



Carrollton

Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department

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To Members of League of American Bicyclists and Local Reviewers,

A community's quality of life is largely determined by the recreational opportunities it provides for its citizens. The benefits derived from participating in recreational programs and enjoying parks are multidimensional and life-affecting. And, as our community becomes more urbanized, places to retreat and relax will become even more important to our quality of life.

Carrollton's reputation as a city that supports parks and recreation is evident throughout our town. As Carrollton grows and its demographic distribution changes, the Parks and Recreation Department is challenged to provide the public with recreational experiences which reflect their changing needs and desires.

During the process of creating the City of Carrollton Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Project Team met with the community to solicit opinions on current programs and facilities provided by CPRCAD as well as to gain an understanding of what the community foresees as the future of parks, recreation and cultural facilities in Carrollton. While it was clear that participants appreciate the many programs and facilities that CPRCAD offer today, they did see ways in which the parks system could be made more robust. In summary, the community envisions:

- Facilities and programs that bring people of all ages, incomes and abilities together
- Coordination and support for regional efforts that expand local opportunities for recreation
- A parks system that contribute to a healthier, more walkable and bike-able city
- Additional outdoor recreation and athletic facilities to keep pace with the growing community
- Continued stewardship of natural and historic resources and the arts.

The department's Master Plan encompasses many recommendations, concepts and strategies developed with the assistance of KPS Group, citizens in the community, staff, elected officials, and our parks and recreation commission. It incorporates valuable information and gives the department a plan and proper tools for going forward.

We look forward to working on the implementation of our dynamic 20-year plan and as we "create and connect communities through people, parks and programs."

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