

Building Our Future Together

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NATURAL RESOURCES, OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND RECREATION

WATER RESOURCES:

- Four major watersheds radiate from downtown:
 - West Mud Creek
 - Black Fork Creek
 - Willow Creek
 - Indian Creek
- Numerous small and large lakes in the area, including:
 - Lakes Tyler and Tyler East: City-owned water supply and recreational area
 - Lake Palestine: Regional water supply and recreational area
 - Bellwood Lake: Former municipal water supply and potential recreational area

CITY PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM (2010):

- Total system acreage: 1207.4 acres
- 11 acres per 1,000 residents (total system)
- 7 acres per 1,000 residents (developed park system)

RECREATION FACILITIES (2012):

- 10 basketball courts
- 8 tennis courts
- 10 baseball fields
- 5 softball fields
- 1 football field
- 15 soccer fields
- 22 playgrounds
- 2 swimming pools
- Glass Recreation Center
- Senior Citizens Center
- Harvey Convention Center (30,000 sq. ft.)
- Tyler exceeds National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards for a city of 100,000 in the number of baseball fields, soccer fields, and playgrounds.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Tyler's developed park acreage of 7 acres per 1,000 residents is slightly below average for a city of its size.
- Tyler has fewer Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, and Regional Parks than recommended by national recreation organizations.
- Parks generally are not distributed equally around the city.
- Public trail systems are limited in extent.
- 60% of respondents to the 2010-2020 Master Plan survey were satisfied or very satisfied with the number and quality of recreational facilities.
- Smith County is home to one of the most visited state parks in Texas. Tyler State Park encompasses 985 heavily-wooded acres surrounding a 64-acre spring-fed lake.

TRAILS SYSTEM:

- Multi-purpose trails are located in Rose Rudman Park, Southside Park, Lindsey Park and Faulkner Park.
- Plans have been made to add trails in the Black Fork Creek Greenbelt, South Tyler Trail Extension to Faulkner Park, The Missouri/Pacific Railroad right-of-way is also being looked at for a multi-purpose trail.

GOLF COURSES:

- 6 public golf courses in the region
- 2 semi-private golf courses
- 5 private golf courses

PRIVATE RECREATION RESOURCES:

- Four large country clubs:
 - Willowbrook Country Club
 - Hollytree Country Club
 - The Cascades
 - Eagle’s Bluff
- Several private recreation providers

REGIONAL RESOURCES:

- Lindsey Park (part of city system)
- Tyler State Park
- Caldwell Zoo

Sources: 2010-2012 City of Tyler Parks and Open Space Master Plan; Tyler Economic Development Corporation