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Knox County to Create Parks Master Plan

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— The Knox County Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking the public's input for the creation of a 5-Year Parks Master Plan. The purpose of this plan is to assist the county with prioritizing park and trail system projects, and renovations over the next five years.

The public is encouraged to complete a short [survey](#) that will provide information for what will become a master plan the county can use to build and better parks, trails, fields, and other amenities. In addition to the link above the survey can also be accessed by scanning QR codes at the Festival of Lights—and at county golf courses. After January 2, 2022, the signs with QR codes to take the survey will be available at several county parks.

Earlier this year, Knox County hired Kimley-Horn, a planning and design engineering firm, to help put together a Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation plan for the county and a specific Master Plan for Parks and Recreation.

The information collected from the survey will be turned over to the firm, which will then provide the department with feedback and a draft recommendation. Also, during this time, the firm will evaluate the county's existing parks and their conditions while also conducting a demographic analysis and staffing assessment.

As it stands, the county should have a completed Parks master plan by September 2022.

Counties need a master plan that is current within five years to accept some state and federal grants. A plan also helps the county from both a budgetary and development standpoint for the overall parks system. The department's plan is currently 11-years-old.

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