

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission  
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director  
DATE: February 18, 2026  
SUBJECT: 2026 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Update

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1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item

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2) Background:

The current Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS) was adopted in 2016 and is out of date and does not meet requirements for park land acquisition or park development grant funding. The 2016 PROS plan update was an extension of the 2008 plan with an addendum to identify additional goals, objectives and needed improvements.

Updating the PROS plan in 2026 will be a major restructuring of the document to make it more user friendly, readable and useful for staff and the general public. Many of the same elements will be included in addition to new elements related to parks, programs, facilities and the Metropolitan Parks District. We will also be conducting an analysis of park impact fees which have not been updated since 2008.

Working with a consultant, staff will be evaluating methods for public outreach and data collection related to services, costs, needs and future actions. This will likely include community workshops, social media, print media, survey work and Parks and Recreation Commission participation.

The plan update is funded for completion in 2026. Parks and Recreation staff will be working with Community Development Department staff to maintain a schedule for adoption.

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3) Alternatives:

Information item, discussion may include scope, timing, alternatives, funding or other issues.

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4) Attachments:

None