Parks & Recreation

Summary Sheet for the Parks & Recreation Chapter of the Goodyear 2025 General Plan

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Purpose and Scope of the Parks & Recreation Chapter:

Required Elements: Recreation Element (new) and Open Space Element
Additional Elements identified by the General Plan Committee: None

The Parks and Recreation chapter includes the open space and recreation elements. The chapter will include policies relating to where parks are located and levels of service. A Parks and Recreation Master Plan is being created in conjunction with the General Plan update.

Requirements from the Arizona Revised Statute:

An open space element that includes:

(a) A comprehensive inventory of open space areas, recreational resources and designations of access points to open space areas and resources.
(b) An analysis of forecasted needs, policies for managing and protecting open space areas and resources and implementation strategies to acquire additional open space areas and further establish recreational resources.
(c) Policies and implementation strategies designed to promote a regional system of integrated open space and recreational resources and a consideration of any existing regional open space plans.

A recreation element showing a comprehensive system of areas and public sites for recreation, including the following and, if practicable, their locations and proposed development:

(a) Natural reservations.
(b) Parks.
(c) Parkways and scenic drives.
(d) Beaches.
(e) Playgrounds and playfields.
(f) Open space.
(g) Bicycle routes.
(h) Other recreation areas.

How is it addressed in the 2003-2013 Goodyear General Plan?

The Open Space Element is it own section in the current plan. Recreation is a new element that is required by Arizona Revised Statute. Below are the Goals & Objectives from the Open Space Element of the 2003-2013 Goodyear General Plan:

Open Space Element

Goal A: A high level of active open space acreage and facilities to serve existing and future residence

- A-1 Implement a hierarchy of desired park types.
- A-2 Continue to leverage joint use opportunities for recreational, educational, and stormwater facilities that serve planning area residents.
- A-3 Continue to coordinate the provision of park land and major recreational facilities with other governmental entities and private, non-profit agencies.

Goal B: A mix of developed and natural open space.

- B-1 Critically evaluate natural and agricultural areas in a comprehensive manner.
- B-2 Strategically locate man-made open spaces to convey a sense of openness in the community.

Goal C: A regionally connected, locally accessible open space system

- C-1 Establish external connections to regional parks throughout the city
- C-2 Utilize natural and man-made corridors for land use buffers and open space connections.

Goal D: A responsible recreation program that serves the diverse needs of the community.

- D-1 Periodically determine the recreational program needs and implications within the planning area.
- D-2 Provide conveniently located recreational programs and facilities to serve the community.

Open space goals respond to the following issues:

- To provide enhanced open space within the city
- To have a sense of openness that responds to the history and setting of community
- To establish regional linkages for the local open space connections.
- To administer a variety of recreational programs and facilities for new and existing residence.

Related Plans & Studies:

- 2003-2013 Goodyear General Plan
- El Rio Watercourse Master Plan
- MAG West Valley Rivers Master Trail Plan

- Maricopa County Parks Draft Master Plan
- Maricopa County Trails System Master Plan
- Adjacent communities' general plans:
    - City of Avondale
    - Town of Buckeye
    - City of Glendale
    - Town of Litchfield Park
    - Maricopa County
    - Pinal County
    - Gila River Indian Community

Stakeholders:

- Goodyear residents & community members
- Landowners
- Adjacent communities
- Development community & homebuilders
- Maricopa County (Estrella Mountain Regional Park)

Ideas and Comments Identified During GAIN and the Visioning Workshop:

The following ideas and comments were identified during the GAIN event on October 20, 2012 and the visioning workshop held on November 3, 2012

Circulation

Summary Sheet for the Circulation Chapter of the Goodyear 2025 General Plan

Purpose and Scope of the Circulation Chapter:

Required Elements: Circulation Element and Bicycling Element
Additional Elements identified by the General Plan Committee: None

The Circulation chapter includes the future Circulation map which helps guide future development of the City. A Transportation Master Plan is being created in conjunction with the General Plan update.

Requirements from the Arizona Revised Statute:

A bicycling element that:

Consists of proposed bicycle facilities such as bicycle routes, bicycle parking areas and designated bicycle street crossing areas.

A circulation element consisting of:

- the general location and extent of existing and proposed freeways,
- arterial and collector streets,
- bicycle routes and any other modes of transportation as may be appropriate,
- all correlated with the land use element of the plan.
- recommendations concerning parking facilities, building setback requirements and the delineations of such systems on the land, a system of street naming and house and building numbering and other matters as may be related to the improvement of circulation of traffic.
- The circulation element may also include:
    - (a) A transportation element showing a comprehensive transportation system, including locations of rights-of-way, terminals, viaducts and grade separations. This element of the plan may also include port, harbor, aviation and related facilities.
    - (b) A transit element showing a proposed system of rail or transit lines or other mode of transportation as may be appropriate.

How is it addressed in the 2003-2013 Goodyear General Plan?

The Circulation Element is it own section in the current plan. Bicycling is a new element that is required by Arizona Revised Statute. Below are the Goals & Objectives from the Circulation Element of the 2003-2013 Goodyear General Plan:

Circulation Element

Goal A: A well functioning road network that effectively and efficiently serves the city's residents, visitors and employment sectors.

- A-1 Continue to utilize a functional roadway classification system to provide mobility and access throughout the entire community.
- A-2 Effectively transport truck traffic through the city with minimal adverse impacts on residential and pedestrian areas.
- A-3 Evaluate the need for enhanced vehicular mobility throughout the community.

Goal B: A community linked internally and externally with adequate transit service to meet the needs of its residents, workforce and visitors.

- B-1 Continue to promote the potential for a commuter rail through the city.
- B-2 Continue to provide and extend transit system and facilities improvements in Goodyear
- B-3 Evaluate the coast and public benefit of a community or sub-community-wide circulator (i.e. trolly or people mover) system

Goal C: A safe network of routes for environmentally responsive modes of travel.

- C-1 Evaluate the demand and cost for a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) throughout the City.

Goal D: A non-motorized network that links Neighborhoods with community Activity centers

- D-1 Expand the identified regional bike system with additional linkages to Goodyear.
- D-2 Continue to establish an interconnected multi-use/ equestrian trail system
- D-3 Continue to promote a safe, walkable community
- D-4 Ensure the connectivity of neighborhood, community and regional paths.

Goal E: A functional and economically successful airport and Luke air Force Base .

- E-1 Preserve the long term aviation use and adjacent employment opportunities of the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport
- E-2 Preserve the mission of Luke Air force Base

Key Issues to Address in the Plan:

- To effectively move vehicular traffic through the City
- To have an active trail system that connects active nodes and residential areas
- To leverage to the presence of the Phoenix-Goodyear Airport for increased aviation service and attaining economic development targets
- To move people in and out to the community using transit modes of travel.

Related Plans & Studies:

- 2003-2013 Goodyear General Plan
- Hassyampa Plan
- Hidden Valley Plan
- MAG Commuter Rail Study
- MAG Regional Transportation Plan
- MAG Regional Bikeway Map
- SR 801 Reports & Plans
- SR 303L Reports & Plans
- Adjacent communities' general plans:
    - City of Avondale
    - Town of Buckeye
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- Luke Air Force Base
- Phoenix-Goodyear Airport
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- Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT)
- Maricopa Association of Governments
- Valley-Metro

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