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Enhance parish parks, recreation, and quality of life

Parks, recreation, and the outdoors are some of the hallmarks of Calcasieu Parish, contributing immensely to the quality of life that its residents cherish. The CPPJ is deeply committed to preserving and enhancing these community assets and recognizes that continuing to have an exemplary parks system requires effective planning and investment over time, which will be guided by the parish’s parks master plan. These investments will build upon the parish’s existing assets and ensure that new and improved offerings are sustainable, high-quality, and versatile. By focusing on multi-use facilities and amenities, such as a parish park that includes walking trails or spaces for community events and children’s play areas, the CPPJ aims to maximize the impact of its investments and create spaces that serve multiple community needs. These developments must be designed with foresight, incorporating measures that mitigate future risks to support the parish’s long-term growth. The CPPJ recognizes that these goals require a collaborative effort and is committed to engaging with community partners across the parish, region, and state under a shared vision for Calcasieu Parish to remain a place residents want to call home.

GOAL 4.1: INCREASE QUALITY OF LIFE TO POSITION CALCASIEU PARISH AS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY

Primary Lead: Administration

Supporting Responsibilities: Engineering and Public Works, Facility Management, Human Services, Planning and Development, Public Health

KEY INITIATIVES	
4.1.1	Form partnerships to accomplish healthy living objectives and metrics
4.1.2	Identify prioritized quality of life funding opportunities
4.1.3	Implement comprehensive litter reduction strategies across operations, enforcement, and prevention
4.1.4	Collaborate with the Bayou Greenbelt initiative to enhance quality of life and outdoor recreation across the project’s network

GOAL 4.2: IDENTIFY AND GROW PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE

Primary Lead: Human Services

Supporting Responsibilities: Administration, Communications and Media

KEY INITIATIVES	
4.2.1	Collaborate with community partners to improve parishwide public transportation
4.2.2	Build public awareness of related parish programs and services
4.2.3	Collaborate with community partners to mitigate the impact of the loss of emergency rental assistance federal funding

GOAL 4.3: INVEST IN INNOVATIVE, MULTI-USE PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

Primary Lead: Facility Management

Supporting Responsibilities: Administration

KEY INITIATIVES	
4.3.1	Complete parks master plan with implementation strategies and funding sources
4.3.2	Activate public spaces with more comprehensive, in-demand activities
4.3.3	Provide family festival opportunities at parish parks or in coordination with established festivals

GOAL 4.4: ENHANCE LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR PARISHWIDE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

Primary Lead: Facility Management

Supporting Responsibilities: Administration

KEY INITIATIVES	
4.4.1	Establish a long-term funding source for an expanded park system

GOAL 4.5: GROW MULTI-MODAL ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS (WALKING, BIKING, BOATING, AND PUBLIC TRANSIT)

Primary Lead: Administration

Supporting Responsibilities: Facility Management, Human Services, Planning and Development

KEY INITIATIVES	
4.5.1	Leverage the parish's natural resources by enhancing and increasing river access points
4.5.2	Collaborate with partners to develop a pedestrian and bicycle network

GOAL 4.6: FACILITATE HIGH-QUALITY DEVELOPMENT PARISHWIDE

Primary Lead: Planning and Development

Supporting Responsibilities: Engineering and Public Works, Facility Management, Human Services, Planning and Development, Public Health

KEY INITIATIVES	
4.6.1	Enhance stormwater quality and water resource management
4.6.2	Design and implement incentives to mitigate urban sprawl

GOAL 4.7: EXPAND CODE ENFORCEMENT AND DRIVE CODE COMPLIANCE ACROSS PUBLIC SPACES

Primary Lead: Public Health

Supporting Responsibilities: Administration, Planning and Development

KEY INITIATIVES	
4.7.1	Increase penalties for illegal dumping and related activities