



INTRODUCTION

The Vision of the Parks and Recreation Department was discussed, written, and adopted in 2000 when the Department was established. It has proven to be effective over that period of time by guiding the allocation of over \$60 Million of funding for planned improvements and Outreach Grants with partners.

Based on citizen preferences in 2009, the Vision is still on target and its pursuit will continue to guide the Department as new projects are implemented over the next 10 years.

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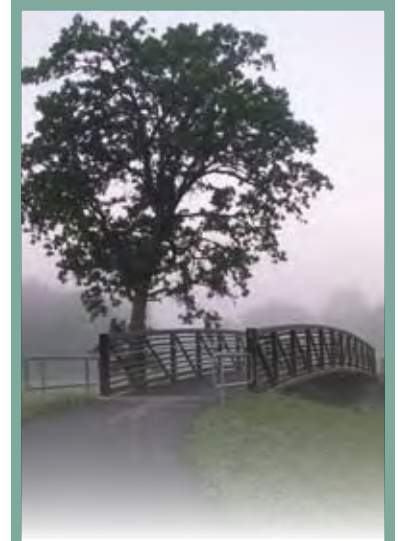
To create community through people, partnerships, and an interconnected system of parks, greenways, and conserve natural resources, offering recreational opportunities for all citizens.

We will achieve our Vision by:

- Continuing to ensure that the Platte County parks system is well maintained and safe.
- Building awareness and promoting parks and recreational facilities in Platte County.
- Continuing to collaborate and partner for funding and facility use.
- Continuing to improve quality of life by funding a parks and recreation sales tax.
- Expanding existing indoor and outdoor facilities and creating a more diverse park system that reflects citizen desires.
- Continuing to make high priority land and water-based trail and greenway connections.
- Encouraging significant green space conservation and parks in development.

RELATIONSHIP TO PLATTE PROFILE

The Platte Profile, adopted in May 2008, is the most representative adopted document in Platte County that embodies the parks system vision. Highlighted in the table on the following page, the Parks and Recreation Department is uniquely *positioned* to support the County Commission by its allocation of resources toward planned improvements and partnership agreements to ensure that goals of the Platte Profile are implemented.



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

– Anthropologist Margaret Mead

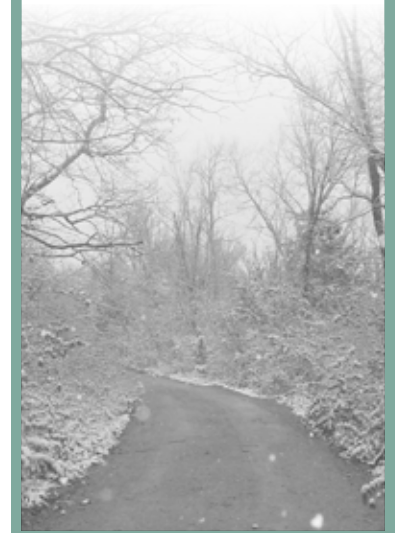




Table: Relationship between Platte Profile and the updated Park System Master Plan

| Platte Profile Goal | Parks System Master Plan |
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| Community Partnerships & Collaboration | Direct Support |
| Economic Development & Tourism | Direct Support |
| Environment & Sustainability | Direct Support |
| Growth & Planning | Direct Support |
| Parks & Recreation | Direct Support |
| Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness | Support Role |
| Transportation & Infrastructure | Support Role |