

STATE OF THE PARKS



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INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The quality of life in any urban area is enhanced greatly by its extensive park system. This system of open green space serves the recreational and open space needs of the City's residents.

The City of Orem has a population of 88,914 as of the 2010 Census. The Census also revealed that the median age of the community was 26. With Orem having such a young median age, demand is high for our parks and sports systems.

The current number of parks owned and operated by the City is 17 with a combined acreage of 272, not counting parkways. Orchard Park (18 acres) is owned by the Alpine School District and in agreement with the school district, the City assists with maintaining the turf area and the park pavilion. The oldest park in the City is Scera Park, developed in the 1961. Our newest park, Nielsen Grove was dedicated in May of 2006.

In the 17 parks there are 9 baseball and 11 softball fields, 25 soccer fields, 6 fall football fields, 4 tag and 2 tackle football fields and 26 tennis courts. City sports programs drew 5300 softball players, 1900 baseball players and 4000 soccer players to the fields in 2011.

Our parks also have 33 pavilions, one hosting center and 14 play ground areas. The 33 pavilions were reserved 1016 times in 2011. Weddings accounted for 131 of the reservations, 17 in the Hosting Center at Mt. Timpanogos Park.

City Park is host to the City's annual Summerfest Celebration, drawing 100,000 visitors during the 2-day event. Timpanogos Park is the home of the Library's Storytelling Festival, drawing 25,000 visitors, including 37 schools and 10 national storytellers over the four-day event. The Ellis Island, or Mile Stones of Freedom Celebration was added to our City's list of summer activities in July of 2008. This event is part of the Utah County Freedom Festival and is located at Scera Park. Estimated number of participants in 2011, 20,000 over the 3-day event culminating on July 4th.

The following table is a snapshot of all the City parks and their respective facilities. We have indicated the year the park and structures were built, their current condition, and recommendation for improvement(s).

Bonneville Park

1450 North 800 West
8.0 acres
Established 1982



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	2005	1	Good	Re-shingle roof and cosmetic repairs.
Shelter	2005	1	Poor	Re-shingle roof, cosmetic repairs and new lighting.
Parking Lot	2009	1 11,000 sq. ft	Fair	Slurry and crack sealed.
Playgrounds	1994	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area. Cement boarder curbing wall.
Benches	1982	5	Fair	Replace benches.
Fountain	1982 2010	1 1	Fair Good	Replace with ADA fountain, pavilion. Replaced tennis court fountain.
Light Poles	1982	10	Fair	Replace park lights by street lighting program.
Tennis Courts	2004	1	Good	Resurfaced tennis courts. Repair fencing around courts.
Restrooms	2005	1	Good	New stalls, floor, and lighting, roof shingles. Exterior doors need to be replaced.

Cascade Park

950 East 200 North

6.33 acres

Established 1985



Pavilion	1985	1	Fair	Roof needs to be re-shingle, repair ceiling and update/fix the lighting. Cosmetic repairs are also needed.
Light Poles	2008	10	Good	Replaced by street lighting program.
Playgrounds	1998	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area. Replace all decks.
Fountain	2010	1 1	Excellent Fair	Replaced with ADA fountain. Need to replace the pavilion fountain with ADA.
Benches	1985	5	Poor	Replace benches.
Shelter	1985	1	Fair	Roofs needs to be re-shingle, cosmetic repairs and update the lights.
Restroom	2005 2010	1	Fair Good Poor	New stalls, floor surfacing. New shingles. Need new exterior doors.
Parking Lot	1985	1 9,200 sq. ft	Fair	Needs crack, slurry seal and re-striping.
Basketball Court	2009	1	Good	Slurry sealed.

CherApple Park

1800 North 500 East
.25 acres
Established 1985



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Fence	2011	1	Excellent	New 6' vinyl
Bench	1985	1	Fair	

Cherryhill Park

1800 South 240 East
3.02 acres
Established 1972



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Restroom	2008	1	Good	Rebuilt after being lost to a fire.
Tennis Courts	1972	1	Poor	Needs to be reconstructed.
Benches	2001	5	Good	
Dumpster closure	2008	1	Good	Installed dumpster enclosure.
Playgrounds	1982	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area.
Light Poles	2008	8	Good	Replaced by the street lighting program.
Pavilion	2008	1	Good	Total rebuild 2008
Parking Lot	2008	1 1200 sq ft	Good	Rebuilt in 2008

City Center Grounds

State and Center Street



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Sprinkler System	1976	1	Poor	Reconstruct

City Park

300 East Center St. - 100 North

24.35 acres

Established 1976



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion, Senior	1976 2010	1	Fair Excellent	New shingles.
Pavilion, Center Street	1986 2010	1	Good Excellent	New shingles.
Sprinkler System	1976	1	Poor	Needs a new sprinkler system in the Arboretum area.
Benches	2010	5	Excellent	
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure.
Walk lighting	2011	10	Excellent	
Playgrounds	1994	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area.
Ball field Fence	2001	6	Fair	Extend fencing for ballfield safety, 100 N, field #1. Back stop fencing needs to be replaced.
Bleachers	2001	4	Fair	Replace fields 1 and 2 with aluminum.

Parking Lot, Center Street 100 North	1976	2	Fair	Needs slurry seal.
		5,000 sq. ft	Fair	
Restrooms	1976	1	Poor	Building needs to be replaced, structurally unsound. Replaced exterior doors and shingles.
	2009		Good	

Community Park

581 West 165 South
30.25 acres
Established 1979



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	1979	3	Good	Repair ceilings, update the lighting and cosmetic repairs. Shingles replaced.
	2010		Excellent	
Parking Lots	2010	4 73,000 sq. ft	Fair	North East Lot entrance reconstructed 2009. S, SW, NW need slurry seal
Playgrounds	1995	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area.
Benches	1979	5	Fair	Replace benches.
Tennis Courts	2006	10	Good	
Sprinkler System	1979	1	Poor	Install a new sprinkler system.
Fountain	2011	3	Excellent	
Light Poles	1979	40	Fair	Replace park lights by street lighting program.
Restrooms	2005	1	Fair	Replaced stalls, exterior doors and shingles.

Foothill Park

971 North 1240 East

4 acres

Established 2001



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	2001	1	Fair	Needs shingles.
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure
Parking Lot	2001	1 7,600 sq. ft	Good	
Tennis Courts	2001	2	Good	
Restrooms	2001	1	Good	Needs shingles.

Geneva Park

260 North 700 West

3.78 acres

Established 1985



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	1985	1	Fair	Roof needs to be re-shingled, fix the lighting and cosmetic repairs. New BBQ's.
Playgrounds	1994	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area.
Benches	1985	5	Fair	Replace benches.
Fountain	1985 2010	1 1	Fair Excellent	Replace with ADA fountains. Replaced Pavilion fountain.
Tennis Courts	1985	2	Poor	Reconstruct or remove tennis courts.

Shelter	1985	1	Fair	Roof needs to be re-shingled, fix the lighting and cosmetic repairs.
Light Poles	2007		Good	Replaced park lights by street lighting program.
Parking Lot	1985	1 7,000 sq. ft	Poor	Reconstruct.
Restrooms	2005	1	Good	New restroom stalls, shingled roof and new floor surfacing. Exterior doors need to be replaced.

Hillcrest Park

1400 South 650 East
1.97 acres
Established 1985



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	1985	1	Fair	Roof needs to be re-shingle roof, fix lighting and cosmetic repairs.
Play ground	1995	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area.
Tennis Courts	1985	1	Fair	Needs to be reconstructed.
Parking Lot	2011	1 7,200 sq. ft	Good	School District replaced the asphalt. Needs crack, slurry seal and re-striping.
Light Poles	2008	1	Good	Replaced park lights by street lighting program.
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure.
Benches	1985	3	Fair	Replace benches.
Restrooms	2005	1	Fair	New restroom stalls, shingled roof and new floor surfacing. Exterior doors need to be replaced.

Lakeside Park

400 South 1850 West

55 acres

Established 2002



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	2002	1	Good	
Shelters	2002	5	Good	
Parking Lot	2002	1 96,000 sq. ft	Good	
Restrooms	2002	2	Good	
Ballfields	2002	5	Good	Needs fence repairs.

Mt. Timpanogos Park

Provo Canyon Road - Highway 189

44 acres

Established 2004



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Restroom	2004	2	Good	
Pavilion	2004	6	Good	Needs wood stain and rain gutters.
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure.
Parking Lot	2004	1 50,000 sq. ft	Good	
Host Center	2004	1	Good	Needs wood stain and rain gutters.
Playgrounds		0		Needs a play structure installed.

Nielsen Grove Park

Sandhill Road 2000 South

21.4 acres

Established 2004



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion, Bowery	2004	1	Good	Needs wood stain.
Shelters	2004	8	Good	
Restrooms	2004	1	Good	
Parking Lots	2004	2 25,000 sq. ft	Good	
Museum	2004	1	Good	Needs wood stain.
Barn	2004	1	good	Needs wood stain.

Northridge Park

1750 North 165 East

5.2 acres

Established 1992



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	1992	1	Good	Roof needs to be re-shingled, fix the lighting and cosmetic repairs.
Tennis Courts	1992	2	Good	Needs to be re-surfaced.
Walking path	1992	1	Fair	Needs to be reconstructed.
Play ground	1995	1	Fair	Replenish the sand in play area. Needs a new play area curbing boarder wall.
Park lighting	2008		Good	Replaced park lights by street lighting program.

Shelter	1992	1	Good	Roof needs to be re-shingled, fix the lighting and cosmetic repairs.
Parking Lot	1992	1 11,000 sq. ft	Fair	Needs crack, slurry seal and re-stripping.
Restrooms	1992	1	Fair	Exterior doors need to be replaced, re-shingle roof.

Orem Elementary Park

**400 South 450 West
7.95 Acres
Established 1979**



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Restrooms	2010	1	Good	Re-shingled. Exterior doors need to be replaced.
Fence	1979		Poor	Needs to be repaired and/or replaced.
Bleachers	1979	8	Fair	Replace with aluminum.

Orchard Park

**1000 North 750 East
18 acres
Established 2003**



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	2003	1	Good	
Restrooms	2003	1	Good	

Scera Park

600 South State

25.20 acres

Established 1961



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	1965 2006	1	Poor	Roof needs to be rebuilt, Structurally unsound, leaks. Benches and sink within the pavilion need to be replaced. Cosmetic repairs. (Pavilion needs to be replaced, including restroom and storage area.) New lighting.
Fountain	2009	4	Good	Replaced with ADA fountains.
Benches	1972	10	Poor	Replace benches.
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure.
Playgrounds	1990	2	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area.
Walk Lighting	2006	30	Good	Replaced, 2006, street lighting program.
Shelter	1972	4	Poor	Replace lights.
Parking Lot, East	1965	2 17,000 sq. ft	Failed	Reconstruct east parking lot and enlarge.
Main		23,600 sq. ft	Good	Crack and slurry seal.
Restrooms	1965 2007	1 1	Poor Good	Main Pavilion Shell restroom, rebuilt.

Sharon Park

600 North 300 East

5.15 acres

Established 1972



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	2006	1	Good	
Parking Lot	1972	2 10,280 sq. ft	Poor	Needs crack and slurry seal and re-striping.
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure.
Light Poles	2008	10	Good	Replaced park lights by street lighting program.
Fountain	2006	2	Good	ADA fountain.
Benches	1972	5	Fair	Replace benches.
Playgrounds	1994	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play area.
Restrooms	2005	1	Poor	New restroom stalls, roof shingles and floor surfacing. Exterior doors need to be replaced.

Skate Park

1200 West 265 North

.25 Acres

Established 2004



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Restroom	2003	1	Fair	Re-shingle, replace exterior doors.
Parking Lot	2003	1 8000 sq. ft	Good	

Skate Structure	2003			
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Springwater Park

945 South Artesian Road

5.0 Acres

Established 1998



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	1998	1	Good	
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure.
Tennis Courts	1998	2	Good	Re-surface as needed.
Parking Lot	2009	1 11,000 sq. ft	Good	re-slurried and re-striping.
Restrooms	1998	1	Good	Exterior doors need to be replaced.

Westmore Park

1050 South Main

4.21 acres

Established 1982



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	1982	1	Poor	Roof needs to be re-shingled, fix lighting and cosmetic repairs.
Fountain	1982	2	Poor	Replace with ADA fountain.
Benches	1982	5	Poor	Replace benches.
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure.
Playgrounds	1991	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play ground.

Shelter	1982	4	Fair	Roof needs to be re-shingled, fix ceiling and new lighting.
Parking Lot	1982	1 4,000 sq. ft	Poor	Reconstructed, fix drainage and enlarge.
Restrooms	2005	1	Good	New stalls, lighting, shingles. exterior doors replaced.

Windsor Park

200 West 1270 North

8.32 acres

Established 1981



Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Pavilion	1981	2	Poor	Roof needs to be re-shingled and cosmetic repairs.
Ballfields	1981	2	Fair	Need new fencing, backstops and bleachers.
Parking Lot	1981	2 27,000 sq. ft	Fair	Needs slurry seal, re-striping.
Tennis Courts	1981	2	Good	Re-surface as needed.
Dumpster closure		0	N/A	Install dumpster enclosure.
Fountain	2010	2	Excellent	Replaced with ADA fountains.
Benches	1981	5	Poor	Replace benches.
Playgrounds	1987	1	Fair	Replenish wood chips in play ground.
Walk Path	1981	1	Poor	Needs to be reconstructed.
Restrooms	2005	1	Fair	New stalls, shingles and flooring. Exterior doors need to be replaced.

800 South Parkway

Structure	Year Built	Units	Condition	Repairs/Recommendations
Storage Bldg.	2003	1	Good	

Parkways/Buildings and Grounds

Location	Acreage
800 North	7
Cascade strip	.15
Cherapple	.25
400 E 1600 N	.25
400 North	2.3
PW Complex	.5
800 West Center	.05
800 N, 6 to 8 W	.58
12 th W, 7 to 8 N	.41
16 th N, 8 to 9 W	.18
12 th W 9 th N	.09
800 N, 8 to 9 W	.26
P&R 800 No	.70
800 E	2.0
800 E, 8 So. to 10 So.	1.1
800 S, 4 E. to 8 E.	1.4
800 S hills	.84
Entryway	1.4
Center Street	3.7
Orem Blvd	5.0
Sandhill Road	2.1
South State Hill	.88
RC Willey	.16
University Pkwy	.26
Business Park	3.0
I-15 Freeway interchange	22.2
P&R Center St.	.66
City Center	12.3
Fitness Center	1.8
Senior Center	1.9

As has been previously stated, the current estimated population of Orem is 88,914. Demand on our parks and facilities is heavy, and our parks are aging and in need of continuing maintenance and repair

above the normal day to day duties of landscape maintenance, cleaning and sports field preparation.

Outlined below are requests and justifications for future budgets.

I. Annual Ongoing Maintenance Needs

Restroom Doors

Many of the doors and door frames are rusting and have been abused. This creates an unkept look and weakening the door allowing them to be kick in and opened by vandals. We would like to replace 12 doors /year at a cost of \$700 per door.



Roofs

Restroom and pavilion roofs are losing shingles, ridge caps and vents due to age. Five roofs rebuilt per year at a cost of \$2000 each. Many of the older roofs were constructed with wooden shingles and it is more costly to repair and maintain these types of roofs than installing new asphalt shingles.



Fencing

Fencing around many of our ballfields and park perimeters are bend and coming apart. Some have been cut leaving small and large holes and exposed sharp wires. Safety hazards are increasing as the repair of our fence system gets behind.



Wood Structure's at Nielsen Grove and Timpanogos Parks

This work helps preserve and maintain the exposed wooden structures at these parks. In 2003 the wood structures at Nielsen Grove and Mt. Timpanogos Parks were painted at a cost of \$9,000. In 2004 \$11,000 was needed to paint Nielsen Grove. In 2006 the project was bid at \$41,000. When Nielsen Grove and Mt. Timpanogos Parks were developed, an additional \$10,000 was added to our operating accounts for this type of work. As you can see, the bids show this budget increase is not sufficient to cover the increase in costs over the past several years.



Wood Chip Replacement

For proper fall protection the Handbook for Playground Safety, published by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, recommends that for proper fall protection from a 10'-12' height, the depth of wood chip material must be maintained at a depth of at least 12 inches. Our original playground specification required a wood chip depth of 15". Through normal use and natural deterioration of this wood chip material, we lose several inches of material each year. To maintain proper wood chip depth we need to replenishment the wood chips every five years.



Inflationary Adjustment

Cost of purchasing items from toilet paper to fertilizer to chemical cleaners has increased. The amount of material and its cost due to inflation is costing more each year.

II. Capital Improvement Projects. These are one time projects that have been identified by our survey of City parks.

Tennis Court Reconstruction

\$100,000

The tennis courts become cracked and create tripping hazards as any other flat surface in our environment. Tennis court construction methods have improved over the years giving new courts a longer usable life span. We have completed this work on several of our tennis courts, but work still needs to be completed at Cherryhill Park, Geneva Park, Hillcrest.



Fence replacement

\$100,000

This is different from the fence repairs previously mentioned. The fence at Westmore Park is a block wall. It is plagued with many problems. The top caps are loose and being lost by neighborhood kids, holes and cracks appear each year, it is a good target for vandalism tagging and other vandalism activities and the fence is leaning as much as 4" from top to bottom creating a safety concern as to the stability of the wall itself.



Parking lot Reconstruction

\$100,000

Several parking lots throughout the park system need to be reconstructed. Some need to be re-graded to improve drainage, while others need slurry and crack seal to extend their useful life. All the parks are affected to one degree or another. Some will need total reconstruction while others just need to be crack seals and/or slurry sealed. We plan to perform work on 2-3 lots (depending on size) each year.



III. Additional Capital Improvement Needs For The Next 5 - 10 Years

NOTE: All dollar amounts are based on 2011 budgeting estimates.

- 1. New Play area at Timpanogos Park** **\$50,000**
 A playground area was not installed in the park when it was originally constructed. An area was designed into the park for a future play area.
- 2. Dumpster Enclosures** **\$12,000**
 This is a project started a few years ago but was discontinued due to budget restrictions. Dumpster enclosures are required by City Ordinance. The enclosures hid what many consider to be unsightly thus making our parks look more neat and clean. We plan to continue this project doing 2 /year at a cost of \$6,000 each. Parks still needing dumpster enclosures include, City, Cherryhill, Foothill, Hillcrest, Mtn. Timpanogos, Scera, Sharon, Springwater, Westmore and Windsor.
- 3. New Maintenance/Storage Shed at City Park** **\$100,000**
 City Park as grown to the point that all of the needed maintenance equipment will not fit into the existing storage shed.

City Park restroom enlarge and upgrade **\$100,000**
- 4. Walking Path Reconstruction.** **\$50,000**
 Windsor Park has an asphalt path that is in need of replacement due to narrowness, cracks and tripping hazards. The path would be replaced with a 5-foot wide concrete walk.
- 5. Basketball Court Reconstruction** **\$12,500**
 The basket ball courts are affected by the environment the same at the tennis courts and parking lots. With age and time they crack and create tripping hazards. Some of these courts could be incorporated into a new tennis court design, Geneva, Cherryhill and Hillcrest Parks. One per year
- 6. Rain gutters, Timpanogos Park Structures** **\$4,500**
 To protect and expand the life of the structures at Timpanogos Park.
- 7. Sprinkler System Reconstruction** **\$50,000**
 Update our oldest systems each year. With an updated system we would get a more efficient system, taking less watering time to keep the turf green. It would also give these systems the ability to be placed on the Maxicom system. One system per year.
- 8. Ballfield Score Boxes** **\$4,000**
 Two at \$2,000 each. Block structures.
- 9. Benches and Fountains** **\$12,500**
 As other amenities in our park system the benches need to be replaced with time and use. The fountains also need to be replaced, updating with ADA approved fountains. Five per year. Fountains are \$2000 each while benches are \$400 each.
- 10. Bleacher Update, Portable** **\$26,000**
 Current bleachers are wood and steel requiring many hours of maintenance and many dollars. Portable bleachers of aluminum construction will be required less maintenance, be safer and movable for the Summerfest activities.

Two per year at \$13,000 each.

11. Parking Lot Expansion.

\$100,000

Scera Park, 400 East parkinglot, is in need of reconstruction as well as enlargement to better accommodate the needs of the Scera Shell performances.

12. Pavers

\$115,000

Pavers to replace the gravel paths at Nielsen Grove Park, 2nd ring from the fountain and pool areas.

IV. Summary

While our Parks are aging and getting used to their capacity, the state of our parks is good. As anything that ages and/or is used they just need ongoing maintenance, rebuilds and updates. At this time our daily maintenance is getting accomplished, restrooms, while needing new roofs and doors are clean. Sports fields need fence repairs, ore boxes and new bleachers but they are still considered some of the best in the state. Our pavilions do need roofs and in some cases they need to be reconstructed but they are being used by record numbers of Orem and neighboring citizens.