



The City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department has begun a 16-month citywide process to develop a new Parks and Recreation System Plan that will shape the direction, development and delivery of the city's parks, greenway and recreation services over the next 20 years.

From May 13 - 17 the department will host a series of public Visioning Sessions to develop the Long Range Vision for the System Plan. The outcome of these sessions will shape the goals, policies, and objectives for the future of the parks system.

Kick-Off Event
Monday, May 13, 6:00-8:00 pm

Please join us for this social event to share your ideas and see what work has been completed, including the results of the city-wide survey.

VISIONING SESSIONS

Monday, May 13, 2013

Outdoor Adventure	2:00-5:00 pm
Sustainability	2:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Arts	1:00-4:30 pm
Natural Areas	1:00-4:00 pm
Special Populations	1:00-4:00 pm
Greenways & Trails	5:30-9:00 pm
Athletic & Aquatic Special Use Venues	6:00-9:00 pm
Equity & Existing Parks	6:00-9:00 pm

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Community Health & Fitness	1:00-4:00 pm
Urban Populations & Growth Centers	1:00-4:00 pm
Historic Resources	6:00-9:00 pm
Multiculturalism	6:00-9:00 pm

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Active Adults	1:00-4:00 pm
Parks & Transportation	1:00-4:00 pm
Education: Youth & Teen	6:00-9:00 pm

Open House
Friday, May 17, 3:30-6:30 pm

The event will be primarily an open house with a presentation on the future of Parks and Recreation from 5:00-5:45 pm. Join us to see the results of the visioning sessions.

Location

All Visioning Sessions and events will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center. There will be a check-in desk in the main entry, off South Salisbury Street, for information and room locations. 500 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

Parking

There are three public parking garages near the Convention Center.

- On Lenoir Street between Salisbury & McDowell Street
- On McDowell Street between Cabarrus & Davie Street
- On Salisbury Street between Cabarrus & Davie Street

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE – Providing opportunities for outdoor adventure and recreation through the utilization of existing natural and man-made amenities while balancing disturbances to sensitive environments and historic areas with the management of these facilities

SUSTAINABILITY – Parks and Recreation System’s role in making Raleigh “the most sustainable mid-size city in America,” including environmental, social and economic initiatives and metrics (indicators)

ARTS - Integrating all forms of art (visual, performance, interactive, etc.) throughout the public realm, including an implementation strategy that may include an ombudsmen; use of partner facilities; construction of new facilities; and/or other techniques and initiatives

NATURAL AREAS - Protecting and preserving natural systems, including the identification and prioritization of conservation lands and discussion of various funding and implementation strategies

SPECIAL POPULATIONS - Meeting the needs of a diverse population of all needs through the enhancement, expansion or development of existing or new facilities and programs

GREENWAYS AND TRAILS - Improving the greenways and trails network for both recreation and transportation, including general connectivity; connections to parks; integration with streets and sidewalks; bridges across streams; and wayfinding

ATHLETIC AND AQUATIC SPECIAL USE VENUES - Meeting the recreational and competition athletic needs through special use venues which include athletic, aquatic and tennis facilities while creating the opportunity for tourism through tournaments and other events

EQUITY AND EXISTING PARKS - Enhancement or expansion of existing parks, recreation facilities and programs, with addressing under-served populations; improved amenities and facilities; and expanded programs, services and hours of operation with equitable distribution throughout the City

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND FITNESS - Promoting health and fitness throughout the community and healthy living through park and recreation programming

URBAN POPULATIONS AND GROWTH CENTERS - Meeting the needs of an urbanizing population, including the need for new urban parks and greenway connections in downtown and/or redevelopment areas; a model for urban vs. suburban parks; integration with transit-oriented design; and the appropriate funding mechanism(s) for urban parks in infill and redevelopment areas

HISTORIC RESOURCES - Protecting and enhancing valuable cultural and historic resources; and interpreting Raleigh’s rich historical and cultural heritage through signage, exhibits, art, and other media throughout the parks, recreation and greenways system

MULTICULTURALISM - Meeting the needs of a diversifying population that includes existing residents and newcomers with various ethnic backgrounds through the enhancement, expansion or development of existing or new facilities and programs

ACTIVE ADULTS - Meeting the needs and planning for a growing adult population through the enhancement, expansion or development of existing or new facilities and programs

PARKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Providing affordable, convenient, safe and equitably accessible transportation to parks and recreation facilities, with special attention to the needs of seniors, youth, special populations and lower income residents

EDUCATION: YOUTH & TEENS - Enhancing the educational opportunities through the use of existing or new facilities and programs; building partnerships between opportunities with Wake County Public Schools, private schools, daycare facilities, universities, and other centers of education; and providing recreation opportunities for an active and dynamic age group