

Benicia Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan

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Channing Circle Park		
	Use native plants	1
	Need a sign to trailhead with switch backs. This leads to one of the best trails in Benicia on ridge top	1
	Native play area	1
	one of my favorite things about this park is the fence around the structure. Great for little kids	1
	Playground is OK	1
	Wayfinding to trailhead	1
Gateway Park		
	Proposed removal of turf/install low water use plants	1
	Wayfinding signage to trail	1
	Add trees	1
Lake Herman Regional Park		
	Great idea for amphitheater	3
	New trails around the lake	2
	Perhaps shuttle buses from city center out to site to lessen traffic/parking	1
	Provide parking for amphitheater	1
	A trail all the way around would be my top priority with walkway over marshy area	1
	Future site master plan	1
	Use native plants	1
	Replace plant material, including Native trees	1

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Benicia Community Park		
	Put in some rain garden to catch run off from this huge park	1
	Address animal/gopher problem in fields	1
	Turf all fields	1
	Make sure softball and baseball field access are equal throughout the City. Please do not eliminate softball fields - our girls need access	1
	Stop closing fields during winter. It puts our youth athletics at a disadvantage to those in other cities that have access year round	1
	Add parking lot	1
	Youth tournaments can be an amazing source of income for the parks district if the spaces was avialable	1
	Not one single fields in the entire city is designated for soccer. Soccer plays in the outfields of softball and baseball fields	1
	The signs about dogs need updating. They still say no dogs allowed exceptot in dog park	1
	4 pickleball courts. Good no noise for neighbors; windblocks; lights	1
	Need 8-12 pickleball courts in one location	1
	Please meet with pickleball players to plan the courts. We have played in many areas/states/national/international	1
	Interim - good at BMS to paint pickleball lines	1
	Add trees for shade in the disc golf course area	1
	Small dog park improvements please	1
	Trail around the perimeter to the ballfields need trees for shade	1
	Eliminate softball fields on fields 1 & 2; make synthetic turf for only soccer; leave fields 3 & 4 for softball - 2 soccer; 2 softball; 2 baseball	1
	If pickleball at the skating area, we need a wind break	1
	Please plant trees and shade around the play structures	1
	Maintain what we have	1
	Keep grassy hills for sports viewing	1
	Add parking lot and path lighting	1
	We need to eliminate softball fields to make soccer fields. Most softball fields only need 200ft. Behind fences, you can have soccer fields.	1
	Work with BUSD to turn their grass area into soccer fields at Joe Henderson and Robert Semple	1
	Recycling containers for cardboard boxes and plastics	1
	Baby changing stations in women's restrooms	1
	If you do turn softball and soccer fields at BCP you could host softbal land soccer tournaments and generate revenue. Check our Ken Mercer sports complex in Pleasanton that is City run	1
	Why synthetic turf? The grass here is beautiful! And environmentally friendly. Synthetic turf is not.	1

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Waters End Park		
	New shade trees	2
Jack London Park		
	Pickleball courts	2
	love these bathrooms; in great condition	2
	Take half the basketball court, reorient the basketball by 90 degrees and you can get just about 2 pickleball courts in that space.	1
	Love adding shade	1
	More shade in table areas	1
	Splash pad in Blue asterish area (where compass is).	1
	Greawt pre-post school pick up spot - lessens traffic.	1
	Replace irrigaiton with ET	1
Solano Park		
	Way too much grass	1
	How about pickleball courts?	1
	Shade trees around proposed shade structure	1
	Add bottle filler when replacing water fountain	1
	Replace 30% of trees and add to ET system	1
	This is a frantastic pre/post school meet up spot. I like this park a lot.	1
	I love the lawn at this park. We have to replace ours because of drought. Lawn here is for everyone to share.	1
Frank Skilman Park		
	Pickleball courts (protected by slope in hillside)	3
	Turn basketball courts into multi-use with pickleball courts	1
	Playground seems empty often and equipment feels currently new, also so close to community park	1
	This is a great playground in our community	1
	Remove even more turf than shown	1
	Keep surrounding trees	1

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Southampton Park		
	Pickleball courts	4
	No wind and not to close to neighbors	1
	Need more access to Rose Dr. Trails	1
	Nature playground	1
	Outdoor classroom	1
	Natural large dog park	1
	Think about putting up some kind of short curb to keep balls from falling into the creek	1
	Keep trees; add more trees	1
	clean up and enhance creek	1
	Replace irrigation with ET system	1
Matthew Turner Park		
	Need more picnic tables	2
	Better lighting and curfew restrictions	1
	Good spot for a 2-5 play structure	1
	Signage for trail connections along waterfront	1
	Area for fenced dog park with seating and shade	1
9th Street Park		
	Area for fenced dog park with seating and shade	1
	Get rid of turf in the identified areas	1
	Provide a place for a community garden	1
	New shade trees by the community garden	1
	Need a better step at the end of the trail to the water	1
	Signage about sea level rise and what impact it has on this beach	1
	More picnic tables	1
	Pickleball court at NW end	1
	Need to identify trails that go through the park	1
	Off-leash dog hours would be nice here	1

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Steve Armenta Park		
	Pickleball courts	4
	Need more than two pickleball courts (4 courts)	3
	Trail along street would be good	1
	Not a good location for pickleball; poor parking and noise will impact neighbors	1
	Need indoor options for pickleball with better lighting	1
	Replae broken walkway on play structure	1
	This could be a backup location for pickleball courts	1
	Start pickleball play and end play at reasonable acceptable times	1
	Love the new pathway	1
	Additional parking for pickleball	1
	No lights	1
	Add bleachers outside of pickleball courts	1
	Major concern of Benica Health and Fitness Club in terms of noise, traffic, parking and neighborhood.	1
Arneson Park		
	More chairs or picnic tables	1
	Shade structure over play structure	1
	Have Bay Trail notes with a painted bicycle on the trail	1
	Clean off hill and add large rocks to hold up hill	1
	Improve landscaping and signage along the trail	1
	Build a second seating area	1
Waterfront Park		
	Amphitheater	2
	Needs things natural	1
	Needs rail car on south side and something to illustrate where the tracks were	1
	Put depot in context, indicate why its there	1
	Do not allow parking on south side of depot	1
	Convert the Marine office into a Cafe	1
	Provide signage on the history of the area	1
	More parking	1
	Area for fenced dog park with seating and shade	1

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	See the new Rail Ferry project on Benicia Historical Society website to see importance of exploring the depot	1
Turnbull Park		
	No comments	
Overlook Park		
	Add trees	1
Bridgeview Park		
	Amphitheater	1
	This is a small park used by dog families	1
	Pickleball courts to share with basketball court. San Luis Obispo Meadoer Park has this already	1
	Community Garden. Water is already here!	1
St. Catherine's Wood		
	I like the new wood.	1
	This should be a meditative destination. A great view of downtown	1
	Put a bottle refill station with the drinking fountain	1
City Park		
	No cement walkways; don't need new paths	2
	Open up play area that is fenced for the tree. This was the most used area of the park	1
	would love to see the playground of dreams somehow incorporated into the new structure	1
	Playground of dreams needs replacing to a safer, more modern and clean playground	1
	Playground should be top priority. Keep the swings. The broken/non-functional equipment is hard to see	1
	Put a big picture window at the back of the firestation so that kids can look at the fire trucks from the park side.	1
	Playground would be a low priority for me	1
	Replace plant along stairs at Military/First street corner	1
	Don't know why need paths at all - waste of money	1
	Dogs should be allowed here	1
	Plant shrubs where bark has been put in on 1st (take out bark) and put rocks back in (bark is all over sidewalk)	1
	Consider the more formal layout of walkways proposed in the 1997 PTOS Master Plan - more suitable for this historic district than the meandering paths	1
	consider signage for good beneficial trees	1
	Need more trash receptacle	1

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Civic Center Park		
	Pickleball courts	4
	Repaint one tennis court for pickleball	3
	Use pre-existing middle school courts for pickleball. Paint lines. Portable nets.	2
	Paint pickleball lines on existing tennis courts. Use portable nets	2
	Use middle school for pickleball courts	2
	4 pickleball courts can fit on one tennis court. Lights!	1
	We also need indoor facility with good lighting for pickleball	1
	What kind of shade structure for bocce courts?	1
	Pickleball courts next to Community Center grassy area? Not near neighbors	1
	These courts are not always used. We need to make one side for a multi-use court	1
	Don't get ride of tennis court. They are used	1
	What about an access tunnel/manhole to get to the pipes?	1
	Pickleball players - we own portable nets.	1
	Add trees on slope	1
St. Paul's Square		
	The crosswalks should point to the park	1
	Need to consider the perspective of walkers and motorists approaching from Military.	1
	Like a compass - this parks should have hardscape directions to other important sites in Benicia, eg. Depot, clock tower, capitol, etc	1
	Park should incorporate master gardeners in plant selection	1
	All skate stop should contribute to public art theme of this park	1
	Sycamore circle should be trimmed and artfully lit. They are natural art pieces.	1
	St. Pauls needs to be more visible (remove the yews)	1
	Park needs to be accessible	1
	All hardscape should contribute to public art	1
	This needs to be the heart of downtown - park dedicated to art - not just sculpture, but hardscape and lights	1
	Park should invite interactive art (eg chalk drawings in designated area)	1
	Great place for public art	1
	Need a complete overhaul. Needs more trash/recycle cans	1
	Sycamore circle should be highlighted as meeting place and small performance venue	1
	too many trees, you can't see the church. The trees and building could also benefit from dramatic lighting at night	1

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	Recycling bin (solar belly or similar)	1
	Water bottle refill stations so folks who go to the community meal could fill their bottles instead of using plastic single use ones	1
Fitzgerald Field		
	Repair bleachers	1
	Create a famous structure like miniature Wrigley's Park	1
	Parking lot replacement should include trees to shade the asphalt and add rain gardens to clean the water runoff	1
Maria & Ribiero Fields		
	Lighting	1
	Drinking fountain should be the kind that you can fill water bottles with	1
	Plant trees near the shade structures so trees will grow and can replace shade structure in futue	1
	Replace score booths	1
	Replace irrigation with ET	1
Duncan Graham Park		
	Replace play equipment and increase size	2
	Swings	2
	Neighbors would love to help plant	1
	Great area for nature play	1
	Better path down to structure from Vista Grande	1
	Use native plants for shrubs and groundcover	1
	New structure with no fitness equipment	1
	New tables and shade	1
	Don't cut down big trees	1
	Drinking fountain	1
	Opportunity for natural play area and slide on the hill	1
Francesca Terrace Park		
	New bathrooms	2
	Pickleball courts (4 courts)	2
	Reduce turf area in SW corner with low water and maybe all native plants	1
	More benches or seat wall around play structure	1
	Replace Horseshoe courts with bocce	1
	Real bathrooms please	1

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	Path from this park to Park Rd.	1
	Upgrade path to Casa Grande	1
	Please try to use native plants	1
	Playground is fine	1
Ethelree Saraiva Park		
	Needs shade structure or trees by play equipment	1
	Would be cool to add something for the aging population here, specifically for arthritis - Ethelree had it from a young age and was an amazing	1
	Love the structure on the ES	1
	Shade at least over some of the easting areas	1
	Love more grass	1
Clock Tower Park		
	More tables	1
	Lighting	1
	Better maintenance	1
	Work from 1997 master plan recommendations	1
	Great views from clock tower	1
	Make it an event center with commercial kitchen	1
San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail		
	High priority especially for bikes	1
	Bike trail maintenance; better bike lanes; potential story or historical QR codes along the path	1
	You need a path from Francesca Terrace Park to Park Road	1
	Water trail is great, but need to map Bay Trail alignment and gaps.	1
Crosstown Trail		
	Connect to west side open space	2
	Historic interpretive elements! & School outreach	2
	Allow dog walking in open spaces	1
	Open space access off rose in water tower space area	1
	Add trail thru open space from Rose Dr. to Henderson School	1
	Connect trail off of East 2nd street thru the waters end open space to East 2nd Street and/or Channel Rd. It dead ends now.	1
	More bike routes city wide on streets	1
	Make trails easy to access and walk from one side of the town to the other	1

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	Plant trees for shade along these trails. Trees on the trail thru Braito sorely needed.	1
	Solano County Active Transportation Plan has many trails thru Benicia open spaces.	1
Lake Herman Trails		
	Boardwalk and interpretive signage through natural area	2
	Rollye Wiskerson Trail needs improvements. Move away from houses.	1
	The trail up to ridgetop from Channing Circle has fast trail bike and blind spots. It's dangerous now for hikers. We need to make a more accessible trail from Channing Circle Park up to ridgetop. More switchbacks. It's too steep for us and dangerous because of trail bikes. There may be a trail with switchback but need signage. I just found out about it now.	1
	Need to identify ridge trail alignment	1
	Surfacing improvements	1
	Close gaps/complete loop around the lake (x4)	1
	Yes the trail to ridgetop (aka heart attack hill) is very steep	1
	Lake Herman loop boardwalk needed	1
	Make it a REAL crosstown trail accessible from East to West and North to South	1
	Love trail all around Lake H. Put a trail w/lots of switchbacks up to viewpoint	1
	Path to Channel Road. But you have to go through a hole in the fence! Open this up. Connect to East 2nd or Channel Road	1
General comments		
	Why not replace irrigation with ET in all parks?	1
	Interested in finding a warehouse in the Industrial Park area for indoor Pickleball. Maybe lease a building and have memberships.	1
	Use Benicia Middle School for Pickleball courts	1
	Repaint lines at Middle School for Pickleball courts	1
	New signage for trail connections along waterfront parks	1
	Plant trees near the shade structures so trees will grow and can replace shade structure in future	1
	Parking lot replacements should include trees to shade the asphalt and add rain gardens to clean the water runoff	1
	Put a bottle refill station with the drinking fountain (in all parks)	1
	More bike routes city wide on streets	1