



**2016 PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN**

2016 – 2026

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CERTIFICATION

I, Michael Wells, City Secretary for the City of Bedford, Texas, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the records of the City of Bedford, Texas, and that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Resolution No. 16-43, approved by the Bedford City Council on April 26, 2016.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL of the City of Bedford, Texas this the 9th day of May, 2016.



Michael Wells
City Secretary
City of Bedford

RESOLUTION NO. 16-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS ADOPTING THE 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bedford, Texas recognizes the need for a Parks and Recreation Master Plan (the "Plan") to provide goals, needs assessments, standards recommendations and strategies for implementation over a ten-year period in an effort to provide for and continually improve park and recreation facilities, provide trail opportunities, preserve open space and rehabilitate City parks; and,

WHEREAS, primary objectives of the plan are to provide parks and recreational services desired by the citizens of Bedford, acquire needed open spaces, and preserve natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, in order to address recreation needs in the future, Bedford has sought citizen input through surveys, public meetings, and City staff and that input has been incorporated in the Plan; and,

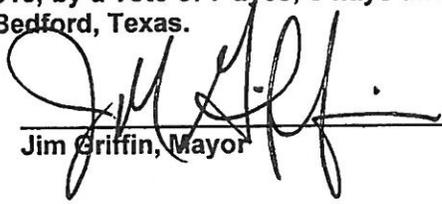
WHEREAS, the Plan complies with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department master plan guidelines which require parks and recreation needs be prioritized and addressed in an action plan format; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Bedford, Texas determines the Plan reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD, TEXAS:

- SECTION 1. That the findings above are found to be true and correct, and are incorporated herein.
- SECTION 2. That the City of Bedford 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan is officially adopted, as attached hereto and incorporated for all intents and purposes.
- SECTION 3. That a ten-year Action Plan has been developed to prioritize implementation of the City of Bedford 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, guide the rehabilitation of existing parks and the potential acquisition of new park sites, and explore funding opportunities and mechanisms.
- SECTION 4. That adoption of the City of Bedford 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan shall not commit the City to specific amounts of funding levels or implementation strategies, but shall provide guidance to the City Council for future consideration of indoor and outdoor services for its citizens.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 26th day of April 2016, by a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas.



Jim Griffin, Mayor

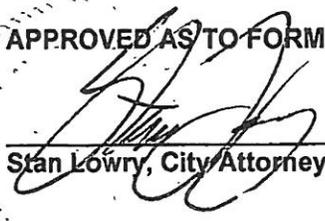
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Michael Wells, City Secretary

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I. Introduction

Purpose of the Master Plan

Every quality city in the United States recognizes the inherent needs of comprehensive parks, recreation, and open space opportunities. An effective and responsive park system requires a current and systematic approach to assessing demographic changes, adequate park acreage and locations, safe and attractive facilities, maintenance standards, funding, and the ability to adapt to those changes in a proactive manner. A city's ability to meet the recreational needs of its citizens is an important quality of life indicator...one that demonstrates its commitment to meeting the needs of its citizens.

This plan provides a framework to guide the City of Bedford's short and long-term decision making in the same ways the previous plan did:

- To preserve natural resources;
- To attract appropriate development by enhancing quality of life issues
- To ensure orderly acquisition and development of parks, recreation and open space;
- To explore potential public grant opportunities;
- To propose potential partnerships with surrounding cities and private organizations;
- To encourage proper use of local and non-local financial resources;
- To strategize revitalization of existing recreational lands and facilities;
- To contribute to economic development within the City by enhancing the quality and availability of recreational facilities to serve new and existing customers.

These findings will help City officials guide the growth and direction of Bedford's park system. It will recognize important achievements, identify new challenges and opportunities, and make recommendations for managing the City park system during the next ten years.

Period of Document

A previous master plan was prepared in 2010 and was intended to cover the ten-year period from 2010 to 2020. With significant achievements and demographic changes in Bedford over the past five years, the City has now requested a revised plan to address the next ten years. It will be subsequently updated as required by the City, or as needed, in order to remain in compliance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) master plan guidelines. Such updates will include, at a minimum, a summary of accomplishments, recent public input, changes in inventory, and revised needs, priorities, and implementation strategies.



City Role in Providing Recreational Opportunities

Although private recreational opportunities are available in and around Bedford, the City itself remains the primary governmental entity charged with providing recreational facilities for its citizens. The park system currently includes recreation services at twelve park sites throughout the City. Bedford's ability to respond to citizen needs is illustrated

with the recent renovations to the Bedford Boys Ranch. These improvements were supported by a municipal bond program and a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Fourth Fest is a local celebration held at the Boys Ranch. The Bedford Blues Fest (Labor Day weekend) is held at the City Hall Complex. The Bedford Bark Park is also a notable achievement. Located north of Meadow Park, it was also constructed with strong public support.

Due to its proximity to other communities around Dallas Fort Worth Airport, citizens are also able to take advantage of additional facilities provided by neighboring cities including Hurst, Euless, Colleyville, North Richland Hills, and Grapevine. Ideally, Bedford trails will eventually connect to trails in Hurst, Colleyville, and Euless. By working with adjoining communities, Bedford can potentially share costs and vastly expand recreational accessibility to a wider number of users.

This plan also addresses and incorporates recommendations from the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Appendix A), completed in September 2010 as well as the Bedford Commons Plan, adopted in June of 2015. (Appendix B.)

City Overview

Location

Bedford is located in Tarrant County northeast of Fort Worth. Lying between Hurst, Euless, and Colleyville, Bedford is west of the DFW International Airport. The main thoroughfares serving Bedford are SH 183 and 121. In fact, these major arteries bisect the City creating identifiable user zones. These zones or districts are discussed in more detail in the Jurisdiction and Planning Area section. A Location/Tarrant County map is included as Appendix C.

History

The initial settlers of Bedford included numerous former Tennesseans and other Southerners, including Weldon W. Bobo from Bedford County, Tennessee, all looking for new opportunities after the Civil War. Bobo established the first store and post office

in Bedford. By 1883, the population had increased to over 1,000. The prosperous community built a secondary school called the Bedford School which burned in 1893, but was rebuilt in 1912. Tragically, the school burned again in 1993 but was restored and now functions as a history center and meeting place. The Bedford School is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Unfortunately for the City, the incoming railroads constructed at the turn of the century were routed through other communities, enticing Bedford residents to move away and shrinking the City's population to near 50 individuals by 1909. The post office was closed and only one store remained.

After World War II, several major factors combined to spur growth for the City: development of nearby military bases and facilities, and establishment of The Bedford Boys Ranch, a home for young boys in 1949. As more improved roads were constructed in the area, the population steadily expanded throughout the remainder of the 20th century and the City was incorporated in 1953. In 1958, Bedford joined the Hurst-Euless School District which enticed young families to the area. In 1975, the City purchased The Bedford Boys Ranch which now serves as a social center and recreational park. With construction of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and the subsequent expansion of the airline industry base in the area, Bedford grew rapidly throughout the 1980's and '90's. Today the City is predominantly built out (See zoning map in Appendix D and density map in Appendix E.) It has no potential for further expansion because it is surrounded by neighboring cities. In fact, from 1990 to 2010, U.S. census data reflects a 3,000 increase in population. However, its location provides quick access to many business, cultural, and educational facilities throughout the area.



Climate

Bedford's climate is subtropical with hot, humid summers, and continental with a wide fluctuation in temperature extremes. The average low temperature is 34° F in January, and the average high is 95° F in July. The average annual growing season is 249 days, and rainfall averages 34 inches a year.

Geography

Bedford encompasses approximately 10 square miles within the Cross Timbers and Prairies ecoregion at 32°50'48"N and 97°8'23"W. Elevation is 597 feet above sea level.

Bedford lies above the Trinity Aquifer and within the drainage basin of the Trinity River. Little Bear Creek flows north of the City before joining the West Fork of the Trinity River which flows south of the City. Several smaller creeks meander through portions of the City.

Geology

Soils in Bedford consist of Byrone, Crosstell, Gasil, and Lader Urban Land Complexes (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. 1981. Soil Survey of Tarrant County, Texas).

Vegetation

Little remains of the original Fort Worth Prairie and Cross Timbers deciduous woodlands native to the Bedford area. Development has reduced such plant communities to stream corridors and a few relatively undisturbed areas. Typical plants in this area of north central Texas include cedar elm, post oak, cottonwood, pecan, willow, Texas ash, coralberry, skunkbush sumac, Mexican buckeye, elbow bush, little bluestem, bluebonnets, sunflowers, Engelmann daisy, grapes, and white honeysuckle.

However, with a rise in the public’s understanding of water shortages, more drought tolerant plants are being used in public and private landscapes. These plants include desert willow, cedar, germander, salvia, beautyberry, sumac and many others.

Population

The 2010 Census shows Bedford’s population at 46,979. Bedford’s records indicate the population was 46,964. In addition, the 2020 projection from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) predicts 50,210 residents, or a 6.8% increase. With the City’s available open space, it is doubtful that further growth will be sizable.

Table 1-1
North Central Texas Council of Governments Population Projections

	2000	2010	2020	2025	2030
Population	47,055**	48,699	50,210	50,395	50,636
Households	20,414**	21,172	21,821	21,905	21,987

**NCTCOG estimate adjusted from 2010 Census count. Approximately 28% of the 2000 population was under 20 years old, 67% was between 20 and 64, and 5% was 65 years of age or older.

The following tables are taken from City data, prepared by Alteryx, Inc. Prepared at a local level, they seem to be the most accurate demographics available. See Appendix F for a complete demographic summary prepared for the City by Alteryx, Inc.

**Table 1-2
City of Bedford Population Projections**

	2000	2010	2014	2019
Population	47,177	46,964	49,054	49,825
Households	20,263	21,016	22,022	22,530

**Table 1-3
Population by Age**

	2000	2010	2014	2019
0-4	2,775	2,472	2,613	2,827
5-14	5,707	5,172	5,144	5,025
15-19	3,279	2,673	2,650	2,518
20-24	3,272	3,068	3,103	2,607
25-34	7,357	6,919	7,505	7,836
35-44	8,277	6,205	6,311	6,345
45-54	7,812	7,382	7,246	6,401
55-64	4,552	6,560	7,013	7,301
65-74	2,279	3,637	4,247	5,368
75-84	1,303	1,953	2,157	2,476
85+	564	923	1,066	1,121

This data indicates that nearly one third of Bedford’s population is between 45 and 65. This active adult population has and will continue to request recreational opportunities that address their needs. Trails, for instance continue to remain highly popular in the City.

**Table 1-4
Population % by Race**

	Total	Anglo %	Black %	Hispanic* %	Other %
2000	47,177	87.7	3.7	6.7	8.7
2014	49,054	79.6	7.6	13.6	12.9
2019	49,825	78.0	7.9	14.8	14.0

*Hispanics included in all races

Economy

Latest data showed that 71.2% of the population was in the labor force. 28.2% was not in the labor force, with a significant amount of those residents at a retirement level. A majority of those employed are in management or sales positions. The table below represents the latest household income levels.

**Table 1-5
2014 Population by Income Level**

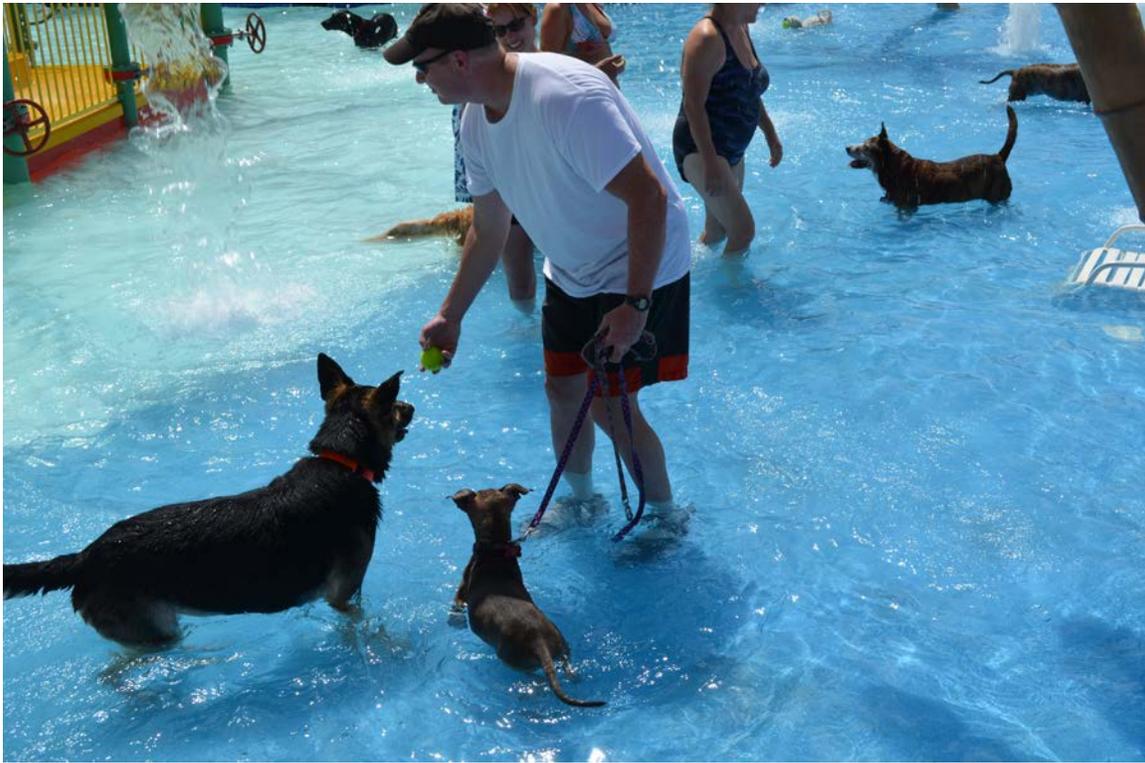
Income	Households	Percent
Less than \$15,000	1,483	6.7
\$15,000 to \$24,999	1,818	8.2
\$25,000 to \$34,999	2,496	11.3
\$35,000 to \$49,999	3,065	13.9
\$50,000 to \$74,999	4,222	19.2
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,297	15.0
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,667	16.7
\$150,000+	1,972	9.0
Total Households	22,020	100

Bedford's median household income was \$61,256 up from \$54,436 in 2010. The median per capita income was \$36,147 also up from 2010 when it was \$29,466.

Education

In 2014, approximately 19.3% of Bedford residents were high school graduates; 10.5% have an associate's degree; 23.5% have a bachelor's degree; and 9.2% have graduate degree. Only 0.9% have no completed schooling.

The City is served by the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District with six elementary schools, two junior high schools, and Pennington Field football stadium. Recreational facilities at these campuses are included in the inventory section of this plan (Table 5-4). All outdoor facilities are available to the public after school hours except for the football stadium.



Jurisdiction and Planning Areas

This document divides the City into three park districts: north, south, and east, separated by the major physical barriers of SH 121 and 183 (Appendix G). These major arteries are challenging to pedestrian movement and are therefore natural divisions to park usage. Development priorities are enumerated for each district as listed in Section VI, Plan Implementation and Prioritization Needs.

II. Goals and Objectives

Decisions relative to long-range recreation and parks planning reflect the City's sense of purpose, to be fulfilled through successful services and programs. The programs and/or services offered by the City of Bedford are based upon its philosophies, vision, and mission.

These goals and objectives were formulated from information gathered from a public survey, the 2000 Master Plan, public hearings, the City Council, the Parks and Recreation Board, and City staff.

Bedford Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Develop a diversified park system that will satisfy the varied recreational needs of citizens and protect and enhance the quality of life in Bedford.

Objectives:

1. Develop and implement programs that encourage public participation in both active and passive indoor/outdoor recreation programs.
2. Revise plans on a regular basis, with citizen preferences serving as a major input to this process.
3. Ensure that all relevant demographic groups are represented in parks planning.

4. Explore the development of a Capital Improvement Program, including bond funds.
5. Encourage and cultivate citizen input and expression of opinion as it relates to recreational needs.
6. Develop, update, and/or renovate existing parks and recreational facilities, structures, fixtures and amenities.
7. Look for opportunities to develop a pocket park(s) in southwest Bedford.
8. Design outdoor recreation facilities, to include picnic areas, fields, courts, playgrounds, trails, parking lots, restrooms and other active and supporting facilities to be accessible to individuals and organized groups of all physical capabilities, skill levels, age groups, income, and activity interests.
9. Incorporate public art into the parks, recreation, and leisure services where appropriate.

Goal 2: Create a system of pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle linkages (connections) between residential neighborhoods, businesses, linear greenbelts, schools, public administrative facilities, neighboring cities, the Bedford Commons, and other activity centers as an alternative to automobile transportation.

Objectives:

1. Utilize trails, wherever possible, to connect residential areas with schools, parks and other public facilities.

2. Require developers to provide walking, jogging, cycling and skating pathways within large private developments through parkland dedication guidelines.
3. Design an interconnected, multifunctional parks and open space system which protects important natural, cultural and visual resources while providing appropriate opportunities for recreation.
4. Integrate planned trails with other public and private trail plans where possible.
5. Coordinate planning efforts with those of adjacent cities, including Hurst, Euless, and Colleyville.
6. Implement and support a plan that would include identifying and creating on-road bicycle routes, widening City sidewalks to trail width in certain areas, and dedicating certain areas as trail easements.
7. Create trailhead improvements that furnish trail systems with appropriate supporting services including interpretive and directory signage, rest areas, drinking fountains, landscaping, restrooms, parking and other services.
8. Install trail lighting, telephones, emergency call boxes, or other means at major trailheads or other appropriate locations by which trail users can summon fire, emergency aid, police, and other safety and security personnel should the need arise.
9. Replace the deteriorated asphalt trail along Cheek Sparger with a concrete trail wide enough to support multiple user types (i.e. bicyclists, walkers, joggers, roller bladers, etc.).

Goal 3: Preserve and protect Bedford's natural environment and native ecosystems to the greatest extent possible.

Objectives:

1. Incorporate civic open space identified in the Bedford Commons Plan into the park system, thereby insuring its preservation.
2. Identify and designate protected areas from future development that are wildlife corridors such as ponds, creeks, wetlands, unique natural areas with established understory tree canopies, ecologically sensitive areas, and other areas that support wildlife.
3. Encourage development designed to minimize impact upon the community's natural resources and visual appeal.
4. Conserve and protect ecologically sensitive and naturally beautiful areas, such as floodplains along creeks.
5. Establish and/or enhance green space and natural areas along floodplains, and promote public access to greenbelt areas with a multifunctional trail system (e.g., cycling, hiking trails).
4. Preserve and respect areas with natural features such as steep slopes, native grasses/wildflowers, and/or scenic views.
5. Encourage and promote water conservation through the use of native plant materials, xeriscape plantings, and other methods.
6. Maintain high air quality standards.

Goal 4: Provide for high quality image, landscape, and visual unity for the entire city through planning and expanding beautification efforts.

Objectives:

1. Develop a city-wide landscape plan that incorporates the design and conservation elements of native plant materials while maximizing and highlighting beautification efforts in City medians, rights-of-way, gateways, entry points, facilities, and parks through plantings and other visual imagery.
2. Develop a standardized city-wide signage plan for all public facilities, roadways, and entryways. Emphasize and incorporate themes suggested in the Bedford Commons Plan.
3. Continue beautification efforts through landscape design and general maintenance with qualified staff personnel and/or third party contractors where feasible.
4. Work with developers on landscape selection to include manageable trees, location of planted trees, shrubs, etc. in medians and rights-of-ways where feasible.

Goal 5: Use private, county, state and national resources as well as City resources to improve the park system.

Objectives:

1. Leverage city and private funding against county, state and federal funding to obtain the most cost effective use of funds.
2. Use training provided by other agencies to build the City's expertise.
3. Enter into joint ventures with private agencies where feasible.
4. Develop joint projects with HEB ISD when possible.

Goal 6: Expand economic growth, improve the quality of life for citizens and promote economic development opportunities through parks, recreation and open space planning and programming.

Objectives:

1. Aggressively promote the benefits of parks and recreation through creative planning and programming, realizing that these benefits can be effective tools for increasing property values, promoting economic development by attracting new businesses, and improving the City's image.
2. Plan and design parks and recreational facilities that are accessible to all individuals and meet the needs of the community they serve.
3. Create, promote and participate in events which address the core values of the community.
4. Develop landscape plans for high visibility areas that include parks, major thoroughfares, intersections, and public facilities.
5. Develop a landscape and tree preservation ordinance for proposed developments through the City's unified development code.
6. Continue to develop public/private partnerships in the promotion of the arts., particularly theatrical opportunities at Boys Ranch.

Goal 7: Increase safety and reduce maintenance and operational costs throughout the park system.

Objectives:

1. Reduce maintenance costs by using state of the art materials and design details.
2. Evaluate standards to assess and correct safety related issues at existing facilities.

3. Explore the use of vandal-resistant materials in all new construction.
4. Promote the use of native plant materials and other species that require little water.
5. Work with the Police and Fire Departments to reduce the potential for vandalism and other crimes in public areas.



III. Plan Development

The City of Bedford previously prepared a park and recreation master plan in 2010. This plan was submitted and approved by the TPWD. Its endorsement was instrumental in the award of a grant by TPWD for the Bedford Boys Ranch. In December of 2014 City staff requested the services of the DFL Group to assist in the development of an updated plan. Since then, The Parks Board has held monthly meetings to review progress. A more detailed

Plan Review Process and Public Input

Major planning activities included:

- December 4, 2014 – First meeting between consultant and Park Board
- February 4 & March 12, 2015 – Scheduled Park Board Meetings
- April 1, 2015 – Public Meeting to solicit citizen input
- May 6, 2015 – Scheduled Park Board Meeting; survey made available for public input
- May 31, 2015 – Survey results compiled
- June 4, 2015 – Joint Public Meeting with Park Board and Beautification Commission
- August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, 2015 – Scheduled Park Board Meetings
- March 3, 2016 – Park Board adoption
- April 26, 2016 – Adoption by Bedford City Council

The City Council, City staff, and the general public have all contributed significantly in the development phase of this plan. Looking forward, with a wealth of public input, and the assistance of the City Council and staff, the 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan will assist the City in making future decisions regarding its developing system of recreational lands and facilities.



Updates to the Plan

At a minimum, the plan will be periodically reviewed and updated every five years. This ensures that the goals and priorities reflect the changing demographics and expectations of the citizens of Bedford and meets the requirements of Texas Parks and Wildlife. This is essential if the City intends to apply for state or federal grants in the future.



IV. Area and Facility Concepts and Standards

Definition and Use of Standards

Allocation of space according to type of use is one of the primary decisions with which communities are continually faced. Such decisions are usually made based upon standards for the residential, commercial, industrial, educational, recreational, and public use development patterns which the community desires to encourage or enforce through zoning regulations or other methods. A standard is a minimum acceptable spatial allocation measure. Recreational standards may be developed for park type, size, and location; facility development; accessibility for the physically challenged; parking, utilities, and other infrastructure; access to natural resources; open space; programming; and other considerations.

Development of recreational standards is an effective way to provide guidelines for making decisions about how much acreage to acquire, where it should be located, and what facilities should be included at each site to properly serve the affected population.

National versus Local Standards

National recreational standards have been developed through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), and these may be helpful as communities assess their recreational needs and how best to meet them. However, the uniqueness of each community due to geographical, cultural, climatic, and socioeconomic characteristics makes it more likely that each community will need to develop its own standards for recreation, parks, and open space. The Bedford Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan will take the national standards into consideration while applying local standards.



Recreational Land Use Functions

Recreation – space and facilities for people to engage in active and passive recreation activities. Although the interest in various activities may change over time, the space necessary for various facilities remains constant (e.g., baseball field or swimming pool). This function will include both space (acreage) and facility standards.

Open Space – structured or non-structured, relatively undeveloped areas mostly suitable for passive recreation. This may include plazas, greenbelts, gardens and other spaces which humanize the urban environment but vary greatly according to the use and characteristics of the site.

Conservation – natural resource areas that allow for varying levels of recreational pursuits. Protection and management of these resources cannot be constrained by ascribing arbitrary acreage or locational standards, but must be considered within the context of community or regional plans and policies. Special guidelines may be necessary regarding ownership and management strategies.

Organizational – land use for administration and maintenance buildings for the park system itself.



Standards Criteria

Criteria for park and recreation standards must: 1) reflect the needs of the people in the service area, 2) be realistic and attainable, 3) be acceptable and useful to management and policy makers, and 4) be based on sound analysis of the best available information. The City will strive to incorporate these criteria in each standard developed for the parks system.

Park Classification Types

Development of spatial and facility standards must include consideration of park classification types. Generally recognized classifications include the following:

Pocket Park - A pocket park is a small (usually less than 1 acre) park developed with elements such as sidewalks, fountains, shelters, benches, and in residential areas, playgrounds and picnicking. Pocket parks are meant to serve only residents in the immediate area with no parking provided.

Neighborhood Park - A neighborhood park is a site of approximately 5 to 10 acres and serves an area within a one-half mile radius with both active and passive recreational opportunities. Facilities typically found in neighborhood parks include play apparatus, picnic areas, shelters, play courts, unlighted play fields, restrooms, walking/jogging trails, natural open space, parking, swimming pools, and tennis courts. Occasionally, a neighborhood park may include a small parking lot, but most users walk from their homes to the park.

Community Park - A community park is a site of approximately 40 to 150 acres with a service radius area of two miles. Facilities usually included in such a park are tennis courts, shelters, separate or multi-purpose sports fields, play apparatus, picnic areas, walking/jogging trails, recreation centers, swimming pools, open space, and restrooms. Since community parks draw from a large area, parking must be provided. Because of the recreational opportunities provided, community parks often also serve as neighborhood parks.

City Park - A city park can range in size, but holds special significance within a municipal park system. Its service area is intended to encompass the entire city. It may support a variety of recreational facilities including athletic fields, trails, playgrounds, natural areas and open space. Major city parks are generally located with special attention given to historical significance, natural characteristics, amenities, wetlands, easements and/or floodplains. They should also be located adjacent to a major thoroughfare to accommodate the traffic volumes generated by the recreational facilities located there.

Special Use Park - A special use park is similar to a city park in that it draws users from the entire city. However, it differs in that recreational opportunities are limited to one or possibly two facilities. Facility space requirements are the primary determinants of site size and location. For example, a golf course may require 150 acres, whereas a community center with parking may only require 10 or 15 acres. Potential special uses include baseball/softball complexes, soccer complexes, tennis centers, sports stadiums,

performing arts facilities, amphitheaters, lake parks, community centers, and golf courses.

Open Space Area - Open space, greenbelts and natural areas are usually developed around a significant natural resource such as creeks, rivers, significant vegetation, lake shore, or other major natural feature. The potential benefits of these parks are numerous. Not only can they preserve valuable open space and natural habitat, they can provide a natural environment for walking, jogging, and bicycling trails, and provide a transportation corridor linking neighborhoods to parks, schools, and shopping areas. These parks may also provide a variety of passive recreational opportunities free, or relatively free, from automobile interference. They may also serve as natural buffers between developed properties, store floodwaters, and can sometimes be acquired at a relatively inexpensive price due to the restrictions on development.

Design standards for greenbelts or linear parks are relatively loose in order to allow the maximum use of the natural environment in the design. These corridor widths are often determined by the existing topography, severity of flooding, and other unique natural features. Greenbelt corridors of less than fifty (50) "useable" feet should be avoided and narrow corridor sections kept to a minimum. One-hundred-foot corridor widths and wider give flexibility in design and are encouraged wherever possible.

Natural areas are prime open space opportunities, sometimes containing ecosystems in a non-disturbed state with minimal man-made intrusions. These areas lend a certain aesthetic and functional diversity to a park network and urban landscape. Although the benefits of natural areas are hard to quantify, they are numerous and include preservation of wildlife habitat and opportunities for nature study. When floodplains are preserved as natural areas they offer a resource to aid in protection from flooding. A resource-based approach to natural area planning should be used in Bedford, due to the unique character and availability of natural resources. This approach enables the city to identify the natural resources unique to the area, such as the lakes and creeks and rivers, and define how those areas will be integrated into the parks system in order to best satisfy the needs of the citizens.

There are no national standards for natural areas within the City due to the extreme variations in natural resources from region to region. Bedford should adopt open space policies which reflect the unique natural resources of the community. Open spaces with environmental significance should be included in the level of service standard only to the extent to which they provide users with passive and active recreational opportunities. Open space, such as perennial wetlands and/or inaccessible areas, which does not provide users with recreational opportunities may not be a desirable acquisition.



Bedford Park Classifications

Neighborhood Parks: Brookhollow Park, Carousel Park, East End Trail Park, Harris Ryals Park; Monterrey Park

Community Parks: Bedford Boys Ranch, Central Park, Stormie Jones Park

Linear Park: Bedford Trails, Cheeksparger Trail

Special Use Park: Meadow Park (athletic complex – owned by HEBISD; leased and operated by the City of Bedford); Bark Park

Park Acreage Standard

The acreage standard influences the acquisition and development of park land and is also used as a measure of performance and program effectiveness. Based on observation and measurement over time in communities nationwide, population ratio is the professionally accepted standard for park acreage based on acres of park land per 1,000 residents. This standard is simple to calculate and is easily updatable during periods of population growth. It is a flexible planning guideline that should be used in concert with other factors such as usage rates, park locations, and site carrying capacity.

The national service goal suggested by the NRPA for park acreage is 11.25-20.5 acres per 1,000 residents; Bedford's current standard is 1 acre per 250 person, or 4 acres per 1,000. The current level of service in Bedford is 144 acres for 49,054 residents, or 2.94 acres per 1,000 residents. Ideally, an additional 52 acres of park land are currently needed to meet the standard. 58 acres will be needed by 2025. A complete analysis for 2016 through 2026 is noted in Section VI, Table 6-1, Recreational Needs Assessment.

Although the standard of 4 acres per 1,000 is comparatively low nationwide, the availability of undeveloped land in Bedford prohibits an aggressive strategy. Fortunately, Bedford and surrounding cities have an open relationship that allows all citizens access to recreational opportunities in other communities.



TABLE 4-1

PARK CLASSIFICATION AND ACREAGE

Park Name	Park Classification	Site Area (Acres)
Bark Park	Special Use Park	****
Bedford Boys Ranch	Community Park	68
Bedford Trails***	Linear Park	*
Brookhollow Park	Neighborhood Park	9
Carousel Park	Neighborhood Park	1
Central Park	Community Park	5
Cheeksparger Trail - McLain to Martin	Linear Park	4
East End Trail Park***	Neighborhood Park	*
Harris Ryals Park***	Neighborhood Park	32
Meadow Park**	Special Use Park	11
Monterrey Park	Neighborhood Park	0.5
Stormie Jones Park	Community Park	13

TOTAL	143.5
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- *All trail acreage combined in Harris Ryals Park
- ** Meadow Park is leased from the HEBISD
- *** Use agreement with Oncor Electric
- **** Included in Meadow Park

Facility Standards

Although national standards have been developed for most types of recreational facilities, these standards are frequently modified to meet local needs. Bedford has developed its own standards for the 2016-2026 decade. Table 4-2 shows this update from the 2010 standards. Additionally, Table 4-3 compares Bedford standards to neighboring cities. Significant changes included the addition of nature trails to the list as well as an increase in the need for pavilions, multi-purpose trails, and volleyball courts. These changes are based on public input provided to the Park Board.

TABLE 4-2					
Bedford 2010 Standards			Bedford 2016 Standards		
Facility	Units Required	Per Capita	Facility	Units Required	Per Capita
Local Park Land	1 Acre	250	Local Park Land	1 Acre	250
Aquatic Facilities	1 Each	24,300	Aquatic Facilities	1 Each	24,300
Basketball Courts	1 Each	15,000	Basketball Courts	1 Each	15,000
Disc Golf	1 Each	48,700	Disc Golf	1 Each	48,700
Dog Park	1 Each	48,700	Dog Park	1 Each	48,700
Fishing	1 Each	48,700	Fishing	1 Each	48,700
Football	1 Each	48,700	Football	1 Each	48,700
Horseshoe Pit	1 Each	16,200	Horseshoe Pit	1 Each	16,200
In-line Hockey	1 Each	48,700	In-line Hockey	1 Each	48,700
Little League Baseball	1 Each	11,000	Little League Baseball	1 Each	11,000
Nature Trails	1 Mile	0	Nature Trails	1 Mile	48,700
Pavilions	1 Each	14,000	Pavilions	1 Each	6,500

Picnic Tables	1 Each	400	Picnic Tables	1 Each	400
Playgrounds	1 Each	2,400	Playgrounds	1 Each	2,400
Practice Field	1 Each	7,000	Practice Field	1 Each	7,000
Recreation Centers	1 Each	48,700	Recreation Centers	1 Each	48,700
Senior Center	1 Each	48,700	Senior Center	1 Each	48,700
Shelters	1 Each	5,000	Shelters	1 Each	5,000
Shuffleboard	1 Each	48,700	Shuffleboard	1 Each	48,700
Skateboard	1 Each	48,700	Skateboard	1 Each	48,700
Softball Field	1 Each	18,000	Softball Field	1 Each	18,000
Softball Field - Girls	1 Each	18,000	Softball Field - Girls	1 Each	18,000
Soccer Fields	1 Each	7,000	Soccer Fields	1 Each	7,000
Splash Pad	1 Each	48,700	Splash Pad	1 Each	48,700
Tennis Courts	1 Each	4,500	Tennis Courts	1 Each	4,500
Trails	1 Mile	6,000	Trails	1 Mile	4,800
Volleyball Courts	1 Each	10,000	Volleyball Courts	1 Each	8,000
Washer Pit	1 Each	48,700	Washer Pit	1 Each	48,700

TABLE 4-3 Comparative Standards

Facility	Recreation and Park National Association	Colleyville	Hurst	Richland Hills North	Eufless	Grapevine	Keller	Bedford , 2016
Local Park Land (Acres/1000 Residents)	11.25-20.5	11.25-20.5	12.2	12-15.5	8.5-13	23.4	18	4
Aquatic Facilities (1/Population)	20,000	40,000	20,000	60,000	50,000	17,857	20,000	24,300
Basketball Courts (1/Population)	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,000	15,000	6,666	3,000	15,000
Disc Golf (1/Population)				30,000				48,700
Dog Park (1/Population)		40,000	30,000	30,000			40,000	48,700
Fishing/Boating (1/Population)					25,000	10,000		48,700

Football (1/Population)	20,000	18,000	20,000	30,000	50,000	2,857***	25,000	48,700
Horseshoe Pit (1/Population)				6,000			10,000	16,200
In-line Hockey (1/Population)			30,000	50,000		100,000	30,000	48,700
Little League Baseball (1/Population)	5,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	4,000	2,857****	4,500	11,000
Nature Trails (1 Mile/Population)		5,000				3,333		48,700
Pavilions (1/Population)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	7,000	5,000	1,500	6,500
Picnic Tables (1/Population)								400
Playgrounds (1/Population)	1,000	2,500	1,000	1,500	2,800	1,666	1,000	2,400
Practice Field (1/Population)		3,000*	3,000	2,500	4,500		2,500	7,000
Recreation Centers (1/Population)			20,000	60,000		**	40,000	48,700
Senior Center (1/Population)								48,700
Shelters (1/Population)					13,000	2,857		5,000
Shuffleboard (1/Population)								48,700
Skateboard (1/Population)		35,000	30,000	60,000		100,000	30,000	48,700
Softball Field - Adult (1/Population)	5,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	6,500	2,857****	20,000	18,000
Softball Field - Girls (1/Population)						2,857****	5,000	18,000
Soccer Fields (1/Population)	10,000	2,000	3,000	6,000	5,500	2,857***	7,000	7,000
Splash Pad (1/Population)		20,000		30,000	25,000	20,000	30,000	48,700
Tennis Courts (1/Population)	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,000	5,500	4,444	2,500	4,500
Trails (1 Mile/Population)	10,000	2,500	2,000	1,200	5,000	2,500	1,000	4,800
Volleyball Courts (1/Population)	5,000	6,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,500	8,000
Washer Pit (1/Population)				6,000				48,700

* - Baseball-1/3,000; soccer 1/2,000

** - 9,900 SF/10,000

*** - Combined standard

**** - Combined standard

Open Space Standard

For purposes of this master plan, open space is defined to meet the Texas Recreation and Parks Account scoring criteria definition: “natural open space land or water for human use and enjoyment that is relatively free of man-made structures. Open space may include creek corridors, floodplains, natural drainage basins, and areas which may be enhanced for native habitat.” Additionally, developed park land might also be considered open space.

It is important to note that this plan is not suggesting that the City immediately take action to acquire specific land parcels. Instead, the intent is that if these properties become available for purchase, the City should explore methods to fund acquisition.

The minimum standard for open space will require at least two acres per developed park site, with substantially more acreage preferred. It is not currently feasible to ensure two acres of open space at every existing park in Bedford; however the City's overall availability of open space is currently adequate. Additional open space areas may be designated in the future, even if they are less than two acres in size, in order to preserve critical natural resources or habitat areas.

Acquisition Opportunities

By utilizing Bedford's standard of providing neighborhood park land within a ½ mile radius (see section Park Classification Types), an analysis of the City was prepared to identify underserved areas. (See Appendix J.) This map clearly identifies specific neighborhoods that should become priorities for acquisition. Using this information, along with an evaluation of available open space, acquisition opportunities have been identified.

Several open space areas and creek corridor pathways are recognized as potential acquisitions (Appendices J, K, & L). The most significant, and the highest priority for acquisition remains the 10-acre tract adjacent to Monterrey Park in the far south area of the City in Park District 3. This site represents the last remnant of Cross Timbers oak forest in Bedford. Although they are not prioritized, primary potential open space acquisitions by park district are listed below: (Numbered properties listed below correspond to exhibits.)

District 1 North

1. Expand Meadow Park to the west
2. Acquire available open space northwest of the SH 121 and Cheeksparger intersection

3. Designate The Old Bedford School site as park land
4. In concert with the Bedford Commons Plan, designate selected open space as park land, north of L. Don Dodson, between Parkwood and E.M. Bigger.
5. Consider acquisition of open space east of Central, between Harwood and Meadow Park Circle.

District 2 South

6. Designate City owned land on Bedford Road, west of Stonegate Elementary School as park land.
7. Expand Monterrey Park south to Pipeline.
8. Acquire creek floodplain west of Shumac between Forest Ridge and Circle Lane.

District 3 East

9. Acquire creek corridor south of Bedford Road between SH121 and Reliance Parkway
10. Expand Stormie Jones Park to the north
11. Include the Bedford Community Garden in Park Inventory



Organizational Standards

Bedford's Community Services Department oversees the Parks Division, Recreation Division, Aquatics Division, the Senior Center, Old Bedford School, the Library, and Special Events. Current staff includes 14 full time personnel in Parks and 6 full time in Recreation. In addition the Recreation Division employs 8 part-time and 100 seasonal employees. The combined 2015 budget for Parks, Recreation, and Aquatics was approximately \$4.3 million. City staff and Council make yearly adjustments to the budget based on available revenue and park needs. Current administrative and maintenance facility space is considered adequate for the existing park system.

V. Inventory of Existing Facilities

Purpose of an Inventory of Existing Parks and Open Space

Key elements of the park planning process include understanding which park and open space facilities are currently available to City residents (Appendix H – Existing Facilities), evaluating the condition and spatial location of those facilities and open space areas, and determining whether or not the facilities and open space areas address the current recreational needs of the City. Comparison of available recreation facilities and open space areas with the number and needs of users of those facilities and open space areas will shed light on the need for new or improved locations, facilities, and services. Appendices J-L locate city parks; schools; public facilities; potential sites for future parks, trails, and open space; and potential trail connections to neighboring trail systems in Hurst, Colleyville and Euless.



Components of the Existing Parks Inventory

The following components are necessary to give an accurate rendition of the state of the parks and recreation system in Bedford. Some of the criteria, however, are not included in the tables in this section, but are discussed elsewhere in this document.

Classification: Determination of the purpose of any given facility, such as pocket park, neighborhood park, city park, linear park, special purpose park, or other classification specific to Bedford

Location: Concerns the location of the park in relation to the population it serves, accessibility, and amount of use

Service area: Limits of the area served by each park, including any major thoroughfares or natural barriers to accessing the park

Park size: Acreage, sufficiency to accomplish intended purposes

Facilities: Type of facilities, appropriateness to park classification

Condition: General condition of park facilities

Special considerations: Accessibility for physically challenged, amount of open space versus development, protection of natural or cultural resources, or other issues specific to an individual site

Bedford Park System

Individual recreation facilities (outdoor and indoor) and support facilities are presented in the following tables. It should be noted that some items such as picnic tables and pavilions are included in the support facilities table even though they are generally considered recreation facilities.

TABLE 5-1

INVENTORY OF OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES BY PARK SITE

	Bark Park	Bedford Boys Ranch**	Bedford Trails	Brookhollow Park	Carousel Park	Central Park	Cheeksparger Trail - McLain to Martin	East End Trail Park	Harris Ryals	Meadow Park	Monterrey Park	Stormie Jones Park
Amphitheater		1										
Baseball-Game Field 305										2		
Baseball-Game Field 275		1										
Baseball-Game Field 150		1										
Baseball-Game Field 135		1										
Baseball-Practice Field												
Basketball Courts												
Basketball Goal		1										
Bird Watching Station												
Disc Golf (9 Holes)		1										
Exercise Course			1***						1			1
Fishing Piers		3										
Horseshoe		1										
Inline Skate		1										
Lake		1										
Multipurpose Field		2		1								
Outdoor Classroom												
Playground		2		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	2
Pool						1						
Shuffleboard		1										
Skateboard												
Soccer -Game Field		2								2		2
Soccer-Practice Field		1										1
Softball-Game Field												

Softball-Practice Field	1										
Splash Pads											
T-ball/Blastball	1										
Tennis Courts (Lighted)	6										
Trail-Asphalt						936 0		1495			
Trail-Concrete (Lighted)	991 0	5495 *	146 5		142 0		7910 *	5560 *			345 5
Volleyball Courts (Sand)					1						1
Washer Pit											
Water Park	1										

* Not Lighted

** Denotes post construction estimates

*** Wheelchar accessible

TABLE 5-2

Inventory of Support Facilities by Park

	Bark Park	Bedford Boys Ranch**	Bedford Trails	Brookhollow Park	Carousel Park	Central Park	Cheeksparger Trail	East End Trail Park	Harris Ryals	Meadow Park	Monterrey Park	Stormie Jones Park
Benches	2	10	8	2		3		1	6	4	1	4
Bike Rack		2				1						
Concession Bldg		1								1		
Dog Park										1		
Fire Pit		1										
Grills		5	3	1	3		2	2			1	2
Group Grills		3			1			1				1
Irrigation		Yes*				Yes			Yes*	Yes	Yes	
Lighting		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parking Spaces (Paved)		476			4	16				205		92
Parking Spaces (Handicap)		49				2				9		4

Pavilion		3			1	1						1
Pedestrian Bridges		3	3	1								
Picnic Tables	2	54	2	6	4	7		5	8	7	1	11
Restrooms		2								1		1
Shelter	2	2							1	2		2
Water Fountains		3	1	2	2	1		1	2	2	1	2

* Park partially irrigated

** Denotes post construction estimates

TABLE 5-3

INVENTORY OF INDOOR RECREATION BEDFORD BOYS RANCH

Art Center	1
Basketball Courts (Full)	1
Basketball Courts (Half)	4
Cardio Room	1
Gymnasium	1
Indoor Classroom	3
Kitchen	1
Multi Purpose Room	1
Senior Center	1
Theater	1
Volleyball	1
Weight Room	1

City Facilities Developed with Grant Assistance from TPWD

Bedford has been the recipient of five matching fund grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): Two grants were awarded for Central Park acquisition and development; the Bedford Boys Ranch received two grants, one after the completion of the 2010 Master Plan; and lastly funds were acquired for the development of Bedford Trail. All three sites remain open to the public, are maintained in a safe and attractive condition, and have acknowledgement signs in place. (Note, at this time the Boys Ranch is under construction. Funding was primarily from General Obligation Bonds and a grant from TPWD.) The City completes a self-certification report for each site upon notification by TPWD that such reports are due.

HEB ISD Recreation Facilities

Outdoor recreation facilities at the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District campuses are available for use by the public outside of school hours and restricted periods of use determined by the school district. Although technically publicly owned, their primary users are students.

TABLE 5-4								
Inventory of HEB-ISD Recreational Facilities								
	Bedford Heights Elementary	Bedford Junior High	Bell Manor Elementary	Harwood Junior High	Meadow Creek Elementary	Shady Brook Elementary	Spring Garden Elementary	Stonegate Elementary
Basketball Court	3				3*	2	3	2*
Fitness Course	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Football Field		1		1				
Outdoor Classroom					1			1
Picnicking	1				1	1		
Playground	1		1	1	2	1	1	1
Practice Athletic Field	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tennis Court		2		2				

Note: HEBISD recreational facilities are open to public use after regular school hours only.

* - Indicates half court



VI. Needs Assessment and Identification

Needs Assessment Methodologies

The needs assessment is a critical component of park and recreation planning. The analysis of facilities needed to meet the City's goals and objectives and the needs identified by the public allows the City to prioritize the most critical needs. The three standard methodologies for evaluating current and future park needs include:

Standards-based assessment - use of nationally or locally developed criteria for determining level of service based on demand studies and/or professional judgment of recreation planners.

Demand-based assessment - use of anticipated growth data, user participation rates, and surveys or other public input.

Resource-based assessment - based on unique physical and natural features and their usefulness in providing recreational opportunities.

The methodology selected may depend on site classification and the nature of the recreation provider. Most commonly, all three methods are utilized to present the most complete picture of the provider's needs for recreational lands and facilities. This master plan will apply each of the three methodologies, individually or simultaneously, as appropriate.

Standards-based Needs Assessment

After reviewing national and local standards from other communities, the City of Bedford has determined the following standards for park acreage and facility development. Needs are computed for 2014, 2019, and 2025.



City of Bedford

Recreational Needs Assessment

Based on 2016 Master Plan Standards

POPULATION			2010 Census	2014 Estimate	2019 Estimate	2025 Estimate	Net Needs as of	Net Needs as of	Net Needs as of	
			46,964	49,054	49,825	50,395	12-31-14	12-31-19	12-31-25	
Facility	Units Required	Per Capita	Current Inventory	2010 Gross Needs	2014 Gross Needs	2019 Gross Needs	2025 Gross Needs			
Local Park Land	1 Acre	250	144	188	196	199	202	52	55	58
Aquatic Facilities	1 Each	24,300	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
Basketball Courts	1 Each	15,000	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Disc Golf	1 Each	48,700	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dog Park	1 Each	48,700	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Fishing	1 Each	48,700	3	1	1	1	1	-2	-2	-2
Football	1 Each	48,700	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Horseshoe Pit	1 Each	16,200	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2
In-line Hockey	1 Each	48,700	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Little League Baseball	1 Each	11,000	5	4	4	5	5	-1	0	0
Nature Trails	1 Mile	48,700	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pavilions	1 Each	6,500	6	7	8	8	8	2	2	2
Picnic Tables	1 Each	400	107	117	123	125	126	16	18	19
Playgrounds	1 Each	2,400	11	20	20	21	21	9	10	10
Practice Field	1 Each	7,000	6	7	7	7	7	1	1	1
Recreation Centers	1 Each	48,700	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Senior Center	1 Each	48,700	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Shelters	1 Each	5,000	9	9	10	10	10	1	1	1
Shuffleboard	1 Each	48,700	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Skateboard	1 Each	48,700	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Softball Field	1 Each	18,000	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Softball Field - Girls	1 Each	18,000	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Soccer Fields	1 Each	7,000	6	7	7	7	7	1	1	1
Splash Pad	1 Each	48,700	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tennis Courts	1 Each	4,500	6	10	11	11	11	5	5	5
Trails	1 Mile	4,800	5	10	10	10	10	5	5	5
Volleyball Courts	1 Each	8,000	2	6	6	6	6	4	4	4
Washer Pit	1 Each	48,700	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

NOTE: Population estimates are based on combined NCTCOG and City of Bedford data.

Demand-based Needs Assessment

In order to get a completely accurate pulse on community needs, a scientific conducted by a trained professional team must be conducted. Unfortunately, these types of surveys are often cost prohibitive. A survey of Bedford residents was conducted however, in the summer of 2015 to determine public opinion regarding existing park and recreation facilities and future needs (See Appendix M for a copy of the survey). Copies were made available at all public facilities including City Hall, Public Library, Senior Center, and the Boys Ranch Activity Center. A brief summary of the results of the general survey are compiled in the table below and a full summary is provided in Appendix N.

Survey results were a critical component for determining facility development priorities for the next decade.

TABLE 6-2

General Survey Summary

(Note: Respondents could choose more than one activity.)

How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Bedford?

- Excellent 6.0%
- Good 45.8%
- Fair 31.4%
- Poor 9.4%
- Don't know 7.6%

Overall, how would you rate the special event programs offered by the City?

- Excellent 16.7%
- Good 49.2%
- Fair 22.8%
- Poor 3.7%
- Don't know 7.7%

In which recreational programs or activities would you most be interested in participating ?

- Adult programs 34.3%
- Fitness classes 28.2%
- Health/wellness 23.8%
- Water exercise 19.7%

- Arts 16.5%
- Youth programs 12.8%
- Hiking 12.1%
- Nature study 12.0%
- Fishing 9.1%

Overall, how would you rate the parks and open spaces in Bedford?

- Excellent 7.6%
- Good 51.0%
- Fair 27.3%
- Poor 8.4%
- Don't know 5.9%

Overall, how would you rate recreational opportunities in Bedford?

- Excellent 6.3%
- Good 41.5%
- Fair 34.3%
- Poor 12.5%
- Don't know 5.6%

Do you feel there is a need to add or expand any of the following athletic facilities (listed from highest to lowest)?

- Sand volleyball
- Basketball courts
- Tennis courts
- Soccer fields
- Practice fields
- Volleyball courts
- Baseball fields
- Softball fields
- Track/Field
- Football fields

Do you feel there is a need to add, expand or improve the following facilities (listed from highest to lowest)?

- Hike/bike trails
- Indoor pool
- Playground
- Multi-purpose center
- Open spaces
- Trail linkages
- Senior Center
- Community garden
- Botanic garden
- Shelters/pavilions

Do you feel the City should make it a priority to acquire more park land/open space?

- Yes 55.5%
- No 24.7%
- No opinion 19.9%

Would you support a bond referendum to generally improve the City's park system?

- Yes 75.5%
- No 10.9%
- No opinion 13.6%

The most important programs identified included adult opportunities and fitness classes. Respondents also expressed an interest in health/exercise, wellness and arts. With respect to the need for athletic facility needs, the highest responses included volleyball, basketball, tennis, and soccer. The highest general recreational needs included trails, and indoor pool, playgrounds, and a multi-purpose center. A majority of respondents agreed that it was important to acquire more open space (55.5%) and fund new park facilities, mainly through bond programs (75.5%). Overall, condition of the parks and quality of recreational experience was seen as positive (near 51.8% excellent/good). The City's special events are well received. This is evidenced by the high attendance at The Fourth Fest and Bedford Blues Festival, drawing attendees from many surrounding communities.

Resource-based Needs Assessment

Development and acquisition plans (Appendices J-L) illustrate potential park, trail, and open space acquisitions within the City. As detailed in the previous Goals and Objectives section, the City places a priority on preserving these resources and making them available to the public when appropriate. Bedford is currently built out, and much natural habitat has been converted to residential and commercial uses. However, given adequate funding scenarios, the City is eager to add resource-based acreage and facilities to the park and recreation system. The City is currently renovating and stabilizing the creek corridor within the Bedford Boys Ranch, and places a priority on the acquisition of the 10-acre oak forest site adjacent to Monterrey Park. Other creek corridors, greenways, wetlands, ponds, open spaces, and wildlife habitat will be acquired as resources become available.



Senior Needs

Facilities which serve the general public may also serve particular needs of senior citizens. Generally these facilities are more passive in nature rather than competitive sports. In 2014, Bedford's seniors (over 64) comprised 30% of the population, up from 11% in 2010. This is a significant increase and the City considers it a priority to include facility planning for seniors. While the survey conducted in 2015 was not specifically focused toward any age group, senior activities were identified as a high priority. The complete survey results are included in Appendix N.

Approximately 32% of those responding to the survey identified themselves as seniors. About 45% of those indicated that they visited the Senior Center several times a year. About 18% visited the center several times a week. Fitness classes were most popular at

65.4%, followed by walking at 50.7%. Aquatics (45.8%) and arts/crafts (33.9%) also were highly ranked.

Accessibility for Physically Challenged and Special Populations Needs

All city park facilities will be made accessible. The items mentioned as needs for other categories apply equally to special needs populations. Additional special needs programs may be developed as warranted by demand and development of appropriate facilities.

Bedford Trails has a fitness course specifically designed for the physically challenged.

Open Space Needs

Acquisition and protection of open space by incorporating additional parcels into the City parks system will ensure that Bedford residents continue to have access to the outdoors for a variety of recreational and educational purposes. The City recognizes that parks do not have to be manicured, programmed sites. Indeed preserved natural habitat serves an enormous need. Areas that possess outstanding natural resources that will remain mostly undeveloped to serve as habitat for wildlife and plant species will be evaluated to determine the best protection strategies, with or without actual acquisition.

The City will attempt to incorporate a minimum of 2 acres of open space in each of its acquisition and development projects. The amount of dedicated open space will depend upon each site's acreage, natural features, accessibility, and habitat value. The citizens of Bedford demonstrated in the survey that open space was a high priority (55.5%). Only 24.7% indicated that the City had enough open space/park land. As a result, the City will continue to search for ways to incorporate as much open space as possible into the park system.



Natural Resource Needs

The City has demonstrated its consideration for the importance of including its natural resource base when planning recreational sites and facilities. Identified in both the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and this parks and recreation master plan, the critical need to conserve resource-based sites including creeks, greenways, floodplains, and prairie forest remnants must be a component of any plan affecting future development in the City. Specific sites are noted below:

Monterrey Park - Acquire land for future park development and open space preservation, particularly the Cross Timbers oak forest adjacent to Monterrey Park.

Boys Ranch - Drainage and erosion problems in the Boys Ranch will be completed by 2016. Improvements to the aquatic habitat of the Boys Ranch pond by dredging and introducing riparian plant species will also be complete. The pond will be stocked with game fish and spawning habitat will be developed. Lastly, the construction of overlooks

and native interpretive areas along the Boys Ranch watercourse will be complete.

South of Bedford Road at 121 and Reliance Parkway – The acquisition and preservation of a creek corridor in this location has been identified as an opportunity.

Wooded floodplain east of Shumac – Preserving a woodland creek in a natural state should not be overlooked. Creek realignment and channelization has eliminated many similar opportunities. This site offers an opportunity to preserve wildlife habitat and possibly provide limited neighborhood park development.

Rehabilitation Needs

As facilities age and deteriorate with use, they are evaluated for safety issues and appropriateness to the evolving needs of the community. The city has identified the following facilities in particular as in need of some degree of rehabilitation:

- *Replace* asphalt surface on the Cheek Sparger trail with concrete
- *Replace* or *renovate* one or more playgrounds city-wide yearly
- *Renovate* athletic fields and support facilities city-wide
- *Renovate* sand volleyball courts
- *Renovate* exercise/weight rooms and meeting/activity rooms at the Boys Ranch Activity Center

VII. Plan Implementation and Prioritization of Needs

Perhaps the most important aspect of an implementation plan is the commitment required from elected and appointed officials, City staff, and citizens. The plan must reflect the needs and desires of these individuals in order to be considered a useful tool in directing future decision-making pertaining to the acquisition, development, and management of an adequate parks and recreation system.

Development of Priority Rankings

Based on the goals, needs and desires that have evolved through the research, standards development, and public input in this master plan, rankings for facility development have been prioritized. A number of resources were evaluated in the finalization of these recommendations including:

- Surveys of residents
- City Council recommendations
- Park Board public meeting and workshops
- Current and projected demographics
- Existing land use and open space opportunities
- City staff priorities
- Texas Parks and Wildlife criteria
- Needs assessment findings
- Available and projected capital

Funding sources for implementation of these priorities should be a combination of current fund expenditures, bond funds, reserve funds, grants, donations, in-kind services, partnerships, and volunteer participation. The development of these priorities is also required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Outdoor Priorities

DISTRICT 1 - NORTH

1. Multi-purpose trails
2. Sports/play fields
3. Basketball
4. Picnicking
5. Pavilion
6. Tennis courts

7. Interpretive trails
8. Volleyball

DISTRICT 2 – SOUTH

1. Trails
2. Playgrounds
3. Land acquisition
4. Sand volleyball
5. Picnicking
6. Basketball
7. Sprayground

DISTRICT 3 – EAST

1. Trails
2. Creek improvements
3. Land acquisition
4. Sports/play fields
5. Playgrounds
6. Basketball

Indoor Priorities (city-wide)

1. Walking track
2. Gymnasium
3. Weight room
4. Floor exercise area
5. Meeting space
6. Performing arts/cultural center
7. Senior center



Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan identifies specific projects that are critical to address current and future needs. These projects are not prioritized, but do in many cases address the priorities listed previously. In all cases, project completion is contingent upon available funding approved for specific uses. Preliminary cost opinions are included. However, it should be noted that actual costs are unpredictable and subject to final programs, site conditions and market conditions. The City seeks to implement the following projects during the next five years:

Develop a barrier-free playground that promotes interaction between physically challenged and able-bodied children (estimated cost \$400,000).

Continue the beautification of the City's entryways, parks, medians, and other public spaces utilizing modern signage and low maintenance plant material (estimated cost \$200,000).

Acquire land for future park development and open space preservation, where possible and consistent with park needs, particularly the expansion of Monterrey Park (estimated cost \$1,000,000).

Collaborate with Bedford youth organizations to develop, renovate and expand athletic fields and support facilities (estimated cost \$2,900,000).

Improve the Boys Ranch Activity Center, including renovations/additions to the exercise/weight rooms, and meeting/activity rooms. Add an elevated indoor track to the gymnasium (estimated cost \$2,000,000).

Improve and expand the pedestrian trail system including the replacement of the asphalt trail on Cheek Sparger and a new connection from the Boys Ranch to Central Park (estimated cost \$800,000).

Continue renovation of playgrounds city-wide using accessible, challenging and safe state-of-the-art equipment (estimated cost \$900,000).

Facility Cost Estimates

The following cost estimates are provided as a general guide for development. Construction cost opinions are based on the latest available data. Actual costs will vary as a result of timing, program, and site conditions. These figures should be used as a general guideline to help establish budgets, and should be adjusted as necessary on a project by project basis.

TABLE 7-1

Typical Facility Cost Estimates by Park Classification

The following cost estimates are provided as a general guide for development. Construction cost opinions are based on the latest available data. Actual costs will vary as a result of timing, program, and site conditions. These figures should be used as a general guideline to help establish budgets and should be adjusted as necessary on a project by project basis.

IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
Water/Electric Service	\$10,000
Parking Lot (20 cars)	\$40,000
Playground	\$75,000
Trail (.5 mile, 8' wide)	\$100,000
Basketball Court	\$45,000
Picnic Facilities (5 units)	\$15,000
Practice Athletic Fields	\$45,000
Picnic Shelter	\$45,000
Landscaping/Irrigation	\$20,000
Site Lighting	\$20,000
SUBTOTAL	\$415,000
Bonds/Insurance/General Conditions	\$41,500
Contingency	\$41,500
TOTAL	\$913,000

POCKET PARK	
Water/Electric Service	\$10,000
Playground	\$75,000
Picnic Facilities (5 units)	\$15,000
Shelter	\$50,000
Volleyball Court (unlighted)	\$10,000
Landscaping/Irrigation	\$20,000
Site Lighting	\$40,000
SUBTOTAL	\$220,000
Bonds/Insurance/General Conditions	\$22,000
Contingency	\$22,000
TOTAL	\$264,000

COMMUNITY PARK	
Water/Electric Service	\$10,000
Parking Lot (50 cars)	\$100,000
Playground	\$75,000
Trail (1.5 mile, 8' wide)	\$300,000
Basketball Court	\$45,000
Picnic Facilities (15 units)	\$45,000
Athletic Fields (2 lighted)	\$500,000
Pavilion	\$130,000
Volleyball Court (lighted)	\$20,000
Tennis Courts (2 lighted)	\$150,000
Landscaping/Irrigation	\$40,000
Site Lighting	\$40,000
Restroom	\$150,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,605,000
Bonds/Insurance/General Conditions	\$160,500
Contingency	\$160,500
TOTAL	\$3,531,000

Local Financing

Sales Taxes: Cities, counties, and special purpose districts (municipal utility districts, recreation districts, economic development zones) all may impose sales taxes. Bedford's current tax rate is 2%, collected in addition to state sales tax. (Of that total tax, 1% is allocated to the general fund, 0.5% is for property tax relief, and 0.5% funds street improvements.)

Enterprise and Revenue Funds: Many local governmental entities establish accounts which are earmarked for park and recreation programs. These accounts are used to fund programs and to acquire, operate, and maintain facilities. Bedford gives residents the option to donate \$.50 per month to be added to their water bill payment.

General Obligation Bonds: This method involves the taxing power of the jurisdiction pledged to pay the interest and principal to retire the debt. General obligation bonds can

be sold to finance permanent types of improvements, such as park and recreational areas and facilities. The classic public policy argument for use of bonds to support park acquisition and development is that long-term borrowing, bonding, is justified because the project often has a permanent or near-permanent public benefit. In others words, the life of the project likely meets or exceeds the length of time it takes to pay off the bond obligation.

Lease-Purchase: Local governments utilizing this innovative financing approach prepare standards and specifications for the development of a park by a private company. The facility is then leased to the jurisdiction for a specified period of time. Title to the park and facilities can be conveyed to the local government at the end of the lease period without future payments. The rental over time will have paid the total original cost plus interest.

User Fees: User fees may be an effective cost recovery technique to recoup a reasonable portion of the costs to administer, operate, and maintain public parks and open space. Examples of user fees include registration or entry fees for recreational programs, admission to swimming pools, and equipment and facility rental charges.

Other Local Entity Support: Communities often develop their own private mechanisms to help support parks and park programming. A nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax exempt “friends of the parks” organization is one such entity that can raise private funds and muster volunteers to support park improvements and programming. Other options include engaging businesses or community groups in an Adopt-A-Park program to help maintain park facilities. Although no such groups currently exist in Bedford, the City encourages citizens and local businesses to become involved in making the best possible park and recreation system possible for the community.

State and Federal Financing

Federal support for local park initiatives is generally limited to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. In Texas, these park funds are administered through the Texas Parks

and Wildlife Department's Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA). Additional federal funds are available through the Recreational Trails Program, also administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The City will actively pursue appropriate grant funding for outdoor and indoor recreation priorities, trail funding, and programming activities.



Private Financing

The use of incentives to encourage private financing, public-private partnerships, land dedication, or donation can be an effective strategy to develop and maintain a park and recreation system without relying solely on local funds. The City will take advantage of any such funding opportunities as they arise.

Land Donation

Should any property owners be willing to donate land to the City for use as a public park, such donations will be encouraged subject to established guidelines for the acquisition and development of park and recreational areas. Considerations include the suitability of

the land for park development, conformance with the objectives of the park plan, approval by the City Council, and the sentiments and desires of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Trust Funds

Individuals may endow a trust fund to support a local park or park system through the establishment of a trust. There are currently no such trusts established in Bedford.

Community Foundations

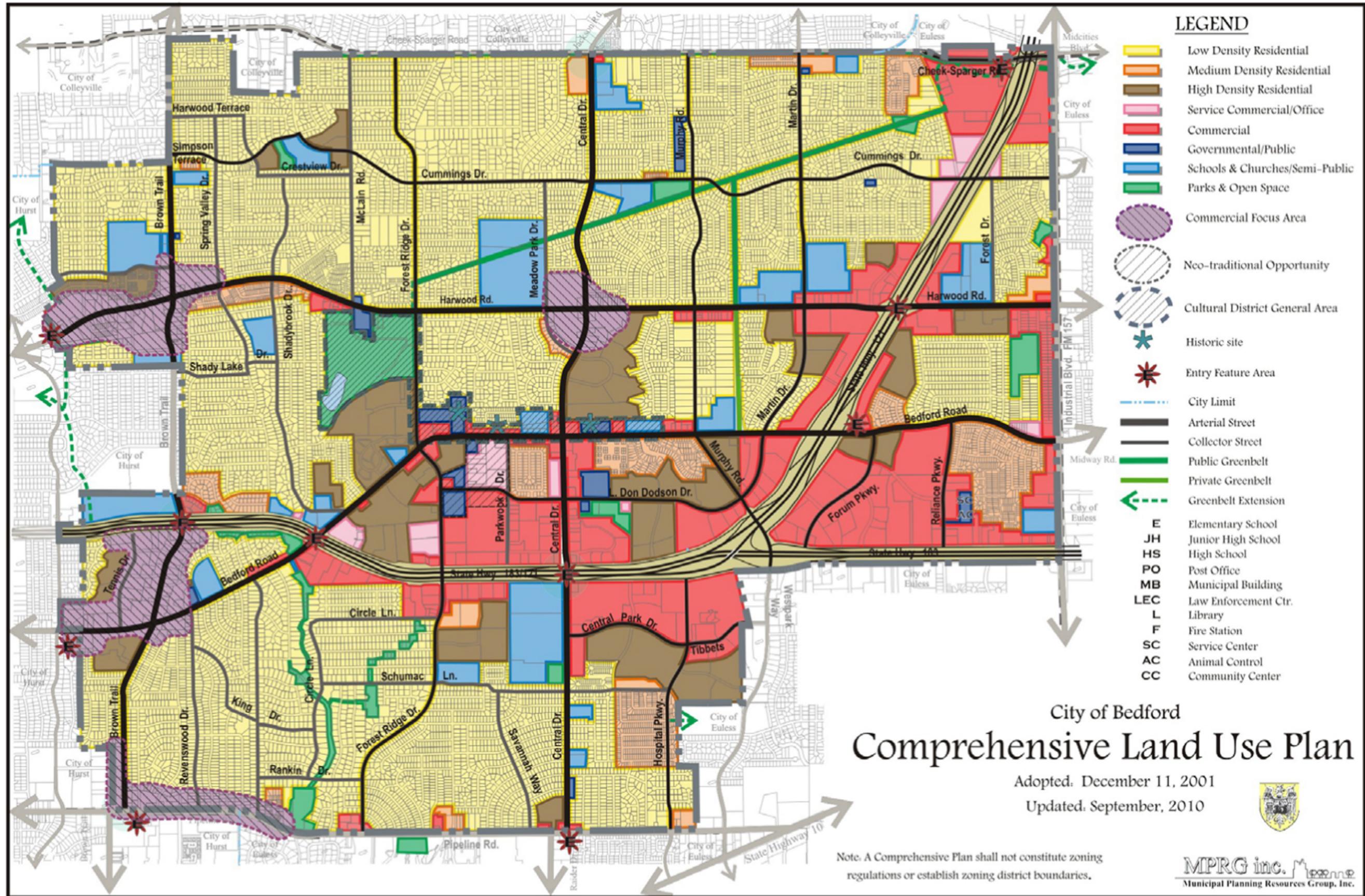
Community foundations are umbrella organizations authorized by the federal tax code and designed to solicit individual contributions in support of community-wide goals. Bedford falls within the giving area of the Community Foundation of North Texas and the Communities Foundation of Texas.

Private Foundations

Texas is home to over 3,200 private foundations, and there are 75,000 grant-making foundations nationally. Private foundations come in all sizes and have different giving criteria and interests. Some give locally; others give statewide. Some focus on one or two issues, such as disadvantaged youth and education, while others consider a wider range of issues. The City will research foundations that fit local parks and recreational needs and seek funding as appropriate.

APPENDIX A

BEDFORD COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN



LEGEND

- Low Density Residential
- Medium Density Residential
- High Density Residential
- Service Commercial/Office
- Commercial
- Governmental/Public
- Schools & Churches/Semi-Public
- Parks & Open Space
- Commercial Focus Area
- Neo-traditional Opportunity
- Cultural District General Area
- Historic site
- Entry Feature Area
- City Limit
- Arterial Street
- Collector Street
- Public Greenbelt
- Private Greenbelt
- Greenbelt Extension
- E** Elementary School
- JH** Junior High School
- HS** High School
- PO** Post Office
- MB** Municipal Building
- LEC** Law Enforcement Ctr.
- L** Library
- F** Fire Station
- SC** Service Center
- AC** Animal Control
- CC** Community Center

City of Bedford
Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Adopted: December 11, 2001
 Updated: September, 2010



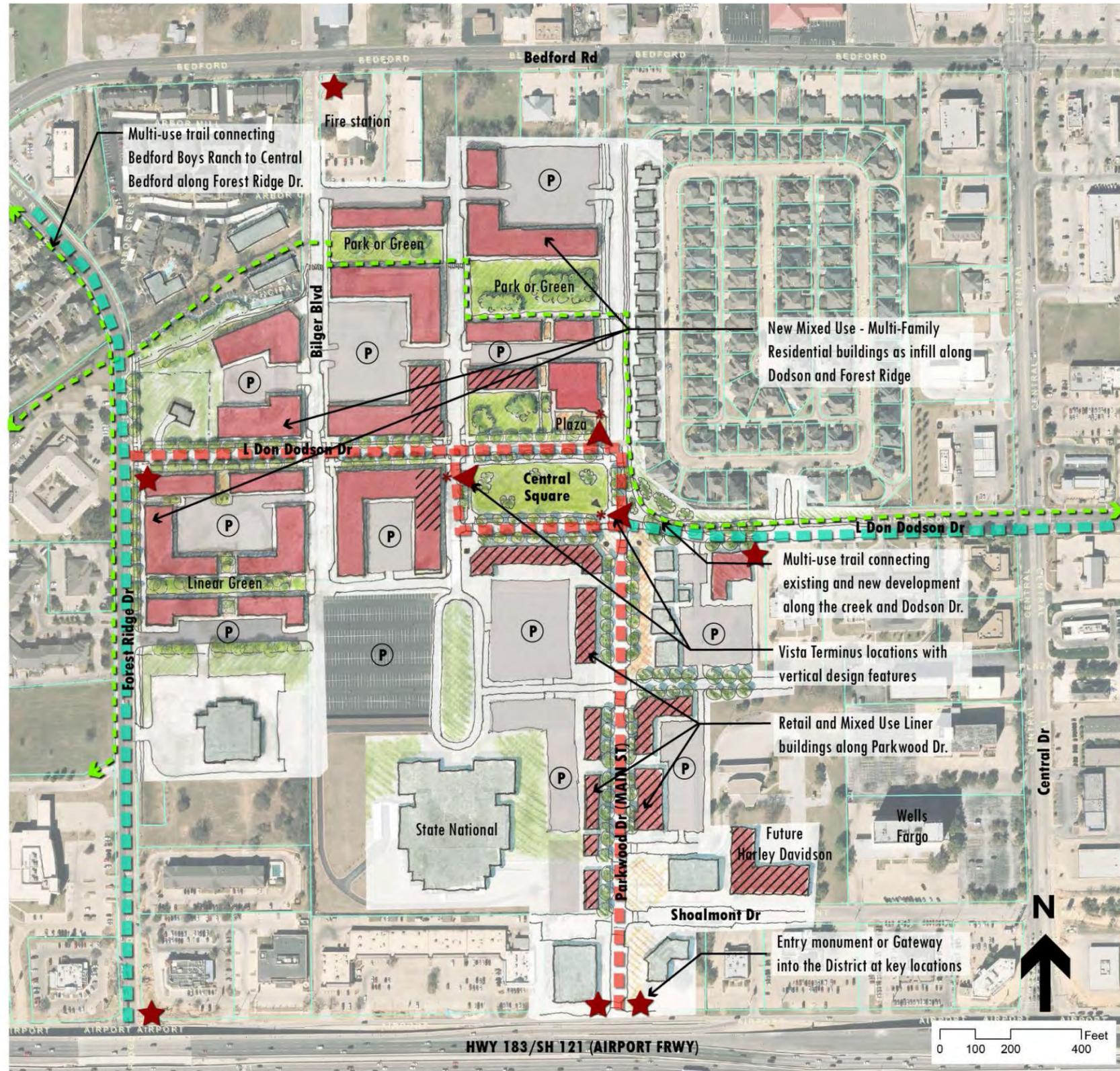
Note: A Comprehensive Plan shall not constitute zoning regulations or establish zoning district boundaries.

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APPENDIX B

BEDFORD COMMONS PLAN

A-2: Illustrative Vision



Attachment A-2

Bedford Commons Illustrative Vision

June 23, 2015

Adopted

LEGEND

- Improved Street -Retail/Mixed Use
- Improved Street -Multi-modal
- Potential new retail/mixed use
- Potential new residential/mixed use
- Existing Buildings
- Off-Street Parking & Shared Parking
- Multi-use trail

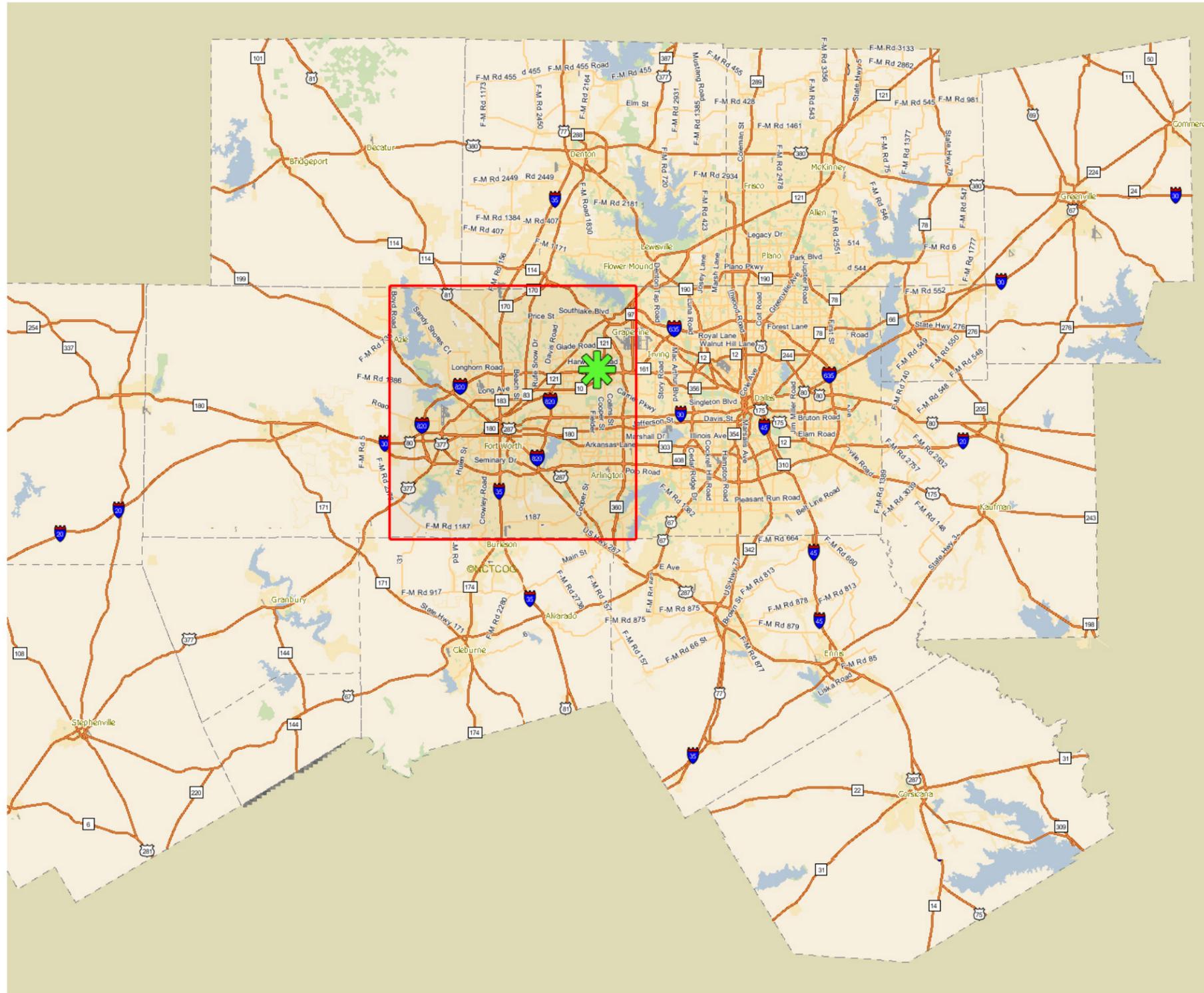
Note: Redevelopment concepts shown are conceptual only. They are only intended to convey the vision for Bedford Commons.

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APPENDIX C

TARRANT COUNTY MAP



LEGEND



CITY OF BEDFORD



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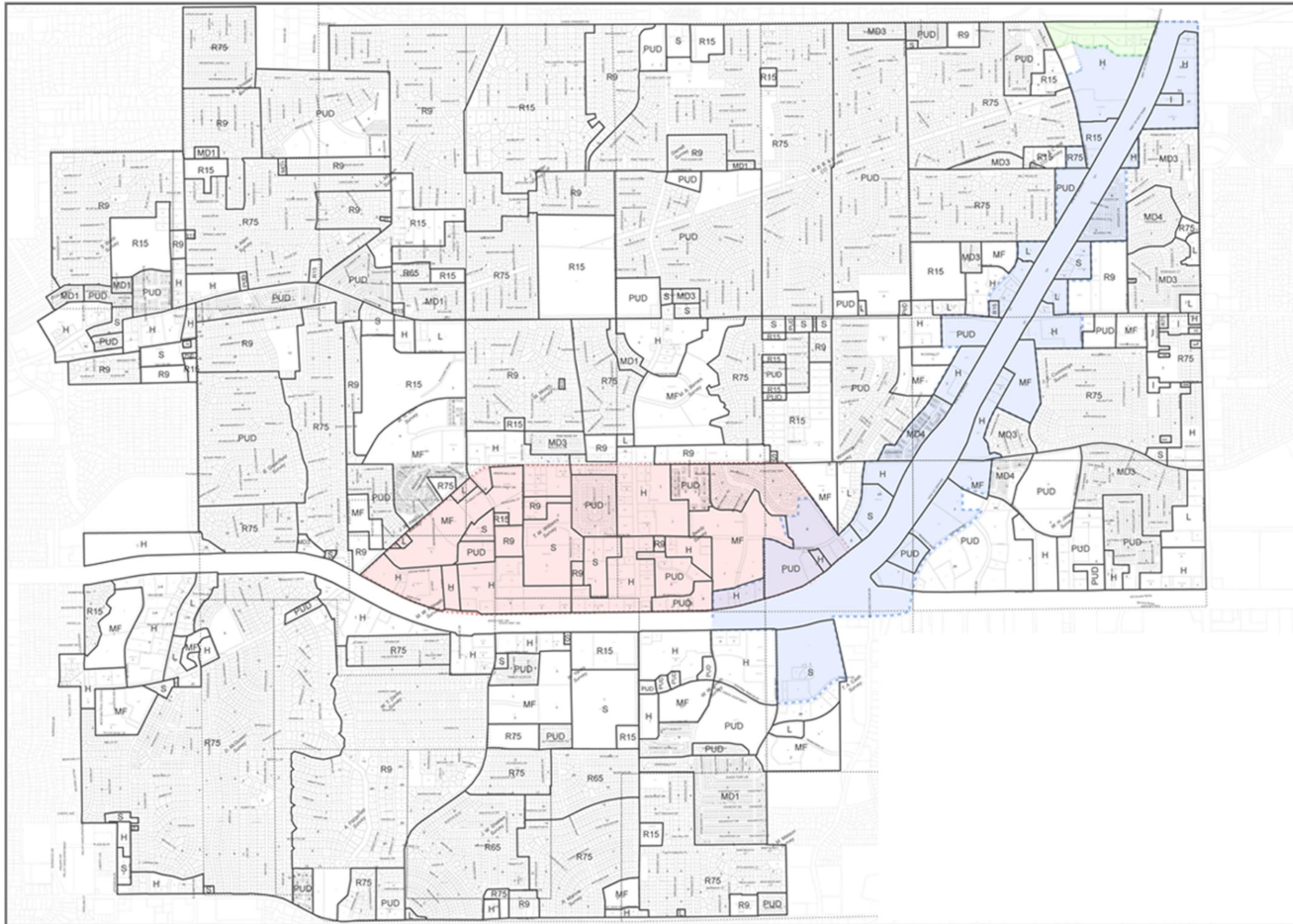


APPENDIX D

ZONING MAP



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Zoning District Legend

- R15 R - 15,000 SF Detached
- R9 R - 9,000 SF Detached
- R75 R - 7,500 SF Detached
- R65 R - 6,500 SF Detached
- MD1 Med. Density - Duplex
- MD2 Med. Density - Multiplex
- MD3 Med. Density - SF Detached
- MD4 Med. Density - SF Attached
- MF Multi-Family
- PUD Planned Unit Development
- S Service Commercial
- L Light Commercial
- H Heavy Commercial
- I Light Industrial
- SP Specific Use Permit

Overlay District Legend

- Check-Sparger Entrance District
 - Highway Corridor District
 - Central Business District
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NOTE: Details on Specific Use Permits and Planned Unit Developments may be obtained from the Development Department of the City of Bedford.

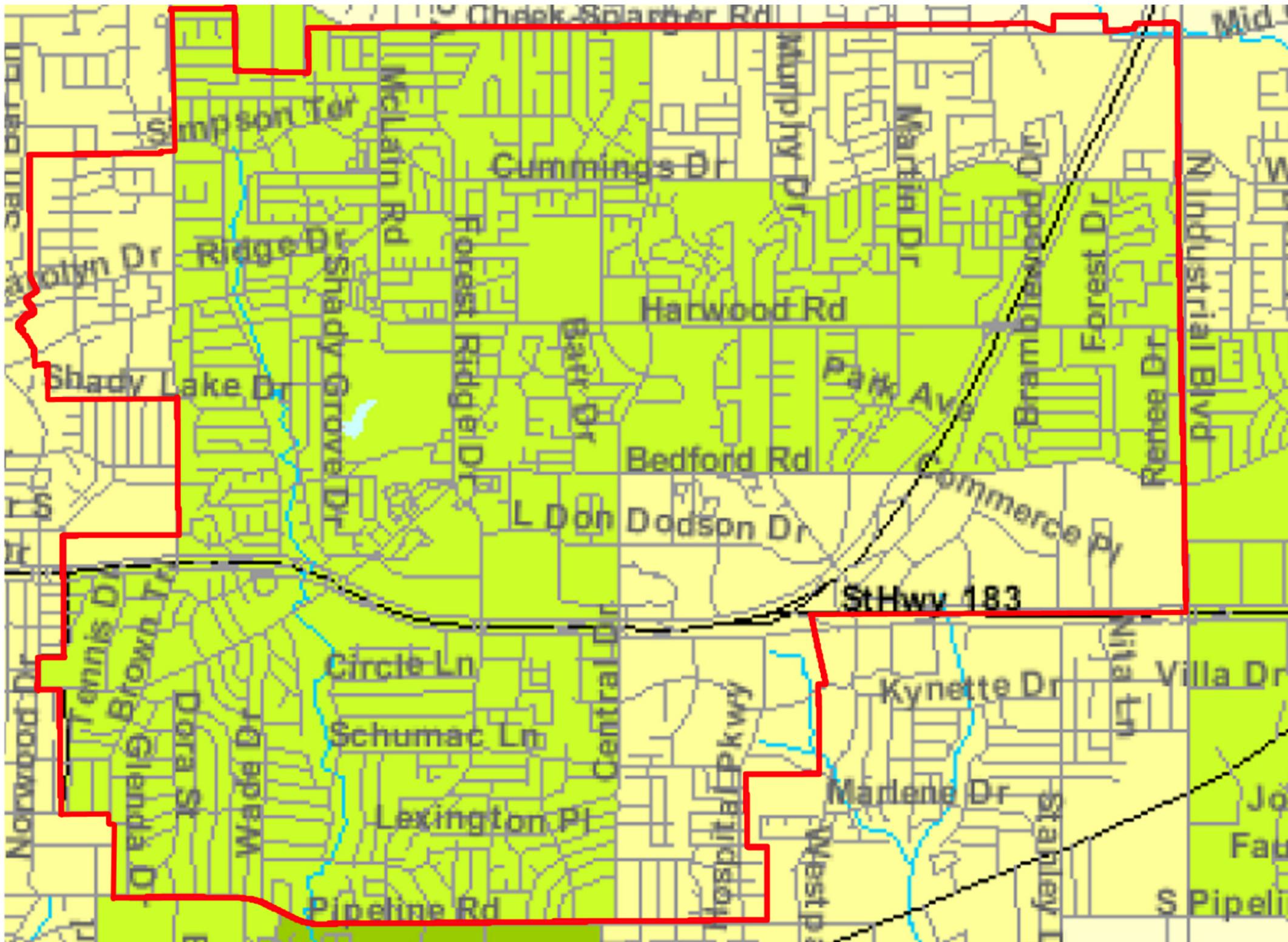


* Acreage includes all area in the Bedford Trails system
 ** Site leased by the City from HEB ISD

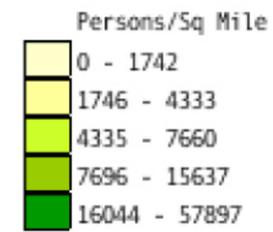
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APPENDIX E

DENSITY MAP



Data Classes



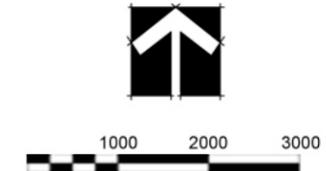
Features

- Major Road
- Street
- Stream/Waterbody
- Stream/Waterbody



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Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data
 Texas by Census Tract

DENSITY MAP

APPENDIX F

**CENSUS 2015 GENERAL PROFILE AND
PROFILE OF SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS**

2010 Census of Population and Housing Summary File 1 Characteristics

Bedford, Texas					
Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population	46,979	100.0%	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population	46,979	100.0%
Male	22,312	47.5%	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5,881	12.5%
Female	24,667	52.5%	Mexican	4,140	8.8%
			Salvadoran	165	0.4%
Under 5 years	2,472	5.3%	Puerto Rican	511	1.1%
5 to 9 years	2,538	5.4%	South American	250	0.5%
10 to 14 years	2,638	5.6%	Cuban	97	0.2%
15 to 19 years	2,676	5.7%	Honduran	38	0.1%
20 to 24 years	3,071	6.5%	Guatemalan	31	0.1%
25 to 34 years	6,932	14.8%	Other Hispanic or Latino	649	1.4%
35 to 44 years	6,202	13.2%	Not Hispanic or Latino	41,098	87.5%
45 to 54 years	7,368	15.7%	White alone	34,511	73.5%
55 to 59 years	3,538	7.5%			
60 to 64 years	3,053	6.5%	RELATIONSHIP		
65 to 74 years	3,633	7.7%	Total population	46,979	100.0%
75 to 84 years	1,931	4.1%	In households	46,648	99.3%
85 years and over	927	2.0%	Householder	21,016	44.7%
Median age (years)	40.3		Spouse	9,253	19.7%
			Child	11,528	24.5%
18 years and over	37,654	80.2%	Own child under 18 years	8,396	17.9%
Male	17,592	37.4%	Other relatives	2,283	4.9%
Female	20,062	42.7%	Under 18 years	801	1.7%
21 years and over	36,131	76.9%	Nonrelatives	2,568	5.5%
62 years and over	8,305	17.7%	Unmarried partner	1,298	2.8%
65 years and over	6,491	13.8%	In group quarters	331	0.7%
Male	2,660	5.7%	Institutionalized population	325	0.7%
Female	3,831	8.2%	Noninstitutionalized population	6	0.0%
RACE			HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
One race	45,673	97.2%	Total households	21,016	100.0%
White	38,100	81.1%	Family households (families)	12,342	58.7%
Black or African American	3,277	7.0%	With own children under 18 years	5,000	23.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native	264	0.6%	Husband-wife family	9,253	44.0%
Asian	2,082	4.4%	With own children under 18 years	3,313	15.8%
Asian Indian	564	1.2%	Female householder, no husband present	2,263	10.8%
Cambodian	17	0.0%	With own children under 18 years	1,266	6.0%
Chinese	238	0.5%	Nonfamily households	8,674	41.3%
Filipino	190	0.4%	Householder living alone	7,148	34.0%
Japanese	61	0.1%	Householder 65 years and over	1,926	9.2%
Korean	297	0.6%			
Laotian	77	0.2%	Households with individuals under 18 years	5,526	26.3%
Pakistani	172	0.4%	Households with individuals 65 years and over	4,681	22.3%
Vietnamese	211	0.4%			
Other Asian (1)	255	0.5%	Average household size	2.22	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	166	0.4%	Average family size	2.87	
Native Hawaiian	7	0.0%			
Guamanian or Chamorro	10	0.0%	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
			Total housing units	22,301	100.0%

Samoan	18	0.0%	Occupied housing units	21,016	94.2%
Tongan	18	0.0%	Vacant housing units	1,285	5.8%
			For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	34	0.2%
Other Pacific Islander (2)	113	0.2%			
Some other race	1,784	3.8%			
Two or more races	1,306	2.8%	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.2	(X)
			Rental vacancy rate (percent)	9.0	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races: (3)			HOUSING TENURE		
White	39,210	83.5%	Occupied housing units	21,016	100.0%
Black or African American	3,709	7.9%	Owner-occupied housing units	11,783	56.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	610	1.3%	Renter-occupied housing units	9,233	43.9%
Asian	2,452	5.2%			
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	242	0.5%	Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.45	(X)
Some other race	2,151	4.6%	Average household size of renter-occupied units	1.92	(X)

(1) Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

(2) Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

(3) In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The following six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://factfinder2.census.gov/main.html>.

For information regarding the dispute of 2010 Census counts, see <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/about/cgr.php>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; compiled by the North Central Texas Council of Governments

<http://census.nctcog.org>

2010 Census Population by Race and Hispanic Origin and Occupancy Status for Bedford, Texas

The U.S. Census Bureau considers race to be separate from ethnicity. Because the two are distinct concepts, persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. The following table summarizes the race of the total population, Hispanic persons, and non-Hispanic persons.

	Total Population		Hispanic		Non-Hispanic	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	46,979	100.0%	5,881	12.5%	41,098	87.5%
White alone	38,100	81.1%	3,589	7.6%	34,511	73.5%
Black/African American alone	3,277	7.0%	102	0.2%	3,175	6.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	264	0.6%	59	0.1%	205	0.4%
Asian alone	2,082	4.4%	16	0.0%	2,066	4.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	166	0.4%	1	0.0%	165	0.4%
Some other race alone	1,784	3.8%	1,716	3.7%	68	0.1%
Two or more races	1,306	2.8%	398	0.8%	908	1.9%

	18-and-Over Population		Hispanic		Non-Hispanic	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	37,654	100.0%	3,968	10.5%	33,686	89.5%
White alone	31,329	83.2%	2,488	6.6%	28,841	76.6%
Black/African American alone	2,423	6.4%	57	0.2%	2,366	6.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	208	0.6%	41	0.1%	167	0.4%
Asian alone	1,659	4.4%	14	0.0%	1,645	4.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	124	0.3%	1	0.0%	123	0.3%
Some other race alone	1,225	3.3%	1,179	3.1%	46	0.1%
Two or more races	686	1.8%	188	0.5%	498	1.3%

Occupancy Status	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	22,301	100.0%
Occupied	21,016	94.2%
Vacant	1,285	5.8%

For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://factfinder2.census.gov/main.html>.
For information regarding the dispute of 2010 Census counts, see <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/about/cgr.php>.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau; compiled by the North Central Texas Council of Governments
<http://census.nctcog.org>





Population Demographics

	2000		2010		2014B		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
Total Population	47,177		46,964		49,054		49,825		-0.5%	1.6%
Population Density(Pop/Sq Mi)	4,709.14		4,642.54		4,896.43		4,973.45		-1.4%	1.6%
Total Households	20,263		21,016		22,022		22,530		3.7%	2.3%
Population by Gender:										
Male	22,841	48.4%	22,319	47.5%	23,262	47.4%	23,680	47.5%	-2.3%	1.8%
Female	24,336	51.6%	24,644	52.5%	25,792	52.6%	26,145	52.5%	1.3%	1.4%

Population by Race/Ethnicity

	2000		2010		2014B		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
White	41,384	87.7%	38,075	81.1%	39,045	79.6%	38,875	78.0%	-8.0%	-0.4%
Black	1,734	3.7%	3,276	7.0%	3,726	7.6%	3,950	7.9%	89.0%	6.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	264	0.6%	259	0.6%	283	0.6%	294	0.6%	-1.9%	3.9%
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1,805	3.8%	2,268	4.8%	2,499	5.1%	2,756	5.5%	25.6%	10.3%
Some Other Race	1,067	2.3%	1,785	3.8%	1,992	4.1%	2,212	4.4%	67.3%	11.0%
Two or More Races	924	2.0%	1,300	2.8%	1,509	3.1%	1,738	3.5%	40.7%	15.1%
Hispanic Ethnicity	3,145	6.7%	5,880	12.5%	6,652	13.6%	7,374	14.8%	87.0%	10.9%
Not Hispanic or Latino	44,032	93.3%	41,083	87.5%	42,402	86.4%	42,451	85.2%	-6.7%	0.1%

Population by Age

	2000		2010		2014B		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
0 to 4	2,775	5.9%	2,472	5.3%	2,613	5.3%	2,827	5.7%	-10.9%	8.2%
5 to 14	5,707	12.1%	5,172	11.0%	5,144	10.5%	5,025	10.1%	-9.4%	-2.3%
15 to 19	3,279	7.0%	2,673	5.7%	2,650	5.4%	2,518	5.1%	-18.5%	-5.0%
20 to 24	3,272	6.9%	3,068	6.5%	3,103	6.3%	2,607	5.2%	-6.2%	-16.0%
25 to 34	7,357	15.6%	6,919	14.7%	7,505	15.3%	7,836	15.7%	-6.0%	4.4%
35 to 44	8,277	17.5%	6,205	13.2%	6,311	12.9%	6,345	12.7%	-25.0%	0.5%



45 to 54	7,812	16.6%	7,382	15.7%	7,246	14.8%	6,401	12.8%	-5.5%	-11.7%
55 to 64	4,552	9.6%	6,560	14.0%	7,013	14.3%	7,301	14.7%	44.1%	4.1%
65 to 74	2,279	4.8%	3,637	7.7%	4,247	8.7%	5,368	10.8%	59.6%	26.4%
75 to 84	1,303	2.8%	1,953	4.2%	2,157	4.4%	2,476	5.0%	49.9%	14.8%
85+	564	1.2%	923	2.0%	1,066	2.2%	1,121	2.3%	63.7%	5.2%

Median Age:

Total Population	36.6	40.3	40.8	41.3
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Households by Income

	2000		2010		2014B		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
\$0 - \$15,000	1,310	6.5%	1,378	6.6%	1,483	6.7%	1,211	5.4%	5.2%	-18.4%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	1,904	9.4%	1,745	8.3%	1,818	8.3%	1,614	7.2%	-8.3%	-11.2%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2,729	13.5%	2,396	11.4%	2,496	11.3%	2,244	10.0%	-12.2%	-10.1%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	3,309	16.3%	3,051	14.5%	3,065	13.9%	2,870	12.7%	-7.8%	-6.4%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	4,221	20.8%	4,099	19.5%	4,222	19.2%	3,841	17.1%	-2.9%	-9.0%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	2,957	14.6%	3,089	14.7%	3,297	15.0%	3,586	15.9%	4.5%	8.8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	2,753	13.6%	3,567	17.0%	3,667	16.7%	4,573	20.3%	29.6%	24.7%
\$150,000 +	1,161	5.7%	1,691	8.0%	1,972	9.0%	2,590	11.5%	45.6%	31.3%
Average Hhld Income	\$67,699		\$79,125		\$80,275		\$90,845		16.9%	13.2%
Median Hhld Income	\$54,874		\$59,490		\$61,256		\$71,517		8.4%	16.8%
Per Capita Income	\$29,077		\$35,515		\$36,147		\$41,186		22.1%	13.9%

Employment

	2000		2010		2014B		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
Total Population 16+	38,043		38,760		40,735		41,459		1.9%	7.0%
Total Labor Force	28,879	75.9%	28,697	74.0%	29,016	71.2%	30,373	73.3%	-0.6%	4.7%
Civilian, Employed	28,194	97.6%	27,558	96.0%	28,210	97.2%	29,688	97.7%	-2.3%	5.2%
Civilian, Unemployed	657	2.3%	1,124	3.9%	793	2.7%	671	2.2%	71.3%	-15.4%
In Armed Forces	28	0.1%	14	0.1%	14	0.1%	14	0.1%	-49.4%	0.0%
Not In Labor Force	9,164	24.1%	10,063	26.0%	11,718	28.8%	11,087	26.7%	9.8%	-5.4%



Housing Units

	2000		2010		2014B		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
Total Housing Units	21,142		22,294		22,483		22,962		5.4%	2.1%
Total Occupied Housing Units	n/a	n/a	21,016	94.3%	22,022	98.0%	22,530	98.1%	n/a	2.3%
Owner Occupied:Owned with a mortgage or loan	n/a	n/a	8,853	42.1%	8,909	40.5%	9,070	40.3%	n/a	1.8%
Owner Occupied:Owned free and clear	n/a	n/a	2,941	14.0%	3,320	15.1%	3,416	15.2%	n/a	2.9%
Renter Occupied	n/a	n/a	9,221	43.9%	9,793	44.5%	10,043	44.6%	n/a	2.6%
Vacant	879	4.2%	1,278	5.7%	462	2.1%	432	1.9%	45.4%	-6.4%

Vehicles Available

	2000		2010		2014		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
0 Vehicles Available	642	3.2%	1,007	4.8%	1,034	4.7%	1,078	4.8%	57.0%	4.3%
1 Vehicle Available	7,860	38.8%	8,167	38.9%	8,569	38.9%	8,765	38.9%	3.9%	2.3%
2+ Vehicles Available	11,761	58.0%	11,842	56.3%	12,419	56.4%	12,687	56.3%	0.7%	2.2%
Average Vehicles Per Household	1.70		1.81		1.80		1.80		9.0%	0.0%

Marital Status

	2000		2010		2014B		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
Married, Spouse Present	20,658	53.4%	20,430	52.0%	19,182	46.5%	19,307	46.0%	-1.1%	0.7%
Married, Spouse Absent	1,295	3.4%	1,353	3.4%	2,038	4.9%	2,140	5.1%	4.5%	5.0%
Divorced	5,102	13.2%	5,292	13.5%	5,753	13.9%	5,852	13.9%	3.7%	1.7%
Widowed	2,046	5.3%	2,242	5.7%	2,522	6.1%	2,582	6.2%	9.6%	2.4%
Never Married	9,544	24.7%	10,001	25.4%	11,802	28.6%	12,092	28.8%	4.8%	2.5%
Age 15+ Population	38,695		39,319		41,297		41,973		1.6%	1.6%



Educational Attainment

	2000		2010		2014B		2019		Percent Change	
	Census	%	Census	%	Estimates	%	Projections	%	2000 to 2010	2014 to 2019
Grade K - 8	396	1.2%	620	1.8%	615	1.7%	640	1.7%	56.4%	4.1%
Grade 9 - 11	1,624	5.1%	1,743	5.2%	1,789	5.0%	1,832	5.0%	7.3%	2.4%
High School Graduate	6,521	20.3%	6,242	18.6%	6,872	19.3%	7,128	19.3%	-4.3%	3.7%
Some College, No Degree	9,391	29.3%	10,112	30.1%	10,634	29.9%	10,982	29.8%	7.7%	3.3%
Associates Degree	2,685	8.4%	3,752	11.2%	3,718	10.5%	3,797	10.3%	39.7%	2.1%
Bachelor's Degree	8,011	25.0%	7,782	23.2%	8,338	23.5%	8,715	23.7%	-2.9%	4.5%
Graduate Degree	3,312	10.3%	3,008	9.0%	3,260	9.2%	3,413	9.3%	-9.2%	4.7%
No Schooling Completed	142	0.4%	318	0.9%	318	0.9%	342	0.9%	124.0%	7.5%
Age 25+ Population	32,082		33,578		35,545		36,849		4.7%	3.7%

Seasonal Population by Quarter

2014	
Estimates	
Q4 2011	78
Q1 2012	77
Q2 2012	69
Q3 2012	69
Q4 2012	64
Q1 2013	59
Q2 2013	53
Q3 2013	53
Q4 2013	51

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APPENDIX G

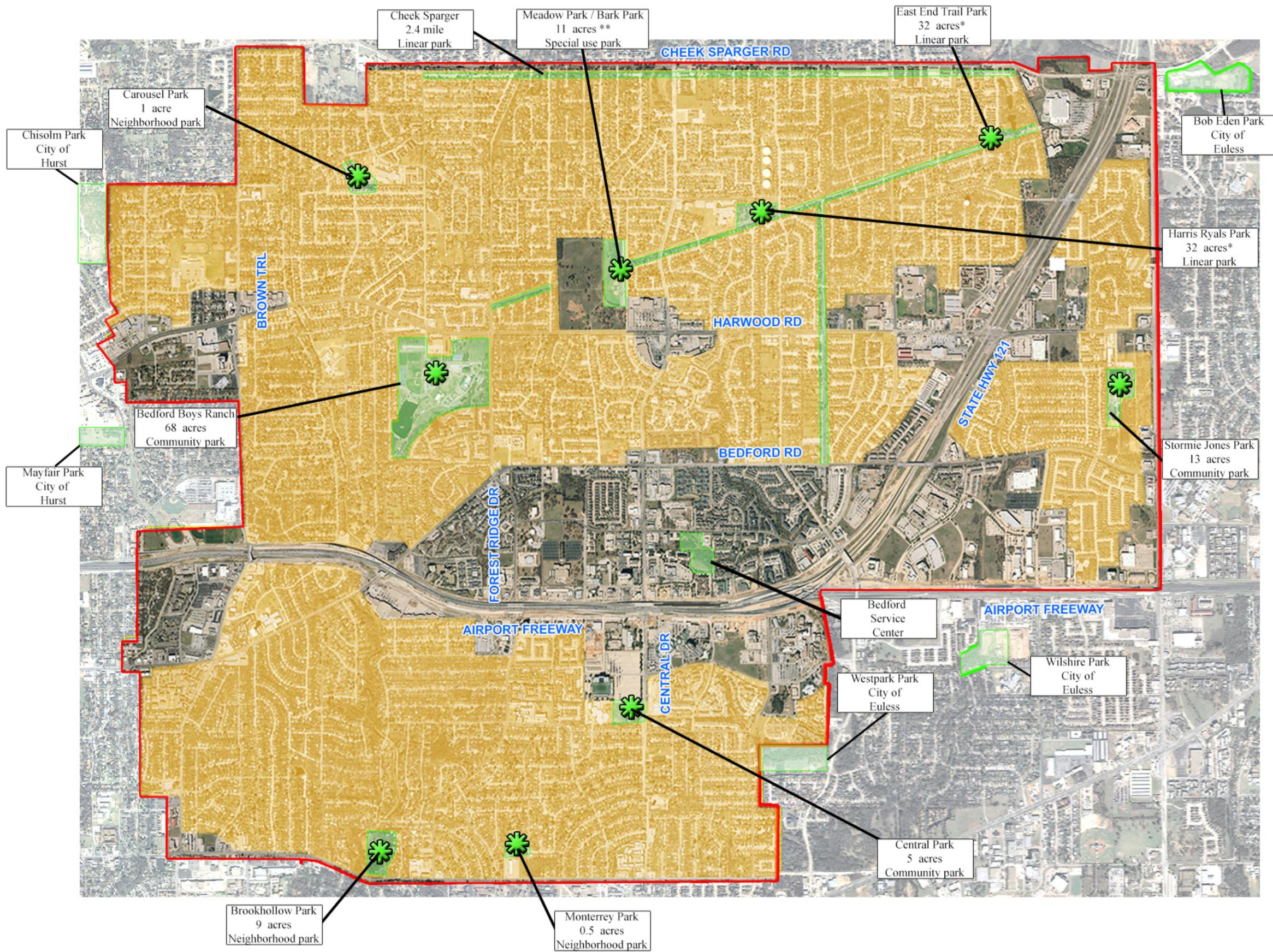
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APPENDIX H

EXISTING FACILITIES

APPENDIX I

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT



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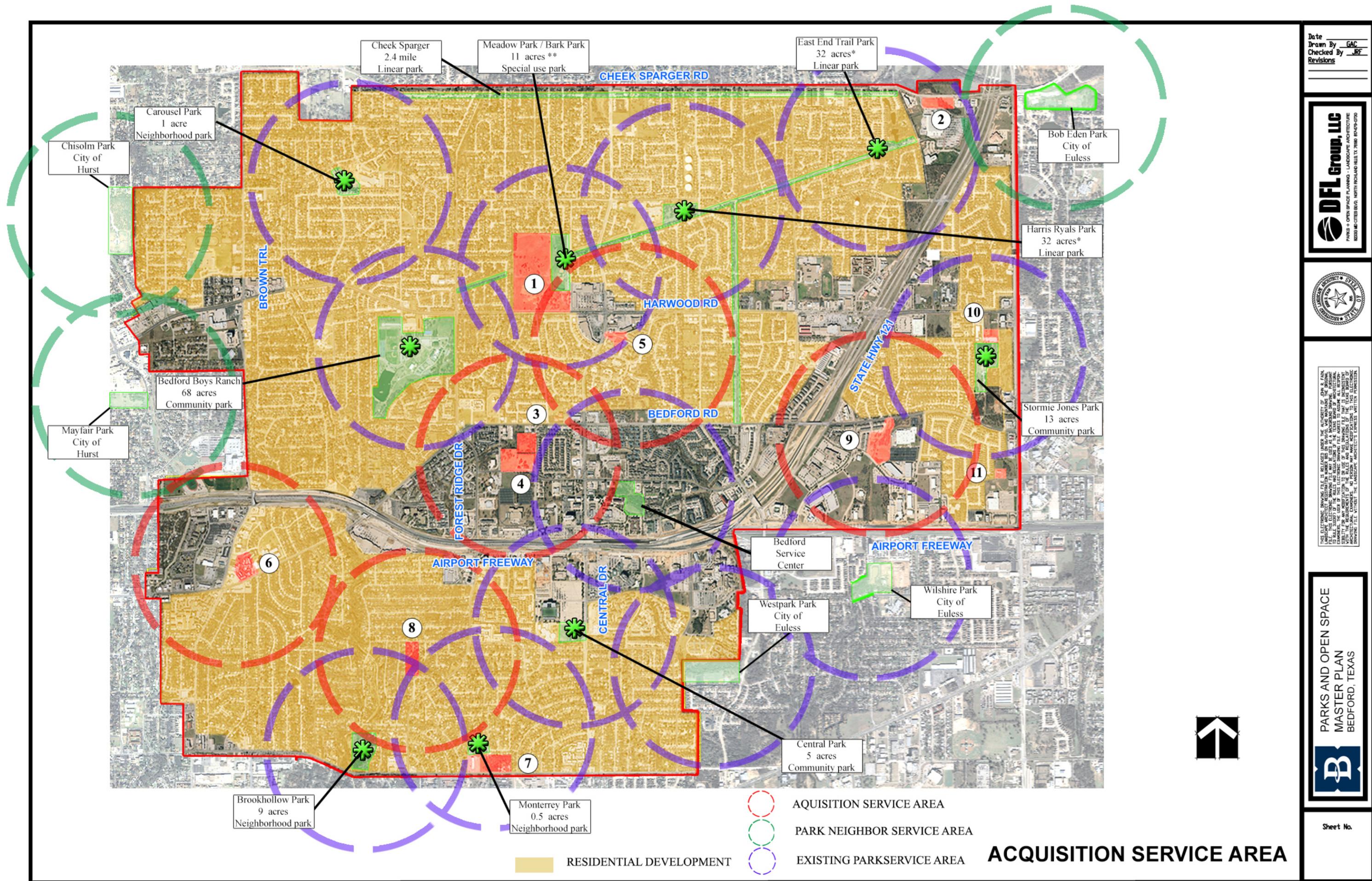


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RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

APPENDIX J

ACQUISITION PLAN



- ⊖ AQUISITION SERVICE AREA
- ⊖ PARK NEIGHBOR SERVICE AREA
- ⊖ EXISTING PARKSERVICE AREA

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

ACQUISITION SERVICE AREA



APPENDIX K

POCKET PARK TARGET AREAS

APPENDIX L

TRAIL CONNECTIONS

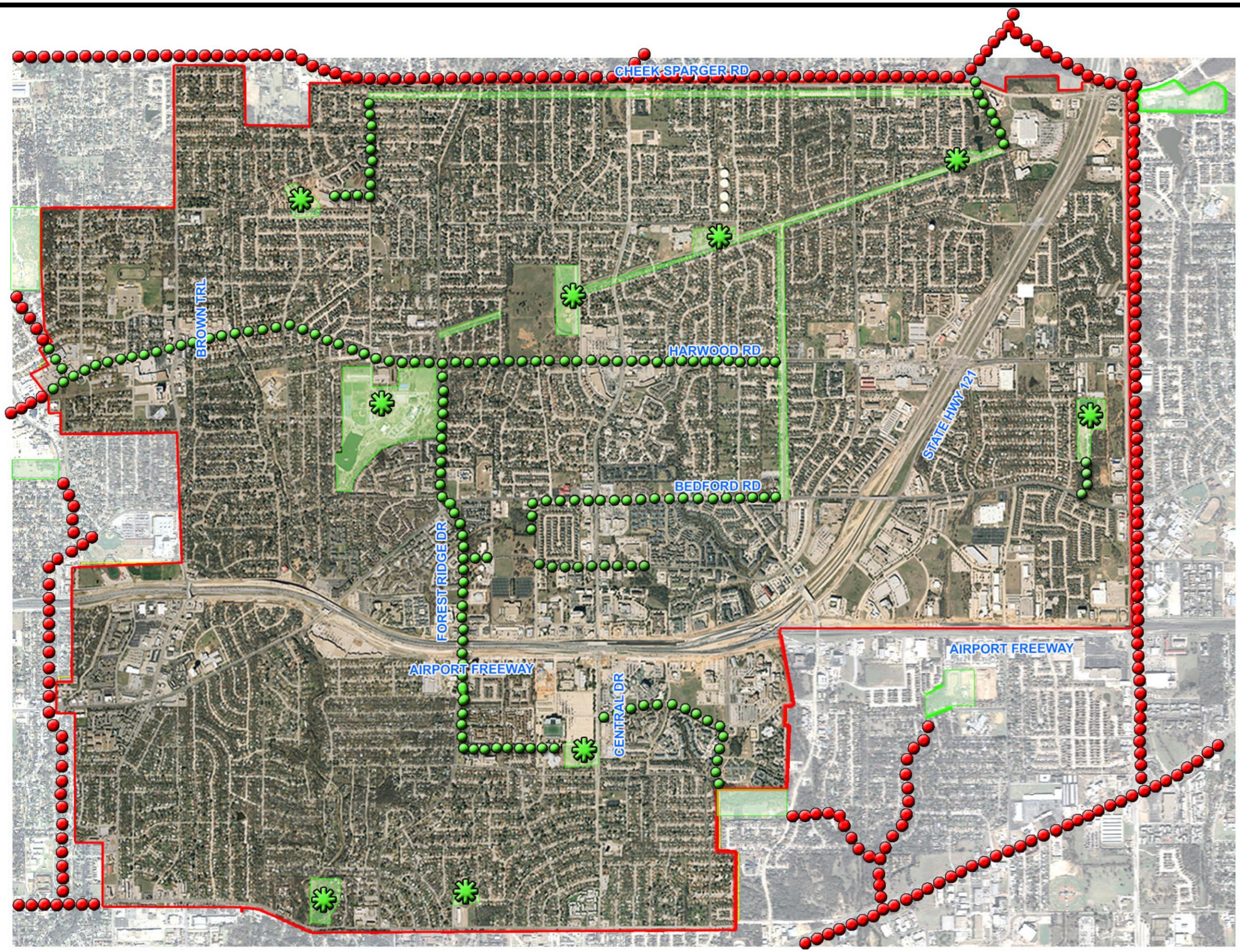
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- LEGEND**
- Proposed Trail Linkage
 - Planned Trail, Neighboring City
 - Existing Trail

TRAIL CONNECTIONS

APPENDIX M

GENERAL SURVEY INSTRUMENT

1. Parks & Recreation Survey

* 1. How often have you and/or members of your household visited the following City of Bedford Parks in the past year?

	Once a week	Several times a week	Once a month	Few times a month	Few times a year	Never
Bark Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Boys Ranch Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Bedford Trails	<input type="radio"/>					
Brookhollow Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Carousel Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Central Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Cheeksparger Trail	<input type="radio"/>					
East End Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Harris Ryals Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Meadow Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Monterrey Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Stormie Jones Park	<input type="radio"/>					

Other (please specify)

* 2. How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Bedford?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

Comments

* 3. Overall, how would you rate the parks and open spaces in Bedford?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

Comments

4. Overall, how would you rate recreation opportunities in Bedford?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

Comments

* 5. Have you and/or any other member of your household participated in the following special events offered by the City of Bedford?

	Yes	No
4thFest Independence Day Celebration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ArtsFest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ArtsTalk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bedford Clean Up Day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Blues & BBQ Festival	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Christmas Tree Lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chunk Your Junk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crud Cruiser Events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doggie Splash Day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Easter Egg Celebration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family Campout	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Valentine's Dance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Halloweenfest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mardi Gras Gala	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Paper Shred Day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seuss Festival	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storefront Gallery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Twilight Thursdays	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 6. Overall, how would you rate the special event programs offered by the City?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

Comments

* 7. In which recreation programs or activities would you most be interested in participating?

- Adult programs
- Arts
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Biking
- Cycling club
- Dance/Drama
- Disc golf
- Fishing
- Fitness classes
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Health/wellness
- Hiking
- In-line hockey
- Kickball
- Nature study
- Pickleball
- Raquetball
- Running club
- Sand volleyball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swim lessons
- T-ball
- Tennis
- Track/field
- Volleyball
- Water exercise
- Youth programs
- None

Other (please specify)

8. Overall, how would you rate recreation programs offered by the City?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Don't know

Comment

* 9. Do you feel there is a need to add or expand any of the following athletic facilities?

	Definitely need	Somewhat need	Not needed	No opinion
Baseball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Practice fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sand volleyball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Softball fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Track/Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

* 10. Do you feel there is a need to add, expand or improve the following facilities?

	Definitely need	Somewhat need	Not needed	No opinion
Ampitheater	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Botanic garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hike/bike trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-purpose center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Performance pavilion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shelters/pavilions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skateboard park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trail linkages to other cities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water play	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

* 11. Do you self identify as a senior citizen?

Yes

No

2.

* 1. How often have you and/or members of your household visited the Bedford Senior Activity Center during the past year?

- Once a week
- Several times a week
- Once a month
- Few times a month
- Few times a year
- Never

* 2. Please select all of the senior programs and activities that you would be most interested in participating?

- Aquatics
- Arts and crafts
- Billiards/pool
- Board games
- Dancing classes
- Fitness classes
- Gardening
- Horseshoes
- Monday night dances
- Rest areas/overlooks
- Shuffleboard
- Travel
- Walking

Other (please specify)

3.

* 1. Do you feel the City should make it a priority to acquire more park land/open space?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

2. Would you support a bond referendum to complete the improvements to the Boys Ranch Park?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

* 3. Would you support a bond referendum to generally improve the City's park system?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

* 4. How long have you been a resident of the City of Bedford?

- Less than two years
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-20 years
- Over 20 years
- Not a resident of Bedford

5. Which answer best describes where you live?

- Single family dwelling
- Townhome
- Duplex
- Apartment

* 6. Your age?

- Under 18
- 19-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75 or over

7. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?

	Zero	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six or more
Pre-school or younger	<input type="radio"/>						
Elementary school	<input type="radio"/>						
Middle school	<input type="radio"/>						
High school	<input type="radio"/>						
18 - 25	<input type="radio"/>						
Adult	<input type="radio"/>						
Senior citizen	<input type="radio"/>						

* 8. Where do you live in Bedford?

- North of Airport Freeway
- South of Airport Freeway
- East of 121
- Not a resident of Bedford

9. If you are interested in serving as a parks and recreation volunteer, please leave your contact information or email eric.valdez@bedfordtx.gov

APPENDIX N

GENERAL SURVEY FINDINGS

Parks and Recreation Survey Totals

1. How often have you and/or members of your household visited the following City of Bedford Parks in the past year?

Answer Options	Once a week	Several times a week	Once a month	Few times a month	Few times a year	Never	Response Count
Bark Park	15	11	10	8	39	140	223
Boys Ranch Park	33	86	33	25	68	21	266
Bedford Trails	7	25	9	16	50	117	224
Brookhollow Park	6	3	2	4	19	183	217
Carousel Park	3	1	6	2	27	173	212
Central Park	6	5	8	9	55	134	217
Cheeksparger Trail	6	16	11	10	33	141	217
East End Park	3	2	2	1	12	187	207
Harris Ryals Park	3	6	3	3	13	182	210
Meadow Park	6	11	12	8	34	150	221
Monterrey Park	3	1	5	1	16	186	212
Stormie Jones Park	4	2	4	6	18	87	121
Other (please specify)							16
<i>answered question</i>							270
<i>skipped question</i>							0

2. How would you rate the physical condition of the parks in Bedford?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	6.0%	18
Good	45.8%	125
Fair	31.4%	83
Poor	9.4%	23
Don't know	7.6%	21
Comments		34
<i>answered question</i>		270
<i>skipped question</i>		0

3. Overall, how would you rate the parks and open spaces in Bedford?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	7.6%	22
Good	51.0%	140
Fair	27.3%	70
Poor	8.4%	21
Don't know	5.9%	17
Comments		21
<i>answered question</i>		270
<i>skipped question</i>		0

4. Overall, how would you rate recreation opportunities in Bedford?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	6.3%	19
Good	41.5%	111
Fair	34.3%	87
Poor	12.5%	33
Don't know	5.6%	18
Comments		31
<i>answered question</i>		268
<i>skipped question</i>		0

5. Have you and/or any other member of your household participated in the following special events offered by the City of Bedford?

Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count
4thFest	198	63	261
ArtsFest	100	136	236
ArtsTalk	12	209	221
Bedford Clean Up	79	150	229
Blues & BBQ	150	90	240
Christmas Tree	97	134	231
Chunk Your Junk	103	127	230
Crud Cruiser Events	74	154	228
Doggie Splash Day	40	184	224
Easter Egg	57	169	226
Family Campout	12	209	221
Father/Daughter and	23	202	225
Halloweenfest	62	164	226
Mardi Gras Gala	26	196	222
Paper Shred Day	49	177	226
Seuss Festival	53	176	229
Storefront Gallery	40	185	225
Twilight Thursdays	97	133	230
<i>answered question</i>			270
<i>skipped question</i>			0

6. Overall, how would you rate the special event programs offered by the City?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	16.7%	47
Good	49.2%	129
Fair	22.8%	59
Poor	3.7%	11
Don't know	7.7%	24
Comments		24
<i>answered question</i>		270
<i>skipped question</i>		0

7. In which recreation programs or activities would you most be interested in participating?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Adult programs	34.3%	139
Arts	16.5%	65
Baseball	4.5%	17
Basketball	3.8%	16
Biking	7.9%	32
Cycling club	2.6%	11
Dance/Drama	8.3%	34
Disc golf	6.9%	25
Fishing	9.1%	34
Fitness classes	28.2%	114

Football	2.5%	10
Gymnastics	3.3%	13
Health/wellness	23.8%	95
Hiking	12.1%	48
In-line hockey	1.1%	4
Kickball	4.6%	18
Nature study	12.0%	49
Pickleball	1.8%	7
Raquetball	3.4%	14
Running club	4.9%	18
Sand volleyball	7.2%	32
Soccer	4.5%	19
Softball	3.0%	11
Swim lessons	8.8%	36
T-ball	3.8%	14
Tennis	5.1%	20
Track/field	2.1%	8
Volleyball	6.1%	28
Water exercise	19.7%	82
Youth programs	12.8%	46
None	5.2%	23
Other (please	6.6%	28
answered question		270
skipped question		0

8. Overall, how would you rate recreation programs offered by the City?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	6.2%	18
Good	43.4%	116
Fair	30.7%	79
Poor	9.3%	25
Don't know	10.5%	29
Comment		13
answered question		267
skipped question		3

9. Do you feel there is a need to add or expand any of the following athletic facilities?

Answer Options	Definitely need	Somewhat need	Not needed	No opinion	Response Count
Baseball fields	35	34	47	129	245
Basketball courts	41	43	40	121	245
Football fields	13	31	65	128	237
Practice fields	35	37	43	121	236
Sand volleyball	53	31	42	119	245
Soccer fields	37	37	41	125	240
Softball fields	28	32	47	125	232
Tennis courts	33	43	48	111	235
Track/Field	19	33	58	124	234
Volleyball courts	32	40	43	119	234
Other (please specify)					32
answered question					270
skipped question					0

10. Do you feel there is a need to add, expand or improve the following facilities?

Answer Options	Definitely need	Somewhat need	Not needed	No opinion	Response Count
Ampitheater	51	59	34	90	234
Botanic garden	74	64	37	65	240
Community garden	79	59	38	58	234
Hike/bike trails	102	67	16	52	237

Indoor pool	111	47	30	49	237
Multi-purpose center	96	53	18	64	231
Open spaces	84	58	31	57	230
Outdoor pool	63	39	56	62	220
Performance	60	54	30	80	224
Playgrounds	101	56	23	49	229
Senior center	82	59	30	64	235
Shelters/pavilions	67	70	23	62	222
Skateboard park	23	34	73	86	216
Trail linkages to	90	51	24	69	234
Water play	71	53	33	69	226
Other (please specify)					33
answered question					270
skipped question					0

11. Do you self identify as a senior citizen?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	32.4%	94
No	67.6%	176
answered question		270
skipped question		0

12. How often have you and/or members of your household visited the Bedford Senior Activity Center during the past year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Once a week	9.3%	13
Several times a	17.7%	21
Once a month	4.3%	4
Few times a month	4.3%	4
Few times a year	9.2%	9
Never	55.4%	43
answered question		94
skipped question		176

13. Please select all of the senior programs and activities that you would be most interested in participating?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Aquatics	45.8%	43
Arts and crafts	33.9%	34
Billiards/pool	9.1%	7
Board games	19.1%	19
Dancing classes	18.4%	18
Fitness classes	65.4%	57
Gardening	33.0%	27
Horseshoes	5.6%	4
Monday night	15.6%	18
Rest	28.8%	23
Shuffleboard	4.3%	6
Travel	29.7%	30
Walking	50.7%	46
Other (please specify)		11
answered question		94
skipped question		176

14. Do you feel the City should make it a priority to acquire more park land/open space?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
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Yes	55.5%	144
No	24.7%	64
No opinion	19.9%	53
answered question		261
skipped question		9

15. Would you support a bond referendum to complete the improvements to the Boys Ranch Park?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	75.5%	190
No	12.1%	32
No opinion	14.3%	39
answered question		256
skipped question		14

16. Would you support a bond referendum to generally improve the City's park system?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	75.5%	193
No	10.9%	29
No opinion	13.6%	39
answered question		261
skipped question		9

17. How long have you been a resident of the City of Bedford?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than two years	3.6%	9
2-5 years	8.4%	20
6-10 years	16.8%	44
11-20 years	29.8%	78
Over 20 years	34.7%	88
Not a resident of	7.0%	22
answered question		261
skipped question		9

18. Which answer best describes where you live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Single family	92.7%	237
Townhome	1.5%	4
Duplex	1.3%	3
Apartment	4.6%	12
answered question		256
skipped question		14

19. Your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	3.6%	11
19-24	7.0%	22
25-34	12.0%	28
35-44	18.5%	42
45-54	16.3%	40
55-64	19.1%	51
65-74	18.2%	50
75 or over	5.5%	17
answered question		261

20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	20. How many live with you in each of the following age groups?	Response Count
Pre-school or	158	19	9	0	0	0	0	1	187	
Elementary school	146	42	12	1	0	0	0	1	202	
Middle school	163	24	1	0	0	0	0	1	189	
High school	148	32	6	0	0	0	0	1	187	
18 - 25	144	27	7	0	0	0	0	1	179	
Adult	66	87	70	4	0	0	0	1	228	
Senior citizen	107	58	18	0	1	0	0	0	184	
									<i>answered question</i>	259
									<i>skipped question</i>	11

21. Where do you live in Bedford?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
North of Airport	64.5%	167
South of Airport	21.1%	53
East of 121	6.7%	17
Not a resident of	7.8%	24
<i>answered question</i>		261
<i>skipped question</i>		9

22. If you are interested in serving as a parks and recreation volunteer, please leave your contact information or email eric.valdez@bedfordtx.gov

Answer Options	Response Count
	26
<i>answered question</i>	26
<i>skipped question</i>	244

APPENDIX O

PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION

A G E N D A

**City of Bedford
Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board
Wednesday, April 1, 2015
Bedford Public Library Meeting Room
2424 Forest Ridge Drive
Bedford, Texas 76021**

**Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room
Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room
(or immediately following the Public Hearing)**

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public hearing on the update to the Parks Master Plan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. Consider approval of the following Parks and Recreation Board minutes:
 - a) March 12, 2015 regular meeting

NEW BUSINESS

3. Update and discussion on the HEB Chamber Leadership Class sidewalk project for the Clubhouse for Special Needs.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 2015/16 Budget priorities.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed Food Truck program.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding participation in the Saturday, April 18, 2015 Bedford Clean Up Day.
7. Report on individual park assignments:
 - ✓ Bedford Trails Linear Parks
 - ✓ Boys Ranch Park
 - ✓ Brook Hollow Park
 - ✓ Carousel Park
 - ✓ Central Park
 - ✓ Harris Ryals Park
 - ✓ Meadowpark/Bark Park
 - ✓ Monterrey Park
 - ✓ Stormie Jones Park
8. Staff updates on recreation on:
 - a. Aquatics
 - b. Recreation
 - c. Parks

NEXT MEETING

9. The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted on the outside window in a display cabinet at the City Hall of the City of Bedford, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted by the following date and time: Friday, March 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. and remained so posted at least 72 hours before said meeting convened.

Mirenda McQuagge-Walden, Managing Director

Date Notice Removed

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