



**Northlake Area Plan  
Parks and Open Space  
Draft Goals and Recommendations from Northlake Workshop**

Below are sample recommendations provided at the Northlake Workshop on January 16 - 18, 2007 for the public, including advisory group, to comment on. Participants were allowed to edit, delete or add to the sample goal and recommendations. Recommended changes are shown in green. These goals and recommendations continue to be in draft form and may continue to change throughout the Northlake Area Planning process.

**Vision:** *Northlake is a unique “edge city” location that shall be a livable, diverse, and sustainable community. It will seek to accommodate the needs of those in all stages of life while balancing pressure for new development with preservation of the historical, rural, and natural aspects of the community. This vision will be achieved through:*

1. *A land use pattern that offers a balanced mixture of uses with high quality urban design*
2. *Development of multi-modal transportation choices*
3. *Planned and enhanced public services*
4. *Integration of quality cultural amenities, and economic and housing opportunities*
5. *Preservation of the historic aspects of the community*
6. *Environmental preservation*
7. *Development of open space and recreational opportunities*

**Summary of Issues:**

- Lack of parks, greenways and open space
- Need for active recreational facilities (pool, playground, ball courts)

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- I. Goal: Provide additional open space/recreational facilities and improve access to existing recreational amenities in the area.**

***Recommendations:***

1. Work with area residents to **design master plan neighborhood and district future parks.** (10)
2. ~~Continue to~~ Develop a greenway system along ~~area creeks~~ Long Creek and Dixon Branch. (5)
3. Provide greenway connections to surrounding land uses as development occurs.
  - **Continue to recommend developers provide funding assistance for future parks and greenways in the area.** (2)
4. **Plan** and provide **for** pedestrian and bicycle access to parks and open space as development occurs.



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- Make this a transportation goal, also. (8)
- 5. Support the *Mecklenburg County Greenway Master Plan: 1999-2009's* recommendations as related to the Northlake area. (9)
  - Youth Center, YMCA.
  - Recreation Center for all ages.
  - Provide public recreation facilities prior to development. (3)
  - Provide funding for recreation facilities and an aquatic center. (6)
  - Require developer to dedicate floodplain for greenway and/or floodplain protection. (4)
  - ~~Improve~~ plan to provide access to proposed ~~existing~~ recreational facilities. (7)
  - Acquire more land for parks, greenways and open space. (1)
  - Recreation center for the community near school planned for Reames Road.