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Master Plan

Leon Valley, Texas

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Section 1 Leon Valley Parks, Recreation and Open Space Objectives

- Design Leon Valley parks, recreation and open space resources that attend to the health and wellbeing of citizens. Resources should meet local needs while providing a safe, secure and aesthetically pleasing experience for users.

- Seek improved distribution, diversification and accessibility of parks and recreational resources.

- Seek expanded open space and trail development to serve Hike and Bike enthusiasts while preserving natural wildlife and native plant habitat. Trail placement would ideally improve connectivity between residential, commercial, parkland and recreational areas.

- Seek, and promulgate, parkland and recreational resource usage regulations that will ensure the safety and tranquility of park users, nearby residential and commercial areas, wildlife, and ensure adequate natural recovery intervals between usages as well as discourage vandalism and littering.

- Encourage Leon Valley resident's participation in planned and organized parkland activity consistent with usage regulations.

Goals

1. Strive to provide a safe environment for all users of Leon Valley Parklands and Trails.
2. Strive to provide recreational and fitness activities for all citizens, regardless of age, gender or physical abilities.
3. Strive to expand our trails to provide better connectivity throughout our communities.
4. Strive to beauty our parklands with trees, plants and wildflowers.
5. Strive to improve our park facilities by repairing or replacing broken equipment, properties, and removing dead trees, tree limbs, and stumps (or cutting stumps level with the ground).
6. Pursue purchase of additional land to increase the park and parkland areas.

Section 2 Statement of Purpose

The City of Leon Valley, Texas encompasses approximately 3.5 square miles of an increasingly urbanized area in the Northwest quadrant of Bexar County, Texas. Increasing residential growth and declining availability of suitable parkland has resulted in an urgent need to seek additional parkland and recreational resources to meet current and future needs.

The role of parkland and recreational resources in maintaining the health and wellbeing of a community like Leon Valley is universally recognized. Accessibility to parkland and recreational resources is an important consideration in the design and location of these resources, as Bandera Road (Texas Highway 16) creates a significant and serious barrier to pedestrian and cyclist travel between the northern and southern areas of Leon Valley.

The role of appropriate planning for parkland and recreational resource acquisition, development and maintenance is well recognized. The purpose of this plan is to identify current and future community recreational needs, and to recommend additional acquisitions and development necessary to meet current and future needs. This plan seeks to detail and quantify needed improvements, to suggest funding options and the prioritization of enhancements over a ten-year period. Formal updates to this plan are recommended at minimum 5-year increments, however a continual annual review process is highly recommended.

Planning Methodology

Parks, Recreation and Open Space planning for Leon Valley attempts to follow Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) program guidelines [1] and Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines – National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) [2] in determining appropriate community parkland and recreational resource developmental standards. The plan will address jurisdiction wide needs and follows previously designated Neighborhood Park Zoning designations (Park Zones 1-4) [3]. Supporting documentation including demographics data and estimates, applicable ordinances, maps and other applicable information are included.

Needs assessment uses a combination of demand, standard and resource-based approaches. Recommended acquisitions and/or enhancements are prioritized and based on need, acquisition and maintenance cost factors, aesthetics, established community standards, security and safety considerations. Accessibility, connectivity and compatibility issues are included as consideration and design factors. The needs assessment process seeks an appropriate balance of recreational resource availability including athletic, picnic, walk, bike, roll, and garden facilities along with wildlife and native plant habitat.

[1] Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Guidelines – **Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program (Revised December 2001)**

[2] Recreation, Park, and Open Space Standards and Guidelines – **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)**

[3] Leon Valley 2003 Master Plan, p 69 **Park Zones**

Section 3 Leon Valley Demographics

Demographics Estimates for the City of Leon Valley are drawn from compilations by the Leon Valley Development Dept., Leon Valley Public Works Dept., Leon Valley Public Library with assistance from the Texas State Data Center and Office of the State Demographer of UTSA.[1] and based on American Fact Finder DP-1 **Profile of General Demographics Characteristic: 2010** Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF-l) 100-Percent Data [2] U. S. Dept. of Commerce **Census 2010** [3] **Leon Valley Community Profile** [4]

The following information is a projection based on future water demand, U. S. Census Data, Platted properties and an evaluation of existing vacant land and associated zoning. These are some of the many tools used to project population. *It is certain that these numbers will need to be revised* as more information becomes available.

Census information reveals:

- **2010** survey reported a population of 10,968

Platting activity and current inventory of developable land and projected land use assumptions, indicates a total of 6 areas comprised of **145** acres prime for residential development.

Based on vacant land and projected use assumptions an additional **1,321** new residents are projected for a total build out population of **11,802.**

Using these resources, the average estimated and ultimate population at maximum build out is **13,650 or 1.245% higher** than the current **2010** census figure of 10,968**.**

[1] Demographics Estimates for the City of Leon Valley, [2] DP-1 Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF-1), Geographic Area: Leon Valley city, Texas, [3] U. S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, U. S. Census Bureau, [4] Leon Valley Community Profile October 2002

Section 4 Leon Valley Parkland and Nearby Recreational Resources

1. N W Little League Park, (on Poss Road behind Walgreen's) Leon Valley, extensive baseball field facility, privately owned and operated.
2. Northwest YMCA is located north on Bandera Rd, adjacent to O.P. Schnabel Park.
3. O. P. Schnable Park (on Bandera Rd.) approximately 5 miles north of Leon Valley, (City of SA), Houses a Northwest Little League facility, multiple athletic fields, and trails. The athletic fields are used by the Northside YMCA.
4. Leon Creek Greenway Trail Walmart Trailhead (Bandera Rd at Mainland), approximately one mile north of Leon Valley (City of SA)
5. Leon Creek Greenway Trail Grissom Trailhead (Grissom Rd just past Timberhill) – has small playground (City of SA)
6. Leon Creek Greenway Trail Cathedral Rock Park Connection (Grissom at Timberpath) – has small playground (City of SA) and is approximately 2 and ½ miles west of our city limits.
7. Leon Creek Greenway Leon Vista Trail head (Whitby and Rochelle roads) approximately one mile north of Leon Valley (City of SA).
8. University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) (Babcock at Wurzbach) – has lighted walking/jogging trail. Located at Babcock and Wurzbach Roads.
9. Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park (Poss Rd) - a 36 acre natural area with natural trails, serves as a recreational and educational resource, and will provide nature based educational activity in the future. It is on Bandera Road, adjacent to Raymond Rimkus Park. Plans are to provide nature based educational activities, hike and bike trails along the perimeter to link with similar trails in Raymond Rimkus Park.
10. John Marshall H S (8000 Lobo Lane) – has athletic field and jogging course.
11. Leon Valley Elementary School (Huebner Rd) – has playground.
12. Pat Neff Middle School (Evers Rd & NW Loop 410) – has athletic fields but discourages public use.
13. Driggers Elementary School (6901 Grissom Road) – has playground.
14. Oak Hills Elementary School (5710 Cary Grant) – has playground.
15. Bandera Bowl and Planet Fitness (Bandera Rd), privately owned and operated.
16. Leon Valley Swimming Pool (6600 Strawflower) – located off Poss Road across from Raymond Rimkus Park and is open to the public.
17. Forest Oaks Swimming Pool and Tennis Court, (6221 Forest Grove), located off Evers Road and is privately owned and operated, but open to the public.
18. Alamo Golf Course and Driving Range (8700 Rochelle) – approximately 2 ½ miles north of Leon Valley.

Footnote: It should be noted that nearby Northside Independent School District athletic facilities and fields are increasingly secured and inaccessible to Leon Valley and area residents. This has significantly increased usage of Leon Valley parks and recreation resources.

Section 5 **Leon Valley Park Survey**

SUMMARY SHEET

RESPONSES: 157	**# Rcvd**	**Percentage of Total**
Adequate:	144	92%
Inadequate:	13	8%

RESULTS:

More picnic tables:	56	36%
More pavilions:	20	13%
More walking paths:	124	79%
More playground space:	60	38%
More Mixed use fields:	15	10%
More basketball courts:	17	11%
More community gardens:	3	2%
More tennis courts:	13	8%
More softball fields:	3	2%
More volleyball courts:	4	3%
More Handicapped parking:	6	4%

AGE OF CHILDREN:

Pre-school age (1-4):	46	29%
Elementary School Age (5-10):	36	23%
Middle School Age (11-13):	24	15%
High School Age (14-19):	18	11%
School Age Children:	124	79%

PARK SURVEY COMMENTS

Many favorable comments were made concerning the outstanding work provided by the Leon Valley Public Works Department and that City employees demonstrate outstanding attitudes towards our citizens.

One person wanted additional waste containers to separate cans and plastics.

Hike and Bike trails seem important to many and they want connectivity within Leon Valley, the new greenway, and with other trails throughout the county. They want wider trails with a better surface such as those at O.P. Schnabel Park. Some want pocket parks and fitness centers added along our trails. A number of people want trails free of dogs and bikes. Many complaints about the surface of our trails come from seniors because it is too easy for them to stumble in the loose gravel and/or they have trouble using their walkers.

Many are asking for more water fountains and restroom facilities along the trails. One person requested the restrooms be upgraded and add changing tables in them.

About 8 people want more lighting in the park, and additionally have the lights stay on for longer hours, so they can use the trails before and after work when it is cooler.

Many complaints were made about our park being over-crowded. Too many non-Leon Valley people are using the park and our residents can't get a picnic table. Too many parents are camping out on our trails while watching their children play various sports.

Dog Parks are being requested by many people. Non-dog owners want them just to get the dogs off the trails. Many people complained about dog owners not picking up after their pets. One person suggested we construct a dog park and require all dogs be restricted to that area. He went on to say the dog owner using the park should be required to purchase a park dog license to pay for the facility. One comment: "Noticing more dogs in park and more people not picking up after dogs.

One person states the City needs a skate arena because all progressive cities have them.

Two people want Olympic size swimming pools and one wanted it enclosed for year around use.

One person wants to build a tall fence around the park to keep non Leon Valley residents from using it.

One person's children cannot use the park because there is no sidewalk on Evers Road from Castle Estates to the park.

One person wants to move the playground because it is too close to residential properties.

Several people want a canopy over the playground equipment to protect children from the hot sun and save children from getting burns from hot playground equipment. Some parents want a small water park for small children in or near the playground area.

Several people want a footbridge from the parking lot over the creek leading to the large pavilion.

One person states that the City of Leon Valley does not, or will not, enforce the laws and codes now in effect and that the City needs to not take on more projects until laws and codes are enforced, and further stated that the City of Leon Valley cannot handle any new projects.

Section 6 Park Zones

The City of Leon Valley is divided into four (4) park zones for the purpose of facilitating planning intended to provide parkland and recreational access to various sectors of the city in as equitable a manner as possible. Each of these park zones are bounded by both city boundaries and major thoroughfares that course through Leon Valley, creating accessibility challenges to the central Raymond Rimkus Park.

The entire city of Leon Valley is considered a single community park zone in comparing park and recreational resources against published National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guidelines [1]. Based on current evaluations, additional parkland and recreational resources are needed to meet suggested NRPA guidelines, and Leon Valley Ordinance No. 03-032, Chapter 24-Subdivision & Plats P34, requires that additional parkland be located within park zones one, two and four.

Raymond Rimkus Park serves the Leon Valley community, as well as area residents estimated to total 30,000. Based on commonly accepted NRPA 10-acre per 1,000 standards, Leon Valley additional parkland need is estimated at 278 acres. Even considering a minimum 3-acre per 1,000 standard, estimated additional parkland need is 68 acres

In 2003, the 36-acre Huebner/Onion tract was declared a natural area park. This area is currently leased to the Leon Valley Historical Society. Development is limited to a trail around the tract perimeter and the site will be utilized as an educational and natural resource. A wildlife and ecological system management plan is being developed, as several wildlife and native plant species exist within the tract. It is anticipated that tract trailheads will connect with the existing Rimkus Park trail~~s~~ and additional planned trails along Huebner Creek. Several wildlife species bed within this tract and depend on the corridor represented by Raymond Rimkus Park and Huebner creek to travel and feed, requiring a coordinated approach to wildlife management.

In late 2016, Bexar County Flood Control will be deeding the land located along Huebner Creek south of Bandera Road to the City. In a project known as LC-17, the county purchased most of the residential properties located on Jeff Loop Rd, and some of the residential properties located along El Verde Rd, closest to the creek. The homes were removed and the county is currently determining possible channel improvements and alternatives to reduce flooding, both in Leon Valley and in the City of San Antonio. This 38 acre tract is almost all within the 100 year flood hazard area and plans for a Hike & Bike Trail are currently being developed. This will reduce the total additional acres of parkland needed to approximately 32 acres.

1 Recreation, Park, and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

The Leon Valley Community Pool is currently leased; however, all major equipment and pool repair is either performed or provided by the Leon Valley Public Works Department.

Leon Valley Park Zones:

Zone One:

Bounded on the North and the West by the City Limits, the East by Bandera Road, and on the South by Grissom Road. The area is primarily commercial; however we have a Trailer Park in the northeastern sector, in the Northwestern sector single family dwellings, and condos between Poss and Grissom, just west of Bandera Road.

Zone 2:

Bounded on the North by Grissom Road, the East by Bandera Road and the City Limits on the West and South sides. This area has 3 primary sectors and needs to improve connectivity. The far northwest part of the northern sector is: Shadow Mist subdivision where 2.7524 acres of parkland is available, but it is to be used with the projected Crystal Hills Park. That area along with the land between Grissom Road and Huebner Creek is in the northern sector of zone 2.

The middle sector is from Huebner Creek to Grass Hill Rd. (Seneca); there is a drainage ditch at Pickering and Seneca Drive that might be used as passage to the northern sector.

The third sector continues down Bandera Road, past the old Auto Dealerships, to Thistle Road, turn right, and then right again on to Caraway to the Ridge development. There is another drainage ditch on Caraway in the Ridge Development which may work as a trail to the Seneca 3. Additionally, there is an alley and space behind the Auto dealership area that might be made into a trail. This sector further extends past Wurzbach Road, and to a small section South of Loop 410.

Zone 3:

Bounded on the North By Huebner Road, on the West by Bandera Road (SH-16) and on the South and East by the City Limits. This zone has the largest number of housing sub-divisions and they almost surround Raymond Rimkus Park which is located near the center of the zone. The Park is bounded by Evers Road on the East, Poss Road on the North, and the Sun Valley Sub-Division the Southside. The Leon Valley community swimming pool is also in this zone, along with the Community Center, Library, and Conference Center. On the West side it is bounded by the 36 acre Huebner/Onion Natural area and private land. The

Huebner Creek courses on the North side of the park along Poss Road. Forest Oaks Community Center (swimming pool & tennis court) is also in this zone. Because of the many activities within Zone 3, it has been divided into subsections as follows:

Zone 3A. Community/Library area. Evers Road, east along creek bed trail to City Limits.

Zone 3B. Large pavilion and picnic areas and the playground.

Zone 3C. Athletic Fields, Tennis and Basketball Courts, Softball Field, including the walking trail and large parking lot, and the swimming pool area.

Zone 3D Quiet area, Community Garden and small pavilion.

Zone 3E. Any new property.

Zone 3F. Natural Area.

Zone 4:

Bounded on the South by Huebner Road, the West by Bandera Road (SH-16), and the North and East by the City Limits. There is good trail access from Evers Rd., near St. John's Baptist Church going into the Linkwood Addition subdivision. This area is either at the back of the church parking lot, or at a maintenance access by Chenal Point. The trail leads to an eight to ten foot wide pathway between the backs of houses located on Linklea Drive, Belmont Place, and then on through to Linkway Drive where the access ends. One can follow Linkway Drive all the way to Eckhert Road and then up to John Marshall High School.

There is a road south of John Marshall High School connecting to Bluebird Lane and continues toward Huebner Road. There is a nice wooded area on Stebbins Road between Bluebird and Redbird Lanes that would be a nice place for a pocket park if it is not privately owned. Additionally, there is a creek access between the houses at 6506 and 6522 Thunderbird Drive which could also provide a nice path to Huebner Road, if it isn't privately owned. In order to get to the creek, you must walk between the properties of the two houses. From there, the trail goes behind homes on Pecan Acres. The area would need some clearing for a walking path. The exit onto Huebner Road is right next to a concrete wash which is across the street from the old silos. Presently, there is a wire fence which restricts entry.

Section 7 **Raymond Rimkus Park Facility**

1. Walking/Jogging trail (approximately ¾ mile track).

2. Picnic Facilities: Northern sector: 12 picnic tables w/ BBQ pits (two with disabled signage), One large pavilion with: fixed perimeter seating, 12 tables, electrical power outlets, BBQ Grill and ash pit. Southern sector: 10 picnic tables w/ BBQ pits, one small pavilion with 2 anchored tables & BBQ pit.

3. Children's playground: Main playground facility includes 3 pirouettes, 3' x 5' decks, two safety panels, 2 crunch stations, chinning bar with post; custom kids choice adaptive play system; multipondo, 3 spring riders; one 10' swing set; one 8' swing set; one power peddler; custom tots choice 2 deck system; 4 trash receptacles, with liner and lid. Sof'fall wood fiber surfacing; four 6' benches (with backs); three 6' picnic tables; three 8' ADA picnic tables, There is a free standing swing set adjacent to the main pavilion area. There are three sliding boards located on the southwest corner of the victory garden.

4. Two basketball courts: One basketball court on either side of the tennis courts. Each basketball court has two baskets, but the courts are less than full size.

5. Tennis courts: Two enclosed courts, including 2 player's benches.

6. Multi-use fields: soccer, football, Jai Lai, cricket, T-ball and kite flying, etc. This area includes three soccer goal sets and a covered bleacher section

7. Softball field: with chain link fence surrounding field. Also have 2 sets of covered bleachers along the baselines.

8. Volley ball courts: 2 dirt surfaced courts.

9. One horse shoe pit

10. Small family garden area located behind the softball field.

11. Leon Valley Swimming Pool. Not part of Raymond Rimkus Park, but located off Poss Road, across the street from the park.

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Resource Utilization Observations

Park facility usage estimates are based on rental and reservation records maintained by the City of Leon Valley and observations over an extended period. Significant utilization by various area organized athletic groups is not reflected in rental and reservation records. This is particularly true of the mixed-use field area. Other heavily used areas include walking/jogging path, picnic facilities, playground, and basketball courts. Moderate utility has been observed of the ball field, tennis and volleyball courts.

A park survey distributed to Leon Valley residents via the Leon Valley Lion's Roar, a community newsletter, seeks to establish utility trends, needs

assessment, and preferences among City of Leon Valley residents. Overall usage estimates are based on this sampling, residential density, rental/reservation records, accepted NRPA standards, maintenance requirements and observation.

Many current Raymond Rimkus Park facilities are essentially multi-purpose capable and used accordingly. The multiple use field areas are typically used for soccer, youth football, Jai Lai, and cricket, along with a variety of incidental activity. Local schools, YMCA, Pop Warner, churches, and similar youth and adult athletic programs for both practice and games heavily utilize these fields. The softball field supports softball, baseball and t-ball, and the pathway is used by walkers, runners, pet walkers and cyclists. Much of this park, and facilities, lies within a flood plain and together with heavy usage presents a significant playing-surface maintenance challenge.

The Leon Valley Community Pool is currently leased. Major maintenance and equipment acquisition are performed and provided by the Leon Valley Public Works Department.

Section 8 General Recommendations for all areas

Leon Valley Parks, Recreation and Open Space development recommendations are listed in this section. Included are recommendations for specific parkland acquisition, enhancement, improvement, and development projects along with suggestions relating to Leon Valley parkland operation, maintenance and regulatory issues. Detailed recommendations including estimated costs, phasing, prioritization and location are included in an appended matrix and/or site maps to facilitate planning and adjustment.

- Recommend that Huebner Creek land, from northern city limit to Raymond Rimkus Park boundary, and continuing from Bandera Road to private property boundaries be declared Leon Valley Parkland.

- Reaffirm Leon Valley Parks and open space operating hours as 7:00 am to sunset. Limited usage hours serve to protect nocturnal wildlife feeding and movement, reduce security and maintenance requirements, and provide a natural recovery cycle for the parkland.

- Reaffirm vendor restrictions within Leon Valley parkland.

- Reaffirm, or establish, regulations prohibiting unauthorized signage within Leon Valley Parkland.

- Reaffirm and define rules relating to noise pollution, nudity, profanity, alcohol or drug use, demonstrations' graffiti, harassment, destruction of property, or lewd/lascivious conduct.

- Reaffirm restrictions on the use of artificial lighting within Leon Valley parkland, except as required by the City of Leon Valley for security purposes.

- Recommend adoption of playground safety standards detailed in U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playground Safety publication.

- Establish wildlife protection rules including anti- harassment definitions, pet leash requirements, and the exclusion of pets from defined natural areas.

- Establish regulations relating to the introduction of non-native plant species in Leon Valley parkland.

- Incorporate public safety regulations to minimize fire risk and the introduction of toxic substances.

- Establish aesthetic standards for Leon Valley parkland consistent with community standards and codes.

- Establish regulations against the use of motorized vehicles, explosives, pyrotechnic devices or propellant driven devices within Leon Valley.

- Strengthen and enforce park resource reservation system to ensure that organized users groups do not monopolize resources use or avoid remitting rental fees.

- Continue talks with the City of San Antonio relating to a possible joint venture in developing a regional park, including the Shadow Mist parkland and adjacent land located within the City of San Antonio.

- Review existing Raymond Rimkus Park Garden usage regulations. Consider defining users responsibility for weed control on assigned plots and adjoining pathways, imposing controls for the introduction of toxic materials, and the introduction of materials or devices not directly related to cultivation requirements.

- Ensure Raymond Rimkus Park playground meets U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Standards. Assign responsibility to continually review available grant and other funding options to acquire additional parkland, enhancement projects, and to reprioritize approved projects based on funding opportunities.

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- Seek additional park and parkland space throughout the City of Leon Valley. Specifically, try to procure parcels of property (in the flood plains) that are adjacent to Raymond Rimkus Park. Additional park space can be used for pocket parks, disk golf, nature trails etc. Seek donations of land or money from citizens or grants. Skate parks and doggy parks are scheduled for Crystal Hills Park and are not considered for Leon Valley Parks at this time.

- Develop bicycle lanes along Bandera Road, and other Leon Valley thoroughfares in conjunction with developing Bexar County and the City of San Antonio bike lane plans.

- Continue plans to expand our trails and provide connectivity throughout all our park zones.

- Remove dead trees throughout the parklands and trim low hanging limbs over sidewalks and trails as required by the City of Leon Valley for all residential areas.

- Continue maintaining appropriate fall zone containment materials for all playground equipment.

- Create Hike and Bike trails along Huebner Creek from Northern Leon Valley City limits to Evers Road.

- Explore available grant qualifications; provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles. Seek waivers from private owner to permit the construction of Hike and Bike trail construction along Huebner Creek South.

- Beautify the park and parklands with plants and trees, especially those native to south Texas. Seed our creek beds and vacant parkland areas with wildflowers bringing more color to our City. (Public works needs to schedule mowing around the wild flower growing period.) Ask for donations of plants and trees from our citizens or donations to the Park Bucks Program. Create tree groves with benches at selected areas in the park.

- Strive to gain and maintain connectivity within each park zone.

[1] Handbook for Public Playground Safety, Publication 325, **U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Washington, DC 20207**
[2] Program Guide 2001 Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program, **Texas Department of Transportation**
[3,4] Shadow Mist Park Playground proposal, **Park Place Recreation Designs, LTD.** and drawing

Zone 1

The southern border of this zone is Grissom Rd.; from Bandera Road to across the street from the Shadow Mist Development (this is where there will be an entry point to the proposed new Crystal Hills Park and Trails). Need to develop a pocket park in this zone and find a pathway to the Shadow Mist area.

Zone 2

Provide connectivity from the Ridge development, through Seneca 3, and connecting to the proposed trail in the El Verde area. Build a pocket park in the Ridge development. Explore a trail in the drainage area, or behind the vacant Automotive Dealership area. Establish a pocket park in the Shadow Mist area on the property donated to the City of Leon Valley. This should serve the area until Crystal Hills Park is finished.

Zone 3

Improve pedestrian access to Raymond Rimkus Park with the addition of sidewalks along Poss Road adjacent to the park. Additionally, a sidewalk on the west side of Evers Road between Seneca and the park needs to be constructed for the safety of children going back and forth to the park. (About a block long area has no sidewalk.)

Sidewalks on park side of Evers need to be wider, and fill added to prevent further erosion of Huebner Creek.

The pedestrian crossing on Evers Road between the Park and the Library is very dangerous and Needs immediate attention. Additionally, VIA buses have bus stops on both sides of the street at this crossing. Public Safety, VIA, and the City of Leon Valley need to resolve this problem.

Trees growing along, and extending over Evers road between Poss and Kinman roads cause a distraction to drivers approaching this cross walk. This is a contributing factor and requires scheduled trimming.)

A no-parking loading zone is needed on Poss Rd. in the proximity to the main pavilion. A previous loading zone was changed to parking for compact cars leaving no place for people to park to unload picnic supplies and off load passengers. This area was also used for school buses to drop off children going to the playground. This situation caused people to illegally park on Evers Road (near the above mention pedestrian crossing) to unload passengers and picnic supplies.

Expand existing basketball courts at Raymond Rimkus Park to regulation size.

Place 2 additional baskets on each side of the courts will provide 4 basketball courts to take care of more players.

Add another gate on the south side of the tennis court to assist players to retrieve balls hit outside of the court.

Incorporate wildlife corridors in the design of any future Huebner creek bridge modification (Evers and Bandera Roads). Explore availability of grant funding detailed in Texas Department of Transportation. Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program 11b) Environmental mitigation to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining connectivity for the habitat.

Establish a wellness and fitness area for seniors, handicapped, and those less athletic, to exercise in a safe environment. This expands the use of the Community/Senior Citizens Center by allowing them use of the surrounding sidewalks for walking free of skates, skateboards, and bicycles etc... It provides areas for rest at the porches of both the Senior Center and the Library. For those recovering from surgery or injury to their back or lower extremities, there is help with their recovery and rehabilitation with walking on the ramp and climbing stairs at the Conference Center. Only thing needed is to upgrade furniture at the patios, drinking fountains and possibly ceiling fans. Further consideration could be made at a later date, to add rehabilitation and fitness equipment in a nearby area.

Add sun covers to the playground.

Add small basketball court for elementary school age children on west side of playground fence.

Resurface the Raymond Rimkus Park Trails.

Place an additional picnic table and BBQ facility in south western addition to Raymond Rimkus.

Build pocket park by twin silos and walking paths from the twin silos to connect with trail system behind public works. Also continue walking paths behind Public Works to Forrest Ridge (Eastside City Limits).

Install nice sign on Poss Road, or near the large pavilion, to provide posting of official announcements from Leon Valley City Hall, the Park Commission, and Civic Affairs Committee with park activities.

Establish wildlife viewing platform at the junction of Raymond Rimkus Park and the 36 acre Natural Area (northwest section). A raised covered platform with a railing, perimeter seating, ramp, and signage identifying native wildlife would serve to provide excellent wildlife viewing adjacent to an area often frequented by

deer, birds and other wildlife. The raised platform would permit viewing wildlife during maximized grass growth periods without unduly stressing wildlife. This facility would also serve to accommodate educational efforts relating to Leon Valley parkland residential flora and fauna, and related issues.

Plant trees (water until roots are established) around the playground and picnic areas.

Plant Crepe Myrtle bushes (larger ones) surrounding the outfield fence at the softball field. Additionally, plant bushes and flowers around drinking fountains and park benches.

Establish pocket park in triangle area south of inn until plans are implemented for parking.

Build ADA path from the park to the grave site in the natural area.

Build natural cross overs where trails in the natural area cross the drainage ditch. Encourage more flowers in the natural area.

Zone 4

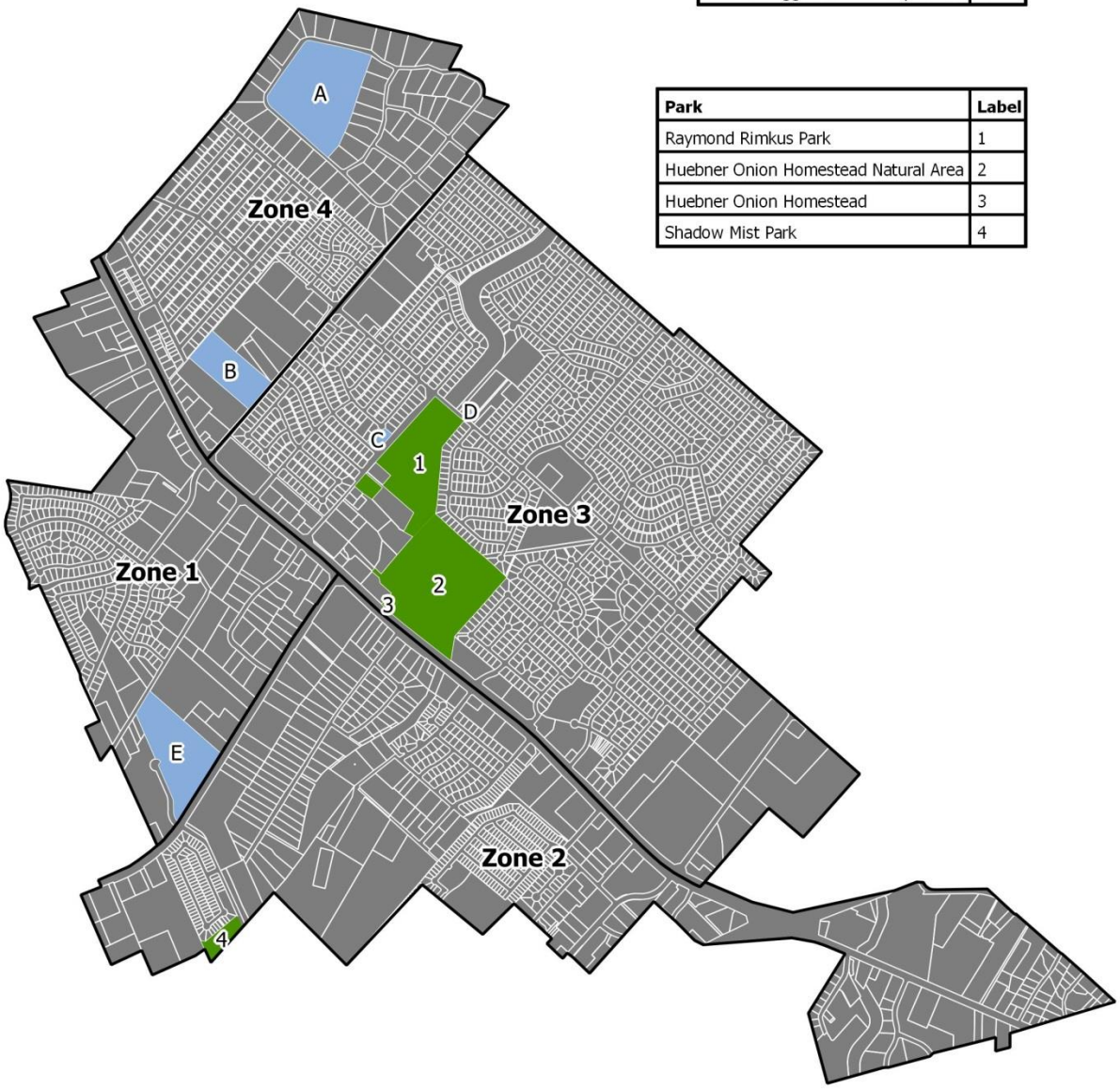
Construct pocket park near trail access from Evers Road and near St. John's Baptist Church.

LEONVALLEY

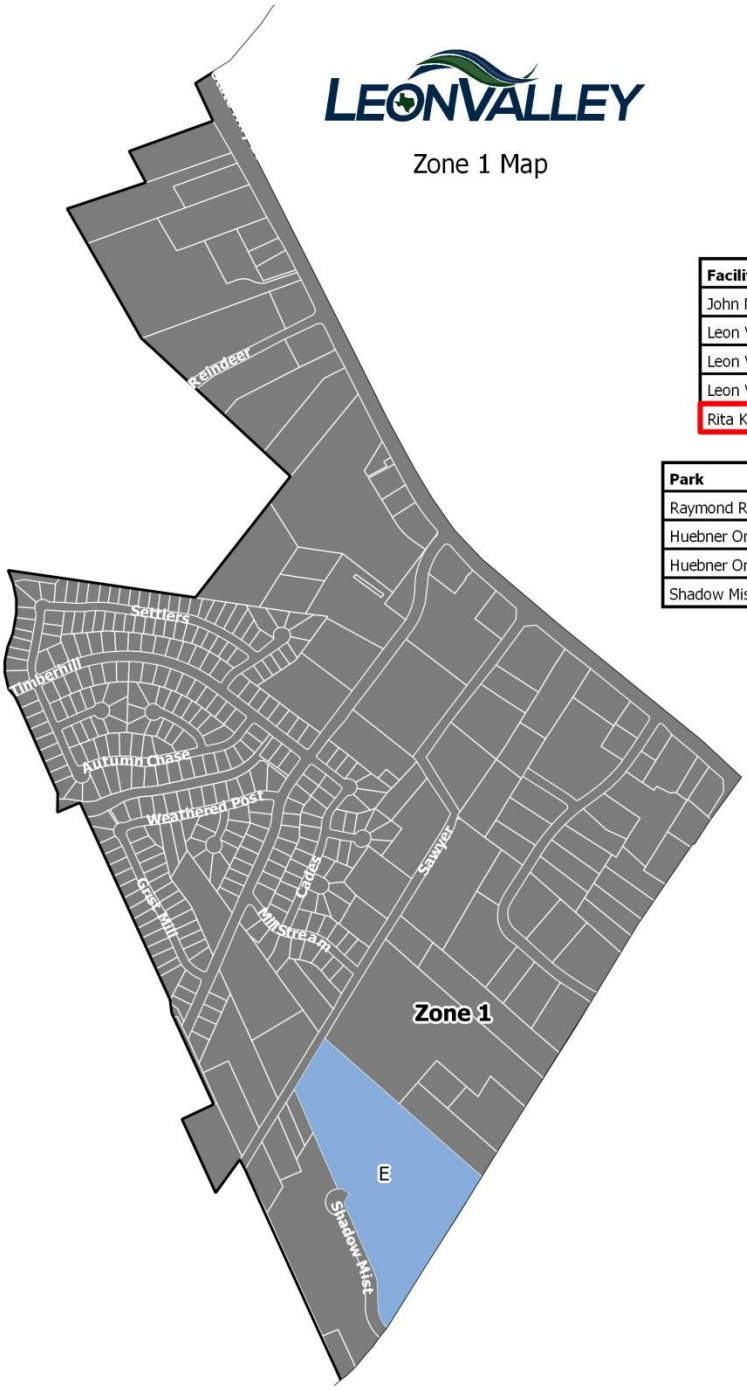
Zones, Parks, and Facilities Map

Facility	Label
John Marshall High School	A
Leon Valley Elementary School	B
Leon Valley Public Library	D
Rita K. Driggers Elementary School	E

Park	Label
Raymond Rimkus Park	1
Huebner Onion Homestead Natural Area	2
Huebner Onion Homestead	3
Shadow Mist Park	4



Leon Valley Park Zone 1



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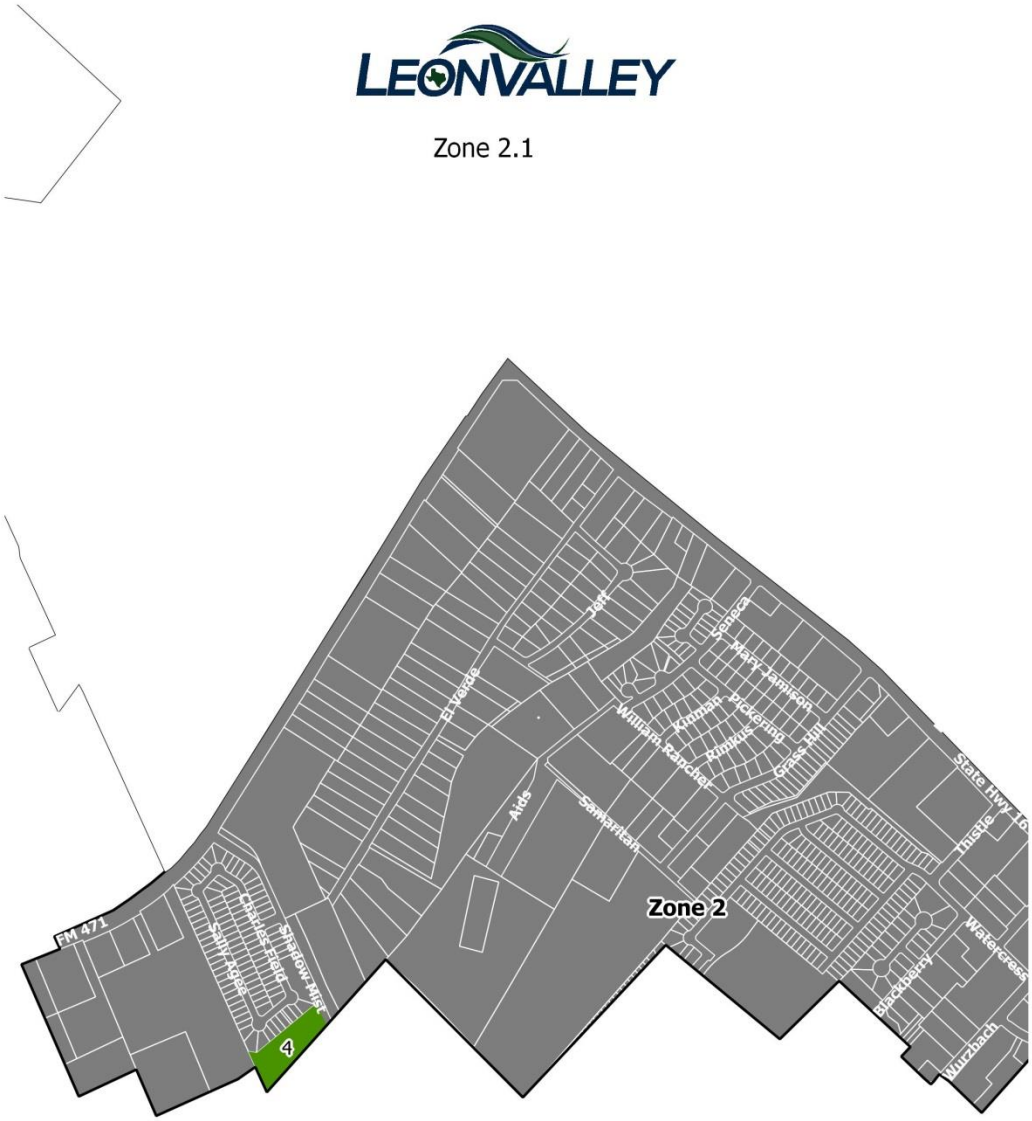
Leon Valley Park Zone One

Location	Bounded on the south by Grissom Road (FM-471), from Bandera Rd. to the city limits, on the East by Bandera Road (SH-16) and on the north and west by the City limits at Eckhert Road.
Subdivisions Residential Commercial	 Leon Valley Addition, Old Mill Units 1-4, North Valley Subdivision Crossways, H & W, Lack's, Leon Valley Addition, North Valley Units 1-2, Old Mill Place Shopping Center, Reeves, and IPS
Parkland Dedication	Funds for additional parkland are made available through a voluntary water bill option known as "park bucks", the City Council, and by developer submission of funds in lieu of parkland.
Recommendations	There is a need for development of a pocket park and walking trail in this zone.

Leon Valley Park Zone 2A



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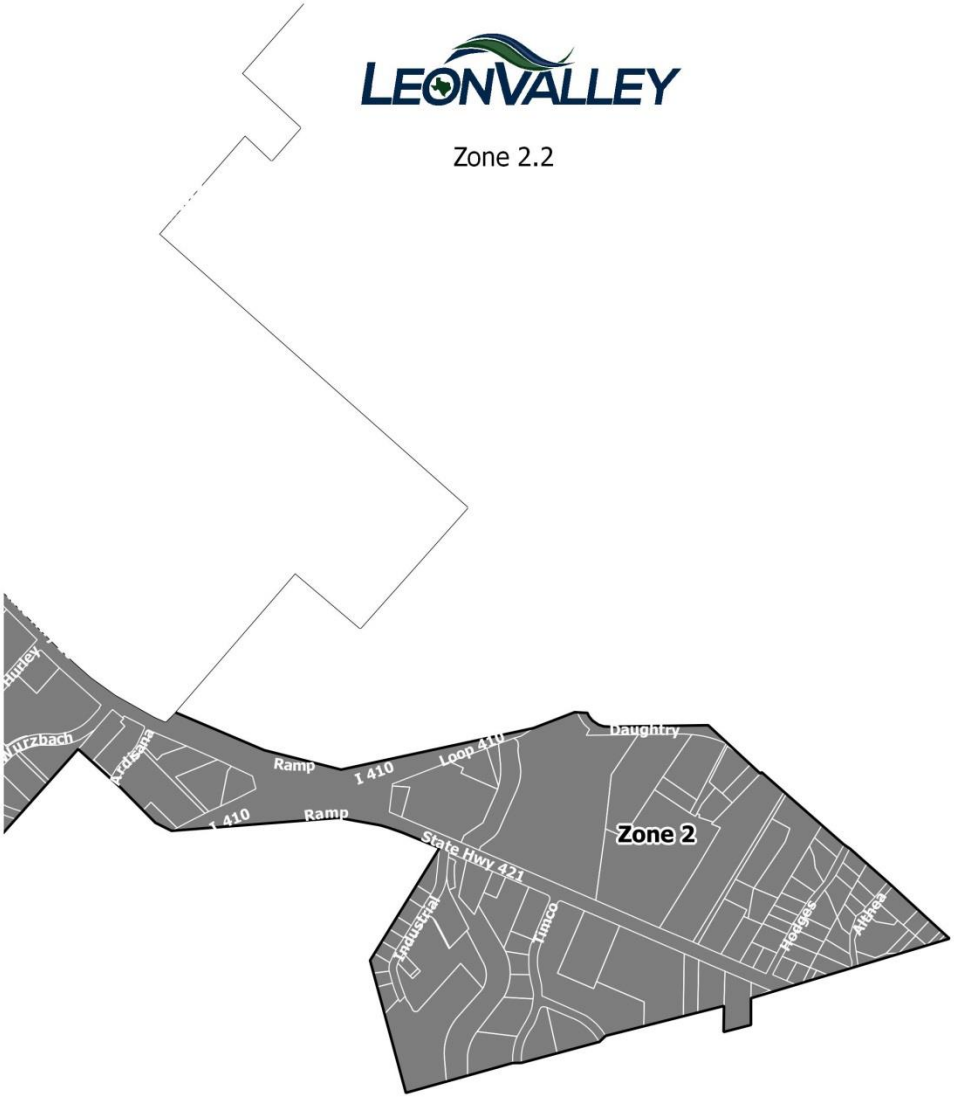
Leon Valley Park Zone Two

Zone 2A **Location**	Bounded by Loop 410 to the south, Bandera Road to the east, city limits to the west, and Grissom Road to the north.
Subdivisions Residential Commercial	 Leon Valley Addition, Leon Valley Ranches, Shadow Mist, Seneca Estates Unit #3, The Ridge at Leon Valley, and Brisas Estates Several along Bandera and Wurzbach roads frontage
Parkland Dedication	Funds for additional parkland are made available through a voluntary water bill option known as “park bucks”, the City Council, and by developer submission of funds in lieu of parkland.
Recommendations	The homes and land along Huebner Creek, from Bandera Road to Shadow Mist, were purchased by Bexar County Flood Control. The homes were removed and the creek banks are scheduled to be reshaped through the project known as LC-17. Once the project is complete, Bexar County will deed the land to the City of Leon Valley. A hike and bike trail is planned for this area, to run parallel to El Verde Road. The street known as Jeff Loop will cease to exist. This approximately 36 acre area will then become a part of the City’s parkland and must be maintained. As a large portion of this land is and will be located within the 100 year flood hazard zone, only flood resistant development may be considered. It is recommended that the Park Commission re-evaluate this area, after the land has been deeded to the City. Continue initial talks with City of San Antonio relating to a possible joint venture in developing a regional park, including the Shadow Mist parkland and adjacent land located within the City of San Antonio. Provide connectivity from The Ridge development, through Seneca Estates Unit 3, to the El Verde Road area. Build a pocket park in the Ridge development. Explore a trail in the drainage area or behind the automotive dealerships along Bandera Road.

Leon Valley Park Zone 2B



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Leon Valley Park Zone Two (con't.)

Zone 2B **Location**	Bounded by the city limits at Callaghan Road to the south, Evers Road to the east, the city limits to the west, and Loop 410 to the north.
Subdivisions Residential Commercial	 S.R. Hodges subdivision, containing approximately 26 residences Skaggs-Albertson's, Bandera Center, McFarland, Northwest Industrial Park Units 1-4, Westloop Park, Chuoke, and E, G & G subdivisions.
Parkland Dedication	Funds for additional parkland are made available through a voluntary water bill option known as "park bucks", the City Council, and by developer submission of funds in lieu of parkland.
Recommendations	Only one residential subdivisions exists in this area, comprised of ** homes. There are currently no parks in this area. A pocket park should be considered for the area just north of the S.R. Hodges subdivision. Provide connectivity from the Ridge Development, through Seneca 3, and connecting to the proposed trail in the El Verde area. Build a pocket park in the Ridge Development. Explore a trail in the drainage area, or behind the vacant Automotive Dealership area. Establish a pocket park in the Shadow Mist area on the property donated to the City of Leon Valley. This should serve this area until the Crystal Hills Park is finished.

Leon Valley Park Zone 3

Zone 3.1 Map

Facility	Label
John Marshall High School	A
Leon Valley Elementary School	B
Leon Valley Pool	C
Leon Valley Public Library	D
Rita K. Driggers Elementary School	E

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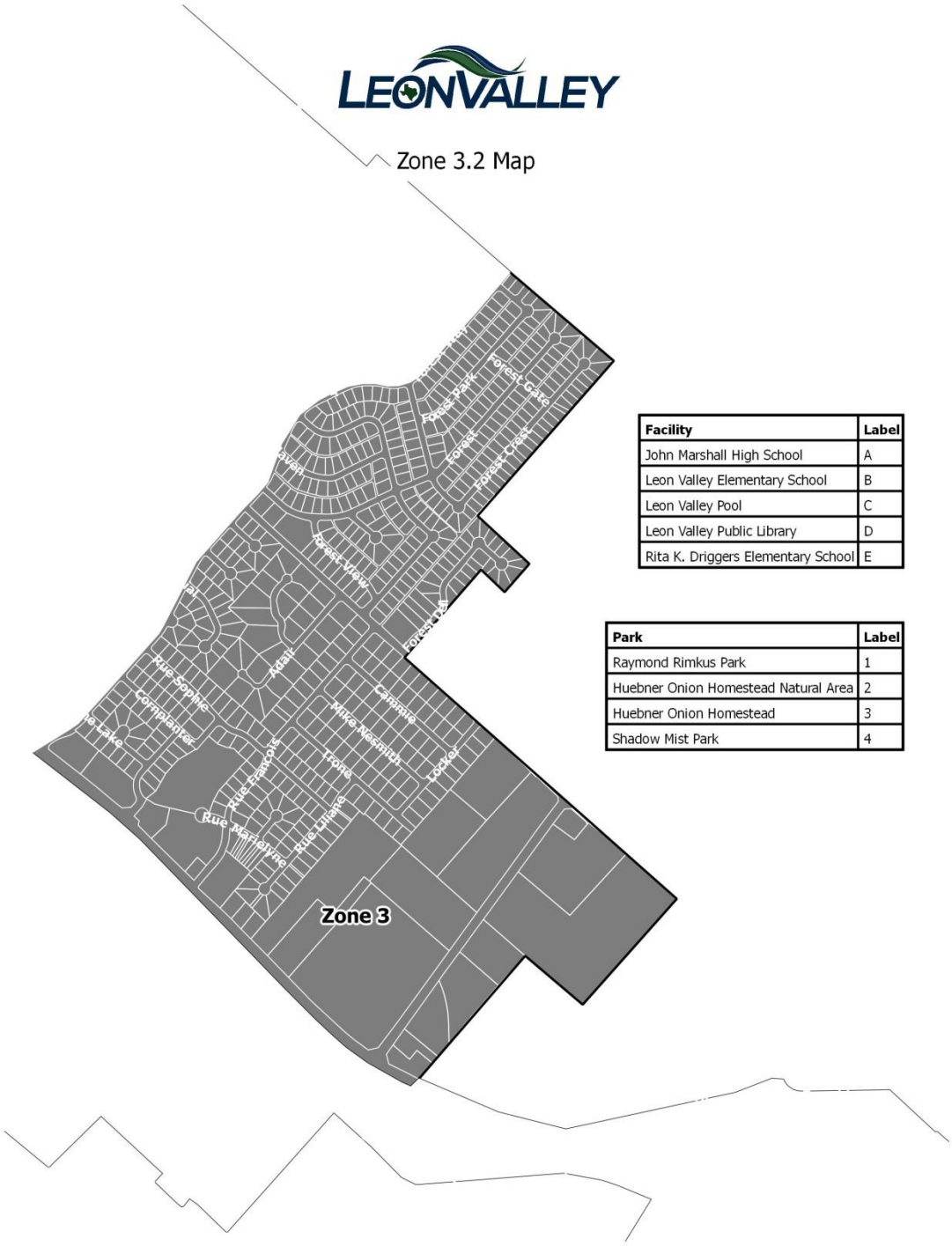
Leon Valley Park Zone 3



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Huebner Onion Homestead	3
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Leon Valley Park Zone Three

Location:	Bounded on the North by Huebner Road, on the West by Bandera Road (SH-16) and on the South and East by the City limit.
Subdivisions Residential Commercial	 Grass Valley, Canterfield, Sun Valley, Forest Oaks, Castle Estates, Seneca 1, 1A, 2, 5, and 7 Bandera Road northeast corridor, from Wurzbach to Huebner Road, Huebner Road from Bandera to city limits, Wurzbach Road, from Evers to Bandera Road
Parkland Dedication	Funds for additional parkland are made available through a voluntary water bill option known as “park bucks”, the City Council, and by developer submission of funds in lieu of parkland.
Recommendations **Zone 3A** Community, Conference Center, and Library complex **Zone 3B** Portion of Raymond Rimkus Park,	The City’s main and largest parks, Raymond Rimkus and the Huebner-Onion Natural Area, are located in this area. Raymond Rimkus Park, approximately 26 acres, holds most of the park equipment and is the main source of recreation for the citizens of Leon Valley. The Huebner-Onion Natural Area Park consists of 36 acres, is currently leased, and is comprised of primitive natural walking paths. Huebner Creek courses through both areas. This area is broken into the following subsections: Consider establishing a wellness and fitness area for seniors, handicapped, and those less athletic, to exercise in a safe environment. This expands the use of the Community/Senior Citizen Center by allowing them to use surrounding sidewalks for walking free of skates, skateboards, and bicycles, etc. It provides areas for rest at the porches of both centers and the Library. For those recovering from surgery or injury to their back or lower extremities, there is help with their recovery and rehabilitation with walking on the ramp and climbing stairs at the Conference Center. Upgrades to the facilities such as furniture, drinking fountains, and possibly ceiling fans at the Library should be considered. Further consideration could be made at a later date to add rehabilitation and fitness equipment in a nearby area. Improve Evers Road pedestrian crossing

from Evers Rd to opposite side of large pavilion and picnic areas, including the playground area	between Raymond Rimkus Park and the library. Investigate partnership with VIA to share cost of improvements. Replace existing watering stations in proximity to existing Raymond Rimkus Park restrooms Resurface Raymond Rimkus Park trails located along southwestern edge using durable and flood resistant materials to improve access during wet conditions Widen sidewalk on park side of Evers Road and fill to prevent further erosion of Huebner Creek. Revise 6-9 small vehicle parking spaces in small parking lot to form large loading and unloading area. Plant trees around playground and picnic areas. Plant bushes and flowers around drinking fountains, benches and picnic tables.
Zone 3C Raymond Rimkus Park, athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, to walking area and large parking lot	Strengthen and enforce park resource reservation system to ensure that organized user groups do not monopolize resource use or avoid remitting rental fees. Expand both existing basketball courts at Raymond Rimkus Park to regulation length, and resurface Add sun covers to the playground and drinking fountain near bleachers at soccer fields. Install a third picnic pavilion (possibly in the area west of the trail along the 3rd baseline of the softball diamond). Resurface the Raymond Rimkus Park Trails

Zone 3D Quiet area, community garden and small pavilion	Create treed groves with benches at selected Raymond Rimkus park locations Review existing Raymond Rimkus Park Garden usage regulations. Consider defining users responsibility for weed control on assigned plots and adjoining pathways, imposing controls for the introduction of toxic materials, and the introduction of materials or devices not directly related to cultivation requirements
Zone 3E Any property acquired after August	Seed wildflowers on all wide drainage areas.

2013 on Poss Road	Improve pedestrian access to Raymond Rimkus Park with addition of sidewalk along Poss Road adjacent to park, and improved no-parking off-loading site in proximity to main pavilion area. Explore available grant qualification; provide facilities for pedestrians and bicycles. Place additional picnic table and BBQ grill facility in southwestern addition to Rimkus Park.
Zone 3F Natural Area Park	Incorporate wildlife corridors in the design of any future Huebner creek bridge modifications (Evers and Bandera roads). Explore availability of grant funding detailed in Texas Department of Transportation, Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program, 11 b) Environmental mitigation to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity. Establish wildlife viewing raised platform with railing, perimeter seating, ramp, and signage identifying native wildlife at juncture of Raymond Rimkus Park and 36-acre Natural Area (northwestern junction). Establish pocket park in triangular area adjacent to the Huebner-Onion homestead on Bandera Road. Provide ADA trails from the park to the Homestead, and to the Huebner grave site. Grave site needs improvements. Encourage more wildflower areas.
Zone 3G Grass Valley Swimming Pool and adjacent vacant lot	Provide teen fitness center or skateboard park on the vacate property adjacent to the Leon Valley Swimming pool.
Other Recommendations	Build pocket park by newly acquired property on Huebner Road (Silo property), and corresponding walking trail to connect with walking trail near Huebner Creek behind Public Works facility. Continue trail from Public Works to Forest Ridge Unit 9 (city limits).

Leon Valley Park Zone 4

Zone 4 Map

Park	Label
Raymond Rimkus Park	1
Huebner Onion Homestead Natural Area	2
Huebner Onion Homestead	3
Shadow Mist Park	4

Facility	Label
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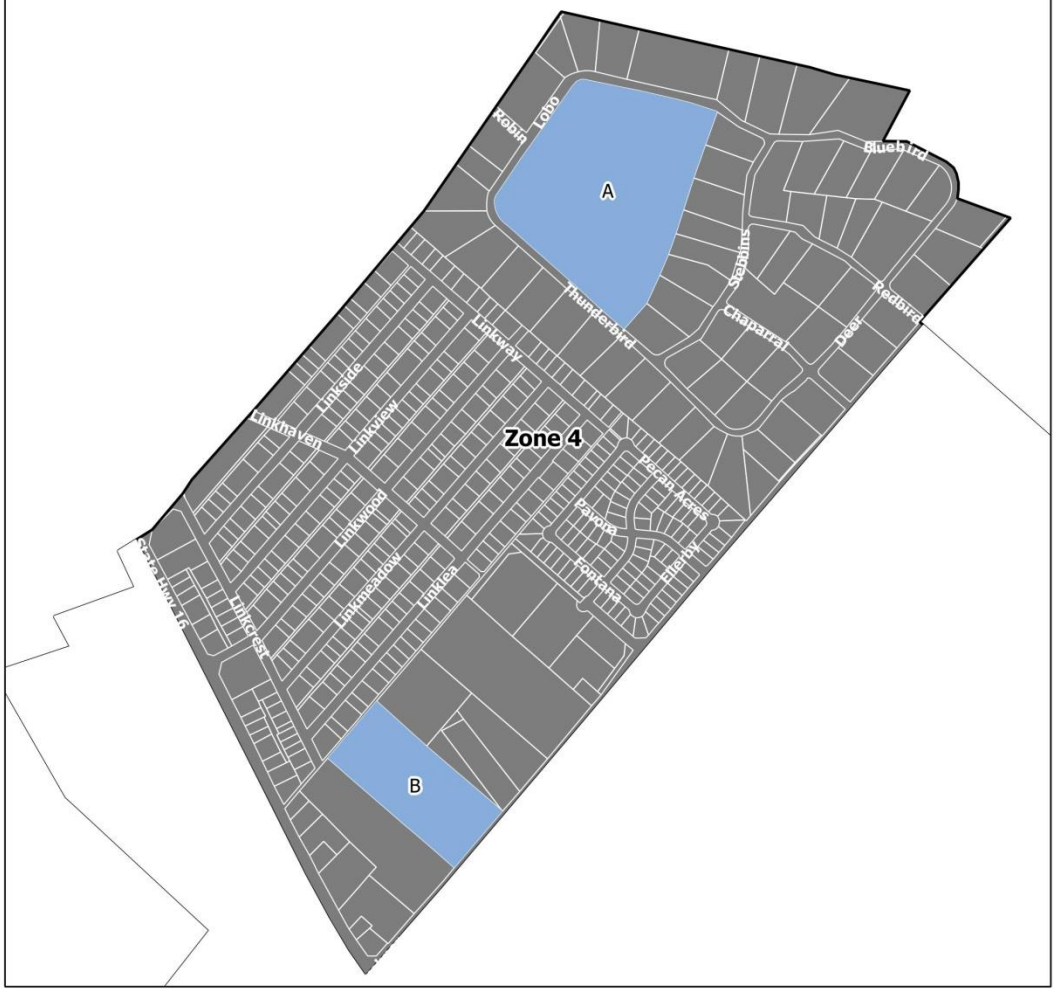

Leon Valley Park Zone Four

Location	Bounded on the South by Huebner Road, on the West by Bandera Road (SH-16) and on the North and East by the City limit.
Subdivisions Residential Commercial	 Linkwood Addition, Pavona Place, and Monte Robles Park Portions of Linkwood Addition and Monte Robles Park, several along the Bandera and Huebner roads frontage
Parkland Dedication	Funds for additional parkland are made available through a voluntary water bill option known as "park bucks", the City Council, and by developer submission of funds in lieu of parkland. A 60' fire lane exists at the end of Evers Road that cuts through to the Linkwood Addition subdivision, which could be used for parkland
Recommendations	The right-of-way at the end of Evers Road should be developed as a pocket park and walking trail, leading residents to Evers Road. Existing sidewalks would then be utilized to move pedestrians to the City pool and Raymond Rimkus Park Install sidewalks as needed along west side of street in conjunction with Evers Road street improvement project. Construct pocket park near trail access from Evers Road and near St. John's Baptist Church.

[1] Recreation, Park, and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).**

[2] Leon Valley Ord. No. 03-032**,** Chapter 24-Subdivision & Plats, December 2, 2003, Requirements for Park Land dedication or payment of fees in lieu thereof. **City of Leon Valley.**

Section 10 SUMMARY

Goals for Leon Valley Parks and Parklands

1. Strive to provide a safe environment for all users of Leon Valley Parks, Trails, and Parklands.
2. Strive to provide recreational and fitness activities for all citizens regardless of age, gender, or physical abilities.
3. Strive to expand our trails and provide better connectivity throughout our communities.
4. Strive to beautify our Parks and Parklands with trees, plants and wildflowers.
5. Strive to improve our park facilities by repairing or replacing broken equipment, properties, and removing dead trees, tree limbs, and stumps (or cutting stumps level with the ground).
6. Pursue purchase of additional land to increase the park and parkland areas.

Recommendations

1. Correct dangerous pedestrian crossing on Evers Road between the park and Library. Also is a Bus Stop.
2. Provide safe area on Poss Road for people to load and unload picnic supplies and passengers who are using the pavilion, picnic areas and the playground. Further, add an 8 to 10 foot wide crossover bridge over the creek bed.
3. Remove dead trees, limbs and tree stumps.
4. Provide sidewalks on west side of Evers Road from Seneca Rd. thru the drainage area.
5. Inventory equipment and facilities to be repaired or replaced. Benches and tables need to be repaired with rock/wood materials.
6. Widen park sidewalk along Evers Road and fill in with dirt. Erosion problem.
7. Pursue additional parkland (if priced near, or at, the county appraised value).
8. Add sun cover in playground area.
9. Add small size basketball court near playground for elementary and middle school aged children.
10. Picnic Area needs fill dirt and landscaping around many areas to help slow down erosion.
11. Plant trees, plants, and shrubs around park benches, water fountains and along sidewalks and trails.
12. Plant crepe myrtles (larger ones) surrounding the outfield fence at the softball field.
13. Provide walking area safe for seniors and handicap people to walk at the Community Center and Library area. The walkways are easier to navigate. Skateboards, bikes etc. are not allowed, and there are couple

areas with ramps and stairs to help them build strength to their legs. Upgrade patio benches and picnic tables. Drinking fountain on the patio also should be installed if not available.

14. Tennis Courts need resurfacing. Players have suggested that a door be placed (centered) on the south side fence.
15. Increase the size of both basketball courts to regulation size. Add 2 additional baskets on each side of the courts, and this would allow 4 games to be played at the same time.
16. Multipurpose athletic fields need holes filled on the playing surfaces.
17. Resurface all the trails within Raymond Rimkus Park.
18. Install small picnic pavilion along the 3rd base side of the ball diamond, and outside of the walking trail.
19. Construct pocket parks: (a) Area near 2 silos. (b) Area near Little ballparks. (c) On the trail from Evers to Linkwood. (d) Shadow Mist Area. (e) In the Ridge Area. (e) In triangle section of natural area.
20. Construct ADA approved pathway from Raymond Rimkus Park to both the grave site and the historical homestead on the Onion property. Add small crossover bridge where needed.
21. Improve the current trail from the Library area and continue it to the eastern city limits of Leon Valley.
22. Pursue a trail from the Ridge, thru Seneca 3, onto the proposed trail near El Verde Rd.
23. Improve the creek bank along Poss Rd. and consider installing sidewalks on park side of the road.
24. Provide a teen Fitness Center on land near the City Swim Pool.
25. Provide Disc Golf Course (if new property is acquired).
26. Install nice bulletin board sign on Poss Road, near large pavilion, to post announcements from the City and Park.
27. Construct viewing stand to oversee the wildlife in the natural area.
28. Continue to beautify the park, parklands and drainage areas with plants, trees, scrubs and wildflowers.

PROJECT	Component
	Seek additional parkland.
All Zones	Develop Hike & Bike Trails. ADA
	Develop Connectivity in zones.
	Remove dead trees & limbs.
	Explore Park Grants & Funding.
	Beautify Parks and Parklands
	with trees and wildflowers
	Develop Disc Park (new land?)
Beautify the Raymond Rimkus	Plant more trees and plants
Park and all Parklands.	throughout the City.
	Seed the drainage areas and
	vacant parkways with
	Wildflowers.
Repair Equipment and Facilities.	All equipment and facilities
	need to be inventoried and
	placed on a schedule to be
	repaired or replaced on an
	annual basis.
Zone 1	**Component**
Connectivity	Develop Pocket Park.
	Develop Walking Trail
Zone 2	
Connectivity	Develop Hike & Bike Trail
	from the Ridge thru
	Seneca 3 to El Verde Rd.
	Develop Pocket Park in Ridge.
Zone 3A (Community Center Area)	
Add Fitness Area Handicap\seniors	Use walkway at Community
	Center/Library. Upgrade Patios.
Construct Pocket Parks and trails.	Near the two silos. Near Public
	Works. And continue trails
	to Forest Ridge.
Zone 3B (Pavilion & Playground)	
Improve access to Raymond	Sidewalks on parkside of park.
Rimkus Park	Sidewalks on west side of Evers
	Road from Seneca Rd. thru
	drainage area.
	Widen Park sidewalk and add
	fill dirt along Evers Rd. Erosion
	problem

Correct Dangerous Pedestrian	**Needs immediate Attention.**
Crossing on Evers Road	**Dangerous children and VIA**
between the Park and Library	**Bus Crossing.**
	Low hanging tree limbs and
	foliage maybe contributing
	factor.
Need safe area to load and	**Remove the compact car**
unload picnic supplies and	**parking spaces on Poss Road,**
and passengers for the main	**near the main pavilion, and**
pavilion.	**return it to a loading zone.**
Playground area	**Add Children's basketball court.**
	Add sun covers over play area.
Trails	**Resurface trails in Raymond**
	Rimkus Park
Signage	**Install a nice sign on Poss Road,**
	near large pavilion, to provide
	posting of official announce-
	ments from the City and Parks.
Trees, Plants and shrubs	Plant trees, plants and shrubs around
	Park benches, water fountains, and
	picnic areas
Zone 3C (Athletic Fields)	
Softball Field	Plant Crepe Myrtle Trees (larger ones)
	around outside of outfield fence.
Tennis Courts	Resurface and install door on south
	side of fence.
Small Pavilion	Install outside walking trail along the
	third base line.
Basketball Courts	Increase the basketball courts to full
	size and install 2 additional baskets
	on each side of courts. Allowing more
	people to play.
Zone 3D (Quiet Area)	
Wildlife Viewing Area	Construct viewing area for people to
	see wildlife in the Natural Area
Zone 3E New Property	
Pocket Park	Construct Pocket pock Near Northwest
	Little League park
	Pursue Purchase of additional lands
	to extend Park and parklands
Zone 3 F (Natural Area)	

Trails	**Construct ADA approved pathways**
	to the Grave Site and to the Onion
	property. Additionally construct
	cross overs the drainage ditches.
Pocket Park	**Add Pocket park to Triangle area.**
Zone 4	
Connectivity	**Improve the trail leading from Evers**
	Road, north of Huebner Road, going
	into Linkwood. Also establish a
Pocket Park	**Pocket Park in this area.**

Section 11

APPENDIX

Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Guidelines, Texas Recreation and Parks Account Program (**TRPA).**

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Kronkosky Charitable Foundation

Applying for a Grant, Kronkosky Charitable Foundation.

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