

LEGEND**PUBLIC DEVELOPED FACILITY**

1. CARRBORO COMMUNITY PARK
2. WILSON PARK
3. BALDWIN PARK
4. BREWERS LANE PARK

**PUBLIC UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY**

5. PATHWAY DR. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
6. MORGAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
7. OJUM TRACT

**QUASI-PUBLIC FACILITY**

8. CHAPEL HILL HIGH SCHOOL
9. McDOUGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
10. CARRBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
11. GRAHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
12. SEAWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA PROPERTY**

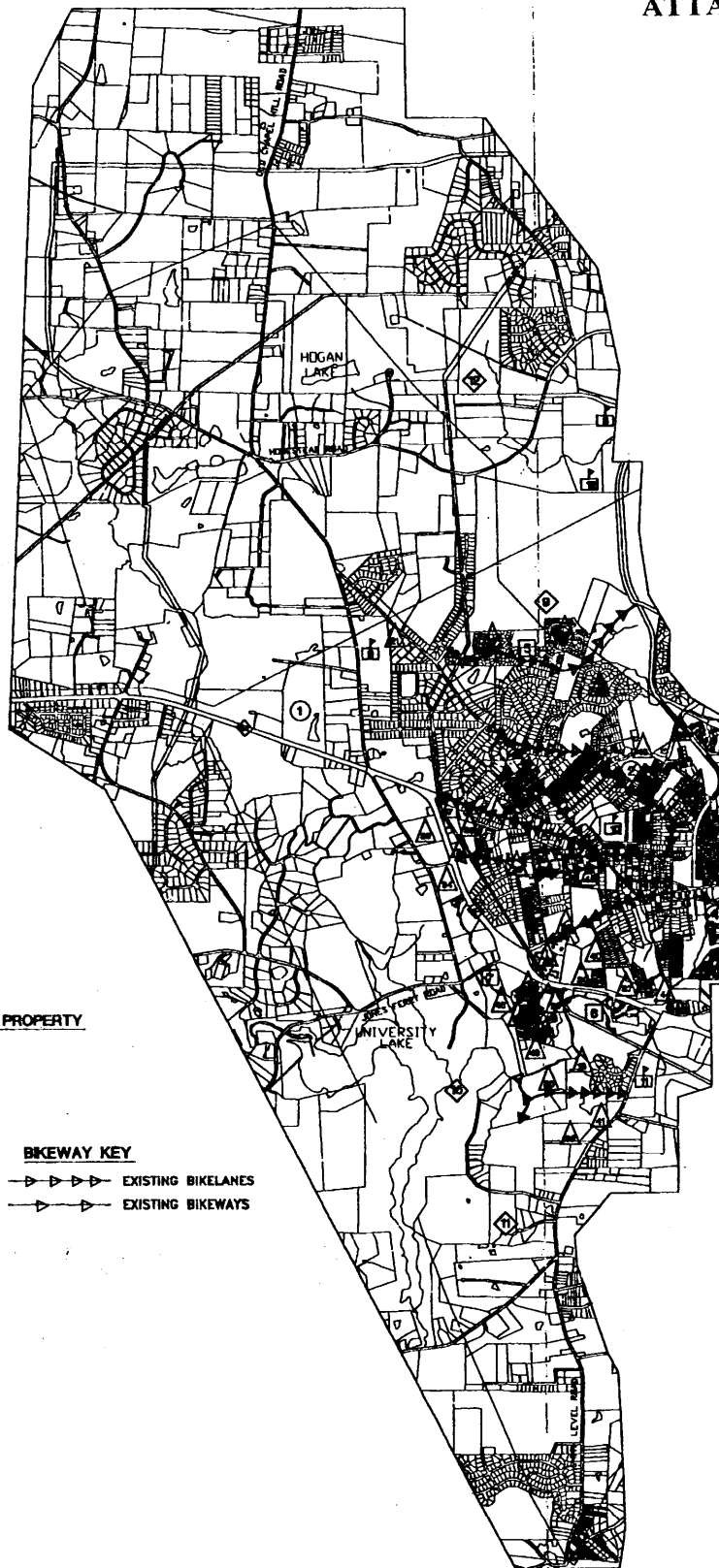
13. HORACE WILLIAMS PROPERTY
14. UNIVERSITY LAKE
15. RAY ROAD PROPERTY
16. U.N.C. PROPERTY NORTH

**PRIVATE FACILITIES**

17. BERKSHIRE APTS.
18. THE BLUFFS
19. BOLIN FOREST
20. CAROLINA APTS.
21. CASTALIA COURT
22. CEDAR COURT APTS.
23. CHAMBERS RIDGE
24. CHATEAU APTS.
25. COBBLESTONE
26. ESTES PARK APTS.
27. FAIROAKS
28. FIDELITY COURT CONDOS
29. FENWAY
30. HIGHLAND HILLS
31. HILLMONT APTS.
32. OLD WELL CONDOS
33. POPLAR WEST
34. RAMSGATE
35. RIDGEWOOD APTS.
36. ROCK CREEK
37. ROYAL PARK APTS.
38. SPRING VALLEY
39. TARHEEL APTS.
40. UNIVERSITY LAKE APTS.
41. VILLAGES APTS.
42. WALNUT COURT/CEDARWOOD LANE
43. WEATHERHILL POINT
44. WHISPERING HILL I, II
45. WHITE OAK
46. WOODBRIDGE APTS.
47. TENNIS CLUB ESTATES
48. WILSON PARK II
49. CHAPEL HILL TENNIS CLUB

BIKEWAY KEY

- EXISTING BIKELANES
 EXISTING BIKEWAYS

**EXISTING FACILITIES MAP****TOWN OF CARRBORO
NORTH CAROLINA****Recreation & Parks Master Plan**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document is the Executive Summary of the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan prepared in 1994. Refer to the full Comprehensive Master Plan report for accompanying tables, exhibits, and maps.

MASTER PLAN PURPOSE STATEMENT

- The citizens of Carrboro have historically preferred a high amenity level in all town services. This includes leisure services offered through the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department. Meeting the citizen's demand for additional recreation programs and facilities seems to be an ever increasing challenge for the town of Carrboro. It is essential that the town reassess its existing recreation programs and facilities and to formulate a comprehensive master plan which will help address future needs in a proactive manner. An officially adopted master plan will help the town guide it's growth and lead to better decision making regarding the leisure services it offers to the community.
- The Board of Aldermen at their 1991 Planning Retreat requested that a recreation and parks master plan be completed and that recommendations be developed for the following specific areas:
 - community center
 - neighborhood parks
 - operation limitations and options
 - interim plan and alternatives to new facilities
 - greenway options
 - organized listing of town's organizations, their functions, and role in the leisure delivery system and fostering of community spirit.
- In December of 1993, the town hired Woolpert, a professional park planning firm to assist in completing the document. Woolpert was assigned the responsibility of evaluating the existing park facilities and recreation programs offered through the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department and to develop new strategies in meeting future recreation needs through the year 2015. In preparing the master plan, Woolpert worked closely with the Recreation and Parks Master Plan Management Group, a subcommittee with representation from the Board of Aldermen, Recreation and Parks Commission and Planning Board.
- The main purpose of this document is to provide the Town of Carrboro with an accurate, usable plan to guide its actions and decisions concerning:
 - The future recreation role for the town;
 - Park and greenway acquisitions, renovations and developments;
 - Facility renovations and developments;
 - Recreation programming strategies.

REVIEW OF DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- The demographic information relating to Carrboro has been reviewed in order to gain an understanding of the unique characteristics of the community, and to identify factors which may influence recreation and park planning.
- Residential developments in Carrboro are primarily located within the Town Service Area, which consists of the existing town limits plus the Transition Area. The conservation zoned lands are all publicly owned and include the UNC lands around University Lake and Carrboro Community Park. Development is severely restricted within these areas in order to protect Carrboro's water resources and to provide land areas which act as natural buffers between more heavily developed areas and the stream corridors contained within the conservation district. The commercial districts in Carrboro are mostly clustered in the central business district area adjacent to and merging into Chapel Hill. Manufacturing zones are located primarily along main transportation routes.
- The town of Carrboro is continuing to grow at a rapid pace. The Transition area is the targeted area for future growth. Under current zoning, if Carrboro continues at its current growth rate, it is expected to be developed within the next 13-19 years.
- UNC owns several tracts of land in Carrboro and has future plans that include a proposed satellite campus. This facility would offer technology and research opportunities and would be accessible by Homestead Road. UNC has demonstrated a willingness to consider proposals for recreational development on their properties, but at this point has been non-committal.
- An analysis of demographic characteristics and trends concerning the town of Carrboro's population, including age, sex, and income is essential for quantifying the recreational needs and demands of the community. The planning period established for this master plan is 20 years, or through the year 2015.
- Carrboro's population has steadily increased since the 1960s into the 1990s. During the 1980s the town grew from 8,118 in 1980 to 12,136 in 1990. Based on these recent population trends, Carrboro is expected to continue this rapid growth into the 21st century. By the year 2000 the population is expected to grow from the 1992 population of 12,786 to 16,872. The projected population at the end of the planning period is 23,917.
- The terrain in Carrboro is characteristic of the North Carolina Piedmont. The topography consists of gently rolling terrain with ridges and hills drained by small streams which have V-shaped valleys.
- Carrboro has two major stream corridors, Bolin Creek and Morgan Creek. Morgan Creek drains from the north into University Lake. This lake is a major source of water for Carrboro and is a protected resource. Unique natural areas are places with an unusual or exemplary biological habitat, geologic feature, or hydrologic location. One such location in Carrboro is Morgan Creek Bluffs. This site is located in southern Carrboro near University Lake Dam and contains two steep north facing bluffs as well as interesting flora.

INVENTORY OF CURRENT PARK FACILITIES AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

- The inventory of recreational facilities in the town of Carrboro was performed by Woolpert using the information provided by the town of Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department. The facilities review required site visits to gain more specific information on elements and characteristics.
- Public developed facilities are categorized as property that is owned or being leased by the town of Carrboro for the purpose of park and recreational activities. The land contains park facilities made available to the general public and maintained by the town of Carrboro. Public developed facilities include:
 - Carrboro Community Park
 - Baldwin Park
 - Brewer's Lane Park
 - Wilson Park
- Public undeveloped facilities are categorized as property that is owned by the town of Carrboro or that falls under their jurisdiction through easements. This land currently contains no park facilities or other development. Public undeveloped facilities include:
 - Pathway Drive Property
 - Morgan Creek Property
 - Odum Tract
- Quasi-public facilities are categorized as property that contains park facilities but is only open to the public on a limited access basis. The property may or may not be owned by the town of Carrboro. Quasi-public facilities include McDougale School Site and Carrboro Elementary School.
- University of North Carolina property is vacant or developed land, owned by the University, that falls within or is contiguous to the Carrboro planning jurisdiction. With the exception of the University Lake property, there are no developed park facilities located on these properties. University of North Carolina property includes:
 - Horace Williams Tract
 - University Lake
 - Ray Road Tract
 - University of North Carolina Property North
- Private facilities are those sites owned privately for use by either public or private members. Developments in the private sector primarily consist of apartments and condominiums, as well as the Chapel Hill Tennis Club. There are 34 private facilities within Carrboro.
- Facilities for Chapel Hill have been included in this plan due to their close proximity to the town of Carrboro. The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation

Department operates and maintains numerous parks and facilities for the use of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County residents. There are 15 park sites in Chapel Hill.

- The comprehensive bikeway system in Carrboro is among the best in North Carolina. The bikeway is designed to allow residents to safely commute from their neighborhoods through the central business district to Chapel Hill at Cameron Avenue. For the sporting cyclist concerned with touring and training, routes start at Jones Ferry and Old Hillsborough roads. The town's recreational facilities are easily accessible to Carrboro residents by the bikeway system.
- The General Programs Division provides leisure classes, workshops, programs, trips and special events for citizens of all ages. Programming highlights in Fiscal Year (FY) 92-93 include classes specifically designed for parent-child involvement and the expanded utilization of park facilities for programs. Other area agencies and organizations cosponsored over 25 percent of the Division's programs which were offered at 19 different community locations. Statistical and descriptive program summaries for the year are divided into four sections:
 - Classes and workshops
 - Special events and programs
 - Special recreation for teens and adults with developmental or multiple disabilities
 - Active life programs for older adults
- The Athletic Division offers leagues, special events, clinics, and other recreational opportunities, such as tournaments and sports camps, to citizens of Carrboro. Program summaries are divided into the following categories:
 - Youth leagues
 - Adult leagues
 - Non-structured activities
 - Tournaments
 - Special events
 - Instructional/training programs
 - Sports camps

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF RECREATION AND FACILITIES

- Community needs for new recreation programs and park facilities were determined by using three separate assessment techniques: public involvement, surveys, and recreation standards. One of the most important aspects in preparing a comprehensive master plan is the solicitation of public comment on the perceived recreation and park needs of the community. The input gathered from the community involvement process can then be cross-checked with the recreation standards and survey approaches.
- Seventeen separate special interest group meetings were held from March 21, 1994 through March 23, 1994 to discuss recreation and park issues. Many of these

meetings were conducted at the special interest group's facility to increase attendance. Each group focused on discussing its own special needs and interests. The special interest groups for which meetings were organized include:

- Youth-Elementary School-age Children
 - Youth-Middle School-age Children
 - Teens
 - UNC Students
 - Minorities
 - Older Adults
 - Citizens with Special Needs
 - Athletic Advocates
 - Cyclists/Bikeway Supporters
 - Business Leaders
 - Civic Club/Neighborhood Groups
 - Environmentalists/Greenway Supporters
 - Private Recreation Providers
 - State and Local Public Recreation Providers
 - Concerned Citizens for Efficient Government
 - Town Department Heads
 - Arts and Humanities Advocates
- Each special interest group was asked to identify at least 10 pressing or important issues pertaining to recreational services, programs, and facilities provided by the town of Carrboro. The number of participants in the special interest group sessions ranged from five to as many as 25 people. Once all the special interest needs were identified, a community-wide public workshop was held on March 29, 1994. All the input statements from the special interest group meetings were displayed at the workshop, and participants were given the opportunity to read the statements concerning the various needs of the community. In a democratic fashion, participants were then given the opportunity to vote on the statements that they supported.
 - The following represents a brief summary of the results of the community input needs assessment:
 - Develop a new community center with multi-purpose facilities including meeting rooms, dance studio, and senior center.
 - The size of most athletic programs is restricted due to limited available facilities. Athletics could easily be expanded if there were more facilities.
 - Need more regional bikeways that are interconnected between Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Orange County.
 - Provide recreational opportunities that go beyond play and athletics. Youth also like to read and enjoy science/nature.
 - There needs to be a place where teen bands can come play where no alcohol is served.
 - Most young minorities have no place to go to socialize other than the streets. Offer more programs at the neighborhood parks or at a new community center/house.

- Desire to have Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Orange County Recreation and Parks Department cooperate on corridor and bikeway development.
- Orange County, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro may need to address leisure services on a more regional basis due to financial constraints on all entities. Combine resources.
- User preference surveys designed to determine the demand for outdoor recreation have been prepared on a national level by the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors (1986) and on the state level by the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation (1989). The report of the President's Commission indicated the following significant facts:

Top ten outdoor recreation activities:

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| 1. Picnicking | 6. Playing sports |
| 2. Driving for pleasure | 7. Fishing |
| 3. Swimming | 8. Attending sports |
| 4. Sightseeing | 9. Boating |
| 5. Walking for pleasure | 10. Bicycling |
- The North Carolina Outdoor Recreation Survey provided an indication of the most popular outdoor recreation activities in the state. They are as follows:

1. Walking for pleasure	6. Swimming
2. Driving for pleasure	7. Visiting natural areas
3. Viewing scenery	8. Picnicking
4. Beach activities	9. Attending sports events
5. Visiting historical sites	10. Visiting zoos
 - Recreation Standards developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the North Carolina Department of Environment Health and Natural Resources (NCDEHNR) were analyzed to support the development of individual standards for Carrboro. The Board of Alderman reviewed the town of Carrboro Parks and Recreation Standard Study Report, prepared through the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (May 1991), and in December 1991 voted to adopt the recreation standards for Carrboro. In preparing the Master Plan, Woolpert's recommended recreation standards correspond to the adopted Carrboro Standards.
 - The number of parks needed by the end of the planning period (year 2015), based upon the acreage standards that Carrboro will be responsible for includes three community parks, five neighborhood parks, and six mini parks.
 - Based upon the standards immediate needs for additional facilities include:

(4) Adult baseball fields	(2) Miles interpretive trails
(2) Youth baseball fields	(1) Amphitheater
(3) Softball fields	(1) Community center

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| (2) Soccer fields | (1) Neighborhood center |
| (2) Basketball courts | (1) Swimming pool |
| (2) Shuffleboard courts | (9.5) Miles urban bikeway |
| (6) Playground activities | |
| (5) Miles hiking trails | |

- Through the year 2015 the facility needs increase to the following total:

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| (9) Adult baseball fields | (2) Picnic shelters |
| (7) Youth baseball fields | (17) Playground activities |
| (8) Softball fields | (11) Miles hiking trails |
| (1) Football field | (5) Miles interpretive trails |
| (3) Soccer fields | (1) Amphitheater |
| (8) Basketball courts | (1) Community center |
| (6) Tennis courts | (2) Neighborhood centers |
| (3) Volleyball courts | (2) Swimming pools |
| (5) Shuffleboard courts | (1) Golf course |
| (23) Picnic tables | (21.5) Miles urban bikeway |

MASTER PLAN PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Over the next twenty year period Carrboro will grow by more than 12,000 people. There will be increased demand for quality leisure services and the citizens of Carrboro will expect the town to be the main provider. In the upcoming years there will be a strong need for additional park sites in Carrboro. Even in its present state there is limited available land for recreational development in Carrboro. More recreation programs will be desired and existing programs will be expected to grow in size. These demands will create a need for additional staff and increased funds for the Recreation and Parks Department to adequately meet its mission.
- The Master Plan proposals and recommendations addresses all these future demands in a realistic manner to insure that implementation will be possible. The proposals and recommendations evolved through discussions with the Recreation and Parks Master Plan Management Group. Capital improvement and operation costs for various scenarios were projected and evaluated as to their impact on the town. This section of the master plan presents the final results of this interactive process. The proposal and recommendations begin by defining the roles of the recreational providers in the community. Next specific park and facility proposals are listed, followed by recommendations for program enhancements. Finally, the proposals are prioritized and broken down into 5 year increments.
- Meeting all the recreational needs of the community will require a joint effort between the various government agencies and the private sector. No one group can be held solely responsible for providing all the programs and facilities for the community. The following recommendations describe the roles that each recreational provider should take over the next twenty years.

- The state of North Carolina should continue to offer a variety of recreational facilities and programs on a multi-county regional basis. The state should be the provider of regional state parks which include opportunities for camping, fishing, biking, and special facilities such as zoos and preservation of historic sites. The state of North Carolina should take on the lead responsibility of coordinating and planning the Mountains to Sea Trail through Orange County. This trail is envisioned to go from the Haw River in Bingham Township, traverse north through Hillsborough, continue east along the Eno River, and finally exit Eno Township. Lastly, the state of North Carolina should also financially assist Carrboro in the acquisition and development of new parks, and renovations of existing parks, through a state grant program. The General Assembly recently passed the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund which will help upgrade and expand local parks. This Fund dedicates the state deed excise stamp tax to acquire, maintain, and develop both state and local parks. The deed excise stamp tax currently generates \$13 million each year. Twenty percent of the fund will be available each year for local governments to renovate or develop their park systems.
- Orange County needs to supplement the recreation and park facilities that are offered through the town of Carrboro. Orange County's primary role should be to offer programs and facilities on a countywide basis. Typically, county governments provide these facilities primarily through district parks which are approximately 200 acres in size and serve multiple townships. The county should also provide special use facilities including pools, golf courses, amphitheaters and water related facilities (docks, interpretive centers, etc) at the district parks. Orange County should also provide financial assistance to the municipalities of Carrboro and Chapel Hill who have recreation and park departments which serve non-municipal county residents. The Municipal Support Program that is currently in use needs to be re-evaluated. A new approach for determining the financial assistance required to support the municipalities and establishing better formal procedures to administer the program should be considered.
- The primary focus for both the towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill is to insure that recreational facilities and programs are available to satisfy the needs for it's own citizens. Through cooperation and coordination, some of these facilities and programs may be offered jointly by the towns. Carrboro and Chapel Hill must be responsible for providing community, neighborhood, and mini parks within their own municipality based on the population of their town. The planning for parks and facilities needs to be closely coordinated between the two towns and Orange County. Each town should also provide bikeways and greenways that are closely coordinated with each other and linked together.
- The towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill should continue the process of "partnering" in the delivery of recreation services for both communities. Over the years, both Carrboro and Chapel Hill have informally coordinated recreation programming. An example of the results is that Carrboro now provides a youth football program and Chapel Hill a lacrosse and girls softball program for both communities. Duplication is avoided and a stronger program is created for everyone. Recreation programs that have a common interest to both municipalities, but are perhaps better delivered by one or the other, should continue to be identified and offered by the capable authority. Through this partnership, the towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill can

develop a more formal interlocal government agreement that allows one agency to provide the entire service for both municipalities with no separate user fee schedule or preferential enrollment policy between the two towns. If this system proves to be successful, the municipalities should consider combining additional recreation programs. While some programs may be combined, others will tend to be better delivered separately. If the partnering concept builds momentum, the towns could consider incorporating the development of park facilities into the interlocal government agreement. Both municipalities should also search for additional agencies (Orange County) and the private sector, that have interest in sharing programs and facility development.

- In the past, the Chapel Hill/Carrboro School System has cooperated in making school property available "after hours" for community recreational use. The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is dependent on school facilities in order to deliver recreational services for its citizens. As the dependency for use of school sites continue, it is increasingly more important that a joint use agreement be developed, highlighting responsibilities for both the School System and the town. Because of heavy potential dependence on school facilities by both Carrboro and Chapel Hill Recreation and Parks Departments, a joint use agreement may need to include Carrboro, Chapel Hill and the School System. In addition, an agreement for potential joint Park/School land acquisitions should be considered by all three.
- With the University of North Carolina maintaining ownership of University Lake and the Horace Williams property, it is important that Carrboro contact the institution early on to begin coordination of possible recreation developments on UNC-CH property.
- OWASA is responsible for the reservoir sites and the water/sewer distribution lines that serve the southern part of the county. For the greenway system to become a reality, Carrboro will need to get approval from OWASA in using sections of their rights-of-way as trail corridors. Maintenance responsibilities and use restrictions will need to be clearly defined for OWASA to be amenable to the greenway proposal.
- Developers as a minimum need to assist the town of Carrboro in the dedication or reservation of future park sites and greenway corridors as part of the overall land development process. The Carrboro Land Use Ordinance Article XIII, Recreational Facilities and Open Space provides the existing requirements that a developer must follow for plan approval.
- In reviewing the Land Use Ordinance, it is evident that the document is extremely comprehensive. The point system is a well thought out approach but can lead to the development of a private recreational component system that does not necessarily meet the needs of the overall community it is intended to serve. This section assigns the selection of components (pools, slides, football fields) to the discretion of the developer rather than the community. As such, the selection of specific recreational facilities will be economically and market driven as opposed to meeting actual community needs.

- Currently Sections 15-200 and 15-203 are ineffective because there is not an adopted Recreation and Parks Comprehensive Master Plan for Carrboro. Once this document is adopted by the Board of Aldermen it will help strengthen the Land Use Ordinance. Lastly, public park facilities are one of the best means to demonstrate the standard of living for the entire community. The Town of Carrboro needs to use its open space and recreational facilities fund to help develop the public park system. It is recommended that the town be able to spend these funds for community wide projects and that they not be restricted to certain neighborhood zones. It is also recommended that the Carrboro Planning Department provide an updated review of the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance Article XIII, Recreational Facilities and Open Space. Their review should focus on acquisition of land for public parks through the private development process and to evaluate whether the current Land Use Ordinance is effective in this area.
- Carrboro should concentrate on developing and operating community, neighborhood and mini parks, in addition to initiating a greenways system. It is recommended by the year 2015 that Carrboro make provisions for: (3) community parks, (5) neighborhood parks, (6) mini parks and (10) miles of greenways.
- Carrboro Community Park is to remain at its existing size of 55 acres. The service area should be one mile in order to serve those in central Carrboro. The park is fully developed in accordance with the watershed regulations and there will be no new facilities provided which creates additional impervious surface areas. In order to better expand the usage of the park, lighting of athletic fields and courts should be provided.
- A proposed "North Community Park", which encompasses approximately 65 acres, is to be located in the general area where old NC 86 and Eubanks Road intersect. The park will have a one mile service radius serving those in north Carrboro. A combination of active and passive recreation facilities will be provided, similar to those at the existing Carrboro Community Park. Planning and specific facility selection should be coordinated with Chapel Hill's proposed North Community Park and Orange County's District Park, also to be located on Eubanks Road.
- "South Community Park", a proposed community park of approximately 65 acres, will be located in the general area north of Ray Road, and west of Smith Level Road. The park will have a one mile service radius serving those in south Carrboro. A combination of active and passive recreation facilities will be provided. Planning and specific facilities selection will also need to be coordinated with Chapel Hill's proposed South Community Park.
- Wilson Park will remain nine acres and have a ½ mile service radius serving those existing neighborhoods surrounding the park. General park renovations will be required over time, including replacement of the comfort station, repair/replacement of picnic shelter, resurfacing of tennis courts, and replacement of play equipment.
- "Morgan Creek Park" is a proposed neighborhood park and community center site, which will require approximately ten acres of land along Morgan Creek, in the Berryhill and Canterbury Estates developments. It will also occupy the existing Public Works Maintenance Station area. The park will have a ½ mile service radius

serving the neighborhoods in the general proximity of the Smith Level Road and NC 54 interchange. The proposed park will include a limited amount of active recreation non-lighted facilities for informal use. A major feature of the neighborhood park will be the Morgan Creek Greenway, which passes through the park and the adjacent proposed Carrboro Community Center (occupying perhaps the existing Public Works Maintenance Station site). Planning should be coordinated with Chapel Hill's Morgan Creek Greenway project and Carrboro's Public Works Department plans to relocate their Maintenance Station facility.

- "Bolin Creek Park" is a proposed neighborhood park of approximately ten acres occupying a portion of the existing UNC-CH Horace Williams property along Seawell Road. The park will have a ½ mile service radius serving those residents in the Homestead Road, Fox Meadow and Seawell Road neighborhoods. The proposed park will include a limited amount of active recreation facilities, which may require lighting for extended night use. A major feature of this Park would be the Bolin Creek Greenway proposed to pass through the site. A site master plan is required for the proposed park land and it will need to be coordinated with Chapel Hill's Bolin Creek Greenway and UNC's plans for the Horace Williams property.
- "Homestead Road Park" is a proposed neighborhood park of approximately ten acres, located in the general area where Homestead Road and the proposed Lake Hogan Farm Road Extension will intersect. The park will have ½ mile service radius, capable of serving the new residential communities which will be developed along Homestead Road, Old 86 and The Hogan Lake areas. The proposed park will include a limited amount of active recreation non-lighted facilities for informal use. The Orange County Homestead Community Building located in the same vicinity will serve as the neighborhood center for the area.
- "Union Grove Church Road Park" is a proposed neighborhood park of approximately ten acres, located in the general area east along Union Grove Church Road and north of Dairyland Road. The park will have a ½ mile service radius capable of serving future residential neighborhoods that will be developed between Union Grove Church Road and Old 86. The "Union Grove Church Road Park" will include a limited amount of active recreation non-lighted facilities for informal use. In addition, a neighborhood center is also proposed for the park.
- The town of Carrboro should maintain Baldwin and Brewer's Lane Parks, the two small existing mini parks. These parks have a ¼ mile service radius and serve adjacent neighborhoods within a short walking distance. Large enclosed picnic shelters should be considered for both parks which will enable neighborhood activities to occur during inclement weather. There is potential to acquire and expand Brewer's Lane Park with the acquisition of adjacent property.
- Carrboro Elementary School and McDouggle School Site should have play equipment and a limited amount of outdoor recreation facilities. School sites will have a ¼ mile service radius, that serve adjacent neighborhoods within a short walking distance and in addition to the students attending the schools. If the sites are conducive, trails and shelters should be provided for outdoor environmental education opportunities.

- "Odum Park" is a proposed mini park, to be located along Jones Ferry Road, east of NC 1937. This small hilly parcel of land should function primarily as a trail head providing access to the proposed Morgan Creek Greenway. The planning of "Odum Park" should be coordinated with the Morgan Creek Greenway project.
- "Pathway Drive Park" is a proposed mini park, to be located off Pathway Drive in the Spring Valley, Fair Oaks, and Webbwood subdivisions. The park will have a ¼ mile service radius that serves those residents in the adjacent neighborhoods. Since the existing park land will be difficult to develop, some adjacent property from the UNC - Horace William Tract should be acquired for passive recreation.
- The proposed "Morgan Creek Greenway", is envisioned to be approximately three miles of off-street greenway following the banks of Morgan Creek, from Smith Level Road to University Lake. The existing OWASA Facility on University Lake is proposed to be used as a trail head. This will require a formal agreement with OWASA for joint use of this facility. The greenway will have spur connections to the proposed "South Community Park" and "Odum Park". The trail would connect into Chapel Hill's proposed Morgan Creek Greenway and present an opportunity of linking together University Lake with the N.C. Botanical Gardens.
- "Bolin Creek Greenway", a proposed off-street greenway, would stretch approximately seven miles. The proposed greenway would be aligned primarily with Bolin Creek extending from Estes Drive, northward around Hogan Lake, crossing Old NC 86, and connecting into the proposed "Union Grove Church Road Park". A spur extension would provide a link from Bolin Creek, up Jones Creek, to the proposed "North Community Park" off Eubanks Road. Other spur extensions are proposed from Bolin Creek to the proposed "Pathway Drive Park", and the Seawell Elementary School. The trail would connect into the Chapel Hill Bolin Creek Greenway at two locations: Seawell Elementary School and at Estes Drive.
- By the year 2015 the town of Carrboro should contain (3) community parks, (5) neighborhood parks, (6) mini parks and (10) miles of greenways. These park sites and active greenway corridors will allow for expansion of needed recreation facilities. All new facilities will need to comply with federal, state and local building codes. This includes the requirements of the American Disabilities Act.
- There is currently only (1) baseball field serving the entire town. It is recommended that (2) additional adult baseball fields be added to the Carrboro Recreation and Park system, one at each of the proposed community park sites. Adult baseball fields at schools sites should also continue to be utilized.
- Youth baseball is consistently one of the most popular and largest athletic programs that the town offers. The program includes participants from Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and from the surrounding southern Orange County rural areas. The (3) existing youth baseball fields cannot presently accommodate all the youth who wish to participate in the program. It is recommended that (3) fields be placed at each of the proposed community park sites, and (1) field be developed at each new neighborhood park. It is also recommended that this program be strongly coordinated with Chapel Hill, Orange County, and the School System and that these bodies also be responsible for developing additional youth baseball fields.

- The town of Carrboro currently offers a CoRec softball league during spring and fall at Carrboro Community Park. The recreation standards indicate that (8) additional softball fields will be needed by the year 2015, and this plan concurs. It is recommended that (4) softball fields be located at each of the two proposed community park sites.
- The town of Carrboro currently offers a youth football program at Carrboro Community Park using (1) field. By the year 2015, it is recommended that (2) football fields be developed, one at each of the proposed community park sites. These should be stand alone football facilities, not overlapped with softball, baseball, or soccer fields.
- The town of Carrboro does not offer a soccer program and has no fields in the community. The Rainbow Soccer Association, a private organization, has a successful program that serves all the youth of southern Orange County. Although the town currently has no soccer program, it should make provisions in providing some soccer fields by the year 2015. It is recommended that a minimum of (2) soccer fields be developed, one at each of the proposed community park sites.
- Basketball is an extremely popular activity in the community with high participation in both the youth and adult basketball programs. Based on discussions at the community input meetings and the known influence of the UNC student population, it is recommended that a minimum of (8) new outdoor basketball courts be added to the park system. The new community parks should have (2) courts each, and each new neighborhood park should have (1) court. The organized basketball programs will need to continue utilizing the school facilities. New indoor basketball facilities are also recommended as part of the proposed community center.
- Lighted tennis courts are now provided at Community and Wilson Parks. By 2015, it is recommended that (8) lighted courts be provided, (4) at each of the new community parks. Additional unlighted tennis courts should also be considered at select neighborhood park sites.
- One (1) volleyball court is located at both Community and Wilson Parks. It is suggested that (2) volleyball courts be located at each of the proposed community park sites for league play, and that single courts be provided at select neighborhood parks for informal play.
- There are (6) horseshoe pits at Community Park and no shuffleboard courts located throughout the park system. Throwing horseshoes tends to be an activity that everyone can participate in and is associated with group gatherings such as family reunions and company picnics. It is recommended that Carrboro provide at least (2) horseshoe pits for each picnic shelter in the system. Shuffleboard has traditionally been a very popular activity for senior citizens throughout the country. It is recommended that at least (6) shuffleboard courts be incorporated as part of the proposed community center project.
- Picnic shelters currently exist at Community, Wilson, and Baldwin Parks. National and state users surveys have determined that picnicking is consistently one of the

top desired outdoor recreation activities. Usually there are never enough picnic shelters and tables within a park system. It is recommended by 2015, that each new community park have at least (2) large group picnic shelters and each neighborhood and mini park have (1) small group picnic shelter. Picnic tables should be clustered around each shelter for both individual and group use.

- There are (3) playground activities at Carrboro Elementary School and (1) each at Community, Wilson, Baldwin and Brewer's Lane Parks. By the year 2015, it is anticipated that a minimum of (7) additional playgrounds will be needed in Carrboro. It is recommended that a new playground activity be located at all the new community, neighborhood, and mini park sites. Playground activities also need to occur at all elementary and middle schools.
- Currently, there is a $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile trail at Community Park and a $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile trail at Carrboro Elementary School. Recreation standards indicate that by 2015, (12) miles of hiking trails and (5) miles of interpretive trails will be needed to serve the community. It is recommended that the majority of these trails be incorporated as part of the proposed active Bolin Creek and Morgan Creek Greenways.
- The hiking trails should be designed to serve primarily walkers and joggers, and in certain cases bicyclist. The trail surface can be either natural or paved and normally is 10' in width. The Bolin Creek and Morgan Creek Greenways need to be planned in conjunction with the overall Carrboro open space network. Certain sections of this open space network will include "active" greenways such as the proposed Bolin Creek and Morgan Creek Greenways, while other areas will be left totally undeveloped as open space. The public involvement process strongly supported the concept of an active greenway system interconnecting between Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Orange County.
- The Orange County Master Recreation and Parks Plan and this document recommends that an outdoor amphitheater be located at the proposed Chapel Hill District Park on Eubanks Road to serve the southern portion of the county. It is anticipated that this facility would need to be able to serve approximately 2,500 to 5,000 people, and would be owned and operated by Orange County. It is recommended that the Town of Carrboro also develop another smaller outdoor amphitheater of their own by the year 2015. This facility would accommodate approximately 500 to 750 people and be used for small special events.
- A community center is an important multi-purpose facility serving a variety of town needs. Both athletic and general recreation programming can occur at the community center in addition to various other town activities. Carrboro currently does not have a community center and is heavily dependent on school facilities as a substitute. Without a community center, the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department is handicapped with its indoor athletic and general programming. The need for a community center was identified as the top priority for Carrboro by those citizens attending the public input process. It is strongly recommended that a community center be developed by the town of Carrboro and that it be the first major capital improvement project implemented as part of this plan. It is recommended that a professional marketing and public relations firm be brought in to assist in the promotion of the project and strategizing a potential bond campaign.

- Similar to community centers, a neighborhood center is a multi-purpose facility serving a variety of town needs. Currently, the only neighborhood center in Carrboro is The Homestead Community Building, owned and operated by Orange County. By 2015, (2) neighborhood centers will be needed to serve the increased population base. It is recommended that (1) new neighborhood center be located at a proposed neighborhood park site, preferably "Union Grove Church Road Park", and be owned and operated by the town of Carrboro. The existing Homestead Community Building which was recently renovated by Orange County should serve as the second neighborhood center for Carrboro. The Homestead Community Building would remain in the ownership of Orange County.
- Carrboro currently does not have a public swimming pool in the community. In lieu of Carrboro, Chapel Hill and other municipalities within the area providing separate smaller town swimming pools, it is recommended that this special use facility be provided more on a regional basis by Orange County. The Orange County Recreation and Parks Master Plan supports this recommendation and has already committed to developing a pool in the Hillsborough area to serve northern Orange County. By 2015, Orange County should develop another large regional swimming pool for the southern region of the county.
- Similar to swimming pools, golf courses are large special use facilities, which are best approached on a regional basis instead of an individual municipal basis. The recreation standards support the need for a public golf course to serve the Carrboro and Chapel Hill communities. Orange County is the appropriate level of government to provide this regional public golf course.
- Carrboro currently has approximately 2.5 miles of urban bikeways. By 2015, there will be a need to increase the Carrboro bikeway system by 21.5 miles. It is important that the bikeway master plan be updated periodically by the Carrboro Planning Department and that new sections be added to the existing system. This planning needs to occur on a regional basis incorporating the bikeway plans from Chapel Hill and Orange County.
- Forecasting of specific recreation program needs on a long-range basis is an extremely difficult task. The interest and needs of a community can differ so rapidly and are influenced by unpredictable cultural, economic, social, and technological factors. It is, however, important to have an overall philosophical direction regarding programming for decision-making purposes. To perhaps overly simplify, programming is a process which includes the following steps:
 - Define Program Mission Statement
 - Assess Specific Program Needs
 - Define Operational Goals and Objectives
 - Evaluate Programs
- The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department has historically done an excellent job with this process.
- On March 6, 1978, the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Commission adopted the following philosophy statement that the Department has since been operating from:

"It is the philosophy of the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Commission that recreation should be fun, wholesome, and available to all the people of Carrboro and Southern Orange County. Furthermore, there should be present a proper balance between athletic, cultural and purely entertaining programs. In making such programs available it is felt that recreation will become a major impetus in the strengthening of unity in family ties and the entire community".

- There are two important messages in the philosophy statement which need to be expanded upon:

... "available to all the people of Carrboro and Southern Orange County"

and

... "a proper balance between athletic, cultural, and purely entertaining programs."

The Department has made their recreation programs available to all people in Carrboro and Southern Orange County with little distinction whether the participant was a resident or non-resident. The fee policy for recreation programs currently only distinguishes between those that live in Orange County and those who live in the surrounding counties. This master plan supports the philosophy of keeping the fee structure the same for all Orange County residents and that regional cooperation be instilled between the Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County Recreation and Parks Departments.

- The Department has also been providing a proper balance between athletic, cultural, and purely entertaining programs. The funds available for recreation programming are equally divided between the Athletic and General Programs. It is again important that Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Orange County meet periodically to discuss recreation programming on a regional basis and determine how each Department can compliment each other.
- Public input such as public meetings, workshops, or informal discussion groups may also be used to identify special program interest from the community. Program needs that were identified as part of the public input process for this master plan include:
 - The desire for even more diverse programming that goes beyond traditional athletics. Environmental programming will probably become more popular in the future, especially with the development of a greenway system. Carrboro should consider additional nature - oriented activities such as interpretive programs, outdoor living skills, conservation skills, and outdoor adventure activities once the greenway system and additional park sites are developed.
 - The desire for more programs that meet the social needs for all age groups, especially seniors, teenagers, and minorities. Carrboro can enhance their social recreation programming by offering additional celebrations and festivals, special events, special trips, picnics and outings, social interaction games, and hobby classes.

- Meeting with the Recreation and Park staff can also prove beneficially in identifying program needs not being met. Staff experiences "first hand" on a daily basis programming demands, and needs. Some ideas that are currently being investigated by staff include:
 - Offering an additional summer sports camp to improve teenage and female youth participation.
 - Offering a full softball program for youth girls.
 - Considering a more structural league play program for women's basketball.
 - Consideration for a "After School Program" and Town involvement at the schools for at-risk and youth crime prevention.
 - Emphasizing social programs rather than instructional in Special Population programming.
 - Coordination with other agencies regarding program evaluation to avoid duplication.
- The operational goals and objectives that have been developed by staff as part of 1994/95 Work Plan include:
 - Goal I. Meet current and growing limitations and restrictions in facility availability.
 - Objectives - Increase use and number of outdoor programming facilities.
 - Increase use and available space of indoor programming and administration facilities.
 - Enhance the availability and method of storage of equipment and supplies.
 - Goal II. Meet programming demands and needs.
 - Objective - Improve and meet demands and needs to offer diversified programs.
 - Goals III. Meet personnel and safety needs of the Department.
 - Objectives - Provide adequate front office personnel to deal effectively with the public and perform program support services.
 - Ensure that the Department is using the best athletic equipment available.
 - Goal IV. Provide for the projected park, greenways and open space needs of the Town as determined by an approved Recreation and Parks Master Plan.
 - Objective - Obtain an approved Recreation and Parks Master Plan through the Board of Aldermen.
- A current evaluation of programs by the Recreation and Parks staff includes the following findings:

- There is difficulty/inability to meet programming demands due to a shortage of both outdoor and indoor recreation facilities. Key concerns are with youth baseball during the spring; picnicking during the spring, summer, and fall; and a lack of adequate sized gymnasiums hinders the basketball programs.
- There is a lack of available school space for afternoon programming.
- There is a lack of available indoor facilities, especially weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for daytime programming.
- It is difficult to conduct special events because there is no adequate facility.
- The Carrboro Senior Center is in jeopardy of being closed because the Orange County Department of Aging is considering a relocation.
- Carrboro Elementary School is considering a year round school program which will reduce access of this facility for recreational purposes.
- A relocation of the Carrboro Baptist Church may impact the senior fitness program.
- Special Populations and teens non-sport activities continues to experience low participation rates.
- The park and facility proposals have been prioritized into four separate time frames for implementation. The prioritization was influenced by the evaluation of existing facilities, the community needs assessment and the financial ability of the town to implement the overall capital improvement plan.

Years 1995-2000

- Provide general on-going renovations to existing facilities at all community, neighborhood, and mini-park sites.
- Along with the Chapel Hill/Carrboro School System, provide expanded recreation facilities at Carrboro Elementary School, and new facilities at McDougale School Site.
- Begin acquiring property along Morgan Creek and Bolin Creek Greenway corridors and start developing facilities where possible. Accept all previous offers of dedication and easements along Morgan and Bolin Creek for the greenway system.
- Fully develop the "Morgan Creek Neighborhood Park".
- Acquire property for "Bolin Creek Neighborhood Park" and fully develop.
- Fully develop "Odum Mini-Park".
- Acquire additional property for "Pathway Drive Mini-Park" and fully develop.

- Build the Morgan Creek Community Center.

Years 2001-2005

- Continue to provide on-going renovations to existing facilities at all community, neighborhood and mini-park sites, and greenway corridors.
- Along with the Chapel Hill/Carrboro School System, provide additional recreation facilities at Carrboro Elementary School.
- Continue acquiring additional property along Morgan Creek and Bolin Creek Greenway corridors and continue developing facilities where possible.
- Acquire property for "North and South Community Parks".
- Acquire property for "Homestead Road" and "Union Grove Church Road Neighborhood Parks".

Years 2006-2010

- Continue to provide on-going renovations to existing facilities at all community, neighborhood and mini-park sites, and greenway corridors.
- Along with the Chapel Hill/Carrboro School System, provide additional recreation facilities at Carrboro Elementary School.
- Continue acquiring additional property along Morgan Creek and Bolin Creek Greenway corridors and continue developing facilities where possible.
- Fully develop "South Community Park".
- Fully develop "Homestead Road Neighborhood Park".

Years 2011-2015

- Continue to provide on-going renovations to existing facilities at all community, neighborhood and mini-park sites, and greenway corridors.
- Along with the Chapel Hill/Carrboro School System provide additional recreation facilities at Carrboro Elementary School.
- Continue acquiring additional property along the Morgan Creek and Bolin Creek greenway corridors and continue developing facilities where possible.
- Fully develop "North Community Park".
- Fully develop "Union Grove Church Road Neighborhood Park".
- Build the Union Grove Church Road Neighborhood Center.

ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- The implementation of the Master Plan will result in the future needs for recreation and parks services being met, as well as preserving some unique natural areas in Carrboro. The town will need to continue to establish annual budgets for the Recreation and Parks Department based on projected capital improvement costs, staffing needs, and operations and maintenance costs. The action plan is formatted in 5 year increments and is designed to give Carrboro the realistic ability to finance the proposals and recommendations of the Master Plan.
- The capital improvement program for the acquisition and development of parks is for a twenty year period. All of the proposed costs are shown in 1994 dollar values. The capital improvement costs include for land acquisition, site preparation, site utilities, access and parking along with specific recreation improvements. The capital improvement plan also includes for estimated planning and design fees. The capital improvement program can be summarized into the following components:

Renovation Program	\$ 806,400
Land Acquisition Program	4,700,000
Park Development Program	7,868,000
Special Use Facilities Development Program	<u>3,000,000</u>
Total Capital Improvement Cost	\$16,374,400

This total figure equates to spending approximately \$813,720 annually through the year 2015.

- The proposed operations budget includes cost for staff, operations, and minor maintenance requirements similar to those that are currently being performed by the Recreation and Parks Department. Major maintenance requirements and building repairs should still remain under the responsibility of Public Works. The grand total cost for operations through the year 2015 is estimated to be \$19,852,057, which is \$15,286,076 for Recreation and Parks and \$4,565,981 for Public Works. This equals to approximately \$992,602 per year throughout the next 20 year period.
- The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department's structure and number of personnel appears to be consistent with other similar size municipal departments in the state. All existing positions within the Department are warranted but responsibilities are recommended to change over the next 20 years. A new organizational structure for the Department that would be in place by the year 2015 includes the following positions:
 - Recreation and Parks Director
 - Administrative Assistant II
 - Program Support Assistant II
 - Program Support Assistant I
 - Operations/Facilities Superintendent
 - Community Center Director
 - Community Center Supervisor
 - Neighborhood Center Supervisor

- Recreation Superintendent
 - (2) Recreation Supervisors
 - (2) Recreation Specialists
- The following is a listing of potential funding revenue sources that the Town of Carrboro will need to consider in financing the proposals and recommendations of this Master Plan:
 - General Tax Revenues
 - General Obligation Bonds
 - Federal Assistance
 - State Assistance
 - Fees and Charges
 - Contributions
 - General Foundations
 - Partnership Structures
 - Methods available to Carrboro for acquiring and developing parks as recommended in the Master Plan include the following:
 - Fee Simple Purchase
 - Fee Simple With Lease-Back or Resale
 - Long-Term Option
 - First Right of Purchase
 - Local Gifts
 - Life Estate
 - Easement
 - Zoning/Subdivision Regulations/Mandatory Dedication
 - In a recent report prepared by the North Carolina Recreation Resources Services, entitled Municipal and County Park and Recreation Service Study Fiscal Year 1993-1994, a survey was completed to identify how communities were obtaining revenue sources. The survey found that typically 80% of the total revenues needed to operate and maintain a recreation and parks system came from the general fund of the community. Other sources included fees and charges 13%, grants 1%, gifts and contributions 1%, mandatory land dedication .5%, concession .5% and other governing bodies 4%. Revenues generated from recreation and parks activities usually are returned to the general funds of the individual communities.
 - The average municipal operating expenditure from the general fund for recreation and parks has recently ranged from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per capita throughout North Carolina. Communities of similar size to Carrboro averaged \$54.26 per capita for FY 93/94. Carrboro is currently at \$42.61 per capita which accounts for the Recreation and Parks Department, and parks maintenance cost included in the Public Works Department.
 - Over the next 20 years, the Town of Carrboro will not be able to support the overall capital improvements and operations budget of \$36,226,457 solely through the general fund. A combination of revenue services will need to be applied. There are numerous combinations of funding strategies that can be explored and

implemented by the Board of Aldermen. This Master Plan proposes that Board of Aldermen begin the process by evaluating the following strategy:

- If allocations from the general fund for recreation and parks can be increased to \$52.25 per capita throughout the next 20 years, it will provide \$21,133,833 or approximately 58.5% of the total projected capital improvements and operations budget.
 - General obligation bonds should be used to acquire and develop new park facilities. A minimum goal of \$7,000,000 should come from bonds. This represents 19% of the total cost of the master plan. Bonds could be formatted in four separate campaigns averaging about \$1,750,000 each, spaced five years apart.
 - Fees and charges need to offset about \$4,335,000, or 12% of the total cost. This revenue would be returned to the general fund.
 - With the new N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund it is hoped that a minimum of \$1,800,000 or 5% of the cost could come from grants.
 - The Carrboro Land Use Ordinance should help in acquiring land and developing park properties. The Town currently has a payment in lieu balance of approximately \$295,834. These funds should be used to help acquire and develop the following parks: Bolin Creek Neighborhood Park, Pathway Drive Mini-Park, North Community Park, McDougale School Park, South Community Park, and Morgan Creek Neighborhood Park. Existing and future payments in lieu, or mandatory land dedications should comprise a total dollar value of \$1,500,000 or approximately 4% of the total cost.
 - Gifts and contributions will need to offset the remaining 1.5% or \$457,624 of the total cost.
- The vast majority of the American public use and benefit from the service and facilities provided by their local recreation and parks department and the citizens of Carrboro are no different. Recreation services and parks are valuable resources for many different reasons. These benefits can be categorized into personal, environmental, social, activity-oriented, and economic.
 - According to the Benefit's of Local Recreation and Park Services: A Nationwide Study of the Perceptives of the American Public, individuals feel they benefit the most from recreation when they participate in programs that provide exercise and fitness. Yet there are many other personal benefits such as relaxation, learning, education, stress release, enjoyment from being outdoors, peace and quiet, as well as time alone. Even individuals who don't actually use recreation facilities or services, feel a sense of comfort knowing that the parks simply exist.
 - Environmentally, parks provide habitat for wildlife, and green space for wildlife viewing. As raw land continues to be developed, open space preservation will become more important, especially in the protection of environmentally sensitive areas. Open space, especially within urban areas, is increasingly valuable and is

directly related to health and wellness. Greenway corridors also help preserve natural areas and foster a unique kind of learning opportunity about the environment.

- Socially, recreation and parks help to foster community awareness or a "sense of community." Other social benefits of parks for the general public include providing a safe place for kids to play, providing a place for youth and teens to socialize, and creating spaces for adults and senior citizens to meet. Recreation helps to create interaction between children and adults, and promotes the development of both team spirit and sportsmanship.
- Recreation and parks departments provide many recreational activities that would not otherwise be available to the general public. Programs offer instructional classes as well as exposure to the arts thus raising cultural awareness. Facilities provide for a wide range of recreational opportunities such as play areas for children, places to picnic and areas to exercise pets. Planned activities, organized sports, and special events like July 4th celebrations typically occur at park sites and help contribute to a healthier, and stronger community.
- The economic benefits of parks and recreation is perceived differently by various segments of the community. For example, developers, and realtors consider whether the facilities increase property values, increase selling time of property or persuades a corporate relocation.
- There is plenty of documentation regarding the benefits of recreation and parks for the entire community, such as physical assets like parks, street trees, open space, museums and theaters, or intangible assets like community image and lifestyle. Costs relating to energy, environmental resources, healthcare, crime prevention and education can be indirectly reduced by the presence of a recreation and park system in a community. Whether it be personal, environmental, social, activity-oriented or economic, benefits of recreation and park services can be summarized as simply providing a better way of life for the community and its citizens.

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ATTACHMENT C

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Jones-McNair mentioned two Recreation and Parks abstract items that will be on the Board of Aldermen's Agenda for September 16th. She mentioned in the August 21st meeting, the Board of Aldermen requested staff look for funds to update the master plan. The Finance Director, Bing Roenigk was able to identify \$20,000 within the Capital Reserve Fund. These findings will be presented along with the request to set aside the funds for this project and proceed with a RFP process.

Also, during that same meeting the Board requested to reactive the Hillsborough Road Park Design Committee. Jones-McNair mentioned that she also talked with Roenigk about this project. It was discovered that \$20,456 was earmarked in the Capital Project Fund for this park project. She also talked with the consultant that started the project three years ago, Derrick Williams from Site Solutions. He stated that Site Solutions would be interested in continuing the project and charging the balance of the project cost along with possible start up fees. The cost identified should not exceed the funds available. Jones-McNair added that to begin the process again would cost more than what is available for the project. These findings will also be presented along with requesting approval to use the funds to continue the project with Site Solutions as the consulting firm.

Concerns were raised about the connector road and a decision. The commission felt that decision was needed prior to the committee moving forward with park design.

Jones-McNair asked for approval to discuss the retreat possibility in more detail with Koegler and bring back that information for the next meeting. Also, she requested support for the two agenda items.

Blackburn motioned that Jones-McNair pursue additional information about the presentation/speaker for the fall retreat. Nicholson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Condon motioned that Jones-McNair proceed with requesting the Board to approve the use of funds for the Hillsborough Road Park Master Plan design and continue with Site Solutions. Benedict seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Blackburn motioned to show support in asking the Board to set aside funds and allowing staff to proceed with updating the Master Plan. Benedict seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Murrell asked was there any thing else that needed attention. Jones-McNair requested that the Commission consider the Commission's portion of the Departmental Policy and Procedure Manual before the end of the meeting. Murrell asked was there any discussion or information that needed updating. The Commission agreed that the information was current. Blackburn made a motion to approve the information as it, Foster second and the vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENT D

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDS TO UPDATE THE RECREATION AND
PARKS MASTER PLAN AND PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT**

Resolution No. 21/2003-04

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Parks Department has requested that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen approve funding and proceed with updating the Recreation and Parks Master Plan and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reviewed and approved this request.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN
OF CARRBORO RESOLVE

Section 1. The Board hereby approves the funds to update the Recreation and Parks Master Plan. \$20,000 will be committed for this project from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Section 2. The Board hereby approves staff to proceed updating the Recreation and Parks Master plan through a RFP process.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.