

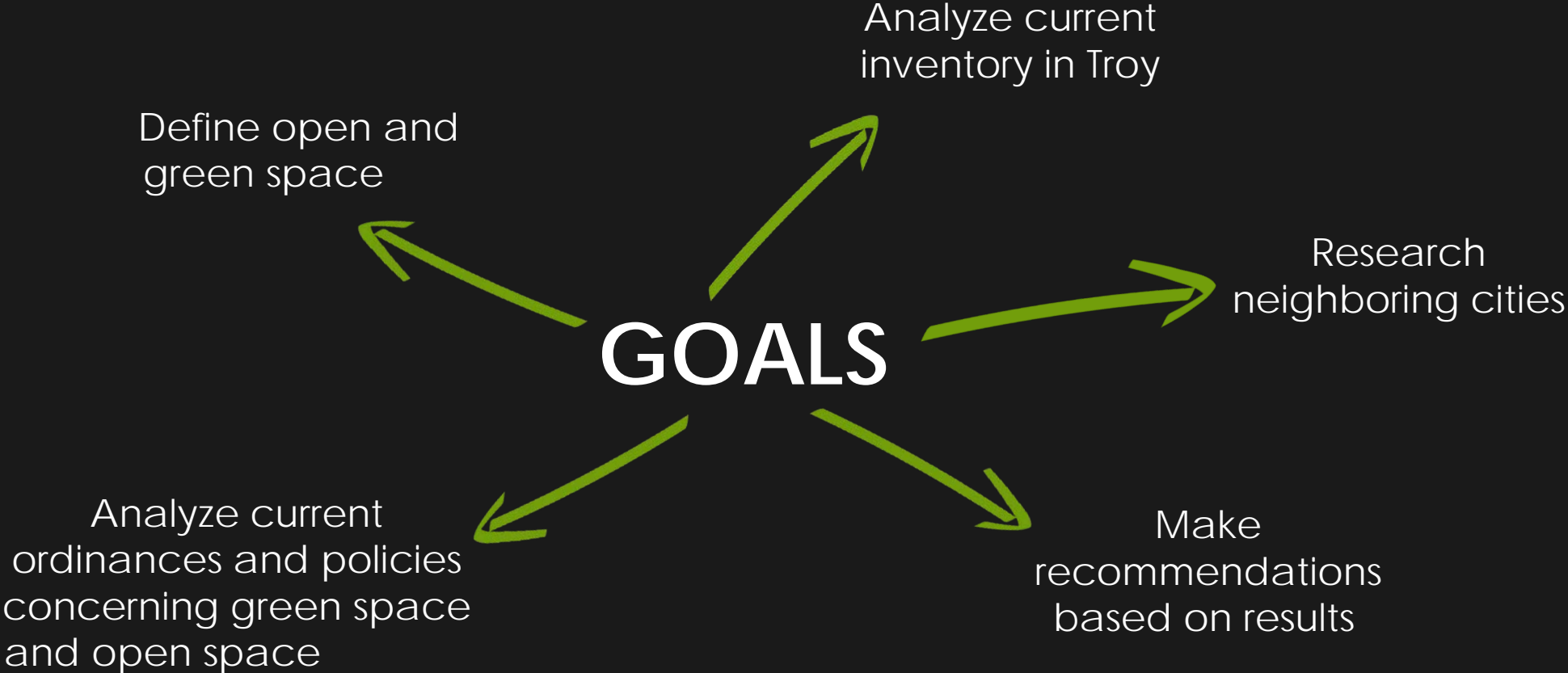
City Council Study Session

Green Space Subcommittee Report

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Green Space Sub Committee

Sub committee of the Parks & Recreation Advisory board



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Open Space & Green Space

Open/Green Space is any open piece of land that is available to Troy residents for both active and passive recreational use; and may or may not be owned by the City of Troy. This space includes the following:

City Owned: Developed parks, undeveloped “pocket” parks, community gardens, cemeteries, dog park, two golf courses, Troy Nature Center, Troy Historic Village, Civic Center Campus, and the Troy Community Center → 1106.3 Acres

Troy School District Owned: Various school yards and any undeveloped land → 621.5 Acres

Private Ownership: Both developed and undeveloped land within the city that may be accessible by permission to Troy citizens → 709.5 Acres

- Total available acreage of open/green space is 2,437.63 acres or 11.33% of total acreage of Troy

Ordinances and Policies

- Zoning Ordinance
 - Establishes Open Space, Common Parks and Recreation System
 - Establishes standards for open space
- 2003 Master Plan for 5 New Parks
 - Encourages private property owners to donate open space
 - Provides protection to other facilities and amenities
- 2007 – 2012 Parks and Recreation Plan
 - Improves stormwater management
- 2015 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Plan
 - Preserves riparian resources, wetlands, and wetlands
- 2004 Troy City Center Priority Task Force
 - Encourages alternative fuel distribution
- Troy Futures 2020 Report
 - Suggests creating an Environmental Advisory Supporting Community Partners

Recommendations



Promote a 30-year dedicated millage not to exceed .05 for future park/open green space enhancement, maintenance, and/or acquisition in lieu of a renewal of Proposal A, B, and C Bonds



Implement the proposed pathways plan in its entirety as it was originally approved. The interconnected pathways throughout the city must serve access to specific destinations within the city and be able to link with our surrounding city neighbors. The pathways must be accessible to all to accommodate walking, biking, and rest areas.



Develop Sylvan Lake as the premier park of the city with recreational activities (fishing, swimming, ice skating, picnicking, etc.).



Any future development of the Troy Civic Center property should consider recreational opportunities and facilities