

FLOYD COUNTY RESOLUTION 2003- VI
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FLOYD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, on October 19, 1999, the Floyd County Plan Commission and County Commissioners approved a Comprehensive Plan update for Floyd County,

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of amending the Comprehensive Plan and the particulars hereinafter set forth now here fore,

BE IT ORDAINED that the Floyd County Comprehensive Plan be and hereby is admitted and modified in the particulars as herein set forth:

The Appendix to the Comprehensive Plan, specifically Pages 46-48 pertaining to the New Albany Floyd County Parks and Recreation Master Plan section, is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

The New Albany-Floyd County Parks & Recreation Master Plan was completed in 2003 and was developed to serve as a five-year plan from 2003 to 2008.

According to the policy statement presented at the beginning of the master plan, the New Floyd County Comprehensive Plan 2003 Albany/Floyd County parks system identified three areas of need during the planning process: 1) capital improvements 2) programming and 3) area deficiencies. There are a total of 19 parks and recreational facilities in Floyd County, and the New Albany-Floyd County Department of Parks and Recreation had a total of 15 full-time and 100 part-time/seasonal workers. New Albany ranks 18th in per capita park and recreation operating appropriations (among 18 Indiana second class cities). In Floyd County, there was 4.87 acres of parkland per 1,000 population (312 acres for 64,000 Floyd County residents), as opposed to the national standard of 6.25 acres per 1,000 population. New Albany and Floyd County need additional parks and recreation resources.

Planning, Budget and Management Recommendations

- That the New Albany-Floyd County Parks Department budget process be made a joint venture between the two councils.
- That New Albany and Floyd County explore the establishment of a Park District under IC 36-10-3.
- That a separate operating cost center for the Camille Wright Pool be established.
- That the Parks Department establishes a Web page and e-mail newsletter. That additional computers be purchased and existing computers be upgraded for the New Albany and Floyd County Parks Department in order to facilitate a web based presence.
- That the Parks Superintendent establish a monthly "Parks" Column in the local news paper.
- That a needs analysis be conducted to determine: whether the current per capita expenditures in New Albany and Floyd County (\$12 and \$8) reflect that more public funds should be allocated to Parks and Recreation or that the citizens and communities are receiving a good level of service for their tax expenditure; determine the disposition of 25 tennis courts within the system be conducted, given the tennis facilities at New Albany and Floyd Central High Schools; the best location for a skate park venue; the feasibility of an indoor shooting range; to determine the feasibility of an off road vehicle venue; the feasibility of youth multi-sport athletic park; the feasibility of the construction of a community center at Greenville Park (or other appropriate site within the county)

New Albany-Floyd County has a professional, well-managed Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department does an excellent job of maintenance, much better than most such departments. Considering the size of the full time staff, it does a very good job of programming. There is a good nucleus of public recreation areas and facilities. However, the strains of rising participation in programs, especially softball, basketball, walking, running and indoor exercise are being felt. The Department's staff and its operating budget are too small to fully utilize the many different programs needed by City and County residents.

- 1 The existing tennis facilities are in generally poor condition.
- 2 The County has no archery ranges, handball and racquetball courts or indoor shooting ranges.
- 3 Additional space is needed for turf sports as well.
- 4 There are no publicly operated community or senior centers in Floyd County

The following items represent the major components of the New Albany-Floyd County Recreation Plan:

1. Playground Equipment. New or improved playground equipment is initially needed at many of the County parks. A systematic inventory and inspection of existing structures needs to be developed.

2. Budd Road Property. Secure the LWCF grant monies and other funding necessary to develop this park.

3. Tennis Courts. Currently there are 25 tennis courts through out the Parks System. All of the courts are in need of maintenance. The Parks board should consider closing tennis courts that get little use throughout the year.

4. Greenville Park. Coordinate with the community of Greenville for the construction of a community center on the parks grounds in order to extend parks services and programs into that area of Floyd County.

5. Americans with Disabilities Act. The Department needs to continue its ADA self-evaluation and develop a long term plan to improve accessibility throughout the system.

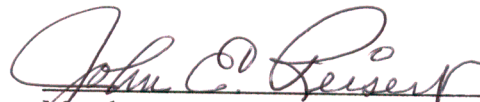
6. Griffin Street Center. Lack of ventilation remains a major problem. Windows need replacement, a new gym floor needs to be installed and the roof over the gym needs to be replaced.

7. Community Park. Recommended improvements are: seal the pedway; resurface the tennis courts and basketball courts; light the basketball courts and selected tennis courts; continue to improve soccer turf; correct pavement failures as needed and continue to expand the Children's garden.

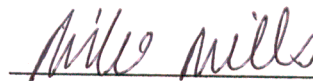
8. Friends of the Parks Organization. The formation of Friends of the Parks organizations with nonprofit status to allow fund raising, donations and grant writing would benefit the parks involved and assist the Department while allowing our citizens an active role in the development and maintenance of their parks.

SO RESOLVED this 30th day of May, 2003.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF FLOYD


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Attest

Teresa A. Plaiss
Floyd County Auditor

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