



2015 Park Commission Strategic Plan of Work

The City of Lake Elmo Park Commission has affirmed their priorities to be: 1) Trails - Develop a comprehensive trail plan, and continue efforts on the Lake Elmo Regional Trail system; 2) Create an updated comprehensive park plan; 3) Create and implement a forestry and park plan for Sunfish Lake Park ; 4) Make improvements to existing parks to encourage increased utilization and enhanced taxpayer experience

With the broader priorities defined, the 2015 Park Commission Strategic Plan of Work has been broken down into (6) segments; Planning & Audit; Park Development & Equipping ; Maintenance & Refurbishing; Nature & Conservation; Park Awareness; and Finance.

Planning & Audit	Complete	60% Complete	40% Complete	0% Complete	Failed
Mission Statement: <i>Through the use of diagnostics / surveys / audits, carefully plan for the proper equipping of parks and available park funding to maximize taxpayer utilization.</i>					
Develop Updated Comprehensive Park Plan					
Continue planning & fund development of the Lake Elmo Regional Trail. Complete trail plan feasibility study, and comprehensive trail plan.					
Create Sunfish Lake Park plan to address utilization, safety, forest management, nature center & education, structures and parking issues. (Task Force)					

Development & Equipping	Complete	60% Complete	40% Complete	0% Complete	Failed
Mission Statement: <i>To construct / develop / equip appropriate park facilities to serve the community generally and neighborhoods specifically in accordance with the open space philosophy of the City.</i>					
Develop master plan for Reid Park including ADA equipment, and permanent restroom					
Work with HOAs to create / maintain community connection trail access.					
Determine location for community ice rink					

Maintenance & Refurbishing	Complete	60% Complete	40% Complete	0% Complete	Failed
Mission Statement: <i>To maintain and upgrade all park facilities in a manner that increases park use for a relevant experience.</i>					

Focus on downtown park space; transforming into hometown ball field destination park					
Update park recreational amenities based on park audit, current trends, conditions & typical use.					
Complete 2014 updates/improvements to Tablyn, Pebble Park, and Sanctuary Park					

<h2>Nature & Conservation</h2> <p>Mission Statement: <i>To promote the open space character and commitment to the environment via nature observation amenities and targeted conservation programs.</i></p>	Complete	60% Complete	40% Complete	0% Complete	Failed
Implement forest management plan in Sunfish Lake Park per approved stewardship plan					
Research the replacement of park land due to landfill remediation in Sunfish Area 3					

<h2>Park Awareness</h2> <p>Mission Statement: <i>To promote through public relations & signage the utilization of City Parks.</i></p>	Complete	60% Complete	40% Complete	0% Complete	Failed
Establish through special events, publications, website, e-blasts and other promotion a park awareness plan					
Maintain consistency in theming/branding to increase park awareness					

<h2>Finance</h2> <p>Mission Statement: <i>To effectively spend parkland dedication funds to meet the objectives of each year's Strategic Plan of Work while maintaining a minimum fund balance of \$100,000.</i></p> <p><i>Funding Priorities =</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trails & Pathways 2. Revitalization of Current Parks 3. Destination Features 4. Establish New Parks 5. Parking & Safety 6. Nature & Conservation 	Complete	60% Complete	40% Complete	0% Complete	Failed
Purchase new mower, skidsteer for park maintenance					
Expend up to \$400,000 in the refurbishing and updating of the current park system					
Expend up to \$50,000 for LERT feasibility study					