



Vision 2030

Montgomery County, MD Parks and Recreation Vision 2030 and 10-Year Strategic Plan

PLANNING PROCESS & TIMELINE

Montgomery Parks (M-NCPPC) and the Montgomery County Department of Recreation are undertaking a process to develop a vision and strategic plan for park and recreation services in Montgomery County. The **Vision 2030** project is being coordinated across both departments by the consulting firm GreenPlay. The intent of this plan is to identify how to most effectively meet the needs of a changing community over the next twenty years in regards to parks, recreation, cultural heritage, natural areas, and trails.

This project is being guided by a staff Steering Committee and sub-committees, a series of Summits of community leaders and stakeholders, along with input from an extensive public process including focus groups and public meetings. The planning process and timeline follows.

PHASE I: INFORMATION GATHERING

DECEMBER 2009-MAY 2010

Start-up

December 2009-January 2010

- Begin project
- Refine project goals and work plan

Community & Stakeholder Input Process

February-May 2010

- Conduct public meetings and focus groups
- Hold staff focus groups and interviews

Inventory and Analysis of Existing Facilities

January-May 2010

- Conduct inventory and analysis of county parks, open space, trails, and facilities

Service Assessment and Resource Allocation Analysis

February-May 2010

- Conduct staff assessment of all services
- *Develop resource allocation assessment and philosophy

Survey

March-May 2010

- Conduct statistically valid survey of random sample of county residents

Demographic and Trends Analysis

February-May 2010

- Review county demographics and population projections
- Identify parks and recreation-related trends

(*Note: The resource allocation work will continue through Phases II and III.)

PHASE II: FINDINGS AND VISIONING

JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2010

Findings and Visioning Staff and Community Meetings

- Present and validate key findings of needs assessment
- Hold public meetings
- Identify community goals and priorities

(*Volume 1 - Needs & Resource Assessment* document is a compilation of the findings and analysis from Phases I and II.)

PHASE III: PLAN DEVELOPMENT

OCTOBER 2010-FEBRUARY 2011

Draft Plan Review

- Draft Vision 2030 and 10-Year Strategic Plan
- Staff review of plan
- Hold public meetings on Draft Plan
- Public review of Plan

October-November 2010

November-December 2010

January 2011

January-February 2011

PLAN ADOPTION

MARCH 2011

(*Volume 2 – Vision 2030 and 10-Year Strategic Plan* and *Volume 3-Six-Year Implementation Plan* are documents from Phase III based on key findings from *Volume 1*.)

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