

5-YEAR MASTER PLAN

THE PARKS DEPARTMENT MISSION

Envisioning, planning, developing, and operating public recreational facilities that support recreational opportunities and programs for all citizens of Anderson.

WELCOME TO Public Meeting #2

Anderson, Indiana | March 12, 2025

The Anderson Parks Department is currently engaged in the process to update their Parks & Recreation Master Plan. This process gives YOU the opportunity to participate in the development of a future vision for the parks network. Community members are encouraged to comment on proposed recommendations for the park system.

A number of input exercises are organized around this room. You may choose to participate in as many activities as you would like! Consultant team members are available to answer your questions about the plan. The feedback gathered from this event will be used to guide the remainder of the planning process.

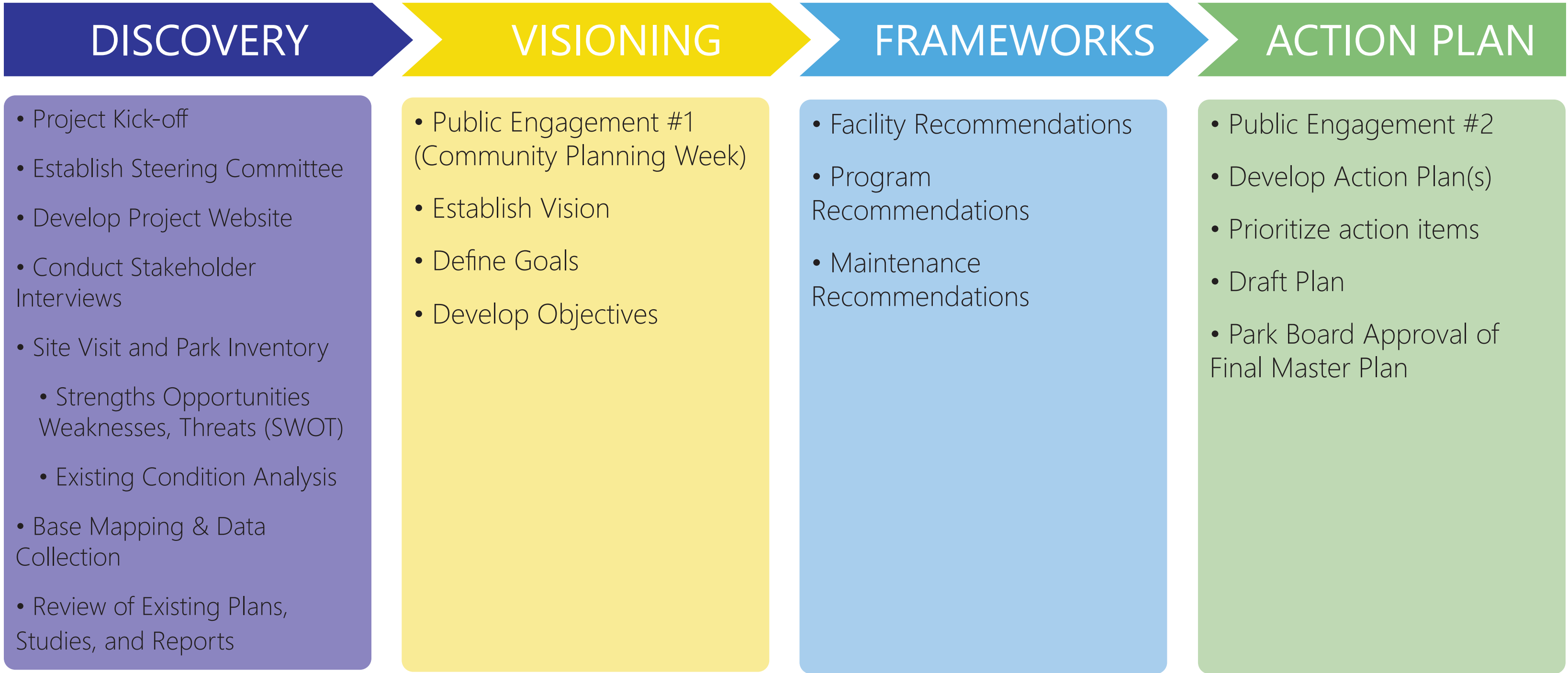
Thank you in advance for your participation! We look forward to hearing YOUR ideas!

What is a Parks Master Plan & How is it Used?

- A long range guide for the direction of parks and programming growth.
- Per Indiana DNR requirements, the plan must include at minimum:
- A detailed inventory and analysis of the current Park System
- Record of public participation and engagement in the planning process
- A list of recommendations for improving and growing the park system, including project prioritizations and timeline
- It allows the park staff to assess current and future needs, evaluate feasible options, develop a strategic action plan, and budget for long-term capital improvements.
- It guides the direction of community resources and investments.
- It prioritizes park upgrades, improvements, and additions over the next 5 years.
- It is used by the County Council and Parks Department when preparing a budget for the maintenance of existing parks and activities, while also allocating funds for new facilities and programs.

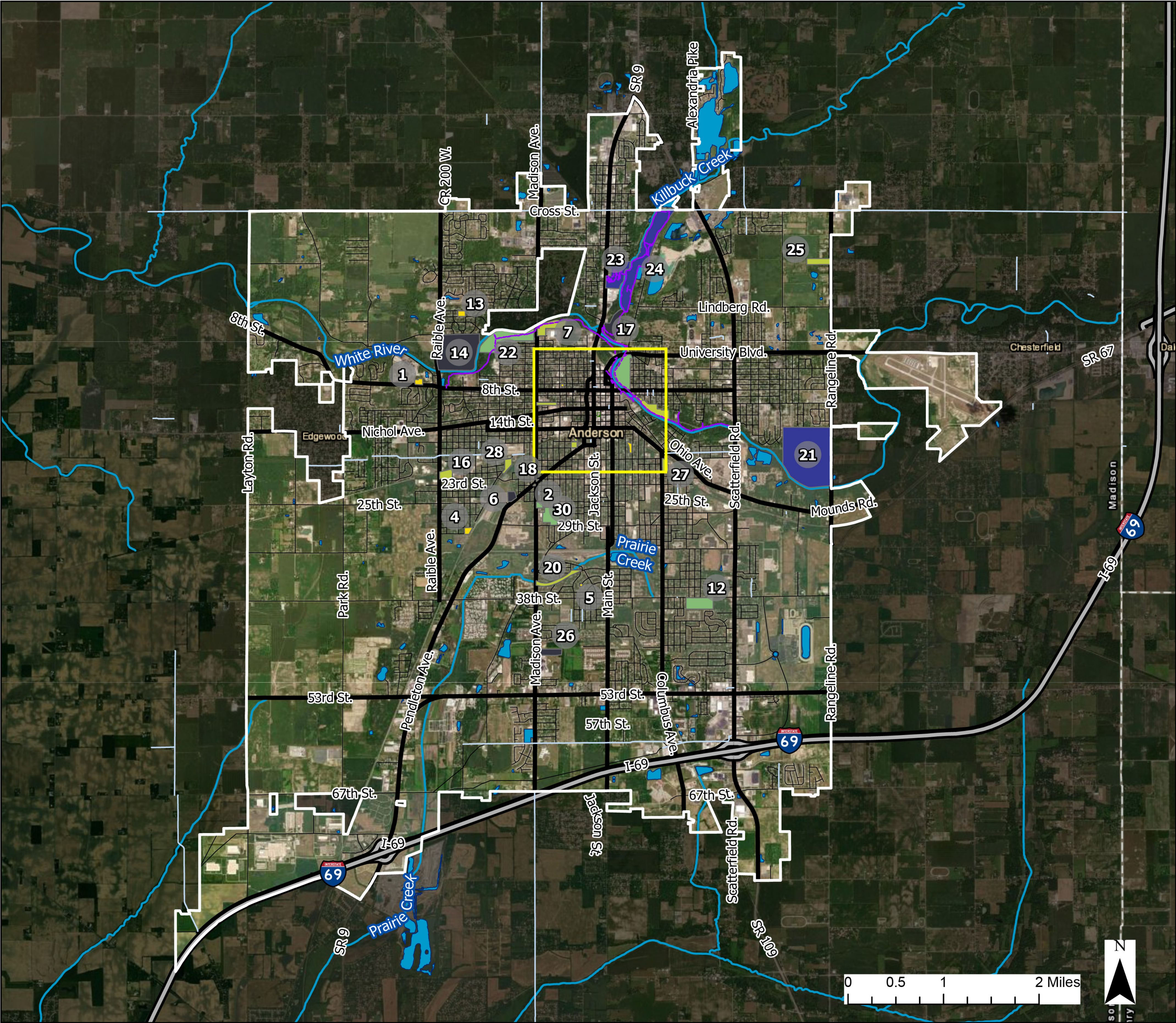
The Plan Outline

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| ▪ The Purpose of the Plan | ▪ Accessibility Audit and Review of Barriers |
| ▪ List of Goals and Objections | ▪ Public Engagement Process |
| ▪ Definition of the Study Area | ▪ Benchmark and Needs Analysis Report |
| ▪ Population Distribution / Economic Factors | ▪ Facility Recommendations |
| ▪ Organization of the Park Staff & Board | ▪ Program Recommendations |
| ▪ An Existing Park and Program Inventory | ▪ Action Plan |
| | ▪ Appendix |



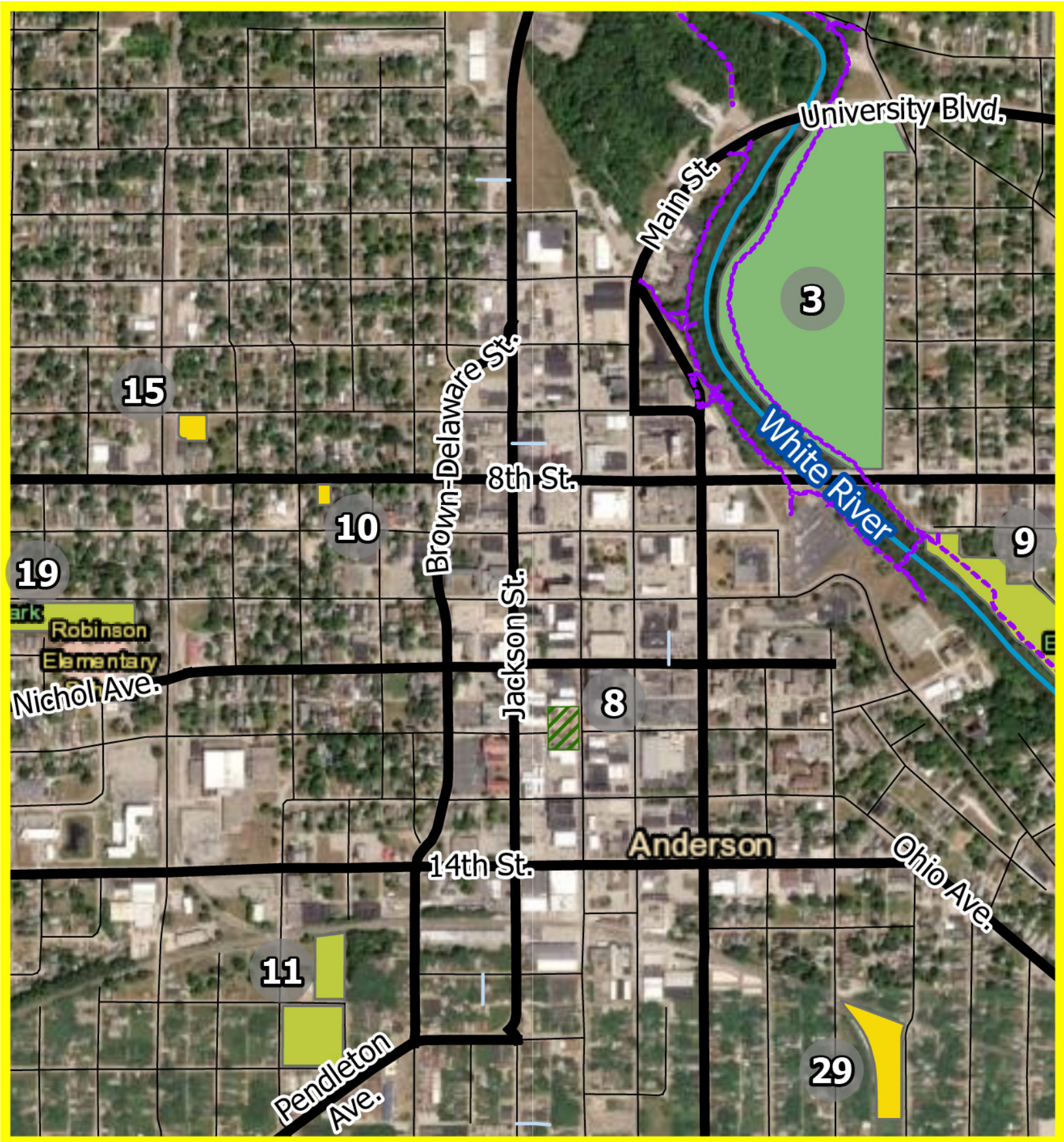
Why Update the Plan Now?

- The IDNR requires Park Master Plans to be updated every five years in order to receive state and federal funding for park improvements.
- Last update and adoption was in 2011
- Analyze newer socioeconomic data and trends
- Reflect vision of new county leadership and staff
- Create a holistic & comprehensive plan for parks & recreation in the City of Anderson
- Strategic focus on missing elements within the parks system
- Include strategies for long-term maintenance of facilities
- Incorporate new areas of interest for the community
- Manage and prioritize Parks and Recreation Department investments to maximize impact
- Create a plan that can assist the Parks and Recreation Department in seeking grants and additional funding sources to support implementation



Plan Legend	
	Trail
	Water
Park	
Type	
	Block Park
	District Park
	Neighborhood Park
	Regional Park
	Special Use
	Urban Plaza
Name, Type	
1	Allis Park, Block Park
2	Anderson Community Park, Block Park
3	Athletic Park & Pool, District Park
4	Belmont Park, Block Park
5	Circle Park, Block Park
6	Crawford Field, Special Use
7	Derby Downs, Neighborhood Park
8	Dickmann Town Center, Urban Plaza
9	Edgewater Park, Neighborhood Park
10	Elmo Funk Park, Block Park
11	Geater Community Center, Neighborhood Park
12	General Pulaski Park, District Park
13	Grandview Golf Course, Special Use
14	Grandview-Harmon Park, Block Park
15	Horne Park, Block Park
16	Jackson Park, Neighborhood Park
17	Killbuck/Grand Avenue Wetlands, Special Use
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Park, Block Park
19	May Park, Neighborhood Park
20	Meadowbrook Park, Neighborhood Park
21	Rangeline Nature Preserve, Regional Park
22	River Bend Park, District Park
23	Shadyside Memorial Park, Regional Park
24	Shadyside Recreation Area, Regional Park
25	Shepherd Park, Neighborhood Park
26	Southside Pool & Sports Complex, Special Use
27	Stanton Park, Neighborhood Park
28	Streaty Park, Neighborhood Park
29	Walnut Park, Block Park
30	Warren Miller Park, District Park

Downtown



How do you want to allocate funds for the Parks & Recreation System?

As a part of the master planning process, **general recommendations** for the parks system have been identified.

Please take **5 coins** 🪙 - each coin is worth **\$200**. 📄

If you had **\$1,000** to spend on the **Anderson Parks and Recreation Department**, which of these items and priorities would you like to see your **money invested** in?



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Did we **miss** something?
If so, **write it down** on a post-it-note
and **place it above**

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Please use **dots** to select up to **six (6)** priorities.

PARK	RECOMMENDATION	PRIORITY
Athletic Park & Pool	Implement City announced revitalization plans (aquatic center, entry plaza, performance stage, gathering lawn)	
	Increase park programming	
Anderson Community Park	Install additional landscaping	
Belmont Park	Replaced damaged amenities (playground, benches, etc.)	
Dickmann Town Center	Renovate playground surfacing	
General Pulaski Park	Renovate the restrooms	
	Renovate the baseball concession stand	
	Implement a tree planting program to regenerate the tree canopy	
Grandview Golf Course	Prioritize funding for the golf course to ensure long-term maintenance and operations	

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Jackson Park	Provide tech-based, interactive play elements.	
	Provide audio mixing station for outdoor performance shelter	
Killbuck/Grand Ave. Wetlands	Install seating for bird watching	
	Enhance aquatic and waterfowl habitats	
May Park	Maintain/Repair playground	
	Maintain/Repair splash pad	
	Develop a tree planting schedule and program	
Meadowbrook Park	Provide a measured walking path	
	Provide fitness stations	
	Upgrade playground equipment	
	Restore Stanley Ditch with native plantings	
	Provide additional trees in lawn areas	

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Rangeline Nature Preserve	Stabilize trail surface in erosion prone areas	
	Pave the gravel parking lot	
	Install additional bike course obstacles	
	Install a bike repair station	
	Construct a restroom facility	
River Bend Park	Pave the gravel parking lot	
	Construct a paved boat launch similar to Edgewater Park	
	Provide trail signage and delineate automobile vs. pedestrian paths	
Shadyside Memorial Park	Implement phase 2 playground improvements	
	Repair damage to Fallen Soldiers Memorial	
	Upgrade landscaping at Chinese Terrace Garden	
	Renovate baseball and softball fields	

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Shadyside Recreation Area	Mitigate erosion along Shadyside Lake shoreline	
	Repair/replace pathway lights	
	Upgrade public restrooms at Shadyside Lake Activity Center	
Southside Pool & Sports Complex	Upgrade bathhouse	
Walnut Park	Provide a dedicated park parking lot	
	Replace outdated playground equipment	
	Renovate baseball/softball field and backstop	
Warren Miller Park	Renovate or remove distressed sports fields	
	Repurpose horseshoe courts into alternate game courts	
	Acquire commercial property at NW corner of NW 29th St. and Fairview St. for additional parking	
White River Trail	Increase White River access points	
	Provide rules for equestrian trail use	
	Provide additional trees in lawn areas	

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Did we **miss** something; are there **additional parks and/or projects** you would like to see **prioritized** for investment or improvements? If so, **write down** your recommendations on a post-it-note and **place it above**.