

PARKS

Access to meaningful parks is a priority for Surprise residents. Acquisition of land for future public parks will be Community Parks and City Parks. Community Parks, characterized as 25-50 acre sized parks, provide the necessary land area to offer a variety of activities and programs that are not provided at the neighborhood level. City Parks offer city-wide amenities and are typically over 100 acres in size.

The development pattern of the City has been primarily composed of master planned communities that provide neighborhood-scale parks that are less than 5-acres (and many less than 1-acre) in size. These neighborhood parks provide an important level of access to recreation associated with the neighborhoods, but are too small to accommodate use by the larger community. Often times they also provide stormwater retention, resulting in a very small areas that are suitable for active recreational use. Neighborhood parks, due to their size and need for a high level of maintenance, are better managed by the residential community homeowners associations. Exceptions would be for areas under-served where there is limited available land; such as in the Original Town Site area, and urban plaza.

The city will evaluate future park development opportunities, acquisitions and land donations based on their ability to meet the Community Park level of service. The City will focus on developing Community Parks, between 25-50 acres in size, with no more than 60% of the land proposed for storm water retention. Community Parks will be located to serve residents within a 3-mile radius.

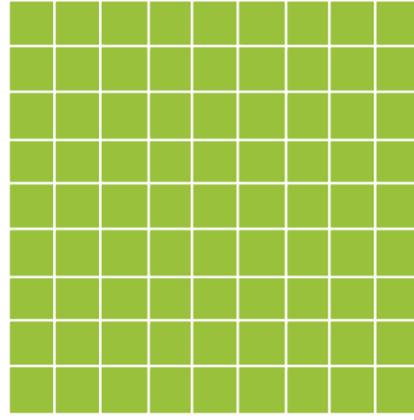
In addition to Community Park acquisitions, the City will continue to reinvest in existing parks to improve the level of service and the quality of amenities and experience for Surprise residents.

A change from prior park descriptions adds the “City Park” designation for larger parks that serve residents throughout the City. The current Surprise Community Park is an example of a City Park, serving the larger community, offering a wide variety of amenities and accommodating tournament level sports programming. In addition, the City Park should include community gathering and meeting facilities, a recreation center and/or aquatic center, and a library. The Plan envisions two additional City Parks in Surprise by 2030, one located near the Central Arizona Project (CAP) and Highway 60 and the other in the northern portion of the City, associated with the future Bradshaw Mountain Regional Park.

PARK LANDS CHARACTER:

The General Plan update introduces “Sub-Areas” as a way of describing a variety of Land Use Character Area’s (character areas) within the City. Responding to these character areas, park programming and design will also be developed to be consistent with the character of each sub area within the City. Although most new parks will be located within a suburban environment, and include a wide variety of recreational activities (including lighted activities), there are two character areas that will require greater context sensitivity in planning and design: Scenic Lands Development and Wildlife Linkage Corridors. The Scenic Lands Development character area is located in two areas of the City: the northern and easterly slopes of the White Tank Mountains; and north of State Route 74 to the Bradshaw Mountains and along the Hassayampa River. The Scenic Lands character areas recognize the natural limitations of the land, its sloping terrain and the desire to preserve the natural beauty of the area. The new parks developed in these areas will respect these sensitive lands by focusing on passive recreational uses and limiting active play where level land for play fields may not be readily available. The Wildlife Linkage Corridor character area represents sensitivity to wildlife habitat and movement patterns. Park development within Wildlife Linkage Corridors will be programmed and designed to provide buffers and passive uses immediately adjacent to wildlife corridors, and provide appropriate vegetative cover for wildlife and separation from human activity.

CITY PARKS



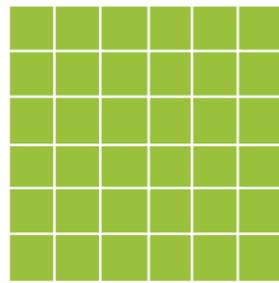
100+
ACRES IN SIZE

10
MILE SERVICE AREA

- Large Group Ramadas
- Event Grounds
- Tournament Level Facilities
- Aquatic Center
- Recreation Center
- Civic Facility (i.e., library)
- Fishing Lake
- Skate Park
- Restrooms

1 NEW CITY PARK NEEDED BY 2030

COMMUNITY PARKS



25-50
ACRES IN SIZE

3
MILE SERVICE AREA

- Playground
- Individual and Group Ramada
- Open Turf
- Multi-Use Fields
- Structured Fields
- Swimming Pool
- Skate Park
- Splash Pad
- Restrooms

ASANTE PARK
SURPRISE FARMS PARK
MARLEY PARK

6 NEW COMMUNITY PARKS NEEDED BY 2030

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS



5-15
ACRES IN SIZE

1/2 to 1
MILE SERVICE AREA

- Playground
- Ramada
- Open Turf
- Multi-Use Fields

BICENTENNIAL
GAINES
SIERRA MONTANA
VERAMONTE

20 NEW PRIVATE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS NEEDED BY 2030

POCKET PARKS



>5
ACRES IN SIZE

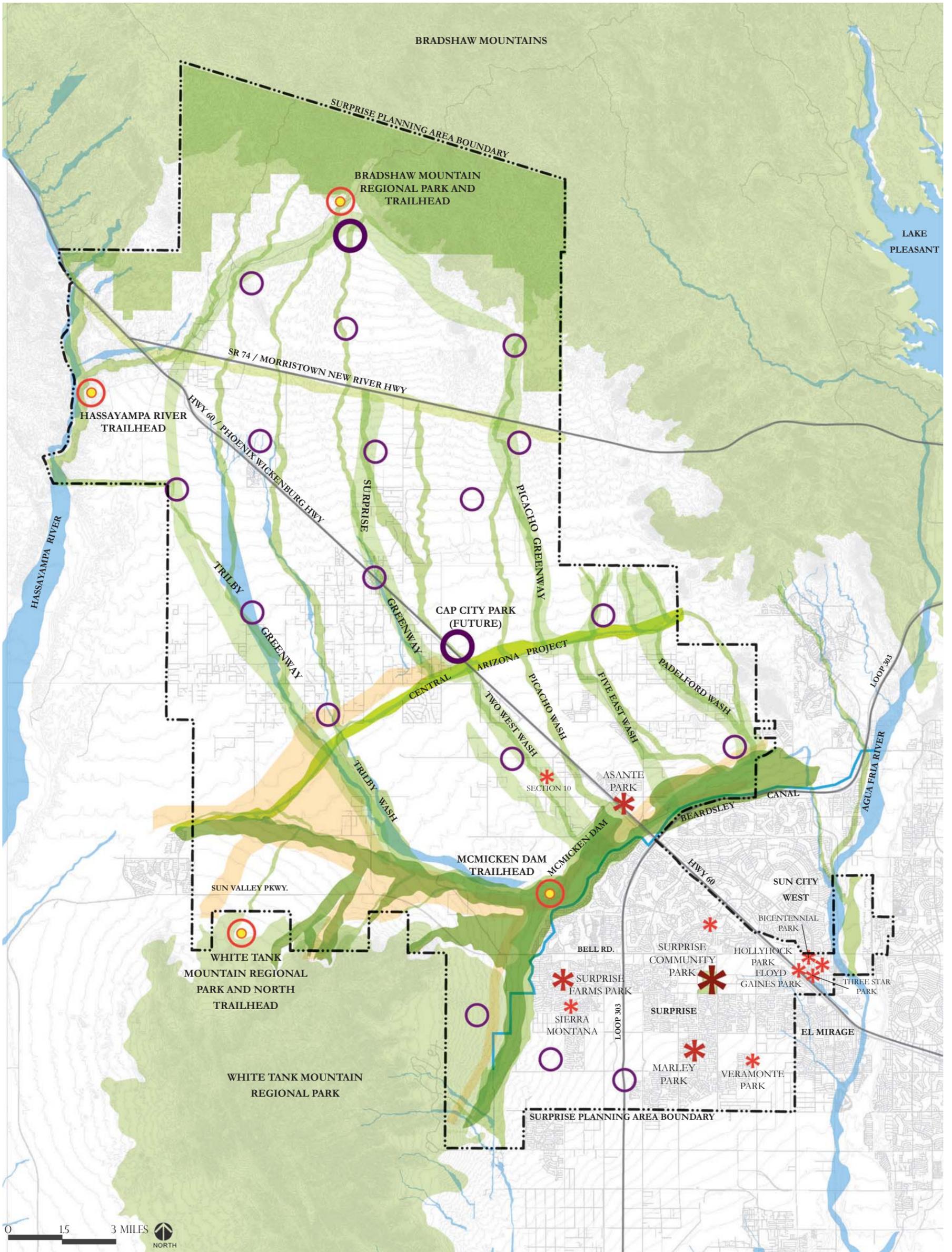
1/4-1/2
MILE SERVICE AREA

- Playground
- Ramada
- Open Turf

THREE STAR
HOLLYHOCK
SECTION 10

RECREATION AMENITIES WE’LL NEED

Amenities	Level of Service	2015 Current	2020 Need	2030 Need	New Amenities	Total Amenities
Polulation	Per 100,000 Redisdents	123,797	159,171	241,901		
Ball Fields	15.9	15	10	13	23	38
Soccer/Multi-use Fields	15.0	11	13	12	25	36
Basketball Courts	11.5	12	6	10	16	28
Sand Volleyball Courts	7.0	7	4	6	10	17
Tennis Courts	20.0	25	7	17	23	48
Pickleball Courts	16.0	8	17	13	31	39
Dog Parks	2.0	2	1	2	3	5
Skate Parks	1.3	1	1	2	3	4
Splash Pads	3.8	3	3	6	9	12
Playgrounds	10.0	10	6	8	14	24
Restrooms	9.5	11	4	12	16	27
Amptheater	1.5	2	0	1	2	4



-  EXISTING CITY PARK
-  EXISTING COMMUNITY PARK
-  EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
-  NEW CITY PARKS
-  NEW COMMUNITY PARKS
-  NEW MAJOR TRAILHEAD