	☐	mostly sod; large evergreen and deciduous trees at back of lot
Sod (Quality, Maintenance)	☐	☐	☒	☐	sod is patchy
Arts/Culture (Public Art, Murals, Cultural Elements)	☒	☐	☐	☐	
Additional Comments:					
there is potential to connect this lot to the rail easement; gas easement across site would mean no structures could be built					
Overall Park Condition Rating (circle one):					
Poor/Very Poor Moderate Great/Good					
Suggestions for Improvement:					

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