

Chapter 9

San Gabriel Park Master Plan Recommendations

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a process; working together is success.”

HENRY FORD

San Gabriel Park

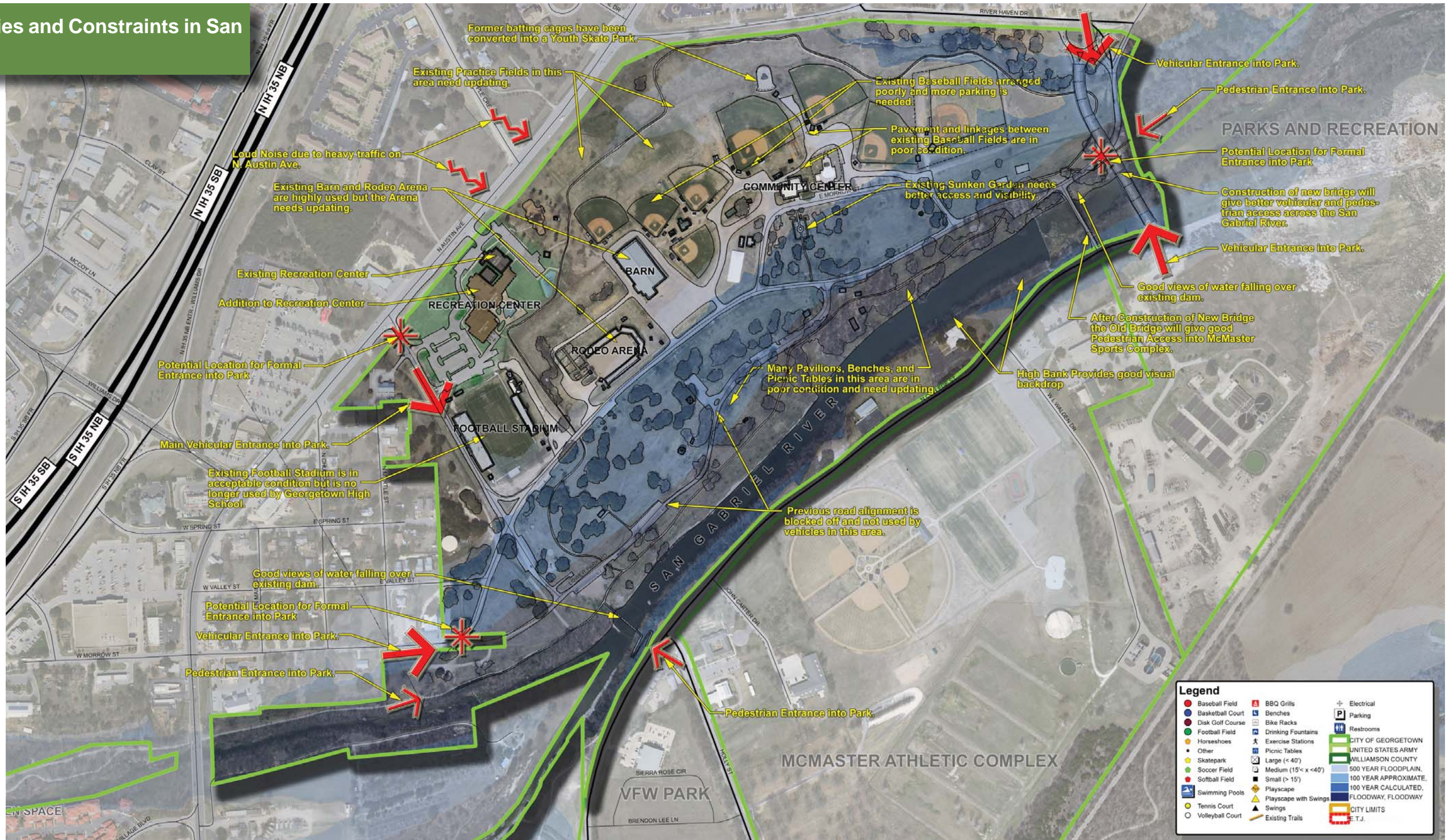
San Gabriel Park is considered to be Georgetown's 'central park.' The recommendations of this chapter of the master plan are meant to guide the redevelopment of San Gabriel Park over the next fifty years. The recommendations will enhance the park's place as Georgetown's signature park facility.



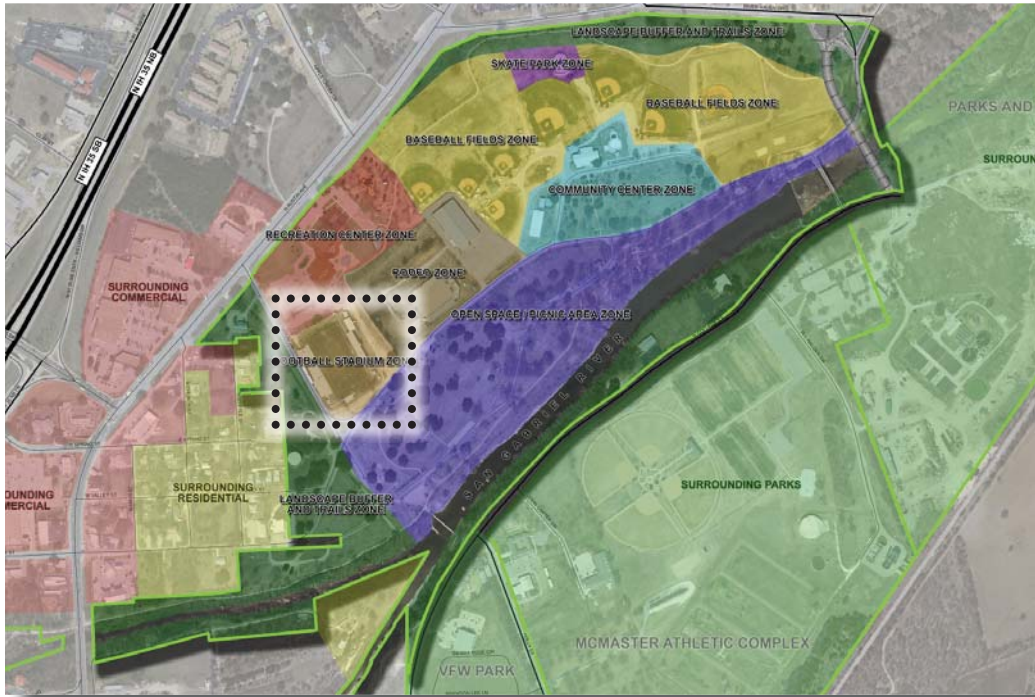
Existing Park Usage Zones in San Gabriel Park



Existing Opportunities and Constraints in San Gabriel Park



Alternate Use for Existing Football Stadium and Field



Existing Stadium Features:

- Older steel bleacher structures
- Aluminum seating
- Block concession and restroom buildings
- Crowned grass playing field
- New high school stadium replaced need for the older stadium.

Recommendations:

- Remove stadium and convert into a performance venue. Preserve high mast stadium lighting for park use and / or festival use.
- Preserve a portion of the entrance area for historical significance to Georgetown. Relocate stadium seating for other potential users.

Immediate priority item that should be done within the next one to two years.

Potential cost ranges from **\$3,500,000 to \$7,500,000.**



Various Types of Amphitheaters



Recommended Type of Performance Venue Concept 1



Recommended Type of Performance Venue Concept 2



Begin First Phase Renovations and Enhancements



River Glen Events Area and Gazebo:

- Existing bandstand and lawn area used for concerts in the park and other citywide event.
- Lacks adequate restroom and support infrastructure.

Recommendations:

- Create a new "flat" riverfront stage area.
- Add trees and walkways to define and improve event area.

River Front Park Area:

- Older, existing picnic areas and pavilions.
- Some bank erosion
- Recent edge trail.
- Beautiful area with mature trees, the most popular park.

Recommendations:

- Replace older pavilions and picnic facilities.
- Add picnic sites but cluster to preserve natural river front beauty.
- Stabilize bank edges.
- Remove some parking close to the river.
- Relocate existing building further away from river.

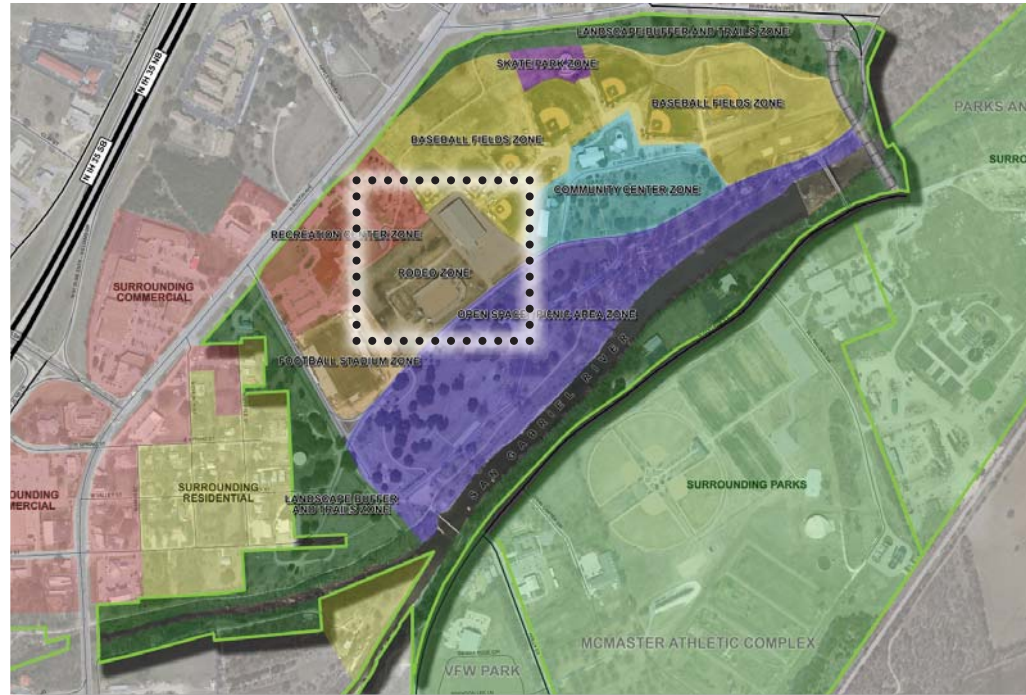
One major improvement that is planned for San Gabriel Park is the construction of a new vehicular bridge that will replace the current low water bridge that crosses the river at the north end of the park. Once the new road traffic bridge is complete, the existing low water bridge will be converted into a pedestrian and bicycle bridge with potential use by park maintenance crews when necessary.

The first phase of renovations and improvements to San Gabriel Park is a **high priority** item and should be implemented within the next five years.

Estimated costs for renovations and enhancements range from **\$3,000,000 to \$6,500,000**.



Assist with Show Barn Enhancements and Identifying New Permanent Central Location for Williamson County Rodeo



Show Barn:

- Used by Williamson County 4H
- Aging building with dirt floor
- Central location in the park

Recommendations:

- Work with Williamson County to enhance building to serve as a central multi-purpose building in a park setting.
- Long term: replace building with updated events building (timeframe 20+ years)



Rodeo Arena:

- Stands and arena require significant renovation investment.
- Space constraints in San Gabriel Park may not allow for needed expansion of arena pens and support areas.
- New expanded central location for countywide arena needs to be identified.

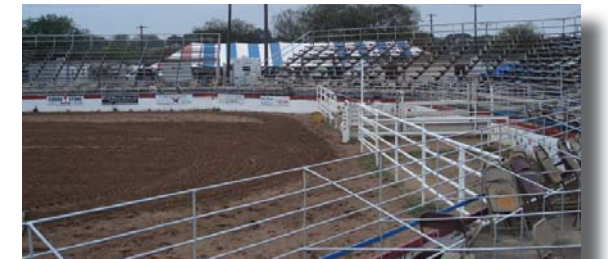
Recommendations:

- Pursue partnership to relocate rodeo facilities to new location in central Williamson County.
- Reincorporate rodeo grounds into alternative park feature in San Gabriel Park.



This is a **medium priority** item and should occur within the next five to ten years.

Estimated costs are to be determined.



Expand Outdoor Aquatic Center at San Gabriel Park

For any aquatic center to remain attractive to visitors, they must reinvent themselves every few years by adding new play features, slides and other amenities. The aquatic features that were constructed as part of the recreation center expansion in San Gabriel Park should at some point be added on to.

This **long term priority** item should be implemented over the next ten to fifteen years.

Estimated costs for expansion range from **\$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000**.



Complete Renovation and Enhancements

Youth Baseball Fields:

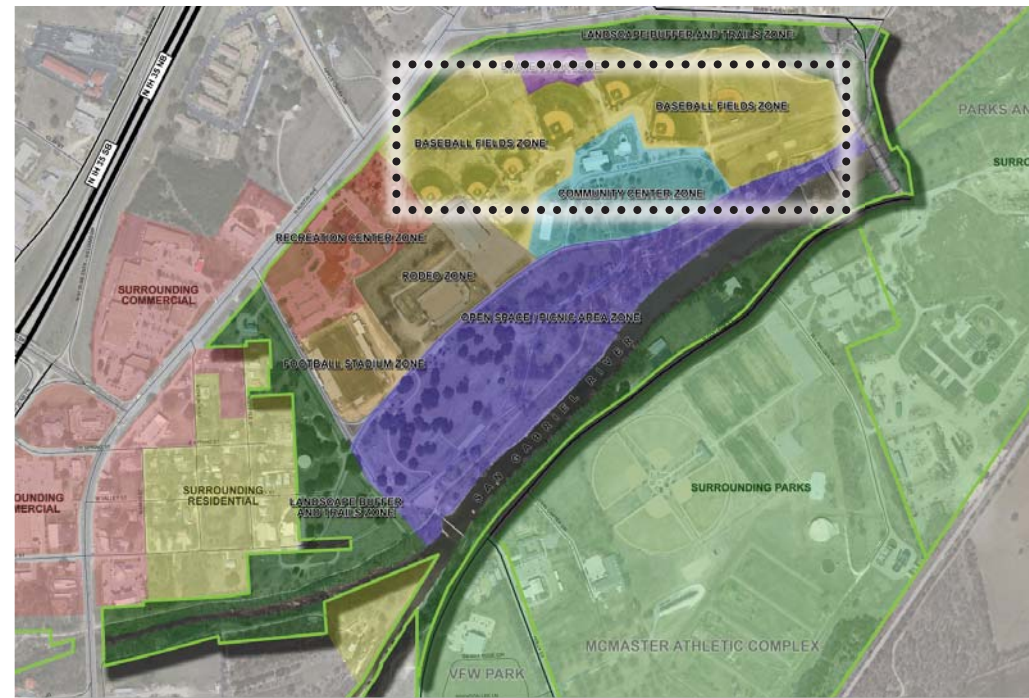
- Total of 8 fields, all are utilized by Georgetown Youth Baseball Association.
- New lighting and fencing provided for larger fields
- Field area lacks modern restroom and concession facilities.
- Fields and parking are spread over a large area. Mixture of paved and unpaved parking creates unsafe condition for young players and children.
- Little room for additional long term expansion.

Recommendations:

- Pursue acquisition of land for future sports complex. Must be a location that is accessible throughout the city.
- Reconfigure fields in San Gabriel Park for continued use, and develop additional sports complex to serve western half of Georgetown.

This **long term priority** item should be implemented over the next ten to twenty years.

Estimated costs for renovation range from **\$3,000,000 to \$6,500,000.**



Expand Community Center Building & Sunken Garden

Community Center Building:

- Recently expanded and updated.
- When the new pool at the recreation opens, the older swimming pool will be removed and utilized for parking.

Recommendations:

- Provide area for long range expansion of the community center as a key cultural focal point of Georgetown (long term).
- Enhance parking areas and outdoor ground around the community center (within the next five years).
- Enhance the Sunken Gardens as a key attraction in San Gabriel Park by adding lights and directional signage to the garden (within the next five years).

Expansion of the Community Center to incorporate a cultural center component is a **long term priority** item and should be implemented over the next ten to twenty years. An added cultural center component could potentially be a museum of some kind, an art gallery, performing arts theater, a sculpture garden, or a botanical garden surrounding the community center building.

Estimated costs for expansion range from **\$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000**.

