

Priority Area:

Crime and Safety

Goal/Objective:

Address crime and vandalism issues on city properties.

Strategy 12 - Utilize environmental design techniques to provide additional security of public properties.**Action Steps:**

- a. Review city park properties or other city properties for current areas where criminal activity is occurring.
- b. Design environmental controls (security lighting, cameras, park entry gates, etc.) to discourage issues.
- c. Obtain cost estimates for projects.
- d. Implement environmental design projects in immediate need areas (Phase One) of city parks where there are ongoing vandalism issues (e.g. Mercy, Cunningham, Ewert) utilizing readily available funding sources from Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax.
- e. Identify additional problem areas (Phase Two) from Parks and Stormwater Master Plan for future improvements.
- f. Include environmental design concepts into future city project design.

Resources Required:

1. Staff time to review existing properties for areas of concern.
2. Staff time to design controls and obtain cost estimates for existing properties.
3. Funding source for identified projects (included in Parks Master Plan List for Parks/Stormwater sales tax renewal).

Total Plan Cost:

Total Additional FTE: Existing staff time.

One-Time Costs: \$2,060,000

Staffing Annual Costs: \$0.00

Program Annual Costs: \$20,000

Desired Benefit/Outcome:

- Reduce vandalism in city parks.
- Increase comfort level of residents utilizing city parks due to reduced crime activities.
- Increased usage of city parks by residents.

“Dealing with the homeless - the parks are beginning to be overtaken by these people who sleep, eat, and lay out all of their belongings - I understand it’s a public setting, but it’s not at all clean.” – Listening Tour Respondent