



# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

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**A. ROLL CALL**

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1. Discuss Parks and Rec Master Plan

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1. Minutes Review and Approval  
September 9, 2025 Minutes

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# Centerville City Recorder

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Abstract

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<p>Purpose of the Parks Master Plan This Plan B Thesis is a comprehensive update to Centerville City’s Parks Master Plan. The document seeks to provide stability and continuity to Centerville’s open space infrastructure. Since the last update in 1993, the Parks Master Plan has been without regular updates to reflect the community’s needs and values. As a result, the Plan has largely been ignored and Centerville has lacked a unified vision regarding parks planning. The objective of this thesis project is to help promote a unique recreational identity that assists the community in positively differentiating itself from other communities on the Wasatch Front.</p> <p>The Inventory and Analysis sections outline existing site conditions for all Centerville Parks, document areas of concern and measure Centerville against National Park Standards. A large portion of analysis is the development and administration of a community survey. This survey ascertained the needs and wants of the residents to inform the Master Plan update. The recommendations that resulted from the community feedback correlated with input from the</p>	<h2 data-bbox="824 491 1276 611">Purpose of the Parks Master Plan</h2> <p data-bbox="824 659 1414 995">Centerville’s Parks Master Plan is a roadmap for how the city will care for and improve its parks over the coming years. It helps city leaders make smart decisions about where to build new parks, how to upgrade existing ones, and what kinds of amenities—like trails, playgrounds, and sports complexes—residents want most.</p> <p data-bbox="824 1020 1398 1276">In recent years, Centerville has experienced significant growth and change, resulting in new community needs, priorities, and opportunities. This plan aims to reflect the city’s updated parks needs in order to serve community members well.</p> <p data-bbox="824 1302 1409 1558">By studying current park conditions, listening to residents through surveys, and working with city staff and elected officials, the plan creates a shared vision for the future. It focuses on making parks more connected, more inclusive, and more enjoyable for all ages.</p> <p data-bbox="824 1583 1370 1650">This plan is important because it helps Centerville:</p> <ul data-bbox="873 1671 1409 1850" style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Stay organized and focused as the city grows.</li><li>● Invest wisely in parks and recreation.</li><li>● Create a strong sense of</li></ul>

Parks Director, the Parks Committee and the City Council, resulting in a plan that provides Centerville City with direction for future recreation, allows them to move forward with a unified vision, helps form connections between the parks and trails throughout the city and embraces adjoining land and communities. This Parks Master Plan emphasizes Centerville's unique identity, healthy lifestyles, and helps them stand out among communities on the Wasatch Front.

- community and identity.
- Support healthy, active lifestyles.

Executive Summary

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<p><b>Purpose of the Parks Master Plan</b>            This document is a planning resource that is intended to guide the development, operation and maintenance of Centerville City’s park and open space. It looks at how the city’s residents are served and what needs to be implemented to balance the system to better serve all residents. It is intended to be a living document that is used regularly by City Staff, Commissioners and Council as a tool for planning and decision making.</p> <p><b>Background Research</b>            Research conducted includes history of parks, master plan precedents and park trends. A lot of useful information was found throughout this process. For example, waterplay is the fastest growing park amenity nationwide. This trend corresponds with responses from the residential survey as one of the higher priority items for Centerville residents. The scope of the project is also outlined within this section.</p> <p><b>Inventory and Analysis</b>            Inventory and analysis are conducted on multiple scales, including analysis of population statistics, demographics and individual park surveys where issues, maintenance and amenities are looked at and weighed. The park system as a whole was looked at in Centerville, taking adjacent communities into consideration as how residents are currently being served.            Key Assets of Centerville include unique existing parks, as well as the proximity to The Great Salt Lake and The Wasatch Mountains. There are many trailheads leading up to The Bonneville Shoreline Trail, Deuel Creek Trail,</p>	<p><b>Purpose of the Parks Master Plan</b></p> <p>This Parks Master Plan is a practical guide for how Centerville City will care for, improve, and expand its parks and open spaces. It helps city leaders make informed decisions about park development, maintenance, and operations. The plan is designed to be used regularly by city staff, commissioners, and council members as a tool for planning and prioritizing future investments.</p> <p><b>Background Research</b></p> <p>The plan includes research on the history of parks, examples from other cities, and current trends in recreation. One key finding is that waterplay features—like splash pads—are among the most popular amenities nationwide. This aligns with feedback from Centerville residents, who identified waterplay as a top priority.</p> <p><b>Inventory and Analysis</b></p> <p>The plan reviews Centerville’s current parks, population data, and community demographics. It also includes detailed assessments of each park’s condition, amenities, and usage. Centerville’s location near the Great Salt Lake and the Wasatch Mountains provides unique opportunities for trails and outdoor recreation. The city is connected to several regional trails, including the</p>

Legacy Parkway Trail, Rockwood Trail, Ford Canyon Trail and many other trails throughout the foothills and into adjacent communities.

#### Needs Assessment

A survey was issued to Centerville residents to understand the needs and wants of residents directly from them. The survey had an excellent response rate, and a well-rounded demographic pool of responders. The survey provides valuable information that, along with the analysis, helped shape many of the recommendations. Centerville City Council was immediately able to use some of the information gathered from the survey to move forward with a decision regarding the RAP Tax, and whether or not to pursue bonding.

#### Recommendations

Recommendations are generated from survey responses, and from the inventory and analysis portion. Centerville has some great opportunities. Centerville acquired a parcel of land along a stream that is planned for park development but has lacked funding or prerogative. Results from the survey show that linear park land along streams or washes are important to residents. There is also vacant land zoned as low agricultural on the west side of town, against The Great Salt Lake. This needs to be examined for possible park space and opportunities as growth pressure increases. More trails and open space are a high priority and could be looked at for future implementation in this area. This section also includes an action plan, with recommended items Centerville should consider looking at immediately, over a short-term period and long-term suggestions.

#### Limitations

A Trails Master Plan is being developed by Centerville in collaboration with Bountiful and

Bonneville Shoreline Trail and Legacy Parkway Trail.

### Needs Assessment

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### Recommendations

The plan outlines specific recommendations based on survey feedback and park analysis. These include developing new parks, improving existing ones, and adding amenities like trails, water features, and dog parks. It also identifies areas of the city—such as land near streams and agricultural zones—that could be used for future park space. An action plan breaks down priorities into immediate, short-term, and long-term goals.

### Limitations

While this plan focuses on parks, Centerville is also working on a separate Trails Master Plan with neighboring cities. Future updates should ensure that parks and trails are well connected. Regular updates to the Parks Master Plan are encouraged to keep pace with changing community needs and recreation trends.

### Conclusion

This plan brings together the vision of Centerville's Parks Department, city leaders, and residents. It provides a clear path forward to help parks grow and thrive as essential parts of the community. With thoughtful planning and collaboration, Centerville's parks can continue to be places where people gather, play, and enjoy nature—now and

Farmington. Because of this, upcoming plan trails were not a focus in this Parks Master Plan. This plan, along with proximity to each park and existing and future open space, must be kept in mind with the development of the Trails Master Plan, and connections are encouraged.

Updates should also be planned regularly to keep this plan up-to-date with the current need of residents and recreation trends, so that this plan continues to be a useful tool in the hands of the planners and City of Centerville.

#### Conclusion

Through the development of this Parks Master Plan, the City Parks Department can come together and join their vision to help Centerville's parks flourish and grow. This can encourage Centerville parks to continue to be resources all residents have access to, and that they can use and enjoy daily. As Centerville reaches together toward their goals the parks system can become a hallmark in the identity of The City of Centerville.

for years to come.

Background Research  
 Developing an Identity in Recreation:  
 Opportunities in Centerville’s Parks Master Plan  
 Figure 3 - Bookshelf, Common Studio at Utah State University

Background Research  
 Introduction

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<p>A parks master plan is intended to outline the current assets held by the city and provide direction for new park and recreation opportunities.</p> <p>Parks bring nature into the urban environment. They are essential in cities, to give natural spaces for residents to get outside and breathe. One may think that with all the open space that surrounds communities in Utah, the mountains, wetlands and other open spaces not too far away, that city parks may be unnecessary. The collective amount of open space doesn't remove the need for immediate access of a park close to people's homes.</p> <p>Figure 4 - Overlooking Centerville from Freedom Hills Park</p> <p>There are of course, many studies showing the value of open space, parks, gardens, and the connection they have to physical and mental health (Bertram &amp; Rehdanz, 2015; de Vries, Verheij, Groenewegen, &amp; Spreeuwenberg, 2003). In this way, parks promote health of residents.</p> <p>But they do more than that. They provide an oasis to recharge—aesthetic points within the city of beauty and greenspace. Often, parks help define the identity of a city. The types of</p>	<p>Centerville’s Parks Master Plan begins by reviewing the city’s current park assets and identifying opportunities for future recreation. Parks play a vital role in urban life by providing nearby access to nature, even in areas surrounded by mountains and open space.</p> <p>While Utah has abundant natural beauty, city parks offer everyday spaces for residents to relax, play, and connect with their community. Research shows that parks improve both physical and mental health, and they also help define a city’s character.</p> <p>The types of parks a city builds reflect the values and interests of its residents. In Centerville, for example, the popularity of sports is evident in the heavy use of Centerville Community Park during weekend events. This section sets the foundation for planning by exploring how parks shape identity, support well-being, and meet the needs of a growing community.</p>

<p>parks outline the needs and priorities of residents. For example, Centerville Community Park communicates the passion residents have for sports. On a summer weekend the entire park is cordoned off with football teams filling every available space of open field and is surrounded by spectators gathered around to watch the games.</p>	
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**Centerville’s Identity**

Identity of a city can come from many places, but open space certainly shapes a large part of the culture. In Utah, the Wasatch Front at least, the mountains inform that cultural identity. Aesthetically they loom over us. They act as a major wayfinding device, helping us identify direction and navigate among destinations. As a social asset, mountains contribute to everyday quality of life, from hiking to skiing to rock climbing, all seasons offering new and varied opportunities to explore and find ourselves more in nature. The variety of experience is expansive. Deserts of sand and sagebrush rangeland quickly transitions into dense forests containing waterfalls and streams as one moves to higher elevations.

Some cities are firmly tied to adjacent open spaces. Perhaps the city’s existence itself relies on it. Rockville, or Springdale near Zion National Park, for example. It is unlikely these cities would survive if not for Zion National Park, if they even would have existed at all. Moab holds a similar story with Arches and Canyonlands at its doorstep. St Anthony in Idaho relies heavily on the nearby sand dunes for its tourism.

Centerville is along the Wasatch front, and has a striking mountain range to the east. There are 72 communities in the 4 counties surrounding Centerville along the Wasatch Front. Over 75% of Utah’s population lives in these 4 counties (US Census Report, n.d.). Considering this, it’s understandably hard to see where one city ends and another begins without a map that shows the municipality borders. Looking out across the sea of houses that ripple out across the valley floor, the importance of developing an identity becomes apparent.

Figure 5 - The Wasatch Front, Logan Canyon  
 Figure 6 - Overlooking the Salt Lake Valley

Many cities have taken advantage of natural assets to inform an identity. St Anthony is built along Henry’s Fork and has beautiful waterfalls at the entrance to town and a riverfront trail, which contribute to its quaint small town character. Boise Idaho has the greenway running through town along the Snake River. Boise began acquiring land and working on building the greenway in the 60’s, and it stands today as a testament of the foresight of the city. Twin Falls, Idaho is named for the Shoshone Falls within its bounds, and they are a sight worth stopping for. In Utah, there are many towns that have themes. The city of Bluff

is known for its rocky outcroppings, cliffs and bluffs. Moab for its slick rock bike and jeep trails. Logan for Utah State University and its historic downtown.

As a smaller city, Centerville doesn't have one well-known identity distinct from those adjacent to its boundaries. Residents love Centerville for its small-town feel, intimate community, recreation amenities and proximity to Salt Lake City. Like other cities on the Wasatch Front, the mountains are a huge asset. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail runs along the foothills and connects the communities to each other, as well as the mountains. Centerville is also right next to the Great Salt Lake, adjacent to Farmington bay, a wetland preserve that provides space for migratory birds and other wildlife. The parks currently within Centerville are very unique, some have a stream running through them, like Smoot and Freedom Hills. Island View is an amazing, terraced park that is different than any other park along the Wasatch Front. The elevation changes and streams are great assets that must not be ignored.

There are many reasons people are drawn to Centerville. Many enjoy its location and amenities. As the city website states:

Although Centerville City is conveniently located in the middle of one of the nation's fastest growing regions, Centerville has retained a small-town atmosphere and similar quality of life. Centerville enjoys a moderate cost of living, a four-season climate, is home to the Davis Center for the Performing Arts and is located in the middle of the fabulous recreational and cultural opportunities available along the Wasatch Front. Eight major ski resorts are within a 45-minute drive of Centerville. The cultural treasures of downtown Salt Lake City, such as Ballet West, the Utah Symphony, Temple Square, and sporting events at the Energy Solutions Arena are fifteen minutes away. Centerville has excellent primary and secondary schools. Over 300 acres of parks and open space are available for individual, family and group activities ("About Centerville City," n.d.).

Figure 7 - Shoshone Falls, Idaho

### Background Research

Interaction with Centerville residents reveals their love for their city. The attachment and nostalgia that residents feel for their city creates a bond that can motivate people to action in behalf of their community (Manzo & Perkins, 2006). As they are involved in improvements, and even the day to day operations of the municipality, they will continue to become deeply ingrained in the community, because participation strengthens attachment and builds value. It is possible that this nostalgia or connection that people develop with a place could also hinder change because of the wish to maintain things as they are. Understandably this could be a roadblock to progression. Developing a shared identity can overcome this tendency and can actually be a motivator for people to act for the community to preserve the places they love and value. A community that has such a bond can thrive rather than struggle, creating a sense of ownership and pride (Manzo & Perkins, 2006).

### History of Parks

The first urban public parks in the United States were actually cemeteries. Even though they were designed for burial, the living used them for passive recreation. Mount Auburn Cemetery in

Massachusetts was beautifully designed, full of unique flowers and plants. People came to eat, to mingle and to walk (Greenfield, 2011; Kendall, 2018; Rotundo, 2012; Williams, 2014). Using these a spaces that grew into public desire for urban green spaces, which we know today as parks across the nation.

Central Park was the first urban landscaped park in the US, and grew out of a vision of providing greenspace in the midst of urban tumult. Its implementation was visionary and has shaped New York as it is known today (“Olmsted–Designed Parks : NYC Parks,” n.d.; Waxman, 2019). From this beginning grew Boston’s Emerald Necklace, a network of parks that make up the heart of the city (“Boston’s Emerald Necklace - FrederickLawOlmsted.com,” n.d.).

Figure 8 - St Paul’s Churchyard, New York

Figure 9 - Central Park, New York

Parks are still being re-imagined, and finding their way into areas once thought derelict, to lift and rejuvenate them. Consider the Highline, again in New York. An abandoned rail line now teems with life, constantly full of visitors experiencing New York from a different perspective (“[thehighline.org](http://thehighline.org),” 2019). Today’s parks are integral to urban living and using them is just a part of everyday life.

Centerville City - Centerville was settled in 1847 by Thomas Grover, followed by the Deuel brothers, Osymn and William. The Deuel settlement, also known as City In-Between, was renamed Centerville in 1950 being centrally situated between the Farmington and Bountiful communities (Lemperle, 2019).

Figure 10 - Osymn Merrit Deuel (Lemperle, 2019)

With the Wasatch mountains bordering on the east, and the Great Salt Lake to the west, Centerville is geographically constrained, and its growth will be mostly through increased density. There are many recreation opportunities nearby, including Wasatch Mountain trailheads at Deuel Creek, Parrish Canyon, and Freedom Hills. The Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area lies directly to the west of municipal boundary.

### Park Use Today

Environmental cues are a large influencing factor in park activity. Whether this is related to physical park improvements, advertisements or signs for the park, classes, leagues, and so forth. Improvements themselves are also shown to increase park use and activity (Cohen et al., 2013). Though the initial increase with new facilities or amenities may not be fully sustained, the overall use is seen to increase when improvements are implemented. Even simple improvements such as signage can make a significant difference. In 2011-2012 a study determined that an immediate high increase in usage was found after signage was implemented along a trail in southern Nevada. This high increase declined after the initial opening, but leveled off at a higher usage than previous to the improvements (Clark, Bungum, Shan, Meacham, & Coker, 2014).

Park programming refers to organized activities, classes or leagues that can also draw users to the park. It can include informal activities such as gatherings for sports or events between family and friends. A higher number of organized activities correlate directly with a higher

number of users found at a park (Cohen et al., 2010). This is not usually affected by the housing density surrounding a park. To best draw users, activities should be developed that draw adults and entire families, not just children. As more people are involved in activities and participate in programmed activities, this will in turn increase support for public parks (Cohen et al., 2010).  
Figure 11 - Pickleball Courts at Bridger Park in Logan Utah

This point was extremely evident during one of the site visits to Centerville in 2018. There were football leagues playing at Centerville Community Park, and the park had been fenced off and admission was being charged for entry. The park was packed with people. During other visits there were a few users either on the playground, the trail, or the fields, but this event found the park near capacity. There were multiple teams playing on most of the fields, with spectators packed in, the playground was full of kids that had probably gotten tired of watching their siblings play, and parking was extended out along the street, with a continuous stream of people coming and going.

In addition to organized activities, cafés or shops nearby have been seen to increase park use and visitation by a high margin. This creates an opportunity to visit the area, and the proximity of the park is inviting and can also work to increase visitation to the café, restaurant, or nearby shop (Zannon, Curtis, Lockstone-Binney, & Hall, 2018). Porter-Walton Park is located next to Centerville's public library and is sure to get many visitors because of this proximity. Centerville's pocket park at the south end of town is located within a private community, is not visible from the street, and has no signage. This results in little to no usage, a fact that the parks department would like to rectify.

Figure 12 - Davis County Library

Pedestrian infrastructure improvements can also increase park use, both walking for transport and trails within the park system. It is challenging to distinguish which pedestrians are commuting, and which are walking for leisure. Unexpectedly, school commuting was not found to increase with infrastructure improvements (Fitzhugh, Bassett, & Evans, 2010; Panter, Heinen, Mackett, & Ogilvie, 2016). In Logan, Utah, similar results were found after the Denzil-Stewart Nature Park improvements. Active transport to schools were hoped to increase with access through the park but was not found to have increased significantly. Perhaps this trend is due to habit, with active commuters continuing to use routes already established, and others continuing their current commute patterns.

A challenge of public parks is making them accessible and inviting to all age groups. Conditions can support or limit activity and use. Some usage can be assumed, adults and seniors spend more time on paths, walking, jogging, strolling, while children and teens spend similar time on the playground equipment, paths, grass, etc. (Cohen et al., 2016).

Figure 13 - Stairs at Island View

## Trends

Economic development depends on not only quality parks but also quality greenspace throughout the city (Dolesh, 2018). Trends tend to change as years progress. For example,

Centerville has tennis courts on many of their old master plans, but tennis is less in demand today, making way for pickleball courts. Whatever the amenities, parks are seeing an increase in use overall by a substantial number (Recreation Management, 2019).

More improvements are being made to existing parks than new construction. The most common planned additions to existing parks in order of popularity for 2018 were:

1. Waterplay features (#1 in 2017 also)
2. Dog parks
3. Fitness trails and outdoor fitness equipment
4. Walking and hiking trails
5. Synthetic sports turf fields (not on the list in 2017)
6. Playgrounds
7. Disc golf courses
8. Shelters or pavilions
9. Restroom structures
10. Bike trails (not on the top ten list in 2017)

(WIFI Services and fitness centers left the 2017 list).

Figure 14 - Carving at Community Park

Many of these features are explored as possible amenities throughout this document. Dog parks are one of the fastest growing park types (Dolesh, 2018), and is not found in Centerville. Waterplay is also missing, though there are adjacent cities that have splash pads.

As discussed in the park use section, programming is an essential element of park use, and trends in this area set a helpful framework for exploration. Programming can be anything from holiday events to sports teams and are activities that are held at park locations.

Figure 15 - Central Park Splash Pad, Smithfield Utah

The most popular programming trends for 2018 were as follows:

1. Environmental education programs (#1 in 2017)
2. Fitness programs (up from #3)
3. Teen programming (down from #2)
4. Educational programs (up from #5)
5. Mind/body like yoga (down from #4)
6. Day and summer camps (up from #8)
7. Special needs programs (not on the top ten list in 2017)
8. Adult sport teams (not on the top ten list in 2017)
9. Individual sport activities (not on the top ten list in 2017)
10. Sport specific training (not on the top ten list in 2017)

Centerville shares some programming with adjacent communities like Farmington and Bountiful, and this is kept in mind throughout the document.

Figure 16 - Yoga

## Precedents

There are many excellent precedents of effective park master plans. This plan was predicated on the example of many plans that were reviewed. Sections that met the spirit of Centerville's update were used to inspire actions for this review. North Salt Lake, Payson City and Washington City are all cities in Utah that are similar in size to Centerville and have fairly recent parks master plans. Lehi, Draper and Logan, Utah, and the City of Rio Vista, CA plans were also looked at for inspiration. Lehi and Draper in particular have very successful park systems that residents are very happy with (City of Draper Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan, 2008; Logan Utah Comprehensive Parks, Trails, Recreation, and Open Space Plan, 2015; "Parks and Recreation Masterplan," 2015; "Parks Master Plan," 2013; Payson City Parks, Trails, and Open Space, 2007; The City of North Salt Lake Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan and Study, 2005; Walker et al., 2015).

One inspiring aspect of Logan's Parks Master Plan was the vision that they portray in the beginning of their plan. They outline over-arching goals that they hope to work toward, and a plan to achieve the vision. North Salt Lake's plan had a good layout and was about the size that would work for Centerville's plan. It was referred to often and helped establish a layout. Washington City's plan had an effective inventory section that was helpful. Payson also had a very simple, clear and easy to follow layout on their parks plan.

Figure 17 - Sunset over the Oquirrh Mountain Range

## Methodology

Methods used throughout this plan follow design guidelines learned in the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning program at Utah State University. Many of these follow the methods outlined by Toth (Toth, 1974). The methodology for this project is outlined below:

- Perform background research that explores:
  - History
  - Identity
  - Park use
  - Trends
  - Precedents
  - Purpose and scope
- Inventory existing conditions:
  - Explore context and character of Centerville
  - Review population demographic data
  - Photograph existing conditions on site
  - Map parks with drone
  - Classification of parks
  - List existing projects currently underway
- Analyze existing conditions:
  - Areas of concern, in need of repair or attention
  - Measure against national standards and adjacent or similar communities

- Adjacent context analysis
- Build needs assessment
  - Survey preparation
  - Survey administration through Centerville
  - Process and synthesize data collected
- Provide recommendations
  - Individual Park Recommendations
  - Future growth recommendations
- Create action plan that includes immediate, short and long term goals, and plan for updating this document

### Purpose and Scope

Centerville reached out to Utah State University in 2018 to conduct analysis of the existing Parks Master Plan and review the possibility of completing an update. Paul Stead undertook this as his thesis project for his master's degree in landscape architecture. An updated Parks Master Plan will provide a unified vision for the residents and leaders of Centerville to come together around, creating stability and continuity to the future of Centerville's open space infrastructure.

Parks are in integral part of the community. Park location and amenities can influence community design, enhance the quality of life for residents, and contribute positively to a community's aesthetics.

Figure 18 - Centerville Community Park Playground

## Population and Characteristics

### Population Growth

Centerville is almost built out. Its current population is estimated to be 17,657 (Manson, Schroeder, Riper, & Ruggles, 2018), up from 1535 in 2010 (US Census Report, n.d.). For much new growth to occur, density will need to increase. There are still areas zoned as agricultural land, but care should be taken to plan out growth within these areas so it is succinct and fits within community goals and objectives.

### Chart 1 - Growth Projections

#### Year Source Population Difference Growth

2005 Census	14707	93	0.63%
2006 Census	14945	238	1.59%
2007 Census	15162	217	1.43%
2008 Census	15271	109	0.71%
2009 Census	15310	39	0.25%
2010 Census	15,335	25	0.16%
2011 Census Estimate	15,553	218	1.40%
2012 Census Estimate	16,167	614	3.80%
2013 Census Estimate	16,557	390	2.36%
2014 Census Estimate	16,749	192	1.15%
2015 Census Estimate	16,828	79	0.47%
2016 Census Estimate	17,247	419	2.43%
2017 Census Estimate	17,657	410	2.32%

### Household Characteristics

Household demographics impact demand for parks and recreation. The average Centerville household size is 3.08, just under the Utah average household size of 3.14, but higher than the US average of 2.63. Eighty percent of households in Centerville have two or more family members living there, emphasizing the importance of families in Centerville (US Census Report, n.d.). Additional demographic information can be found starting on page 44.

### Figure 19 - Family Sketch

## Centerville Parks

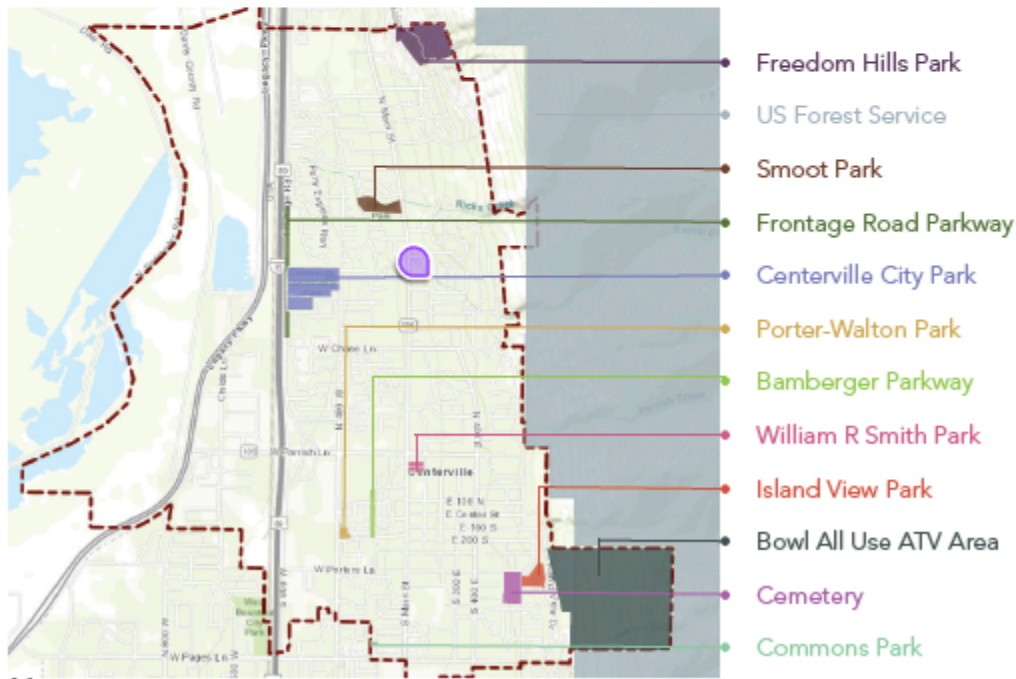
### Existing Parks

Centerville has seven existing parks, plus three special use areas and other open space areas. The parks are classified below in order to better understand their uses, purpose and acreage.

Chart 2 - Existing Parks and Open Space

Classification	Name/Location	Acres	Total
Community Park	Centerville City Park	30.03	30.03
Neighborhood Parks	Freedom Hills Park	9.28	
	Island View Park	6.68	
	Porter-Walton Park	2.93	
	Smoot Park	8.35	
	William R Smith Park	2.33	29.57
Mini Park	Commons Pocket Park	0.68	0.68
Special Use Parks	Cemetery	8.7	
	Frontage Road Parkway	11	
	Bamberger Parkway	6	25.7
Open Space	Bowl All Use ATV Area	Not Included	
	US Forest Service	Not Included	n/a
<b>Total</b>			<b>85.98</b>

Figure 20 - Park and Open Space Locations



### Current and Future Projects

Below are the park projects that are currently envisioned. Island View has funding and is in the final planning stages.

- Community Park has some elements that are being implemented currently, and some that are yet to begin.
- Parrish Creek is planned for a small parcel that Centerville has acquired. It hasn't been a priority yet, but the parks department hopes to implement it soon.

- The Brownfield site is in the conceptual stage and is a great opportunity to get a park on the southwest side of town.

Chart 3 - Envisioned Projects

Park	Improvements envisioned	Status
Island View Park	Complete renovation.	Currently underway
	Playground equipment removed, multi-tier play structure to replace.	Planned
	Raquetball/handball removed, replaced with additional tennis.	Planned
Community Park	Add basketball court. New benches, restrooms, pavillion, etc.	Planned
	Pavillion and restrooms at expansion on southwest side	Currently underway
	Pathway around expansion and connected to existing	Currently underway
Parrish Creek Parkway	Foot's all court added at Northwest section of park.	Planned
	Conceptual stage. Need funding.	Planned
Brownfield site	Additional city park	Future









# How Centerville Compares

## Comparison

Overall Centerville compares very well to similar cities in Utah, and is pretty close to the national residents per park average, which is 2,114 residents per park. However, most communities in Utah have a much lower acres per resident count than the national average of 10.1 acres per 1,000 residents.

These consistently lower numbers in Utah may be due to the proximity of a rich selection of BLM and National Park Land in Utah.

Figure 19 - Park Comparison

City Statistics	Residents per park	Park Acres/1,000 Res
<b>Centerville City</b> Pop: 17,657 7 Parks 86 Acres	 2,522	 4.9
<b>North Salt Lake</b> Pop: 19,193 7 Parks 148.5 Acres	 2,742	 7.7
<b>Farmington</b> Pop: 24,066 11 Parks 88.1 Acres	 2,188	 4.1
<b>Washington City</b> Pop: 26,405 12 Parks 86 Acres	 2,200	 3.3

## Inventory and Analysis

### Introduction

The following section includes a snapshot of each Centerville park. Each park was visited and analyzed. A drone was used to capture topography and give a high-quality base map of each site. The parks director was consulted regarding known issues, and on-site observations were made.

### Figure 22 - Mapping Sites with Drone Technology

#### Centerville Community Park - Summary

1. Sports draw many residents year- round. Baseball, football, soccer and other sports keep this park busy, and draw more users than many other parks in Centerville.
2. The playground equipment is in good condition overall. The sand and digging equipment installed recently is very popular and getting the most use of any equipment other than the swings on site during my visit. This equipment is geared more toward smaller children.
3. There are a few issues with wear that need to be repaired on the nylon areas of the playground.
4. BBQ stations allow easy access to grilling, while being away from the tables. The pavilion is large enough to allow for quite a large group to gather for picnics and other gatherings.
5. There is a marked walking path around the park, giving users an idea of distance. This route will be extended to include the path around the park expansion.
6. This lending library near the pavilion was set up through an eagle project. It's another draw for the park. This library could use a fresh coat of paint or stain on the door.
7. Recently Centerville has consolidated trash to dumpsters instead of in bins around the park. This has kept the park cleaner, and drastically reduced the time and resources spent on park cleanup.
8. Volleyball court is in good condition. It makes a good sandbox for kids when not in use for volleyball. You'll find this in use most days throughout the week.

### Figure 23 - Bear Carving

Centerville Community Park is the largest park in Centerville and is busy throughout the summer.

#### Centerville Community Park - Site Map

### Figure 32 - Community Park Analysis

500 ft

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#### Island View Park - Summary

1. Island view park is built on the foothills, and is unique, with three terraces. It is slated for renovation, so observations may not be relevant with the current changes planned.

2. Playground equipment needs to be updated. There are many areas of disrepair. As stated above, this is slated for renovation. There is a multi-level playground designed to replace the existing structures.
3. The top terrace is mainly dedicated to sports fields. There is a ball field, soccer goals and there are plans for a new basketball court in the redesign on the north side.
4. Perhaps due to the maturity and terraced design of this park, there are many areas that feel intimate and are very comfortable to enjoy in this park. It is beloved by many residents.
5. ADA compliance is a challenge. There is a path from the first and second terrace, but not from the second and third. The driveway is steep and there is `additional road access to the third (top) terrace from the south.
6. An ad hoc path runs up along the hill that borders the park. There is some concern of unwanted activity in this area, putting in official paths would help make this area more public and discourage this type of activity.
7. There are some amazing views from the top of the park. You can see out across the valley through the trees. It creates a good prospect and refuge feel for users as they look down from the park to the valley or lower terraces.

Figure 33 - View West

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Island View Park - Site Map

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200 ft

Island View Park is scheduled for a redesign which is in progress. The re-design will update the amenities and resolve many current issues that exist in the park.

The unique design of this park makes it one of the highlights of Centerville and draws users with its interesting design.

Figure 41 - Island View Park Analysis

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6. Ricks creek presents an opportunity to for waterplay. Children already love to play in it but has a fairly steep bank and can get deep in sections.

7. The playground is newer, in good condition. Surrounding trees provide shade over the play area. This is a huge benefit to this play area, and factors into the use of this play area.

1. Surfacing is worn and needs to be resurfaced in a few areas. This represents regular maintenance. Mainly an aesthetic issue but lower layers can wear quicker if left worn.

5. Some faded or missing signs in the park. The sign to the right should say 'Smoot Family Park'. Overall the park is in good condition and well cared for.

4. Swings are older but appear in good condition. Doubles as a sand play area, and its proximity to the playground allows parents to easily keep an eye on their children.

3. Wood border around swings and volleyball area needs to be replaced or repaired. Consideration could be taken to replace with a more durable material.

2. Ricks Creek runs through the entire park, becoming quite shallow after running under the street and out through a grate on the west side. This is an opportunity for more amenities.

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Parkway Drive

Smoot Park - Summary and Site Map

Smoot Park is centrally located and has a rich historical background. It is located on the

Smoot dairy site. The family donated 10 acres for the park to Centerville City in 1974. The park includes sport fields, tennis courts, a creek from east to west, as well as a playground, swings and a volleyball court. Smoot park feels intimate, with its mature trees and narrow shape. Even with its proximity to Main Street, it feels to visitors that they are off the beaten path.

Figure 49 - Smoot Park Analysis

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Main Street

Ricks Creek Way

Figure 50 - Beautiful Smoot Park

500 ft

1500 North

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Freedom Hills Park - Summary

- 1. At the entrance to Freedom Hills Park stands a memorial to the soldiers who have fought for our freedom. It is a powerful monument and ties into the historical theme of many of Centerville's parks.
- 4. Paved paths give walkers many options within the park, climbing up in the foothill and have some decent climbs. The vegetation along the path is beautiful, and also allows access to the disc golf course.
- 7. Freedom hills is designed with natural swales meandering throughout the park, making the transition from the foothills to the

urban neighborhoods seem more natural.

8. The playground is close to the parking lot, positioned close to the pavilion and parking lot. Playground is newer and in good condition.

The rubber surfacing has only minor wear, mostly in good condition.

2. A nine-hole disc golf course is laid out on the south half of the park.

This is a challenging course, and the changing elevation makes this a course many are drawn to.

5. In addition to the trails mentioned above, there is also an equestrian trail that runs on the lower elevation foothills, hearkening back to a time that horses were more prevalent in the community.

3. Trailhead for the Freedom Hills Trail gains about 300 feet in elevation, climbing up to meet the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. Side trails give opportunities for further climbing up into the mountains.

6. Areas found at some of the higher points in this park give a great view across the Salt Lake Valley. These emphasize the relationship between the Wasatch Mountain Range and Centerville City.

Figure 51 - Entry to Freedom Hills Park

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Freedom Hills Park - Site Map

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350 ft

Freedom Hills Park is a newer park on the north side of Centerville. It provides good access to trails on the foothills and has a disc golf course that is well known and highly ranked.

Figure 60 - Freedom Hills Park Analysis

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Porter-Walton Park - Summary

1. Porter-Walton Park connects to Bamberger Trail, which runs from Parrish Lane (400 North) to Porter Lane (400 South).
4. BBQ grills were put in as an Eagle Scout Project. They are on the south side of the pavilion, with the bathrooms. They are somewhat distanced from the picnic tables.
7. Basketball courts are a recent installment and are in excellent condition. The court holds six hoops and has nonslip surfacing.
8. A swing set is slated to be constructed just to the east of the playground. This improvement is awaiting funds to be completed.
2. Porter-Walton Park's playground is small but in great condition; it is meant for younger children. As at Smoot Park, some of the surfacing needs some maintenance.
5. The parks proximity to the Davis County Library encourages use to and from the library. It shares parking

with the park and is a good resource for library visitors.

3. No Smoking and Dogs on a Leash signs near the parking lot are faded from sun exposure. They need to be replaced.

6. The field at Porter-Walton Park is geared more toward informal sport gatherings, with trees planted in the field.

Figure 61 - Library Sidewalk

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Porter-Walton Park - Site Map

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- 2 8
- 6
- 4 7
- 5
- 3
- 150 ft

Porter-Walton Park is well situated next to the Centerville Branch of the Davis County Library. It is a smaller park, but with space enough for most informal activities.

Figure 70 - Porter-Walton Park Analysis

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William R Smith Park - Summary and Site Map

William R. Smith Park, previously known as Founders Park, is located downtown next to City Hall. The Smith Family donated the land to Centerville City for a park, thus the name. The park is well used. Christmas lights are put up in trees during the holidays, and mature trees give users an understanding of this park's age.

1. William R. Smith Park displays a monument to Centerville pioneers. Plaques are mounted on the front and

back of the memorial, outlining the history and heritage of the early saints in the area. This is a great landmark for residents.

5. A bus stop is installed at the northwest corner of the park. It is a sheltered stop and is positioned well for use. This stop serves the intercity bus 470, running every 30 minutes from Salt Lake City to Ogden.

4. The pavilion at William R. Smith Park is large and provides space for fairly sizable gatherings. The pavilion's architecture feels historic, and with the large trees it fits the mature feel of the park.

3. Playground is in good condition, with two climbing walls, slides and monkeybars. The surfacing is in good condition, and the play structure is shaded by nearby mature trees, creating a comfortable atmosphere yearround.

2. The small scale of the park allows for many amenities throughout the park. Seating is dispersed underneath trees around edges, encouraging exploration by creating intimate spaces around the park.

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Main Street

Figure 76 - Smith Park Analysis

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## Inventory and Analysis

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100 East

Figure 77 - Smith Park Sign

150 ft

## Inventory and Analysis

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### Commons Pocket Park - Summary

Commons Pocket Park is located at the south end of Centerville, in a development called Centerville's the Commons. They donated this land to the city for a public park, but it is not well known, partially because it is not easily visible from the road and is lacking signage. This is a great opportunity for a specialized park, such as a dog park. It would be easily fenced in and with proper signage and advertising, easily accessed by residents.

2. Lack of signage makes this area vague, creating ambiguity of whether it is a public space or a private park for the community. The park blends into the adjoining residents' lawns. With no visible boundaries, this adds further to the confusion of public vs private space.

3. This would make a perfect space for a dog park. Fencing is already in place on the North and West sides of the park, making it very affordable to finish fencing off the rest of the park. If a dog park is something Centerville residents desire this is a good location. If not, installation of a playground, benches and signage would let people know this is a public space and encourage use.

4. Signage is needed on 1600 North and Main Street to help people find the park.

1. With only one small path leading from Centerville Commons Way to 150 East, this park feels like more of a detention basin than a park. Lack of any benches or amenities accentuate this feel and create a space that isn't unwelcoming, but not inviting.

Figure 78 - Water Detention Area

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Commons Pocket Park - Site Map

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3

4

80 ft

Figure 81 - Commons Pocket Park Analysis

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Community Park

Freedom Hills Park

Island View Park

Porter-Walton Park

Smoot Park

William R. Smith Park

Commons Pocket Park

Cemetary

Frontage Rd Parkway

Bamberger Parkway

Existing Amenities

Playground

Paths

Swings

Trails

Basketball

Disc golf

Sports fields

Tennis courts

35

Pavilion

Libraries

Bus stop

Restrooms

View Area

Benches

BBQ Grill

Water

Fountain

Pet cleanup

Monuments

Volleyball

Mature Trees

Figure 80 - Existing Amenities

## Gap Analysis

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Figure 83 - Pioneer Monument at Smith Park

## Gap Analysis

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### Proximity

Proximity analysis of Centerville Parks began with buffering each park based on its classification, assuming that most users live in fairly close proximity to the park they frequent most. This assumption is supported by the responses to the survey, in which respondents were asked why they use Centerville parks. 'Walking' and 'close to home' were the highest responses overall.

Community parks see the largest amount of use, so they were given a half mile buffer, about a 15 minute walk, acknowledging that the use extends much farther for events such as the football tournaments throughout the summer.

Neighborhood parks were set with a quarter mile buffer, about a 7 minute walk. This is the typical U.S. standard for walkability (Sturm and Cohen, 2014).

The pocket park was given an eighth mile buffer, seeing it has little amenities and the least amount of use. This could extend if it becomes more of a specialty type park.

Figure 84 - Traveling to a Park

## Gap Analysis

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### Proximity to Parks

U.S. census data (Manson et al., 2018) was used to give an approximation of the percentage of users served within each park buffer area.

Users were broken out into three age categories: children 4 and under, ages 5-12, ages 15-17, and adults 18 and above. The graph below shows what age groups live within each buffer area.

Ages 0-4

Ages 15-17

Ages 18 and over

Ages 5-14

Community Park

Neighborhood Parks

Pocket Park

Table 4 - Number of Residents Within Each Park Buffer Area

1482

5850

39

41

108

4016

1106

406

337

748

632

484

1/2 mile, 15 minute walk

1/4 mile, 7 minute walk

1/8 mile, 4 minute walk

Gap Analysis

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Sources: Kadaster Parks Buffer Map

Figure 85 - Centerville Park Buffers

Gap Analysis

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Proximity to Schools

Public schools have playgrounds and open space that can be utilized by residents as park space as well, though the times for use are limited by the schools schedules.

Centerville schools are listed with a 1/4-mile walkable buffer and residents living within these boundaries are listed in the graph below.

Ages 0-4

Ages 15-17

Ages 18 and over

Ages 5-14

Community Park

Neighborhood Park

Pocket Park

Schools

Table 5 - Number of Residents Within Each School Buffer Area

578

7935

860

1914

1/2 mile, 15 minute walk

1/4 mile, 7 minute walk

1/4 mile, 7 minute walk

1/8 mile, 4 minute walk

Gap Analysis

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Sources: Kadaster Schools Buffer Map

Figure 86 - Centerville School Buffers

Gap Analysis

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Gaps

75 percent of residents live inside a walkable distance to a park based on the buffers used, and data from the U.S. Census Bureau. This still leaves 25 percent of residents outside a walkable distance to any city park.

The following page shows a map of gaps in Centerville's Park System:

Area of concern 1a is undeveloped agricultural land, so need is currently low. This could change if development occurs after the West Davis Parkway is implemented (see future growth analysis starting on page 74). The south area of concern, 1b, is mostly commercial, but implementing a park or pocket parks in this area could cause economic growth by encouraging shoppers to stay longer. It would help beautify and define a city center and benefit Centerville as a whole.

Areas of concern 2a and 2b are in park buffer zones, so users could use park space when available, but parks in these areas would be helpful to give users more accessible spaces to recreate.

Area of concern 3a is outside of school and park buffers but is close to open space and trails in the foothills. This is a great asset, but should not be solely relied upon. Not all people may be able or want to use the foothills as recreation, and a park in this area would be beneficial to users living in this and adjacent areas.

Specific areas that could be considered for implementation of park space are explored in the recommendations section, page 76.

#### Gap Analysis

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Sources: Kadaster Gaps

1a

2b

2a

3a

1b

Area of Concern 1(Agricultural areas)

Area of Concern 2 (Residential)

Area of Concern 3 (Trail lands, etc.)

Figure 87 - Gap Analysis Map

#### Gap Analysis

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Figure 88 - Centerville City Hall ([centervilleut.net](http://centervilleut.net))

#### Survey Results

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Centerville City sent out a survey to its residents in the city newsletter. Notifications were also sent out through email and social media to the residents that are connected.

Based on the average household size and population there are approximately 5733 households. Of the surveys sent out, 831 responses were received, resulting in a response rate of 14.5%.

In building the survey, many precedents were consulted to get started. Centerville had a survey sent out 2007, with a few park related questions (see Appendix page 95). These were included if applicable to see the change if any or trends that Centerville was experiencing. Of note are questions 17-24. Interestingly, trails were and continue to be rated as the highest valued amenity in Centerville. While some amenities appear to have an comparatively lower interest from the 2007 survey such as tennis, other things such as playgrounds, open areas and additional cemetery land are still high on the list.

Lehi sent out a community survey in 2013 that was very succinct and helpful in the creation of this survey for Centerville. Also, Draper's entire parks master plan was built around feedback they received from their community. While more intensive than the survey for Centerville, this also provided additional clarity and ideas on what the best approach to take would be. After developing survey questions, these were taken to the Centerville Parks Director, followed by the Parks Committee, for revision. Their feedback helped personalize the survey for Centerville and understand questions to draw out what is most important to the community. Processing the data gathered was a huge undertaking. 834 responses were received, with about ¼ of those in paper form. Centerville's youth council must be recognized for the work they did in processing around 300 survey responses. Students in the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning department at Utah State University processed another 300. This help was invaluable in getting the responses to a usable format to be able to analyze and understand what the residents needs and wants are. The responses received guide the recommendations in this plan and where the city should focus its efforts. This is important information for the city council to have as they strive to understand what decisions to make on behalf of residents.

#### Outline

#### Figure 89 - Piles of Paper Surveys (illustrative)

#### Survey Results

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#### Age Demographics

Survey respondents were predominantly female, between 35-44, homeowners, had children at home, with an income above \$100,000.

Only 2 children under 18 filled out the survey, one 9-year-old and one 13-year-old.

There were also only a couple respondents over 75 years.

The respondent demographics fairly closely follow the demographics of Centerville, with the exception of children.

Demographics of Davis County for comparison.

Demographics of Utah for comparison.

#### Survey Results

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#### Income, Education & Housing

Centerville residents have higher overall income than those in Davis County, Utah, and the US. This matches the education percentages, a higher percentage of Centerville residents have secondary degrees or higher than Davis County

and Utah, with the US quite a bit behind percentage wise.

Centerville has a lower median home price than both Davis County and Utah, but higher than the United States. The median rent is close to the national average, but substantially more residents own their homes in Centerville than rent (“Real Estate Overview for Centerville, UT - Trulia,” n.d.).

These numbers are very similar to the survey respondent demographics.

#### Survey Results

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#### Demographic Areas

##### Park Use in Centerville

Table 17 - Which Centerville Parks do you Visit, and How Often?

Figure 90 - Demographic Areas

Respondents were fairly evenly distributed throughout Centerville.

The majority of respondents were on the north end of town. There were about 10 percent of respondents that did not answer this question.

Centerville Community Park is used the most often by most respondents.

It ranked first, followed by Smoot Park, Island View, Freedom Hills, Smith Park, then Porter Walton.

Unsurprisingly, very few respondents were aware of the pocket park.

29%

22%

30%

19%

#### Survey Results

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Table 20 - Why Parks Outside of Centerville?

65% of survey respondents responded that they do use parks outside of Centerville.

Most respondents (54%) cited Bountiful parks as those they visit most, followed by much lower mentions of West Bountiful, Farmington, Salt Lake City, Kaysville, North Salt Lake, Layton, Fruit Heights, and Woods

Cross.

Reasons listed for visiting parks outside of Centerville include facilities like playgrounds, splash pads, dog friendly or pickleball courts that aren't found in Centerville parks. Many listed the proximity of family and friends as well.

Parks Outside of Centerville

Survey Results

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Centerville Parks

For Community Park, running and walking are the top reasons, followed by sport facilities. Island View's highest reasons are sports fields followed by walking, relaxation and atmosphere. Porter Walton's was a toss-up between picnic facilities and the playground. Freedom Hills are running, walking, relaxation and atmosphere, then picnic facilities. For Smoot, Relaxation and atmosphere, followed closely by playgrounds. Smith park's highest reasons are picnic facilities followed by playgrounds. Respondents were given multiple choice for why they used Centerville parks.

Table 22 - Why do you use Centerville Parks Totals

Table 21 - Why do you use Centerville Parks?

If the reasons are looked at altogether, walking is the highest reason given overall, followed by close to home. Even though this didn't show up in any one parks highest reason, it was second overall.

Survey Results

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Table 24 - When Visiting Centerville Parks, how do you Travel There?

Table 23 - Travel

Travel

Overall, walking is the preferred way to get to the parks, twice as many respondents walk to parks as drive.

Quite a few people also bike, but only about a third as respondents that walk.

Survey Results

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Activities

Table 25 - What Activities do you or your Family Participate in?

There is a wide variety of activities that respondents participate in. The top three, are walking or walking a pet, playgrounds, then hiking.

This analysis helps illuminate what amenities are important to residents. It illuminates what they currently participate in, whether or not this activity is available in Centerville.

Survey Results

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#### Activities

The 2008 Centerville survey had a similar question. Walking and running were the highest rated, followed by playgrounds. These results are very similar to earlier results. Biking was rated quite low in the 2008 survey but was much higher in these results. A water play area has also risen in popularity as more and more residents are interested in seeing one in Centerville.

Table 25 - (Continued)

#### Survey Results

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A question regarding participatory activities was asked to see what residents were interested in. Respondents are highly interested in more activities for children; the highest pick. People are also interested in outdoor markets, with sporting events and educational opportunities coming in close at third. The 'other' chart shows what residents wrote in as important.

#### Activity Needs

Table 27 - Other Needs

Table 26 What does Centerville need More of?

#### Survey Results

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#### Park Land

The results for the question of what park land is most valuable to residents was answered mostly as expected, with neighborhood parks most important. One result that was unexpected was 'Linear Parks Along Streams and Washes'. This is a type of park that the parks department can pursue knowing it is important to residents, along with 'Large Open Space Preserves'. Centerville has some unique land and opportunities to fulfill this desire. The Parrish Creek Parkway would meet these criteria and be a good addition to the Bamberger and Frontage Parkway.

Chart 30 - First Priority

#### Additional Facilities

Respondents picked high priority items, then chose their three most important items. This gives us a clear idea of what is most important to them.

If the top three answers are aggregated, they show the highest priority by far is walking and hiking trails. This is in line with the previous responses regarding park use. Second are nature trails and native

landscapes, closely related to the first. If the first priority is looked at, cemeteries just come in first, followed by walking/ hiking trails, nature trails and landscapes, splash pad or waterplay, pickleball courts and a dog park or area.

Waterplay comes next, with a few respondents mentioning Ricks Creek at Smoot Park. This is followed closely by cemetery land. These answers are far above the others in importance and illustrate what Centerville can focus on.

Parks Responses

Cemeteries 75

Walking/Hiking trails 73

Splash pad/Waterplay areas 64

Nature Trails/Native Landscapes 62

Survey Results

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Playgrounds come in first at medium priority in all parks, with the exception of Island View which respondents feel could use additional trees and vegetation.

Chart 32 - Medium Priority

Chart 31 - Highest Priority

These are the items that should receive the most immediate focus.

- Community Park received the most attention, with the playground being voted the highest need of improvement. Additional shade at the community park is also high priority.
- Island View’s playground equipment is second highest priority, but it already has a revision in the works.
- Porter-Walton’s highest need is additional trees and vegetation, followed closely by more shade – which would come as a result. Playground equipment follows shortly.
- Freedom Hills top answers are also closely related, additional shade and more trees and vegetation.
- Smoot and Smith Park both have playgrounds as their top priority.

Park specific improvements

	Community Park	Island View Park	Porter-Walton Park	Freedom Hills Park	Smoot Park	Smith Park
Improved Playground Equipment	160	145	55	37	76	53
Improved Sports Field/Courts	49	67	10	23	25	9
Maintenance/Cleanliness	72	80	36	36	51	40
Additional Trees/Vegetation	87	34	63	59	31	24
Enhanced Lighting/Safety	70	81	26	35	39	28
Additional Picnic facilities/ Pavilions	51	53	18	25	29	23
Better ADA/Access	23	32	12	14	20	17
Additional Restrooms	48	58	13	18	23	24
Additional Parking	51	38	13	12	35	38
Additional Trails	25	39	18	31	31	22
Additional Shade	103	33	59	64	28	19
No Improvements needed	37	29	29	27	33	31

Other \_\_\_\_\_ 25 16 9 10 12 9

Community ParkIsland View Park Porter-Walton ParkFreedom Hills ParkSmoot Park Smith Park

Improved Playground Equipment 35 16 31 33 46 38

Improved Sports Field/Courts 32 24 20 20 34 14

Maintenance/Cleanliness 33 23 27 23 22 21

Additional Trees/Vegetation 26 31 24 26 29 22

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Additional Parking 28 29 21 17 24 21

Additional Trails 28 21 25 19 18 19

Additional Shade 20 27 21 20 25 21

No Improvements needed 5 7 6 4 6 5

Other \_\_\_\_\_ 0 2 0 1 1 0

Survey Results

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Park specific improvements

Sports fields and ADA access were the highest ranked in this category, meaning that these issues are not important to most respondents. This does not mean that these items are not important, only that residents don't have issues with the current status.

Chart 33 - Not a Priority

Community ParkIsland View Park Porter-Walton ParkFreedom Hills ParkSmoot Park Smith Park

Improved Playground Equipment 28 28 41 44 34 38

Improved Sports Field/Courts 75 43 64 59 58 78

Maintenance/Cleanliness 42 24 40 41 40 46

Additional Trees/Vegetation 48 57 32 32 65 57

Enhanced Lighting/Safety 41 25 47 35 40 46

Additional Picnic facilities/ Pavilions 64 49 58 54 56 58

Better ADA/Access 74 52 60 63 67 67

Additional Restrooms 51 42 58 56 59 58

Additional Parking 71 50 63 66 53 52

Additional Trails 75 47 53 50 53 61

Additional Shade 50 46 36 33 54 61

No Improvements needed 23 25 20 20 22 25

Other \_\_\_\_\_ 2 3 3 4 3 4

RAP Tax

The parks department and city council were interested to see respondents' views on bonding to implement improvements. The majority of respondents were in favor of bonding, but not by a large margin.

Survey Results

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## Respondent Comments

### Table 35 - Aggregated Comments

Respondents had an opportunity to comment at the end of the survey. Some of the comments are repetitions from early responses but it is worth noting what people took the time to say or reiterate. Only subjects that include more mentions will be looked at here, starting with the highest and ending at the least amount of comments. The parks mentioned the most in comments were Centerville Community Park and Island View Park, although five of the comments about Island View were suggesting using all or part of the park as an expansion for the cemetery.

Playgrounds were mentioned in 24 comments, with many respondents noting the playgrounds at Centerville Community Park and Island View Park as most needing updated equipment. Island View Park is already slated for renovation, but with all the traffic at Centerville Community Park, this may be worth considering for future updates. Shade was mentioned a few times as lacking at the parks in Centerville, with suggestions for some kind of canopy to allow use in the heat of the summer.

Hiking and walking trails were mentioned in 24 comments, with many people hoping to keep expanding the network of trails in the foothills and in the city.

20 comments were people wanting to say thank you, for the opportunity to be heard and for the efforts toward park improvements. Almost as many people expressed their love for Centerville and their community.

## Survey Results

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## Respondent Comments

Respondents had an opportunity to comment at the end of the survey to reiterate their preferences, or to mention something they felt was not addressed in the survey. The following 5 subjects were the most often expressed in the comments, and only varied by a few responses. They are listed in order from the most amount of comments to the least:

1. Splash pads, or waterplay areas, were a large focus with the majority of comments. A few people noted the opportunity for a natural water feature at Smoot Park.
2. Cemetery Space - The need for more cemetery space also had many mentions, with pleas to expand the cemetery to give more people the opportunity to have plots in Centerville.
3. Bike Trails, including mountain bike and dedicated trails were high in importance mentioned. A few people cited preferences for dedicated trails instead of bike lanes. These preferences ranged from trails in the foothills to trails in the city.
4. Dog Parks, just as many comments mentioned dog parks. Many respondents would like to see a dedicated off leash dog park, or a fenced off portion of an existing park. There were a few that suggested just implementing on leash and off leash days at existing parks or expanding dog friendly spaces. There were a few respondents with concerns about people not following the leash rules

at existing parks. Perhaps implementation of a park or space to let dogs off leash would help by giving a space for owners to give their dogs time to run.

5. Pickleball Courts were only slightly lower, with respondents hoping to see some courts constructed at one or more parks.

These other subjects had only a few mentions and are listed in order from most to least mentioned:

- Park Maintenance
- Baseball or Batting Cages
- Outdoor Pool for Centerville
- Need for more Lighting
- More Shade
- More Open Space
- Wooded areas, or Parks Along Streams
- Additional Restrooms or Year-Round Use
- The lamentation of the name change of Founders Park

There were also a few other non-park suggestions.

Least

Most Comments

Recommendations

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Recommendations stem from inventory and analysis observations, from interviews with the parks department, chair, and parks director, as well as respondent feedback from the survey. These recommendations include important elements for consideration and should be reviewed at regular intervals to update with changing trends and needs.

Introduction

Figure 91 - Centerville Parks Department Meeting

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Action Plan Recommendations

Short Term, 5 years

Long Term, 10-20 years

Area Action

Agricultural lands Passive boardwalk or nature trails west of I-15 in the in the wetlands and agriculture zoned areas

Additional parks in place of above-mentioned boardwalk

Brownfield site Explore brownfield site at southwest edge of town as future park

Centerville Community

Park

Off leash dog area at Centerville Community Park, and/or at neighborhood parks

Parkways Emphasize existing and expand trail connections to parks and existing trails, i.e. Bamberger Parkway, Frontage Road Parkway, etc.

All Parks Consider additional mid-block access points to City parks (see Freedom Hills as example)

William R Smith Park Acquisition of residential lots for Smith Park expansion (see Smith Park recommendations)

Area Action

Centerville Community

Park

Pickleball Courts

Main Playground Update

Island View Park Island View Renovation phase 2 (see master plan for details)

Smoot Park Pickleball Courts

Waterplay area utilizing Ricks Creek

Freedom Hills Park Look for pumptrack area

Porter-Walton Park Pavilion at southeast area of park

Implementation of reading area from original plan

William R Smith Park Implement plaza and landscaping behind museum

Pickleball courts

Commons Pocket Park Fencing, signage, benches and gates to turn pocket park into dog park

Cemetery Purchase land identified for cemetery expansion

Other Parrish Creek Parkway Park implementation

Table 39 - Short Term Action Plan

Table 38 - Long Term Action Plan

Broader goals and plans that align with Centerville's values. It is expected that plan will need to be created, or refined, adjustments will be needed as updates are made to the master plan.

Programs, policies and developments that could be implemented soon. These may be lower priority, require additional funding, or are waiting on other projects before action can be taken.

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Action Plan Recommendations

Immediate, 1-2 years

Area Action

Centerville Community

Park

Expansion completion, including open field for soccer and lacrosse, and walking paths

Futsal park

Pavilion by futsal court

Small west playground and restrooms

Island View Park Island View renovation, phase 1 (see master plan for details)

Recommended to include entire playground in phase 1 if financially feasible

Smoot Park Swing and volleyball border repair

Freedom Hills Park Pickleball courts

Porter-Walton Park Swings east of playground

William R Smith Park Appropriation of land for park expansion

Commons Pocket Park Finalize plans for pocket park, either creation of a dog park, addition

of playground, or re-acquisition by Centerville Commons Cemetery Identify land for cemetery expansion

This Parks Master Plan should be updated regularly, ideally every 5 years. Updates should include evaluations and refinement based on the vision of Centerville City.

#### Recommended Updates

##### Table 40 - Immediate Action Plan

Programs, policies and developments that could be implemented soon. These may be lower priority, require additional funding, or are waiting on other projects before action can be taken.

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#### Future Growth

Current zoning map of Centerville shows mostly low-density residential development.

##### Figure 92 - Centerville Zoning Map

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#### Future Growth

Additional Parks would be valuable assets to integrate in these areas, especially on the west side of I-15 where there are currently no parks or facilities to support any development. This is a wetland area.

#### West Davis Corridor

##### Preferred Alternative

Land zoned as agriculture may see development as growth pressures increase. Centerville has seen some development in agriculturally zoned areas east of I-15. With the construction of the West Davis Parkway, pressure may be applied to the undeveloped agricultural land west of I-15.

Centerville should consider the future of its agricultural land, such as whether it will allow transitions to low or high-density housing, or if it should be preserved as open space to help maintain the small-town feel. Steps should be taken either way to plan for the future of these areas and guide the growth as desired.

50%

30%

100%

20%

60%

40%

0%

Partially Developed Agriculture

Undeveloped Agriculture

Percentage of Development (estimated)

Development

%

Figure 93 - Agriculture-Low Areas

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Growth Recommendations

This recommendation is in line with the survey responses. For the majority of respondents, hiking, walking trails and paths are among the most important amenities that they would like to see more of in Centerville. Inspiration for these paths could be taken from Layton's Wetland Preserve.

Preserving this area for citizens to hike, bike and enjoy would make this area an important space that builds on Centerville's identity.

One major consideration of this area are the wetland portions that are contained throughout. A recommendation for these areas is to expand the city's passive recreation areas.

Figure 94 - Wetland Areas Figure 95 - Wetland Preserve Precedent, Layton Shoreland Preserve

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Growth Recommendations

Centerville may erroneously seem completely built out. However, vacant areas and undeveloped

parcels provide opportunities for future development—and future park, green space, and trail development as well. Conditions should be placed on new development in order to strengthen parks.

Recommendations for conditions include:

- Pedestrian connections in between lots (see Freedom Hills Recommendations page 66).
- Connections to other parks and schools
- Current recreation amenities
- Space for recreation programming
- Connections to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, or other urban or parkway trails

The map to the right has some examples of locations that could be looked at for future parks.

These areas are explored below:

1. This is an example of a location that would work for a large open space park or preserve. It is adjacent to Farmington Bay, and currently undeveloped. It may also work as a location for a neighborhood park, if development is allowed to occur following the construction of the West Davis Parkway.
2. Area 2 would fill the gap at the north end of Centerville. There is a school just southeast of this area that could connect, and a connection could also be made with the Frontage Parkway that runs to Centerville Community Park.
3. There are quite a few undeveloped lots in this area that would be great locations for a park. They could strengthen the connection with the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and could provide connections to Freedom Hills Park, and Smoot Park via the Ford Canyon Trail.
4. This is another area that would work well for a large open space preserve, with a great connection to Farmington Bay. A large portion of this area is wetland and should be considered for ecological preservation. Acquisition of land may be a lengthy process, but with a vision and a plan, funding and opportunity can be found to make this a reality.
5. This area is close to the Rockwood Trail Head, and would fill a need for residents who want access to park space. Parks near trails heads are valuable because they provide for a wider user base, and promote use of both trails and parks by proximity.
6. A park in the commercial district would not only fill a gap in park coverage, it would provide space for shoppers to relax, and for professionals to take their lunches. Greenspace in urban environments is shown to help people relax, and promotes health and wellbeing (Bertram 2015). These spaces are most valuable in close proximity to users so they are easily accessed. Even a small park space would be a valuable asset to the commercial district.

Filling the Gaps

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Growth Recommendations

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Figure 96 - Centerville Future Park Examples

Parrish Creek Park

Park along stream

Centerville City acquired a lot at the corner of Chase Lane and Frontage rd. in 2005, and a conceptual plan was drawn up for a linear park along Parrish Creek (see below).

Linear parks along streams and washes are third highest on the list of the type of park land that residents value most. Many respondents said they would like to see more parks like this in Centerville.

In light of this feedback, priority should be given to implementing this plan. This also gives use to space that is currently sitting vacant and underutilized. It extends the existing Frontage Road Parkway, and gives users more green space along The Frontage Road. This provides a barrier to traffic noise, fast moving cars while encouraging walkability.

Linear parks are also a valuable way to use and protect spaces that run along waterways.

Figure 97 - Parrish Creek Parkway Conceptual Plan

Parrish Creek Park

Park along stream

Figure 98 - Creek Parkway Example, Logan, Utah

Recommendations

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The plan for Centerville Community Park has been followed fairly well. There have been updates and changes as the years progressed that follow the needs and changing climate of users. Pickleball is one sport that has had growing interest recently, with more young people engaging in the sport, and the need for courts is growing. Dog friendly options are also in high demand and growing.

1. The baseball field at the southwest expansion will instead be an open field for soccer and lacrosse.
2. The north retention pond has been graded up and will contain a futsal court.
3. A small pavilion is planned near the futsal court with picnic tables.
4. Gym stations around the walking trail have been considered, but there is not sufficient resident interest to make this a priority.
5. The south natural wetland area remains, but additional uses are being considered, such as an offleash dog area. It would have to be fenced, and the Core of Engineers will need to sign off on this idea before moving forward.
6. Tennis courts at the northeast corner of the park will be replaced by pickleball courts instead. There are already new tennis courts down the street at Smoot Park, and more interest in pickleball than tennis in the current climate.

Centerville Community Park

Figure 99 - Centerville Community Park Master Development Plan

Recommendations

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Legend

Wetland Area

Play Fields

Playgrounds  
Pickleball Courts  
Pavilions

7. There is existing lighting infrastructure and may be space for pickleball courts just east of the west parking lot.

8. There was a lot of interest in updating existing playground equipment. This needs to be a priority.

9. There are plans for a smaller playground for younger children and a restroom near the new pavilion at the southwest area of the park.

Centerville Community Park  
500 ft

Figure 100 - Community Park Recommendations

Recommendations

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This concept master plan was created in 2017 by MGB+A and will be implemented once funding is acquired. There will be two phases and will provide much needed updates to Island View Park. It addresses accessibility and safety and makes the park more navigable for strollers and those with ADA needs. It retains the terraced design and elements that residents love about Island View, while improving it and making it a park that will draw new users.

1. Playground - This is a much-needed update, as the existing playground is very dated and in places, hazardous. The new playground will be a multitiered playground. The top of the playground is slated to be updated in phase 2, but it may be worth doing the whole playground in phase 1 so that it has continuity and replaces the old equipment.

2. The addition, amenities like the relocated pavilion will be great for this space which is currently underutilized.

3. Deliberate paths along the hill will replace ad-hoc paths and make this more accessible and user friendly.

4. Removing extra parking and giving the hill a more gradual slope allows for a more accessible path, increases safety, and gives more green space. On street parking in addition to the other lots will still provide plenty of parking.

5. The addition of pickleball lines on these tennis courts will give a wider range of users and is recommended.

CONCEPT MASTERPLAN

ISLAND VIEW PARK

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Scale: 1" = 30'-0"

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PLAN ELEMENTS

PAVILION RESTROOM

PAVILION

RELOCATED PAVILION

EXISTING RESTROOM

BASKETBALL (84' x 50')

TENNIS COURTS

OPEN LAWN

3 TIERED PLAY FEATURE WITH  
IN-GRADE SLIDES

OPEN LAWN. UPPER LEVEL

FACILITATES SOCCER PLAY UP TO  
220'X125'

PARKING LOT 20-24 STALLS

6' WALKING PATH

3' SOFT TRAIL

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CONCEPT MASTERPLAN

PHASING PLAN

ISLAND VIEW PARK

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FACILITATES SOCCER PLAY UP TO  
220'X125'  
PARKING LOT 20-24 STALLS  
6' WALKING PATH  
3' SOFT TRAIL

Figure 101 - Island View Master Plan Figure 102 - Island View Phasing Plan  
Recommendations

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PLAN PAVILION PAVILION

RELOCATED EXISTING BASKETBALL TENNIS OPEN 3 IN-OPEN FACILITATES

220'PARKING 6' 3' G

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Island View Park

Legend

Improvements

Slope

Playgrounds

Pickleball Courts

200 ft

Figure 103 - Island View Park Recommendations

## Recommendations

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### Parkway Drive

Smoot Park is an established park with great shade that needs only a little attention. It is loved by residents and has a lot of access points. The playground here is fairly new and is well shaded by the adjacent trees. The potential for Smoot Park lies in the creek that runs through it. Coming from Rick's Canyon, Rick's Creek winds its way through the length of the park, providing ambiance through sound, aesthetics, play opportunity, and the life of a waterway. The steep banks and seasonal swift running and high-water cause safety concerns. A water play area could be developed providing a relatively low maintenance natural water feature that would be one of the highlights of Centerville.

1. Water play area option A - Ricks Creek that runs through Smoot Park provides the perfect opportunity for a natural water play area. It is already used by many, and some small changes could give it a wider range of users and provide a safer environment. This area is close to the playground. The banks are fairly steep in this location. With these considerations, it makes sense to use this location for the water play area.
2. Water play area option B - This area is already very shallow and could be retained as a natural play area. It could also be a second option for an official water play area if funds are more limited.
3. The addition of a pickleball layout to the tennis courts would be an easy update and welcome for residents who have to travel to adjacent communities to access courts.
4. The border of the swing and volleyball areas are in disrepair and need to be updated or repaired. This is a low cost-fix and could be done easily.

### Smoot Park

#### Figure 104 - Waterplay

## Recommendations

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### Main Street

1500 North

### Ricks Creek Way

A ditch somewhere - or a creek, meadow, woodlot, or marsh.... These are places of initiation, where the borders between ourselves and other creatures break down, where the earth gets under our nails and a sense of place gets under our skin.

...Everybody has a ditch, or ought to. For the ditches and the fields, the woods, the ravines - can teach us to care enough for all the land (Pyle, 1993).

### Smoot Park

#### Legend

#### Water Play Area

Pickleball Court  
Playground Area  
500 ft

Figure 105 - Smoot Park Recommendations

Recommendations

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Freedom Hills Park

1. Future tennis courts have not been implemented yet. Interest leaned far heavier toward pickleball in the survey results, so adjusting this court to be a pickleball court instead makes sense. Pickleball courts could be installed in area 2 as well.
2. This space is the most visible area of the park, with a natural swale in the background. Consideration should be taken with what users first impressions should be when first viewing the park. With the historical theme of the park, leaving this space as more of a passive area may make more sense.
3. This access point is a great feature of the park and should be a model for other parks in Centerville.
4. One feature residents would like to see is a pump track for cycling. Perhaps there is room to include a pump track on this site.
5. Additional vegetation was another need mentioned from the survey. However, being a fairly new park, many trees are still young and vegetation cover will increase.

Curtis Tanner Associates prepared the plan for Freedom Hills Park over 10 years ago. The plan has been followed faithfully, with the addition of disc golf - an adjustment that has been very popular. There are a few sport related fields on the Master Plan that have not been implemented. The trailheads to hike in the foothills are also popular, and there are some great views over the valley from the park, especially as you hike up onto the hills.

Figure 107 - Freedom Hills Park

Figure 106 - Freedom Hills Master Plan

Recommendations

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Freedom Hills Park

Legend

Pavilions

Sports Fields  
Playground  
Pedestrian Paths  
Outdoor Gym

350 ft

Figure 108 - Freedom Hills Recommendations  
Recommendations

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Porter-Walton's Master Plan was done by Curtis Tanner Associates and has been followed pretty faithfully. The outdoor reading area (see below) has not been implemented, as well as some of the pavilions on the east side, the bosque of trees, and the perennial planter south of the pavilion. This should be evaluated to see if implementation of these features is in line with resident desires.

1. Swings are planned to expand the playground just east of the existing equipment.
2. Implementing the pavilion on the east side would give a focal point and an anchor at the east side of the park, and also allow a base for activities on the open lawn area.
3. An outdoor gym was considered here, but a lack of interest from residents and funding has halted the idea.
4. Implementation of the original reading area would tie this to the adjacent library and be a great addition to the park.
5. Emphasis on trail connections would be valuable.

Porter-Walton Park

Figure 109 - Porter-Walton Master Plan  
Recommendations

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Porter-Walton Park

Legend

Pavilions  
Reading Area  
Playground  
Pedestrian Paths  
Outdoor Gym

150 ft

Figure 110 - Porter-Walton Recommendations  
Recommendations

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Curtis Tanner and Associates prepared the plan for Smith Park (formerly Founders Park).

Once Centerville can acquire the lot between the park and City Hall, the expansion can be implemented. The museum is the existing Thomas William Whitaker Pioneer Home and Museum. Connecting Smith Park to the Museum will strengthen the historical significance of the park and help emphasize the city's history. Surrounding City Hall, this park becomes a powerful landmark in Centerville City.

1. Playground - the playground is fairly new and in good condition. Survey respondents desired an expansion of the playground. The expansion of the park would be a good opportunity to consider a playground improvement or expansion.
2. The plaza behind the museum will be an excellent gathering space for community events, and other passive recreation.
3. Additional parking seems unnecessary, perhaps another use could be found for this space. It would be ideal for pickleball or another small active use area.
4. Acquisition of these lots could provide additional park space in the future. Perhaps purchase can be part of the long term plan.
5. There are many things the city could showcase in this display garden; urban agriculture - promoting self reliance, low water use landscape - promoting conservation, etc.

Figure 112 - Red Butte Low Water Garden

William R. Smith Park

Figure 111 - William R. Smith Park Master Plan

Recommendations

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William R. Smith Park

Figure 113 - William R. Smith Park Recommendations

200 ft

Legend

Plaza

Demonstration Garden

Playground

Future Parking

Residential Lots

Recommendations

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The Commons Pocket Park is underutilized. Its location makes sense for a specialty park. There were enough respondents in the survey vying for a dog park to guide this recommendation.

There is adequate parking surrounding the park, and it is already about half fenced. One main concern would be dog waste mixing with the detention basin. The land may need to be adjusted to avoid any issues, but there should be plenty of space for a small dog park.

1. Existing fenced area. This will need to be examined to make sure it is secure for a boundary.
2. Complete the fence.
3. Install a double gate, this prevents escapes, and provides an area to remove and replace a leash.
4. Addition of benches for owners while their dogs run.
5. Keep walkway outside of park to allow through access between 150 West and Centerville Commons Way.

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Commons Pocket Park

Figure 114 - Commons Pocket Park Recommendations

Figure 115 - Dog Park Gate

80 ft

Legend

Benches

Double Gate

New Fence

Pedestrian Path

Existing Fencing

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Conclusion

Centerville is in a prime location along the Wasatch Front. As seen throughout this document, Centerville has some amazing parks with substantial character. The community, city council and staff are passionate about their city, and as they unify their vision, they can accomplish great things.

There have been some large ideas presented in this document that may take some time to gain traction and bring them into fruition. All that is needed for these changes to occur is excitement and vision. Funding can be found, but the passion is the driving force.

There are countless innovative ideas that many municipalities are adopting regarding their parks. For example, new play equipment and water interaction. These are great steps, however fundamentally residents want and need space. They need trails, places to inspire them, places to be. This need is echoed in the survey responses and isn't much different from years past. It should stand as a basic tenet moving forward, keeping in mind that as ways are created for people to interact with the outdoors it instills within them a love and bond with the outdoors, forging a lasting connection.

Special thanks to Bruce and Lynn, who helped make this project possible, to Ole and Dave, whose guidance was invaluable, and to my family who supported me throughout.

Final Thoughts

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Q2. If you answered never to all above parks, please explain:

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Q1. Which Centerville parks do you visit, and how often?

Parks

Centerville Community

Island View

Porter-Walton

Freedom Hills

Smoot

William R Smith (Founders)

Pocket Park

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Never

OOOOOOOO

Monthly

OOOOOOOO

Weekly

OOOOOOOO

Daily

OOOOOOOO

Rarely

OOOOOOOO

Q3 Do you use any parks outside of Centerville and why?

Yes (please specify)

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No

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Q4. Why do you use Centerville's parks? (select all that apply)

Close to home

Relaxation/atmosphere

Playground

Picnic facilities

Sport facilities/fields/courts

Walking

Jogging/running

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Community Park

Freedom Hills

Porter-Walton

Island View

William R. Smith

Smoot

Q5. When you visit Centerville parks, how do you travel there? (select all that apply)

Walk

Bike

Transit (UTA)

Drive

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Community Park

Freedom Hills

Porter- Walton

Island View

William R. Smith



Q7. Which of the following does Centerville need more of? (Please indicate whether you feel that each item should NOT be a priority, should be given a LOW priority, MEDIUM priority or HIGH priority)

Not

OOOOOOOOO

High

OOOOOOOOO

Low

OOOOOOOOO

Medium

OOOOOOOOO

Organized athletic/Sporting events

Children's activities

Yoga/meditation

Outdoor markets

Arts/Crafts

Educational opportunities

Passive recreation opportunities

Bird watching/Wildlife observation

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Q8. What type of park land do you value most for Centerville? (arrange in order of importance, from 8 being low priority, and 1 being your highest priority)

\_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood park (Island View, Porter-Walton, Freedom Hills, Smoot, William R Smith/Founders Park)

\_\_\_\_\_ Community park, multi-use (Centerville Community Park)

\_\_\_\_\_ Large open-space preserves

\_\_\_\_\_ Linear parks along streams/washes

\_\_\_\_\_ Park land for sports fields

\_\_\_\_\_ Mini parks (Pocket parks/specialty parks/dog parks/etc)

\_\_\_\_\_ Community garden

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Q9. What additional facilities does Centerville need? (Please indicate whether you feel that each item

should NOT be a priority, should be given a LOW priority, MEDIUM priority or HIGH priority)

1. Nature Trails/Native Landscapes

2. Fishing pond

3. Golf/Driving range

4. Skateboard park

5. Zipline

- 6. Benches
- 7. Picnic shelters/Pavilions
- 8. Drinking fountains
- 9. Outdoor gym/fitness equipment
- 10. Additional Parks
- 11. Recreation Center
- 12. Dog park/areas
- 13. Pool
- 14. Splash pad/Waterplay areas
- 15. Basketball courts
- 16. Baseball fields
- 17. Pickleball court
- 18. Tennis courts
- 19. Football /Soccer fields
- 20. Volleyball courts
- 21. Walking/Hiking trails
- 22. Cemeteries
- 23. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Not

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

High

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

Low

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

Medium

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

Q10. From your answers above (Q10), which high priority items are MOST important to you?

(arrange in order of importance, highest priority at the top)

\_\_\_\_\_ Most Important

\_\_\_\_\_ Second Most Important

\_\_\_\_\_ Third Most Important

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Q11. Please select what specific park improvements are needed at each Centerville park.

(Please

indicate by entering a value, 1-4; whether you feel that each improvement should (4) NOT be a priority,

(3) should be given a LOW priority, (2) MEDIUM priority, or (1) HIGH priority)

Improved Playground Equipment

Improved Sports Field/Courts

Maintenance/Cleanliness

Additional Trees/Vegetation

Enhanced Lighting/Safety  
Additional Picnic facilities/  
Pavilions  
Better ADA/Access  
Additional Restrooms  
Additional Parking  
Additional Trails  
Additional Shade  
No Improvements needed  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Centerville Park Island View Porter-Walton Freedom Hills Smoot William Smith

Q12. Centerville recently passed a RAP tax to help pay for park improvements. Would you support:

- Implementing a bond measure to complete park improvements in the next 2-3 years and use RAP Tax Revenue to pay off the bond.
- Don't bond and use RAP Tax revenues as they come in to complete park improvements in 7+ years.
- Not sure

Q13. Which area do you currently reside?

- Area 1
- Area 2
- Area 3
- Area 4

Area 1

Area 2

Area 3

Area 4

Chase Ln

Main Street

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William Smith

Q14. Reason for living in Centerville? (select all that apply)

- Proximity to Salt Lake/Convenience for commuting
- Quiet Community/Safe environment
- Small Town Atmosphere/Quality of life
- Recreation amenities
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Q15. What is your age?

- Under 18 (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34

- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55 - 64
- 65 - 74
- 75 or older

Q18. Do you own or rent your primary home?

- Rent
- Own
- Prefer not to answer

Q19. What is your income?

- \$0 - \$35,000
- \$36,000 - \$75,000
- \$76,000 - \$100,000
- \$100,000+
- Prefer not to answer

Q20. Additional comments?

- Yes:
- 
- 
- 

- None

Q16. Do you have children living at home under 18 years of age? (select all that apply)

- None
- 0-5 years
- 6-12 years
- 13-18 years

Q17. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to answer

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Centerville Survey | Mailer

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## PRELIMINARY DRAFT

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held Tuesday,  
2 September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Centerville City Hall Conference Room, 250 North Main  
3 Street, Centerville, Utah.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

4  
5 Aaron Getz  
6 Sean Hall, Chair  
7 Andy Loosle  
8 Tiffany Rees  
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### MEMBERS ABSENT

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11 Jeff Lewis  
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### STAFF PRESENT

14 Gina Hirst, City Council Liaison  
15 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director  
16 Connie Larson, Recording Secretary  
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### MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

19  
20  
21 Minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Tiffany Rees made a **motion** to  
22 approve the minutes as written. Andy Loosle seconded the motion, which was passed by  
23 unanimous vote (4-0).  
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### RAP TAX DISCUSSION

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26  
27 Gina Hirst, City Council Liaison, commended the Parks and Recreation Committee for  
28 their work on the new playground and pickleball courts at the Community Park. The city has  
29 received many favorable comments on the courts and new playground. Gina Hirst also said the  
30 election this November will include the RAP Tax that will be on the ballot. The RAP Tax supports  
31 a large amount of the parks projects in Centerville. Bryce King, Administrative Services Director,  
32 explained that 85 percent of the RAP Tax revenue goes for capital improvements on parks, five  
33 percent goes to the Whitaker Museum, five percent goes to the CenterPoint Theatre, and five  
34 percent goes to the slush fund. The RAP Tax also gives Leveridge to apply for matching grants.  
35 Also, 60 percent of the RAP Tax money comes from people who shop in Centerville. A list of  
36 RAP Tax projects will be listed on the city social media page in one month. Gina Hirst said the  
37 Master Plan will be incorporated and placed into the General Plan, which is close to being  
38 completed.  
39

### DISCUSS PARKS MASTER PLAN

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42 Sean Hall said he believes a survey should be completed to obtain feedback from the  
43 community on what amenities they would like to have at the parks in Centerville. The last survey  
44 for the parks was done in 2019, and that survey was more specific with trails.

1 The Parks and Recreation Committee discussed ways to do the survey. They are:  
2

- 3 • Public engagement is needed. Public meetings and surveys are the easiest way to  
4 obtain information. A survey could be given at the fall events that are coming soon.
- 5 • Determine what is “must have” versus what is “nice to have” over the next five  
6 years.
- 7 • Multi-prong approach of doing a survey; have an open house with a poster of each  
8 park displayed, and allow citizens to write notes on the park they want to comment  
9 on.
- 10 • Have a QR Code at each of the parks that would take a user to a survey they can  
11 complete.
- 12 • Define a timeline on projects that need to be done.

13  
14 Goals for the Parks and Recreation Committee:

- 15 • Simplify language in the General Plan to make it easier for the community to  
16 understand. Document should be clear enough for any citizen to read and  
17 understand, and it should be short with one page per park.
- 18 • The end goal is to have the Park Improvements adopted by the City Council.
- 19 • Identify each park and what is needed at each park.
- 20 • Make a list of priorities, and then have a work session with the City Council to see  
21 what they feel are the most important priorities.

22  
23  
24 Sean Hall will make a draft survey and send it to Committee members for their review.  
25 Survey questions discussed are:

- 26 • What specific amenities would you like to see at the parks.
- 27 • What parks need the most improvements.
- 28 • How often do you or your family visit the parks.
- 29 • What features at the park would help draw the community together.

30  
31  
32 What are the highest priorities for future expansion at the parks.

- 33 • BMX track
- 34 • Pump track
- 35 • Skate Park
- 36 • Dog park
- 37 • More basketball and pickleball courts.

1 Sean Hall will refine the survey questions and explore the possibility of an open house in  
2 conjunction with the Fall Festival to be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Bryce King suggested discussing  
3 services to be provided too, not just amenities. Perhaps there could be after school programs that  
4 could piggy back with school programs. The survey could also go out in November with the City  
5 Newsletter. A work session with the City Council will be scheduled for December.

6 **NEXT MEETING**

7  
8 The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14,  
9 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

10  
11 **ADJOURN**

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13 At 8:15 p.m., Andy Loosle made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Getz  
14 seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

\_\_\_\_\_ Date Approved

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24 \_\_\_\_\_  
Connie Larson, Recording Secretary