

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update

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The 2006-2011 PROS Plan is intended to facilitate the airing and evaluation of major issues, problems, and potentials, the setting of priorities for the next five years, and the identification of goals and objectives that reach further into the future. The scope of the plan is to reflect tradition, to provide balance of parks, facilities, and programs to respond to the needs of today, and to set a direction for the future.

To be useful to the community it serves, a plan must reflect the current concerns of the community, as well as those issues that have evolved from the past. Having completed 10 previous Park and Recreation Plans, Ann Arbor has a long history of planning for parks, recreation, and open space. Citizens participate fully in the planning process through public hearings, questionnaires, and through citizen's commissions for parks and recreation.

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan) is the City's vision for parks and recreation in Ann Arbor. The PROS Plan provides an inventory of existing parks and facilities, describes the relationship between Parks and Recreation and surrounding municipalities and recreation providers, identifies parks and recreation needs and deficiencies, and proposes major capital park projects for the existing and new parks. It also establishes background information while delineating system needs that may qualify for State and Federal grant funding.

In addition to stating the City's vision for parks, recreation, and open space, the PROS Plan also is used to help secure State and Federal grant funding. This planning effort is directed towards the formal adoption of an updated PROS Plan by the Park Advisory Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Ann Arbor City Council.



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