**Park System: Draft Vision, Goals & Objectives:**

- **Vision Statement:**
  - To preserve and enhance the quality of the environment so that our community embodies a “city within a park.”

- **Goals & Objectives:**
  - Continue to enhance the city parks and recreation facilities.
  - To preserve and enhance the quality of the environment so that our community embodies a “city within a park.”
  - Invest in the enhancement and maintenance of existing assets (park infrastructure, structures, etc.)
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  - Encourage community stewardship through citizen advisory/volunteer groups and a tool to make it easier to volunteer.
  - Encourage stronger social media presence to inform residents of assets and invite visitors to Ft. Thomas.
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  - Enhance online scheduling tools so park assets (fields, shelters, etc.) can be utilized/scheduled/reserved more easily and efficiently.
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  - Work collectively with the schools and other groups to provide for recreational opportunities.

**Safe Routes to Parks**

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- Those who are unable to walk to parks are less likely to visit them and are deprived of the many benefits that parks offer. It is essential that parks be easily accessible to all citizens.

Key to ensuring accessibility to parks is through creating safe routes to parks in our communities.

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- There are physical and social barriers that make walking to parks undesirable:
  - Proximity: Proximity (route to a park should be 1/4 mile (5 minutes) and no longer than 1/2 mile (10 minute walk)).
  - Lack of infrastructure (i.e., sidewalks).
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  - Removing barriers and making parks accessible to everyone is a goal that is being addressed by park professionals across the country.

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**Additional Park Improvements**

- Improvement of Park Facilities
- Ropes Course
- Zip Lines
- Parking
- Bike Trails
- Obstacle Trails
- Tot Skills/Track
- Concession Areas
- Maintenance, staffing, programming, and fundraising for capital projects.

**Long-Term Opportunity to Collaborate with School District & Create a More Cohesive Recreational District with Tournament Level Facilities, Expanded & Better Connected Parking, Pedestrian Sidewalks, & Shared Amenities**

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**Collaboration Opportunity**

- Sargeant Park, Evergreen Cemetery, St. Stephens Cemetery, and Veteran’s Park
- Gateway
- Connectivity
- Greenway Nodes & Trails
- Parking Modifications
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- 70% of Ft. Thomas is within 1/2 mile (10 minute walk) to the closest park.
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**Potential High Ropes Course & Zipline Location**

- Replace Shelter, Improve Basketball Courts & Replace Sand Volleyball with Ninja Warrior Course
- Improve Courts & Conversion of 2 East Courts to Pickle Ball Courts
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- Potential Bike Park Opportunity & Field Improvements
- Improve Accessibility, Connectivity & Parking
- Replacement of Zip Line Course
- Entrance to Zip Line Course
- Exit From Zip Line Course
- Entrance to Ropes Course
- Exit From Ropes Course
- General Thomas Statue
- Parking Modifications

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PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE EXPLORATION PHASE

Rossford Park

Highland Hills Park

Legend
- Rossford Park Boundary
- Cooperative Effort with Adjacent Property Owners to Link To/From St. Catherine
- Additional Wellness Programming Use of Path Loop
- Continue Restoration Work & Add Nature Trails
- Additional Programming of Practice Field
- Improve Landscape Maintenance of Park Core
- Exercise Stations
- James Ave. Entrance, Safety Improvements & Connectivity (see detail)
- Developable Residential Lots with Limited Access
- Cul-de-sac with Gated Access Only & Improved Trailhead
- New Aquatic Area with Potential Linkages to/from School & Swim Club (see detail)
- Add Parking
- Pedestrian Walk Connection Needed
- Dog Park Improvement Needed
- Trailhead & Cul-de-sac Improvements Needed
- Potential Linkage to/from Highlands Campus/Route 8
- Highland Hills Park Boundary

Park System Improvements
- Pedestrian connectivity
- Improved trail network
- New parking facilities
- Improved facilities for additional programs

Programming
- Do you have ideas for ways to get citizens involved in our parks?
- Friends of Parks Group
- Trails Team
- Park Ambassadors

Rossford Park

Highland Hills Park: New Entry

Highland Hills Splash Park

Riverfront Park

Riverfront Greenway

River Camps Inspiration

Splash Park Legend
- New Entry
- Pedestrian Connection to Park
- Parking
- Tot Spray Ground
- Waterfall Overlook
- Pedestrian Entry
- Pedestrian Connection from Moyer School
- Parking
- Pedestrian Connection to Moyer School
- Pedestrian Connection from Swim Club
- Parking

Riverfront Greenway Node Components

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