

ACTION PLAN & TIMELINE

As with any plan, upon its completion, there is an expectation to move forward. This plan is no exception, and the Advisory Board feels an even greater sense of urgency in light of several major deficiencies that have been identified.

The Department and Advisory Board recognize the immediate limitations of the current funding but are determined to improve their funding situation by any means possible. They are committed to seeking a range of funding internally as well as externally.

The following Action Plan lists Projects, Programs, Policies and Funding that the Department will be working toward in the short (2 year), medium (5 year), and long term (25 years). It is important that the City continues to make progress in each of these times frames in order to keep up with demand and changing interests. The projects listed in this section are also outlined in total in the Costs and Funding chapter.

A. Short Term-within 24 months:

In the short term, Logan City has committed few funds to the expansion of parks and recreation facilities and programs. This time period should then be focused on developing the policies, programs, partnerships, and funding sources needed to further the needs of this plan.

Policies:

1. Publish this plan widely and make it available on the Internet, in City offices, and other locations.
2. Develop a joint action plan with the Logan City Planning Department to achieve many shared projects and to promote a walkable, bikeable community - with trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, etc, and to achieve a downtown community space.
3. Coordinate with the Planning Department on their Parks and Recreation; Open Space; and Trails elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
4. Work with other city and county government entities to form an open space advisory committee for Logan and Cache Valley and create an Open Space plan.
5. Form a trails advisory committee and create a county-wide Trails Plan.
6. Form a land acquisition committee with other city departments to identify parcels to acquire for parks, open space and trail corridors.
7. Report progress quarterly to Planning Commission and City Council, having an Advisory Board member present. Tell them how parks and recreation benefit economic development the City's bottom line (crime, health, traffic, accidents, etc.)

Programs:

1. Develop partnerships with Cache County and adjacent cities and towns for shared projects.
2. Work with Logan School District to secure permanent funding for after-school programs.
3. Create a system for proposing new programs and conduct a round of proposals to adopt new programs.
4. Identify people who are willing to volunteer their time to develop and teach programs based on their own talent and interests.
5. Evaluate joining with other Cache Valley towns to develop a comprehensive, regional recreation program.

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Funding:

1. Create a realistic budget for capital improvements and programs for the next 10 years. Coordinate with the Public Works and Transportation departments on projects with shared benefits.
2. Create a plan for fundraising/finding funds for the next ten years to meet this budget.
3. Request an allocation of city staff time to assist with grant-writing for Parks and Recreation.
4. Explore teaming with Logan City Planning Department to go after a joint funding package for shared needs, in particular: trails, sidewalks, bike lanes, open space, and an outdoor civic space.
5. Develop a list of citizens and businesses in Logan that have time and resources (such as products, facilities, staff) they are willing to donate.

Projects:

1. Complete projects that were promised and started in the 1995 Master Plan.
2. Make a recommendation on the immediate future of the Municipipool.
3. Complete short-term projects as shown below.

Short Term Projects – 24 months *		
Type of Project	Cost	Notes
Complete current projects	\$1,800,000	Complete Northwest Park.
Park Land Acquisition	\$1,100,000 (22 acres @ \$50,000 per acre average)	Based on 55 acres total needed over 5 years.
Park Land Improvement	\$2,200,000 (22 acres @ \$130,000 per acre average)	Based on 55 acres total needed over 5 years. Includes CIP projects: Dog Park, Merlin Olsen Central Park irrigation, Lundstrom Park tennis courts, Ray Hugie Hydro Park restroom.
Open Space Acquisition	\$420,000 (42 acres @ \$10,000 per acre average)	Based on 105 acres total needed over 5 years.
Trails (urban)	\$800,000 (8 miles @ \$100,000 per mile average)	Based on 19 miles total needed over 5 years Includes CIP projects: Canyon Road Trail (Merlin Olsen Central Park to First Dam), 1900 West Trail (Logan Landfill to Benson Marina).
Trails (primitive)	\$360,000 (9 miles @ \$40,000 per mile average)	Based on 23 miles total needed over 5 years Includes CIP projects: Logan River Trail (1000 West to 600 South), Cutler Marsh Marina Trail (600 South Park to Cutler Marsh Marina)
Total	\$ 6,680,000 **	cost per resident* = \$66.80 per year for 2 years

* based on a population of 50,000 residents

** in 2005 dollars



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B. Medium Term—within 5 years:

In the medium term, the Parks and Recreation Department should push hard to secure the funds needed to expand programs and facilities. It should then plan to engage in an extensive building and acquisition campaign to bring the parks and recreation up to the standards stated in this Master Plan.

Policies:

1. Complete key sidewalk projects and infrastructure improvements that improve walkability and bikeability of Logan. (In coordination with the Planning and Public Works departments.)
2. Explore options for possible downtown park/civic space and recreation/community center. (In coordination with the Planning Department)
3. Advocate for the renewal of the County RAPZ tax that supports Recreation, Arts, Parks and the Zoo.
4. Update this Master Plan to serve for the time period 2010-2015.

Programs:

1. Develop partnerships with Cache County and adjacent communities for shared projects.
2. Expand programs to utilize new facilities.

Funding:

1. Advocate to establish a Parks and Recreation impact fee in Logan.
2. Begin fundraising efforts – call for bond, changes in taxes (if possible), pinning down matching funds, getting funding commitments from partners.
3. Create a plan for fundraising/finding funds for the next ten years to meet this budget.

Projects:

1. Complete medium-term projects as shown on the following page.

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Medium Term Projects – 5 years *		
Type of Project	Cost	Notes
Park Land Acquisition	\$1,650,000 (33 acres @ \$50,000 per acre average)	Based on 55 acres total needed over 5 years.
Park Land Improvement	\$3,300,000 (33 acres @ \$100,000 per acre average)	Based on 55 acres total needed over 5 years. Includes CIP Projects: 600 South Park, Park at 615 North 400 West, Logan Southwest Park, Logan River Park, park/facility for Municipool site.
Open Space Acquisition	\$630,000 (63 acres @ \$10,000 per acre average)	Based on 105 acres total needed over 5 years.
Trails (urban)	\$1,100,000 (11 miles @ \$100,000 per mile average)	Based on 19 miles total needed over 5 years
Trails (primitive)	\$560,000 (14 miles @ \$40,000 per mile average)	Based on 23 miles total needed over 5 years
Indoor Recreation Center	\$8,600,000	Estimated pool cost of \$7,600,000 from the 2005 Logan Municipool Feasibility Study plus extra for indoor courts.
Total	\$ 15,840,000 **	cost per resident* = \$105.60 per year for 3 years

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C. Long Term — within 25 years:

In the long term, Logan City likely will reach buildout will become just one of many large communities in Cache Valley. For this time frame, the City must focus on acquiring all land necessary for fulfilling this plan and continuing to provide services commensurate with growth. In this time frame, it is also important that the City and County establish some regional direction and framework to provide services to the entire metropolitan area.

Policies:

1. Actively implement the Parks and Recreation plan, the Open Space plan, the Trails plan, and the Downtown plan.
2. Update these plans on a regular basis.

Programs:

1. Expand programs to utilize new facilities.
2. Develop county-wide programs to accommodate Cache County population that is projected to be 185,000 residents.

Funding:

1. Continue fundraising.
2. Implement county-wide recreation system and programs

Projects:

1. Continue acquiring land for new parks and open space areas.
2. Complete long term projects as shown below.

Long Term Projects – 25 years *		
Type of Project	Cost	Project Names
Park Land Acquisition	\$9,500,000*** (95 acres @ \$100,000 per acre average)	180 additional acres needed minus 85 city-owned acres at the landfill for future park.
Park Land Improvement	\$18,000,000 (180 acres @ \$100,000 per acre average)	180 additional acres needed.
Open Space Acquisition	\$3,200,000*** (160 acres @ \$20,000 per acre average)	360 additional acres needed minus 200 city-owned acres at the landfill wetlands
Trails (urban)	\$1,500,000 (15 miles @ \$100,000 per mile average)	15 additional miles needed.
Trails (primitive)	\$ 440,000 (15 miles @ \$40,000 per mile average)	15 additional miles needed.
Total	\$ 32,800,000**	cost per resident* = \$16.40 per year for 25 years

* based on a projected 2030 population of 80,000 residents

** in 2005 dollars

*** in 2005 dollars, assuming 100% land cost increase to baseline due to future land scarcity