

# **CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE**

## **Donald L. Robertson City Park Master Plan Update**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Donald L Robertson City Park is located on the eastern boundary of the City of Wood Village near the historic "Edgefield Manor/Multnomah County Farm " property. City residents have enjoyed the benefits of the park for years. The park contains approximately 20 acres and extends southward from NE Halsey Street almost to where NE 242<sup>nd</sup> Drive curves downhill to become 238<sup>th</sup> Drive, the main north-south street of the City.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the City Park Master Plan update is to outline a course of action. The City will then be able to proceed with organized and meaningful improvements to the park, preserving it as a focal point for community pride and an identifying symbol for the City.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 10 January 2001 the City Council approved a resolution that renamed the Wood Village City Park the Donald L. Robertson City Park. The development of the Donald L. Robertson City Park is a project for and by the citizens of Wood Village. The input of the City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, and concerned citizens has been, and will continue to be, essential to its successful outcome. An earlier effort began in October 1989. The Wood Village City Council appointed a committee to investigate and prepare plans for the further development of City Park.

This Parks and Recreation Commission was made up of five people, which included one City Council member, a member of the Planning Commission, and three citizens at large, with staff support provided by the Public Works Director. The Development Plan for the Wood Village City Park was completed on April 11, 1990 in a report to the City Council and citizens.

In 1996 the City received grant funding to make park improvements and create the 1996 City Park Master Plan. The 1996 Master Plan outlined recommendations and suggestions for park improvements. On June 21, 1996, the draft Master Plan was presented and adopted by the Wood Village City Council.

Since the adoption of the 1996 Master Plan many improvements were made. Improvements include: the expansion and re-grading of the playground to include installation of new playground equipment; the placement of wood benches, light poles and a drinking fountain; drainage improvements for the softball fields; sidewalk and ADA restroom improvements; the conversion, resurfacing and striping of the tennis courts for use as additional parking; the re-alignment, replanting and development of Arata Creek, including a new footbridge; the placement of a retaining wall at designated parking areas and the east boundary of the park; the location of trail signs; the planting of numerous trees and the installation of a new sprinkling system. Additional improvements will be made when funding is available. The current Plan examines existing conditions of the park and offers recommendations for upgrades.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

At its formation in 1989, the Parks and Recreation Commission developed a goal that provided direction for future planning efforts pertaining to the park:

"This committee, recognizing the need to provide a focal point for community pride and an identifying symbol for our City, proposes to develop a plan for the Wood Village City Park that will help meet these needs by providing for a well maintained, functional, and fully developed City Park. "

In support of this goal and for updating plans for the Park, the following objectives were identified:

1. Prepare long-range plans for the park that provide for a variety of recreation needs while protecting the natural resources of the park.
2. Develop wetland and stream relocation plans to enhance and restore natural features within the park.
3. Evaluate existing facilities in the Park, and recommend improvements.
4. Identify priorities for phasing implementation of recommended improvements.

### **Program Components**

In updating past planning, the following is a list of desired elements and uses, identified through recent community meetings, discussions with city representatives, and through assessment of park needs for this plan.

1. Provide active recreation: softball, basketball, jogging, etc.
2. Provide passive recreation: picnicking, wandering, relaxation in open green space.
3. Offer an opportunity for citizens to socialize.
4. Improve wildlife habitat and wildlife observation.
5. Maintain the constructed wetland to increase the biodiversity of the park.
6. Provide a connection to other greenways and destinations.
7. Resolve private/ public access conflicts between park and surrounding properties.

### **Study Area Existing Conditions**

The Donald L. Robertson City Park is attractive and well used by City residents. Although some facilities in the park need improvements to meet current standards, the park offers recreational opportunities and enhances community pride.

For the purpose of describing park conditions and aiding planning of park improvements, the park is described as consisting of a number of areas related to physical characteristics of the park.

### **North Area**

The northernmost area of the park, along NE Halsey Street, was the first to be built and is the most intensively developed. This area also contains the only permanent restroom, a playground for children, a practice basketball area and picnic areas. These are all situated among a grove of large (50-80' tall) Douglas Fir trees.

### **Softball Field Area**

Immediately to the south are two softball fields with backstops, and shared outfields. These fields are in nearly constant use from April to mid- September by organized softball leagues. The popularity of these facilities has caused a shortage in parking spaces, with overflow parking taking place along NE Halsey. There is a 7 foot wide, 3/8 mile long, bark chip soft surface jogging track around the perimeter of the fields with 4 benches along the track.

### **Open Field Area**

To the south of the existing softball fields is an approximately 6-acre open field area. Arata Creek flows about 40' inside of this area's south border, and there is a gently sloping hill located along its west side, rising approximately 12 feet in elevation from the surrounding area.

### **Arata Creek Strip Area**

This area is made up of an approximately 140' wide x 450' long strip of property, bordered to the west by Arata Creek and to the east by Multnomah County owned property. Flora and fauna in most areas surround Arata Creek. Immediately to the west of Arata Creek are the back yards of a number of homes in "The Original Village" housing development.

### **Bluff Area**

The furthest southern projection of the park is the spur of land that climbs a large, north-facing bluff, with approximately 80' in elevation gain, and is mostly void of trees. The top of this bluff allows for panoramic views to the Columbia River and Mount Adams beyond.

### **Southwest Wooded Area**

This area is the most heavily wooded of the park property, with approximately 5 1/2 acres of land, mostly covered in large Douglas Fir and Cedar trees, with Alder and other brush in the under story. Arata Creek's headwaters emerge from springs located just above this area, and flow through the eastern side of the site. There is a mowed lawn clearing on the far west side, which adjoins an open lawn area owned by the Treehill Park Condominium and Cottonwood Condominium complexes.

## **CONTEXT**

The park setting offers insight into influences affecting the park and is an important aspect in planning for park improvements. Some of these influences are cited in the following descriptions of park context.

### **Geographic Location**

The City of Wood Village is located in Northwest Oregon, about 10 miles east of downtown Portland, and about two miles south of the Columbia River. It is bordered to the west by the City of Fairview, to the south by the City of Gresham, and to the north and east by the City of Troutdale. The city limits enclose about one square mile of land. A major interstate highway, 1-84, passes through the northern area of the city.

The park is located along the central eastern edge of the city limits, bordering the City of Troutdale.

### **City History**

The City of Wood Village is one of Oregon's first planned communities, built in 1940 to provide housing for employees at the nearby ALCOA aluminum plant in Troutdale. The Citizens of Wood Village voted for incorporation on February 9, 1951, and now has a population of nearly 3,000 residents.

### **Park History**

Wood Village City Park began as a three-acre parcel purchased in 1958. It was developed throughout the 1960's and 1970's through the City's general fund, and now makes up what is the developed area of the park.

In the mid to late 1970's, the adjoining softball fields were constructed, with softball leagues assisting the City and Multnomah County in their development and management. The City acquired the 5-acre ball field area from Multnomah County in 1987, and the Boundary Commission approved the annexation of the ball field area from the City of Troutdale to the City of Wood Village in 1989.

In 1990, additional improvements were completed which added the exercise trail, landscape plantings, and signing. They were funded by grants from the State of Oregon, with matching funds from the City.

In 1995 the City purchased two undeveloped parcels, totaling 12.3 acres, from Multnomah County. These new properties were acquired for the purpose of developing an open space addition to the City park. In mid-1995, a Metro Green Spaces Bond Measure provided funding for planning and improvements to the park.

### **Park Area Surrounding Land Use**

The park's north boundary is along NE Halsey, a busy thoroughfare with a significant amount of truck traffic. Immediately north of Halsey are apartment complexes and some single-family homes, the Wood Village Business Park, and a mini-storage facility. The area fronting Halsey is zoned Neighborhood Commercial.

Along the northeast property line of the park is the Edgefield Children's Center, a mental health center for children. The facility offers several types of programs for students including a residential option for six to twelve year olds and day-use or outpatient program for children up to age 16. Administrators from the Children's Center reported that people using the Park facilities often spill over onto the Center's parking lot during softball games but claimed it had not created a problem because it usually occurred after school hours. Park users noted that children from the Center use the park on a relatively frequent basis. Center officials clarified that some classes use the softball and soccer fields during physical education classes. This area is zoned Office Commercial.

The southeast property line makes up the City of Wood Village's eastern boundary, and adjoins City of Troutdale property. The Edgefield Children's Center expanded their facility along the Park's eastern boundary in July of 1998. Construction of the new buildings were completed in April of 1999. The Center is considering further expansion to the east and should not impact the existing Park. This area is zoned Office Commercial.

Further to the east of Edgefield Children's Center is the McMenamin's Edgefield complex, a brewery, pub, restaurant and hotel facility. During the summer, McMenamin's sponsors outdoor concerts, which result in a large number of people parking in the park, the Children's Center, and neighborhoods to the West, and cutting through these areas to the concerts. This is a concern to residents, City Officials, and Children's Center Administrators.

To the south of the park, above the steep bluff, is a large field, a grocery store several shops and other service businesses. Also to the South and Southwest of the park is the wooded north-facing slope of the bluff. The bluff is currently designated as Open Space.

Ultimately, a trail connecting the Donald L Robertson City Park to the City of Troutdale parks system is planned. Money is available through a grant program that would allow Wood Village, Troutdale and Metro to partner in the development of the trail. However, at this time, a consensus has not been reached with the parties involved in the grant application.

The nearest park to the Donald L. Robertson City Park is Columbia Park in Troutdale, a 21 acre park less than 1/2 mile from the furthest southern point of Donald L. Robertson City Park. The City of Troutdale Parks Department's "Existing and Proposed Sites Plan" shows their planned trail system tying into the southernmost tip of the Donald L. Robertson City Park. This would provide a continuous pedestrian connection between the original portion of Donald L. Robertson City Park by NE Halsey Street, through the entire park, up the bluff, and onto the Troutdale system, which leads to the 40 Mile Loop, and Sandy River Delta.

The Donald L. Robertson City Park is zoned Parks/Open Space by the City of Wood Village. Development within the park requires City Council approval.

### **Access**

Pedestrian access varies in the Donald L. Robertson City Park. Many of the park users access the park on foot from the surrounding homes, condominiums, and apartments, or as part of their jogging/walking course. The existing trails in the park are well used, and experience indicates that a well-used trail system tends to police itself, reducing vandalism, abuse of facilities, and other incidents.

Vehicular access is currently limited to one location off NE Halsey Street. There are 69 parking stalls in the North end of the park. Parking facilities are adequate but frequently overflow onto NE Halsey Street during softball games.

Access for disabled individuals underwent extensive change over the past several years. When the original master plan was developed in 1996 there were numerous areas of the park that hampered access for disabled persons. Since that time many improvements have been made. Over the last few years wheelchair ramps were added to sidewalks, handicap parking places were installed and access to park toilets and the drinking fountain have been modified in order to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. There are still areas of the park where access is not readily available. Unfortunately, improving those areas to make them ADA compliant pose an unreasonable financial burden for the City.

## **TRENDS AFFECTING PARK USE**

### **Population Density**

An issue that will continue to affect the use of the park is increasing population density. Wood Village falls within the Metro Urban Growth Boundary, and with predictions for high population growth in East Multnomah County over the next 20 years, development density is expected to increase in the near future. Pressure to maintain the current boundary and increase density will likely mean an increase in multifamily and attached housing, and smaller lots for detached single-family homes. Demand on open space for recreation and relaxation will continue to increase. Development will also occur in the surrounding communities of Fairview, Troutdale and Gresham, increasing the need for open space and recreational facilities in the area.

Increased population density will impact native flora and fauna, making greenways and natural habitat important for quality of life issues.

## **MASTER PLAN – UPDATE 2002**

Based upon meetings with the City Parks and Recreation Commission, City staff and discussions with other interested and effected parties, the following improvements are proposed. Recommendations are divided to correspond to the same areas used to describe physical conditions of the park.

### **North Area**

One consideration is developing a stronger demarcation of the boundaries between the park and Edgefield Children's Center. Placing boulders along the east boundary of the park from the NE Halsey Street area to Arata Creek is recommended. Because boulders are a natural material they will help define the limits of each area without making the boundary too severe.

### **Softball Field Area**

Recommended improvements to this area include the strategic placement of five (5) exercise stations along the walking path, mitigating water pooling near the southwest softball field, planting more trees and placement of park benches.

The exercise stations will be constructed of native and/or log materials as applicable. The five proposed stations are; the jump log, step up, sit and reach, Achilles stretch and the balance beam. City maintenance of the exercise stations should be minimal.

Another persistent problem in this area has been water pooling in the southwest corner of the softball fields. Improving the drainage in the southwest corner of the softball field by tying in a new trench drain to the existing drain, is proposed to relieve a seasonally flooded portion of the existing trail and softball field.

The placement of additional trees and park benches is desired throughout the park. It is recommended the Tree Planting Program be continued. Development of a sand volleyball court, and horseshoe pits were discussed but not included in this Master Plan Update because they did not provide the services envisioned by Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **Open Field Area**

The open area to the south of the softball fields offers the most potential for development. Improvements such as a soccer field, volleyball court and a picnic pavilion have been discussed for this area. At this time, however, the area will remain a free-form recreations space, with low-growing natural grasses and wildflowers. Placement of additional trees and benches are recommended to invite greater use of the soft surface trail.

### **Arata Creek Strip Area**

The open strip along Arata Creek contains the newly naturalized Arata Creek. The creek itself was realigned to a more natural, curvilinear course, with variations in width and flow, and with native wetland plantings along its banks. This area will continue to be planted with a variety of native upland plants, to provide interest for users and covert

foraging material for wildlife. In general, the planting scheme will encourage a more open, deciduous plant community, in contrast to the adjoining heavily wooded area to the southwest. A soft surface, 7/10 of a mile exercise trail meanders through this area for walkers and joggers. Planting additional trees and placing park benches will invite additional use of this area.

The park exercise trail has purposely been located on the east side of Arata Creek away from the private homes in the Original Village. This configuration allows the creek to form the first barrier to discourage people from cutting through the rear yards of Original Village residents. There are screen plantings scattered along this property line, and a six-foot tall chain link fence running behind residences of the Original Village.

### **Bluff Area**

The park exercise trail makes its way up this steep bluff, to a viewpoint near the top. The Kay Powers monument in this area was vandalized and will be re-built by Public Works staff. Eventually the trail will tie into future proposed City of Troutdale trails. The open slope of this bluff will be planted with occasional pockets of native deciduous trees and shrubs to add interest and improve habitat quality. Vegetation should be maintained to retain view and clear observations of the viewpoint from below for security.

### **Southwest Wooded Area**

The park's soft surface exercise trail loops through this area, to form a turnaround point for the trail before it exits out of the park. The soft-surface trail continues through the wooded area, with occasional views of Arata Creek, and connections to off - site destinations.

## **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

According to City Officials, operating hours for the park will continue to be from dawn to dusk. Therefore, lighting is not necessary or recommended.

At this point, the City has a 4 - 5 person maintenance crew who handles maintenance for city water, sewer, roads and the Donald L. Robertson City Park. With the expansion of the City Park from eight acres to more than double that size at over twenty acres, additional staff is needed. With the specialized skills required to safely apply herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers in a public setting, plus the training and time necessary to maintain the park at a level fitting "a focal point for community pride and an identifying symbol for our City", as a result, the City hires seasonal workers to assist with park maintenance during the spring and summer.

## **SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT LIST**

***North Area***

Place boulders on the east side of the park.  
Build a new picnic pavilion.

***Softball Field Area***

Place boulders on the east side of the park.  
Install five exercise stations.  
Improve water drainage in southwest corner of softball field.  
Plant trees as determined by Tree Planting Program.

***Arata Creek Area***

Plant trees as determined by Tree Planting Program.  
Install park benches.

***Bluff Area***

Re-build Kay Powers Monument.  
Plant trees as determined by Tree Planting Program.  
Install park benches.

***Southwest Wooded Area***

Clearing and Grubbing

## **SUMMARY**

The City has been well served by Donald L. Robertson Park to date. Proposed improvements have the potential for significantly improving the variety and quality of experiences the park can offer. The plan identifies needed upgrades of existing facilities, enhancement of natural features and plantings, additional picnicking and hiking.

**SUPPLEMENT NO. 1**  
**(20 AUGUST 2003)**  
**TO THE**  
**DONALD L. ROBERTSON CITY PARK**  
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- 1) Construction of an approximate (30) thirty foot “Elevated Gazebo” in the center of the (9) nine trees planted in 2002 on the “Grassy Knoll”. This project will include A.D.A. Accessibility and an extension of the trail/soft path, and be constructed with metal posts and roof on a concrete foundation. This project may be eligible for a future Community Development Block Grant, and/or a future Parks and Recreation Grant with participation by the City both for in-kind labor and Capital Outlay Funds.

**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$60,000**

- ~~2) Construction of a raised “Touch and Smell Garden” with a (16) sixteen inch by (16) inch exposed aggregate bench all around the garden and have a (4) four foot by (16) sixteen foot garden area. The “Touch and Smell” garden will be ADA Accessible from the Parking Lot and have a concrete walkway all around the raised bench. This project may be eligible for a future Fred Meyer Foundation Grant, and/or a future Parks and Recreation Grant as well as some participation funds from Community Development Block Grant and in-kind labor and Capital Outlay funds from the City.~~

~~**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$10,000**~~

- ~~3) Construction of a raised “Rose Garden” with a (16) sixteen inch by (16) inch exposed aggregate bench all around the garden and have a (4) four foot by (16) sixteen foot garden area. The “Rose” garden will be ADA Accessible from the Parking Lot and have a concrete walkway all around the raised bench. This project may be eligible for a future Fred Meyer Foundation Grant, and/or a future Parks and Recreation Grant as well as some participation funds from Community Development Block Grant and in-kind labor and Capital Outlay funds from the City.~~

~~**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$10,000**~~

- 2) Construction of sitting benches through-out the park and along the soft surface trail. Benches are recommended to be constructed from split logs and wooden log cradles for supports. Estimate (6) six benches that are (6) feet in length will be constructed. Locations as determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission at a later date. Commissioner Robert Spradling indicated that he may have a free source for the bench logs, and the Public Works has the capability to split the logs and use Inmate Labor for installation.

**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$100**

- 3) *Construction of the Wood Village Arboretum which consists of approximately 85 trees planted, 8 new benches and 13 tree identification plaques. This meets the goals in Supplement No. 3 to install additional park benches and continue tree planting.*

**SUPPLEMENT NO. 2**  
**(19 MAY 2004)**  
**TO THE**  
**DONALD L. ROBERTSON CITY PARK**  
**MASTER PLAN – UPDATE 2002**

~~1) Construction of an expansion of the “Tot Lot” to be located east of the existing “Tot Lot” and not be connected. This project will include pre-manufactured play equipment (to be determined) for ages 2 to 12 with a wood chip base for fall protection and a concrete sidewalk all around. Included will be several sitting benches and ADA access. Additionally, the equipment will facilitate children with disabilities. This project may be eligible for a future Community Development Block Grant, and/or a future Parks and Recreation Grant with participation by the City both for in-kind labor and Capital Outlay Funds.~~

~~**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$50,000**~~

~~1) Construction of an additional “Picnic Pavilion” to be located and attached to the existing picnic pavilion which is located to the south of the existing “Tot Lot”. This picnic pavilion will serve the “NEW” proposed expanded “Tot Lot” to the east. The construction materials and appearance will be the same as the existing picnic pavilion (funded by CDBG/CWV), with a concrete foundation/slab and certain ADA accessible table. Funds may be available from the Community Development Block Grant program for Community Revitalization at 85% with the City General Funding the balance at 15%.~~

~~**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$60,000**~~

1) “Restroom Upgrades” are needed in both the women’s and men’s facilities. These improvements will include new “super secure” fixtures and partitions, epoxy coatings and modernization. Funds for restroom upgrades may be secured from the Community Development Block Grant program and the Oregon Department of State Parks with participation by the City from the General Fund.

**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$140,000**

2) Look into feasibility of constructing the City of Wood Village’s park trail to the City of Troutdale’s Imagination Station City Park with an inter-city “Trail Connection” project. This work will require the retention of a Consultant to perform a study of alternatives and identify issues and concerns relative to construction through Multnomah County reserved right-of-way and other off-sidewalk issues. Funds to secure this study may be necessary from the General Fund and acquired/shared with the City of Troutdale.

**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$10,000**

- 3) Construction of a “Wetlands Pond and Wildlife Habitat Island Preserve” to be located on Arata Creek between the Arata Creek School and the southeast corner of the ballfields. The pond will also serve as a means to stop present overflows of the Arata Creek into the ballfields and flooding of the Edgefield Children’s Center. Estimated pond area may be .5 to 1 acre. Construction will include a soft trail constructed around the pond and connected to the existing soft trail. This pond would intercept the Arata Creek Wetland seepage and keep flowing with fresh water. There may be grants available to construct a wetland pond from the State and/or Federal sources, which needs to be explored. A DSL/ACOE Permit will be required to excavate and build a dam.

**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$75,000.**

- 4) Expand the existing north side “Parking Lot” along NE Halsey to the east over the “OLD” refuse disposal site. This project would entail the construction of approximately (30) thirty parking spaces with an alleyway constructed of “Grass Crete” pavers and tensile fabric for overflow parking resulting from spectator participation on the permitted use of the ballfields. The “NEW” parking lot will be essentially stabilized grass capable of supporting automobiles and light trucks and will need routine maintenance. Included will be a gate to block parking during normal park operation. This area could also be used for other recreational sports, i.e. badminton, volleyball, etc. This project may be eligible for a future Community Development Block Grant, and/or a future Parks and Recreation Grant with participation by the City both for in-kind labor and Capital Outlay Funds.

**Estimated Order of Magnitude Cost = \$150,000**

**SUPPLEMENT NO. 3**  
**(19 APRIL 2006)**  
**TO THE**  
**DONALD L. ROBERTSON CITY PARK**  
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- 1) Continue to plant trees as determined by Tree Planting Program.
- 2) Install additional park benches.
- 3) Move Kay Powers monument to the grassy knoll.
- 4) Pursue the Elevated Gazebo for the grassy knoll.
- 5) Remove the Touch and Smell Garden and Rose Garden projects.
- 6) Do not pursue expansion of the Tot Lot.
- 7) Remove the Picnic Pavilion project.
- 8) Consider the Restroom upgrade project to be of highest priority.
- 9) Pursue the Trail Connection project.
- 10) Wetlands Pond and Wildlife Habitat Island Preserve recommended as priority project for Nature in Neighborhoods and Metro Parks Bond funding.
- 11) Expand the North parking lot along Halsey Street east to the Arata Schools driveway subject to geotechnical study of the former garbage dump in the northeast corner.
- 12) Implement Open Park Day. This is a one-day City celebration designed to bring residents to the Park for food, booths and activities, including guided nature walks that will help them learn more about the Park.

## EXHIBIT A

### Supplement No. 4

(December 14, 2010)

To the

## CITY PARK MASTER PLAN

The following was approved as a supplement to the City Park Master Plan by Council Resolution 23-2010. The items listed were selected from public participation and surveys. The Parks and Recreation Commission met November 30, 2010 and after discussion voted unanimously to recommend these items to the City Council for approval.

1. Boardwalk: Construct a boardwalk extending the southern reach of the trail over the marshy area adjacent to the newly constructed wetland. The boardwalk is to be wide enough to accommodate maintenance equipment and provide interpretive signage related to the new wetland's flora and fauna.
2. Gazebo: Secure funding for and construct a gazebo. The gazebo is to be located east of the playground amongst the trees so the trees will provide shade for those gathered to enjoy presentations from the gazebo. The gazebo is to be large enough to accommodate small performances and events such as weddings and be equipped with electrical service. The gazebo will result in improved aesthetics and functionality.
3. Animal Waste Stations: When funding is available, install stations that provide dog walkers with animal waste bags and receptacles for used bags. There should be one station located at the beginning of the trail and another located on the south end of the trail.
4. Splash Pad: Though the possibility of a splash pad has been investigated in the past and not recommended by the Commission, the public is showing interest in this and so staff should continue to explore the possibility. If a less expensive option (to construct and maintain) is found, it should be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration and possible recommendation to the City Council.
5. Par Course: Staff is to investigate compatibility, cost and effectiveness of a course that adds value to the walking or jogging activity by providing aids such as stretching stations, balance beams and others. Results will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration and possible recommendation to the City Council.