

PART 12-460

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

SECTION 12-460-1. PARKS.

1. General Objectives

The goals of the Centerville City park and open space system may be defined as a common view of what the community would like to see the park and open space system become in the future. The following objectives are recommended as a means for attaining the goals.

- a. Provide park and recreation facilities adequate in extent and quality to efficiently serve the entire community.
- b. Provide diverse and balanced recreation facilities for all age groups in quality surroundings.
- c. Preserve areas of open space which are significant because of their environmental, ecological or aesthetic qualities. Insure that access to these open spaces will be preserved for the general public.
- d. Develop and manage park and open space facilities within a sound financial base adequate to support recognized recreational needs.

Based on the foregoing objectives, the following three recommendations are considered paramount to the specific recommendations contained in the following subsections:

- i. There needs to be concerted effort by the city to acquire strategically situated open lands to serve existing as well as future park and open space needs and meet the goals and objectives. General locations are identified by service areas and are shown on the Master General Plan Map.

- ii. The financing of land acquisition, long range capital improvements, and operating costs should be accomplished consistent with the City's Capital Facilities Plan, incorporating user-oriented sources of revenues where applicable.
- iii. Continued and expanded partnerships should be promoted between the City, the schools, and private groups for the development and management of facilities and for the provision of facilities without unnecessarily increasing the burden of cost to taxpayer.

2. Community Parks

Centerville is currently developing a park on 400 West that can meet a regional standard for a community park. Centrally located, the 23 acre park will consist of sport fields, tennis, playground, sand volleyball, picnic facilities, restrooms, walking/jogging trail, and off-street parking.

The acquisition of additional acreage to meet the City's future community parks needs should be accomplished consistent with the City's Capital Facilities Plan.

3. Neighborhood Parks

Based on minimum regional standards of 3.5 acres of parks per 1000 population, Centerville will be 21.2 acres deficient with a built-out population of 17,500. Due to rapid growth currently underway, provision of adequate neighborhood parks based on accepted standards for location and service, will be particularly difficult in the future if property is not acquired.

The neighborhood park is the backbone and foundation to any park system. Consisting of two to ten acres, these parks generally contain playground equipment, picnic facilities, passive areas, informal play areas/open areas, and, depending on size, restrooms. Due to their close proximity to patrons (within one-half mile of the site), this is the park that most people "grow up" with and tend to spend the majority of time in.

The Park Master Plan Map illustrates user service areas for future neighborhood parks. Although specific sites are not identified, recommended park sizes are indicated to provide a guide in future site selections.

- a. User Area One: Interstate 15 to Main Street and Parrish Lane to South City limits.
- b. User Area Two: Main Street to East City limits and Ricks Creek to Parrish Lane.
- c. User Area Three: Interstate 15 to East City limits and Ricks Creek to North City limits.
- d. User Area Four: Ricks Creek Area

4. Trails

Trails offer a welcomed addition to the quality of life of a community and through their proper development and use can assure safer and more convenient use of facilities. Opportunities still exist for the establishment of Class I or dedicated trails combined with Class III or lanes combined with roadways to provide a looped trail system for Centerville.

Bonneville Shoreline Trail

A. Non-Motorized Policy

In addition to dedicated bicycle trails along roadways, it has been envisioned that the City would make good use of open spaces in the foothills east of the city for recreational purposes. In particular, Centerville City should encourage the development, use and maintenance of the proposed Bonneville Shoreline Trail. This 100 mile-long trail, when developed, and which is planned to generally follow or parallel the "firebreak road" and the Weber Basin Aqueduct pipeline, will provide a tremendous amenity to city residents. Virtually all the various jurisdictions that will build and maintain this trail as it courses through four different urbanized counties have determined that it should be a non-motorized facility, meaning that the Trail would be open only to hikers, bicycles, and equestrians. The cities involved in this

process believe that motorized vehicles along this trail would negatively impact the terrain, would increase the number of injuries and accidents in the hillside area, create unwanted noise, increase the need for law enforcement activity ultimately prove incompatible with equestrians, bicyclists and pedestrians who will use the trail. Centerville City desires to support this policy to the greatest extent possible. Also, as a matter of general policy, it would be unwise to combine motorized and non-motorized use along the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, wherever it is located.

B. Multiple Use

The foothills in this community for many years have been extensively used by motorized vehicle enthusiasts. Given this fact it would seem unrealistic for the community to attempt to completely exclude traditional motorized use along the bench areas solely because of the implementation of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail facility. The logical location of the trail would generally follow or parallel the firebreak road. The trail should be located where it makes the most sense and not necessarily where it is most convenient. Where feasible, the trail should be located away from but still near the firebreak road and the Weber Basin Aqueduct to accommodate motorized use on designated motorized vehicle pathways.

C. Linkage of Trails

The Bonneville Shoreline Trail should, where possible, be linked to trail heads that either are or will be established near the eastern end of Lund Lane, Chase Lane, Parrish Lane and 100 South. They should ideally be connected to future trails along Ricks Creek, to the linear parkway along the Frontage Road and with a Class II type pathway, as referenced in the City's Park and Open Space Master Plan report, in which the trail is physically separated from the traffic flow, at the Parrish Lane overpass to the future Legacy Parkway trail system west of Interstate 15.

5. Open Space

Centerville possesses a truly unique geographic setting. Located at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains and the adjacent Wasatch National Forest, the City rolls from the

foothills to the valley and through wetlands to the Great Salt Lake within a relatively narrow dimension. Centerville is bisected by the Interstate Freeway, and access from the east to the west is physically limited. The freeway also creates a visual obstruction and division.

Streams that flow out of the mountains and to the Lake offer excellent opportunities as greenbelts and trail corridors. The homes which continue to "climb" the foothills, threaten to close off access to the recreational opportunities found in the adjacent forest. To avoid this from occurring, steps should be taken to ensure that access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, wherever it is eventually located, is protected. To accomplish this task, trail heads must be established as mentioned above. This trail, to the maximum extent possible, should be developed as a non-motorized trail as recommended in the Davis County Trails Master Plan and as designed by virtually every other community along its 100 mile length.

Concerted efforts must be made to preserve these drainage areas and streams as natural open natural spaces. Where possible, waterway enhancements should be promoted to add to the natural beauty and character of the community. Ricks Creek offers the best opportunity to preserve and utilize a natural drainage way for a pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian trail to connect the valley floor with the adjacent foothills. Preservation and enhancement of this creek should be of the utmost priority.

The lowlands adjacent to the Frontage Road are currently being developed as an eighty foot wide drainage greenbelt. Development of this should be encourage to preserve the natural character of the area while providing a vegetative buffer from the freeway and partially preserving the visual heritage of the community.

The land adjacent to the Great Salt Lake, west of the freeway, offers tremendous opportunities for nature study combined with recreational pursuits such as hiking or biking. Due to it's perceived isolation, abundance of flora and fauna, and the unpredictable nature of the lake, this unique area should be closely monitored to insure access and the development of adjacent compatible uses.

6. Recreation/Sports Center

With a projected built-out population less than 20,000, Centerville will not be of recommended size to warrant consideration of a recreation center. However, due to the steady growth in the small communities to the north, some consideration may be given to establishing a recreation district which could justify a recreation center by serving multiple jurisdictions.

7. Golf Course

Currently the City is studying the feasibility of developing a golf course on the City owned property below the Viewmont High School "V" on the southeast edge of the City. Development would include land currently now owned by Centerville and may preserve the shooting range and trail access to the foothills. Given it's highly visible location, this development could enhance the existing foothills while preserving it's role as open space for the future.

SECTION 12-460-2. SCHOOLS.

Schools often serve as focal points of activity in a neighbor-hood and community. Their location and the uses on their sites can have significant impacts on the development of other uses.

Centerville City will need new school sites to deal with increases in population anticipated in the future. The City and the Davis County School District must, therefore, achieve better coordination in the planning of new school sites and locations. Centerville City should initiate contacts with the School District to achieve the coordination and communication needed. Future school sites should be located in areas that are easily accessible to nearby residential areas. They should not be located on major roadways, but streets where they are located should have patterns which would allow adequate and safe circulation for vehicles coming to and going from the school. The City and the School District should also work together to allow more and better use of school facilities for such community purposes as recreation, community events, and activities.

SECTION 12-460-3. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

Davis County is facing serious problems in the near future with solid waste disposal. Several solutions have been offered in recent years in an attempt to deal with this problem, including upgrading of the existing landfills at BARD and NDRD, and the construction of a plant to burn garbage and thereby produce steam and electricity. Centerville City should actively support ongoing efforts at the county and regional levels to study and deal with the solid waste disposal problem. Care must be taken to assure City officials and residents that the best possible solution is undertaken in the most cost-effective manner.