

Implementation Matrix				Town of Hot Sulphur Springs Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2015		
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Goal: Parks and Recreation Increase community quality of life, attractiveness and identity by providing recreational opportunities through the sustainable creation and maintenance of a system of interconnected parks and recreation facilities.	Develop a policy of requiring land dedication and park development fees for new development so the town will be able to provide new parks for increased population. PR 1	Lands dedicated should include areas suitable for a variety of active and passive recreation development. PR 1.1	Work with town staff or consultant to draft appropriate code changes.	High - Ongoing	GOCO Grant General Time Staff Time	
		All land proposed for new parkland must be evaluated with respect to acceptable location, size, shape, topography and other physical characteristics to determine if the proposed land meets the town's needs. PR 1.2	Issue an RFP soliciting proposals from companies qualified to perform such a study.	High to Medium – One year	GOCO Grant General Time Staff Time	
	Provide conventional neighborhood and community parks in a variety of types and sizes to meet the needs of Hot Sulphur Springs residents. PR 2	Provide neighborhood parks closest to where people live primarily featuring picnic and gathering areas, playgrounds, smaller informal play fields, and/or walking paths. Neighborhood parks should be planned according to the following specifications: PR 2.1 a) Park Size: 1-20 acres (smaller is better for the Town) b) Level of Service: 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents c) Service Area: .5 mile (.25 mile walking distance) d) Location: local streets and small collectors		High to Medium – One to three years	Land Dedication Impact Fees GOCO Grants General Fund Bonds	
		Locate land for development of parks (could be as small as a pocket park) to serve the south side of town, south of US Highway 40. PR 2.2	Locate land for and develop park (could be as small as a pocket park) to serve the south side of town.	Medium to low	Staff Time	
		Consider consolidating some of the land owned by the town on the east side of Hot Sulphur Springs for use as a park. PR 2.2.1		Medium to high	Land Dedication Impact Fees GOCO Grants General Fund Bonds Staff Time	
		Explore the feasibility of purchasing land along Heimbaugh Creek for use as a park. PR 2.2.2				
		Look to partner with Grand County on land they own in Town to locate a park. PR 2.2.3				
	Provide community parks with larger scale amenities such as programmed sports fields, indoor recreation facilities, athletic complexes, water sports, skate parks, and/or dog parks. Such facilities should be located outside neighborhoods because of the additional traffic and other impacts they are likely to generate. Community parks shall be planned according to the					

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		Explore the possibility of constructing a kayak/whitewater park to accommodate recreation, races and events. PR 2.4			Land Dedication Impact Fees GOCO Grants General Fund Private Funds Bonds Green Fees TIF	
		Issue an RFP for private companies that own and operate such facilities and/or investigate the feasibility of constructing and operating a Town-owned public course PR 2.4.1		Medium to high – Three to five years		
	Provide improved services and management to the current campground. PR 3	Assess the need for additional camp sites and/or RV facilities to accommodate the lodging needs of visitors. PR 3.1	Conduct a study of the local market for such a use.	Medium to high One to three years	General Fund GOCO Grants	
		Explore the feasibility of Town-owned and operated camping and RV facilities. PR 3.2	Establish a team comprised of elected officials, members of the public and staff to explore options based upon results of market study.	Medium to high - Three to five years	Staff Time Volunteers	
		Explore providing a camp host for the existing campground in Pioneer Park. PR 3.3		Medium to high - Three to five years	Staff Time Volunteer Time	
	Develop and manage existing parks for the benefit of both residents and tourists. PR 4	Pursue public private partnerships with local agencies and land owners to develop an organized approach to the development and management of parks in town. PR 4.1				
		Carefully redevelop and expand Pioneer Park to enhance its recreational opportunities and to protect its sensitive resources. PR 4.2		High – One to two years	Land Dedication Impact Fees GOCO Grants General Fund	

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		Provide better connection between Town Park and the Colorado River and Pioneer Park. PR 4.3				
		Look into the feasibility of constructing a bike "pump track" for kids. PR 4.4				
		Consider consolidating some of the Town-owned land on the east side of Hot Sulphur Springs for such a use. PR 4.4.1				
		Address ongoing maintenance, renovation and enforcement issues in Hot Sulphur Springs parks. PR 4.5	Town Park			
			Repair and upgrade the baseball/softball field	High - One to two years	GOCO Grants General Fund Donations	
			Add shade and shelter from water and wind	High - One to two years	GOCO Grants General Fund Donations	
			Upgrade the playground. New equipment may include: *Monkey Bars *Geodesic dome *Climbing structure *Tire Swings	High - One to two years	GOCO Grants General Fund Donations	
			Consider using the temporary ice-skating rink more permanently	Medium - One to three years	GOCO Grants General Fund Donations	
			Address the dog waste issue: *Install dog stations with bags for waste and water *Enforce the leash law	High - Immediate	GOCO Grants General Fund Donations Staff Time	

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			Install a "ball wall" on opposite side of the tennis court			
			Screen the wastewater treatment plant from view	Medium - One to three years	GOCO Grants General Fund Donations	
			Renovate the BBQ pit, or consider another use for that space	Medium - One to three years	GOCO Grants General Fund Donations	
			Consider installing better way-finding signs in town so park is easier to find	High - one year	General Fund Staff Time Volunteers	
			Pioneer Park			
			Consider a host or on-site staff to monitor campers and ensure that they do not stay too long.	High - One year	Staff Time	
			Consider removing the three or four campsites in the riverfront area, as campers currently spread out beyond those sites and impact the other activities in those areas.	High - One year	Staff Time	
			Address the dog waste issue	High - Immediate	Staff Time	
			Enforce the leash law	Medium - One to three years	General Fund Donations	
			Consider providing water access in the camp grounds;	High - Immediate	Staff Time	
			Address vandalism	High - One year	GOCO Grant General Fund Donations	

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			Consider opportunities for fisheries enhancement work, such as creating a deeper and narrower fishing channel	High - One year	Private Business Tax Incentives GOCO Grant Bonds User Fees CPW	
			Consider opportunities to create new amenities for economic stimulus, such as a white water park	Medium - Three to Five Years	State Funds	
	Provide better connectivity from Town Park to Pioneer Park. PR 5	Remove the majority of the outdoor storage area on the Town's property to the north of the Grand and Park intersection to enhance the visual connection between the bridge and Town park, which ultimately connects the two parks. PR 5.2				
		In the interim, before the outdoor storage areas are removed, provide enhanced signage directing people to and from each park. PR 5.3				

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	Establish design standards and guidelines related to development and maintenance of trails and greenways. TG 2	<p>Work with local construction, signage and landscape design and maintenance companies to develop standards that may include (but not be limited to) the following: TG 2.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whenever possible, employ a winding trail design that more naturally flows with outdoor environments. Consider the long-term and short-term cost difference between hard and soft surface trails prior to installation. Preserve surrounding environments in their natural state whenever possible to decrease landscaping and maintenance costs. Ensure that trail and greenway signage clearly identifies the amenity without polluting the area with too much signage. 	<p>Assign staff or volunteer to contact local companies and perform additional research on contemporary trail design standards and costs for the region.</p> <p>Ensure that trail width will accommodate programmed activities (ex. 5 foot minimum for walking trails; 8 foot minimum for multi-use trails accommodating bikes and pedestrians).</p> <p>Ensure that trails are of appropriate thickness and construction to ensure maximum longevity (ex. 4 inches concrete with internal mesh for hard surface trails).</p> <p>Incorporate additional information into the appendix of this plan for using moving forward.</p>	High - Immediate Staff Time Volunteers		

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		Better identify access to the pedestrian bridge connecting the two parks to make it easier to find.		High - One Year	GOCO Grant General Fund	
		Consider better trail markings in Pioneer Park without polluting the area with too much signage.		High - One Year	GOCO Grant General Fund	
		Update crosswalk across Hwy 40 that has not been maintained by CDOT. TG 3.2	Begin with formal requests to CDOT for maintenance of crosswalk.	High - One Year	GOCO Grant General Fund	
		Examine possibility of utilizing ROW on either side of the roadways in town to provide for the development of trails. TG 3.3		High - One Year	GOCO Grant General Fund	
		Canvass the town roadways to determine which are most appropriate and feasible for widening.		High - One Year	GOCO Grant General Fund	
		Evaluate the potential for expansion of the Colorado River Corridor as a linear greenway system with additional biking and hiking trails in Hot Sulphur Springs and the surrounding area. TG 3.4		High - One Year	GOCO Grant General Fund	
		Pursue Town acquisition of private lands in the corridor with the goal of connecting existing facilities in the rest of the County along the Colorado River to Hot Sulphur Springs.		High - One Year	GOCO Grant General Fund	
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		If current community design regulations do not require new developments or redevelopments to contribute to the trail system, then revise the code to remedy the problem as needed. TG 4.2				

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		Examine possibility of utilizing road ROW to provide for the development of trails. TG 4.4				
		Acknowledge the scenic byway through town and incorporate into local plans to capitalize on it as a valuable resource. TG 4.5				
		Work to connect the local trail system to the county-wide system. TG 4.6				

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Goal: Open Spaces and Natural Areas <i>Enhance community quality of life, attractiveness and identity by preserving significant views, interesting physiographic formations, diverse habitat and productive agricultural land.</i>	Establish a set of standards designed to guide the development of the town's open space program. OS 1	Establish standards and priorities related to open spaces. Lands should be chosen based on the presence of certain outstanding characteristics, including (but not limited to) the following: OS 1.1	Sensitive wildlife habitat; Natural riparian areas (rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands); Exceptional views; Land that is undevelopable due to rock outcropping, steep slopes and/or other topographic concerns; Lands near or containing outstanding cultural and/or archaeological resources, such as Native American sites/remains, and/or valuable fossil resources.	Standards shall be considered "established" upon adoption of this plan. Refer to this plan when considering acquisition of natural areas or open space lands.	High-Ongoing	N/A
		Preserve the agricultural areas that surround the community for economic and educational purposes. OS 2	Pursue conservation easements to help preserve these areas. OS 2.1			
		Preserve the natural habitat around the Colorado River for sustainability, recreational and educational purposes. OS 3	Maintain enforcement of floodplain regulations prohibiting development near such waterways. OS 3.1		High - Ongoing	Staff Time
			Work with state and federal authorities to ensure local businesses with high potential to pollute (gas stations, truck wash-outs, feed lots, dry cleaners, oil-change facilities, etc.) are not doing so. OS 3.2	Identify a staff person or volunteer to open lines of communication.	High - One Year	Staff Time
	Identify and promote natural resources that may be outside the town's likely future boundaries, but that are accessible by town visitors and residents, and therefore serve as an attraction to the area. OS 4	Consult Grand County, CPW and BLM inventory of natural resources near Hot Sulphur Springs and advertise those resources as area attractions to benefit the town. OS 4	Work with chamber of commerce to accomplish this task.	Medium to High - One to Three years	Staff Time Volunteers	
	Promote birding and attracting birders. OS 5	Look for opportunities to expand upon the CPW Birding Trail Program. OS 5.1				

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	Pursue priority cultural resource projects, programs and/or activities as needed. CRSE 2	Consider locating interpretive displays and signage in Pioneer Park conveying Hot Sulphur Springs history to the public. CRSE 2.1				
	Establish and promote a voluntary, local historic registry program that documents and promotes the existence of important historic buildings, sites and areas for preservation purposes and to attract visitors. CRSE 3	Work with the Grand County Historical Association to develop a committee tasked with investigating the benefit, feasibility, funding and implementation of such a program. CRSE 3.1	Identify staff or volunteer to organize committee.	Medium to High -One year	GCHA Staff Time	
		Develop an accurate inventory of historic buildings and sites and prioritize for renovation or demolition of dilapidated buildings lacking aesthetic appeal. CRSE 3.2	Committee to organize.	Medium to High -One to three years	GCHA Staff Time Volunteers	
		Identify significant structures that have National Registry potential and initiate efforts to establish historic preservation status. CRSE 3.3	Committee to organize.	Medium to High -One to three years	National Registry GCHA Staff Time	
		Be cautious when considering the establishment of historic districts to get tax credits so as not to infringe on owner's rights. CRSE 3.4		High -Ongoing	Matter of policy or best practice	

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		Develop and maintain a wide variety of special events that take place in the town's parks that attract visitors, boost the economy and strengthen the desired image of the community as a destination. CRSE 4	Establish artisan and family-oriented events that are complementary to the Hot Sulphur Springs image and lifestyle. CRSE 4.2 Establish an event-planning committee in Hot Sulphur Springs tasked with planning the following kinds of events: – Movies in the Park – Half/full marathons/triathlons – Live music festivals – Chainsaw sculpture contests – Mural painting – Kayaking contests – Fishing contests	Work with Chamber.	Medium to High -One year	Donations Volunteers General Fund	