

FORT THOMAS COMMUNITY PLAN SWOT ANALYSIS
Chapter 3: Parks & Open Space

Components	Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Highland Hills Park	Central location of significant greenspace - in the middle of town	Lack of shade in play area and dog park	Sweetbriar	Vandalism
	Serves as a unifier, connector and a divider	Play area not fenced in and maybe too close to road	Refine and expand trail system	Property linkages
	Shelters	Frisbee golf- needs improvement (i.e., Placement/fl	Use James as a gateway to Highland Park (relieves pressure of single access road)	
	Dog Park	Signage (i.e., wayfinding, identity)	Baseball field- how can it be accessed?	
	Trails - run along creeks, connect & separate	Access - single street	School fields - spread out, best use of our spaces?	
	Good size play set	Traffic/safety concerns on Mayfield (Amount and flo	Cross country trails	
	Restroom is really nice	Wasted land where tennis used to be	Use park and city to add an invitational meet	
	Wooded areas- especially with the stream	Access to Baseball field is too limited for general pu	Connect our assets - Connect Highland Park to HHS/Route 8/ Tower; Can kids cut through trails to get to school?	
	Downtown Cincinnati view	Don't have enough trails (1.5-2 miles of trails at Highl	Linkages- personal property to park	
	Greenbelt is important	Ohio Avenue- public entrance to park- no one know	Enhance dog park (Flat area for larger dogs in expansion)	
	Sweetbriar park connects different areas- also an opportunity	Not enough amenities for teenagers or older adults	Views of City	
	Steps are great for exercise	Fitness for all ages (i.e., adult workout)	Four-five streets that reach old tennis court	
	Frisbee golf course	Drainage issues	New recreation amenities (futsal court, splash pad at old tennis court, ice skating, public pool, aquatic facilities, chess tables, pickle ball, bocce ball, croquet	
	Great place for Eagle Scout projects	Benches	Park brochure	
	4 bridges	Dog Park (No shelter, Dog park is highest utilized fa	Relationship between swim club/park/school, strengthening their relationships for mutual benefit	
	Gets a lot of interest on Google	Sand Volleyball Courts	Public private partnership with swim club for aquatic features in park	
			Google website	
			Could be an app	
			Wifi in all parks	
			Balance for all ages	
		Social activities		
		Camp ground opportunity (Earn the right, Privileges)		
Rossford Park	Jr. League Baseball	Need more shade for swings	Canopies over play equipment	Bamboo invasiveness to natural habitat
	Shelter	Solar orientation (need screens for afternoon sun)	Need more play equipment/events	
	Playground	Child fell through tree in play area ->	Need signage for awareness	
	Trails	Not enough parking for games	Improved linkages with adjacent neighborhoods	

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	Perfect for Kids	practice field gets muddy	Naturalize trails	
	Updated facilities	no directional signage to tell you where it is	Planned events at shelter	
	Bathroom		Connection to St. Catherine would help with parking	
	Serving its purpose		Fitness classes (Mommy & Me)	
	Clean and maintained		Practice field underutilized- other uses	
	Grass hills at play area			
	Walking loop			
	The only park in the North part of town			
Tower Park	Riding area for kids	Creepy VA guys staring at Moms/Children	Future use of VA Hospital	
	It has everything- play, history, trails	Outdoor basketball courts and parking in bad shape	Consolidate school facilities (ball fields) in Midway/Tower Park/Army Reserve/VA	
	It's our Washington Park	Tennis courts need upgrading	More programs/classes/events/open hours	
	Teeter Tots Summer Camp for Kids	Difficult to find information about it	Bring back the canteen!	
	Armory	Armory is underutilized	Armory need renovation	
	Amphitheater	Museum is a little isolated	More open hours and communication	
	Loved area	Softball field area	More indoor winter uses and programs	
	Trails	Sand volleyball and small play area	Smaller stage somewhere or enhancements to stage	
			Host farmers market	
			More music acts	
			Childrens Theater	
			More bluegrass	
			Exercise programs	
			Partner with VA and Army Reserve	
			Nature Camps	
			Camping	
			Basketball court area	
			Zipline(s) and ropes course	
		climbing walls		
		Connectivity to/from riverfront		
		Exercise stations		

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			Bouldering	
			Museum and celebrating history	
			Refreshments, including alcohol, ice cream, etc. - partnership with Midway businesses?	
			Softball field and area adjacent to Mess Hall could have a higher and better use(s)	
Trails				
Gateways	Riggs has great shade and fencing	Parking and equipment	Gateways parks could be hot spots	
	Gateway parks are pretty and nice rest stops	Picnic area/table	Could add more drinking fountains and table/chairs	
		Never see anyone at Highland & Grand	Water facilities or splash features?	
		Maintenance needed		
Hillsides	Greenspace protection	Wildlife	Partner with Southbank for expanded trails	
	Trails	Route 8 is a mess	Connect to riverfront parks, trails	
	Habitat	Topography	Kayaking and more river access	

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Parks System		Edge neighborhoods don't have sidewalks for pedestrian linkages to parks/schools/etc.	Improve each park identity	
		Park system wayfinding/signage	Trail heads- uniform signage	
		More programming and planned events needed (family-oriented and for all generations)	Way finding signage need to be consistent	
		Parks and programs need to be highlighted more on web/Facebook/Instagram	Hubbard Studio connection	
		Use technology to communicate with the community better	Bring art into the trail system (i.e., theme art trails)	
		Decline in softball and best location to accommodate it	Man-made watershed retention pad- wetlands (learning opportunity; partner with schools to include educational trails and signage)	
		Play equipment at Tower	Private property	
			Trails (i.e., Reservoir trails, marked distance trails, fitness/wellness trails)	
			Think of whole city as a park - link it all together with RHF and celebrate each section with additional opportunities	
			Need hazardous tree removal and replacement strategy	
			Conservation management plan	
			Consistent trail guidelines (i.e., trail construction, level of trail, good use of trails for all)	
			Federal government restrictions around reservoirs	
			Sewage issue at watershed areas	
			Make good trails, and people won't make their own trails	
			Allow natural growth to come first	
			Honeysuckle, etc.	
			Build what we can maintain properly and pay for	
			Safe Routes to Schools/Parks	
			Splash park somewhere- Highland?	
		Water jets/features a Towne Center?		
		Aquatic fun- water guns and exciting features		
		Water course(s)		
		New riverfront park with linkages up to city		
		Climbing walls		

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			Swings where we have views Chess tables/game tables/Bocce Kickball leagues Move softball to Pendery Park Picnic Table donor strategy, like benches Public restroom in center of town for walkers/joggers/cyclists - City Building? Wifi in all of the parks Places for selfies and Instagram shots- photo opp moments Murals and art Use the Tower more- access Riverfront "beach" and place to listen to music Opportunity at I-275 and River Road Keep working with the Conservancy Updated playground equipment Make a statement with new play at Tower and meet all needs Nature Play Community Garden	
Alexandria Pike Connection				
HHS Connection to Ohio River				
Highland Hills New Entry				

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Midway Connection to Neighborhood				
Midway Connection to Ohio River				
Pedestrian Connection behind CBD				
Trail Connection to Ohio River				