Chapter Five

State of Parks and Recreation

Based on the previously presented information a synopsis of the Laramie community in relationship to geography, population and other characteristics can be ascertained. This snapshot provides a glimpse of what Laramie is and how its characteristics apply to our Parks and Recreation system. Furthermore, the community characteristics can be found integrated into the Parks Standards. Emphasis on Neighborhood Parks versus Community Parks, the role of Natural Areas and the importance of Bike and Pedestrian Ways all indicate standards tailored to Laramie. The combination of Laramie Community characteristics, park standards and community responses has created the examination of Laramie by Service Areas (SA), the existing facilities, and appropriate proposed facilities. This information provides the road map needed for each Service Area to develop. Secondly, existing community facilities, such as the Ice and Event Center, the Recreation Center and the Cemetery, are also analyzed and recommendations provided.

Service Area Inventory and Needs Assessment

For the City of Laramie and the surrounding community, serving all areas of the community equitably regarding parks and recreation has been the fundamental element and the most important goal of this plan. With the development of the 1982 Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation and Open Space, this goal was a key factor in establishing new facilities and programs. The 1982 plan further supports that maintaining equity in parks and recreation service to all geographic areas of the community.

To aid in achieving this key goal, the City of Laramie established "Service Areas" in the 1982 plan, which divided the community based on geography, major barriers to travel and other physical features. By dividing up the community in this manner, a more manageable approach to providing parks and recreation services to delineated areas of the community could be undertaken.

Service Area:
A geographic area of the community defined by major barriers to travel and other physical features, created for the purpose of evaluating Park and Recreation amenities within each designated Service Area.

In the 1982 plan, "Service Areas" were based on the same general criteria used for the Service Areas proposed in this new Plan. As stated before, barriers, such as major roads, the railroad and the Laramie River were all noted as a hindrance to movement and essentially served as boundaries to community members, and ultimately access to parks and recreation facilities. If children, adults or anyone has an increased difficulty navigating across one of these features, it makes a noted feature a barrier. Establishing these barriers in this manner provides staff and community members a way to evaluate how well each area is being, or can be served in the future. This evaluation method makes it clear that even when a neighborhood park is in close proximity to a home or household, it does not automatically mean that the neighborhood is served by that particular park.

By using this same basic set of criteria, an updated Service Area map was developed for this Plan. The updates include accepting all areas in the City within a Service Area and showing areas within the 1 mile boundary in anticipation of future growth. These two

major updates make the new map a much improved management tool, adding to the effectiveness of the Plan.

In addition to helping staff and the public evaluate the effectiveness of our parks system and park services within each Service Area, the creation of Service Areas also provides a direct way to distribute money or land received through park land dedication requirements for residential subdivisions. In 2010, the City of Laramie adopted its first requirement for dedication of park land or in-lieu fee for new residential subdivisions. Based on the number of units per subdivision, a developer can either provide physical land or in-lieu fees for future park use or land purchase. When land or money is given, it must be spent within the same Service Area of the development so that it can directly benefit the development that contributed the land or money. Creating a system in this fashion guarantees equitable distribution of funds based on where the growth is occurring versus what area can convince a given Council that their park should come first.

Service Area (SA) Analysis

Laramie and the surrounding community are divided into 25 Service Areas that comprise all land within City limits as well as all land within one mile of the City limits. Service Areas range from 408 acres in size to 5,631 acres. As stated previously, the Service Areas were developed based on major barriers to movement and other physical features encountered by residents trying to reach a park within or near their residence. In the succeeding portions of this chapter, a more detailed analysis of each Service Area has been provided. Within each Service Area analysis the location, general characteristics, size, population based on the 2010 United States Census Bureau, growth projections as well as current and future needs related to different park facilities are presented. In addition, a spatial analysis was conducted that analyzed the number of citizens within a set distance from a park

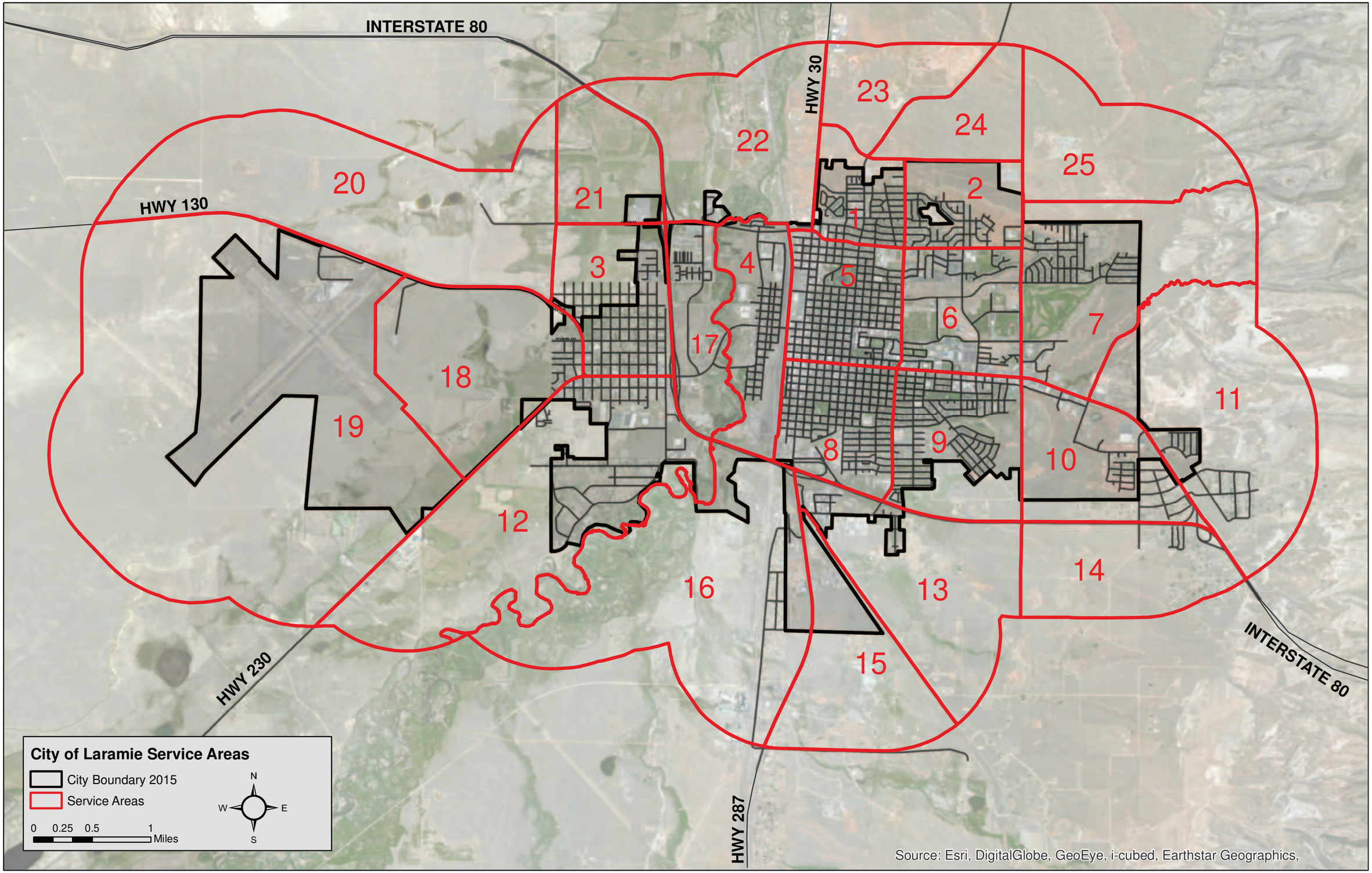
Railroad tracks that cut through Laramie create a barrier to movement; making it difficult to access parks or facilities on the other side.

facility (.25, .5 and 1 mile) along with analyzing the distance between park facilities to identify "park desert" areas in the City. Finally, a summary of each Service Area provides a snapshot of how that Service Area is currently serving the area needs and what is desirable for the future.

Service Area (SA) Growth Projections

For each Service Area, population (based on the 2010 US Census Bureau) was used as one measure of the park land needs analysis. Using current population numbers, per person acreage needs, and a standard unique to Laramie (utilizing nationally recognized standards), current acreage needs can be evaluated for each Service Area. Additionally, population projections were calculated for each Service Area in order to anticipate future growth over the next 40 years (2010-2050). Although anticipated growth is only an estimate, the population projections assist planning for the anticipated need within the Service Area. For each Service Area information such as zoning, future land use, land availability, infrastructure availability, constraints and other factors were used to help predict future development. For each Service Area population growth projections have been grouped into three categories: Low (<500 people), Medium (500-1000 people) and High (>1000 people).

Service Area (SA)	Current Population (2010)	Staff's Estimate Population Increase per Service Area (in 2050)	Growth Description
1	*3,019*	*200*	*Residential Development*
2	*1,147*	*200*	*Residential Development*
3	*1,749*	*1,000*	*Residential Development, Vacant Land*
4	*1,077*	*125*	*Residential Redevelopment, Some Vacant Property*
5	*4,549*	*100*	*Residential Redevelopment, Other Area Limited*
6	*5,017*	*2,000*	*Student Housing, Residential. Development*
7	*1,915*	*400*	*Grove, Other Area Limited*
8	*4,371*	*500*	*Multi-Family Residential Development*
9	*4,442*	*400*	*Residential Development*
10	*371*	*1,500*	*Multi-Family & Residential Development*
11	*586*	*50*	*Limited County Residential Development*
12	*1,961*	*500*	*Residential Development*
13	*302*	*500*	*Residential & County Residential Development*
14	*259*	*500*	*Residential & County Residential Development*
15	*102*	*100*	*Limited County Residential Development*
16	*252*	*50*	*Limited County Residential Development*
17	*725*	*100*	*Multi-Family Residential Development, Limited*
18	*379*	*100*	*Residential Development, Limited*
19	*25*	*150*	*Residential Development, Limited, County Commercial*
20	*18*	*500*	*Residential & County Residential Development*
21	*1*	*500*	*Residential Development*
22	*11*	*25*	*Limited County Residential Development*
23	*2*	*0*	*Technology and Office Development*
24	*1*	*0*	*Technology and Office Development*
25	*0*	*500*	*Residential Development*
Total Increase		*10,000*	



Park Service Area Map of the Laramie community

Population and Spatial Analysis

Each Service Area was analyzed for park land needs using two main methods: population and spatial analysis. The Service Area analysis consists of existing and proposed park land needs based upon population projections, geographic location and size. In addition, based on the results of the two analytical methods as well as other factors, e.g., public comment, proposed parks and facilities were sited within each Service Area. The conceptual locations should be considered tentative placeholders within each Service Area. A statement was developed to be included on all maps in order to emphasize the conceptual nature of these locations.

Note: The specific locations of any RECOMMENDED Parks, Trails and Facilities within this document are HYPOTHETICAL in nature and they are not intended for public use. Locations may change as development occurs.

Although each Service Area was analyzed by both methods, a clear cut result in how to provide service to the SA is not always obvious. In some cases, population demands have warranted more acreage for a SA, while at the same time the same SA has good spatial coverage. In other cases the opposite is the case. Regardless, a balance between existing and future population and the spatial need for a SA must be evaluated. This approach may result in overlapping spatial coverage or a lack there of, as well as meeting or not meeting the needs of the population in the SA.

Population

As described in the previous section and detailed below, each Service Area was analyzed based on existing and projected population. For each type of park - Playlot, Neighborhood Park, and Community Park - acreage per 1,000 persons is given. This standard was established by the Ad Hoc Committee and is based on accepted national standards, which were then tailored to the Laramie Community. Less emphasis was given to Community Parks and a higher priority given to Neighborhood Parks and Playlots. By using these standards, the existing and future needs analysis can be completed.

Park Type	Acres per 1,000 Population
Community	*3-5 Acres*
Neighborhood	*3 Acres*
Playlot	*.32 Acres, (14,000 sq. feet)*

Although the population analysis provides a good indication of existing and future needs within a Service Area, in some Service Areas other factors must be taken into account. In instances where the existing and/or future population is low, acreage needs inherently end up low for the Service Area. Often this scenario leads to a situation in which even the addition of one Neighborhood Park far exceeds the acreage needs for the Service Area. In these instances, providing more than the needed acreage is acceptable, with emphasis given to the spatial needs of the Service Area versus just the population need. Additionally, because population projections are only estimates, some Service Areas are equipped for unanticipated growth, by still proposing Parks, Natural Areas or other recreation amenities.

It should also be noted that although parks within the community were analyzed based on population, many of the other areas described in the plan such as Recreation Centers, Natural Areas, Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths were not. With standards established for other areas in the previous chapter, a direct relationship between population and these facilities was not apparent. In other cases, such as Natural Areas, factors such as importance and significance to the community were used to determine if a feature, such as a Park, Natural Area or amenity should be designated within a Service Area.

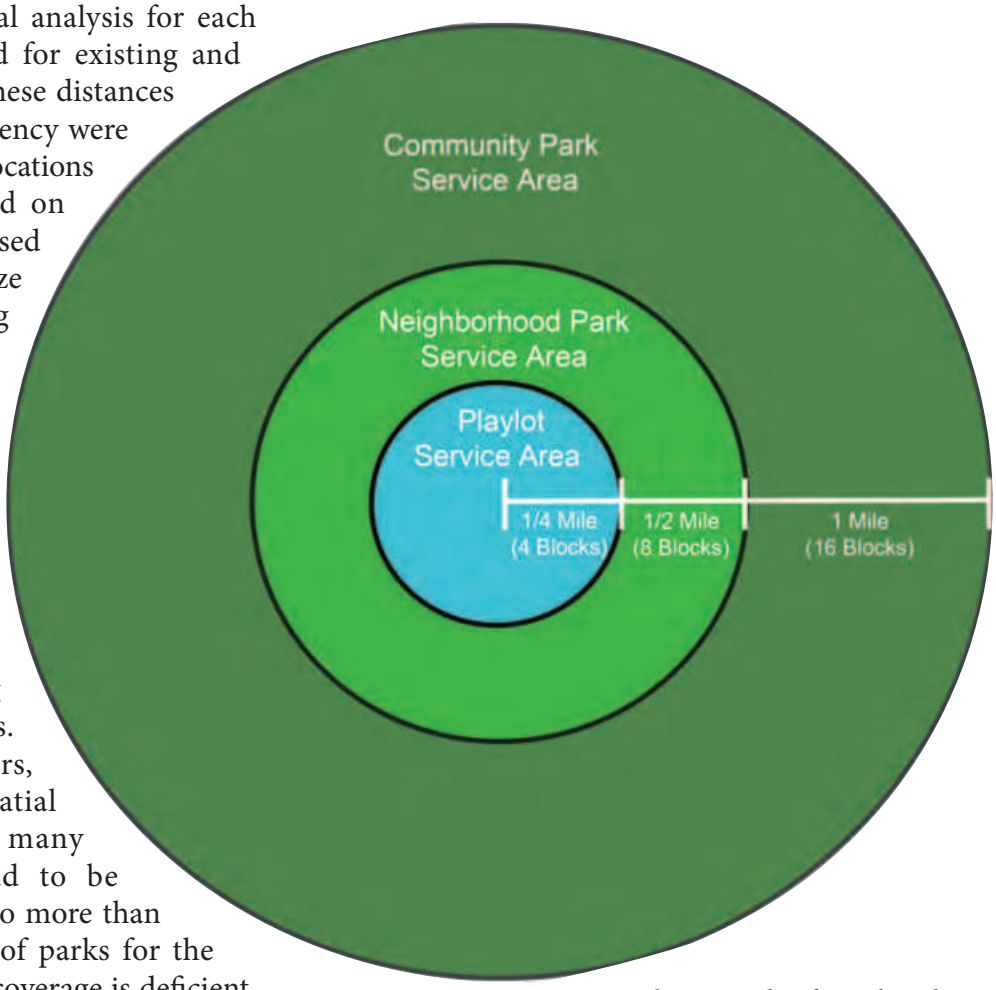
Spatial

The second analysis method used was based on the spatial relationship between parks and the established standard area it serves. As described in the Standards chapter of this Plan for each park type, a standard distance of service was established for each type of park. Based on the established distance of one mile for Community Parks, one-half mile for Neighborhood Parks and one-quarter mile for Playlots, a spatial analysis for each Service Area could be completed for existing and proposed park locations. Using these distances and each park type, areas of deficiency were identified based on existing parks locations within each Service Area. Based on these identified deficiencies, proposed park sites were located to maximize coverage for all citizens, creating the maps displayed in this Plan.

However, some Service Areas do not meet the spatial coverage, even with the addition of proposed parks. This situation is due to the large size of some of the Service Areas, more specifically those areas near the edge of Laramie and their limited existing and projected future populations. Considering each of these factors, a balance between equitable spatial coverage and providing too many parks based on population had to be achieved. Often this balance led to more than the needed number and acreage of parks for the Service Area, even though spatial coverage is deficient.

Throughout this chapter, in both the Service Area analysis and individual Parks analysis sections, goals and action statements are made. These goals and action statements are not prioritized, however priority should be given after consideration of all factors that may related to the goal such as, but not limited to budget, SA needs, location, and public input.

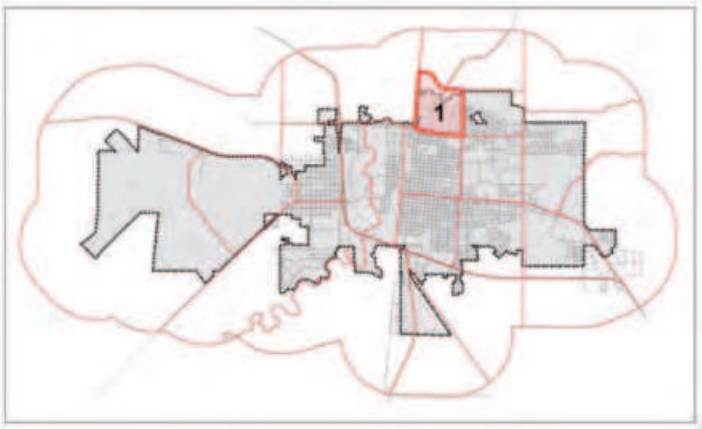
Park Type	Service Distance Radius	Distance in Blocks
Community	*1 mile*	*~ 16 Blocks*
Neighborhood	*1/2 mile*	*~ 8 Blocks*
Playlot	*1/4 mile*	*~ 4 Blocks*



Service distance radius for each park type

Service Area 1

General Location: Located generally north-central in the community, Service Area 1 (SA 1) is bounded by a proposed Collector Street on the north, 15th Street on the east, Reynolds Street on the south and Highway 30 (N. 3rd Street) on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 1 is primarily a residential area that contains a mixture of housing types ranging from single-family homes to apartment complexes, in addition to a large modular home community, mobile home park and condominium complex. Residential properties range from early 1900's to 2000's with the majority of the housing being built between the 1940's and 1980's. Two small pockets of commercial development exist; one in the southwestern corner of the SA and the other in an area central to the SA, off of 9th Street.

Service Area Size: 408 acres

Current Population (2010): 3,019 (5th Highest Populated SA)

Growth Projection (2050): (Low – 200 people) SA 1 is primarily developed residential with some commercial components in the northern and central part of the SA. Although mostly developed, SA 1 does contain properties that remain vacant and available for development. However, vacant areas open for development are limited based on a lack of water pressure/supply in the area. Additionally, zoning and future land use classifications found in both City and County Comprehensive Plans and the Cirrus Sky Development Plan recommend some limited new business in the most northern part of the SA and residential growth in the remaining areas.

Current Facilities: SA 1 is served by one Playlot, O'Dell Mini Park. No other Parks, Natural Areas or other Recreation Facility or School Site serves SA 1. The SA does contain multiple Bike Lanes which are all highly utilized, such as lanes on 15th Street, 9th Street and Reynolds Street. Of particular note, 9th Street is a major north-south route that will transition to a Shared Use Path as it goes northward. The SA does contain one Detention Area near the northern end of 10th Street.

Current Facilities in SA 1		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*0*	*0*
Playlots	*1*	*.14 Acres*
School Playlot Sites	*0*	*0*
Natural Areas	*0*	*0*
Recreation Sites	*0*	*0*
Other Sites	*0*	*0*
Detention Areas	*1*	*2.66*
Bike Lanes	*4*	*1.84 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*0*	*0*
In Park Paths	*0*	*0*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*2*	*.11 miles*

O'Dell Mini Park, the only existing park site within Service Area 1

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 1 are:

Current Needs Within SA 1	
Based upon current population: 3,019	
Community Park	*9.1 to 15.1 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*9.1 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.0 acres (~3 Playlots)*

Projected Needs Within SA 1	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 3,219	
Community Park	*9.7 to 16.1 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*9.7 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.0 acres (~3 Playlots)*

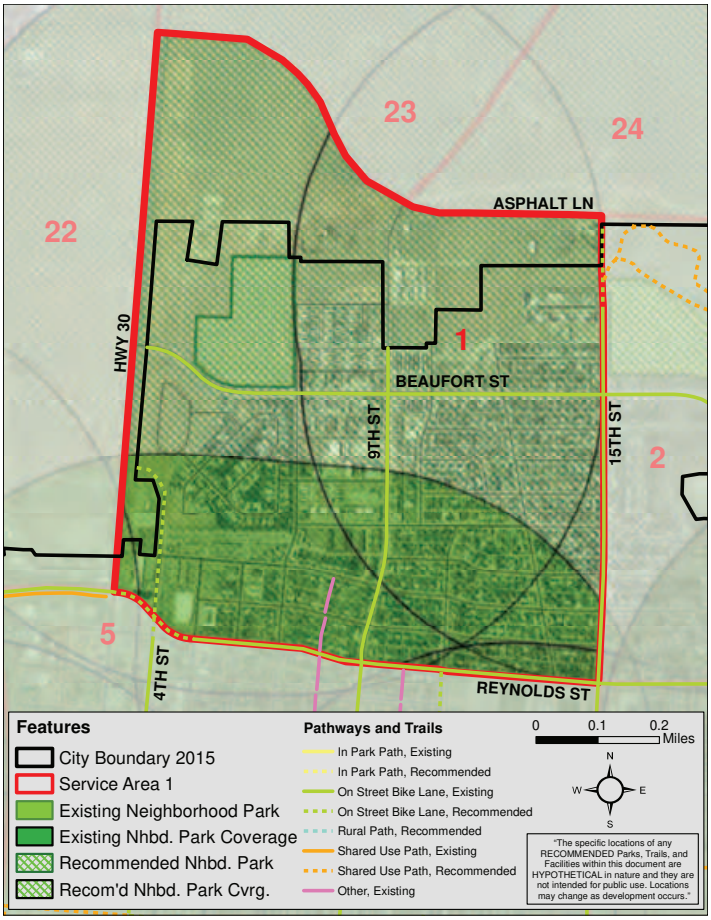
Spatial Analysis of SA 1	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No Community Parks are found in SA 1. A portion of the SA is served by LaBonte Park to the south, which is found in SA 5.*
Neighborhood Parks	*No existing and one proposed Neighborhood Park are found in SA 1. Overall coverage is good; however, a deficiency area can be found in the Southeast corner of the SA*
Playlots	*One existing Playlots (O'Dell Mini Park) and two proposed Playlots are found in SA 1. Coverage is good within the core of the SA and to the north except for a small deficiency found in the Northwest corner of SA 1. However, most of the southern part of the SA lacks coverage*

Service Area 1 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 1, current population, projected populations and the existing park types the following analyses are recommended for each park type:

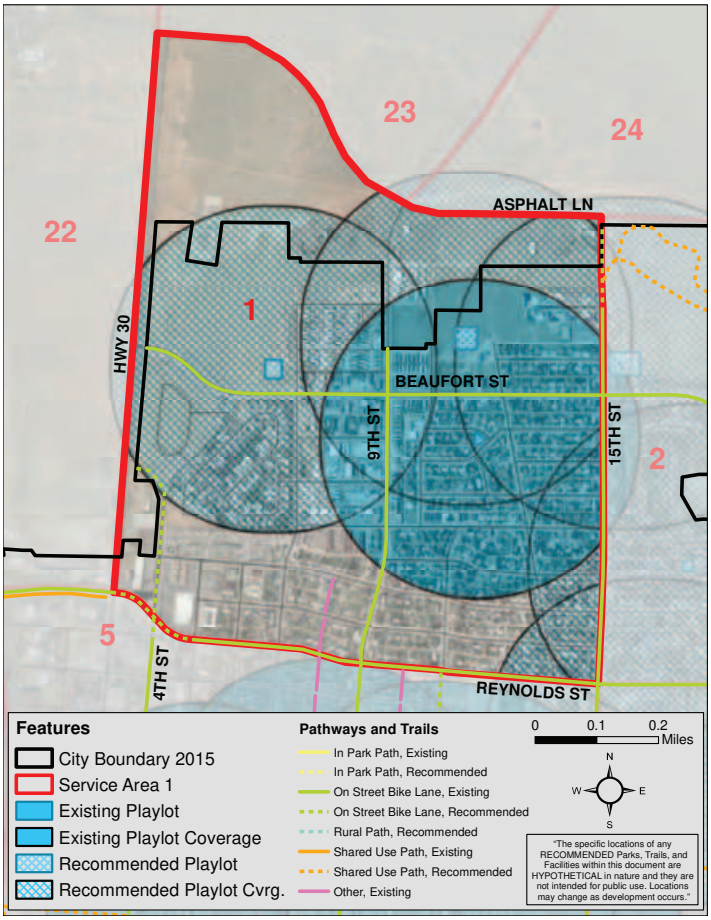
Community Parks: 9.1 to 16.1 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. Currently no acreage is devoted to Community Parks, thus making this SA deficient in Community Park acreage. However, due to the close proximity to LaBonte Park, which is a Community Park, the need for a Community Park in this SA was not desired, even though access to it requires crossing into another SA. Therefore, additional acreage should be devoted to Neighborhood Parks in order to compensate for the lack of a Community Park in this SA.

Neighborhood Parks: 9.7 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently no Neighborhood Parks exist within the SA. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 9.1 acres. With the addition of the one proposed Neighborhood Park in the northwestern area of the SA, acreage and spatial needs for the area will be met.



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 1

Playlots: 1.0 acre of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently one Playlot, O'Dell Mini Park (0.14 acres), contributes towards the total need. With no Playlots associated with a School Site or Other facilities, the SA is deficient by 0.86 acres or two Playlots. Two proposed Playlots, one to the north-central in the SA and one within the proposed Neighborhood Park will provide the necessary acreage, amount and decent spatial distribution needed to achieve the desired Playlot amount for SA 1.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 1

In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: No Natural Areas are proposed.

School Sites: No School Site serves the SA.

Recreation Sites: No Recreation sites serve the SA.

Other Site: The only Other Site that serves the SA is the Detention Area located at the corner of 10th Street and Beaufort. This area is limited in future use due to size, however, it should be noted that a proposed Playlot adjacent to the site is proposed. Development of the Playlot and use of this area in conjunction with the Playlot to provide aesthetically pleasing and possible passive recreational uses should be explored.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: Although SA 1 does have some Bike Lanes, lanes throughout the area are not continuous and are inconsistently painted. Proposed routes are anticipated, notably an east-west Beaufort Street Bike Lane that will go from 15th Street to the proposed Shared Use Path on Highway 30, as well as completing routes on Reynolds Street and 4th Street.

Beautification Corridors: A Beautification Corridor is found along the western edge of the SA, along Highway 30. The Corridor is intended to provide an improved gateway into the community from the north.

Bicycle Lanes along 9th Street

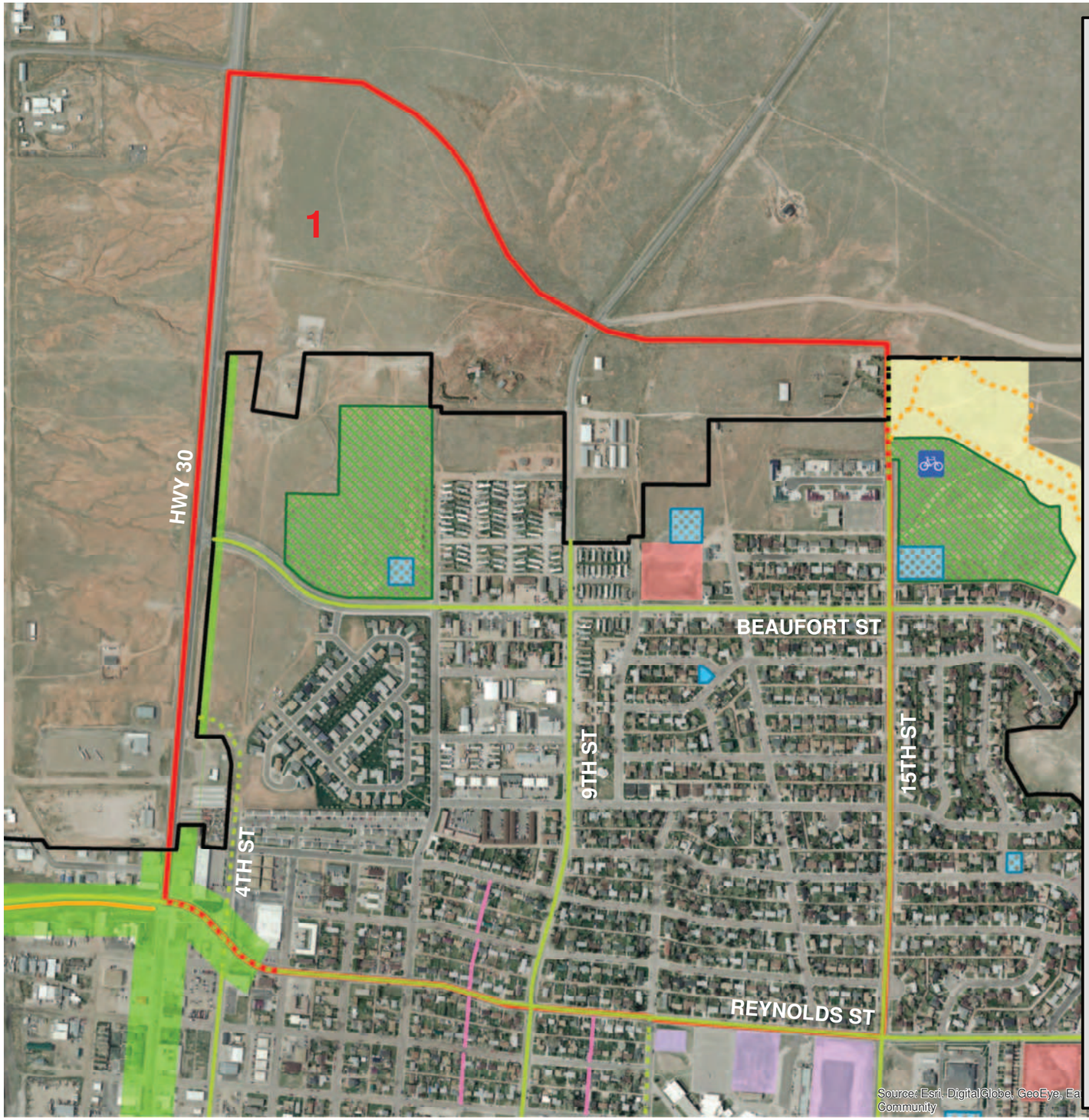
Service Area 1 Summary and Recommendations

SA 1 is deficient in achieving existing park acreage needed for one of the most populated SAs (5th highest) making this SA one of the most under served. However, a new Neighborhood Park and two additional Playlots will help this SA come close to achieving the need. Additional Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths are also anticipated in the SA.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 1:

- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.
- Establish a Neighborhood Park per SA 1 map. Extra acreage should be considered for this Neighborhood Park to compensate for lack of a Community Park and lack of existing parks in the area.
- Establish two Playlots per SA 1 map.
- Improve existing Bike Lanes in SA 1 for better continuity throughout the SA.
- Develop Bike Lanes per SA 1 map - especially on Beaufort Street-to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.

Service Area 1



FEATURES

- City Boundary 2015
- Service Area 1

PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

- In Park Path, Existing
- In Park Path, Recommended
- On Street Bike Lane, Existing
- On Street Bike Lane, Recommended
- Rural Path, Recommended
- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Recommended
- Other, Existing

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Water Recreation
- Kayak, Tube, Canoe & Swim
- Trail Head
- Archery Range
- Bike Park
- Dog Park
- Fishing Access

PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Recommended Nhbd. Park
- Existing Community Park
- Recommended Comm. Park
- Existing Playlot
- Recommended Playlot
- Existing Playlot In Park
- Recommended Playlot in Park

ADDITIONAL SITES

- Existing UW Site
- Existing School Site
- Recommended School Site
- Existing Natural Area
- Recommended Natural Area
- Existing Recreation Site
- Recommended Rec. Site
- Existing Other Site
- Recommended Other Site
- Existing Detention Area
- Beautification Corridor

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N W E S

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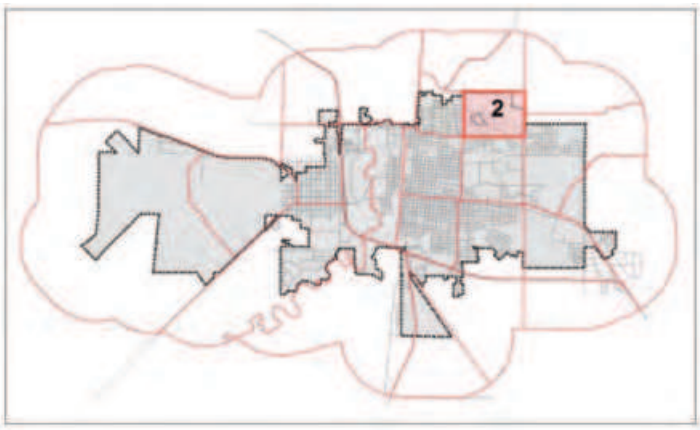
Service Area 2

General Location: Located generally north-central in the community, Service Area 2 (SA 2) is bounded by the future collector Asphalt Lane on the north, 30th Street on the east, Reynolds Street on the south and 15th Street on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 2 is primarily split between two land use types; residential uses and uses associated with the future Cirrus Sky Technology Park. Residential development in the SA is single family homes with some limited town home development, mostly located in the southern half of the SA, below the ridgeline. Most of the remaining northern part of the SA remains vacant; this area will be associated with the future Cirrus Sky Technology Park and will have some limited future residential areas. Aside from the two primary uses listed above, SA 2 includes Indian Paintbrush Elementary School, several Detention Areas and a county enclave.

Service Area Size: 482 acres

Current Population (2010): 1,147

Growth Projection (2050): (Low – 200 people) SA 2 is primarily split between two use types; residential uses and uses associated with the future Cirrus Sky Technology Park. Between the two uses, the Cirrus Sky Technology Park, which remains vacant at this time, will not add residential development to the SA; instead it will provide an area for a mixture of technology and office-oriented development. The SA does contain other properties that remain vacant and open for development; these areas are limited and are designated for residential development. Because of the majority of vacant land in the SA being associated with the future Cirrus Sky Technology Park Development Plan, which shows this area for technology and office development, population growth will be limited. Existing zoning and both the City and County Comprehensive Plans future land use support this analysis.

Current Facilities: SA 2 is currently served by no Parks, Recreation or Natural Area facilities. The SA does have one elementary school, Indian Paintbrush Elementary, which does contain a playground which acts as a Playlot. The SA also has three Detention Areas located within it, one off Nighthawk Drive, and two off of Reynolds Street. The one Detention Area adjacent to Nighthawk Drive has limited recreational value due to construction of the area being too deep with steep sides. On the other hand, both Detention Areas off Reynolds Street have the potential for good recreation potential. This SA also contains Bike Lanes on Reynolds, 15th and 22nd Street, as well as minor segment on 30th Street. Also the beginning of the Shared Use Path network starting on Reynolds north up the ridgeline to the proposed greenbelt is also proposed.

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Current Facilities in SA 1		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Park	*0*	*0*
Playlots	*0*	*0*
School Playlot Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Natural Areas	*2*	*N/A*
Recreation Sites	*0*	*0*
Other Sites	*0*	*0*
Detention Areas	*3*	*6.53*
Bike Lanes	*3*	*2.07*
Shared Use Paths	*1*	*.26*
In Park Paths	*0*	*0*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*0*	*0*

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses:

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 2 are

Current Needs Within SA 2	
Based upon current population: 1,147	
Community Parks	*3.4 to 5.7 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*3.4 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.4 acres (~1 Playlots)*

Projected Needs Within SA 2	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 1,347	
Community Parks	*4.0 to 6.7 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*4.0 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.4 acres (~1 Playlots*

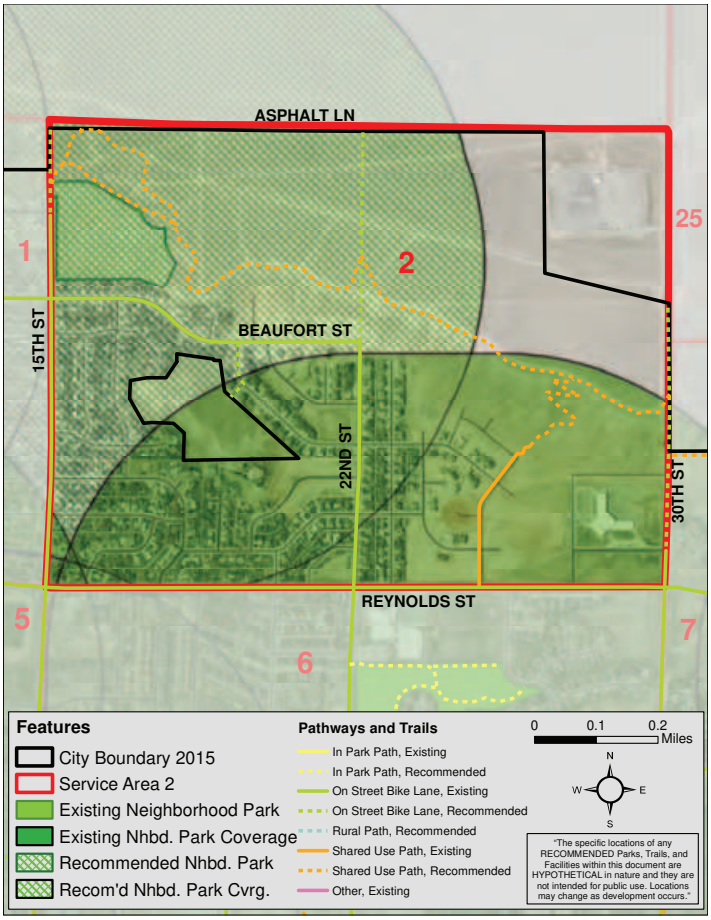
Spatial Analysis of SA 2	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No Community Parks are found in SA 2. A portion of the SA is served by LaBonte Park to the southwest, which is found in SA 5*
Neighborhood Parks	*No existing Neighborhood Parks are found in SA 2. One proposed Neighborhood Park is anticipated in the northwestern corner of the SA. Overall coverage will be good for existing and future residential growth in the SA, which is concentrated in the central and western part of the SA. Some deficiency will exist in the Southeast corner of the SA.*
Playlots	*One existing Playlot (Indian Paintbrush Elementary) and 4 proposed Playlots are found in SA 2. Coverage is good with almost no deficiencies found within the SA for those areas anticipated for residential growth*

Service Area 2 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 2, current population, projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type: **Community Parks:** 3.4 to 6.7 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. With no acreage devoted to Community Parks, this SA is deficient in this regard. However, due to the fact that a Community Park in each SA is not needed and is not desired, the deficiency relative to a Community Park in the SA is not a concern. A proposed Community Park is proposed in SA 25, directly to the east of this SA, which will provide service to the northeast part of Laramie. Therefore, additional acreage should be devoted to Neighborhood Parks in order to compensate for the lack of a Community Park in SA 2.

Neighborhood Parks: 4.0 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently no Neighborhood Parks serve this SA. Based on the need for a Neighborhood Park, the SA is deficient by 3.4 acres. With the addition of the one proposed Neighborhood Park in the northeastern corner of the SA the acreage and spatial needs for the area will be met.

Playlots: 0.4 acres of Playlot should be provided within



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 2

this SA. Currently one Playlot, a playground associated with Indian Paintbrush Elementary School serves the area, which contributes a total of 0.33 acres. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 0.07 acres or one Playlot. However, due to the spatial distribution needed for the SA, four proposed Playlots, three central to the SA and one associated with the proposed Neighborhoods Park in the Northwest corner will provide the necessary acreage, amount and spatial distribution needed to achieve the desired Playlots for SA 2.

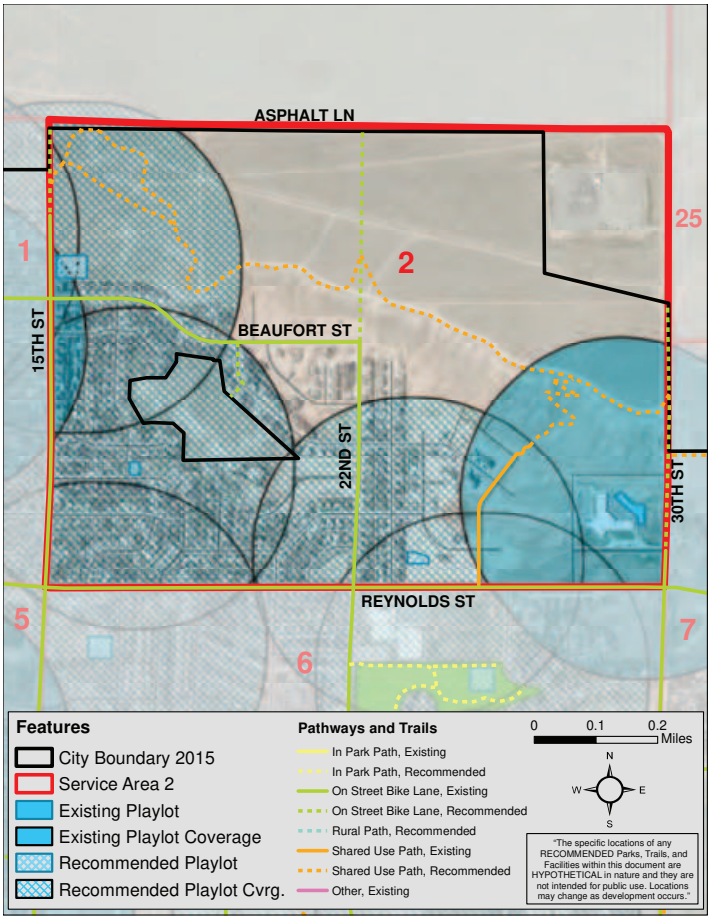
In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: With the presence of the ridgeline that runs through the middle of the SA, an exceptional Natural Area that will accommodate a proposed Shared Use Path will be anticipated. This Natural Area is highly desired by the Laramie community as a key area to preserve. Through the Cirrus Sky Technology Park plat this area is secure as a Natural Area.

School Sites: Currently one School Site, Indian Paintbrush Elementary School, serves this area. Based on the fact that it is an elementary school which contains recreation fields, a playground and sports courts; this school provides surrounding neighborhoods with facilities similar to that of a Playlot.

Recreation Sites: No Recreation Sites currently exist in the SA. However, a proposed bicycle multi-disciplinary Bike Track (BMX/Cyclo-Cross/Obstacles) is anticipated to be incorporated into the Neighborhood Park located in the northwest corner of the SA.

Other Sites: Three Detention Areas are noted within the SA. Currently one Detention Area, at the corner of Nighthawk Drive and 22nd Street is likely unable to serve the community in a recreational aspect due to the construction of the area itself. Only landscaping and general beautification are projected for this site. However, the other two Detention Areas have the potential to serve multiple functions due to their favorable construction. A Playlot is anticipated for the Detention Area located at Reynolds and Bath Street.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 2

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: SA 2 has existing Bike Lanes on 15th, 22nd and Reynolds Street that are continuous and consistently painted. A small portion of 30th Street also contains a Bike Lane; however, it does not extend past Indian Paintbrush School. Proposed Bike Lanes are anticipated to be incorporated on the northern extensions of 15th, 22nd and 30th Streets, as well as a segment of Beaufort Street, between 15th and 22nd Streets. Additionally, one of the most desired Shared Use Path locations atop the ridgeline is found in this SA. This Shared Use Path will be incorporated into a Natural Area developed as part of the Cirrus Sky Technology Park project. A Shared Use Path connection south to Reynolds will also be found in this SA.

Beautification Corridors: No Beautification Corridor is found in SA 2.

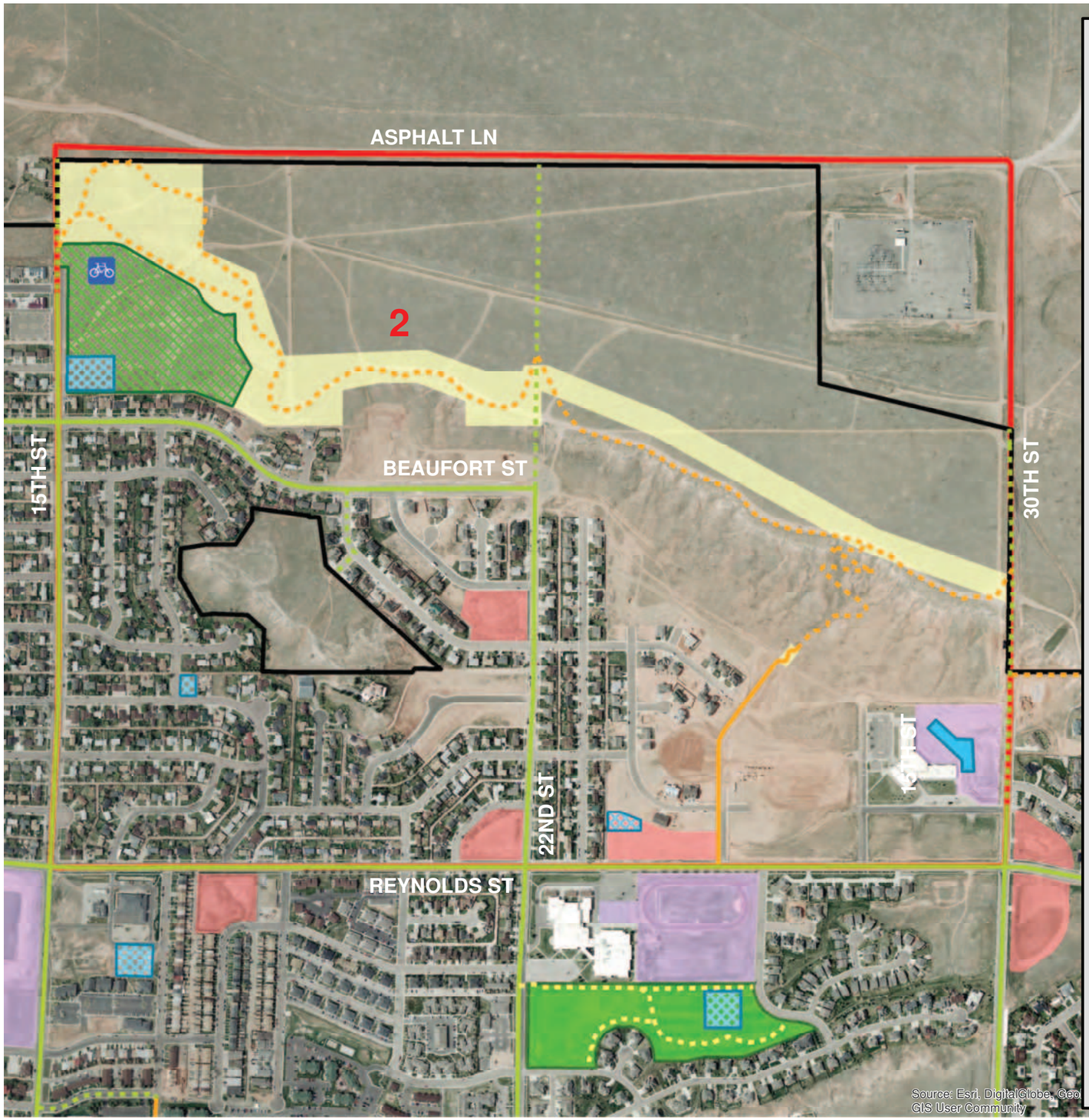
Service Area 2 Summary and Recommendations:

Although deficient in achieving acreage needs within SA 2, the SA comes close in achieving future needs with few needed additions, such as an additional Neighborhood Park and four Playlots. With the Cirrus Sky Technology Park located in the northern part of the SA, the necessity for parks in the northern area is addressed, thus allowing the few needed facilities the ability to spatially cover the SA adequately. Anticipated improvements to Bike Lanes as streets are extended and developed in the area will provide good connectivity throughout the SA and adjacent SAs. Additionally, development of the Shared Use Path on the ridgeline, which is also a key segment in the Greenbelt around the City, is highly desired.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 2:

- Establishment of a Neighborhood Park per SA 2 map. Extra acreage should be considered for this Neighborhood Park to compensate for lack of a Community Park in the SA.
- Establishment of four Playlots per SA 2 map.
- Extend Bike Lanes with the extensions of 15th, 22nd and 30th Street extensions are completed and Asphalt Lane to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.
- Develop Bike Lane per SA 2 map on Beaufort Street to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Develop the Shared Use Path and Natural Area atop the ridgeline that is part of the Cirrus Sky Technology Park and make connection off the ridgeline south to Reynolds Street.
- Establishment of a proposed multi-disciplinary Bike Track (BMX/Cyclo-Cross/Obstacles) within proposed Neighborhood Park. .
- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as the ridgeline and Reynolds Street, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.

Service Area 2



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- City Boundary 2015
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PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

- In Park Path, Existing
- In Park Path, Recommended
- On Street Bike Lane, Existing
- On Street Bike Lane, Recommended
- Rural Path, Recommended
- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Recommended
- Other, Existing

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Water Recreation
- Kayak, Tube, Canoe & Swim
- Trail Head
- Archery Range
- Bike Park
- Dog Park
- Fishing Access

PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Recommended Nhbd. Park
- Existing Community Park
- Recommended Comm. Park
- Existing Playlot
- Recommended Playlot
- Existing Playlot In Park
- Recommended Playlot in Park

ADDITIONAL SITES

- Existing UW Site
- Existing School Site
- Recommended School Site
- Existing Natural Area
- Recommended Natural Area
- Existing Recreation Site
- Recommended Rec. Site
- Existing Other Site
- Recommended Other Site
- Existing Detention Area
- Beautification Corridor

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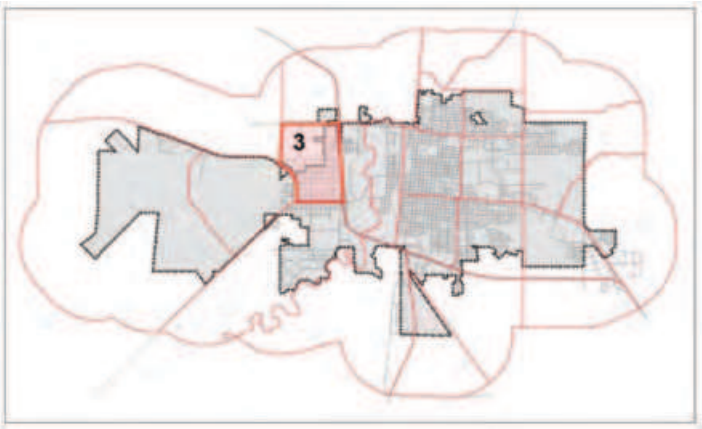
"The specific locations of any RECOMMENDED Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are HYPOTHETICAL in nature and they are not intended for public use. Locations may change as development occurs."

Service Area 3

General Location: Located in West Laramie, north of Snowy Range Road, Service Area 3 (SA 3) is bounded by Curtis Street on the north, Interstate 80 on the east, Snowy Range Road on the south and both Welsh Lane and Highway 130 on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 3 contains a variety of uses, ranging from all types of residential, business and commercial uses. Areas near Snowy Range Road and near the I-80/Curtis Street Intersection have a significant amount of commercial/business development, with a mixture of residential development types existing throughout the remaining SA. Approximately one half of the SA is outside of the City limits and is primarily Agricultural. SA 3 also contains Linford Elementary School and City of Laramie Fire Station #3.

Service Area Size: 741 acres

Current Population (2010): 1,749

Growth Projection (2050): (High – 1000 people) SA 3 is developed with a mix of commercial and residential development, with a significant amount of properties throughout the SA that remain vacant and available for development. Based on zoning and future land use classifications found in the City and County Comprehensive Plans, as well as favorable development conditions in the SA and vacant land, the potential to incorporate both new businesses and residential growth is likely. These factors contribute significantly to the high potential growth this SA could experience. (3rd Highest Projected Growth Rate)

Current Facilities: SA 3 is served by one park, Kiwanis Park, which is classified as a Neighborhood Park, and includes a Playlot in the park. In addition to the one park, Linford Elementary School is located within the SA and serves the area in a limited capacity with its playground and associated fields. This SA is also extremely limited in Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths. The SA contains only a small (one block) section of a Shared Use Path along Colorado Street and a Bike Lane along Pierce Street, north of Van Buren Street.

Current Facilities in SA 3		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*1*	*8.22 Acres*
Playlots	*1*	*.18 Acres*
School Playlot Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Natural Areas	*0*	*0*
Recreation Sites	*0*	*0*
Other Sites	*0*	*0*
Detention Areas	*2*	*1.08 Acres*
Bike Lanes	*1*	*.70 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*1*	*.1 miles*
In Park Paths	*0*	*0*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*0*	*0*

Kiwanis Park, the only park located in Service Area 3

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses:

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 3 are:

Current Needs Within SA 3	
Based upon current population: 1,749	
Community Parks	*5.2 to 8.7 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*5.2 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*.6 acres (~2 Playlots)*

Projected Needs Within SA 3	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 2,749	
Community Parks	*9.7 to 16.2 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*9.7 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.0 acres (~3 Playlots)*

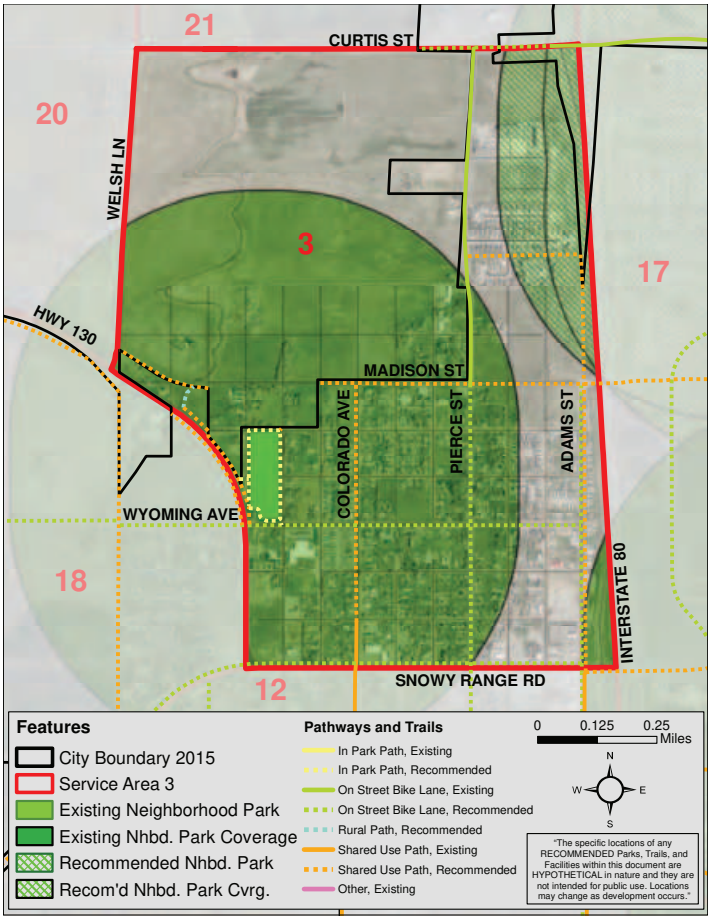
Spatial Analysis of SA 3	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No existing Community Park; one proposed Community Park is planned in SA 3. Depending upon the location of the Community Park full coverage of the SA can be accomplished.*
Neighborhood Parks	*One existing Neighborhood Park is found in SA 3. This SA also includes a proposed Community Park that will provide coverage as a Neighborhood Park up to one-half mile. Between the two parks, coverage is good; however, the eastern edge of the SA remains deficient spatially.*
Playlots	*Two existing Playlots (Kiwanis Park and Linford Elementary Playground) and three proposed Playlots are found in SA 3. Coverage is good in areas of existing development; however, there are small pockets of deficiencies throughout the district. Balancing the spatial and population based need is difficult in this area, due to the coverage difficulties experienced in some areas of the SA.*

Service Area 3 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 3, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

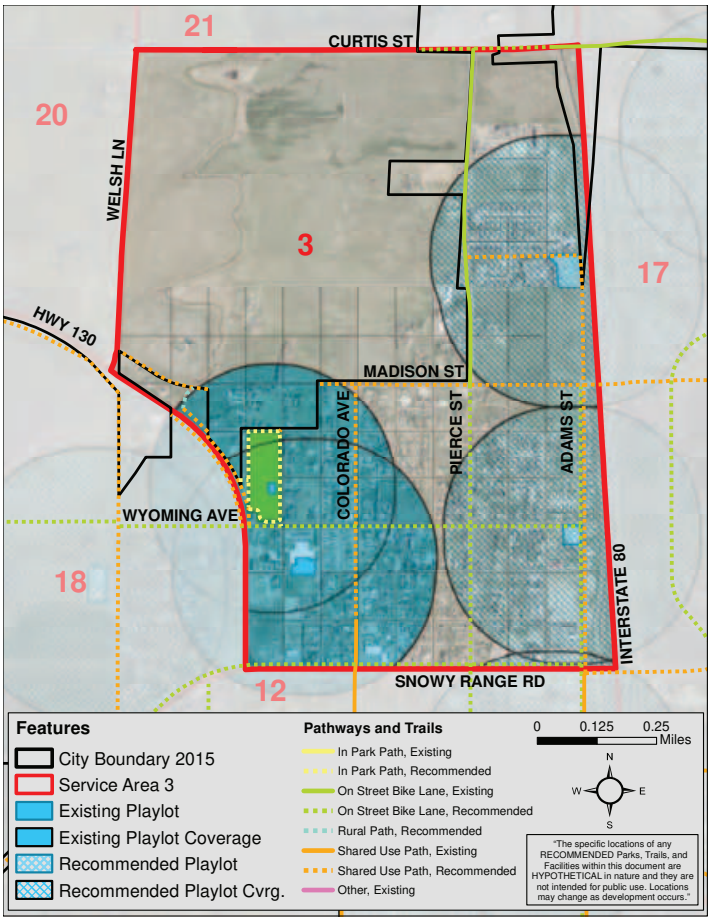
Community Parks: 5.2 to 16.2 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. Currently no acreage is devoted to a Community Park, however, a proposed Community Park is proposed in this SA that would more than meet both the population and spatial needs for this SA as well as the northwestern portion of Laramie.

Neighborhood Parks: 9.7 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently one park, Kiwanis Park (8.22 acres) generally meets the acreage need for this SA. Although slightly deficient in acreage, the spatial location of this park and the proposed Community Park (which will serve like a Neighborhood Park as well) will provide good service to the area.



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 3

Playlots: 1.0 acre of Playlot Park area should be provided within this SA. Currently one Playlot found within Kiwanis Park contributes a total of 0.18 acres, not including additional Playlot areas associated with Linford Elementary. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 0.82 acres, or three Playlots. Three proposed Playlots, one in the Northeast, one in the Southeast and one in the Northwest of the SA will provide the necessary acreage, number and spatial distribution needed to achieve the desired Playlot needs for SA 3.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 3

In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: This SA contains no existing and one proposed Natural Area. The proposed Natural Area is a small area that follows a drainage channel located in the northeast part of the SA which will serve as an access route to a proposed Playlot, which will also include a Shared Use Path.

School Sites: Currently one School Site, Linford Elementary School, serves this area. This elementary school contains recreation fields, a playground and sports courts and provides the surrounding neighborhoods with facilities similar to that of a Playlot.

Recreation Sites: No existing or proposed Recreation Site serves this area.

Other Sites: Two other sites serve this area; both are Detention Areas. One Detention Area, located off of North Colorado, is fenced and provides no additional recreation service to the area, due to its small size and standing water. Improving the general appearance and examining possible engineering solutions to reduce the standing water would be improvements to this site. The other Detention Area is located at the corner of Monroe and Grant Street and could serve some dual usage based on shallow slopes and size.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: Existing Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths are almost non-existent in SA 3. A small, one-half block of Shared Use Path exists on Colorado as well as a Bike Lane on North Pierce Street. Proposed Shared Use Paths planned on Adams Street, Colorado and Madison will provide a network throughout the area. Coupled with the Bike Lanes found on Adams, Pierce, Wyoming, Colorado and a sufficient network of Bike Lanes will also be provided.

Beautification Corridors: Multiple Beautification Corridors are found within SA 3. The Interstate 80/ Curtis Street Interchange area and the existing and future Curtis Street are shown as Beautification Corridors. The entryway into the community off Interstate 80 is the first impression for those traveling the Interstate from the west. Additionally, the Interstate 80/Snowy Range Interchange area is also included for many of the same reasons. Snowy Range Road/Highway 130 is also shown as a Beautification Corridor because it is the western gateway to Laramie for those visitors traveling from the west.

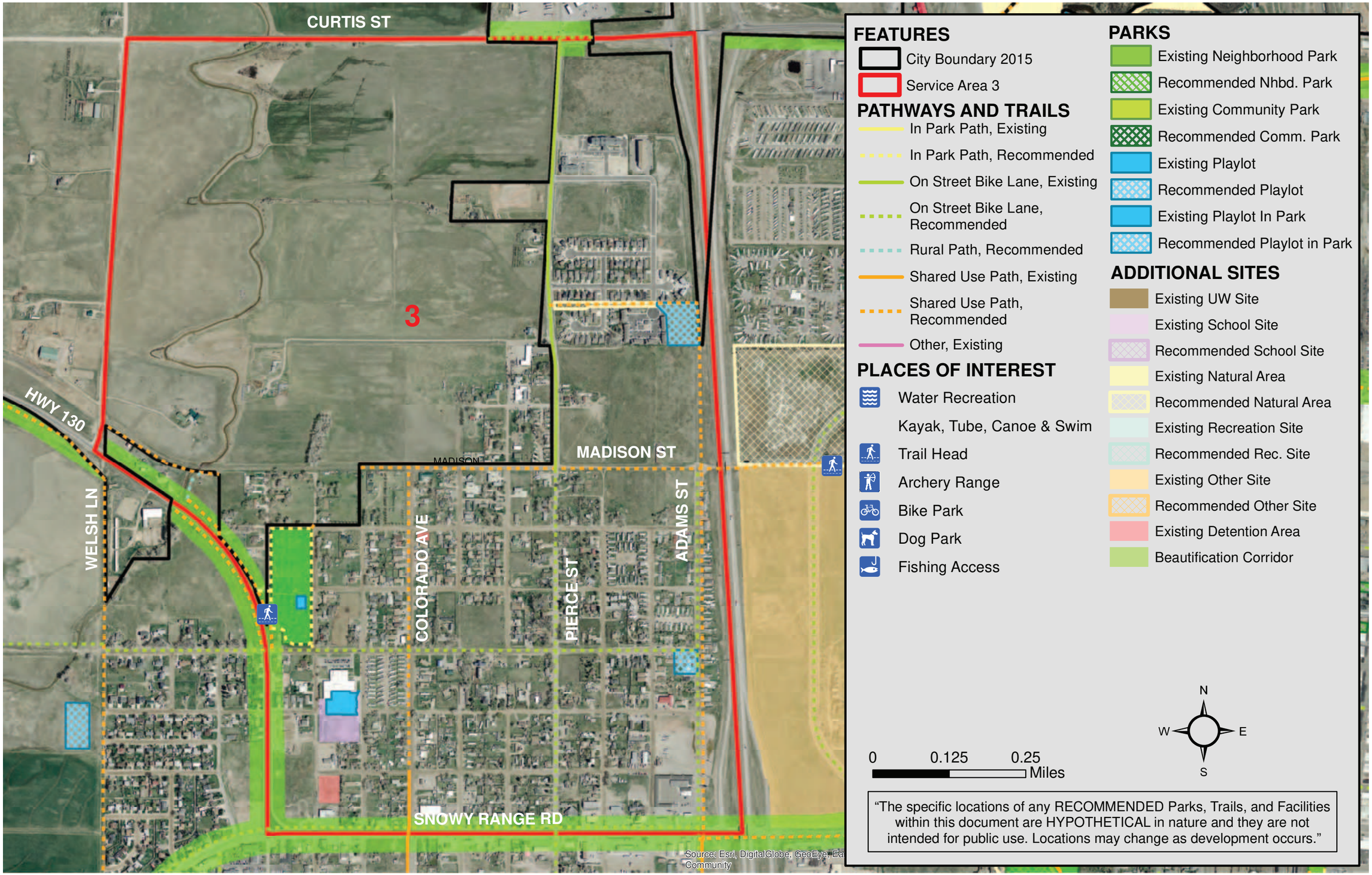
Service Area 3 Summary and Recommendations:

Although deficient in achieving acreage needs within SA 3 for Community Parks and Playlots, Neighborhood Parks come close to achieving the needed acreage and spatial service for the area with Kiwanis Park. With the proposed Community Park as well as the three Playlots, the area will be well served. However, due to lack of public infrastructure improvements, such as paved streets, sidewalks and adequate drainage, these improvements are essential in making the existing and proposed Parks in the area accessible to all. Additionally, the same improvements will be needed to allow for the proposed Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths in the SA. The lack of public improvements within the SA will inhibit future park development.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 3:

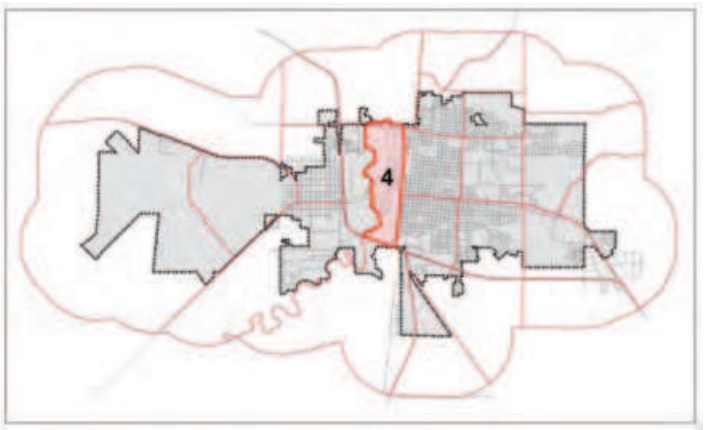
- Establish a Community Park in SA 3. Extra acreage associated with this park will accommodate the lack of an additional Neighborhood Park in the SA.
- Establish three Playlots per SA 3 map.
- Develop Bike Lanes per SA 3 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Develop Shared Use Paths per SA 3 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Development of essential infrastructure, such as paved streets, curbs and gutters, sidewalks and proper drainage. These improvements are essential for a complete and accessible parks system in this SA.
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 3 map along Snowy Range Road, Curtis Street, Highway 130 and the Interstate 80 Interchange.
- Develop the Shared Use Path connection under Interstate 80 at Madison Street, to address a key connectivity issue between West Laramie and the "West Side".
- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as Interstate 80, Snowy Range Road and Highway 130, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.

Service Area 3



Service Area 4

General Location: Located in an area referred to as the "West Side", SA 4 (SA 4) is bounded by part of the Laramie River on the north, the railroad tracks on the east, Interstate 80 on the south and the Laramie River on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 4 is one of oldest residential neighborhoods in the Laramie community with a mixture of housing types ranging from single-family homes to apartments. In addition, dispersed throughout the SA are commercial and industrial uses. The railroad and associated uses dominate the areas on the south and eastern edges of the SA. A mix of industrial uses can be found in the northeastern corner of the SA along with warehousing uses in the west/central part of the SA. It should also be noted that a large portion of the SA is within the Laramie River floodplain and contains a large brownfield site--the BP Amoco refinery site--in the northwestern corner of the SA.

Service Area Size: 639 acres

Current Population (2010): 1,077

Growth Projection (2050): (Low – 125 people) SA 4 is developed with a mixture of commercial, industrial and residential development, in addition to the uses associated with the railroad. The SA contains limited property that is vacant or open for development, with the majority of the vacant land associated with the BP Amoco refinery site or within the FEMA Floodplain. Based on these factors as well as the zoning and future land use classifications found in the City of Laramie Comprehensive Plan, this area has extremely limited potential to incorporate new residential growth.

Current Facilities: SA 4 is served by one park, Optimist Park. In addition to Optimist Park, the area includes four Playlots; two in Optimist Park, one north of Curtis Street and the other associated with the Lincoln Community Center which includes a playground. In addition to the listed facilities, one of Laramie's most heavily utilized (over 65,000 visits in 2013) recreational amenities, the Laramie River Greenbelt is located within the SA. The Greenbelt includes a Shared Use Path that runs the full north-south length of the SA and adjacent Natural Areas as well. In addition, the SA has a newly constructed Fenced, Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area, Laramie River Water Features and Greenbelt Trail Head, all located in Optimist Park. The Shared Use Path associated with the Greenbelt is a very popular recreational and commuting trail within the community. The SA also includes Bike Lanes on Cedar Streets, Curtis Streets and Garfield Street; however, the remaining Bike Lane and Shared Use Path network is largely disconnected, except for the Garfield Street Footbridge. The SA also contains the Lincoln Community Center, which serves the community in a myriad of different ways, including a charter elementary school, and provides limited recreational opportunity as well.

Current Facilities in SA 4		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*1*	*15.97 acres*
Playlots	*2*	*.18 acres*
School Playlot Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Natural Areas	*1*	*17.19*
Recreation Sites	*0*	*0*
Other Sites	*5*	*N/A*
Detention Areas	*0*	*0*
Bike Lanes	*3*	*1.05 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*3*	*3.31 miles*
In Park Paths	*0*	*0*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*0*	*0*

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses:

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 4 are:

Current Needs Within SA 4	
Based upon current population: 1,077	
Community Parks	*3.2 to 5.4 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*3.2 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.3 acres (~1 Playlots)*

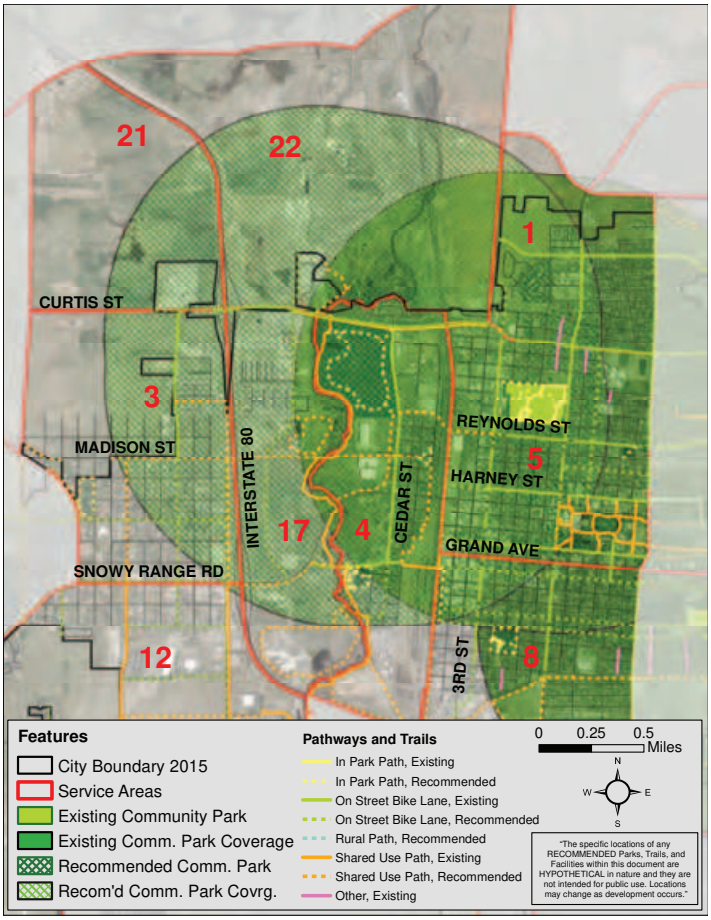
Projected Needs Within SA 4	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 1,202	
Community Parks	*3.6 to 6.0 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*3.6 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.4 acres (~1 Playlots)*

Spatial Analysis of SA 4	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No existing and one proposed Community Park are found in SA 4. Based on the proposed Community Park location, coverage in SA 4 will be good, except for a small industrial area located in the southern end of the SA. A portion of the SA is served by LaBonte Park to the east, which is found in SA 5, however major barriers prohibit adequate use of this park by the population in SA 4.*
Neighborhood Parks	*One existing and one proposed Neighborhood Park are found in SA 4. Coverage is good based on the two Neighborhood Parks, with coverage being excellent with the inclusion of the spatial service the proposed Community Park will provide as well. No part of the SA is deficient in spatial need for a Neighborhood Park.*
Playlots	*Two existing Playlots both in Optimist Park, one Playlot associated with the Lincoln Community Center and two proposed Playlots; one in the Community Park and the other north of Curtis Street are found in SA 4. Coverage is adequate; however, the core of SA 4 remains spatially deficient.*

Service Area 4 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 4, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

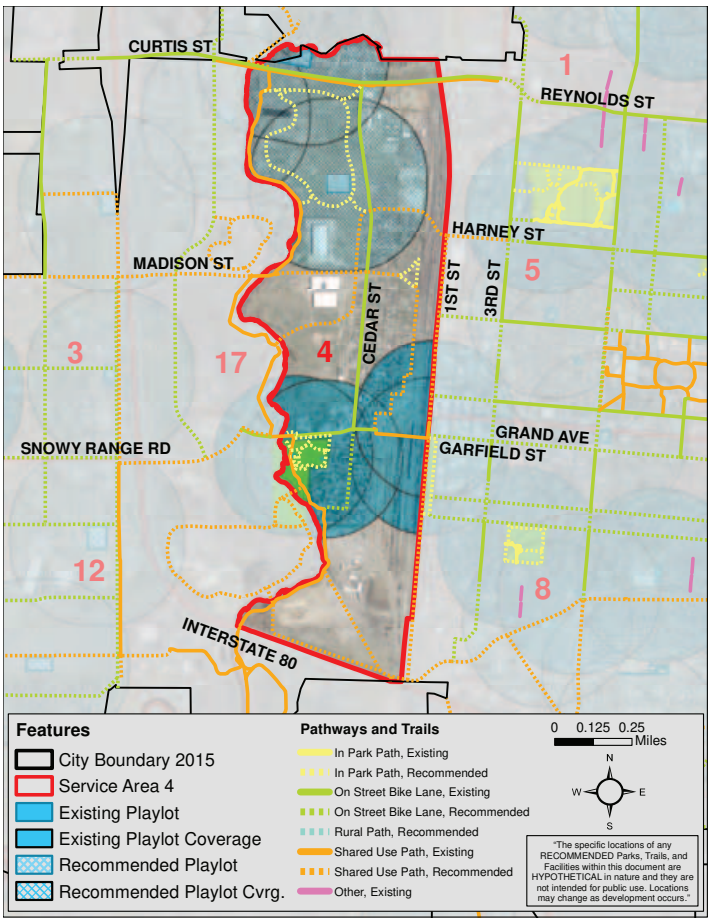
Community Parks: 3.2 to 6.0 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. Based solely on the population of the SA, it would appear that a Community Park would not be needed, however, due to the spatial location of SA 4 in Laramie and the opportunity the BP/Amoco Site may provide, a Community Park is ideal in this location. Furthermore, due to the size of the site, this location has been noted as a proposed location for a Sporting Complex that would accommodate many fields and facilities needed to host larger local and regional sporting events. No acreage is devoted to Community Parks, thus making this SA deficient in Community Park acreage, but with the proposed Community Park this SA will be well served.



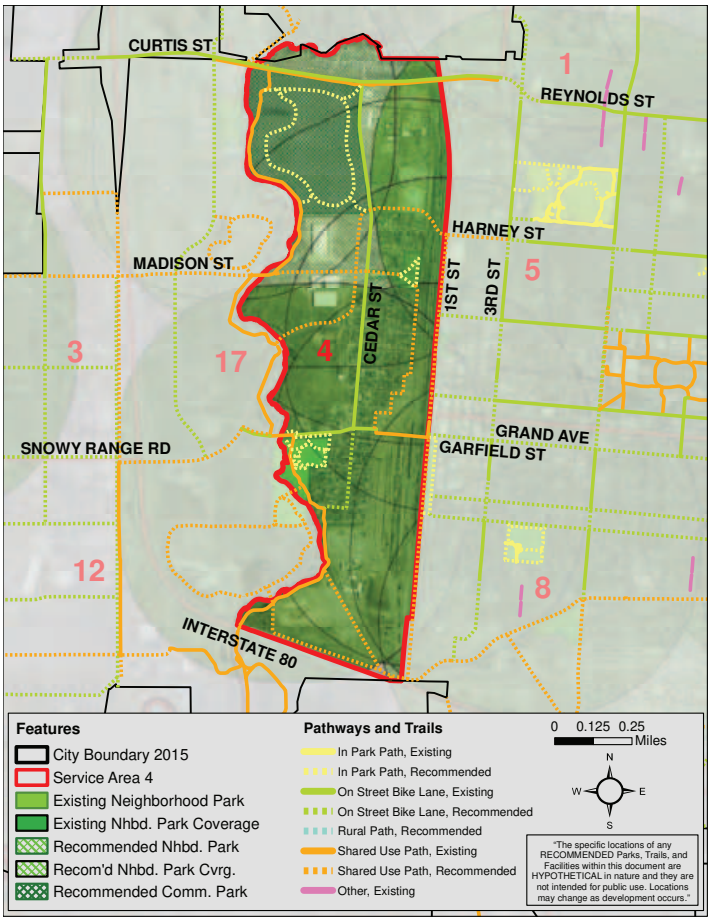
Community Park Coverage - Service Area 4

Neighborhood Parks: 3.6 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently one park, Optimist Park (15.97 acres) provides adequate acreage to the SA. Although satisfied by acreage amounts, spatial coverage for a Neighborhood Park further north in the SA is needed. A proposed location is noted at the "Wye", an old railroad area located in the SA. Not only would this Neighborhood Park serve SA 4, it could also provide an educational opportunity for railroad history in Laramie.

Playlots: 0.4 acres of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently two Playlots, both in Optimist Park provide a total of .18 acres, not including the Playlot associated with the Lincoln Community Center. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 0.22 acres or one Playlot. One proposed Playlot associated with the proposed Community Park and one additional playlot will provide SA 4 the necessary acreage and spatial need for the area.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 4



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 4

In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: The majority of the Laramie River Greenbelt is found within this SA and is part of a long-term lease. Acquisition of the adjacent riparian areas and floodplain along the Laramie River as Natural Areas would be preferred. These Natural Areas will not only provide for permanent lands along the Greenbelt, but also provide development protection for some of the most sensitive lands in the community. The Natural Areas will provide a migration corridor for wildlife.

School Sites: No School Sites are found in the SA.

Recreation Sites: No Recreation Sites are found in the SA.

Other Sites: SA 4 contains five different Other Sites within the SA. The Lincoln Community Center serves as an elementary school, and provides a Playlot for

Laramie River Greenbelt Trail

surrounding residents. Within Optimist Park, are a Trail Head and Parking area serving the Laramie River Greenbelt, a Fenced, Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area which is divided for large and small dogs and improvements to the Laramie River which allow for swimming and play within the SA. In addition, a major historical and transportation/connection structure, the Garfield Street Footbridge can be found in the SA.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: Although SA 4 does contain Laramie's most prominent Shared Use Path, the Laramie River Greenbelt, the SA remains deficient in routes in and out of the SA, and overall connectivity to the rest of the community due to location and constraints from the railroad and Laramie River. With some connectivity from the Garfield Street Footbridge and Curtis Street, additional connections will improve access, most notably the future Harney Street viaduct Shared Use Path. Once these connections are completed, and a few minor additions are provided, access to park and recreation facilities will be optimal.

Beautification Corridors: Two Beautification Corridors are found in SA 4. In the most northern part of the SA, Curtis Street is shown as a Beautification Corridor, due to Curtis Street being an entryway into the community from I-80. Additionally, Harney Street/Future Harney Street (and the proposed viaduct) and Snowy Range Road will be major beautification routes through Laramie.

Service Area 4 Summary and Recommendations

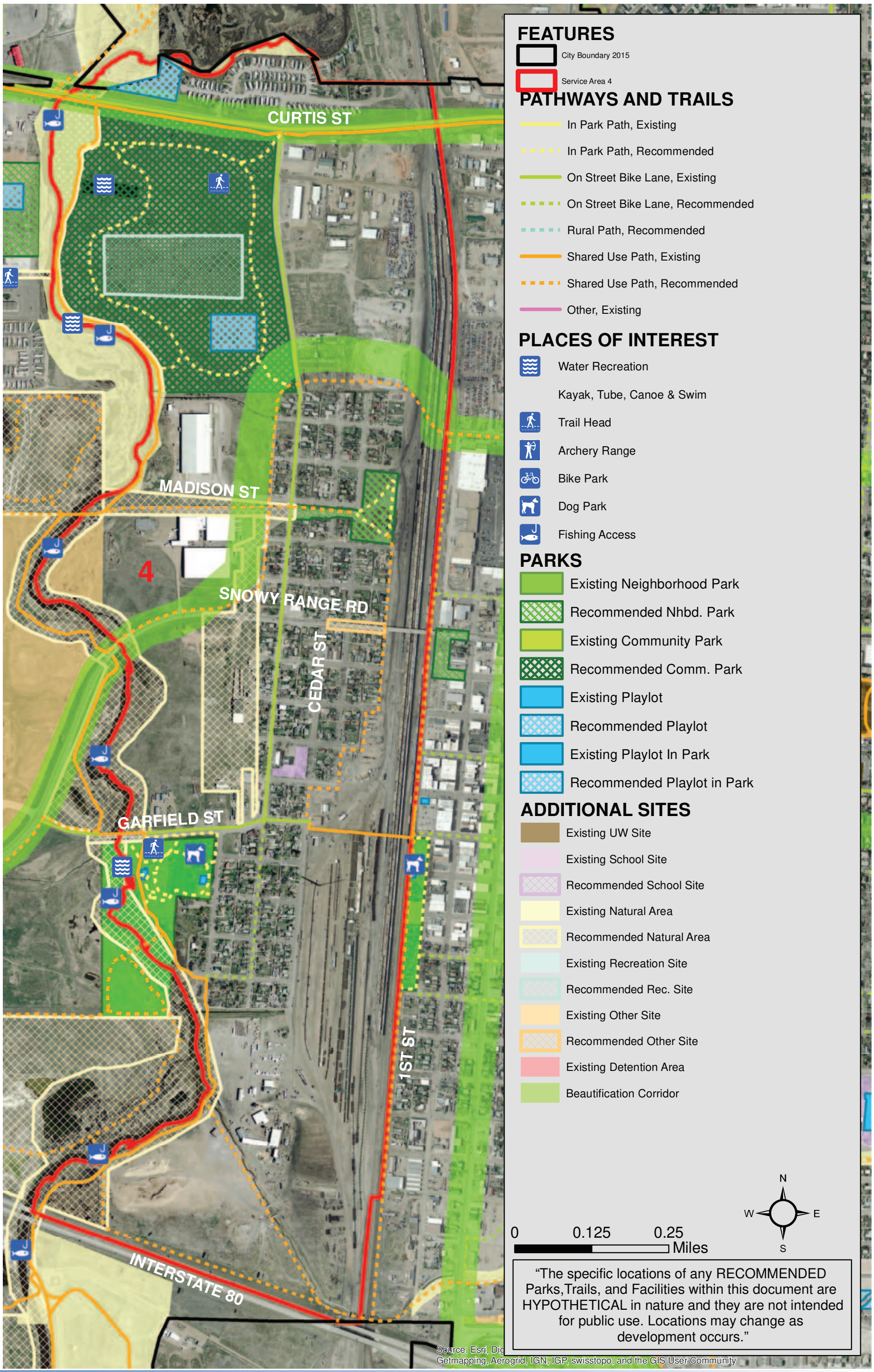
Although achieving acreage needs within the SA for Neighborhood Parks; Community Parks and Playlots come up short. The potential BP/Amoco Site could play a fundamental role in providing a Community Park, as well as a proposed sporting complex for the community and region. The importance of remediating and converting this location into a usable site is important not just to this SA, but to the community as a whole. With the addition of the remaining proposed Playlots and Neighborhood Park, the spatial needs for the area will be met. Additionally, the importance of the Laramie River Greenbelt cannot be understated. Its high use and "spine" of the proposed Greenbelt system makes this the centerpiece to what Laramie is trying to achieve with Natural Areas and Open Space. Also, due to the

movement barriers found in the SA, such as the Laramie River and railroad, improving connectivity and access through the SA is paramount, not just for the SA and surrounding SAs, but for the long range development of Laramie and proposed facilities.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 4:

- Development of the BP/Amoco Site as a Community Park that will accommodate a proposed sports complex, park, river access and trails heads.
- Establish a Neighborhood Park per SA 4 map. This Neighborhood Park should also consider incorporating the railroad history associated with the site known as the "Wye".
- Establish two Playlots per SA 4 map.
- Develop Shared Use Path per SA 4 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Develop Bike Lanes per SA 4 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Maintain the Garfield Street Footbridge.
- Acquire Natural Areas associated with the riparian areas adjacent to the Laramie River and sensitive floodplain areas.
- Develop the Shared Use Path associated with the Harney Street viaduct to provide better continuity through the SA and to adjacent SAs and their facilities. This connection will help alleviate a key barrier between the "West Side" and Laramie east of the railroad tracks.
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 4 map along Snowy Range, Harney Street, Curtis Street and both Interstate 80 interchange areas.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as the railroad, Laramie River, Snowy Range Road, Curtis Street and Interstate 80, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.

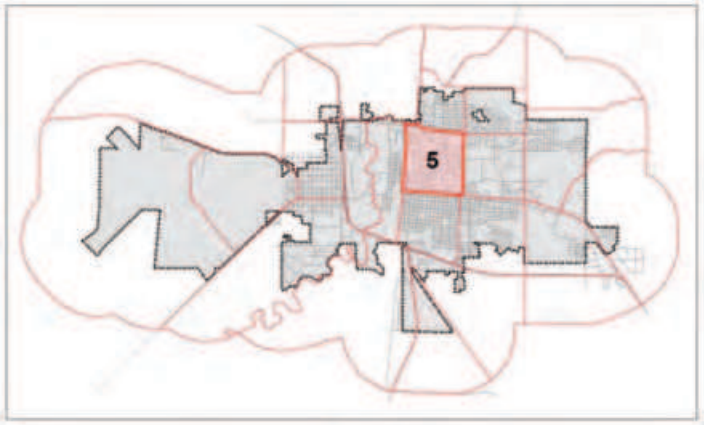
BP Amoco Property, Laramie, WY



Service Area 4

Service Area 5

General Location: Located centrally within the community, Service Area 5 (SA 5) is bounded by Reynolds on the north, 15th Street on the east, Grand Avenue on the south and 1st Street on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 5 has a wide range of land uses, including residential, commercial and institutional lands in a dense urban form. The majority of SA 5 is residential, containing single family homes, apartments and town homes, with increased residential density located near the University's core campus. Property along 1st-4th Streets and on the western end of Grand Avenue is developed commercially, including both City and County office buildings as well as a fire station. This SA also contains the University of Wyoming's core campus which contributes significantly to the character of the SA. Other educational facilities include Slade Elementary School and Laramie High School.

Service Area Size: 650 acres

Current Population (2010): 4,549 (2nd Highest Populated SA)

Growth Projection (2050): (Low – 100 people) SA 5 has commercial and residential development centered around the University of Wyoming campus, and contains very few properties that are vacant and available for development. Based on zoning and future land use classifications found in the Comprehensive Plan, this area has the potential to incorporate new business and some redevelopment. Almost all growth that might be experienced would likely occur through redevelopment of existing properties. However, due to a lack of vacant properties residential growth will be extremely limited.

Current Facilities: SA 5 is served by two parks, LaBonte and Harbon. Three Playlots also serve SA 5, two are located within LaBonte Park and one is located within Harbon Park. SA 5 also has two schools, Slade Elementary and Laramie High School. Slade Elementary provides recreation facilities similar to that of a Playlot, whereas the High School does not. However, the High School does play a recreational role in the community by providing facilities such as an outdoor track, tennis courts, practice fields and indoor courts. In addition to the standard parks, the SA contains the University of Wyoming main campus, a major contributor to Natural Areas and recreation facilities. Prexy's Pasture, the Arts and Sciences Building's north and south "greens" and the "State" park found along Ivinson Street and 9th Street provide unique and high quality open space. Although central to campus the area not only serves the University of Wyoming students, but the community as well. Finally, the SA contains some of the most connected Bike Lanes throughout Laramie along 4th, 9th, 15th, Lewis, Reynolds, and Ivinson Streets. The University of Wyoming also contains an excellent network of Shared Use Paths incorporated throughout campus.

Current Facilities in SA 5		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*1*	*33.64 acres*
Neighborhood Parks	*1*	*1.7 acres*
Playlots	*3*	*.39 acres*
School Playlot Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Natural Areas	*0*	*0*
Recreation Sites	*2*	*N/A*
Other Sites	*4*	*N/A*
Detention Areas	*0*	*0*
Bike Lanes	*7*	*4.98 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*1*	*1.8 miles*
In Park Paths	*1*	*1.06 miles*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*3*	*.26 miles*

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on an analysis of current and projected population incorporating park standards, the needs in SA 5 are:

Current Needs Within SA 5	
Based upon current population: 4,549	
Community Parks	*13.6 to 22.7 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*13.6 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.5 acres (~5 Playlots)*

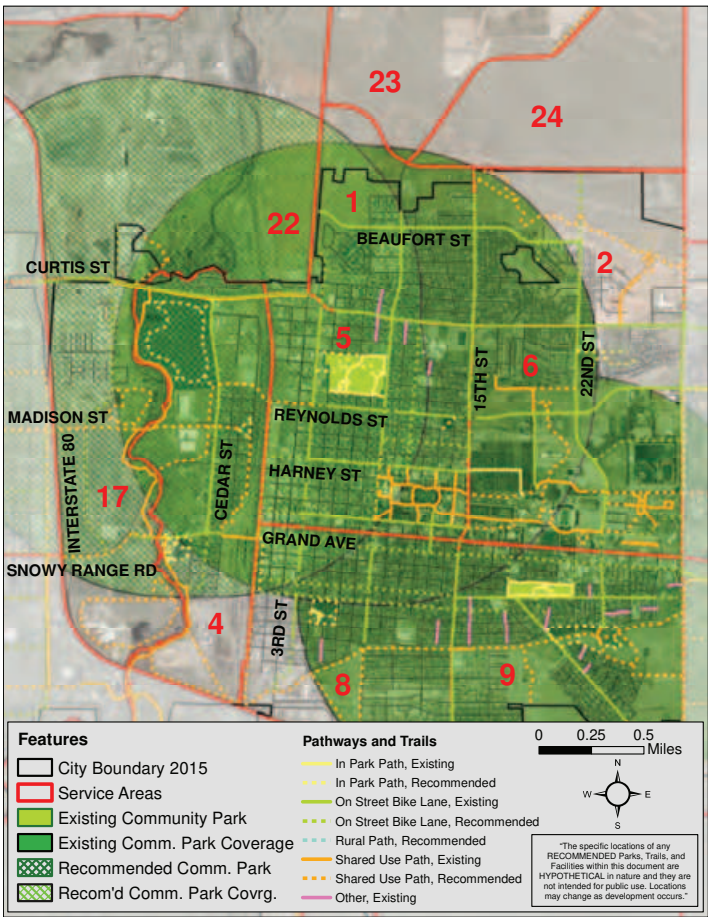
Projected Needs Within SA 5	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 4,649	
Community Parks	*13.9 to 23.2 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*913.9 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.5 acres (~5 Playlots)*

Spatial Analysis of SA 5	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*One Community Park is found in SA 5. LaBonte Park provides adequate spatial needs for the SA.*
Neighborhood Parks	*One Neighborhood Park exists within SA 5. It should also be noted that LaBonte Park, although a Community Park also serves the area similar to that of a Neighborhood Park. Based on these facilities Neighborhood Park spatial coverage will be sufficient.*
Playlots	*Three existing Playlots - LaBonte Park (two), Harbon Park (one), as well as the playground associated with Slade Elementary can be found in SA5. With two proposed Playlots located central to the SA, coverage will be good, with deficiency found in the Northwest corner of the SA.*

Service Area 5 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 5, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

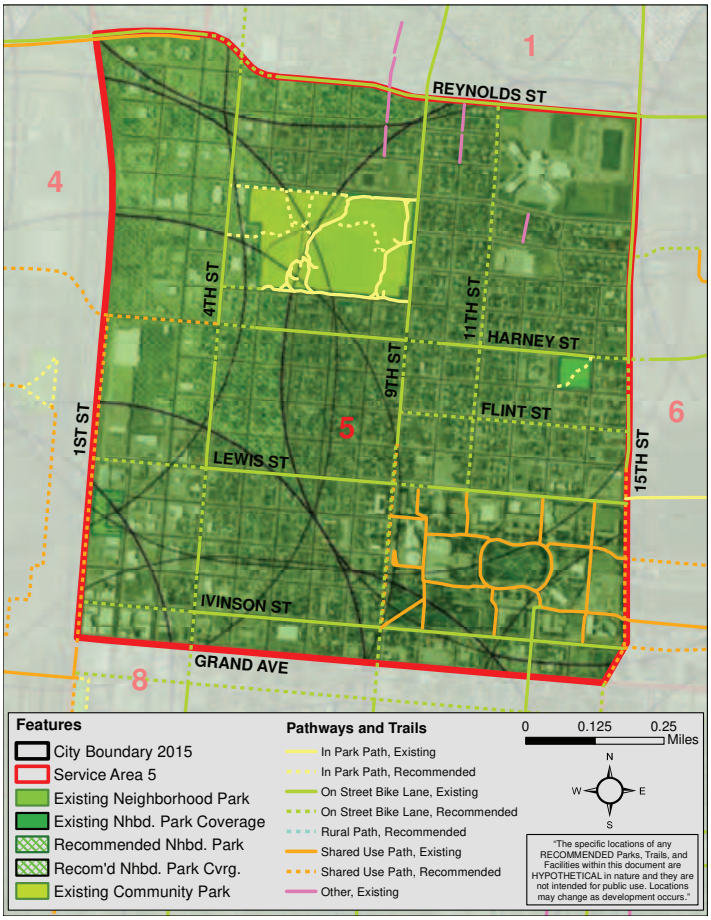
Community Parks: 13.6 to 23.2 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. With LaBonte Park located in the SA, acreage and spatial needs are met.



Community Park Coverage - Service Area 5

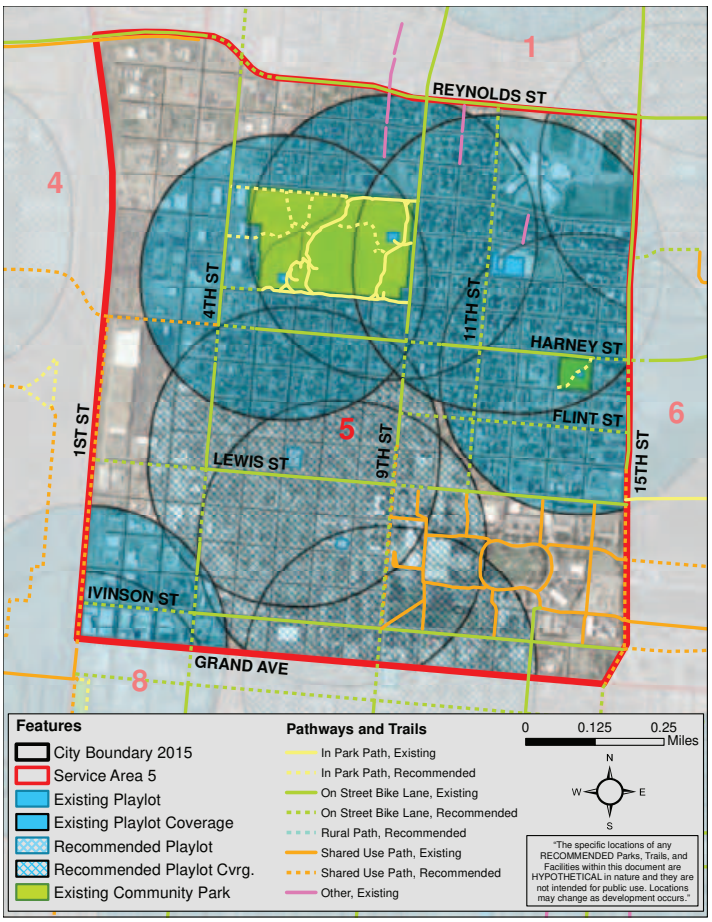
LaBonte Park Playground, Laramie, WY

Neighborhood Parks: 13.9 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently one park, Harbon Park (1.7 acres) contributes minimal acreage towards the total Neighborhood Park need and provides spatial service to the eastern side of the SA. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 12.2 acres. However, with the addition of a proposed Neighborhood Park near downtown and LaBonte Park, which provides service like a Neighborhood Park, the spatial needs are met although the acreage may be deficient. Also, the UW campus provides unique Open Space and facilities, thus overall the SA contains adequate acreage for parks and recreation.



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 5

Playlots: 1.5 acres of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently three Playlots, two in LaBonte Park (.15 and .19 acres) and one in Harbon Park (.05 acres), contribute a total of 0.39 acres, not including additional Playlot areas associated with Slade Elementary. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 1.1 acres or three Playlots. Two proposed Playlots, both centrally located within SA 5, will provide less than the necessary acreage, however spatial distribution needed would be achieved. In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 5

Natural Areas: No Natural Areas are found in SA 5.

School Sites: Currently two School Sites, Slade Elementary School and Laramie High School serve this area. Slade Elementary does serve the SA as a Playlot, while the High School serves the area more as a recreation site with practice fields, an outdoor track, tennis courts and indoor facilities. However, a new High School is planned for the Turner Tract (SA 10) and the future use of the existing High School site is unknown and should not be relied on as a permanent facility. The City and School District should consider

the different options for this site and determine if the facilities should remain as a community asset. **Recreation Sites:** No Recreation Sites are found in SA 5.

Other Sites: A major Other Site, the University of Wyoming Main Campus is found in the SA. The natural area, recreation, public art and many other events and activities held on campus provide a range of unique opportunities unique to the SA as well as, Laramie, the region and the State. Although found in SA 5 the UW facilities serve not only the UW students, but the community as a whole.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: SA 5 contains a high density of Bike Lanes throughout the SA; however, many are inconsistently painted and are not continuous. A route that is highly used and identified by many individuals as a needed Bike Lane follows 11th Street. Additionally, the role Lewis, 9th and Ivinson Streets will play in the overall network may change due to the possibility of automobile use being reduced or eliminated. The Shared Use Paths on the UW campus are also vital not only to students but to the community. A proposed Shared Use Path along 15th Street, adjacent to campus and another along 1st Street will make this area potentially the most connected SA in Laramie.

Beautification Corridors: Multiple Beautification Corridors are found in SA 5. Grand Avenue, 3rd Street and Harney Street are all prominent roads within the Laramie community that often are traveled by residents and visitors and reflect on the community as a whole. Improvements to these routes will enhance their visual appeal.

Bike Racks along the Shared Use Paths within the University of Wyoming's main campus.

Service Area 5 Summary and Recommendations

The proposed additional facilities achieve the spatial needs for Community Parks and Neighborhood Parks as well as the acreage needs for Community Parks but they do not meet the acreage need for Neighborhood Parks. The addition of a Downtown Neighborhood Park and additional Playlots will make this area well served by all measures of analysis. Also, the improvements to the Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths in the SA will increase connectivity to all facilities. Because of the SA's high population density and central location, the facilities found in this SA play a key role in Laramie's parks and recreation system. The additional facilities noted need to be incorporated in order for this SA to meet the needs of the current and future population.

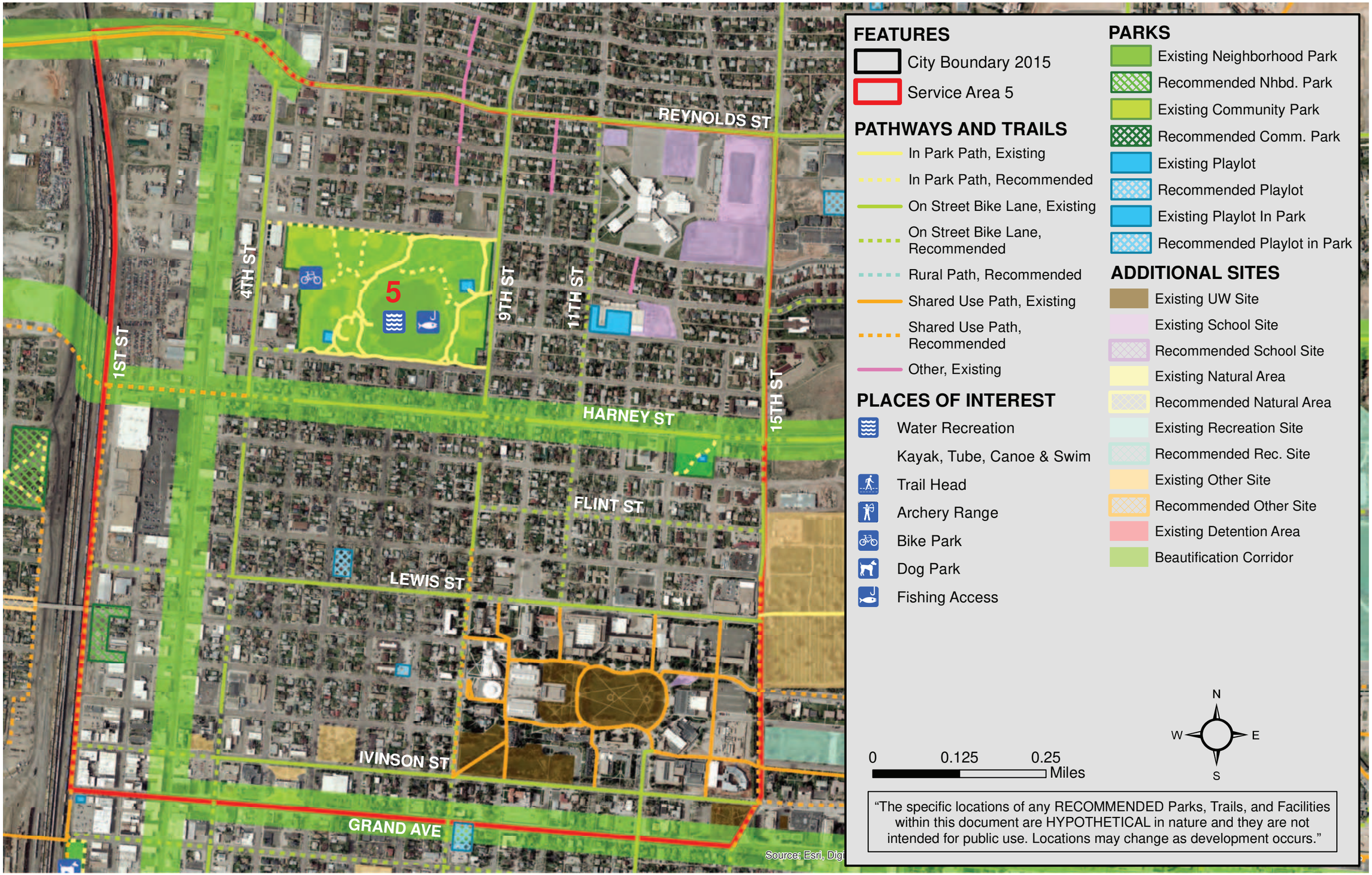
The following recommendations are priorities for SA 5:

- Establish a Neighborhood Park per SA 5 map. Although smaller in acreage than a Neighborhood Park, the location of the park at the north end of Downtown should be more urban in form and follow the recommendations of the Downtown Plan.
- Establish two Playlots per SA 5 map.
- Improve existing Bike Lanes in SA 5 for better continuity throughout the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Address design elements related to the potential of Lewis and Ivinson Streets reducing or eliminating automobile access as well as integrating into the overall Bike Lane network.
- Establish a Bike Lane or Bike Route on 11th Street per SA 5 map, to provide a more defined route to an existing heavily used north-south route through SA in order to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- The Shared Use Path along 1st Street should be integrated into the overall design of the Harney Street Viaduct as well as the Downtown Laramie plans.

Harbon Park

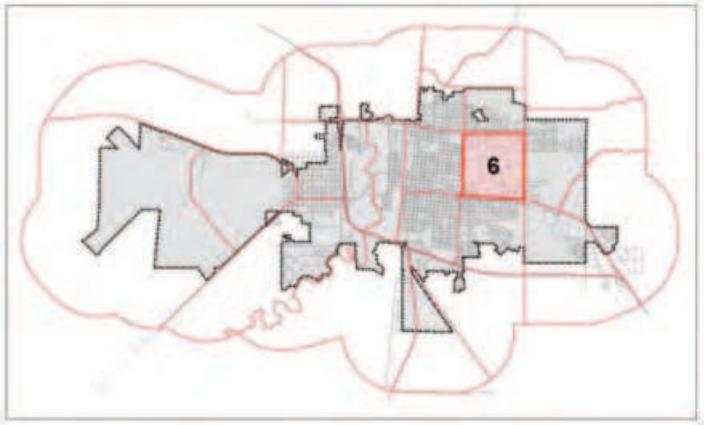
- The City and Albany County School District should work together in evaluating the future use of the current High School site when the new High School facility is completed, including but not only limited to future recreational uses.
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 5 map along Grand Avenue, and 3rd, Reynolds, and Harney Streets.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as the railroad, Reynolds Street, 15th Street and Grand Avenue, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Continue to rely on the Downtown Master Plan for improvements related to Parks and Recreation elements.

Service Area 5



Service Area 6

General Location: Located generally central to the community, Service Area 6 (SA 6) is bounded by Reynolds Street on the north, 30th Street on the east, Grand Avenue on the south and 15th Street on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 6 is dominated by the public institutional use associated with the University of Wyoming, Albany County School District and the City of Laramie. Within the SA the University dormitories, fraternity/sorority row, War Memorial Stadium, Arena Auditorium, classroom buildings, sporting event parking lots, Art Museum, University "Park and Ride", student housing and associated playfields occupy a majority of the land. Properties along Grand Avenue and 30th Street contain some of the limited commercial uses in the SA. The northern part of the SA has a mix of high end single-family homes, apartment complexes and attached single-family housing. The SA also contains Laramie's only cemetery, Greenhill Cemetery, a National Guard facility and the Laramie Junior High School.

Service Area Size: 691 acres

Current Population (2010): 5,017 (Highest Populated SA)

Growth Projection (2050): (High – 2000 people) SA 6 has the potential for commercial and residential development, with some properties that remain vacant and open. In addition, SA 6 contains both the University of Wyoming dormitories as well as additional student housing options offered by the University. These existing and future student housing facilities are the reason for the high population density and significant future development potential of the SA. Based on zoning and future land use classifications found in the City of Laramie's Comprehensive Plan this area has the potential to generate a significant amount of residential growth associated with student housing and housing geared towards students.

Current Facilities: SA 6 is served by one Neighborhood Park, Scout Park. Although served by only one park, the SA contains a large number of recreational facilities, including Fraternity and Sorority Row recreation fields, the North 40 area, Sandy Aragon Softball Complex and the UW Sports Complex which all provide fields for a number of sports. The Laramie Jr. High School also has recreational fields that can be used for sporting events by the community. SA 6 also contains two unique facilities, a new Fenced Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area as well as Greenhill Cemetery. Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths can also be found throughout the SA. Bike Lanes on many of the main streets, e.g., 15th, part of 22nd, 30th, Reynolds and Harney, provide great connectivity. However, a major deficiency is the lack of a Bike Lane on 22nd Street, south of Harney Street. The SA also has segments of Shared Use Paths in and around campus, however, most are disconnected and do not provide a continuous route.

Current Facilities in SA 6		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*1*	*12.43 acres*
Playlots	*0*	*0*
School Playlot Sites	*0*	*0*
Natural Areas	*0*	*0*
Recreation Sites	*3*	*N/A*
Other Sites	*2*	*N/A*
Detention Areas	*1*	*2.23 acres*
Bike Lanes	*6*	*4.19 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*6*	*1.94 miles*
In Park Paths	*1*	*.37 miles*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*0*	*0*

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on an analysis of current and projected population integrating park standards, the needs in SA 6 are:

Current Needs Within SA 6	
Based upon current population: 5,017	
Community Parks	*15.1 to 25.1 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*15.1 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.6 acres (~5 Playlots)*

Projected Needs Within SA 6	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 7,017	
Community Parks	*19.6 to 32.6 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*19.6 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*2.1 acres (~7 Playlots)*

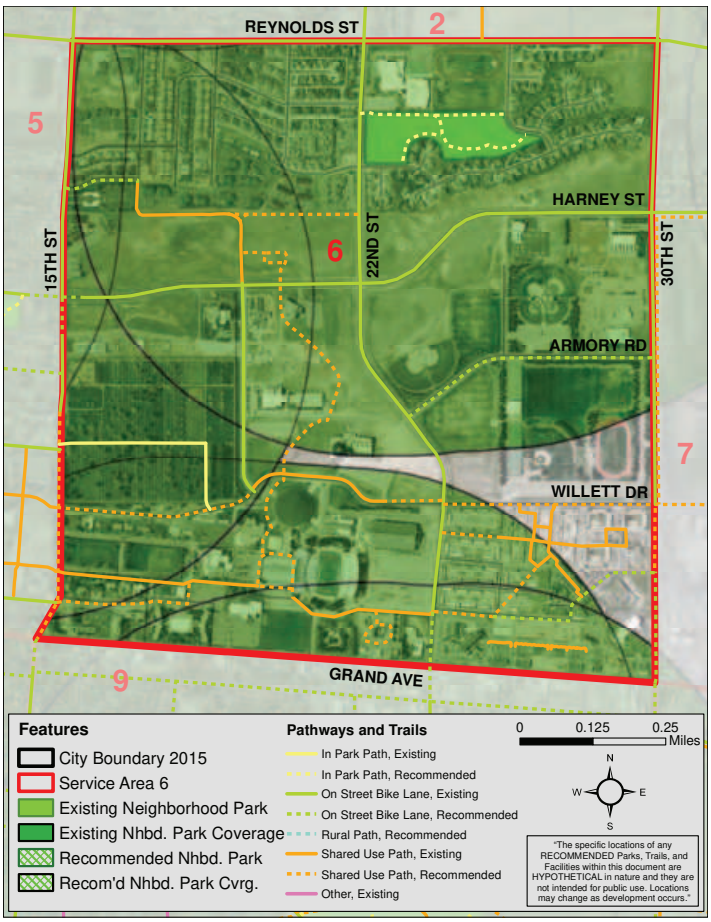
Spatial Analysis of SA 6	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No Community Parks are found in SA 6. A portion of the SA is served by LaBonte Park to the west and Washington Park to the south, which is found in SA 5 and SA 9 respectively.*
Neighborhood Parks	*One existing and one proposed Neighborhood Park are found in SA 6. Overall coverage is good, with the addition of the proposed Neighborhood Park central to the SA. .*
Playlots	*No Playlots are found in SA 6. Four proposed Playlots are proposed for the SA, which, when developed will provide good coverage. Some deficiencies will be noted, mainly around the University of Wyoming dormitories.*

Service Area 6 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 6, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

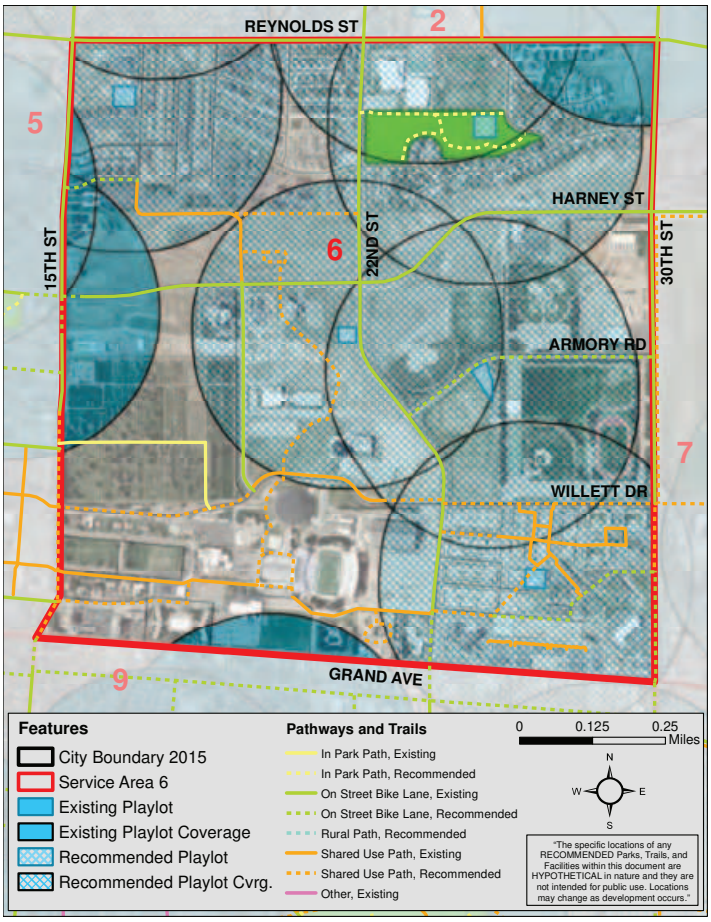
Community Parks: 15.1 to 32.6 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. With no acreage devoted to Community Parks, this SA is deficient in Community Park acreage. Despite the recommended acreage amount, no Community Park is proposed in the area, even though this SA has the highest population. With the population base split by the UW Campus, dorms and student housing on the south and a myriad of housing types to the north, location of a Community Park on campus is unlikely. The close proximity of Washington Park to the south and a Neighborhood Park in the north, spatial coverage for the area is good, relative to population.

Neighborhood Parks: 19.6 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently one park, Scout Park contributes a total of 12.43 acres. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 7.17 acres. With the addition of one proposed Neighborhood Park centered in the SA and shown in the UW's Long Range Development Plan as a "Signature Space", acreage and spatial needs for the area will be met.



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 6

Playlots: 2.1 acres of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently no Playlots are found in the SA, but seven are needed. Four Playlots are recommended for the SA, two to the north, one centrally located and one located in the SW. Because only four Playlots are recommended, their sizes should be larger than typical and should be located in areas of highest population density.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 6

In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: No Natural Areas are proposed for this SA.

School Sites: Currently one School Site, Laramie Jr. High, serves this area. Based on the fact that it is not an elementary school, the site does not serve the area like a Playlot; however, the school does provide sports courts and fields which act as a Sporting Complex. Recreation Sites: Multiple Recreation sites exist in the SA. With the Fraternity and Sorority Row Open Space, and Sporting Complex located off of 22nd Street, a wide variety of sports can be played here. There is a possibility that the Sandy Aragon Softball Complex could be expanded, along with an upgrade to the baseball fields located in the same area due to the age of these facilities. Because of the age and condition of these facilities, maintenance is becoming more problematic giving these facilities a high priority for management and upgrades.

Other Sites: Green Hill Cemetery and Aragon Fenced Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area provide additional amenities to this SA not found in others. The Cemetery provides not only a last resting place for members of the community, but the site also contains a community garden and walking path that is used by many individuals. As the Cemetery nears its carrying capacity, the future of the cemetery and associated functions will need to be considered. Also the Aragon Fenced Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area will provide a much needed location on the east side of town for dog owners to spend time with their dogs.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: SA 6 contains an extensive amount of Bike Lanes as well as Shared Use Paths. However, like many areas in town, good connectivity and completion of the routes through the SA still need attention. Proposed Shared Use Path routes through campus and to the north as well as Bike Lane improvement will make this area highly connected.

Beautification Corridors: Two Beautification Corridors are found in SA 6. Grand Avenue and Harney Street are prominent roads within the Laramie community and have a very high travel rate by residents and visitors alike and reflect on the community as a whole. Improvements to these routes will enhance the visual appearance of the community.

Tree plantings along the Harney Street Beautification Corridor

Service Area 6 Summary and Recommendations

SA 6 is deficient in achieving acreage and spatial needs. A lack of consideration for these types of facilities in and around the University of Wyoming has created an issue that is apparent with no designated parks in and around the high population density areas of the dorms and student housing. The addition of a centrally located Neighborhood Park, as well a Playlot located near the southeast corner of the SA will address these needs. A Playlot in Scout Park as well as in the northeast corner of the SA will provide more accessible parks to an area that is currently under served.

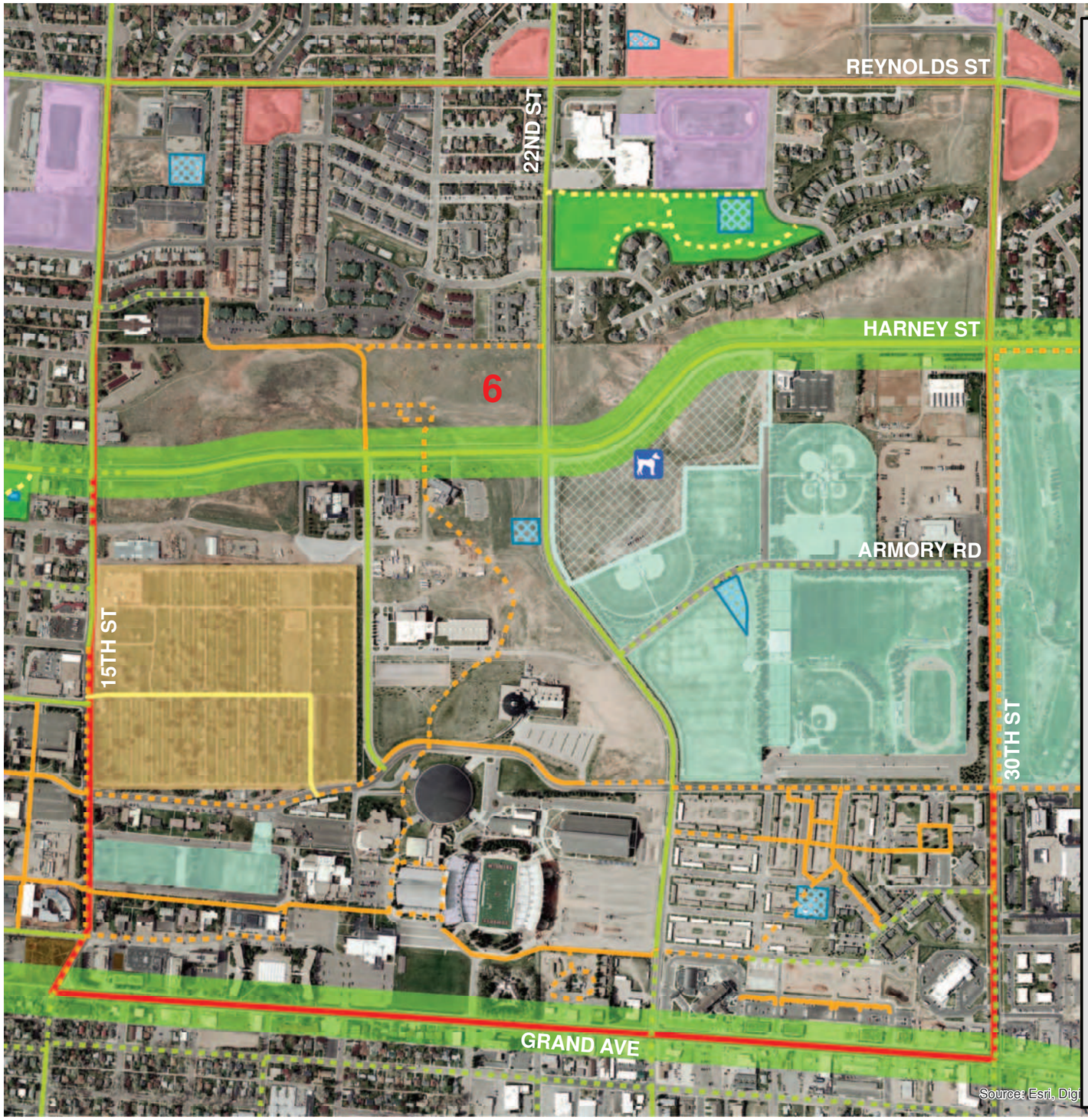
Furthermore, the continuity of Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths in the SA are also needed for good connectivity and paramount for the University's student population.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 6:

- Establish a Neighborhood Park per SA 6 map in cooperation with the University of Wyoming. This Park should be geared to serve the high student population in the area.
- Establish four Playlots per SA 6 map.
- Improve existing Bike Lanes in SA 6 for better continuity throughout the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Develop a Bike Lane on 22nd Street south of Harney Street to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Correct connectivity issues on Shared Use Paths in and around campus.
- Develop management plans for the future of the Cemetery and associated uses on this site and development of future Cemetery sites.
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 6 map along Harney Street and Grand Avenue.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as Harney Street, Reynolds Street, 30th Street, 15th Street and Grand Avenue, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.

Baseball game at Cowboy Field, located in SA 6

Service Area 6



FEATURES

- City Boundary 2015
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PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

- In Park Path, Existing
- In Park Path, Recommended
- On Street Bike Lane, Existing
- On Street Bike Lane, Recommended
- Rural Path, Recommended
- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Recommended
- Other, Existing

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Water Recreation
- Kayak, Tube, Canoe & Swim
- Trail Head
- Archery Range
- Bike Park
- Dog Park
- Fishing Access

PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Recommended Nhbd. Park
- Existing Community Park
- Recommended Comm. Park
- Existing Playlot
- Recommended Playlot
- Existing Playlot In Park
- Recommended Playlot in Park

ADDITIONAL SITES

- Existing UW Site
- Existing School Site
- Recommended School Site
- Existing Natural Area
- Recommended Natural Area
- Existing Recreation Site
- Recommended Rec. Site
- Existing Other Site
- Recommended Other Site
- Existing Detention Area
- Beautification Corridor

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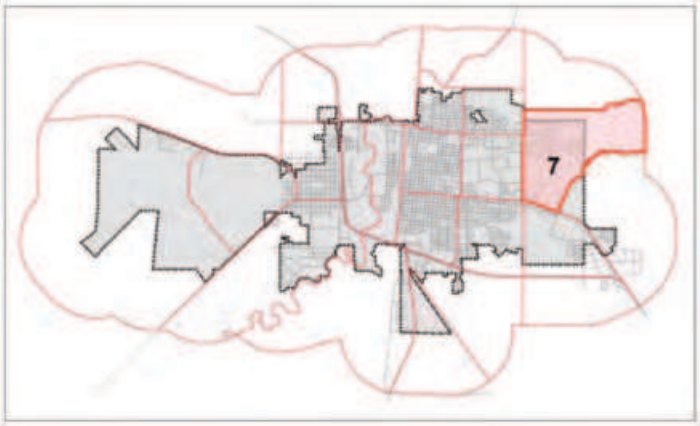
"The specific locations of any RECOMMENDED Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are HYPOTHETICAL in nature and they are not intended for public use. Locations may change as development occurs."

Service Area 7

General Location: Located generally on the east side of the community, Service Area 7 (SA 7) is bounded by a future Minor Arterial and natural drainage on the north, the one mile boundary on the east, Boulder Drive and a natural drainage on the south and 30th Street on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 7 is primarily developed residential and commercial, with a large amount of vacant land. The south part of the SA, along Grand Avenue and 30th Street, contains the SA's commercial development, along with a major public institutional use, Ivinson Memorial Hospital and a large multi-family housing complex. The north part of the SA is primarily residential, with single family homes to the west, increasing in density as you proceed eastward with a mix of town homes and apartment buildings. The SA is mostly within City limits, with the eastern portion of the SA in the County and undeveloped. This SA also includes the Jacoby Golf Course and undeveloped University of Wyoming property.

Service Area Size: 1,443 acres

Current Population (2010): 1,915

Growth Projection (2050): (Low – 400 people) SA 7 is developed with commercial and residential development, but does contain significant amounts of properties that remain vacant and open for development. Based on zoning and future land use classifications found in the City and County Comprehensive Plans, as well as having vacant areas, the SA has the potential to incorporate new business and moderate amounts of residential growth. Although a significant amount of land is vacant, residential growth potential in the SA is somewhat limited due to the property ownership such as the University and State of Wyoming, as well as aquifer protection area concerns and other general development limitations.

Current Facilities: SA 7 is served by one park, Kiowa Park. Aside from Kiowa Park, a Natural Area near The Grove apartment complex and Jacoby Golf Course are the only other substantial facilities in the SA. The SA does contain some Bike Lanes, mostly on major roads, however they are not continuous and provide limited connectivity. The City's one rural trail is located in this SA and is found just east of the Jacoby Golf Course.

Current Facilities in SA 7		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*1*	*8.7 acres*
Playlots	*1*	*.1 acres*
School Playlot Sites	*0*	*0*
Natural Areas	*2*	*14.05 acres*
Recreation Sites	*1*	*~160 acres*
Other Sites	*0*	*0*
Detention Areas	*2*	*4.78 acres*
Bike Lanes	*3*	*2.19 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*1*	*.64 miles*
In Park Paths	*0*	*0*
Rural Trails	*1*	*1.97 miles*
Other Pathways	*0*	*0*

University of Wyoming's Jacoby Golf Course

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 7 are:

Current Needs Within SA 7	
Based upon current population: 1,915	
Community Parks	*5.7 to 9.6 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*5.7 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.6 acres (~2 Playlots)*

Projected Needs Within SA 7	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 2,315	
Community Parks	*6.9 to 11.6 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*6.9 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.7 acres (~2 Playlots)*

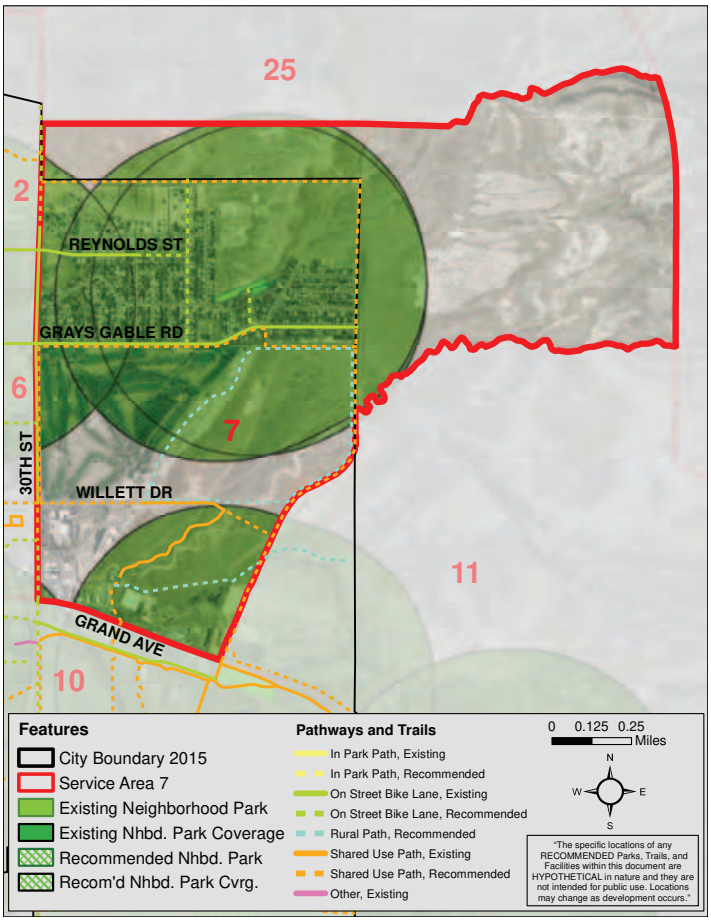
Spatial Analysis of SA 7	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No Community Parks are found in SA 7. A small portion of the SA is served by Washington Park to the southwest, which is found in SA 9.*
Neighborhood Parks	*One park, Kiowa Park and two proposed Neighborhood Parks are anticipated in SA 7. With the addition of the proposed parks and added acreage to Kiowa Park coverage will be good, however, almost no coverage will be found in the southern part of the SA.*
Playlots	*One existing Playlot (Kiowa Park) and three proposed Playlots are found in SA 7. Coverage is good based on the location of population and Playlots; however, some of the extreme Northeast part of the SA will be deficient.*

Service Area 7 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 7, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

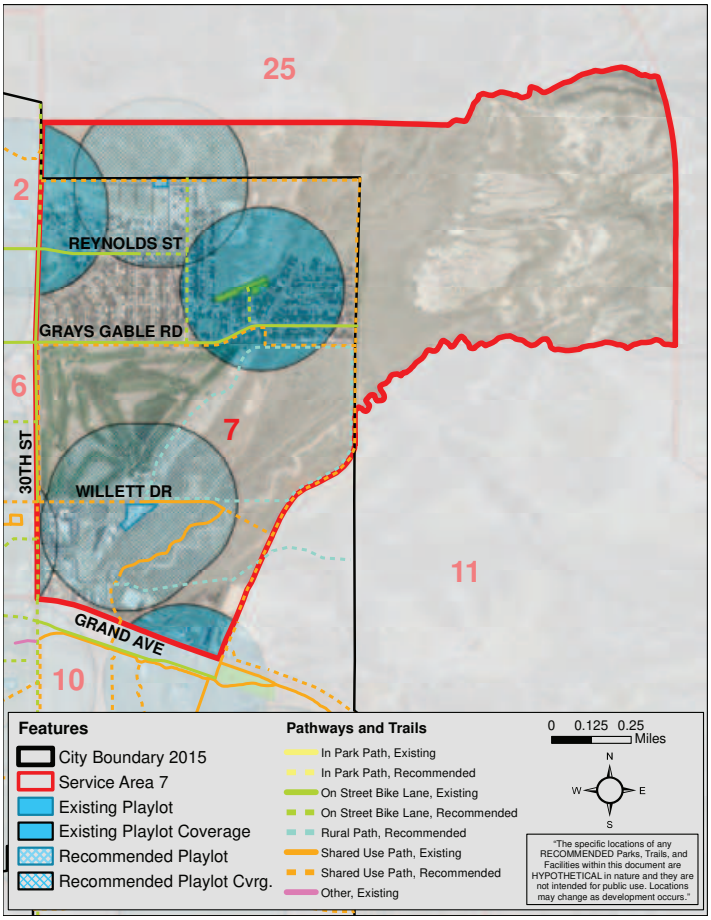
Community Parks: 5.7 to 11.6 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. With no acreage devoted to Community Parks, this SA deficient in Community Park acreage. However, a proposed Community Park is identified in SA 25, directly to the north of SA 7. It is possible and should be explored if the opportunity presents itself, to locate the Community Park in this SA. Furthermore, due to the low population density in this SA, a Community Park is not a high priority.

Neighborhood Parks: 6.9 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently one park, Kiowa Park, contributes a total of 0.81 acres. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 6.09 acres. With the proposed expansion of Kiowa Park and another proposed Neighborhood Park acreage and spatial needs for the area will be met.



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 7

Playlots: 0.7 acres of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently one Playlot in Kiowa Park contributes a total of 0.1 acres. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 0.6 acres or two Playlots. Three proposed Playlots, one to the north, one east and the other south within SA 7 will provide the necessary acreage, amount and spatial distribution needed to achieve the desired Playlot coverage for SA 7.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 7

In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: A Natural Area which follows a drainage area in the southern part of the SA is the only Natural Area found in the SA. Extension of this Natural Area around the Turner Well Fields off of Grand Avenue is highly desired.

School Sites: No School Sites are found in SA 7.

Recreation Sites: One Recreation Site, the University of Wyoming Jacoby Golf Course, is located in the SA. The Jacoby Golf Course is a major asset to the community providing a resource that would otherwise be difficult for the community to support alone. Expansion of the golf course may be desirable in the future; however consideration of the impact to the Casper Aquifer needs to be addressed.

Other Sites: No other sites are found in SA 7.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: Although SA 7 has Bike Lanes on major streets such as 30th, Grays Gable Road and Reynolds Street. Many of the lanes terminate or are not completed at intersections, therefore they provide no overall system connectivity. Although limited at this time, the planned location of both Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths will provide good access across the whole SA.

Beautification Corridors: Two Beautification Corridors are found in SA 7. Grand Avenue and Grays Gable Road are prominent roads within the Laramie community that often are traveled by residents and visitors and reflect on the community as a whole. Improvements to these routes will enhance the visual appearance of these routes in the community.

Service Area 7 Summary and Recommendations

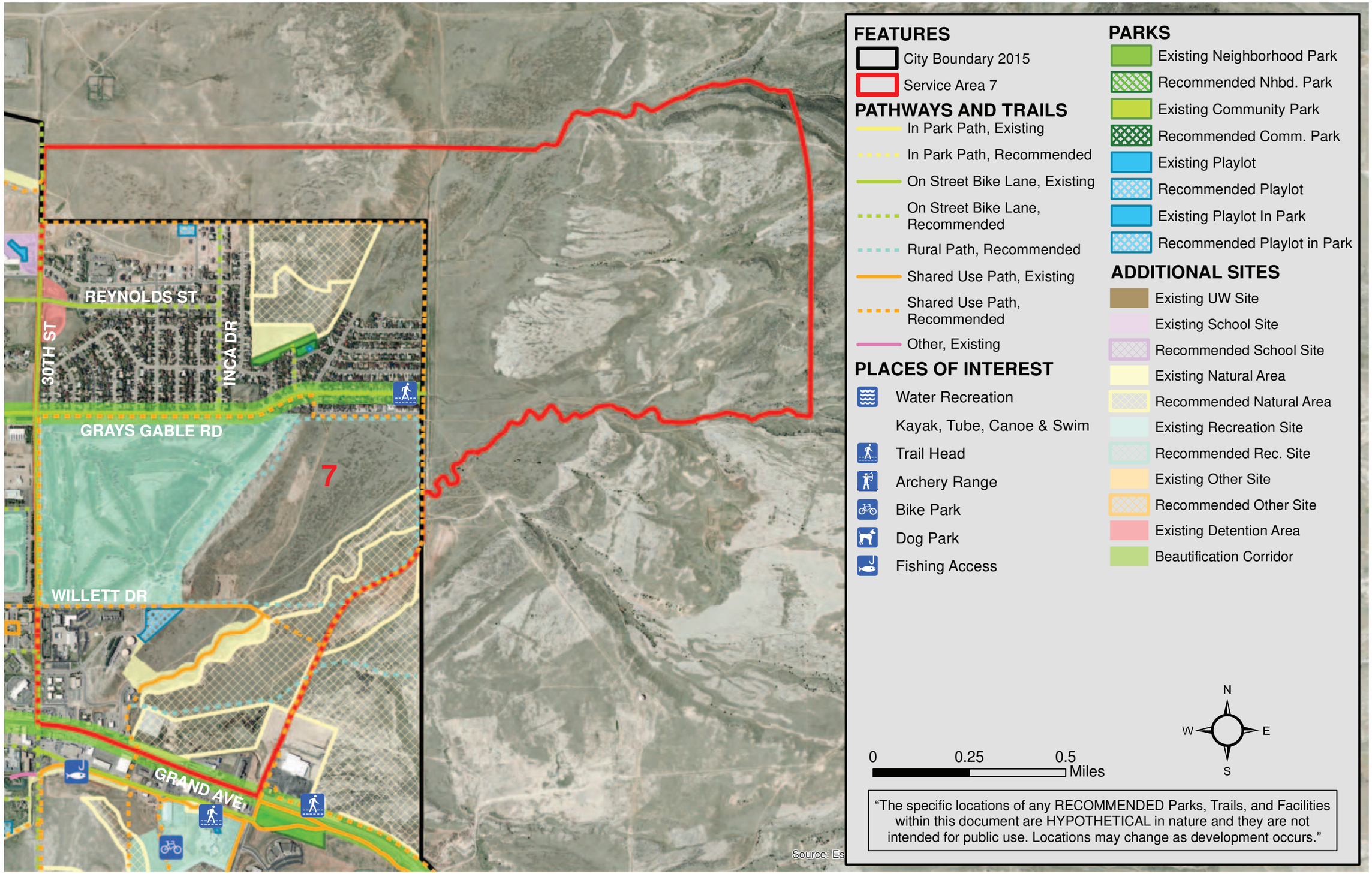
SA 7 is deficient in both acreage and spatial service for all aspects of parks and recreation needs. However, the addition of two proposed Neighborhood Parks and three proposed Playlots, will meet the population and spatial service needs. Establishing many major Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths routes, improving existing routes and completing needed links are of high importance. The following recommendations are priorities for SA 7:

- Establish two Neighborhood Parks per SA 7 map.
- Expansion of Kiowa Park as an additional proposed Natural Area is highly desired and preferred over a separate park not adjacent to the existing Kiowa Park. If possible, further land aquisition should be explored in order to expand the Natural Area

contiguous to Kiowa Park to the north of 'Outlot A' so the Natural Area is at a minimum 25 acres.

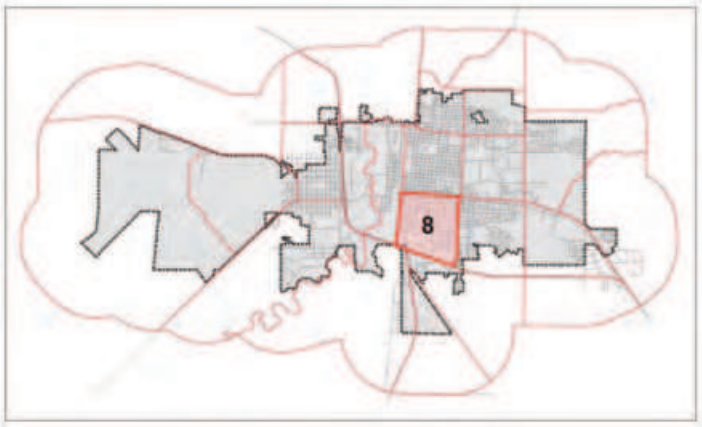
- Establish three Playlots per SA 7 map. The southernmost Playlot's acreage should be maximized in order to improve the service to the high density population in the southern part of the SA.
- Improve existing Bike Lanes in SA 7 for better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Develop Bike Lanes in SA 7 for better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Develop the Shared Use Path per SA 7 map for better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Continue to support the efforts of the University of Wyoming's Jacoby Golf Course; recognizing the recreational benefit this facility plays in our community.
- A major barrier for the northerly extension of the Spring Creek Greenbelt is found at crossing Grand Avenue. It is necessary that an underpass or other controlled crossing for safety reasons be considered as the Greenbelt is constructed in this area.
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 7 map along Grays Gable Road and Grand Avenue.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as Grand Avenue and 30th Street, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.

Service Area 7



Service Area 8

General Location: Located generally south-central in the community, Service Area 8 (SA 8) is bounded by Grand Avenue on the north, 15th Street on the east, Interstate 80 on the south and 1st Street on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 8 is one of the older residential areas of the Laramie community. Ironically, it is also experiencing some of the newest residential development in the SA's southern portion, thus making it a mix of old and new residential development. Business/commercial development is found primarily along 1st through 4th Streets, Grand Avenue and a small pocket off of south 15th Street, with the remaining areas primarily residential. Existing residential development is a mixture of almost all types of dwelling units, ranging from single-family to multi-family. SA 8's close proximity to the University of Wyoming and older, smaller lot sizes also produces a higher density of homes in the north part of the SA, which contributes to the higher population.

Service Area Size: 633 acres

Current Population (2010): 4,371 (4th Highest Populated SA)

Growth Projection (2050): (Medium – 500 people) SA 8 is mainly residential with commercial development along major road corridors. Throughout the area there are limited properties that remain vacant and available for development. Based on zoning and future land use classifications found in the City of Laramie's Comprehensive Plan this SA has the potential to incorporate both new business and residential growth. Residential growth will likely occur in vacant areas that allow multi-family uses as well as redevelopment opportunities near the University of Wyoming.

Current Facilities: SA 8 is served by two parks, Undine and Depot Park. In addition to the two parks, the area includes four Playlots, one in Undine and one in Depot Park as well as Jerry's Park and 1st Street Plaza. SA 8 also has one elementary school, Spring Creek Elementary, that includes a playground and one recreation site. The Laramie Plains Civic Center is also within the SA offering indoor recreation facilities. In addition, the Laramie Depot Museum is located within Depot Park and provides historical information related to the railroad. Depot Park also includes an Unfenced Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area on the north side of the park site. This SA also contains Bike Lanes, along 4th, 9th and 15th Streets, although few lanes are continuous through the whole SA, and none exist in an east-west direction.

Current Facilities in SA 8		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*2*	*12.76 acres*
Playlots	*4*	*.89 acres*
School Playlot Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Natural Areas	*1*	*13.21 acres*
Recreation Sites	*2*	*N/A*
Other Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Detention Areas	*0*	*0*
Bike Lanes	*3*	*1.77 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*0*	*0*
In Park Paths	*1*	*.09 miles*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*2*	*.10 miles*

Shelter at Depot Park

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 8 are:

Current Needs Within SA 8	
Based upon current population: 4,371	
Community Parks	*13.1 to 21.9 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*13.1 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.4 acres (~4 Playlots)*

Projected Needs Within SA 8	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 4,871	
Community Parks	*14.6 to 24.4 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*14.6 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.6 acres (~5 Playlots)*

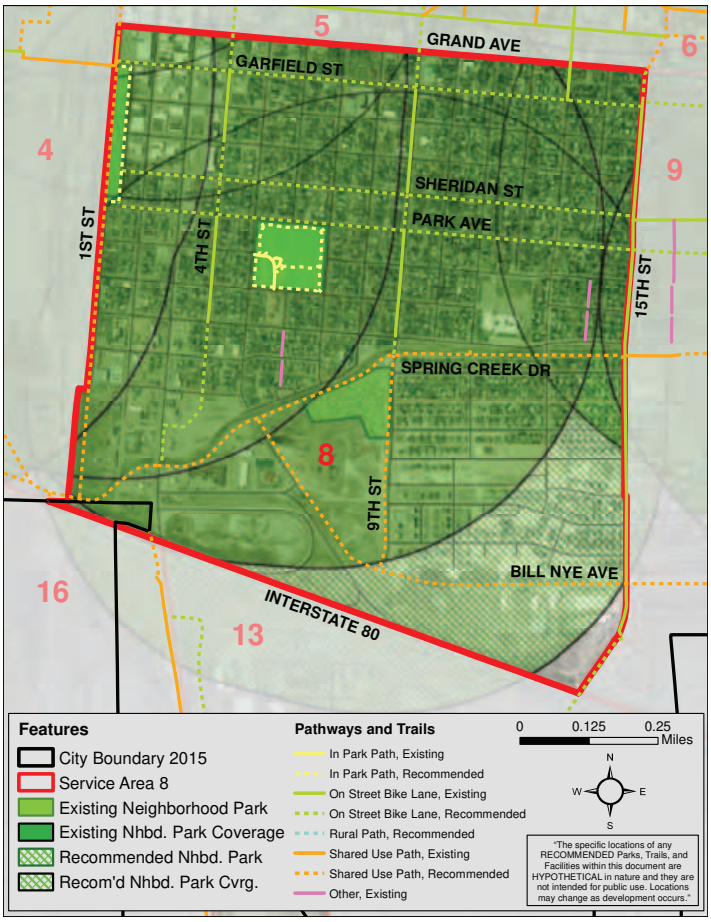
Spatial Analysis of SA 8	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No Community Parks are found in SA 8. A portion of the SA is served by LaBonte Park to the north and Washington Park to the east, which is found in SA 5 and SA 9 respectively.*
Neighborhood Parks	*Neighborhood Parks: Two existing and one proposed Neighborhood Park are found in SA 8. Overall coverage is good with a small area of deficiency in the NE and SE corners of the SA. .*
Playlots	*Five existing Playlots (Undine, 1st Street Plaza, Depot, Jerry's and Spring Creek Elementary) and four proposed Playlots are found in SA 8. Coverage is good with small deficiencies found in some areas where overlap is limited such as in the Southwest corner of SA 8.*

Service Area 8 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 8, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analysis are provided for each park type:

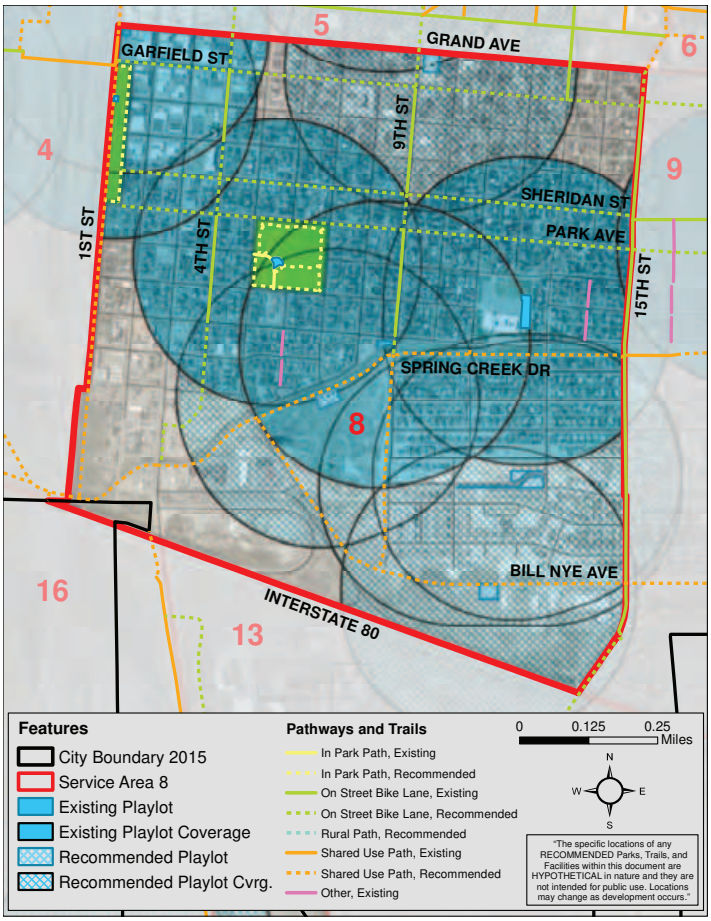
Community Parks: 13.1 to 24.4 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. With no acreage devoted to Community Parks, this SA is deficient in Community Park acreage. However, due to the close proximity to Washington Park, a Community Park, the need for a Community Park in this SA is not urgent, even though access to Washington Park requires crossing into another SA. Therefore, additional acreage should be devoted to Neighborhood Parks in order to compensate for the lack of a Community Park in this SA.

Neighborhood Parks: 14.6 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently two parks, Undine Park (8.95 acres) and Depot Park (3.83 acres), contribute a total of 12.78 acres. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by .32 acres. With the addition of the one proposed Neighborhood Park to the south, acreage and spatial needs for the area will be met.



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 8

Playlots: 1.6 acres of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently four Playlots, two in existing parks [Undine Park (.15 acres) and Depot Park (.04 acres)], as well as Jerry's Park (0.61 acres) and 1st Street Plaza (0.09 acres), contribute a total of 0.89 acres, not including additional Playlot areas associated with Spring Creek Elementary. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 0.51 acres or two Playlots. Four proposed Playlots, one to the north and three to the south within SA 8 will provide the necessary acreage, amount and spatial distribution needed to achieve the desired Playlot amount for SA 8.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 8

In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: With the presence of the Spring Creek Channel Natural Area, an exceptional Open Space is provided in this urban context. These Natural Areas are highly desired by the Laramie community. A small

Farmer's Market at Undine Park

proposed Natural Area is also desired along the I-80 Interchange ramp that may provide buffering as well as improvements to the Natural Area coming into town.

School Sites: Currently one School Site, Spring Creek Elementary School, serves this area. This elementary school contains recreation fields, a playground and sports courts; providing the surrounding neighborhoods with facilities similar to that of a Playlot.

Recreation Sites: The Laramie Civic Center provides a unique recreation service that is not available in all SAs. Because of the open gym times as well as other opportunities provided through private groups at the Civic Center, residents of this SA have the ability to recreate indoors within close proximity of their homes. Although not open at all times, this added opportunity is a benefit not only to this SA but the community as well.

Other Sites: The Laramie Depot Railroad Museum and Unfenced Off-Leash Dog Park provide additional amenities to this SA. The Laramie Depot Railroad Museum provides an educational opportunity in relationship to the railroad, with a steam engine and rail cars found within the park as well as the museum. The Unfenced Dog Friendly Off-Leash Dog Park provides residents and visitors to the Downtown a place for themselves and their dogs to recreate.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: Although SA 8 does have some Bike Lanes; the lanes throughout the area are inconsistently painted and are not continuous. Furthermore, east-west connectivity is

absent. Future routes are anticipated, most notably an east-west Garfield Street Bike Lane that will go from 1st Street to the Recreation Center east of town, as well as a Sheridan Street and Park Avenue route. Additionally, the western leg of the Spring Creek Shared Use Path and Bill Nye Shared Use Path, both major east-west routes, are anticipated in this SA. Crossing 3rd Street is a major impediment for the Spring Creek Shared Use Path to connect to the Laramie River Greenbelt Shared Use Path, and consideration of a new culvert to allow access underneath 3rd Street should be undertaken.

Beautification Corridors: Multiple Beautification Corridors are found in SA 8. Grand Avenue and 3rd Street are the dominant roads within the Laramie community and receive the highest amount of traffic by residents and visitors and reflect on the community as a whole. Improvements to these routes will enhance the visual appearance of the community. Additionally, the I-80/3rd Street interchange area is another gateway into the community and needs beautification.

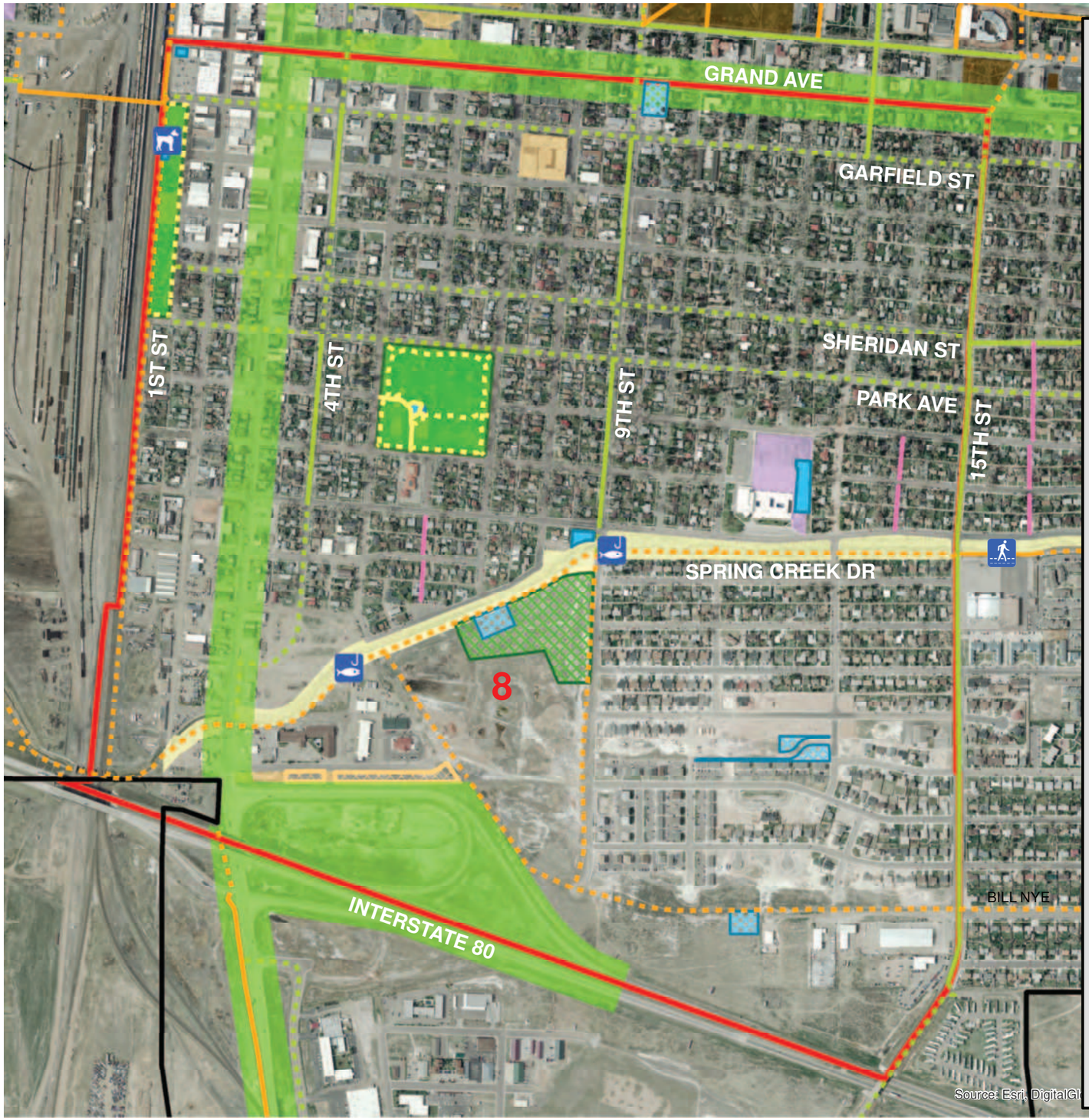
Service Area 8 Summary and Recommendations

Although acreage needs are deficient within SA 8, the SA comes close in achieving future needs with a few needed additions, such as an additional Neighborhood Park and four Playlots. However, due to the population in this SA, a situation is created where existing parks are used more intensely -- in particular Undine Park -- driving the need for more park space. Improvements to Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths in the area are also important to the overall development of the SA in relationship to the plan and based on public comments.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 8:

- Establish a Neighborhood Park per SA 8 map. Extra acreage should be considered for this Neighborhood Park to compensate for lack of a Community Park.
- Establish four Playlots per SA 8 map.
- Improve existing Bike Lanes in SA 8 for better continuity throughout the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Develop Bike Lanes in SA 8 to provide east-west access through the SA, especially Garfield Street and Sheridan Street Bike Lanes to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Develop Shared Use Paths on the Spring Creek corridor to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- The Shared Use Path located south of Spring Creek, between 9th Street and 15th Street should be physically separated from the alleyway by landscaping, fencing, curb or other design to protect pedestrians using this part of the Shared Use Path.
- Engineering design should be explored to address the barrier created by 3rd Street for the crossing of the Spring Creek Shared Use Path. The preferred crossing should be underground.
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 8 map along 3rd Street, Grand Avenue and the Interstate 80 interchange area.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as the railroad, Interstate 80, 15th Street, Grand Avenue and the Spring Creek Channel, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- Continue to rely on the Downtown Master Plan for improvements related to Parks and Recreation elements.
- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.

Service Area 8



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PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

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- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Recommended
- Other, Existing

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Water Recreation
- Kayak, Tube, Canoe & Swim
- Trail Head
- Archery Range
- Bike Park
- Dog Park
- Fishing Access

PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Recommended Nhbd. Park
- Existing Community Park
- Recommended Comm. Park
- Existing Playlot
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ADDITIONAL SITES

- Existing UW Site
- Existing School Site
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- Existing Natural Area
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- Existing Recreation Site
- Recommended Rec. Site
- Existing Other Site
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- Existing Detention Area
- Beautification Corridor

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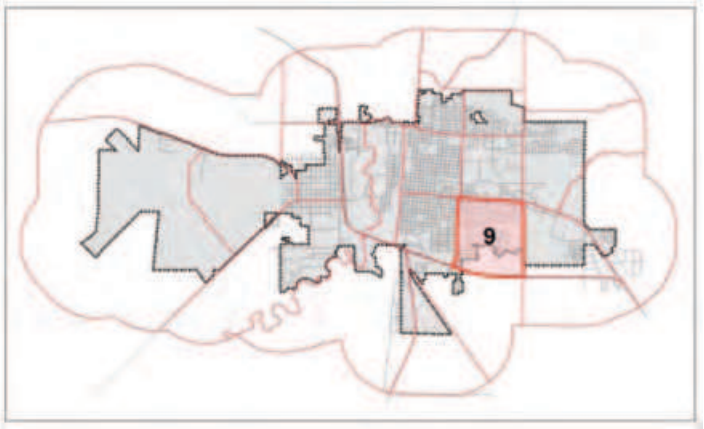
"The specific locations of any RECOMMENDED Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are HYPOTHETICAL in nature and they are not intended for public use. Locations may change as development occurs."

Service Area 9

General Location: Located south-central in the community, Service Area 9 (SA 9) is bounded by Grand Avenue on the north, 30th Street on the east, Interstate 80 on the south and 15th Street on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 9 is primarily developed residentially with most of the SA's commercial uses located along Grand Avenue. Residential development in the SA is located in the north and central part of the SA. There are also a few residential properties located on the eastern side of the SA that are within the City and sit on large acreage lots, occupying a significant amount of space in the SA. The southern one-third of the SA is located in the county and remains largely undeveloped except for a few single-family homes on large tracts. The SA contains an elementary school and an alternative high school as well.

Service Area Size: 867 acres

Current Population (2010): 4,442 (3rd Highest Populated SA)

Growth Projection (2050): (Low – 400 people) SA 9 is developed primarily residentially and does contain properties that remain vacant and open for development. Based on zoning and future land use classifications found in both the City and County Comprehensive Plans, this area has the potential to incorporate new residential growth; however it is somewhat limited based on development constraints such as expansive soils, property ownership, infrastructure and existing development. Also large-lot residential development within and outside of City limits, occupies a large amount of land in the SA, which somewhat limits where growth can occur.

Current Facilities: SA 9 is served by two Parks, Washington and LaPrele. In addition to the two parks, the area includes two Playlots, one in Washington Park and LaPrele Park, as well as one Playlot associated with Beitel Elementary School. Huck Finn Pond, a major community attraction, is located within LaPrele Park. The SA also contains a major Natural Area, the Spring Creek Channel, which also includes a small piece of a Shared Use Path, just north of the University of Wyoming Park and Ride Lot. This SA also contains three major Bike Lanes; 15th Street, Sheridan Street and Corthell Drive, as well as a number of Mid-Block Paths throughout.

Current Facilities in SA 9		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*1*	*12.9 acres*
Neighborhood Parks	*1*	*24.8 acres*
Playlots	*2*	*.44 acres*
School Playlot Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Natural Areas	*1*	*10.74 acres*
Recreation Sites	*0*	*0*
Other Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Detention Areas	*2*	*.22 acres*
Bike Lanes	*4*	*2.69 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*2*	*.15 miles*
In Park Paths	*1*	*.22 miles*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*9*	*1 mile*

Huck Finn Pond in LaPrele Park

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on analyses of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 9 are:

Current Needs Within SA 9	
Based upon current population: 4,442	
Community Parks	*13.3 to 22.2 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*913.3 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.4 acres (~5 Playlots)*

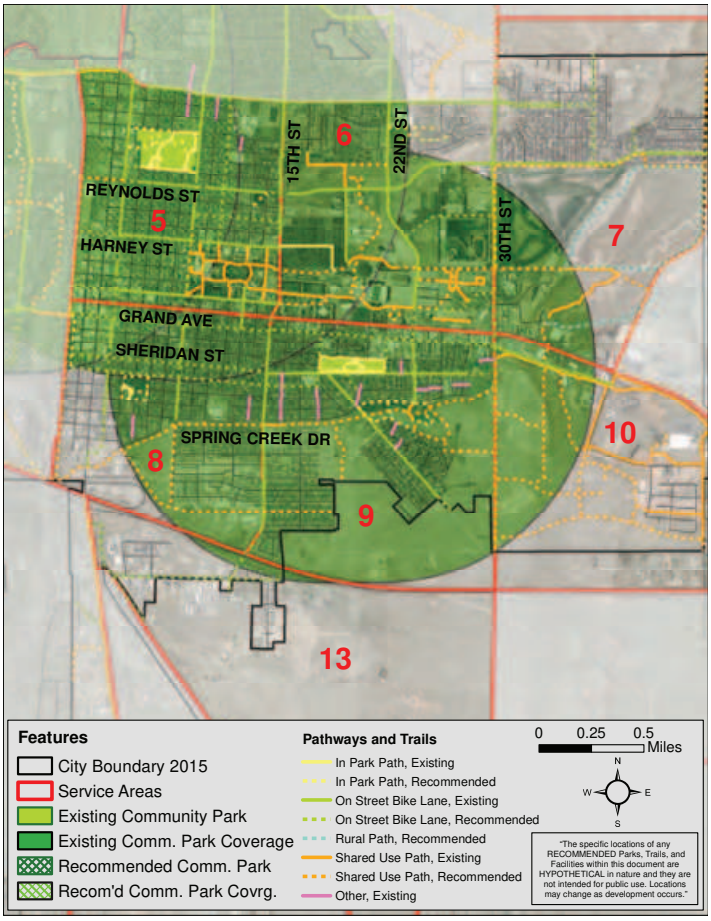
Projected Needs Within SA 9	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 4,842	
Community Parks	*14.5 to 24.2 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*14.5 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*1.5 acres (~5 Playlots)*

Spatial Analysis of SA 9	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*One Community Park is found in SA 9. Based on the location of the Community Park the SA's spatial needs are met, except for a small area in the Southeast corner of the site.*
Neighborhood Parks	*One existing and one proposed Neighborhood Park are found in SA 9. Currently coverage is good, with the southern side of the SA lacking coverage.*
Playlots	*Two existing Playlots (Washington Park and LaPrele Park) and one Playlot associated with Beitel Elementary can be found in the SA. Three proposed Playlots are also noted within the SA 9. Coverage is adequate with minor deficiencies found in the western part of the SA.*

Service Area 9 Needs

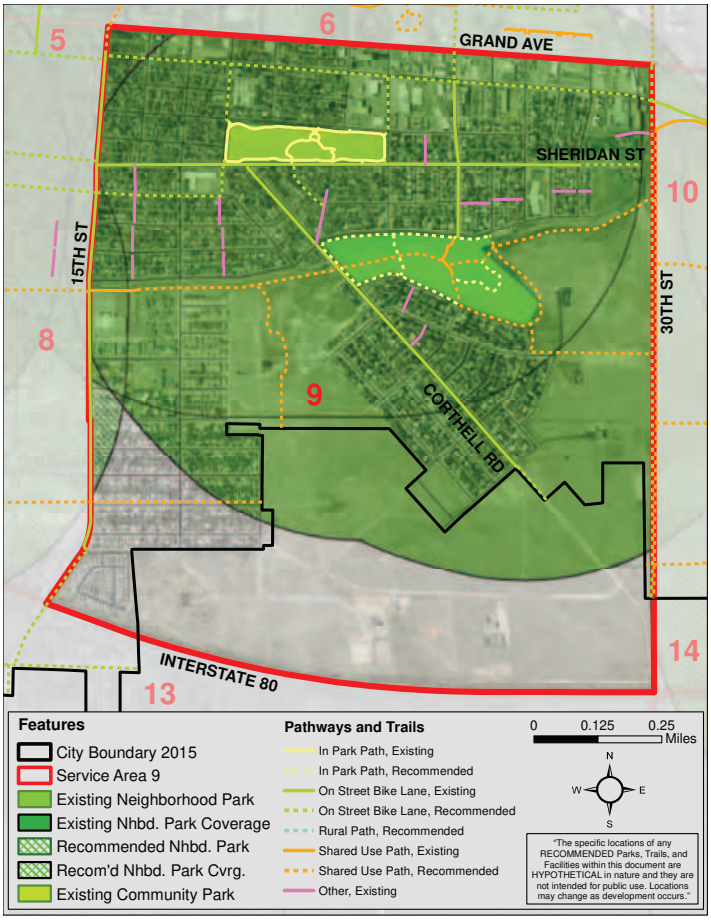
Based on the analysis needs of SA 9, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

Community Parks: 13.3 to 24.2 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. Currently 12.9 acres associated with Washington Park are devoted to Community Parks in the SA. Although slightly deficient in acreage now, the present need has essentially been met for this SA. However as the SA grows more acreage is recommended for Community Parks although no new Community Park is proposed, due to the large size of LaPrele Park and the proposed Neighborhood Park in the southern part of the SA.



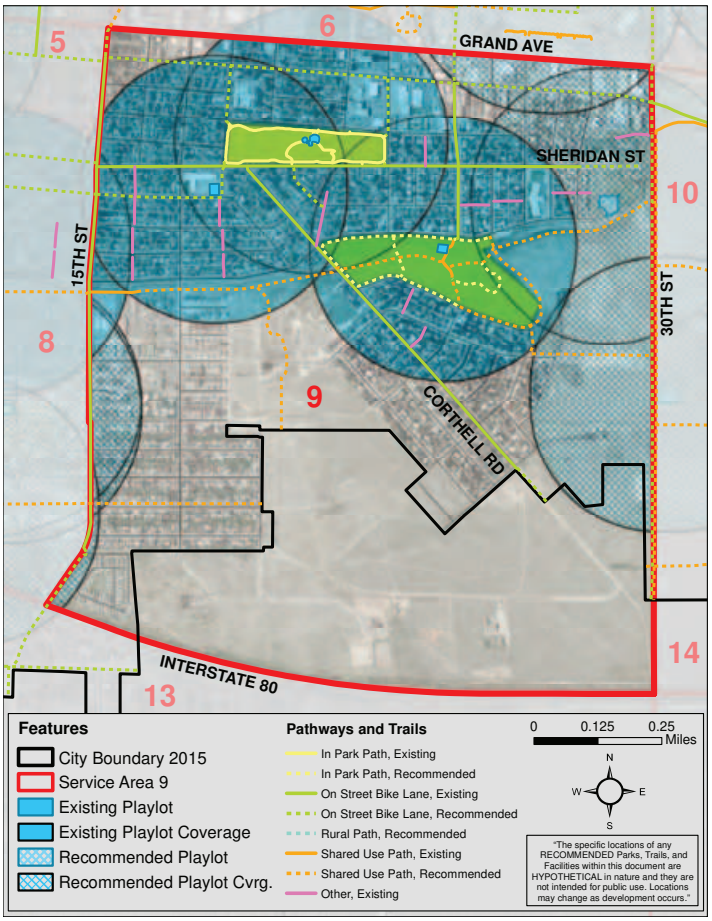
Community Park Coverage - Service Area 9

Neighborhood Parks: 14.5 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently one park, LaPrele Park, contributes a total of 24.8 acres. Based on current acreage, the SA deficiency has been met.



Neighborhood Parks Coverage - Service Area 9

Playlots: 1.5 acres of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently two Playlots, both in existing parks [Washington Park (.25 acres) and LaPrele Park (.19 acres)], as well as a playground associated with Beitel Elementary exist in the SA. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 1.06 acres or three Playlots. Three proposed Playlots, one in the northeast and two in the southern part of the SA will provide the necessary acreage and amount of Playlots. Although this is the case the spatial distribution is adequate, with some deficiency on the western part of the SA. An additional Playlot could be considered on the western side of the SA to help alleviate some of the spatial distribution deficiency. In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 9

Natural Areas: One of Laramie's most prominent Natural Areas, the Spring Creek Channel Natural Area, is found within the SA. This Natural Area is one of the most important areas noted by the community and will incorporate a Shared Use Path within the Natural Area, making it even more valuable to the community. In addition a large Natural Area, central to the SA, south and adjacent to Spring Creek, is also recommended. The area contains natural springs and is noted as having an old gypsum mine on the site, at one time making this area difficult to develop, but valuable to the community as a whole. Preserving this Natural Area should take advantage of the springs on the site, possibly developing another community fishing pond or water feature.

School Sites: Currently one School Site, Beitel Elementary School, serves this area. Based on the

fact that it is an elementary school a playground and sports courts are provided however, the small size and proximity to Washington Park makes the impact of this school's play areas less important. Furthermore, Beitel Elementary School is slated to move in the near future and the future use of this site is unknown. Because of this scenario, the City should work with the Albany County School District #1 to determine the future use of the Beitel site as well as the possibility of using the site for off street parking for events held at Washington Park. Whiting High School, an Alternative High School, is also found in SA 9 but does not contribute to the Parks and Recreational aspects of the SA.

Recreation Sites: No Recreation Sites are found in SA 9.

Other Sites: No Other Sites are found in SA 9.

LaPrele Park

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: Although SA 9 does have some major Bike Lanes, and unlike many other SAs, consistency in painting and continuity exist. Proposed routes are anticipated, most notably an east-west Garfield Street Bike Lane that will go from 1st Street to the Recreation Center east of town, through this SA, as well as a 22nd Street route and a few other short routes to connect to existing parks and school facilities. Additionally, a major part of the central leg of the Spring Creek Shared Use Path and Bill Nye Shared Use Path, both major east west routes, are anticipated in this SA. Other Shared Use Paths are also anticipated on 30th Street, throughout LaPrele Park, and a north-south path between Spring Creek and Bill Nye, mid SA.

Beautification Corridors: A Beautification Corridor is found along the western edge of the SA, along Grand Avenue. The Corridor is intended to provide an improved gateway through the community on one of the most used routes by residents and visitors to Laramie.

Service Area 9 Summary and Recommendations

Although deficient in achieving Community Park acreage needs within SA 9 due to the smaller size of Washington Park, the SA meets spatial needs for Community Parks. With the addition of a proposed Neighborhood Park, future acreage and spatial needs will also be met for Neighborhood Parks. The SA will have some spatial deficiencies related to Playlots, even though the amount and acreage needs will be met. An additional Playlot on the west side of the SA will help address the spatial deficiency in the SA for residents in the area who lack any facilities. Additionally, the development of the Spring Creek Shared Use Path will be a major asset to the SA.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 9:

- Establish a Neighborhood Park in SA 9. Extra acreage should be considered for this Neighborhood Park to compensate for lack of Community Park acreage associated with Washington Park.
- Establish 3 Playlots per SA 9 map.
- Develop Bike Lanes per SA 9 map to provide

east-west access through the SA, especially Garfield Street and Bill Nye Avenue, provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.

- Develop Shared Use Paths along Spring Creek Channel, Bill Nye Avenue and elsewhere as shown on SA 9 map, to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.

- Develop new Natural Area and water feature south of Spring Creek and west of Corthell Drive.

- Develop Trail Head location in conjunction with the University of Wyoming Park and Ride location. This Trail Head will tie public transportation into the non-vehicular transportation network.

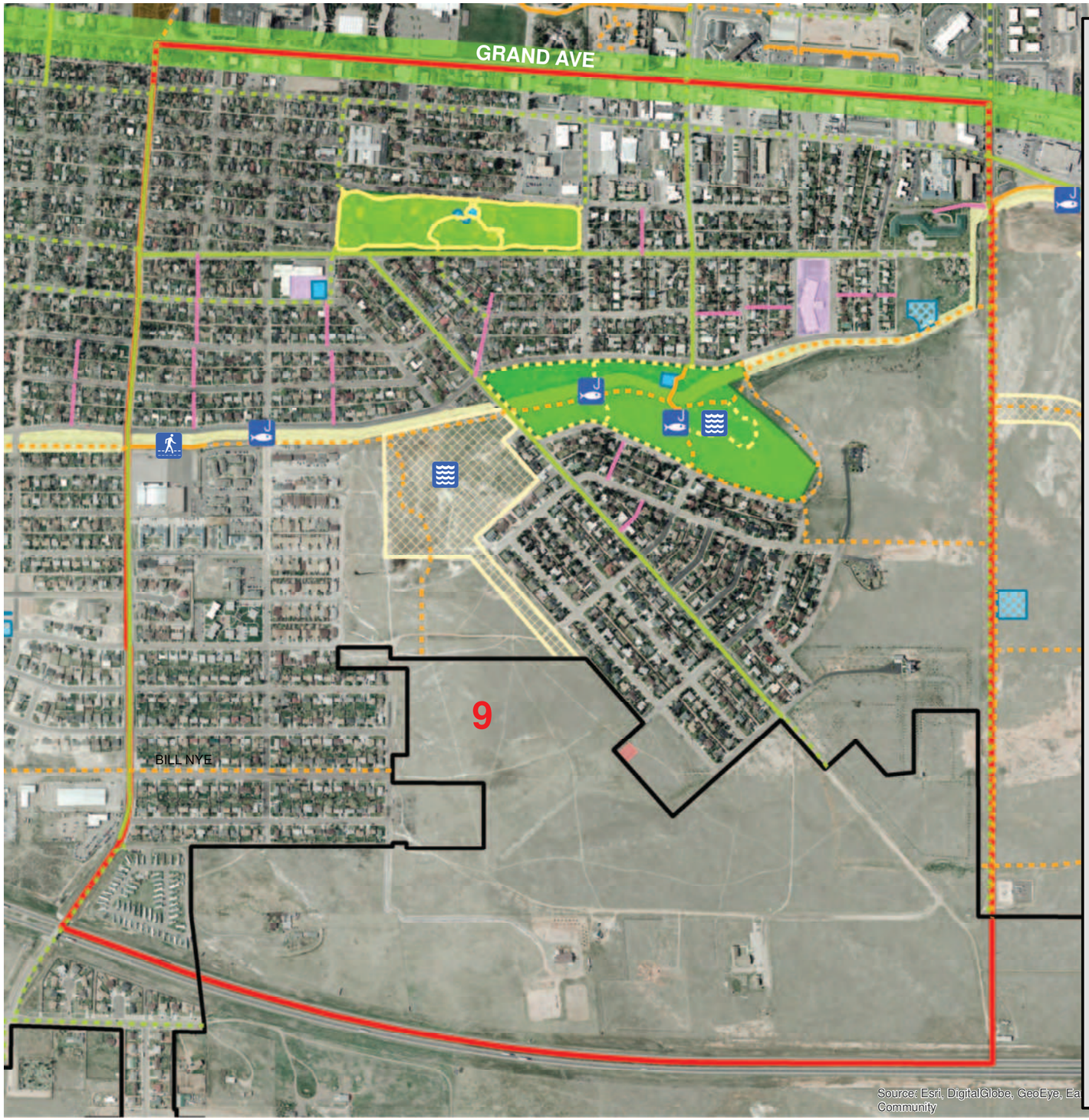
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 9 map along Grand Avenue.

- Improve access across barriers to movement such as Interstate 80, 15th Street, 30th Street, Grand Avenue and the Spring Creek Channel, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.

- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.

One of the Playlots at Washington Park

Service Area 9



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PLACES OF INTEREST

- Water Recreation
- Kayak, Tube, Canoe & Swim
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- Dog Park
- Fishing Access

PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
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- Existing Community Park
- Recommended Comm. Park
- Existing Playlot
- Recommended Playlot
- Existing Playlot In Park
- Recommended Playlot in Park

ADDITIONAL SITES

- Existing UW Site
- Existing School Site
- Recommended School Site
- Existing Natural Area
- Recommended Natural Area
- Existing Recreation Site
- Recommended Rec. Site
- Existing Other Site
- Recommended Other Site
- Existing Detention Area
- Beautification Corridor

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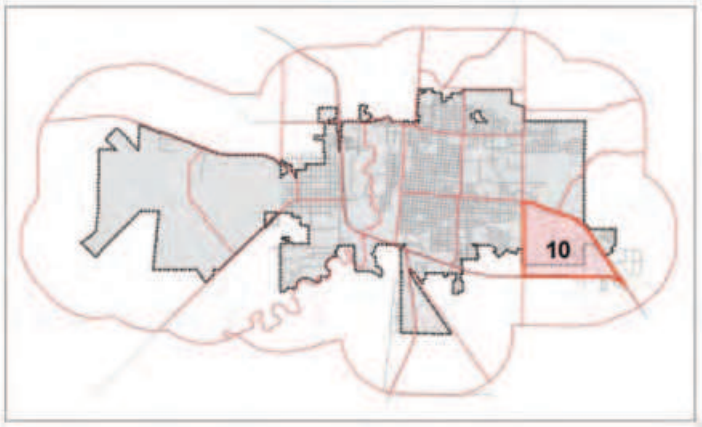
Service Area 10

General Location: Located generally in what is called the "Turner Tract", Service Area 10 (SA 10) is bounded by Grand Avenue on the north and east, Interstate 80 on the south and the proposed southerly extension of 30th Street on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 10 remains largely undeveloped, but with new development within the Turner Tract occurring, development changes in the SA are anticipated. Dominated by the Turner Tract, a mix of commercial, institution, office and residential uses can be found in the SA. Commercial uses are mostly found along Grand Avenue, with major institutional uses, such as the Ice and Event Center, Recreation Center and Laramie County Community College Albany County Campus being located along Garfield Street and Boulder Drive. The SA's residential development is a mix of single-family homes, town homes and apartments to the east, a large multi-unit complex located at the corner of 30th Street and Garfield, as well as county residential development to the south and in the southeastern corner of the SA. SA 10 is also the future site of both a new high school and elementary school. A master plan for the Turner Tract (not the full SA) has also been completed that provides detailed land use analysis related to a majority of this SA.

Service Area Size: 841 acres

Current Population (2010): 371

Growth Projection (2050): (High – 1500 people) SA 10 is developed with a mix of commercial, residential and public institutional development, and contains properties that remain vacant and available for development. Because of the SA's location being partly in the Turner Tract and the future Laramie High School and an elementary school being sited here, future residential development in this area will be high, as is typically the case around new schools. Additionally, the zoning and future land use classifications found in the City's and County's Comprehensive Plan as well as the Turner Tract Area Plan 2013, the potential to incorporate both new business and residential growth is high. (2nd Highest Projected Growth Rate)

Current Facilities: SA 10 is served by one Neighborhood Park, Gateway Park. In addition one Playlot, located next to the Recreation Center, is also found in the SA. SA 10 also has two of Laramie's most recognizable and major facilities, the Laramie Community Recreation Center and Laramie Community Ice and Event Center. In addition, SA 10 contains an extensive amount of Shared Use Paths, most notably the eastern leg of the Spring Creek Shared Use Path, but also the other prominent paths, such as Vista Drive, Boulder Drive, Beech Street and Grand Avenue.

Current Facilities in SA 10		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*1*	*7.59 acres*
Playlots	*1*	*.11 acres*
School Playlot Sites	*0*	*0*
Natural Areas	*2*	*8.63 acres*
Recreation Sites	*2*	*N/A*
Other Sites	*0*	*0*
Detention Areas	*1*	*4.64 acres*
Bike Lanes	*1*	*.59 miles*
Shared Use Paths	*6*	*3.18 miles*
In Park Paths	*0*	*0*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*2*	*.11 miles*

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 10 are:

Current Needs Within SA 10	
Based upon current population: 371	
Community Parks	*1.1 to 1.9 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*1.1 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.1 acres (~1 Playlots)*

Projected Needs Within SA 10	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 1,871	
Community Parks	*5.6 to 9.4 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*5.6 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.6 acres (~2 Playlots)*

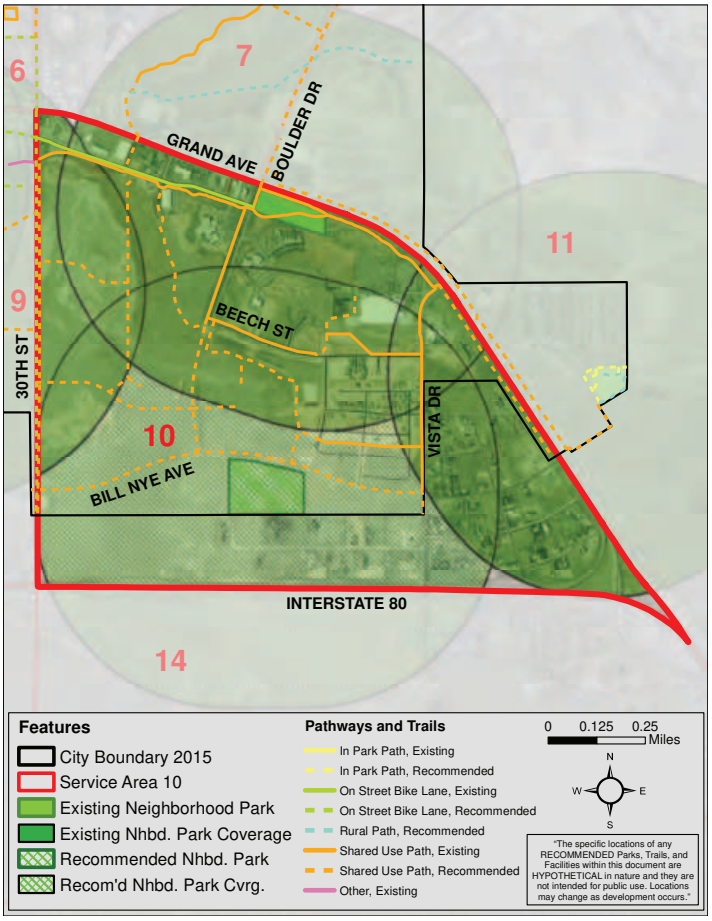
Spatial Analysis of SA 10	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No Community Parks are found in SA 10. A portion of the SA is served by Washington Park to the west, which is found in SA 9.*
Neighborhood Parks	*One existing and one proposed Neighborhood Park are found in SA 10. With the proposed park location considered, coverage for the SA will be good with only a small area of deficiency found on the west side of the SA.*
Playlots	*One existing Playlot (Recreation Center) and three proposed Playlots are found in SA 10. Overall coverage is adequate, with small deficiencies found in the southeast, southwest, northeast and central parts of the SA.*

Service Area 10 Needs

Based on the analysis needs of SA 10, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

Community Parks: 1.1 to 9.4 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. With no acreage devoted to Community Parks, this SA is deficient in Community Park acreage. However with Washington Park only five blocks from the western boundary of the SA and a proposed Community Park in SA 14, directly south of this SA a Community Park in this SA is not needed. Additionally, the limited population in this area will likely result in a population base that will be adequately served by other park facilities.

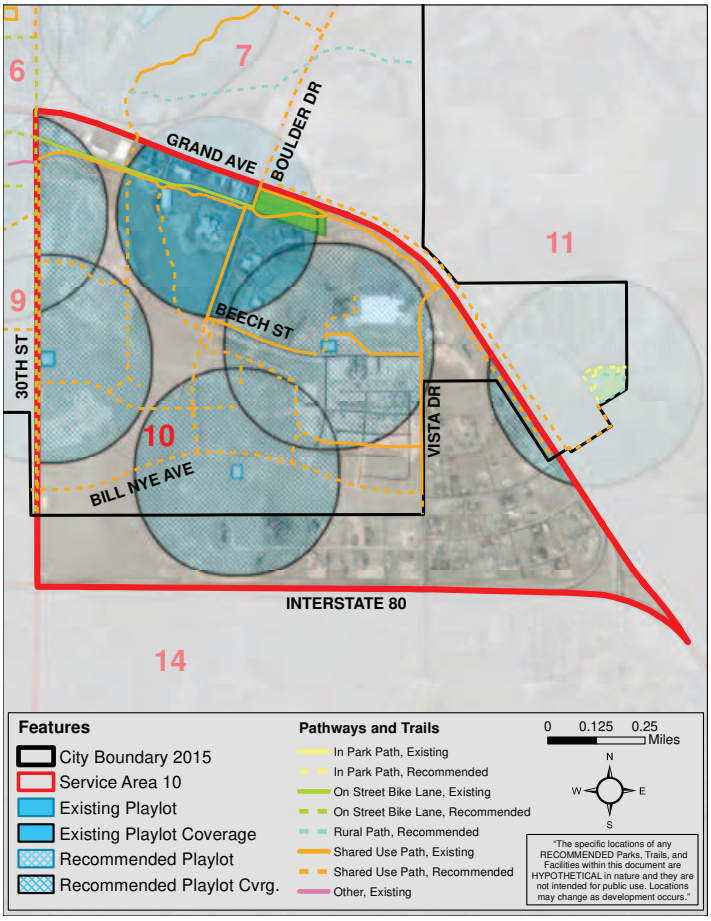
Neighborhood Parks: 5.6 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently one park, Gateway Park contributes a total of 7.59 acres to the SA. Based on current acreage, the current SA acreage need has been met. With the addition of the one proposed Neighborhood Park to the south, acreage and spatial needs for the area will be met.



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 10

Playlots: 0.6 acres of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently one Playlot next to the Recreation Center contributes .11 acres to the SA. Based on current acreage, the SA is deficient by 0.39 acres or two Playlots. Three proposed Playlots, one to the west, one east and the other in the proposed Neighborhood

Park will provide the necessary acreage and amount of Playlots. Although one additional Playlot is projected for the SA the spatial distribution is still lacking and leaves deficiency areas in the center and in both the southwest and southeast corners of the SA.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 10

In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: With the presence of the Spring Creek Channel Natural Area, an exceptional space and Shared Use Path is provided. Additional areas associated with Grand View Height Subdivision will also provide for great Natural Area opportunities in the SA. The community also noted the importance of the ridgeline west of the Recreation Center, emphasizing its importance and recommending that the ridgeline not be compromised by development.

School Sites: No School Sites are found in the SA. Although this be the case now, SA 10 will be the future home of the Laramie High School as well as a future elementary school. With the addition of these two facilities the recreational components associated with the High School and Playlot development with the elementary school will improve this SA not only acreage wise but spatially as well.

Recreation Sites: The Laramie Community Recreation Center and Laramie Community Ice and Event Center not only serve SA 10 but also the community as a whole. In addition, the future plan for the area south of the Recreation Center calls for a sporting complex. The complex would take advantage of the existing Recreation Center to the north and the future High School facilities to the south, creating a major sporting complex that can accommodate large local and regional events.

Other Sites: Two proposed Other Sites are anticipated in SA 10. The first is a Fenced Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area that will be located in the southern part of the SA, just south of the future Bill Nye Avenue. The second site will be a proposed Cyclo Cross site west of the Recreation Center. This site was selected due to the topography and somewhat limited access, but its size is large enough to accommodate this type of activity.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: The only Bike Lane found in SA 10 is the Bike Lane found on Garfield Street, with a proposed Bike Lane to be found on 30th Street. Although SA 10 has only one Bike Lane, the SA contains extensive Shared Use Paths throughout. Paths found along Spring Creek, Boulder Drive, Grand Avenue, Vista Drive, Beech Street and in Grand View Heights provide great connectivity to existing development and will only be improved with the extension of some of these paths as well as new paths on Bill Nye and 30th Street.

Beautification Corridors: Two Beautification Corridors are found in SA 10. Grand Avenue and the Interstate 80/Grand Avenue interchange is a major gateway into the Community, with Grand Avenue heavily traveled by residents and visitors. Improvements to these routes will enhance the visual appearance of these routes in the community.

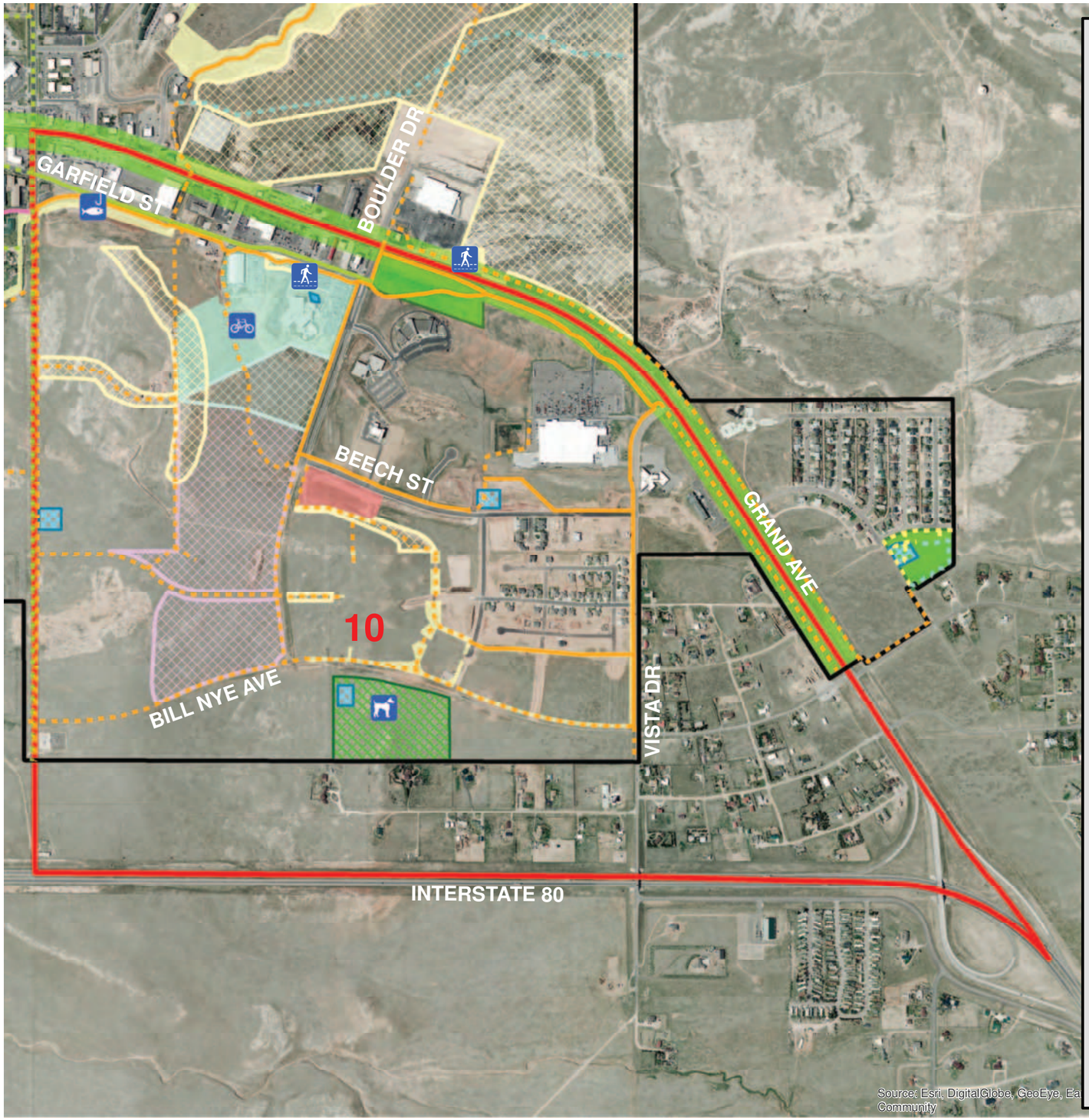
Service Area 10 Summary and Recommendations

Although deficient in achieving acreage needs for Community Parks, acreage associated with the existing and proposed Neighborhood Parks will provide more than adequate acreage and spatial coverage for the SA. Furthermore, with the existing Recreation Center and Ice and Event Center, as well as proposed facilities such as the sporting complex, High School, Elementary School, Fenced Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area and Cyclo Cross site, a myriad of recreational activities will be available in this SA and for the community. Finally, the existing and proposed Shared Use Paths will only improve access to these facilities for this SA as well as the rest of the community.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 10:

- Establish a Neighborhood Park per SA 10 map.
- Establish 3 Playlots per SA 10 map.
- Develop Bike Lanes along 30th Street and Turner Drive to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.
- Develop Shared Use Paths on Bill Nye and 30th Street, as well as extensions of existing Shared Use Paths along Vista Drive, through Grand View Heights, Boulder Drive and elsewhere throughout the SA to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.
- Continue to support, develop and expand the Recreation Center and Ice and Events Center per Capital Improvement Plans for each facility.
- Preserve the ridgeline Natural Area west of the Recreation Center per the Turner Tract Area Plan 2013.
- Develop a trailhead at the Recreation Center for the Spring Creek Greenbelt and joint use of Recreation Center facilities such as bathrooms and parking areas.
- Develop Cyclecross site west of the Recreation Center, utilizing topography for an enhanced site.
- Develop Fenced Dog Friendly Off-Leash Area within proposed Neighborhood Park.
- Follow the Turner Tract Area Plan 2013 as a guide for growth, Parks and Recreation facilities found in the 2013 plan.
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 10 map along Grand Avenue and the Interstate 80 interchange area.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as Interstate 80, Grand Avenue and future 30th Street, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.
- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.

Service Area 10



FEATURES

- City Boundary 2015
- Service Area 10

PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

- In Park Path, Existing
- In Park Path, Recommended
- On Street Bike Lane, Existing
- On Street Bike Lane, Recommended
- Rural Path, Recommended
- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Recommended
- Other, Existing

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Water Recreation
- Kayak, Tube, Canoe & Swim
- Trail Head
- Archery Range
- Bike Park
- Dog Park
- Fishing Access

PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Recommended Nhbd. Park
- Existing Community Park
- Recommended Comm. Park
- Existing Playlot
- Recommended Playlot
- Existing Playlot In Park
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ADDITIONAL SITES

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Service Area 11

General Location: Located east in the community, Service Area 11 (SA 11) is bounded by a natural drainage on the north, the one mile boundary on the east, Grand Avenue and Interstate 80 on the south and Boulder Drive on the west.

General Characteristics: SA 11 contains limited development and is largely made up of land found outside of the city limits. Limited commercial growth can be found along Grand Avenue, with residential development limited to the southeastern part of the SA. The residential development found in the SA is primarily a mix of City or County single family development, with some multi-family development as well. A majority of this SA remains undeveloped, with the State Section (~640 acres in the SA) owned by the State of Wyoming found within the SA.

Service Area Size: 1,855 acres

Current Population (2010): 586

Growth Projection (2050): (Low – 50 people) SA 11 has limited development potential in both City and County residential development as well as some limited commercial development. The SA contains a significant amount of vacant property, however a large (~640 acres) piece is owned by the State, so much of the SA is unavailable for development. Based on zoning and future land use classifications found in City and County Comprehensive Plans and the Aquifer Protection Plan, remaining areas have some minor residential growth potential, however other development factors such as limited infrastructure, existing development and aquifer protection requirements will inhibit development.

Current Facilities: SA 11 is served by one park, the undeveloped Imperial Heights Neighborhood Park. Aside from this park, and no other Parks, Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths, Rural Trails or other facilities are located in the SA.

Current Facilities in SA 11		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*1*	*3.92 acres*
Playlots	*0*	*0*
School Playlot Sites	*0*	*0*
Natural Areas	*1*	*1.7 acres*
Recreation Sites	*0*	*0*
Other Sites	*1*	*N/A*
Detention Areas	*0*	*0*
Bike Lanes	*0*	*0*
Shared Use Paths	*0*	*0*
In Park Paths	*0*	*0*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*0*	*0*

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 11 are:

Current Needs Within SA 11	
Based upon current population: 586	
Community Parks	*1.8 to 2.9 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*1.8 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.2 acres (~1 Playlots)*

Projected Needs Within SA 11	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 636	
Community Parks	*1.9 to 3.2 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*1.9 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.2 acres (~1 Playlots)*

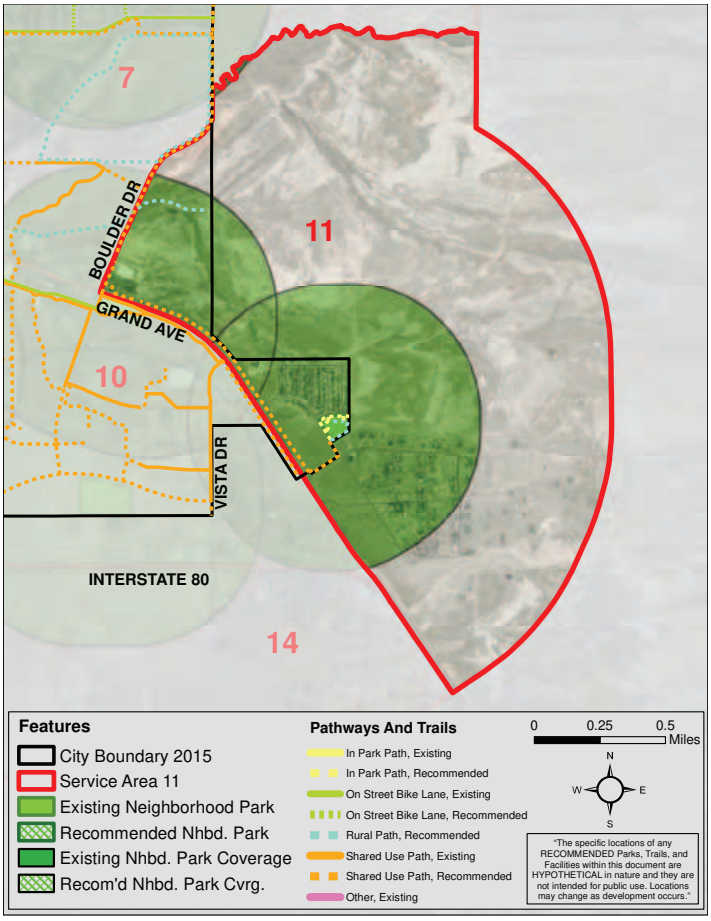
Spatial Analysis of SA 11	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No Community Parks are found in SA 11.*
Neighborhood Parks	*One existing and one proposed Neighborhood Park are found in SA 11. Overall coverage is good for areas likely to see residential development, mostly the southern half of the SA. A large area of deficiency in the northern part of the SA is noted, however the area considered deficient is a State School Section that is unlikely to see development pressure, thus eliminating the need for coverage.*
Playlots	*No existing Playlots and two proposed Playlots are anticipated in SA 11. One proposed Playlot is anticipated in the Imperial Heights Park and one associated with the Neighborhood Park anticipated in the southern part of the SA. Overall spatial coverage is adequate.*

Service Area 11 Needs: Based on the analysis needs of SA 11, current and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

Community Parks: 1.8 to 3.2 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. With no acreage devoted to Community Parks, this SA is deficient in Community Park acreage. However, due to the low future population and proposed Community Park in SA 14 to the south of this SA, a Community Park was not considered important.

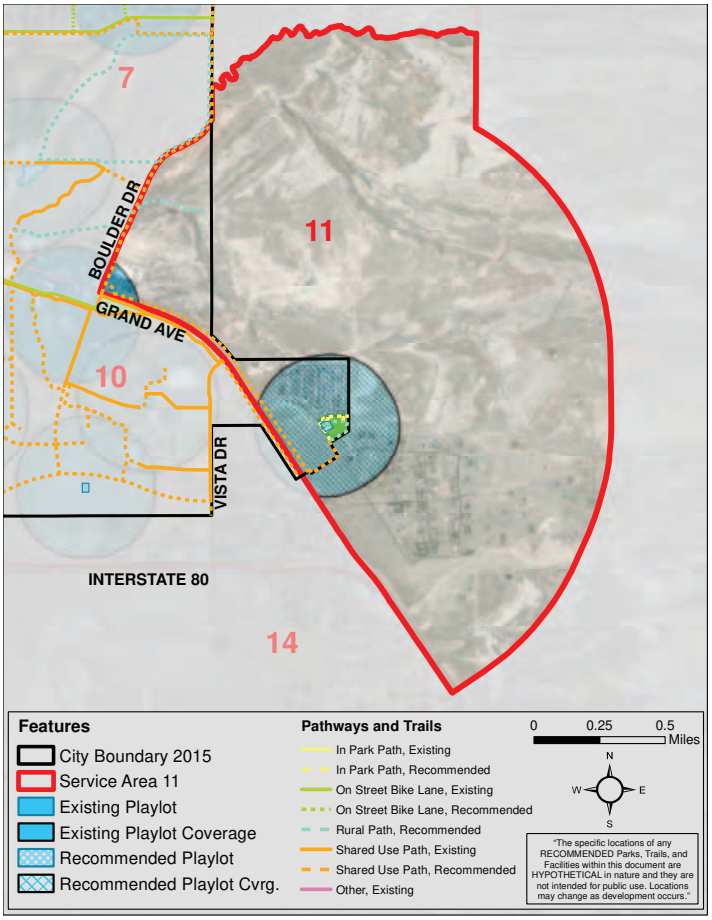
Future site of Imperial Heights Park

Neighborhood Parks: 1.9 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. Currently one existing park, Imperial Heights Park, will contribute a total of 3.92 acres to the SA. Based on current acreage, the acreage need for the SA is met.



Neighborhood Park Coverage - Service Area 11

Playlots: 0.2 acres of Playlot Park area should be provided within this SA. Currently no Playlots exist, however two are proposed for the SA, one in the existing Neighborhood Park the other elsewhere in the SA. Acreage needs will be met for the SA, however spatial coverage may lack in some areas, which is acceptable. In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 11

Natural Areas: No Natural Areas have been designated within SA 11; however, SA 11 contains one of the most desired Natural Areas as identified by the community.

School Sites: No existing or proposed School Sites are found in SA 11.

Recreation Sites: No existing or proposed Recreation Sites are found in SA 11.

Other Sites: No existing or proposed Other Sites are found in SA 11.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: SA 11 has no Bike Lanes or Shared Use Paths. This lack of paths inhibits access for residents attempting to use facilities in this SA or in adjoining SA. Proposed Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths are noted on major routes such as Grand Avenue, Boulder Drive, Bill Nye and part of Sherman Hills Road.

Beautification Corridors: Two Beautification Corridors are found in SA 11. Grand Avenue is a major gateway into the community, with Grand Avenue heavily traveled by residents and visitors. Improvements to these routes will enhance the visual appearance of the community.

Service Area 11 Summary and Recommendations

With the existing Imperial Heights Park and the addition of one eighborhood Park and one Playlot associated with each, acreage and spatial distribution will be met. Additionally, the limited Shared Use Paths and Bike Lanes proposed will dramatically improve access within and to adjacent SA by providing designated routes to facilities.

The following recommendations are priorities for SA 11:

- Develop improvements in Imperial Heights Park to include at a minimum a Playlot, and open play area.
- Establish a Neighborhood Park per SA 11 map.
- Establish two Playlots per SA 11 map.
- Develop Bike Lanes per SA 11 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.
- Develop Shared Use Paths per SA 11 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.

Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone off of 45th Street, east of town

- Develop Rural Trails per SA 11 map. Trail development at a minimum should allow access through easement, but other options, such as purchase, conservation easements, etc., should also be considered.

- Establish Natural Areas per SA 11 map.

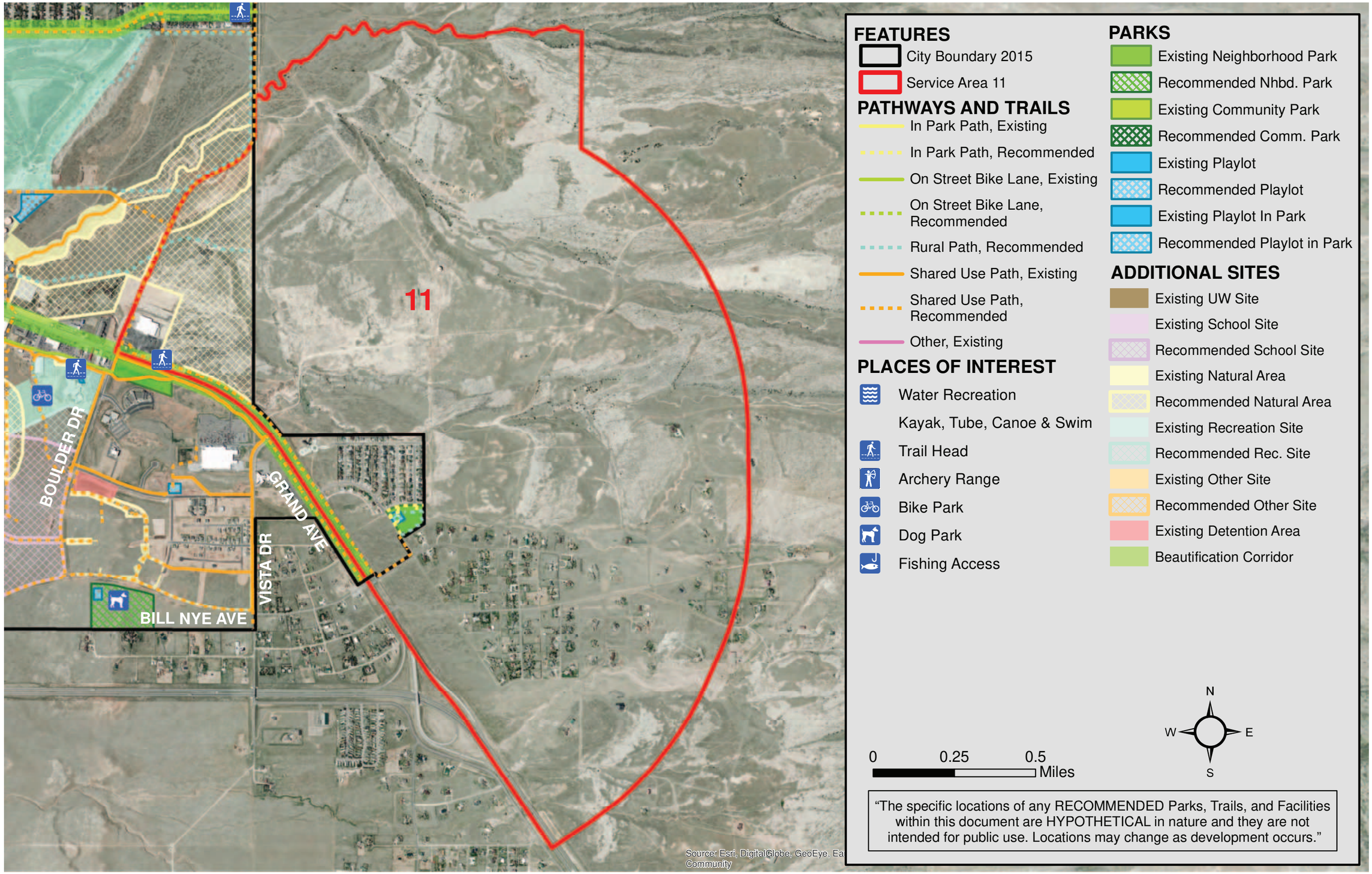
- Due to the vulnerable features identified within the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone of the Imperial Heights Park (existing Neighborhood Park), a less traditional park space should be considered which may include low maintenance turf and a chemical free park.

- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 11 map along Grand Avenue.

- Improve access across barriers to movement such as Interstate 80, and Grand Avenue, to adjacent SAs and their facilities.

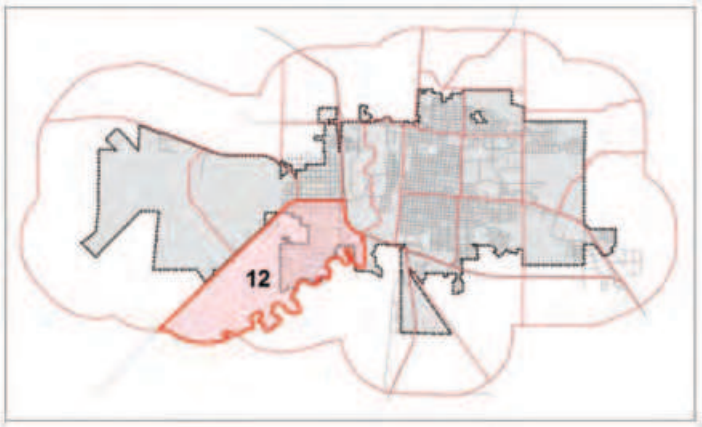
- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.

Service Area 11



Service Area 12

General Location: Located generally south-west in the community, Service Area 12 (SA 12) is bounded by Snowy Range Road on the north, Interstate 80 on the east, the Laramie River on the south and Highway 230 on the west.



General Characteristics: SA 12 contains a mix of residential, commercial and agricultural uses. Commercial uses dominate the Snowy Range Road corridor, with residential development found throughout the northern third of the SA. Residential development is a mix of housing types, ranging from single family homes, town homes, apartments and student housing. Over two thirds of the SA is located outside city limits and is primarily agricultural land used by the University of Wyoming. The SA also contains the main campus for the Wyoming Technical Institute and a large segment of the Laramie River.

Service Area Size: 2,803 acres

Current Population (2010): 1,961

Growth Projection (2050): (Medium – 500 people) SA 12 contains both commercial and residential development, as well as many properties that remain vacant and available for development or redevelopment. Based on zoning and future land use classifications found in City and County Comprehensive Plans this area has the potential to incorporate both new commercial development and a medium amount of residential development, due to relatively favorable development conditions, such as adequate water, sewer and streets. Additionally, large tracts of land owned and used by the University are unlikely to receive development pressure in the near future due to the agricultural education needs they serve.

Current Facilities: SA 12 is served by no Community, Neighborhood or Playlot Parks. One Natural Area is located in SA 12, adjacent to the Laramie River off of Cottonwood Drive, and a major Natural Area, the Monolith Ranch, is just south and outside of the SA. Additionally, no Bike Lanes and only limited Shared Use Paths exist within the SA. Overall this SA is under served.

Current Facilities in SA 12		
	Number	**Acres or Miles**
Community Parks	*0*	*0*
Neighborhood Parks	*0*	*0*
Playlots	*0*	*0*
School Playlot Sites	*0*	*0*
Natural Areas	*0*	*0*
Recreation Sites	*0*	*0*
Other Sites	*0*	*0*
Detention Areas	*0*	*0*
Bike Lanes	*0*	*0*
Shared Use Paths	*3*	*1.65 miles*
In Park Paths	*0*	*0*
Rural Trails	*0*	*0*
Other Pathways	*0*	*0*

Monolith Ranch, Laramie, WY

Park Land Needs – Population and Spatial Analyses

Based on an analysis of current and projected population with park standards, the needs in SA 12 are:

Current Needs Within SA 12	
Based upon current population: 1,961	
Community Parks	*5.9 to 9.8 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*5.9 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.6 acres (~2 Playlots)*

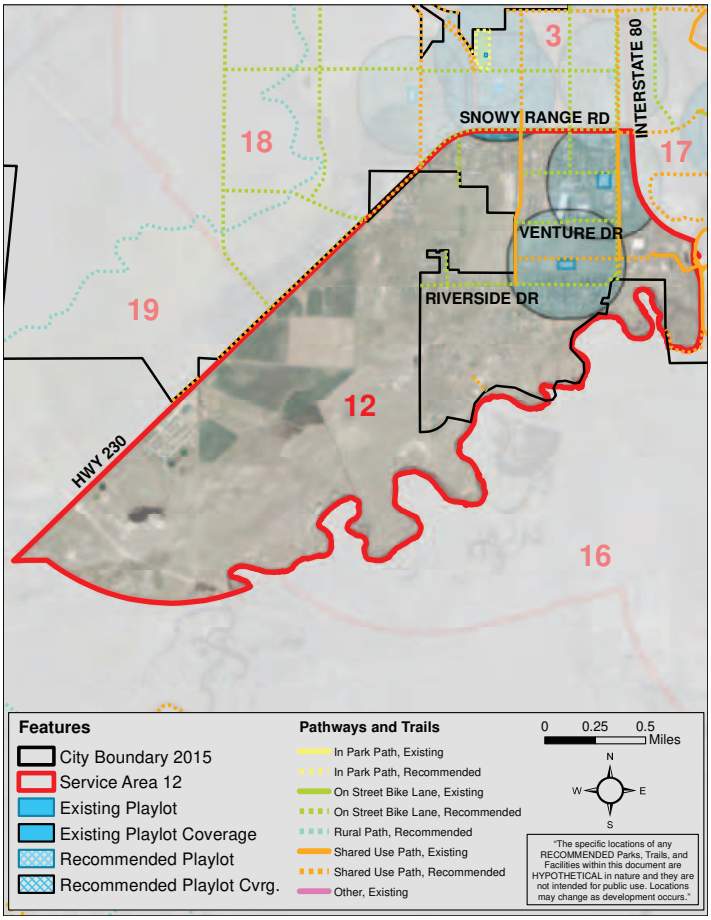
Projected Needs Within SA 12	
Based upon projected population in 2050: 2,461	
Community Parks	*7.46 to 12.3 acres (~1 Park)*
Neighborhood Parks	*7.4 acres (~1 Park)*
Playlots	*0.8 acres (~3 Playlots)*

Spatial Analysis of SA 12	
Current Amenities	
Community Parks	*No existing Community Parks are found in SA 12. The SA does anticipate one community park, which will provide good coverage throughout the developed part of the SA. Spatial coverage is lacking in the southern half of the SA, however due to the limited existing and future growth in this area the lack of coverage is acceptable.*
Neighborhood Parks	*No existing or proposed Neighborhood Parks are found in SA 12. Because of the coverage that will be received from the Community Park the lack of a Neighborhood Park is acceptable. Coverage based on Neighborhood Park standards will be good for the developed portion of the SA.*
Playlots	*No current and three proposed Playlots are found in SA 12. With the development of the three proposed Playlots coverage will be adequate with some deficiencies along Snowy Range Road and in the Cottonwood Estates area. The far southern part of SA 12 does not have coverage as well, similar to that of Neighborhood Parks and Community Parks.*

Service Area 12 Needs: Based on the analysis needs of SA 12, current population and projected populations and the existing park types, the following analyses are provided for each park type:

Community Parks: 5.9 to 12.3 acres of Community Park should be provided within this SA. With no acreage devoted to Community Parks, this SA is deficient in Community Park acreage. However, one projected proposed Community Park is anticipated in this SA, which would meet the spatial and acreage need for the SA. Because this Community Park will be the only park in the SA, extra acreage could be devoted to this park in order to compensate for the lack of Neighborhood Parks.

Neighborhood Parks: 7.4 acres of Neighborhood Park should be provided within this SA. No current or proposed Neighborhood Parks exist; however based on the population and acreage need of the SA, the Community Park proposed will adequately address both the spatial and acreage needs



Playlot Coverage - Service Area 12

Playlots: 0.8 acres of Playlot should be provided within this SA. Currently no existing Playlots and three proposed Playlots are anticipated in SA 12. The three proposed Playlots will adequately address the acreage needs of the SA, with only minor spatial deficiencies off of Snowy Range Road and in the Cottonwood Estates area.

In addition to the Parks, other future needs should be noted that are not dependent upon population or spatial needs.

Natural Areas: No natural areas are found in SA12. Although not in the SA the most northern reaches of the Monolith Ranch are located just outside of SA 12. Proposed Natural Areas along the full length of the Laramie River within the City are recommended.

School Sites: No current or proposed School Sites are found in SA 12.

Recreation Sites: No current or proposed Recreation Sites are found in SA 12.

Other Sites: Although addressed elsewhere in the Plan the Monolith Ranch, located just south of SA12, could provide Laramie and the surrounding community and quite possibly the region a recreational opportunity unmatched in the area. Although at this time full recreational use of the Monolith Ranch is not anticipated due to the water rights associated with the ranch taking precedence, a master plan to deal with the use of the ranch before and after the transfer of water rights should be completed in order to address recreation, land use and trails throughout the property.

Bike Lanes, Shared Use Paths and Rural Trails: SA 12 has no Bike Lanes and only two Shared Use Paths, located on Colorado Avenue and Adams Street. Throughout the SA, additional Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths are proposed which would provide a network of access within the SA as well as to adjacent SAs. At this time, proposed Bike Lanes within the SA will not be able to accommodate these routes due to substandard streets, most notably lack of pavement. As streets are brought up to standard, Bike Lanes should be incorporated.

Beautification Corridors: Two Beautification Corridors are found in SA 12, one along the western edge of the SA, along Highway 230 and the Interstate 80/Snowy Range Interchange area. The Highway 230 Corridor will provide an improved route for those coming into the community from the southwest and west.

Service Area 12 Summary and Recommendations:

Based on population and spatial need for the SA, the proposed Community Park will adequately serve both needs, in addition to providing for the Neighborhood Park need as well. The additional Playlots will also provide good distribution, except for some areas along Snowy Range Road and in the Cottonwood Estates Area. With the addition of proposed Bike Lanes and Shared Use Paths, SA 12 will have good access to facilities within the area. The following recommendations are priorities for SA 12:

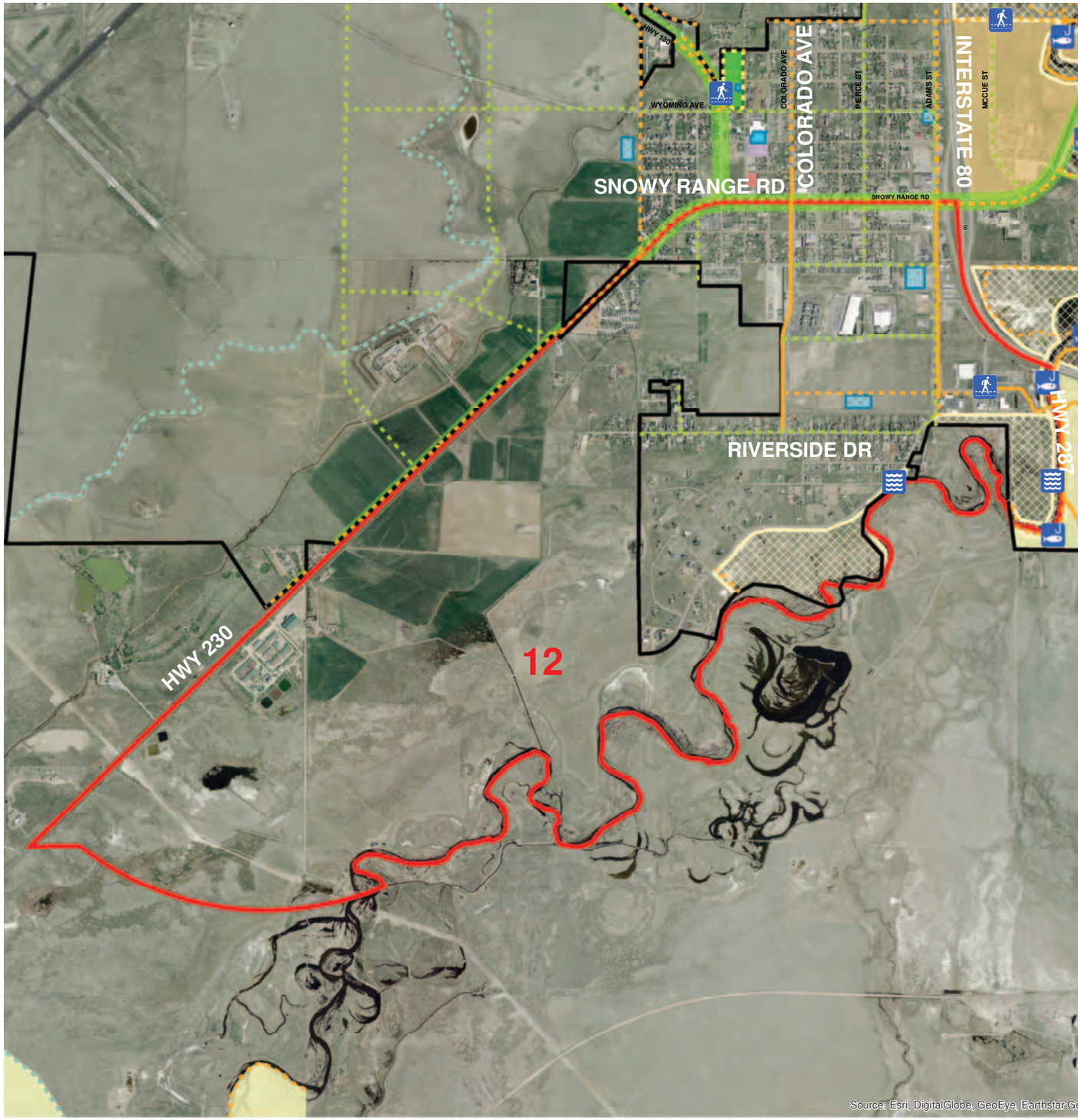
- Establish a Community Park in SA 12. Extra acreage should be considered for this Community Park to compensate for lack of a proposed Neighborhood Park.

Cattle grazing on the Monolith Ranch

- Establish three Playlots per SA 12 map.
- Develop Natural Areas in SA 12, especially riparian areas along the Laramie River within the City.
- The City and Albany County should work together to determine the parks and recreation needs for areas outside the City limits in the future.
- Develop Bike Lanes per SA 12 map. Development of these Bike Lanes should coincide with needed street improvements, such as paving, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and will provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA's and their facilities.
- Develop Shared Use Paths per SA 12 map to provide better continuity through the SA and connectivity to adjacent SA and their facilities.
- Develop Shared Use Paths per SA 12 map. Although the Ranch is not in SA 12, a Master Plan for the Monolith Ranch should be completed to address pre and post water rights transfer in relationship to land use, recreation, development, trails and access at a minimum, and the interrelationship to this SA.
- Develop Beautification Corridors per SA 12 map along Highway 230, Snowy Range Road and the Interstate 80 interchange.
- Improve access across barriers to movement such as Interstate 80, Snowy Range Road, Laramie River and Highway 230, to adjacent SAs.

Riparian area within the Monolith Ranch

Service Area 12



FEATURES

- City Boundary 2015
- Service Area 12

PATHWAYS AND TRAILS

- In Park Path, Existing
- In Park Path, Recommended
- On Street Bike Lane, Existing
- On Street Bike Lane, Recommended
- Rural Path, Recommended
- Shared Use Path, Existing
- Shared Use Path, Recommended
- Other, Existing

PLACES OF INTEREST

- Water Recreation
- Kayak, Tube, Canoe & Swim
- Trail Head
- Archery Range
- Bike Park
- Dog Park
- Fishing Access

PARKS

- Existing Neighborhood Park
- Recommended Nhbd. Park
- Existing Community Park
- Recommended Comm. Park
- Existing Playlot
- Recommended Playlot
- Existing Playlot In Park
- Recommended Playlot in Park

ADDITIONAL SITES

- Existing UW Site
- Existing School Site
- Recommended School Site
- Existing Natural Area
- Recommended Natural Area
- Existing Recreation Site
- Recommended Rec. Site
- Existing Other Site
- Recommended Other Site
- Existing Detention Area
- Beautification Corridor

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"The specific locations of any RECOMMENDED Parks, Trails, and Facilities within this document are HYPOTHETICAL in nature and they are not intended for public use. Locations may change as development occurs."