

Joe Skiles Park Renovation Project

Public Input Meeting
February 17, 2023



Funding for Projects

During this fiscal year, City Council allocated funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be used for various park projects throughout the City. (\$3.4M)

- Joe Skiles Park
- Denia Park
- Carl Young Sr. Splashpad Phase 2
- Trail Projects (Pecan Creek & Hills of Denton)



Joe Skiles Park History

Park land was dedicated to the City of Denton in June 1964.

- Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant received in 1970's for park improvements.

In the last 5 years.

- Basketball & Tennis Court resurfaced in 2020.
- 5-12 playground structure replaced in 2021.



Joe Skiles Park Information

Joe Skiles Park is a 5.78-acre neighborhood park located within the Southridge sub-division located at:

Stonegate Dr, Denton, TX 76205

Park Amenities

- Furnishings: Picnic tables, benches, drinking fountain, grill
- Pavilion (capacity 18 people)
- Basketball court with 3 goals
- Playground (5-12 play structure)
- (Two) Tennis Courts
- Multipurpose field w/Soccer Goals





Current Site Conditions

Proposed Park Improvements

Base Minimum Improvements

- Loop trail
- Install irrigation to help with sandburs (stickers)
- New trees along trail
- Addition of 2-5 playground structure
- Address ADA issues from ADA transition plan.

Additional Improvements pending wants & funding

- Remove existing pavilion and replace with a bigger one closer to playground
- Add typical furnishings, such as: trash receptacles, benches, grills, pet waste stations, trail markers)
- Lighting around trail & tennis courts/basketball
- Replace fencing around tennis courts
- Pickleball striping

Conceptual Plans





Proposed Playground Renders



Construction Impacts

Tree Removal:

- The reasons for removal can vary, including potential safety hazards, damage from cold weather, disease or decay.
 - Crape Myrtles – 6
 - Sweetgum Trees – 2
- During construction the remaining trees on site will have tree protection fence around the drip line.

Closures:

- Portion or entire park may be closed during construction and implementation of master plan.



Next Steps & Additional Information

- Pending feedback from today's meeting, information will be submitted for design and finalize construction estimates & overall master plan.
- Project improvements identified in this plan, may be phased if funding does not allow for it.
- Depending on scope. Improvements can start as close as spring/early summer.
- Anticipate completing most of the project by Spring 2024.



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Joe Skiles Park Improvements



The City of Denton Parks and Recreation Department owns a 5.78-acre developed parcel named Joe Skiles Park, located at Stonegate Dr., Denton, TX 76205. The park features a recently installed playground, two tennis courts, three half basketball courts, a multi-purpose field, benches, picnic tables, and a small pavilion. City Council adopted the Parks, Recreation, and Trails System Master Plan on March 1, 2022. The Master Plan provides an analysis of various parks, (includes Joe Skiles) and gives the department guidance in addressing short and long-term goals as funding allows. This agreement is vital in future planning for Parks and Recreation and its mission to serve and meet the community's needs.

The scope of the project improvements will consist of public engagement, design, and construction. The items currently identified as improvements include but are not limited to the following: Loop trail to increase access and connectivity, irrigation to improve turf quality, benches, and landscaping improvements.

Parks and Recreation will schedule public meetings later this spring. Updates and information relating to the project will be updated below. Please subscribe within the icon on the top right of this page to be notified when new updates are uploaded.

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Thank You!

Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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