

MAINTAINING JACKSONVILLE'S PARKS

The purpose of this paper is to describe briefly the Jacksonville/Duval County Park system and how it operates and is maintained. This will be followed by a discussion of the procedures that can be used to calculate what should be spent to maintain the parks at an acceptable level and an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of each approach.

Jacksonville ranks number one among other cities in park acreage but it is a different story when it comes to expenditures. Out of the 100 largest cities in 2016, Jacksonville was 85th in park expenditures per resident. The median expenditure was \$76 while Jacksonville's was \$34, less than half.¹

Out of the ten largest counties in Florida with major cities, Jacksonville/Duval was last in per capita park expenditures in 2018 and was 44% lower than the average for the other nine counties. It was 31% lower than the next lowest.²

Jacksonville/Duval County has 420 parks that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. The parks, proper, cover about 8,000 acres and another 28,696 acres are carried as conservation land. The assessed value of park structures and equipment is approximately \$927.8 M and for land, it is \$764.4 M, a grand total of \$1,692.2 M.³

The Jacksonville park system is divided into five districts each under the charge of a district manager. The district maintenance work force is under a district maintenance supervisor who reports to the district manager. Maintenance crews are headed up by grounds maintenance working foremen who report to the district maintenance supervisor. Each crew is responsible for 15-25 parks.

There are one hundred thirty-seven workers on the maintenance staff. This is broken down between one hundred fourteen in general maintenance and twenty-three trade skilled specialists.

Some maintenance work is handled by outside contractors or the Department of Public Works. Mowing of common areas, cleaning of restrooms, concrete/asphalt paving work and the major repair of swimming pools, for example, are usually handled by contractors. So are miscellaneous repair jobs that require specialized equipment or a sizable workforce. Public Works takes care of sewerage/drain field work and building repairs such as doors, windows, roofs and elevators and some electrical and plumbing jobs.

¹ 2016 City Park Facts, "Spending on Parks and Recreation per Resident by City," The Trust for Public Land, pp. 16-17.

² A table giving details is in the Appendix. Sources of information are the Census Bureau and statistics published by the counties involved.

³ A series of tables and maps in the Appendix show details about the number and types of facilities in the parks, the modes of park usage, the services provided for each and maps of the five park districts.

The working foremen make informal inspections constantly and report any problem that needs immediate attention. Once a month they make a formal inspection of each park under their jurisdiction and submit written reports of their findings to the maintenance supervisor.

The report form is a ninety-eight-item check list divided into eleven sections, one for each type of facility.⁴ Each problem involving repair is assigned to one out five established completion deadlines. The deadlines, depending upon the urgency of the task, range from immediate to more than 120 days.

Repairs that require trade (journeyman) expertise are referred to the maintenance supervisor who decides whether to assign them to the appropriate skilled employee or, if the repair is particularly difficult or time-consuming, to the district manager who may choose to employ an outside firm.

Other maintenance problems are handled by the district work force with the maintenance supervisors tracking and monitoring progress on remedying the problems.

The CARE (Citizen Active Response Effort) system is involved in both the scheduling of some park maintenance work and the reporting of problems. The trade tasks are entered by park personnel into the system, assigned an estimated completion date and when the job is done, the actual completion date is recorded. Complaints by citizens about maintenance or safety problems in the parks are incorporated into the CARE system and receive the same treatment.

In FY 2018 more than 1,600 CARE issues involving parks were closed out. Around eight out of ten were originated by citizens and the remainder by park personnel.⁵

The record on completing the park maintenance work recorded in the CARE system on time is very good. On average, the jobs were completed two weeks early.

The most basic question in maintenance is what level of maintenance is adequate. The simplest and most direct answer is that equipment and structures should be replaced at the end of their useful life; that damage and breakdowns should be repaired promptly; and that routine jobs involved in park operation (cleaning, mowing, trash removal, etc.) should be done in compliance with reasonable standards.⁶

There is no disagreement about whether there is a significant amount of deferred maintenance in Jacksonville parks. Reports of inspections made by CPAC members of District 2 parks and a random sample of parks by the TRUE Commission give graphic

⁴ The individual sections reported separately on the form are: Common Area, Playground, Baseball/Football Fields, Soccer/Football Fields, Landscape Maintenance, Restrooms, Shelters, Flag Pole, Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts and Specialty Features. A copy of the inspection form is in the Appendix.

⁵ Tables showing full details on issues and locations submitted to the CARE system in FY 2018 are in the Appendix.

⁶ Mode 1 is for high use parks (Regional and Specialty); Mode 2 for moderate use parks (Neighborhood and Community) and Mode 3 is for low use parks (Passive and Pocket). The frequency of maintenance cycles (cleaning, trash removal, etc.) are greatest for Mode 1 parks and decline progressively for Modes 2 and 3.

details on problems in many individual parks.⁷ Moreover, the park budget has been increased substantially (\$2-3 million) to eliminate the maintenance backlog.

Deferred maintenance aside, the question remains about how best to go about forming a reasonable estimate of what is needed to maintain Jacksonville's parks.

There are at least two methods of making such a determination. One is based on estimated annual costs--the cost of complying with established standards for routine jobs and replacing assets on a schedule that is based on their lifetime and replacement price. The other relies upon benchmarks established by comparing the level of Jacksonville park maintenance expenses with those of other park systems that are widely recognized as being well maintained.

In making an estimate of annual costs, there are two types of maintenance, each of which require separate treatment. The first is "ad hoc" maintenance— maintenance work that is done in response to unanticipated failures. It is aimed at restoring normal operations. This could range from fixing a leaky faucet or replacing a burned-out light bulb to repairing heavy structural damage from a hurricane.

The second is periodic maintenance—work and expenditures that are based on the reoccurring needs of the parks. Periodic maintenance cycles of assets such as buildings, fields and equipment ultimately are based upon experience or, when a history of the asset is unavailable, upon the best estimate of park management.⁸

Ad hoc maintenance estimates are based on ad hoc expenditures averaged over "x" number of years--say five for example. Both inflation and changes in the assets that require ad hoc maintenance need to be taken into account. For example, if the relevant inflation index increases by two percent per year, past expenditures should be increased similarly. If a building or a significant piece of equipment is removed or added to the park inventory, the ad hoc maintenance average should be adjusted to reflect the effect of the change.

The lengths of the maintenance cycles vary greatly— trash removal and restroom cleaning may be as often as daily; mowing, a matter of one or two weeks; pressure washing is usually an annual affair; painting may be done every five or six years and reroofing every twenty years.

Annual cost estimates necessarily require keeping records. At a minimum, these include a history of the installation date, estimated lifetime and estimated current replacement price of each important asset; the annual cost of scheduled maintenance jobs; and the annual costs of ad hoc maintenance work for at least the prior five years.

The records require updating in a number of instances. Lifetime expectancies for each type of major asset should be reviewed periodically and if there are significant

⁷ A copy of the various inspection reports is included in the Appendix.

⁸ Periodic maintenance may be of two primary types; that which is necessitated by the passage of time or that which is caused by use. The replacement cycles for the roof on a building or the paint on the walls is pretty much a matter of time whereas the replacement cycle for machinery depends mostly upon usage—the number of rpms or distances that the machine operates.

changes, the records should be revised. Replacement prices, such as the cost of a pavilion, a set of playground equipment, an air conditioner, etc. may also change. They can go up or down depending on the inflation rate, imbalances in supply or demand, or *real* price reductions caused by gains in manufacturing productivity.⁹

The estimated costs of long-cycle big maintenance jobs or the replacement of long-lived assets should be rechecked periodically. If the current market price varies substantially from the original estimate, the estimate needs to be updated.

Technological change is a complicating factor. It may make a particular asset obsolete before it needs to be replaced. In some cases, it might be more economical to replace the asset immediately even though this raises costs in the short run.

Although the process has a lot of parts, the overall annual cost equation is simple, namely:

$$A = B + C + D$$

Where "A" is Annual Maintenance Cost

Where "B" is Average Annual Ad Hoc Costs

Where "C" is Cost of Repetitive Maintenance Falling Due

Where "D" is Cost of Asset Replacements Falling Due

The advantage of the estimated annual cost procedure is that it is internal to the city. It does not depend on the cooperation of other cities or the Florida state park system for the data needed to make comparisons. It is "homegrown" and that means it can be improved by practice and familiarity with local conditions and problems.

The disadvantage is that a full-blown annual cost procedure requires quite a bit of record keeping and administrative work.

An alternate method of estimating maintenance costs is to use Florida state parks and the parks of three or four major Florida cities as benchmarks. The cities should be those that are generally recognized as having well-maintained parks. Miami, Orlando, Tallahassee and St. Petersburg would all be good candidates.

The bench-mark approach rests on the assumption that the maintenance costs of assets are roughly proportionate to the value of what is being maintained.

Parks generally have similar mixes of assets such as machines, tools, pools and structures so if City A, which has well-maintained parks, values those assets at \$1.5B and spends \$ 0.1B maintaining them, City B with \$2.0B in assets should spend about \$0.13B in maintenance-- $(\$0.1B/\$1.5B) \times \$2.0B = \$0.13B$) to maintain its parks up to City A's standard.

⁹ Either the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) or the Personal Consumption Expenditures Index (favored by the Federal Reserve) would be appropriate. Each index contains information about the "core," index, one that excludes food and energy, two items that are subject to wide price swings. The "core" index is preferable in pricing exercises.

This procedure, however, requires that the value of land be treated differently from the value of other assets.

The value of a restroom, a tennis court or a tractor does not vary significantly from one city to another, but the value of real estate does. The actual cost of maintaining an acre of land does not vary greatly from city to city but when it is used to calculate the fraction that cost is of the asset (land), the fraction for a city with high value land will be lower than that of one with low value land.

So if a city with lower value land uses a city with higher value land as a benchmark, it will under-estimate the cost of meeting the benchmark standards. To avoid this, the value of benchmark city park land should be calculated by multiplying its acreage by the average per acre park land value of the city making the comparison.

There are three steps involved in making a benchmark comparison. The first is to calculate the average value per acre of the park land of the comparing city.

The second is to multiply the park acreage of the benchmark city by the per acre value of the comparing city's parks. Add this total to the value of the other benchmark park assets to get the adjusted total value of the benchmark assets. Then, divide the benchmark city's park maintenance costs by the adjusted total value of benchmark assets. This produces the benchmark's maintenance cost/asset value ratio.

The third step is to multiply the park maintenance costs of the comparing city by the maintenance cost/asset value ratio of the benchmark city as calculated in step two and subtract the results from the actual park maintenance costs of the comparing city. A positive number represents the additional expenditures that the comparing city probably needs to make in order to meet the maintenance standards of the benchmark city.¹⁰

To improve accuracy, a simple average of the maintenance cost/asset value ratios for several benchmark cities should be used. This would act to offset any unusual increase that might have occurred in the park maintenance costs of a single benchmark city.

The advantage of the benchmark approach is that it operates independently of how the predicted park maintenance costs of the comparing city were calculated. For as long as the result is an amount that is close to zero, the estimate of the comparing city is deemed satisfactory.

The disadvantage is that it requires getting information from independent entities outside the comparing city. If they are not cooperative, presumably the information could be extracted through a public records request under the Sunshine Act, but at a cost.

The greatest problem, however, is getting the benchmark city people to understand exactly what information the comparing city people want. Maintenance

¹⁰ A sample example of a calculation involving a benchmark city and a comparing city is included in the Appendix.

costs are generally not tied up in one neat bundle—they are strewn between various operating cost accounts and capital accounts. Sorting them out can be a problem.

There are always questions about how to handle the contribution of other city departments to park maintenance; what proportion of fixed costs should be attributable to maintenance; should original costs rather than depreciated costs be used in calculating the asset base, etc, etc.

In short, the big problem is setting up the benchmark system and keeping it running. Hopefully, the benchmark cities would find the system useful in making comparisons among their peers. Something like this would be crucial in gaining long-term cooperation.

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2016 CITY PARK FACTS

9/10/2018

Spending on Parks and Recreation per Resident by City

Most Recently Reported Fiscal Year

Capital spending includes capital improvement and land acquisition expenditures.

Operating spending includes landscaping, maintenance, tree work, programming, administrative, and debt service

Total spending includes both operating and capital spending by all park agencies in the city, but excludes professional sports stadiums, zoos, museums, aquariums, and cemeteries. If a city has more than one agency,

City	Total Spending	Operating Spending per	Capital Spending per Resident	Total Spending per Resident
Seattle*	\$187,501,978	\$200	\$81	\$281
San Francisco	\$205,298,303	\$186	\$54	\$241
Minneapolis	\$90,488,104	\$186	\$36	\$222
Washington, D.C.	\$144,370,876	\$142	\$77	\$219
St. Louis*	\$66,746,000	\$62	\$148	\$210
New York	\$1,740,630,989	\$120	\$85	\$205
St. Paul*	\$61,092,606	\$162	\$43	\$205
Irvine	\$49,867,182	\$152	\$48	\$201
Arlington, Virginia	\$44,394,253	\$162	\$34	\$196
Long Beach	\$92,573,976	\$111	\$85	\$195
Cincinnati	\$55,958,281	\$137	\$51	\$188
Virginia Beach	\$83,664,985	\$138	\$47	\$186
Tampa	\$64,192,596	\$155	\$24	\$179
Chicago	\$470,727,611	\$134	\$39	\$173
Portland	\$106,261,275	\$153	\$19	\$172
Henderson	\$44,977,300	\$122	\$40	\$162
Raleigh	\$69,750,674	\$108	\$51	\$159
Plano	\$43,761,808	\$95	\$62	\$157
Atlanta	\$66,824,811	\$120	\$27	\$147
Aurora	\$48,824,606	\$106	\$33	\$138
Oakland	\$56,689,622	\$103	\$34	\$137
Las Vegas	\$83,163,021	\$95	\$40	\$136
Sacramento	\$65,617,131	\$103	\$32	\$135
San Jose	\$137,213,857	\$63	\$72	\$135
Orlando	\$34,157,935	\$122	\$8	\$130
Kansas City	\$61,014,734	\$93	\$37	\$130
St. Petersburg	\$32,854,144	\$129	\$0	\$130
Madison	\$31,172,072	\$95	\$32	\$127
Denver	\$81,147,125	\$92	\$30	\$122
Boston*	\$78,897,976	\$85	\$36	\$120
Fremont	\$27,469,907	\$95	\$25	\$120
San Diego	\$162,694,063	\$105	\$13	\$118
New Orleans	\$42,346,928	\$71	\$39	\$110
Nashville*	\$68,937,732	\$53	\$50	\$103
Columbus	\$84,223,628	\$49	\$52	\$101
Chesapeake	\$23,309,579	\$80	\$20	\$100
Scottsdale	\$22,679,992	\$98	\$0	\$98

Milwaukee*	\$58,510,340	\$71	\$27	\$98
Los Angeles	\$369,154,975	\$72	\$22	\$94
Arlington, Texas	\$35,123,651	\$76	\$16	\$92
Anchorage	\$27,347,177	\$78	\$13	\$91
Cleveland	\$34,954,503	\$81	\$9	\$90
Austin*	\$80,674,484	\$63	\$25	\$88
Baltimore	\$52,955,302	\$58	\$28	\$85
Lexington	\$25,608,000	\$75	\$7	\$82
Lincoln	\$22,116,380	\$61	\$20	\$81
San Antonio	\$113,799,144	\$62	\$17	\$79
Phoenix	\$121,089,185	\$65	\$14	\$79
Dallas	\$97,520,012	\$52	\$24	\$76
Richmond	\$16,489,444	\$76	\$0	\$76
Norfolk	\$18,339,680	\$67	\$8	\$75
Chandler	\$18,919,819	\$49	\$25	\$74
Bakersfield*	\$27,211,792	\$66	\$8	\$74
Fort Wayne	\$19,036,465	\$64	\$10	\$74
Miami*	\$31,430,251	\$70	\$3	\$73
Omaha	\$32,170,543	\$59	\$13	\$72
Fort Worth	\$57,529,029	\$68	\$3	\$71
Durham	\$17,507,130	\$51	\$19	\$70
Corpus Christi	\$22,237,643	\$64	\$5	\$69
Garland	\$16,180,830	\$46	\$23	\$69
Mesa	\$31,617,738	\$53	\$15	\$68
Riverside	\$21,562,163	\$58	\$10	\$67
Colorado Springs	\$30,011,098	\$52	\$15	\$67
Greensboro	\$18,960,724	\$66	\$1	\$67
Gilbert	\$15,769,925	\$47	\$19	\$66
Anaheim*	\$22,767,384	\$45	\$21	\$66
Tucson	\$32,460,129	\$59	\$3	\$61
Louisville*	\$46,687,583	\$37	\$24	\$61
Tulsa	\$24,461,359	\$54	\$7	\$61
Irving	\$13,400,000	\$56	\$2	\$58
Philadelphia	\$89,845,579	\$56	\$1	\$58
Honolulu*	\$19,903,772	\$54	\$2	\$57
Oklahoma City	\$33,575,783	\$41	\$13	\$54
Memphis	\$34,356,225	\$46	\$7	\$52
Baton Rouge	\$11,202,164	\$48	\$1	\$49
Chula Vista	\$12,625,513	\$40	\$9	\$48
Wichita	\$18,221,796	\$43	\$3	\$47
Buffalo	\$11,864,522	\$30	\$16	\$46
Toledo	\$12,860,583	\$42	\$4	\$46
Lubbock	\$11,150,884	\$39	\$6	\$46
Albuquerque	\$24,672,085	\$40	\$5	\$44
Fresno	\$22,801,309	\$24	\$20	\$44
Santa Ana	\$14,696,450	\$42	\$2	\$44
Winston-Salem	\$10,058,468	\$38	\$4	\$42
Reno	\$9,725,227	\$39	\$2	\$41

PARK EXPENDITURES FY 2018

County-City	County Pop.	Major City Pop.	Park Expenditures	Per Resident
Broward-Ft. Lauderdale	1,935,878	180,072	\$84,373,141	\$43.58
Dade-Miami	2,751,796	463,347	\$138,687,000	\$50.40
Orange-Orlando	1,348,975	280,257	\$70,909,454	\$52.57
Hillsborough-Tampa	1,405,566	385,430	\$68,662,219	\$48.85
Leon-Tallahassee	290,292	191,049	\$24,462,610	\$84.27
Pinellas-St. Petersburg	970,637	266,255	\$55,357,433	\$57.03
Sarasota-Sarasota	419,119	56,994	\$35,961,945	\$85.80
Palm Beach-West Palm Beach	1,471,150	110,222	\$87,938,299	\$59.78
Duval/Jax.		892,062	\$26,921,333	\$30.18
Totals excluding Jacksonville			\$566,352,101	\$53.46
Jacksonville Per Resident Percent Below Average				-43.6%

Parks Maintenance	
○ Parks, Facilities and Public Spaces Maintained:	
405	Number of Parks
36,811	Total Acres Managed by Parks Dept.
207	Acres of Bermuda Turf Mowed
103	Football / Soccer Fields
248	Baseball / Softball Fields
195	Playgrounds
209	Miles of Walking Trail
183	Tennis Courts
96	Basketball Courts
290	Picnic Shelters / Pavilions
57	Community Centers
25	Boat Ramps
35	Swimming Pools

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Parks Maintenance	
○ Staffing:	
137	Total Parks Maintenance Staff
114	<i>Maintenance Team Members</i>
	Tradesmen
4	<i>Electricians</i>
4	<i>Plumbers</i>
5	<i>Special Project Maintenance</i>
3	<i>Carpenters</i>
7	<i>Pool Mechanics</i>

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Maintenance Modes		Mode 1 - High Use
MODE 1 - GREEN: MOST INTENSIVE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE DUE TO HIGH USE AND DEMAND		
Parameters:		
Park Types:	Regional & Specialty Parks	
5 Days	Average Maintenance Visits Per Week	
Weekly <small>(Bi-Weekly in Winter)</small>	Mowing Bermuda Athletic Fields	
5 Treatments	Bermuda Turf Fertilization Per Year	
5 Days	Trash Removal & Litter Pick Up	
Annually	Tree Trimming	
Weekly	Irrigation Systems Testing	
Quarterly	Pressure Wash Playground Equipment / Pavilions	

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Maintenance Modes		Mode 2 - Moderate Use
MODE 2 - YELLOW: APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE FOR MODERATE USE AND DEMAND		
Parameters:		
Park Types:	Neighborhood & Community Parks	
3 Days	Average Maintenance Visits Per Week	
Weekly <small>(Bi-Weekly in Winter)</small>	Mowing Bermuda Athletic Fields	
5 Treatments	Bermuda Turf Fertilization Per Year	
3 Days	Trash Removal & Litter Pick Up	
Annually	Tree Trimming	
Bi-Weekly	Irrigation Systems Testing	
Twice Yearly	Pressure Wash Playground Equipment / Pavilions	

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Mode 3 - Low Use

Maintenance Modes

MODE 3 - ORANGE: APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE FOR LOW USE

Parameters:

Park Types:	Passive & Pocket Parks
1 Days	Average Maintenance Visits Per Week
1 Day	Trash Removal and Litter Pick Up
Annually	Tree Trimming
Annually	Pressure Wash Amenities

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Maintenance District 1

JaxParks District 1 Map

Legend

- JaxParks Properties
- Preservation Properties
- Park District 1

0 0.2 0.4 0.8 Miles

1. A. Phillip Randolph Park

2. Andrew Jackson Park

3. Army Building

4. Bay & Broad Park

5. Brooklyn Park

6. Ford Checkered Flag Park

7. C. Hester McNeil Park

8. Cemetery Park

9. Clint M. Tate Park

10. Edwards Park

11. Emmett Reid Park

12. E. M. Gliver Playground

13. Florida C. Dwight Park

14. Flissie Brunson Eastside Park

15. Forest St Park (Golfers)

16. Friendship Fountain

17. Glen Myra Park

18. Grunthal Park

19. Hemming Park

20. Henry J. Klutho Park

21. H. L. Brown Kicker Park

22. Hogan's Creek Greenway

23. J. S. Johnson Park

24. J. P. Small Park

25. J. B. Smith Park

26. Jessie Ball DuPont

27. John James Center

28. J. N. Milneson Park

29. Julius Guinnard Park

30. Liberty Park

31. Longbranch Park

32. Main Street Pocket Park

33. Marston "Bull" Felder Park

34. Matzenhoff Park

35. May Mann Jennings Park

36. McCoy's Creek Blvd Park

37. Memorial Park

38. Metropolitan Park

39. Myrtle Avenue Park

40. N. Frank Riverwalk

41. N. Frank Riverwalk Artists Square

42. Oakland Park

43. Raymond F. DeWitt Park

44. Ritz Park

45. Riverside Park

46. Robert F. Kennedy Park

47. R. Bill Clock Jr. Park

48. Simon & Johnson Park

49. SunRail Trail

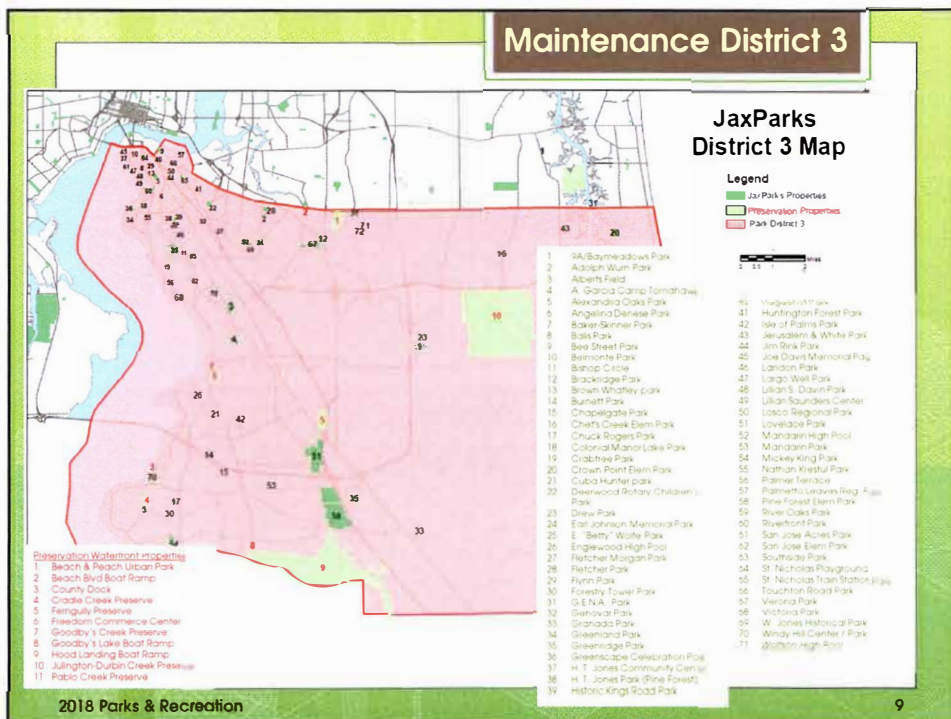
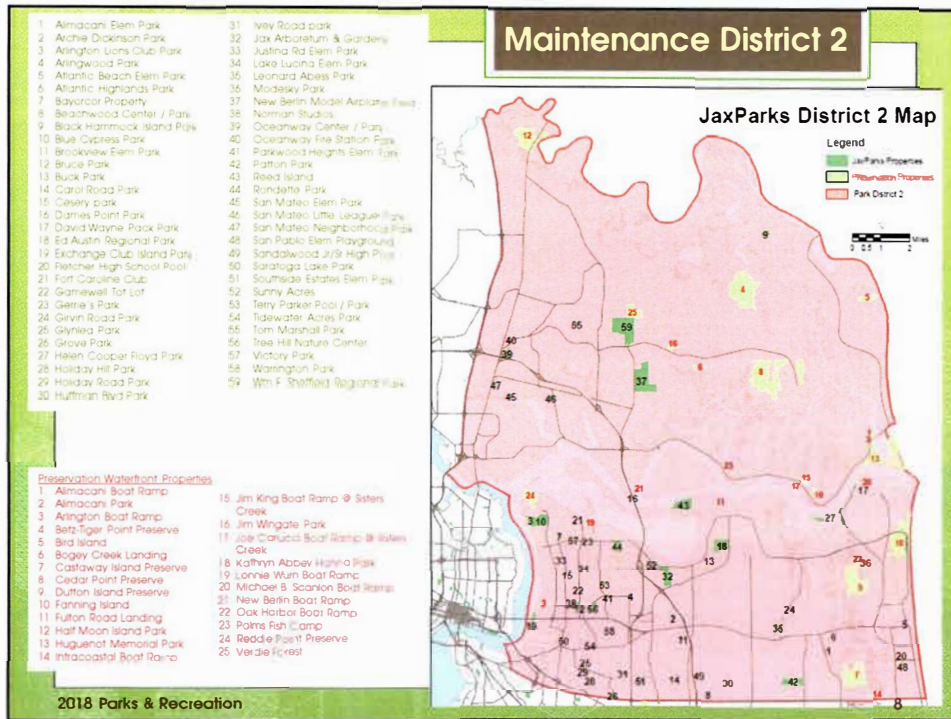
50. Southbank Riverwalk

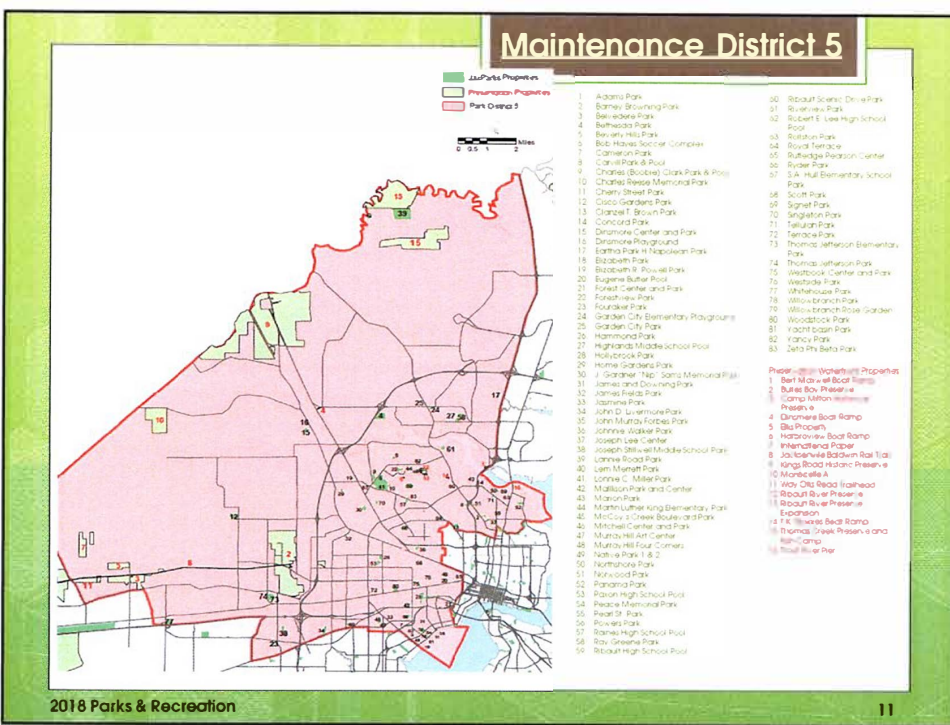
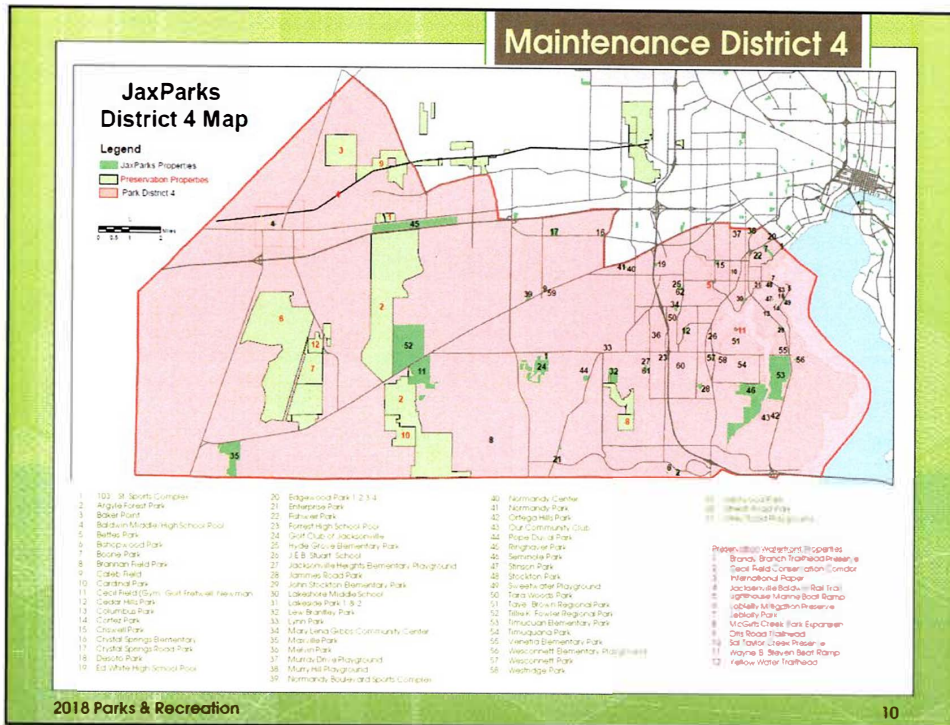
51. St. Johns Park

52. W. W. Scheff Jr. Memorial Park

53. White & Broad St. Pocket Park

54. Wigner Park





PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PARK INSPECTION FORM

PARK:		EVALUATOR:		DATE:	
CODES:		R = Repair Needed		N/A = Not applicable	
COMMON AREA	CODE	NOTES	LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	CODE	NOTES
Park Sign Present / Condition?			Weed eating		
Entrance Gates			Plant beds/ mulched		
Driveways			Trees/shrubs trimmed		
Sidewalks			Dead Trees		
Boardwalks			General Mowing		
Shade Structures					
Parking Bumpers			RESTROOMS		
Parking Lights			General Cleanliness		
General Signage			Ceilings		
Litter/Garbage			Floors		
Benches			Walls		
Picnic Tables			Doors/Locks		
Drinking Fountains			Dispensers		
Garbage Cans			Toilets / Urinals		
Bike Racks			Sinks		
Retention pond/lake			Exit Lights		
			Exterior Paint/Stains		
PLAYGROUND			Windows		
Fencing/Gate			Electric Outlets / Switches		
Slides					
Tunnels			SHELTERS		
Swing Sets			Electric Outlets		
Spring Equipment			Security Lights		
Climbing Structure			Garbage Cans		
Picnic Tables			Picnic Tables		
Grills			Grills		
Drinking Fountain			Roof/Gutters		
Condition of wood/metal			Concrete Pad		
Surface Mulch, Depth			Permit Sign / Present and Correct?		
Loose Nuts & Bolts			Permit Sign / Condition		
Borders					
Graffiti			FLAG POLE		
Shade Structures			Flags		
			Lights		
BASEBALL / SOFTBALL FIELDS					
Turf			TENNIS COURTS		
Clay			Nets		
Fencing/windscreen			Fencing		
Dugouts			Signage		
Benches			Garbage Cans		
Bleachers			Lights/Timers		
Garbage Cans			Surface/Lines		
Signage			Benches		
Lights/timers			Trash Cans		
Base sets					
Batting Cages			BASKETBALL COURTS		
Bullpen			Nets		
Scoreboard			Fencing		
			Signage		
SOCCER / FOOTBALL FIELDS			Garbage Cans		
Turf			Lights/Timers		
Fencing			Surface/Lines		
Bleachers			Benches / Bleachers		
Signage			Trash Cans		
Garbage Cans					
Lights/Timers			SPECIALTY FEATURES		
Scoreboard			Fountains		
Goals / Goalposts			Splash Pads		

DISTRIBUTION OF ISSUES BY NUMBER OF FACILITIES

No. Issues	No. Facilities
50	1
45	2
40	2
35	3
30	3
25	5
20	11
15	20
10	38
5	89
3	126
2	154
1	202

NUMBER OF MAINTENANCE ISSUES, BY TYPE

Issue Description	Total Issues by Category	Percent of Total
Maintenance	248	15.4%
Faucets, sprinklers or waterfountain in the park	169	10.5%
Restrooms	149	9.2%
Litter and Trash	101	6.3%
Garbage Over flowing.	97	6.0%
Debris Removal	95	5.9%
Landscape Maintenance	77	4.8%
Fence	76	4.7%
Tree Trim	67	4.2%
Electrical / Lights / Sports	66	4.1%
Grass needs cutting	61	3.8%
Structure Maintenance	27	1.7%
Renovate Park	24	1.5%
ponds, for grass cutting, stench, mold etc	22	1.4%
PUBLIC BUILDING General Repairs	20	1.2%
Field maintenance - Washouts	17	1.1%
Insect Problem - Bees, Ants, or other	17	1.1%
Hanna/Huguenot	16	1.0%
Resurfacing of Tennis and/or Basketball Courts	16	1.0%
Graffiti	15	0.9%
Pool Maintenance	15	0.9%
Playground Equipment	15	0.9%
Boat Ramp Construction Safety Issues	11	0.7%
Fence- damaged	9	0.6%
Irrigation Repair	9	0.6%
Sidewalk- Hazardous or Missing	9	0.6%
630CITY ONLY-Research Request	8	0.5%
Pothole Patch	8	0.5%
Ditch- Clean / Regrade	7	0.4%
Flooding- in Buildings/Residences	7	0.4%
Dock Boards Missing	6	0.4%
Illegal Dumping, on C-R-O-W	6	0.4%
Obstructions in the water near a boat ramp	6	0.4%
City Vehicle-Careless Driving	5	0.3%
Derelict Vessels	5	0.3%
Sign In Need Of Maintenance	5	0.3%
Tree - Down (off road)	5	0.3%
Drainage Structure - Damaged	4	0.2%
Park Bed Maintenance	4	0.2%
Park Mowing	4	0.2%
PUBLIC BUILDING - Playground Equip Repair	4	0.2%

NUMBER OF MAINTENANCE ISSUES, BY TYPE

Issue Description	Total Issues by Category	Percent of Total
PUBLIC BUILDING Pressure/Window washing	4	0.2%
Ramp Pot Holes	4	0.2%
Underdrain Problem	4	0.2%
Director Feedback - Public Works	3	0.2%
Obstructions on Boat Ramps	3	0.2%
Clay for Ballfield	3	0.2%
PUBLIC BUILDING Janitorial Service	3	0.2%
PUBLIC BUILDING Vandalism ND	3	0.2%
Public Records Request	3	0.2%
Unsatisfactory Drainage or Road Work	3	0.2%
Youth Athletics - Complaint/Association	3	0.2%
Cave In- Off Road Specify Location	2	0.1%
Erosion- Ditch / Other	2	0.1%
Graffiti on Right-of-Way Structures	2	0.1%
Missing Sign at Boat Ramp	2	0.1%
PUBLIC BUILDING Pest Control	2	0.1%
Tree Remove or Landscape Violation BID	2	0.1%
Miscellaneous Single Issues	31	1.9%
Total	1611	

REPORTED MAINTENANCE ISSUES BY FACILITY

Facility	No. Issues	Cumulative Issues	Cumulative Percent
BOB HAYES SOCCER COMPLEX	49	49	3.22%
NORWOOD PARK	38	87	5.72%
BLUE CYPRESS SHOP BUILDING	26	113	7.43%
PANAMA PARK	26	139	9.14%
ED AUSTIN REGIONAL PARK	25	164	10.79%
LOSCO REGIONAL PARK	25	189	12.43%
TILLIE K. FOWLER REGIONAL PARK	24	213	14.01%
BOONE PARK TOOLHOUSE - REC. DEPT. #5	23	236	15.53%
HENRY T. JONES PARK	23	259	17.04%
RIVERVIEW PARK	22	281	18.49%
MEMORIAL PARK	20	301	19.80%
OCEANWAY PARK	20	321	21.12%
WILEY ROAD PLAYGROUND	20	341	22.43%
MATT D. LIVERMAN PARK	19	360	23.68%
LEW BRANTLEY PARK	18	378	24.87%
J. GARDNER NIP SAMS MEMORIAL PARK	17	395	25.99%
BRUCE PARK RESTROOM FACILITY	16	411	27.04%
RAY GREENE PARK	16	427	28.09%
SOUTHBANK RIVERWALK	16	443	29.14%
CONFEDERATE PLAYGROUND	15	458	30.13%
DREW PARK RESTROOM BUILDING	15	473	31.12%
FLYNN PARK	15	488	32.11%
HANNA PARK	15	503	33.09%
KULTHO PARK	15	518	34.08%
RINGHAVER PARK	15	533	35.07%
TALLULAH PARK	15	548	36.05%
WAYNE B. STEVENS BOAT RAMP	15	563	37.04%
BETHSA PARK	14	577	37.96%
CUBA HUNTER PARK	14	591	38.88%
GRUNTHAL PARK	14	605	39.80%
CRYSTAL SPRINGS ROAD PARK	13	618	40.66%
VICTORY PARK	13	631	41.51%
GENOVAR PARK	12	643	42.30%
LEGENDS CENTER	12	655	43.09%
SINGLETON PARK	12	667	43.88%
CHUCK ROGERS STORAGE BUILDING	11	678	44.61%
MANDARIN PARK	11	689	45.33%
9A BAYMEADOWS REGIONAL PARK	10	699	45.99%
BEVERLY HILLS PARK	10	709	46.64%
CARVILL POOL	10	719	47.30%
CATHERINE HESTER McNAIR CENTER OF HOPE	10	729	47.96%
CECIL FIELD NAS	10	739	48.62%

REPORTED MAINTENANCE ISSUES BY FACILITY

Facility	No. Issues	Cumulative Issues	Cumulative Percent
GARDEN CITY ELEMENTARY PARK	10	749	49.28%
HAMMOND PARK	10	759	49.93%
MICHAEL B. SCANLAN BOAT RAMP	10	769	50.59%
VERONA PARK	10	779	51.25%
WESTRIDGE PARK	10	789	51.91%
WILLIAM F. SHEFFIELD REGIONAL PARK	10	799	52.57%
EDITH BROWN FORD	9	808	53.16%
GLYNLEA PARK	9	817	53.75%
JOHNNIE WALKER PARK	9	826	54.34%
LONNIE WURN PARK	9	835	54.93%
SIMMONS-JOHNSON PARK	9	844	55.53%
SOUTHSIDE PARK	9	853	56.12%
STOCKTON PARK	9	862	56.71%
WILLOWBRANCH ROSE GARDEN PARK	9	871	57.30%
BURNETT PARK	8	879	57.83%
CASTAWAY ISLAND PRESERVE	8	887	58.36%
JIM KING BOAT RAMP/SISTERS CREEK	8	895	58.88%
PALMETTO LEAVES REGIONAL PARK	8	903	59.41%
RAYMOND E. DAVIS PARK	8	911	59.93%
THOMAS ARDESSERON PARK	8	919	60.46%
DINSMORE PARK	7	926	60.92%
FISHWEIR PARK	7	933	61.38%
ISLE OF PALMS PARK	7	940	61.84%
ISLE OF PALMS PARK	7	947	62.30%
IVEY ROAD PARK	7	954	62.76%
MATT N. MCPHERSON PARK	7	961	63.22%
MITCHELL PARK	7	968	63.68%
NORMANDY CENTER	7	975	64.14%
ALEJANDRO GARCES CAMP TOMAHAWK PARK	6	981	64.54%
ARLINGTON LIONS CLUB PARK	6	987	64.93%
BRACKRIDGE PARK	6	993	65.33%
CAMP MILTON HISTORICAL PRESERVE	6	999	65.72%
DINSMORE COMMUNITY CENTER	6	1,005	66.12%
FRIENDSHIP FOUNTAIN	6	1,011	66.51%
HARBOR VIEW BOAT RAMP	6	1,017	66.91%
HEMMING PARK	6	1,023	67.30%
HOLLYWOOD PARK	6	1,029	67.70%
JACKSONVILLE BALDWIN RAIL TRAIL	6	1,035	68.09%
JACKSONVILLE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	6	1,041	68.49%
LIGHTHOUSE MARINE BOAT RAMP	6	1,047	68.88%
MALLISON PARK	6	1,053	69.28%
MARION PARK	6	1,059	69.67%

REPORTED MAINTENANCE ISSUES BY FACILITY

Facility	No. Issues	Cumulative Issues	Cumulative Percent
MAXVILLE PARK	6	1,065	70.07%
SCOTT PARK	6	1,071	70.46%
TERENCE BALL DUPONT	6	1,077	70.86%
WOLFSON HIGHSCHOOL POOL	6	1,083	71.25%
A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH HERITAGE PARK	5	1,088	71.58%
BUCK PARK	5	1,093	71.91%
CEMETARY PARK	5	1,098	72.24%
CHARLES CLARK PARK	5	1,103	72.57%
CORTEZ PARK	5	1,108	72.89%
ERTHA PARK H. NAPOLION PARK	5	1,113	73.22%
GREENLAND PARK	5	1,118	73.55%
HUGUENOT MEMORIAL PARK	5	1,123	73.88%
JOE JAMES COMMUNITY CENTER	5	1,128	74.21%
MURRAY HILL FOURCORNERS PARK	5	1,133	74.54%
MURRAY HILL PLAYGROUND	5	1,138	74.87%
RIVER OAKS PARK	5	1,143	75.20%
ROYAL TERRACE PARK	5	1,148	75.53%
SAN MATEO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	5	1,153	75.86%
ST.NICHOLAS PLAYGROUND	5	1,158	76.18%
STINSON PARK	5	1,163	76.51%
TOM MARSHALL PARK	5	1,168	76.84%
YACHT BASIN PARK	5	1,173	77.17%
ALEXANDRIA OAKS PARK	4	1,177	77.43%
CEDAR HILLS PARK	4	1,181	77.70%
CISCO GARDENS PARK	4	1,185	77.96%
CONCORD PARK	4	1,189	78.22%
ELIZABETH WOLFE PARK	4	1,193	78.49%
FORESTRY TOWER PARK	4	1,197	78.75%
FULTON LANDING BOAT RAMP.	4	1,201	79.01%
GRANADA PARK	4	1,205	79.28%
JAMES FIELDS PARK	4	1,209	79.54%
JIM RINK PARK	4	1,213	79.80%
LEM MERRETT PARK	4	1,217	80.07%
LEONARD ABESS PARK	4	1,221	80.33%
ROBERT F. KENNEDY PARK	4	1,225	80.59%
RONDETTE PARK	4	1,229	80.86%
SAN JOSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARK	4	1,233	81.12%
SAN MATEO LITTLE LEAGUE	4	1,237	81.38%
TROUT RIVER PIER	4	1,241	81.64%
WESCONNETT PARK	4	1,245	81.91%
YANCEY PARK	4	1,249	82.17%
103RD ST SPORTS COMPLEX	3	1,252	82.37%
ADOLPH WURN PARK POOL (SAN SOUCI)	3	1,255	82.57%

REPORTED MAINTENANCE ISSUES BY FACILITY

Facility	No. Issues	Cumulative Issues	Cumulative Percent
BAY AND BROAD POCKET PARK	3	1,258	82.76%
BENT CREEK GOLF COURSE	3	1,261	82.96%
BERT MAXWELL BOAT RAMP	3	1,264	83.16%
BISHOPWOOD PARK	3	1,267	83.36%
CHERRY STREET PARK	3	1,270	83.55%
COLONIAL MANOR LAKE PARK	3	1,273	83.75%
DEERWOOD ROTARY CHILDRENS PARK	3	1,276	83.95%
DINSMORE MUSEUM	3	1,279	84.14%
FLETCHER PARK	3	1,282	84.34%
FOREST PARK	3	1,285	84.54%
GAMEWLL TOT LOT	3	1,288	84.74%
HUGUENOT PARK	3	1,291	84.93%
JASMINE PARK	3	1,294	85.13%
LAKE LUCINA ELEMENTARY PARK	3	1,297	85.33%
LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL	3	1,300	85.53%
LIBERTY PARK	3	1,303	85.72%
LYNN PARK	3	1,306	85.92%
MARY LENA GIBBS CENTER	3	1,309	86.12%
NEW BERLIN BOAT RAMP	3	1,312	86.32%
RUSSELL "BILL" COOK JR. PARK	3	1,315	86.51%
SAN MATEO ELEMENTARY PARK	3	1,318	86.71%
WALTER JONES HISTORICAL PARK	3	1,321	86.91%
WARRINGTON PARK/WOODLAND ACRES	3	1,324	87.11%
WESTSIDE PARK	3	1,327	87.30%
WHITEHOUSE PARK	3	1,330	87.50%
ZETA PHI PARK	3	1,333	87.70%
ADAMS PARK	2	1,335	87.83%
ALBERTS FIELD	2	1,337	87.96%
ARGYLE FOREST PARK	2	1,339	88.09%
ARLINGWOOD PARK	2	1,341	88.22%
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS PARK	2	1,343	88.36%
BARNETT PARK	2	1,345	88.49%
BELVEDERE PARK	2	1,347	88.62%
BLACK HAMMOCK ISLAND PARK	2	1,349	88.75%
BROOKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARK	2	1,351	88.88%
CALEB FIELD	2	1,353	89.01%
CESERY PARK	2	1,355	89.14%
CHAPELGATE PARK	2	1,357	89.28%
COUNTY DOCK BOAT RAMP PARK	2	1,359	89.41%
CRISWELL PARK	2	1,361	89.54%
FLOSSIE BRUNSON EASTSIDE PARK	2	1,363	89.67%
FORESTVIEW PARK	2	1,365	89.80%
GERRIE'S PARK	2	1,367	89.93%

REPORTED MAINTENANCE ISSUES BY FACILITY

Facility	No. Issues	Cumulative Issues	Cumulative Percent
GOODBYS CREEK PRESERVE	2	1,369	90.07%
GRAND PARK	2	1,371	90.20%
GROVE PARK	2	1,373	90.33%
HENRY L. BROWN KOOKER PARK	2	1,375	90.46%
J.S. MATSON PARK	2	1,377	90.59%
JESSE B. SMITH MEMORIAL PLAZA	2	1,379	90.72%
JOE DAVIS MEMORIAL PARK	2	1,381	90.86%
JOHN GORRIE DOG PARK	2	1,383	90.99%
JUSTINA ROAD ELEMENTARY PARK	2	1,385	91.12%
KINGSBURY PARK	2	1,387	91.25%
LOVELACE PARK	2	1,389	91.38%
MARJENHOFF PARK	2	1,391	91.51%
MATT STOCKTON ELEMENTARY PRK	2	1,393	91.64%
MAY MANN JENNINGS PARK	2	1,395	91.78%
MICKEY KING PARK	2	1,397	91.91%
MIKE MCCUE BOAT RAMP	2	1,399	92.04%
OAK HARBOR BOAT RAMP	2	1,401	92.17%
OAKLAND PARK	2	1,403	92.30%
PALMS FISH CAMP	2	1,405	92.43%
RAINES HIGHSCHOOL POOL	2	1,407	92.57%
REDDIE POINT PRESERVE	2	1,409	92.70%
SARATOGA LAKE PARK	2	1,411	92.83%
SEMINOLE PARK	2	1,413	92.96%
ST MATTS PARK	2	1,415	93.09%
ST NICHOLAS TRAIN STATION PARK	2	1,417	93.22%
T.K. STOKES BOAT RAMP	2	1,419	93.36%
TARA WOODS PARK	2	1,421	93.49%
UNAMED PARK CORNER CLIFTON AND UNIVERSITY	2	1,423	93.62%
VICTORIA PARK	2	1,425	93.75%
WIGMORE PARK	2	1,427	93.88%
WINDY HILL ELEMENTARY PARK	2	1,429	94.01%
0470 - PWPB MAINTENANCE SHOP B	1	1,430	94.08%
6212 - BRENTWOOD GOLF COURSE	1	1,431	94.14%
ALIMACANI BOAT RAMP	1	1,432	94.21%
ANDREW JACKSON PARK	1	1,433	94.28%
ARCHIE DICKERSON PARK	1	1,434	94.34%
ARDSEERSON DAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL	1	1,435	94.41%
ARLINGTON BOAT RAMP	1	1,436	94.47%
ARLINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE PARK	1	1,437	94.54%
BARCO FIELD	1	1,438	94.61%
BEACH BOULEVARD BOAT RAMP	1	1,439	94.67%
BEACHES BRANCH LIBRARY	1	1,440	94.74%

REPORTED MAINTENANCE ISSUES BY FACILITY

Facility	No. Issues	Cumulative Issues	Cumulative Percent
BEACHWOOD CENTER & PARK	1	1,441	94.80%
BELMONTE PARK	1	1,442	94.87%
BELVEDERE PARK	1	1,443	94.93%
BETTES PARK	1	1,444	95.00%
BOBERT E. LEE HIGH PUBLIC POOL	1	1,445	95.07%
BRADHAM BROOKS BRANCH LIBRARY	1	1,446	95.13%
BRENTWOOD PARK	1	1,447	95.20%
BROWN L. WHATLEY PARK	1	1,448	95.26%
BULLS BAY PRESERVE	1	1,449	95.33%
BUSTER FORD CHECKERBOARD PARK	1	1,450	95.39%
CARDINAL PARK	1	1,451	95.46%
CARVILL COMMUNITY CENTER	1	1,452	95.53%
COLUMBUS PARK	1	1,453	95.59%
COMMUNICATIONS TRANSMITTER SITE	1	1,454	95.66%
CONFEDERATE DOG PARK	1	1,455	95.72%
CRABTREE PARK	1	1,456	95.79%
CRYSTAL SPRINGS ELEMENTARY PARK	1	1,457	95.86%
CURTIS LEE JOHNSON BOAT RAMP	1	1,458	95.92%
DAMES POINT PARK	1	1,459	95.99%
DINSMORE BOAT RAMP	1	1,460	96.05%
DINSMORE PLAYGROUND	1	1,461	96.12%
DOG/POCKET PARK	1	1,462	96.18%
DUTTON ISLAND PARK AND PRESERVE	1	1,463	96.25%
EARL MATTESON MEMORIAL PARK	1	1,464	96.32%
ED WATERS PARK	1	1,465	96.38%
EDGEWOOD PARK	1	1,466	96.45%
FIDDLERS GREEN/LAKE NEWMAN PARK	1	1,467	96.51%
FLOSSIE BRUNSON EASTSIDE PARK	1	1,468	96.58%
FORREST HIGH SCHOOL POOL	1	1,469	96.64%
FORT GEORGE ISLAND MARINA	1	1,470	96.71%
FOURAKER PARK	1	1,471	96.78%
FRETWELL PARK	1	1,472	96.84%
G.E.N.A PARK	1	1,473	96.91%
GIRVIN ROAD PARK	1	1,474	96.97%
GREENRIDGE PARK	1	1,475	97.04%
HEMMING PLAZA	1	1,476	97.11%
HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL	1	1,477	97.17%
HOOD LANDING BOAT RAMP	1	1,478	97.24%
HUNTINGTON FOREST PARK	1	1,479	97.30%
JAMES AND DOWNING PARK	1	1,480	97.37%
JOE CARLUCCI BOAT RAMP	1	1,481	97.43%
JULINGTON-DURBIN CREEK PRESERVE	1	1,482	97.50%
LIVERMAN PARK	1	1,483	97.57%

REPORTED MAINTENANCE ISSUES BY FACILITY

Facility	No. Issues	Cumulative Issues	Cumulative Percent
MAIN STREET POCKET PARK	1	1,484	97.63%
MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL POOL	1	1,485	97.70%
MANSON "BULL" FEDER PARK	1	1,486	97.76%
MCGIRTS CREEK CENTER	1	1,487	97.83%
MOM'S PARK	1	1,488	97.89%
NATHAN KRESTUL PARK	1	1,489	97.96%
NEW BERLIN MODEL AIRPLANE FIELD	1	1,490	98.03%
NORMAN STUDIOS	1	1,491	98.09%
NORMANDY BLVED SPORTS COMPLEX	1	1,492	98.16%
NORMANDY PARK	1	1,493	98.22%
ORTEGA HILLS PLAYGROUND	1	1,494	98.29%
OTIS ROAD TRAILHEAD	1	1,495	98.36%
OUR COMMUNITY PARK	1	1,496	98.42%
OUR COMMUNITY PARK	1	1,497	98.49%
PALMER TERRACE	1	1,498	98.55%
PARKWOOD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY PARK	1	1,499	98.62%
PINE FOREST ELEMENTARY PARK	1	1,500	98.68%
POWERS PARK	1	1,501	98.75%
RIVERSIDE AVONDALE COMMUNITY GARDEN	1	1,502	98.82%
RIVERWALK SOUTH	1	1,503	98.88%
ROBERT E. LEE HIGHSCHOOL POOL	1	1,504	98.95%
SEATON CREEK HISTORICAL PRESERVE	1	1,505	99.01%
SIGNET PARK	1	1,506	99.08%
S-LINE RAIL TRAIL	1	1,507	99.14%
SOUTHSIDE ESTATES ELEMENTARY PARK	1	1,508	99.21%
ST. MATTS PARK	1	1,509	99.28%
SUNNY ACRES PARK	1	1,510	99.34%
SWEETWATER PLAYGROUNT	1	1,511	99.41%
TIDEWATER ACRES PARK	1	1,512	99.47%
TIMUQUANA PARK	1	1,513	99.54%
WARREN W. SCHELL JR. MEMORIAL PARK	1	1,514	99.61%
WESCONNETT ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND	1	1,515	99.67%
WESTSIDE HGH SCHOOL PARK	1	1,516	99.74%
WHEAT ROAD PARK	1	1,517	99.80%
WILLOW BRANCH PARK	1	1,518	99.87%
WINDSOR PLACE PARK	1	1,519	99.93%
WINDY HILL CENTER	1	1,520	100.00%

COMPLETION TIMES, BY TYPE, WITH FIVE OR MORE ISSUES

Issue Description	Number of Issues	Avg. Estimated Completion Time	Actual Avg. Completion Time	Average Difference
Faucets, sprinklers or waterfountain	152	20	14	-5
Litter and Trash	99	21	7	-14
Garbage Over flowing.	96	12	8	-2
Debris Removal	89	37	27	-10
Fence	64	80	59	-22
Landscape Maintenance	63	53	33	-20
Electrical / Lights / Sports	58	64	32	-33
Insect Problem - Bees, Ants, or other	56	49	12	-36
grass needs cutting	55	24	14	-10
Renovate Park	23	50	25	-25
Structure Maintenance	21	81	99	18
ponds, for grass cutting, stench, mold etc	13	22	23	-9
PUBLIC BUILDING General Repairs	16	51	76	25
Hanna/Huguenot	15	4	1	-3
Field maintenance - Washouts	15	45	13	-32
Graffiti	15	28	26	-2
Pool Maintenance	13	16	40	24
Resurfacing of Tennis and/or Basketball Courts	12	131	16	-116
Playground Equipment	12	82	17	-65
Boat Ramp Construction Safety Issues	11	30	31	1
Tree Trim	11	66	44	-22
Irrigation Repair	9	90	35	-56
630CITY ONLY-Research Request	8	88	24	-64
Pothole Patch	8	59	38	-21
Sidewalk- Hazardous or Missing	7	190	141	-49
Derelict Vessels	6	7	2	-5
Fence- damaged	6	144	69	-75
Obstructions in the water near a boat ramp	6	7	2	-5
Ditch- Clean / Regrade	5	210	95	-103
Dock Boards Missing	5	13	15	1
Illegal Dumping, on C-R-O-W	5	122	123	1
TOTALS	974			

Planning District Two Park Inspections

COMMUNITY PARKS

Bruce Park. 6549 Arlington Road. The park appears to cover about 5-6 acres. Parking is limited. A lot at northwest corner will hold eleven cars. There is also parking to the west on the opposite side of Sprinkle Drive in front of an apartment complex. The park surrounded by chain link fence. There are two pedestrian entrances, one on Rogero Road and the other on Arlington Boulevard. A sign on the Arlington Road side gives name of park.

Coming in from the west side, there is a basketball court with five basket stands and a 20' four-tier bleacher, and two bike stands. Going eastward, there is a combination roofed picnic pavilion/rest room facility with two tables. The restrooms were locked. Next is a second roofed picnic pavilion with two tables. There were a couple of shopping carts with filled plastic bags at this location. It appears to be used by homeless people. To the south is another basketball court with two basket stands; two tennis courts and what appears to be a court that would accommodate two volley ball games. To the north is another tennis court which is in bad shape and apparently unused.

For young children, there is a kiddy playground with a slide and jungle gym. The equipment looks fairly new. Further on, on the Arlington Road side, there is an old SCL caboose that needs painting. (Get after CSX?) At the far east end is a doubled-ended baseball park with stadium lighting. It is in good repair and apparently is being used.

There are three newly painted metal benches and a sufficient number of trash cans distributed throughout the park. Sidewalks are located in all heavy traffic areas and are in good repair. There was a good number of middle school children in park

Sunny Acres. 9424 Ft. Caroline Road. There are two road entrances; one on Ft. Caroline and the other on Merrill Road. There are parking lots at either end that can accommodate perhaps fifty cars each.

Proceeding south from the Fort Caroline entrance, there is a single-wide dwelling which does not show any signs of occupancy; a baseball field with a backstop fence that has a bent post on the left side that needs repair and a basketball court. A section of sidewalk by the basketball court is badly broken and needs replacing.

Continuing south, to the right there is a kiddy playground with two slides and swings. These look fairly new. There are two storage sheds in good condition. Further to the southeast, there is a dilapidated wooden shed that should be torn down. Next is a community building about 75' x 25' that looks in fairly decent shape, but which I have never seen in use. (I bring my dog here for exercise). To the immediate south of the building is a picnic pavilion with five tables, three grills and three trash cans. (These are the only trash cans I saw in the park.) There is an erosion problem on the east side of the pavilion slab that needs attention.

Next is a fenced swimming pool and bath house. There is water in the pool, but I have never seen it in use. Pool equipment is housed in the bath house, and I could hear an electrical motor running. The bath house is a substantial, but does not appear to have been maintained. There is trash and broken junction boxes on the west side. The women's washroom was locked, but the doors to the men's washroom were wide open. Two of the four fluorescent lights in that room were on.

There is a sidewalk leading from the southeast side of the community building to a pond of perhaps an acre located about 150 yards to the southeast. The sidewalk terminates at the pond in a wooden walkway and observation desk. Both have a 3.5' fence and are in good repair. The pond is surrounded by a high chain link fence. Around the pond and inside the fence is an informal pathway.

There is an opening on the south side of the fence that leads directly into a field of about 1.5 acres. The field is mowed, but has no apparent use.

I saw an accumulation of trash on the west side of the pond fence between it and the picnic pavilion.

The overall impression was that this park receives little use and that some of it is poorly maintained.

Southside Estates Elementary School Park. 9827 Jupiter Court North. This, in essence, is two separate parks, one north and one south. The southern one appears to be the oldest. The entire park is surrounded by a perimeter fence.

There is a small parking lot just to the left of the southern entrance. It will hold about fifteen cars. The road leads to a base ball field that is equipped with night lights. To the right of the field is a large parking lot which will hold fifty-plus cars. Between the field and the parking lot is a swing frame, but with no swings. The road and parking lots have many holes and need repaving. There is a lot of trash on the ground in this area.

The north entrance is reached from the parking lot of the Southside Estates Elementary School which is located on Ivey Road. At this end there is a basketball court with four basket stands that appear to be little used. There is play ground equipment. The two slides and eight swings appear relatively new. The jungle gyms and climbing bars are made of steel piping and are rusty and need repainting. There were three metal benches that have been recently painted. There was one trash can. Playground areas around swings and slides have been newly mulched.

Fort Caroline Club. 4131 Ferber Road. The facilities consist of a large, well maintained masonry clubhouse, a fenced swimming pool and a kiddy playground near the river. Everything was in good shape and the clubhouse had lighted Christmas trees in the lobby and a list of up-coming activities for January. It appears to be used regularly. Parking is limited to about 10-12 cars. Concrete sidewalks connect all of the activity areas.

Huffman Boulevard Park. 2775 Huffman Boulevard. The park is located on the east side of the street just beyond a traffic circle. The park entrance is a road. It is flanked by two masonry pillars and a 6' high black aluminum fence. The other boundaries of the park are enclosed by a 6' chain link fence.

Upon entering the park there is a parking lot ahead that will hold about 20 cars. To the immediate right, there is a masonry restroom facility. It could do with pressure washing on the lower portions. Proceeding south, there is a kiddy playground with two jungle gyms. The larger has five slides and for other, two slides. Further to the left (east) is a swing set with 6 swings. At the far east end is a pavilion with two steel-frame picnic tables. There is a sidewalk circling the kiddy playground. Four painted steel benches are distributed at intervals on the sidewalk. The playground area, proper, is mulched.

The sidewalk branches off to the right by the restroom. About 50' to the west is a concrete 8' path that circles the park at a distance of 30-40 feet from the boundary perimeter fence. Most of the area between the path and the boundary is wooded and the path itself is shaded. There are two or three steel-frame picnic tables located on concrete pads to the right of the path. Metal fixed trash cans are at strategic locations around the path. The path is illuminated by street-type lights.

Going east on the path, I noticed a stack of six metal 20' pipes lying next to the boundary fence. They appear to have been forgotten.

Looking to the north are two soccer fields. One has a 40'5-tier bleacher at each goal end. The north side of the path parallels the soccer fields. Turning west, there are two parking lots, one behind the other. The westernmost lot has a sidewalk around it with two fixed metal trash cans and a drinking fountain that could do with some cleaning and repainting. The lots also need restriping. Looking south towards the middle of the park, there are two tennis courts with windscreens. Each has a wooden bench. Continuing west, there is a double basketball court. Down the middle on a strip separating the courts, are three painted metal benches.

The whole northeast quadrant of the park has stadium-type lighting.

Beachwood Park. 11758 Marina Drive. There is a sign at the entrance identifying the park and a short entrance drive with parking on either side. The parking area, which is unpaved, will handle about fifteen cars. Fencing on either side of the road was painted 6' aluminum. At the north-east corner was a porta-potty

To the right (south) is a 60'x 60' building with a few covered windows. There is a sign in front reading, "Office of Economic Self-Sufficiency" and language indicating that SNAP stamp applications and medicaid registration was handled there. Although the sign seemed relatively new, the building had an unused look about it. In the rear was junk which should be removed

Going to the left (north) through a pedestrian gate which had a stucco waste container on either side, there was a playground with a jungle gym with two slides and a climbing apparatus.

The playground was mulched. Continuing north, there was a pavilion with three metal picnic tables, a grill and a plastic trash can. To the immediate west was a basketball court with two basket stands. The court was flanked by two tall, stadium type lights. There were two metal benches facing the basketball court and a little beyond, a swing set with four swings. The ground under the swings was mulched.

Further north to the left was what appeared to be a ball field. It was surrounded by an 8' chain link fence and had the usual high chain link back stop. However, there were no other signs that it has been actually used as a ball park. There was not the usual clay infield. There was no home plate and the grass growing in what would be the infield was indistinguishable from that in what would be the outfield.

El Faro at Dames Point Park. 9101 Dames Point Road. The park has an identity sign at the entrance. Inside, to the left is a double-wide residence. It does not appear to be occupied. There is a small parking lot. To the left (east) there are two pavilions, each with a picnic table. In the same area there is a plastic trash can, a bike rack and to the north, a restroom facility. South, toward the river, there is a memorial to the crew of the El Faro which sank in a hurricane in 2017. The park is quite small, but it is in good shape

Roundette Park. 3500 Roundette Lake Road. The entrance to the park is on Fort Caroline Road. The identity sign at this location needs pressure washing. The entrance road goes about a quarter of a mile through a wooded (and apparently unused) to a parking area for parallel parking. It has no striping. All of the park facilities lie to the east. Further south is a large parking lot. The striping is in good condition. At the northeast corner of the lot is a truckload of red clay, apparently for the ball fields. At the far south end of the parking lot is an occupied double-wide residence.

Going toward the west, the walkway passes between two ball fields to the south and three to the north. Each ball field has two 20' five tier bleachers two covered structures with benches for the playing teams. One has a large score board. The fields all have stadium lighting. Located along the walkway towards the middle is a concession stand/storage building restroom facility and a drinking fountain.

Continuing west beyond the ball fields, there is a large, roofed building about 100' x 50', open to all sides, with the sides covered by chain link fence to the outside and netting to the inside. The inside is divided into three or four compartments by netting and the floor is of Astroturf. As near as I can tell it is a batting cage. Toward the south there is a second cage that would accommodate two batters, but has only fencing at the top and sides. It has an Astroturf floor. A third, one batter, cage is located further south.

I saw no pavilions, picnic tables or playground equipment. The park is entirely oriented towards baseball.

Victory Park. 3781 University Club Boulevard. The driveway from the road passes through several small parking lots. All could do with striping. There is a pile of trash at the southeast corner of the east parking lot.

Beginning at pedestrian entrance at far east end and going north, there is a wide sidewalk 5-6'. Ahead is a bike rack. Further, there is a masonry men's rest room to the right and a similar women's rest room to the west. There is a drinking fountain mounted on the side of the men's rest room. Next is a pavilion with seven steel frame picnic tables. Beyond the pavilion there is a mulched playground on either side of the walk. Each has a jungle gym with two slides and a separate smaller slide.

The side walk goes in a circle back to the rest rooms. At regular intervals, to the outside of the walk, are benches with steel frames, but wooden slats. The slats look as if they have been newly painted. However, several of the benches have loose slats; the wood appears to have rotted where the slats are attached by bolts to the frame. In my opinion, the all of the slats should be replaced. The sidewalk splits into a T with the restrooms on the east side, and some metal bars and climbing apparatus and a loop trail through a grove of trees to the west.

Returning to the east parking lot and proceeding west, there is a large field (600' x 200') that has been plowed recently. This might be the soccer field. To the right is a baseball field with two roofed structures and wooden benches for the teams. Further on, to the left are two tennis courts. The courts themselves look in pretty good shape, but the windscreen netting is in tatters.

Warrington Park/Woodland Acres. 325 Bowlan Street. Beginning at the east side entrance, there is a large unstriped parking lot. It has trash on it. To the immediate north is a large, well-kept swimming pool. However, the posts for the 8' chain link fence that surround the pool are rusty and need painting.

The sidewalks inside the park are wide (5'-5.5') and in good shape. Continuing west, toward the north, there is a basketball court with two basket stands. The baskets need nets and the floor markings are badly faded and should be repainted. Ahead is a jungle gym with slides that is enclosed by a perimeter sidewalk. Two picnic tables are located on pads toward the outside of the perimeter walk. Six fixed metal trash cans are distributed along the walk.

Looking north, there are two tennis courts with stadium type lighting. They need pressure washing and restriping and probably should be resurfaced. There is grass growing in cracks in the court floors. The courts also need wind screens.

Continuing west, there is a pavilion with five metal picnic table. At the far end of the park is a large masonry/glass building. It is in poor condition and looks abandoned. The address plate read 465. On the north side there was a sign reading, "Woodland Area Health Center, City of Jacksonville."

Returning east to my car along the north side, there are two small parking lots. Both need striping. Next is a pedestrian entrance leading a short distance to a large masonry building with a sign reading Warrington Park. The sign needs pressure washing. The building looks abandoned but not in as bad shape as the first building. Walking around on the southside I noticed several pieces of soffit that had come loose from the roof. Other pieces of junk lay about. On the east side of the building were two shuffle board courts. They have not been used in years. Grass is growing in the cracks and the board markings are indistinguishable. Proceeding eastward, I saw two metal picnic tables located on pads near the basketball court. Further on, at the far northeast end of the park, was a small monument dedicated to the founders of the park. The metal plaque can barely be read and needs to be pressure washed.

Victoria Park. 2948 Knights Lane West. This park is bound on the west side by Lovelace Park, on the north side by two schools and on the east side by Drew Park. The schools have fairly elaborate playgrounds suitable for everyone from kindergarten to middle school. Drew Park is referred as a “soft ball complex” in park literature. Lovelace park is a really nice residential park.

I circled this Victoria Park three times, but found only one vehicle entrance. This was on the west side across the street from Lovelace Park. The entrance has a double gate. The one on the south side is broken and needs to be replaced. This entrance has a gravel road that went east perhaps 100’ and then ended. There is an east-west fence about 50’ north of the road which, apparently, marks the extreme north boundary of the park.

I saw three pedestrian entrances, two on the south side and one on the west side. I could not find any formal general-purpose parking areas anywhere in the park although the area on the southside between the sidewalk and the park fence might accommodate ten cars. In addition, there was a three -car parking lot for the disabled next to the southeast pedestrian entrance.

Beginning at the southeast pedestrian entrance, the gate is padlocked. Immediately inside are restrooms and a sidewalk headed north. Next is a picnic pavilion with two picnic tables and six plastic trash cans. To the right (east) is a small ball field. It looks too small for adults—Little League perhaps?

Beginning at the southwest pedestrian entrance, which was open, are two pavilions. The first has one metal picnic table which has been damaged by vandals who bent both ends down, a grill and a plastic trash can. The second pavilion had two metal picnic tables. The roof of the second pavilion was supported by four pressure-treated 4’ x 4’. These were weathered and should be painted with sealer. To the north was a ballpark with stadium-type lighting and roofed bullpens. The perimeter fences had windscreens. There were two 20’ five tier bleachers.

Next was a tennis court. There is a plastic trash can at the entrance. The court looked in fair shape, but the floor needs pressure washing and the fencing needs a new windscreen. At present only two-thirds of the west fence has a windscreen and it is tattered.

In my opinion the school playgrounds should be consolidated with the park and a substantial parking lot provided with a vehicle entrance.

Brookfield Elementary School Park. 10441 McAleer Road. This park is difficult to access, perhaps because of the construction of the 295 Beltway.

The parking lot is located at the entrance and will hold about thirty cars. It is unstriped. There was no park sign visible. There was part of an elevated sign by the park fence at the southeast corner. Half of the sign and a post was laying on the ground inside the fence. The entrance to the park is through a one-piece vehicle gate. The bottom corner of the gate is rusted through and the gate should be replaced. At the northeast corner of the lot was a pile of dirt—approximately two truck-loads

Inside the fence, to the right (north) is a batting cage. There were vines growing in it. Continuing to the west, there is a ballpark with stadium lighting (all ballparks here have stadium lighting) and two roofed bullpens. There is a bleacher frame, 20' four-tier, with wooden seats, several of which are missing. Next is a two-story building, the lower half is masonry, the upper, wood. The lower half is a restroom. The front wall is covered with graffiti. The upper half of the building needs repair. Several of the siding board and part of the eaves are rotted out. On the back (south side) is a broken light fixture hanging out of the wall and the remains of an air conditioner. A more serviceable-looking air conditioner is on a wooden platform. After the repairs are finished, the whole structure including the platform should be painted.

Next, to the left is a 20' five-tier metal bleacher and five plastic trash cans. Further west and to the left is another masonry building. It has a steel door that is rusted through at the bottom. To the right is a double batting cage. Ahead is a jungle gym with slides and a climbing net. Behind it is a swing set with four swings. The play area, which is mulched, is surrounded by a low concrete curb. To the north is a basketball court with four baskets. The floor has grass growing in the cracks and the markings have faded away.

There is a ballpark west of the playground with roofed bullpens and wind screens on the perimeter fences. This field has a 20' five-tier bleacher with wooden planks for seats. At least one plank is rotten and loose. There is what appears to be a T-ball field in the northwest corner. It has roofed bullpens and a metal 20' five-tier bleacher.

There is a sidewalk running north and south along the west perimeter fence. There is a masonry building about 20' x 10' without windows whose function is unknown. Further south is a small masonry building into which a heavy electrical cable runs. The steel door to the building is badly bent. It is chained and padlocked, but there is enough room for a small person or child to get in. This is a definite safety hazard.

At the far southwest end of the park there is a padlocked vehicle gate. The park continues to the east outside the gate. There are several painted concrete posts to the east that block vehicular movement. The posts need repainting.

Leonard Abess Park. 12743 Abess Road. The park lies to the north of Abess Road. There is a park sign at the entrance. Inside is a parking lot that will hold about thirty-five cars. To the west is a basketball court with four stands. It is well-marked. North of the basketball court is a tennis court equipped with wind screens. A drinking fountain (that needs cleaning) is at the southeast corner of the tennis court. Continuing north down the west side, is a metal bench and a bike rack. The bench needs painting. The bike rack is rusty and at least one of the two wooden posts on which it is mounted is rotting,

There is a 5' sidewalk going north on the east side of the parking lot. At the end of the parking lot there is a masonry restroom facility on the west side. The metal doors of the facility are scratched and faded. They need to be repainted. An eastern branch springs off the sidewalk. It leads to a 150' wooden bridge that crosses a small stream and ends at a soccer field. The bridge, which is of pressure treated wood, needs to be painted with sealant. There is trash on the ground on either side of the bridge which should be picked up.

There is a sidewalk that runs down the west side of the field for a distance of about 50' beyond the goals.

A 20' five-tier bleacher is located half-way down the west side of the field. A considerable amount of trash has accumulated under the bleacher.

The soccer field is separated from the roads by a 8' fence. On the northeast side part of the fence has been bent considerably, probably as the result of an automobile accident.

Returning across the bridge to the sidewalk by the restroom, to the left there is a kiddy park with a jungle gym, climbing net, hobby horse and a set of four swings. This area is mulched and enclosed by a concrete strip.

To the right (east) there are four picnic tables with wooden tops and a metal bench. The tables need to be repainted. A fifth table, further east, also needs painting. Passing through a gate to the west, there is a ballfield to the right (north). It has two roofed bullpens, two 20' five-tier metal bleachers and four plastic trash cans. It has stadium lighting and a parking lot.

At the far northwest corner of the park was a residential double-wide. It had some rust stains on the side, a back window with a sheet of plywood on it and a considerable amount of leaves on the room. However, there was a SUV and a pickup truck parked in front, so it may be occupied. The pickup, however, appears abandoned. It has a flat left rear tire and no license plate. Leaves have accumulated on the hood and between the hood and the windshield.

Arlington Lions Club Park. 1 Richard Denby Gatlin Road. Entering the park there is on the left (south) a double-wide residence. It is occupied and appears to be in good shape. Next, on the right are two benches with wooden seats and metal stands and a kiddy playground with three play apparatus—slides, ladders, etc.—all relatively new and in good shape. The benches need paint and sealant.

The 8' chain link perimeter fence to the right (north) needs substantial repairs. It was damaged by falling trees during the 2017 hurricanes.

Continuing west, is Pavilion 3, supported by wood pillars, has 2 grills, 3 picnic tables with wooden tops and metal bottoms, 1 metal picnic table and two masonry trash containers. The pillar supports and the wood table tops need sealant.

Further west, there are to the right a number of back-in trailer parking places for boat trailer. Next is pavilion 2 which is similar to pavilion 3. It has one grill, 2 wood tables with metal frames, 1 metal table and one all wood table. The wooden portions of the tables and roof supports need sealant or paint.

Next is the boat complex which consists of a large concrete parking lot for cars and trailers, two piers and a concrete ramp. Lighting is provided by three stadium-type fixtures. To the right is Pavilion 1 which is somewhat smaller than the others and has only one wooden picnic table. The table and wooden roof supports need sealant/paint and the trim on the roof edges needs paint. To the left is an elevated wooden walkway that runs along the river all the way to Blue Cypress Park. It was damaged by the hurricanes and is closed. Excepted as just noted, the boat complex is in fine shape.

Returning to the west there is a road branching to the south which leads to a parking lot with a small masonry restroom on the left and a drinking fountain. The bottom area of the restroom needs pressure washing but is otherwise in good shape.

Continuing to the south is a trail and sign which indicates that a nature trail is to the left(south) and a picnic area to the right. There is absolutely **no nature trail**. The trail is paved with asphalt and in good shape for about 400' to a point where there is to the right (north) an entrance to the wooden walkway paralleling the river. Beyond that point the asphalt on the path is in terrible shape. At the end of the path is a large octagonal pavilion (4) with wooden supports and one wooden picnic table. The supports and the table need sealant/paint.

The pavilion is encircled by 6 benches located about 75' distance. Five benches have wooden seats mounted in metal frames and the sixth is metal. The metal frames need paint and the wooden seats need sealant or paint. Incidentally, this area appears little used.

West of the pavilion, a short distance through the woods is the wooden walkway. Here about 100' of it has been destroyed by the hurricane.

BOAT RAMPS

Lonnie Wurn Boat Ramp. 4131 Ferber Road. The boat ramp is located immediately adjacent to the east side of Fort Caroline Club and shares the same address. This facility is large and well-maintained. There is a concrete walkway along the river bank between it and the kiddy playground next door and a wooden fishing pier/dock that extends about 100' into the St. Johns

River. The pier/dock has ample exterior lighting for night operation. Painted metal benches are located along the walkway. The parking lot, which is paved, will accommodate 9-10 cars and trailers.

Fulton Road Landing. The landing is located on the St. Johns River at the end of Fulton Road. The 50' between the end of the road and the river is unpaved. There was a truck load of dirt piled on the right (east) side. There is signage with the name of the landing at the entrance to the landing and one trash can near the river.

The river at this location is quite shallow and in my judgment, the landing is adequate only for canoes and kayaks.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Tidewater Acres Park. 7140 Berry Avenue. This park is located on the street corner and measures approximately 150' x 150'. It is surrounded by a 3.5' aluminum fence. There are two pedestrian entrances, one on the north side and the other on the east side. Starting at the north side of the park, there is a picnic pavilion with four tables, two grills and 2 metal trash cans. The four metal uprights supporting the roof need repainting. There are rust spots on the interior of the pavilion roof. This portion should also be repainted. Next is a kiddy playground with a jungle gym/double slide and a swing frame with four swings. This area is mulched and the equipment is in good condition.

The park has a concrete sidewalk which runs from the north to the east entrance and circles the kiddy playground. It is in good condition. There is a wooden structure at the southeast corner. It looks like a large dog house and is padlocked. It is in poor condition and needs to be repainted and the shingles on the roof replaced.

No parking is available within the park. However, there is little traffic on the street and park goers can park there.

Holiday Road Park. 6798 Holiday Road North. The park is accessible off the driveway of the Holiday Hill Elementary School. It is surrounded by a 6' chain link fence. The entrance gate was padlocked. From the outside, the park measures about 300' x 300'. The grass was short and apparently is mowed regularly. There is a grove of pine trees toward the rear, but absolutely no equipment.

This park is classified as "neighborhood" in the list of parks. However, it is classified as "undeveloped" in the park website. The latter is the more appropriate classification.

Gerrie's Park. 6629 Ft. Caroline Road. This park is located on the south side of Fort Caroline. The lot measures 300' x 300 and is surrounded by a 3.5' black aluminum fence on all but the north side. The north side has a 6' chain link fence. There are two pedestrian entrances, one on the east side and the other on the south side. There is parallel parking available on the east side of the—I estimate it would hold about 20 cars. From the entrance, there is a plastic trash

can on the left. Then, again on the left, there is a picnic pavilion with a grill, three tables and a fixed metal trash container. Ahead is a stand that will accommodate three bikes, an upright drinking fountain and a metal-frame table.

Next is the playground area, proper. There is a perimeter concrete sidewalk around the central part with two metal-frame tables on pads adjacent to and outside of the walk. The central playground area has a jungle gym with two slides. On the right side are two swing frames, one with two swings and the other with six swings. On the left is a wooden jungle gym. The playground area is mulched.

There is a historical plaque at the Ft. Caroline entrance that gives some information about the early owners and plantations in this part of Arlington.

The park is shaded. I counted eight large oaks and two palm trees. It is in good condition and I did not see any items that needed maintenance except perhaps for the sign showing park rules. The sign has an accumulation of algae and could be pressure washed.

Alimacani Elementary School Park. 2051 South San Pablo Road. This park is adjacent to the south end of the school. The pedestrian entrance (which appears to be the only public entrance) is on the northwest corner. Parking is in the school parking lot. The sign at the th entrance identifies it as “Council Park.” The park is enclosed by 6’-8’ chain link fencing

This is a large park. I would estimate it to be 300’ x 900’. From the entrance: To the left, playground equipment—two swing frames with two swings each; a small trampoline; two small spring riding toys ; two metal benches; two jungle gyms both with two slides each and one with a rope climbing net; a separate small slide; two more metal benches; two basketball courts with a total of seven baskets; and a large picnic pavilion with nine metal-frame picnic tables and two fixed metal trash containers. The playground is mulched.

Going south—a soccer field dead ahead; to the left (beyond the playground equipment) two tennis courts; a baseball field, and what appears to be a volley ball court; and to the right a tree-shaded double handball/racket ball court with two metal benches. At the far southwest corner there is a small pavilion with one picnic table. There is an asphalt running/walking track around the park perimeter south of the playground equipment.

The park is generally in good shape. The handball court could do with repainting of the wall and some resurfacing and restriping of the floor.

The park is classified as a residential park. Given its size and array of features, I think it would be more appropriately classified as a community park.

Cesery Park. 2601 Cesery Boulevard. This park is approximately .75 acres. Jungle gym with twin slides are located toward the south end. There is a pavilion with three metal frame picnic tables and two trash containers. There is a concrete sidewalk from the entrance that lead is to the pavilion and then circles the playground. The playground is mulched. Three painted metal

benches are located on concrete pads abutting the outside of the sidewalk that circles the playground. The perimeter fence consists of 3.5" painted aluminum. There are seven sizable oak trees in the park. Car parking is on the street. The park was in good condition.

Buck Park. 11128 McCormick Road. This a large park—perhaps five-six acres. There is a parking lot in front of the entrance that will accommodate 20 cars. The entrance has a side walk flanked by brick columns and a 6' painted aluminum fence. The kiddy playground has one large and one small jungle gyms connected by a bridge. Each has two slides. There is swing set with four swings. The playground is mulched, but the area under the swing needs more mulch. The sidewalk forms the perimeter of the playground and there are three metal benches on concrete pads abutting the outside of the sidewalk. At the south end of the playground is a water fountain that needs cleaning and general refurbishing.

There is a pavilion with four metal frame picnic tables, two grills, two metal and one plastic trash cans. This area has street-type lighting fixtures and a rack that will accommodate seven bikes.

Continuing south there is a double (four basket) basketball court. Further on is a baseball field with a 20', five-tier bleacher. There is a roofed area with benches for ball team members. The wood trim around the roof and the benches need painting.

The ball field has 8' chain link fence and a double gate at the northwest end on the road on which the Holly Oaks Forest Community complex is located. The gate was open and the west leaf was badly bent. It needs to either be repaired or replaced and locked.

REGIONAL PARKS

Patton Park. 2850 Hodges Boulevard. This is a large park, but practically all of the space is taken up by twelve soccer fields. There is also supposed to be a football field, but I couldn't find it.

At the entrance, immediately to the north is a park "enclave." Entering it, to the left is an occupied doublewide. Ahead is a mulched kiddy park with a two-slide jungle gym. The side walk surrounds this park and to the left is a pavilion with one metal framed picnic table and a metal trashcan. There are two painted metal benches on pads abutting the outside of the perimeter walk. The sidewalk continues north and then branches to the west. The west branch loops around soccer fields 11 and 12 and returns to have to the starting point.

Returning to the entrance road and proceeding west—to the right are multiple soccer fields and one field with night lighting, 100' five tier bleachers and an enclosed, elevated observation cabin. This may be the football field, but I saw no goal posts. One other field has two prefab structures that appear to be locker rooms. Another has two 20' five tier bleachers. There was nothing of note at the others. The fields are connected on their south ends by a broad sidewalk and road. Metal benches are located at intervals along the side walk. There is a large parking lot and to the right there is a masonry restroom with open, roofed picnic ports at either end. There are two steel frame picnic tables under the east port and four under the west. At the far

west end of the road there is a circular turnabout. This turnabout area is also used to store park equipment and material.

There obviously is no need for twelve soccer fields. I suggest, instead, that all but three or four be used for other purposes. This should include one or two baseball field with at least one with night lighting, basketball courts, a Frisbee course and a field for flying kites, model planes and drones. The parking lots also need striping.

Blue Cypress Park. 4012 University Boulevard North. There are two highway entrances to this park. At the southern entrance, there is to the north a large masonry community center building with parking along the north side of the road and in a sizable lower lot. The road winds around the park to the far north, but is currently blocked by locked gates. Concrete posts along the road need repainting.

To the immediate west of the parking lot there is a triangular piece of ground about 300' on each that is and enclosed by roads. It has holes, mud and standing water in various places and should be filled, leveled and landscaped.

There is a large retention pond between. the north and south entrances.

The north entrance is roughly one-half mile from the south entrance. This is where the usual park facilities are located. There is a nine-hole golf course with a pro shop. The pro shop was closed and the building needs fresh paint and a general cleaning. There are two tennis courts with wind screens, asphalt walking paths; a kiddy park with a jungle gym and slides, a picnic pavilion with two metal frame tables. The parking lot needs striping.

There is a masonry restroom facility with metal doors. The doors have rust holes at the bottom and should be replaced. The lower portion of the building should be pressure washed.

Beachwood Park. 11758 Marina Drive. There is a sign at the entrance identifying the park and a short entrance drive with parking on either side. The parking area, which is unpaved, will handle about fifteen cars. Fencing on either side of the road was painted 6' aluminum. At the north-east corner was a porta-potty

To the right (south) is a 60'x 60' building with a few covered windows. There is a sign in front reading, "Office of Economic Self-Sufficiency" and language indicating that SNAP stamp applications and Medicaid registration was handled there. Although the sign seemed relatively new, the building had an unused look about it. In the rear was junk which should be removed

Going to the left (north) through a pedestrian gate which had a stucco waste container on either side, there was a playground with a jungle gym with two slides and a climbing apparatus. The playground was mulched. Continuing north, there was a pavilion with three metal picnic tables, a grill and a plastic trash can. To the immediate west was a basketball court with two basket stands. The court was flanked by two tall, stadium type lights. There were two metal

benches facing the basketball court and a little beyond, a swing set with four swings. The ground under the swings was mulched.

Further north to the left was what appeared to be a ball field. It was surrounded by an 8' chain link fence and had the usual high chain link back stop. However, there were no other signs that it has been actually used as a ball park. There was not the usual clay infield. There was no home plate and the grass growing in what would be the infield was indistinguishable from that in what would be the **outfield**.

El Faro at Dames Point Park. 9101 Dames Point Road. The park has an identity sign at the entrance. Inside, to the left is a double-wide residence. It does not appear to be occupied. There is a small parking lot. To the left (east) there are two pavilions, each with a picnic table. In the same area there is a plastic trash can, a bike rack and to the north, a restroom facility. South, toward the river, there is a memorial to the crew of the El Faro which sank in a hurricane in 2017. The park is quite small, but it is in good shape

Roundette Park. 3500 Roundette Lake Road. The entrance to the park is on Fort Caroline Road. The identity sign at this location needs pressure washing. The entrance road goes about a quarter of a mile through a wooded (and apparently unused) to a parking area for parallel parking. It has no striping. All of the park facilities lie to the east. Further south is a large parking lot. The striping is in good condition. At the northeast corner of the lot is a truckload of red clay, apparently for the ball fields. At the far south end of the parking lot is an occupied double-wide residence.

Going toward the west, the walkway passes between two ball fields to the south and three to the north. Each ball field has two 20' five tier bleachers two covered structures with benches for the playing teams. One has a large score board. The fields all have stadium lighting. Located along the walkway towards the middle is a concession stand/storage building restroom facility and a drinking fountain.

Continuing west beyond the ball fields, there is a large, roofed building about 100' x 50', open to the sides, with the sides covered by chain link fence to the outside and netting to the inside. The inside is divided into three or four compartments by netting and the floor is of Astroturf. As near as I can tell it is a batting cage. Toward the south there is a second cage that would accommodate two batters, but has only fencing at the top and sides. It has an Astroturf floor. A third, one batter, cage is located further south.

I saw no pavilions, picnic tables or playground equipment. The park is entirely oriented towards baseball.

Victory Park. 3781 University Club Boulevard. The driveway from the road passes through several small parking lots. All could do with striping. There is a pile of trash at the southeast corner of the east parking lot.

Beginning at pedestrian entrance at far east end and going north, there is a wide sidewalk 5-6'. Ahead is a bike rack. Further, there is a masonry men's rest room to the right and a similar women's rest room to the west. There is a drinking fountain mounted on the side of the men's rest room. Next is a pavilion with seven steel frame picnic tables. Beyond the pavilion there is a mulched playground on either side of the walk. Each has a jungle gym with two slides and a separate smaller slide.

The side walk goes in a circle back to the rest rooms. At regular intervals, to the outside of the walk, are benches with steel frames, but wooden slats. The slats look as if they have been newly painted. However, several of the benches have loose slats; the wood appears to have rotted where the slats are attached by bolts to the frame. In my opinion, the all of the slats should be replaced. The sidewalk splits into a T with the restrooms on the east side, and some metal bars and climbing apparatus and a loop trail through a grove of trees to the west.

Returning to the east parking lot and proceeding west, there is a large field (600' x 200') that has been plowed recently. This might be the soccer field. To the right is a baseball field with two roofed structures and wooden benches for the teams. Further on, to the left are two tennis courts. The courts themselves look in pretty good shape, but the windscreen netting is in tatters.

Warrington Park/Woodland Acres. 325 Bowlan Street. Beginning at the east side entrance, there is a large unstriped parking lot. It has trash on it. To the immediate north is a large, well-kept swimming pool. However, the posts for the 8' chain link fence that surround the pool are rusty and need painting.

The sidewalks inside the park are wide (5'-5.5') and in good shape. Continuing west, toward the north, there is a basketball court with two basket stands. The baskets need nets and the floor markings are badly faded and should be repainted. Ahead is a jungle gym with slides that is enclosed by a perimeter sidewalk. Two picnic tables are located on pads toward the outside of the perimeter walk. Six fixed metal trash cans are distributed along the walk.

Looking north, there are two tennis courts with stadium type lighting. They need pressure washing and restriping and probably should be resurfaced. There is grass growing in cracks in the court floors. The courts also need wind screens.

Continuing west, there is a pavilion with five metal picnic table. At the far end of the park is a large masonry/glass building. It is in poor condition and looks abandoned. The address plate read 465. On the north side there was a sign reading, "Woodland Area Health Center, City of Jacksonville."

Returning east to my car along the north side, there are two small parking lots. Both need striping. Next is a pedestrian entrance leading a short distance to a large masonry building with a sign reading Warrington Park. The sign needs pressure washing. The building looks abandoned but not in as bad shape as the first building. Walking around on the southside I

noticed several pieces of soffit that had come loose from the roof. Other pieces of junk lay about. On the east side of the building were two shuffle board courts. They have not been used in years. Grass is growing in the cracks and the board markings are indistinguishable. Proceeding eastward, I saw two metal picnic tables located on pads near the basketball court. Further on, at the far northeast end of the park, was a small monument dedicated to the founders of the park. The metal plaque can barely be read and needs to be pressure washed.

Victoria Park. 2948 Knights Lane West. This park is bound on the west side by Lovelace Park, on the north side by two schools and on the east side by Drew Park. The schools have fairly elaborate playgrounds suitable for everyone from kindergarten to middle school. Drew Park is referred as a “soft ball complex” in park literature. Lovelace park is a really nice residential park.

I circled this Victoria Park three times, but found only one vehicle entrance. This was on the west side across the street from Lovelace Park. The entrance has a double gate. The one on the south side is broken and needs to be replaced. This entrance has a gravel road that went east perhaps 100’ and then ended. There is a east-west fence about 50’ north of the road which, apparently, marks the extreme north boundary of the park.

I saw three pedestrian entrances, two on the south side and one on the west side. I could not find any formal general-purpose parking areas anywhere in the park although the area on the southside between the sidewalk and the park fence might accommodate ten cars. In addition, there was a three -car parking lot for the disabled next to the southeast pedestrian entrance.

Beginning at the southeast pedestrian entrance, the gate is padlocked. Immediately inside are restrooms and a sidewalk headed north. Next is a picnic pavilion with two picnic tables and six plastic trash cans. To the right (east) is a small ball field. It looks too small for adults—Little League perhaps?

Beginning at the southwest pedestrian entrance, which was open, are two pavilions. The first has one metal picnic table which has been damaged by vandals who bent both ends down, a grill and a plastic trash can. The second pavilion had two metal picnic tables. The roof of the second pavilion was supported by four pressure-treated 4’ x 4’. These were weathered and should be painted with sealer. To the north was a ballpark with stadium-type lighting and roofed bullpens. The perimeter fences had windscreens. There were two 20’ five tier bleachers.

Next was a tennis court. There is a plastic trash can at the entrance. The court looked in fair shape, but the floor needs pressure washing and the fencing needs a new windscreen. At present only two-thirds of the west fence has a windscreen and it is tattered.

In my opinion the school playgrounds should be consolidated with the park and a substantial parking lot provided with a vehicle entrance.

Brookfield Elementary School Park. 10441 McAleer Road. This park is difficult to access, perhaps because of the construction of the 295 Beltway.

The parking lot is located at the entrance and will hold about thirty cars. It is unstriped. There was no park sign visible. There was part of an elevated sign by the park fence at the southeast corner. Half of the sign and a post was laying on the ground inside the fence. The entrance to the park is through a one-piece vehicle gate. The bottom corner of the gate is rusted through and the gate should be replaced. At the northeast corner of the lot was a pile of dirt—approximately two truck-loads

Inside the fence, to the right (north) is a batting cage. There were vines growing in it. Continuing to the west, there is a ballpark with stadium lighting (all ballparks here have stadium lighting) and two roofed bullpens. There is a bleacher frame, 20' four tier, with wooden seats, several of which are missing. Next is a two-story building, the lower half is masonry, the upper, wood. The lower half is a restroom. The front wall is covered with graffiti. The upper half of the building needs repair. Several of the siding board and part of the eaves are rotted out. On the back (south side) is a broken light fixture hanging out of the wall and the remains of an air conditioner. A more serviceable-looking air conditioner is on a wooden platform. After the repairs are finished, the whole structure including the platform should be painted.

Next, to the left is a 20' five-tier metal bleacher and five plastic trash cans. Further west and to the left is another masonry building. It has a steel door that is rusted through at the bottom. To the right is a double batting cage. Ahead is a jungle gym with slides and a climbing net. Behind it is a swing set with four swings. The play area, which is mulched, is surrounded by a low concrete curb. To the north is a basketball court with four baskets. The floor has grass growing in the cracks and the markings have faded away.

There is a ballpark west of the playground with roofed bullpens and wind screens on the perimeter fences. This field has a 20' five-tier bleacher with wooden planks for seats. At least one plank is rotten and loose. There is what appears to be a T-ball field in the northwest corner. It has roofed bullpens and a metal 20' five-tier bleacher.

There is a sidewalk running north and south along the west perimeter fence. There is a masonry building about 20' x 10' without windows whose function is unknown. Further south is a small masonry building into which a heavy electrical cable runs. The steel door to the building is badly bent. It is chained and padlocked, but there is enough room for a small person or child to get in. This is a definite safety hazard.

At the far southwest end of the park there is a padlocked vehicle gate. The park continues to the east outside the gate. There are several painted concrete posts to the east that block vehicular movement. The posts need repainting.

Leonard Abess Park. 12743 Abess Road. The park lies to the north of Abess Road. There is a park sign at the entrance. Inside is a parking lot that will hold about thirty-five cars. To the west is a basketball court with four stands. It is well-marked. North of the basketball court is a tennis court equipped with wind screens. A drinking fountain (that needs cleaning) is at the southeast corner of the tennis court. Continuing north down the west side, is a metal bench

and a bike rack. The bench needs painting. The bike rack is rusty and at least one of the two wooden posts on which it is mounted is rotting,

There is a 5' sidewalk going north on the east side of the parking lot. At the end of the parking lot there is a masonry restroom facility on the west side. The metal doors of the facility are scratched and faded. They need to be repainted. An eastern branch springs off the sidewalk. It leads to a 150' wooden bridge that crosses a small stream and ends at a soccer field. The bridge, which is of pressure treated wood, needs to be painted with sealant. There is trash on the ground on either side of the bridge which should be picked up.

There is a sidewalk that runs down the west side of the field for a distance of about 50' beyond the goals.

A 20' five-tier bleacher is located half-way down the west side of the field. A considerable amount of trash has accumulated under the bleacher.

The soccer field is separated from the roads by a 8' fence. On the northeast side part of the fence has been bent considerably, probably as the result of an automobile accident.

Returning across the bridge to the sidewalk by the restroom, to the left there is a kiddy park with a jungle gym, climbing net, hobby horse and a set of four swings. This area is mulched and enclosed by a concrete strip.

To the right (east) there are four picnic tables with wooden tops and a metal bench. The tables need to be repainted. A fifth table, further east, also needs painting. Passing through a gate to the west, there is a ballfield to the right (north). It has two roofed bullpens, two 20' five-tier metal bleachers and four plastic trash cans. It has stadium lighting and a parking lot.

At the far northwest corner of the park was a residential double-wide. It had some rust stains on the side, a back window with a sheet of plywood on it and a considerable amount of leaves on the roof. However, there was a SUV and a pickup truck parked in front, so it may be occupied. The pickup, however, appears abandoned. It has a flat left rear tire and no license plate. Leaves have accumulated on the hood and between the hood and the windshield.

Ed Austin Regional Park. 11751 McCormick Road. There are three vehicle entrances to the park; one on McCormick Road and two on Monument Road. Beginning on the north entrance on Monument Road, there is a 6' wide asphalt path circling the park. To the left (north) there is a standing drinking fountain and a washing area for dogs. The water fountain needs cleaning and painting. The facet in the washing area is broken and needs to be repaired or replaced. Further north, there is a dog park which is divided into two sections, one for large dogs and the other for small dogs. It covers about four acres.

The section for large dogs needs holes filled and gravel graded so that it does not get on sidewalk. Bare areas need dead leaves and grass clippings as coverage.

To the right of the north Monument Road entrance is a parking lot and, beyond that, a baseball complex consisting of four fields and associated structures. The parking lot needs to be restriped. Informal pathways between the lot and the north section of the park need to be paved. There are three batting cages in the baseball complex. Each has AstroTurf floors that are torn or worn out. The door to the women's restroom facility is damaged and will not lock. Looking inside, the floor needs to be painted. The transparent doors to the bulletin board on the south side of the restroom are missing. Going further south, there is a masonry equipment storage building that needs to be pressure-washed and the broken wood trim around the doors replaced.

The sidewalk which goes around the south side of the baseball complex is broken in several places. It is obvious that heavy trucks are to blame.

There is an erosion problem in the drainage area to the southeast of the PAL building. Something needs to be done to hold the soil. The PAL parking lot needs to be restriped.

The west end of the Senior Center building has several bare spots that need to be painted.

The restroom facility near the west end playground needs to be pressured washed and its doors repainted.

Repaint the big maintenance shed at the far northwest corner of the park.

The restroom near the playground needs to be pressure-washed and the doors repainted. The parking lots in this area need to be restriped.

PARK PROBLEMS

Community Parks

Bruce Park. Homeless apparently are staying in one picnic pavilion. Tennis court in bad shape and apparently unused. Caboose needs repainting.

Sunny Acres Park. Bent post in baseball field backstop should be replaced. Repair section of broken sidewalk by basketball court. Dilapidated wooden shed should be torn down. Community building appears to be unused. Swimming pool is unused and bathhouse and toilet facilities are wide open and deteriorated. These should either be restored to use or torn down. Field on south side of pond is mowed, but has no apparent use. Erosion problem on east side of picnic pavilion needs to be addressed.

Southside Estates Elementary School Park. Entrance road on south end and parking lot in bad shape. Many potholes in both and the parking lot is unstriped. A repaving job is needed. A lot of trash on ground. A swing set at this location, which has no swings, either needs to be removed or repaired.

Huffman Boulevard Park. Exterior of restroom needs to be pressure washed. Parking lots need restriping. Drinking fountain needs cleaning and repainting. What appears to be a baseball field shows no signs of use. Either use or repurpose.

Roundette Park. Pressure wash entrance sign. Stripe small parking lot at end of entrance road. Consider adding pavilion, picnic tables and play equipment. There is none at present.

Victory Park. Restripe parking lots. Remove trash from southeast corner of east parking lot. Repair or replace wooden benches. Many bench slats are rotten and loose. Replace tattered wind screens in tennis courts.

Warrington Park/Woodland Acres. Restripe parking lots and pick up trash. Paint rusty posts on swimming pool chain-link fence. Put nets on basketball stands and repaint markings on the basketball court. Resurface tennis courts and put windscreens on the court fences. Either find a use for the old Health Center building and make necessary repairs or tear it down. Pressure wash entrance signs at pedestrian entrance on the north side. Make repairs, particularly to the soffit, and remove trash from back of building at this entrance. This building appears to be unused. If no use can be found for it, it should be torn down. Repair deteriorated shuffle board courts (2) or remove them. They obviously have not been used for years. Clean up the metal plaque dedicated to the park founders. It is barely readable.

Victoria Park. Put in a regular parking lot and open a vehicle entrance for park users with a road leading to the lot. Replace damaged south side of double vehicle entrance gate on west end of park. Replace damaged metal picnic table in the first pavilion at the southwest pedestrian entrance. Treat with sealant wooden posts supporting the second pavilion. Pressure wash tennis court floor and install new wind screens. Consider consolidating the entire park with the well-equipped adjacent school playgrounds at the north end of the park.

Brookfield Elementary School Park. Post a sign identifying the park at the vehicle entrance. Restripe the parking lot. Replace the rusted-out gate between the parking lot and the park, proper. Clean and restore batting cage nearest the entrance. Replace all missing or rotten wooden boards on bleachers. The wooden second- story of the building that houses the restroom facilities in bad shape with rotten siding and eaves and a broken light fixture. The masonry first floor has graffiti on the front and needs pressure washing and painting. A steel door on a second masonry building is rusted through at the bottom and should be replaced. The basketball court needs resurfacing, painting and basket nets. Replace the damaged steel door on a small masonry building near the west perimeter fence. There is a large electrical cable running into this building and the door is so bent that a small person could get in despite the chain and padlock. Repaint the concrete posts that bar vehicles from entering the south side of the park from the west.

Leonard Abess Park. Clean drinking fountain by tennis court. Repaint bench beside tennis court. Replace wooden rotting posts supporting bike rack and paint rusty metal bike rack. Paint wooden bridge with sealant. Pick up trash on either side of the bridge. Pick up trash under bleachers at soccer field. Replace bent piping on perimeter fence along Kernan Road. Repaint steel doors to restroom facility. Repaint wooden tops of five picnic tables.

Replace window and clean up double-wide residence at far northwest corner of park. Pick up trash at this location and remove what appears to be an abandoned truck.

Arlington Lions Club Park. Repaint wooden picnic tables and the wood tops of other picnic tables. Paint metal frames of benches and use sealant or paint on the wooden seats. Put sealant on wooden supports of the pavilions.

Repair the wooden walkway along the river. Pressure wash the restroom facility. Repave the worn-out section of the path leading to the south picnic pavilion. Either put in a nature trail or correct the sign at the south end of the south parking lot.

Tidewater Acres Park. Repaint rusty interior of pavilion roof. Repair (shingle and paint) or remove wooden structure at southeast corner of park.

Holiday Road Park. Change classification from “neighborhood” to “undeveloped.” The gate was padlocked and there is no equipment or facilities in the park.

Gerrie’s Park. Pressure wash sign showing park rules.

Alimacani Elementary School Park. Repaint handball courts walls and refinish floors. The park is classified as a residential park. Given its size and array of features, it would be more appropriately to classify it as a community park.

REGIONAL PARKS

Patton Park. Restripe parking lots. Repurpose enough of the twelve soccer fields to provide another pavilion with picnic tables, a double basketball court, a baseball field and a field for flying model planes, drones and kites.

Blue Cypress Park. Repaint concrete posts along road at south end. Fill and level triangular piece of ground at south end. Restripe parking areas. Clean up and repair golf pro shop at north end. Replace rusted-out doors on the north end restroom facility and pressure-wash the lower half of that facility.

Ed Austin Regional Park. Restripe all parking lots where lines are absent or barely visible. Clean and repaint standing drinking fountain along trail at north east of park. Repair or replace the faucet of the dog-wash at the same location.

The section for large dogs needs holes filled and gravel graded so that it does not get onto the sidewalk. Bare areas need dead leaves and grass clippings as coverage.

At the baseball complex: Put in new AstroTurf in the batting cages; replace the door to women's restroom; replace the doors to the bulletin board on the southside of the restroom; pressure wash the equipment storage building and replace the broken wood trim around the doors; and repair the sidewalk on the south side so that it is protected against breakage from heavy trucks. Suggest that truck crossings of the sidewalk be established at strategic locations and the new sidewalk there be reinforced with rebar and made thicker (6" to 8") so that it can handle the heavier loads without breaking.

Repaint the west end of the Senior Center.

Pressure wash the restroom facility near the west playground and repaint the facility doors.

Repaint the big maintenance shed at the far northwest corner of the park.

Dog park users say they would like a perimeter gravel or crushed stone path around the inside of the big dog section, a 250' extension of the west big dog section water line and a fixed metal trash container near the south-end of the small dog section and the west end of the big dog section. The gravel near the entrance of the big dog section needs to be graded so that it stops spreading over the concrete walkway. Users also would like a shelter pavilion in the small dog and the big dog sections.

Boat Ramps

Fulton Road Landing. This landing is really unimproved. Suggest either dredging out a portion of the river and constructing a ramp that would allow launching of <20' boats or a small pier from which kayaks and canoes could be launched without the users having to wade in the river.

PARK INSPECTIONS—NINE PARK SAMPLE—TWO CENTERS, SIX NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND ONE REGIONAL PARK

Albert Fields. This park concentrates heavily on base ball and soft ball. In addition, there are two tennis courts and picnic pavilions and a playground.

Each baseball field has two dugouts, a batting cage, two sets of bleachers and a viewing stand. There is lighting for night play.

Most of the bleachers are metal, but a few have wooden seats on metal frames. The metal bleachers are mounted on wooden planks which rest on concrete pads. Most of the planks are in bad shape and should be replaced.

The benches in the dugouts are generally wooden and need painting. The dugouts with wooden posts need the posts painted. One of the dugouts needs debris removed from the roof. The eaves of the dugouts generally need paint. Two dugouts need roof repair or new shingles.

The astroturf floors of the batting cages are worn out and should be replaced. The wooden viewing stands need repainting. The wood steps and railing of one stand is deteriorated and should be replaced.

There is a sidewalk between the fields with gates leading into the fields. One single gate and a double gate are missing a lower hinge.

The restroom canopy and doors should be repainted. One door is rusted and may need to be replaced.

The tennis courts need a windscreen on the east side. The wooden seats on two benches in the courts are deteriorated and the planks should be replaced.

A small building which appears to house water/irrigation controls needs to have the door replaced and a hole in the roof repaired. Another maintenance building has graffiti on the door and should be pressure washed. Nearby are two 20' containers. The doors stand open and the containers contain only junk. The containers apparently serve no useful purpose and disposed of if unneeded.

Alejandro Garcia Camp Tomahawk. The parking lot which has a gravel surface has a low spot at the north end where water stands. It needs to be filled. The ground under the playground swings has been kicked out and should be refilled and levelled. The benches are mostly wood on metal frames. The seats of most need repainting. One has a rotted seat board and which should be replaced.

A wooden fence at the trail entrance should have preservative applied. The two trail bridges need the leaves blown off of them. The wooden boardwalk needs sealant applied. Three concrete pillar/barriers to one bridge need painting.

There are two trees along the trails that need to be removed. One is a hollow tree immediately adjacent to the trail. The second is a broken tree that crosses the trail overhead and is supported only by the branches of other trees. Both are safety hazards.

The door to the men's restroom is rusted through at the bottom and should be replaced. The floor needs painting. The door to the women's restroom needs paint.

There is a double-wide residential building and rear shed at the edge of the park. The bushes around the building need to be trimmed. Leaves and other debris on the roof should be cleared. A partial rail fence in front should be either removed or restored. The rear shed should have the weeds cut from around it and repainted. The biggest problem, however, is the condition of the bottom of the building. The building rests on pillars and the area between the bottom of the building and the ground is either completely bare or standard covering as is the case in the rear or needs the covering material repaired. The rear is covered haphazardly with pieces of plywood, pallets, fence, etc.

Victoria Park. The park abuts three schools and Lovelace Park which is located north across the street. The most outstanding feature is that it has hardly any parking available. There is a single concrete pad that will hold two cars and is designated for handicapped use. It needs to be restriped and the weeds growing in the cracks sprayed.

There are two picnic pavilions located on the west end just beyond the single unlocked pedestrian gate. The first has no picnic tables. The wooden posts and wooden exterior need to be painted or treated with preservative. The eave area of the second pavilion has some rotted wood that needs to be replaced and a hole in the roof that needs to be patched. There are three metal picnic tables. All three are dirty and need to be pressure washed. The exterior wooden part of the pavilion needs paint or preservatives.

There is a line of trees along the northern perimeter of the park. One tree is heavily invested with vines. These should be trimmed out. A second tree has a number of large, dead branches which be cut—these are a safety hazard.

There are several ball fields and two tennis courts. These appear to be generally in good shape although the most of the windscreens are torn at the bottom and should be replaced. At the far east end near a maintenance road, there is a 40' container. It needs paint and is rusted through in places at the bottom. It does not appear to be in use and if it is not, it should be junked. At the far southwest end of the park there is a locked entrance that appears to lead to restrooms and a concession stand. Immediately inside the entrance is a small masonry building with the address 6201. It appears to contain electric equipment. The metal door is rusted through at

the bottom and should be replaced. There was no unlocked access to this area or to the eastern side of the ball fields, so no inspection was made here.

So far as I can tell, the adjacent schools are the primary users of the park. If so, perhaps it should be turned over to the Board of Education.

Argyl Forest. There are two tennis courts with two benches. The net on one court needs to be tightened. The floors of both need to be pressure washed and the cracks patched. The wooden seats of the benches should be repainted.

A red building whose purpose is undetermined has a door grill that needs to be repaired and an AC window unit mounted on a plywood sheet. The plywood is deteriorated and should be replaced.

There are several wood on metal frame picnic tables in the park. The top of one is missing a board and several have warped boards that should be replaced. All need paint on the wooden portions. The benches in the park also mostly have wooden seats mounted on metal frames. The seats, at a minimum, need to be repainted and in some cases, have the boards replaced.

There are five ball fields (a sign reads “Ken Irwin T-Ball Complex”). Each has two dugouts and at least two sets of bleachers. Most bleachers are metal, but those that are wood on metal need the wood repainted. The areas under the bleachers need cleaning or pressure washing. Some of the metal frames show rust and should be cleaned and painted.

The dugouts have canopies. The frames are wooden and the most dugout benches are wood seats mounted on metal supports. The exterior wood of all the dugouts needs paint and so do the bench seats. The metal bench seat of one dugout is bent and should be straightened or replaced. Two dugouts are enclosed by a chain link fence. The fence is loose in places and should be reattached. The same two have loose or rotted boards that need to be replaced or reattached.

Field two has a wooden bulkhead near the bleachers. Some of the wood has rotted and should be replaced. All of the bulkhead should be painted or treated with preservatives.

One of the fields (field two?) needs clay on the infield diamond.

Most of the signs in the park need pressure washing.

Drinking fountain does not work—handle is gone.

Two metal barrier posts need repainting.

Julian Barrs Center. The parking lot has a low spot at east end with standing water. It should be leveled. The lot also should be restriped. Several aluminum fence panels in the area abutting the parking lot have been damaged. They should be repaired or replaced.

The community building needs pressure washing, particularly under the eaves. The bike rack needs repainting. The seat of a metal bench in the picnic pavilion is badly bent and should be replaced. Two overhead lights in pavilion are off—repair or replace. A second pavilion has a hole in the roof that should be patched.

There are four tennis courts. There are three low spots in which water is standing. These should be leveled. A shed in the back of the residence/office building needs the debris cleared off the roof.

Picnic tables that have wooden tops generally need the tops repainted.

The playground area needs mulch in spots, but most particularly under the swing sets.

The main trail in the wooded area needs more mulch and the 4" x 4" border replaced where rotted. All trails have some palmetto/vegetation intrusion. The borders should be trimmed.

A gate on the perimeter fence near they Crystal Spring Road is open and covered with vegetation. It should be cleaned off and locked.

McGirts Creek Center. Boxwood shrubs that separate the entrance and exit lanes of the drive are pretty much dead. They should be replaced.

There is a double-wide type residence near the entrance. It appears unoccupied. There is graffiti on the building and it needs to be pressure-washed. There are missing shingles on the roof that should be replaced.

A sidewalk leads from the residence to a picnic pavilion. There is a 30' missing segment in the walk which should be connected. Other sidewalks are in need of repair. There are two further stretches that are substantially broken. One is near the next pavilion and the other is by the basketball courts. The broken sections should be torn out and replaced. The damage is too great to be fixed by patching.

The goals in the soccer field are rusty and should be repainted.

One bleacher in the baseball fields should be pressure-washed.

The drinking fountains near the restroom have heavy mineral deposits. These should be cleaned. Two light fixtures on the restroom are broken and should be replaced.

There is an 8' x 15' utility building which needs to be pressure washed and the debris removed from the roof.

The playground is generally in good shape, but the crawl tubes need some paint. There are four missing grills near the picnic tables. (There are mounts in the concrete for three. A hole in the

concrete marks the former location of the fourth.) Another two grills are rusty and should be repainted.

One metal bench has been damaged and needs to be repaired or replaced. Another needs the seat repainted.

There are a series of work-out stations along the path. All need mulch. One needs the sign replaced--it has bullet holes in it. The sign of another should be pressure-washed. One station seems to have been partially dismantled and should be repaired.

There are two basketball courts. Both need to be restriped.

The bridge over McGirt's Creek is built of pressure-treated wood. It should be treated with a wood preservative.

Three steel barrier posts need to be repainted.

There are two large dead trees that should be removed

The metal cage over a large backflow valve is rusty and needs repainting.

The fixed trash cans near the community center building need paint on their bottom sections.

The pond has a heavy growth of algae. Consider treating it with algaecide.

Garden City Elementary Playground. The area of the park closest to the school is fenced off and the gates padlocked. This includes the basketball courts, jungle gym and some picnic tables and benches. Any comments about the condition of this area are based on what can be seen from outside the fence.

Generally speaking, there was quite a bit of trash and litter on the ground. It was particularly heavy near the southeast corner by the school. Trash can lids were laying on the ground throughout the park and it does not appear that the trash has been picked up recently.

There is a combination utility/restroom building. The door to the restroom was locked. The door to the "mechanical" room is new, but the wooden door frame needs some wood preservative.

There is a large field of uncertain use. The bleachers are wood on a metal frame. The wooden seats need paint and one board has a protruding bolt that needs tightening down.

There is a circular sidewalk with work-out stations and a swing set. The area under the swings has been kicked out and should be refilled. A considerable amount of trash litters the ground.

A metal trash can at the picnic pavilion has been bashed in. It will have to be replaced. A grill has been bent and should be straightened and repainted or replaced.

There are two tennis courts. Two windscreens need to be repaired or replaced and the court floors need to be pressure washed. A bench with a wooden seat needs painting. The pad under the bench has a collection of leaves and trash and there is quite a bit of litter in the entire area.

Looking into the locked area, the wood on steel picnic tables need the tops painted or a wood preservative applied. Some pressure washing would be in order. There are some basketball courts, but they cannot be clearly observed from the fence.

All parking for this facility is apparently at the school. None was visible outside the fence.

Riverview Park. This park is located on the Trout River and also contains a senior center. The park sign at the entrance needs pressure washing. The parking lot has a pot hole on the south end but is otherwise in good shape.

Near the senior center is a picnic table with a wooden top on a metal frame. The top is in bad shape and should be replaced. Two nearby one-person fixed chairs with wooden seats need paint.

The picnic pavilion in this area has a lot of debris on the roof and trash on the ground. A cleanup is needed.

There is a concrete decked dock that extends about 75' into the river. The lower level has 2"x 12" boards bordering the deck. Some are missing and others are warped. These should be replaced. All could do with some wood preservative.

There is a work-out station that needs touchup paint. Two nearby metal picnic tables need work. One needs cleaning and the other needs a bent metal seat replaced.

The walkway in the vicinity of the dock is asphalt and the weeds growing in the cracks should be sprayed. A nearby pavilion needs debris blown off the roof, bugs cleaned out of the light fixtures and the 4" x 6" posts supporting the roof painted. There is a platform for a grill, but the grill is missing and should be replaced.

Near the exit there is a dead tree with a diameter of 8" that should be taken down.

Taye' Brown Regional Park. This park adjoins the Equestrian Center and is located just off of Normandy Boulevard. The parking lot has a large sign that is hanging by one bolt. It needs to be repaired.

In front of the lot is a large masonry building marked "Community and Aquatic Center." It contains a large swimming pool marked off for competitive swimming and office/storage space. The interior of the building was in good shape except for at the end of a hallway which had

supplies, furniture, etc., piled up. These should be properly stored. One peculiarity of the building is that it has no air conditioning—only a dehumidifier.

The exterior sides of the Center have black stains and need to be pressure washed.

Beyond the Center are three ballfields and a concession/washroom building. The exterior doors show signs of rust and need to be painted. The men's restroom needs a new toilet seat, paint on the floor and the bugs cleaned out of the light fixture. The women's restroom was locked—presumably it needs similar attention.

The dugouts of the fields have wooden frames that need to be either painted or treated with preservatives. The floors need to be pressure washed. The bleachers, which are metal, and the areas beneath them need pressure washing.

A metal picnic table and a fixed metal trash can are rusty and should be painted. There are weeds growing in the cracks of the sidewalk. These should be sprayed.

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Benchmark City			
Maintenance cost	\$1,500	A	
Asset value			
except land	\$100,000	B	E (Benchmark City Asset/Maintenance Ratio) = A/(B + (C*e))
Acreage	2,000	C	
Adjusted Land			
Value	\$40,000	D	f (Comparing City Asset/Maintenance Ratio) = a/b
Asset/Maintenance			
Ratio	0.0107	E	g (Ratio Difference) = E-f

Comparing City			
Maintenance Cost	\$1,000	a	
Asset Value	\$105,000	b	h (Maintenance Cost Difference) = a*g
Acreage	1,500	c	
Land Value	\$30,000	d	
Value per Acre	\$20	e	
Asset/Maintenance			
Ratio	0.0095	f	
Ratio Difference	0.0012	g	
Maintenance			
Cost Difference	\$125	h	