

### Section 5 – Parks, Trails and Open Space

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The Capital Facilities Plan has identified that approximately 1 mile of trail is needed at present. It is anticipated the cost per mile is \$225,000. It is anticipated that 2,772 equivalent residential units will be added over the next 20 years. At the current rate of residential connections to commercial connections of 93% it is anticipated that there will be 2,578 residential connections. The maximum allowable assessment for residential connections for parks and open space is \$1,837 and for trails is \$247. At this rate there would be \$4,735,786 collected for parks and \$636,766 for trails in the next 20 years.

Typically parks are approximately 10 acres in size and cost \$122,000 per acre or \$1,220,000. The City could plan on building a 10 acre park within the next 5 years and one every 5 years thereafter depending on growth. The city should be looking now for a 10 acre parcel of property for a park.

There will also be funds to construct approximately 3 miles of trails in addition to the mile of trail needed at present. We would recommend constructing 2 miles of trails in 10 years and follow up with an additional two miles of trails in 20 years depending on growth.