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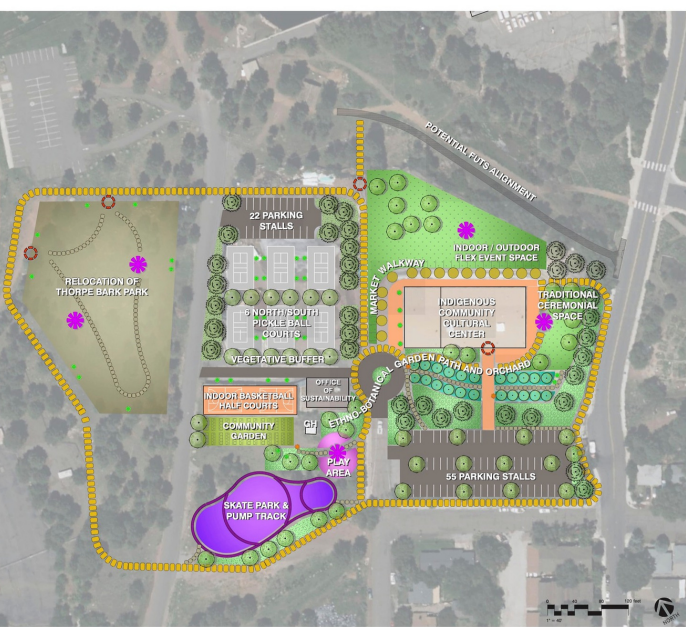
PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND EVENTS

October 2022

Thorpe Park Annex









WHEAT DESIGN GROUP
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS



THORPE PARK ANNEX
DRAFT FINAL CONCEPT

LEGEND:

- Re-Vegetation
- Pollinator
- Turf
- 15' Path
- 10' Path
- 5' Path
- Gathering Space
- Bench/Table
- Interpretive Signage
- Entry Point

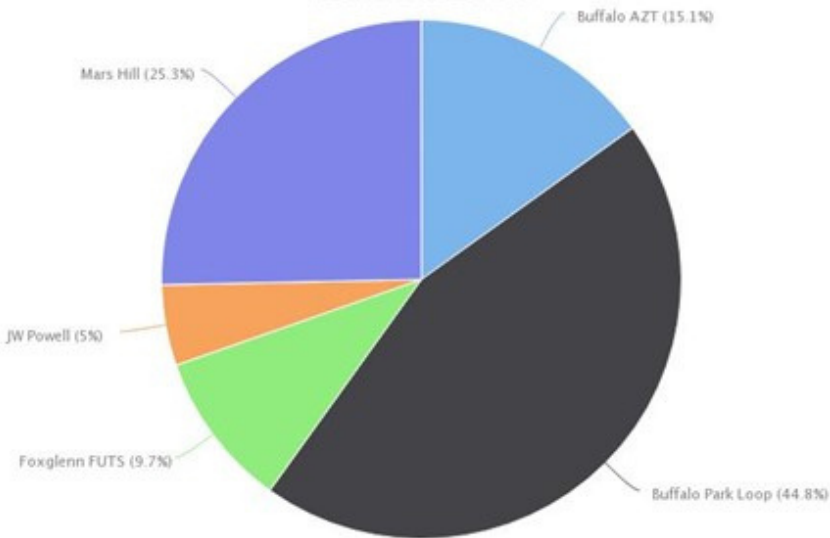








The greater than one-year public outreach process pertaining to over 8-acres within Thorpe Park, which is a regional 219-acre park, is culminating toward an adoption of a concept design that has been community driven through robust community engagement, focus, groups, and considerations with the Indigenous Community Cultural Center (ICCC) as a centrally crucial icon on the property. Elements such as complementary features and needs in the community were balanced to create a draft final concept that will be discussed with City Council later this month.

Parks

Compare Sites

2021-09-01 to 2022-09-30



Trail Counts

A drop in temperature doesn't keep our community away from using the trail system. Coming soon will be two new locations to add to the existing five trail counters along the 60-miles of FUTS. This will allow us to continue to monitor the usage to create a best practice as far as a funding source for when surface replacements are needed much like our roadway networks.

Accessibility and Buffalo Park

Have you experienced the new accessible trail surface at Buffalo Park? The Parks team has resurfaced over one-mile of the trail getting the project over the halfway point that is grant-funded by Arizona State Parks. The aggregate mix the City has been using the better part of the past five years is less audible than other larger granules, and creates a softer surface creating the accessible for all component that is the over-arching goal of the entire project.



Staff Spotlight

Amy Hagin

Assistant Parks and
Recreation Director



Amy has been working for the City of Flagstaff since December 2012 in roles that ranged from Procurement to Engineering, and specifically in PROSE since July 2018, which is inclusive of a recent promotion to Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation as the Division continues to reorganize to provide the best for our community. In her new position, she will oversee the Parks Section which maintains 24-parks, 60-miles of FUTS and many miles of streetscapes, the Recreation Section which provides programming for the community at 4-recreation centers, and the Events and Marketing team who permit over 700-local events per year as well as put on a few of our own. Amy is ecstatic to join the PROSE team in another role and capacity with a focus on planning and implementing projects, locating grant funded opportunities for the Division, working with the team to enhance outdoor recreation, and empowering coworkers to push the limits on what can be offered to our community. In her personal time, Amy enjoys the outdoors through backpacking, hiking, and all paddle sports while trying to keep up with her husband and daughter.

Recreation

As the seasons change so does some of our programming including some Halloween events at our Recreation Centers in October! Outside of celebrating the spooky fun, youth and adult hockey leagues go subzero at “The J” with packed schedules, the teen patronage at Hal Jensen are enjoying the indoors at a greater stride, a tick upwards in patronage is felt at the Aquaplex as the community breaks a sweat, and lastly, offerings such as annual flu shots are organized at Joe C. Montoya for our elders all with the overarching mantra of health and wellness.

One program to highlight is youth basketball which is currently holding registration and includes a free Phoenix Suns clinic on Saturday, October 22nd for the first 100 registrants! Registration can be found here <https://webtrac.flagstaffaz.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash>

Open Space



Picture Canyon Preserve

City Council authorized the grant agreement between the Arizona State Parks Board and the City of Flagstaff Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Events for the Recreational Trails Program Grant to support the maintenance of Picture Canyon Preserve in the amount of \$126,270.00.

Funding will allow the restoration and repair of existing trails, mitigate and restore damage to areas surrounding trails through naturalizing closed roads/unauthorized trails, enforcement of existing rules and regulations with the installation of signs, and will provide interpretation and trail information.

Observatory Mesa

Arizona Conservation Corp sent five volunteers to Observatory Mesa this month to assist Open Space with repairs to sections of the barbed wire fence along the southern boundary of Observatory Mesa Natural Area.

Thank you AZ Conservation Corp!

Events



October brought a new wave of events along with a new staff member. Beck Thomas joined Events and Marketing this month and hit the ground running capturing the celebrations of many through her camera lens. Events staff assisted with Indigenous People's Day on October 10, sharing in a cultural celebration and meaningful discussion.

Staff has stayed busy working with our technology team to update various components of our recreation software, a necessity as we continue to improve the customer experience.

