



# Phase I

## Athletic Field Complex – key features include:

- Soccer /Football Fields
- Concession and Restroom Building
- Parking
- Children's Play Area
- Basketball and Sand Volleyball Courts



Phase I Master Plan Overview

The athletic fields are at the southeast corner along MO HWY 371. This is generally the area with the least change in elevation within the park. The fields are designed to accommodate soccer and football in numerous configurations. The area can provide four full size fields or multiple youth and practice fields for each sport. The fields are located on two terraced planes divided by a sloped terrace.

A centralized concession and restroom building is adjacent to each field to best accommodate users. Parking is planned to the west of the fields and is situated slightly above the fields to oversee the playing fields. Because the parking lots are west of the fields, the lots are screened from view along MO HWY 371 giving the park a green front yard.



A picnic shelter, children's play area, basketball court and sand volleyball area is located southwest of the fields. This plan accommodates these uses in an area that has mature trees for shade. These amenities allow families using the athletic fields to be in close proximity to the athletic fields.

**Historic Homestead Site and Picnic Area with Enhanced Water Feature –**  
*key features include:*

- *Improved pond*
- *Fishing dock*
- *Parking*
- *Picnic Shelter and Play Area*
- *Homestead Interpretive Area*

Phase I will also include an expansion of the existing pond in both surface area and depth. It is necessary to construct a new, fortified dam to the north of the existing one. An accessible fishing dock is proposed on the east side of the pond with a trail looping around the pond. A picnic shelter and play area is proposed near the proposed parking. The existing access drive will be enhanced to accommodate two way traffic and be realigned to connect to the parking area. This alignment will accommodate the terracing of the future ball fields.

The existing homestead provides an opportunity to offer historical reflection to the degree deemed appropriate. (See section 4, Homestead History) This area may also provide an additional picnic facility with a unique experience.



## Future Phases

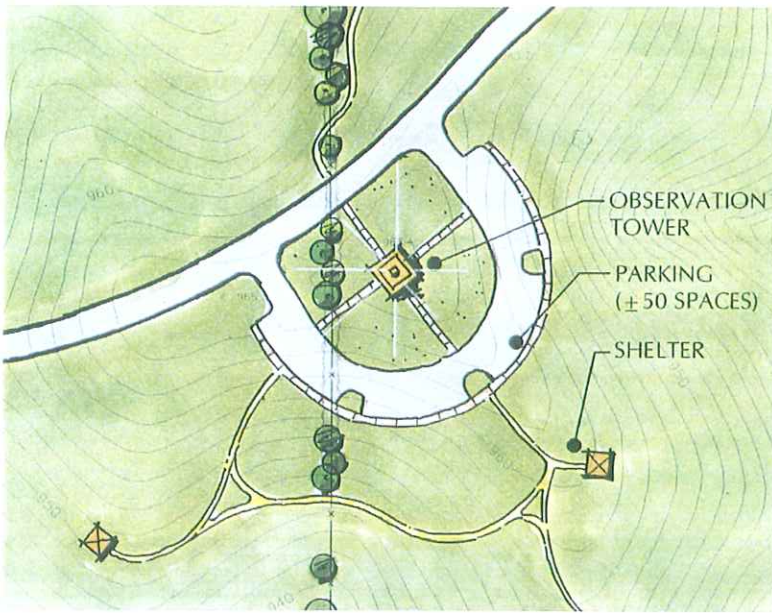
### Multi Sports Complex – key features include:

- Softball and Baseball fields
- Concessions and Restroom Building
- Children's Play Area
- Soccer/Football Fields
- Basketball and Volleyball Courts
- Parking
- Maintenance Facility

To accommodate future athletic fields and facilities identified in the Platte County Parks and Recreation Park System Master Plan and through the public process, the Multi Sports Complex provides two full size softball and two full size baseball fields. The fields are on the north central area of the park. In addition, a large open field area provides multiple soccer or football fields with various size options.

Integrated within the complex is a large concession and restroom structure, play area, a basketball court and two sand volleyball courts. A maintenance area is on the lower north end of the complex focusing access to the fields. Because of the large volume of cars using the site, it is recommended that the north access road be closed to the public and be used only for maintenance. Once the facility is in use, users will be directed to enter the park from the main entrance constructed in Phase I. A majority of the drainage for these fields and the parking lots should be directed to the pond area. Parking is intended to provide adequate capacity for the sports complex users and provide a link to the pond area. Pedestrian linkages will be added throughout the complex.





The remainder of the park loop road provides access to the observation tower, trail heads and potential future connections to the south. Future development to the south could be connected with a secondary entry to the park as indicated on the master plan. The loop road alignment is intended to provide visitors a taste of the grand vistas and the diversity of the natural environment the park offers. This is further enhanced when visitors climb the 50 foot tall observation tower located on the highest point of the site.

The northwest corner of the site is reserved for passive uses such as walking, biking and picnicking. Vehicular access in this area is not recommended. The plan offers a pedestrian environment to explore nature. The northwest quadrant offers the perfect area for a diverse natural environment cross section. Beginning on top of the ridge, the prairie ecosystem begins to transition down into the woodland riparian area. There are also a few very old, nice specimen bur oak trees in this area providing an Oak Savannah setting. In the future there is potential to add more athletic fields in the southwest area.

## Master Plan Implementation

It is acknowledged by the steering committee that adequate resources have not yet been identified to fully complete the first phase of planned implementation and future phases of the plan. It is important to continue partnerships and alternative sources of funding to implement all phases of the plan to meet the needs of the citizens of Platte County.

### Project Objectives

The primary objective in establishing a budget at this stage of the design process is to develop a probable cost range to implement the master plan. At this stage in the master planning process, there are many variables that need to be considered. Improvements can vary based upon the selection of equipment, furnishings, construction materials and construction phasing. Some of the variables were qualified in the cost estimate where possible.

All improvements are recommended to comply with the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board's recent Accessibility Guidelines. These guidelines serve as the basis for standards to be adopted by the Department of Justice for new construction of recreational facilities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The guidelines will ensure that newly constructed recreation facilities meet the requirements of the ADA.

The ultimate objective of the Platte Ridge Park master plan is to contribute to the vision shared with the City of Platte City and Platte County Parks and Recreation system; "...to enhance the quality of life for all of its citizens by providing one of the premier county parks systems in the region."<sup>5</sup>

### Project Schedule

The park will be constructed in two phases with anticipated ground breaking on Phase I in the Fall of 2003. Phase I will include the soccer/football fields, parking and driveway entrance in the southeast corner along with expansion of the fishing pond and trail construction in the northwest corner. The main driveway will provide access to nearly all activities within the Platte Ridge Park. The fishing facilities will have access to an existing gravel road. Phase II will include athletic fields in the north portion of the park, expand the overall trail system, additional parking, additional concessions and a lookout tower.

<sup>5</sup> Platte County Parks and Recreation Park System Master Plan, Bucher, Willis & Rattiff, June, 2000.