



I. Introduction

Parks and recreation amenities are an essential aspect to each community. They add tremendous benefits to the quality of life and enhance lifestyles. Farr West recognizes this and has established an objective to provide quality parks and recreation facilities and their related services and programs.

II. Goals

Following are the general goals of Farr West City pertaining to parks and recreation. Each general goal is accompanied by several specific goals listed below it.

- Provide facilities and opportunities in the community for a balanced recreational program of physical and cultural activities.
 - Establish a plan for the development and improvement of parks, open space corridors; trail systems and recreation facilities and services.
 - Provide parks well dispersed throughout the City.
 - Encourage the acquisition of property and the development of additional recreation facilities.
 - Coordinate and participate with the Wasatch Front Regional Council and Weber Pathways Committee for cooperation of recreational facilities planning and development.
 - Ensure that City recreation facilities (parks, trails, etc.) are useful, attractive and safe.
 - Create and apply park area standards of the Farr West Municipal City Code to new development applications as a condition of final approval in order to obtain park areas and recreational sites that will accommodate new growth.
- Prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will assess the condition of existing parks and recreation facilities, assess the needs of the community and plan for the acquisition, development and improvement of future parks and recreation facilities.
 - All future major developments shall be planned with trail linkages to a planned trail systems where applicable.
 - Incorporate plans, programs and funding sources to meet the present and future recreational demands.
 - Work with the Weber County School District for the development and joint use of recreational facilities.
 - Maintain a Capital Improvements Program, which incorporates a funding program for the construction of improvements to the City's recreational system.
 - Coordinate with surrounding communities to encourage intergovernmental cooperation to meet the recreational needs of area residents.

- Identify, pursue and utilize all funding sources and development techniques that are available for parks and trails acquisition and development.
- Promote and solicit the donation of land, recreation and park equipment and funding from available donors and recognize their support.
- Protect park and recreation areas from incompatible developments and uses on adjacent properties.
- Establish standards for park and recreation facility maintenance to ensure a well maintained facility and foster an attractive and safe recreational environment.
- Consider emphasizing gathering places, plazas and the areas between the curb and the building face as part of the public realm that should be addressed in mixed-use areas.

III. Existing Parks and Recreation

The parks and recreation facilities that are currently part of Farr West City include the park at City Hall, Mountain View Park, Farr West Park , 3300 North Park, and the Smith Family Park being developed at 4400 North Street.

The park at City Hall has:

- Tennis courts
- Basketball court
- Bowery with restrooms
- Playground
- Volleyball court
- Walking track



In addition to the outdoor facilities that are part of the Park at City Hall there is, adjacent to the park, a large indoor recreation center. This recreation center houses a gym, a weight room, exercise equipment and dressing rooms with showers and lockers.

Mountain View Park has:

- Baseball diamond
- Soccer fields
- Bowery with restrooms
- Playground
- Walking track

Farr West Park has:

- Baseball diamond
- Soccer fields
- Bowery with restrooms



3300 North Park has:

- Basketball court
- Bowery with restrooms
- Playground
- No grass playfield

Smith Family Park is proposed to have:

- Riding arena
- Sport courts
- Baseball diamonds
- Soccer fields
- Lacrosse fields
- Bowery with restrooms
- Playground
- Walking track



Other Parks and recreational facilities that are not held by the City but are, with appropriate arrangements, available to the community on a limited basis are playgrounds and play fields at Wahlquist Junior High School, Farr West Elementary School and at several church locations throughout the City. In addition to parks the City has some established trails. There is a trail that accesses Mountain View Park and continues around the park. This trail is separate from any roads and provides an enjoyable and comfortable walking/jogging experience. Other trails in the City have been designated along existing roads as shared trails. Farr West Drive from West Harrisville Road to Interstate 15 is one such trail. At Interstate 15 there is a pedestrian bridge going over the freeway, allowing trail users to connect with 2000 West Street. Higley Road has also been designated as a trail route.

The current parks and trails of Farr West City are shown on **Map 7.1 – Parks and Trails** after the text of this section.

IV. Future Parks and Recreation

A new Park is in the development stages, it is located on 4000 North Street. The land for this park was donated to Farr West City by the Bert Smith family, it will provide many recreational opportunities for the City.

As stated under the Goals of this section, a Parks and Recreation Plan is to be completed. The Parks and Recreation Plan would provide a proactive “road map” for guiding future planning, design, funding and implementation decisions. In addition to traditional parks and recreation facilities, trails and trail systems would be included in the Parks and Recreation Plan.



Typically this type of plan includes:

- Physical status and current use of existing parks and recreation facilities and programs.
- Current and projected park and recreation needs, which would be assessed through the means of a citywide survey of City residents.
- Proposed improvements to existing parks if needed.
- Proposed new parks and recreation facilities with a schedule for funding and implementation.
- Park and recreation facility design standards.
- Park and recreation programs assessment with implementation strategies.

Some future trails planning work has been completed. The Wasatch Front Regional Council has prepared a regional trails plan. It identifies several trails within Farr West's boundaries which connect the City to a broader trail system. Locations of these trails are shown on **Map 7.7 – Parks and Trails**. These Trails are divided into three standard trail classes and are defined below.

- **Class I:** an exclusive trail for bicycles, pedestrians, etc.; physically separated from motor vehicle traffic; the safest, but most costly trail type.
- **Class II:** a restricted segment of a shared street or roadway for bicycles; separated from motor vehicle traffic by lane marking or a barrier.
- **Class III:** a shared right-of-way located on lightly traveled streets and roadways; designated solely by "bike route" signage.

Over time as these regional trails are implemented, and as Farr West City creates new trails, adding to the local trails already built, the City will have a comprehensive citywide trail system allowing residents easily accessible routes to various locations in Farr West and adjoining communities. These routes will provide a means to travel without having to use an automobile.

Parks and trails offer residents opportunities for improving their lives. Walking, running or cycling is considered by many a great way to get outdoors, enjoy time together with others, see what is going on in the community, and relieve daily stresses. Parks and recreation facilities, including trails, are an asset to any community.

