

LA VISTA PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

3. INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTING PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEM

WHAT DO WE KNOW?

The inventory and analysis phase was conducted to gain a better understanding of the demographic characteristics of existing and future residents of La Vista residents and to understand the existing park and recreation system. A detailed inventory and analysis was conducted of the existing park facilities, including the location and size of facilities and the condition and capacity of each park, and of the existing recreation programs and facilities, including the opportunities currently available.

STUDY AREA

La Vista is located in north central Sarpy County, just south of Douglas County and the Omaha metropolitan area. Omaha and Ralston are located to the north, Bellevue to the east, Papillion to the south, and Gretna to the southwest. The study area for *La Vista Park and Recreation Master Plan* includes the area within the current City limits, the extra-territorial jurisdiction, and the future growth and development area. Generally, this area is located south of Harrison Street, north of Giles Street and Cornhusker Road, west of Big Papillion Creek, and east of 168th Street. (For a map showing the *La Vista Park and Recreation Master Plan* study area, see *Figure 3-1: Existing Facilities* in this section.)



*City of La Vista
City Hall/Community Center*

A variety of maps were reviewed and analyzed during the preparation of the *La Vista Park and Recreation Master Plan*. Base information was gathered from the City of La Vista, including existing park sites, recreation areas, and trails; existing infrastructure; and existing school sites. Aerial photographs, along with other information, were reviewed to gain a better understanding of the community.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Location and Boundaries

The City of La Vista is located in east central Nebraska, south of Omaha, within the Sarpy County portion of the metropolitan area. The City neighbors the communities of Ralston, Papillion, and Bellevue to the north, south, and east, respectively.

La Vista was incorporated in 1960. The six square mile area encompassed by the City can be roughly described as extending to Harrison Street (Sarpy County line) on the north, Giles Road on the south, Big Papillion Creek on the east, and 120th Street on the west.

La Vista further extends its planning jurisdiction to include the area within two miles of its corporate limits. The City enforces planning, zoning, subdivision regulations, and flood plain restrictions within this extraterritorial boundary.

Population and Demographics

Much of information gathered in this report is from the La Vista Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP). The CDP's period is between 1997 and 2007. The information provided has been updated with current data when the opportunity presents itself.

Population. La Vista had a population growth goal of 2.1 percent, per year, between decennial census dates. Between the 1990 and 2000 Census, the City's population increased 18.9 percent to 11,699 persons. Implied goals within the CDP establish a desired population of 14,500 persons by 2007.

Age Groups. Every age group identified in the CDP is expected to increase through the year 2007. The largest individual increase is expected in the 35 to 54 years age group (27.4 percent of population). The *18 years and under* population is expected to provide 27.8 percent of the total population while persons 55 and older are expected to be only 15.9 percent, raising the median age to 31.3 years by 2007.

Census 2000 data indicate that in the first three years of the CDP, the population *under* 18 years (notice discrepancy between Census and CDP terminology) has already reached 29.8 percent of the population. The 35 to 54 years group is exceeding expectations as well by becoming 29.7 percent of the total population. The population above 55 years is below projections at 11.0 percent.

Mortality Rate. Birth rates are expected to decrease while death rates are expected to increase in La Vista. However, a net gain is projected through the CDP to the year 2007. Net increase in population through natural means is expected to average between 130 and 140 persons per year.

Race. All categories of non-white persons increased their total percentage of the City's population between 1990 and 2000. The table below best explains the changes associated with this population increase. Some category names have changed since the 1990 Census. Categories that have been combined are identified through footnotes in the table. Due to sampling and rounding techniques by the Census Bureau, totals may not equal exactly 100 percent or the officially recognized population of 11,699 persons.

Table 3-1: Population Counts - La Vista, Nebraska

Race	1990 Census		2000 Census		Change: 1990 - 2000	
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total	Population Increase	% Increase
White	9,327	94.8%	10,808	92.4%	+1,481	+15.9%
Black*	209	2.1%	428	3.7%	+219	+104.8%
Native American, Eskimo, or Aleut**	46	0.5%	101	0.9%	+55	+119.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander†	159	1.6%	375	3.2%	+216	+135.8%
Other	99	1.0%	249	2.1%	+150	+151.5%
TOTAL	9,840	100.0%	11,961	102.3%	+2,121	+21.6%
Hispanic‡	303	3.1%	485	4.1%	+182	+60.1%

Source: *American FactFinder*, US Census Bureau website, www.census.gov. DP-1 Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000. Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data

* Black or African American

** American Indian and Alaska Native

† Census 2000 further distinguishes this category as two separate groups: Asian; and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

‡ Hispanic or Latino (of any race)

Income. Income calculations and projections from Census 2000 and the CDP indicate steadily rising income levels for all income groups. Median household income rose from \$31,836 in 1990 to \$47,280 in 2000 and is forecast by the CDP to reach \$50,000 by 2007.

Even with a substantial median income, more than 40 percent of La Vista households are expected to be within low- to moderate-income levels (80 percent or less of the Omaha metropolitan median income) by 2007.

Table 3-2: Income Levels - La Vista, Nebraska

	1990 Census	1997 CDP	2000 Census	2007 CDP
Median household income	\$31,836	\$44,050	\$47,280	\$50,000
65 years and older	--	\$35,215	--	\$44,755
Per capita income	\$11,217	--	\$19,612	--

Source: *American FactFinder*, US Census Bureau website, www.census.gov. DP-3 Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics: 1990 and 2000.

--: not available

According to the CDP, elderly household incomes are also expected to rise through 2007. As with the general population, the number of households in lower income level groups is expected to decrease. However, more than 60 percent of elderly households will be considered at low- or moderate-income levels by 2007.

Poverty. The CDP did not analyze poverty status as a separate category, so projections were not made. Poverty status information from 1990 and 2000 census data show City of La Vista poverty levels as a percentage of population rising during the decade for both individuals under age 65 and families. For individuals 65 years and older the poverty level fell slightly during the decade.

Table 3-3: Poverty Status - La Vista, Nebraska

	1990 Census		2000 Census	
	Population	% of Total	Population	% of Total
Persons for whom poverty status is determined	9,796	(na)	11,684	(na)
Below poverty level	428	4.4%	666	5.7%
Persons 18 years and over	6,527	(na)	8,326	(na)
Below poverty level	237	3.6%	383	4.6%
Persons 65 years and over	267	(na)	516	(na)
Below poverty level	9	3.4%	16	3.1%
Families	2,695	(na)	3,204	(na)
Below poverty level	109	4.0%	141	4.4%

Source: *American FactFinder*, US Census Bureau website, www.census.gov. DP-3 Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics: 1990 and 2000.
(na): not applicable

Table 3-4: US Census Bureau Poverty Thresholds

Size of Family Unit	Weighted Average Thresholds	
	1990	2000
One person (unrelated individual)	\$6,652	\$8,794
Under 65 years	\$6,800	\$8,959
65 years and over	\$6,268	\$8,259
Two persons	\$8,509	\$11,239
Householder under 65 years	\$8,794	\$11,590
Householder 65 years and over	\$7,905	\$10,419
Three persons	\$10,419	\$13,738
Four persons	\$13,359	\$17,603
Five persons	\$15,792	\$20,819
Six persons	\$17,839	\$23,528
Seven persons	\$20,241	\$26,754
Eight persons	\$22,582	\$29,701
Nine persons or more	\$26,848	\$35,060

Source: *American FactFinder*, US Census Bureau website, www.census.gov. Poverty Thresholds: 1990 and 2000.

Employment. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development provides the most current (2000) labor force data for Sarpy County. Comparisons with the CDP projections indicate that the labor force available in Sarpy County is growing, but not as rapidly as expected.

Table 3-5: Employment - Sarpy County, Nebraska

	1980	1990	1997	2000	2007
Civilian Labor Force	33,699	48,189	59,580	62,230	74,065
Unemployed	1,393	870	1,310	1,374	2,074
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	1.8%	2.2%	2.2%	2.8%
Employed	32,306	47,319	58,270	60,586	71,991

Source: [1980-2007] La Vista Comprehensive Development Plan, 1997. [2000] *Nebraska Fast Facts*, Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

Yearly employment growth in Sarpy County from 1997 to 2000 saw an increase in the civilian labor force of 883 persons or 1.5 percent per year. Between 2000 and 2007, the Sarpy County labor force would need to grow by 1,691 persons or 2.7 percent per year to reach labor force projections.

Table 3-6: Employment - La Vista, Nebraska

	1990	2000
Civilian Labor Force	5,340	6,740
Unemployed	160	171
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.5%
Employed	47,319	60,586

Source: *American FactFinder*, US Census Bureau website, www.census.gov. Employment: 1990 and 2000.

The CDP did not make employment projections for the City of La Vista, but relied on Sarpy County data. US Census data for La Vista in 1990 and 2000 indicate that civilian labor force growth in La Vista is comparable to Sarpy County. Between 1990 and 2000 the La Vista labor force grew by 26.2 percent, or 1,400. During the same decade Sarpy County experienced a slightly higher labor force growth of 29.1 percent, or 14,041.

Employment Categories and Journey-to Work. Review of 2000 census data for the City of La Vista indicates that the clear majority of workers (64.1 percent) were employed in non-manufacturing, “white collar” (management, professional, sales, office, and related) occupations. Journey-to-work data for 2000 show that a similarly high percentage (72.8 percent) of employed City of La Vista residents age 16 and over work outside Sarpy County.

Demographic Profile of La Vista Residents. Given available data providing assumptions about recent growth trends, it is possible to develop a demographic profile of the typical La Vista resident. This profile will be used as a model to create individual and group identities for park and recreation facility planning within the City of La Vista. This profile is not intended to pigeonhole every member of the community into a specific demographic category. Rather, it is intended to paint a picture of the majority group influences while highlighting key areas of individuality.

A typical resident of La Vista, Nebraska is:

- More likely to be female than male, white, and most likely in their late 20s or early 30s
- More likely to be part of a household with at least one other person, with one member under 18
- Twice as likely to be in a married household
- More than four times likely to be a female head of a single household than a male head of a single household, and more than 4.5 times likely to be responsible for children under 18
- Most likely to have completed high school and some college, if not a degree
- Employed in a non-manufacturing occupation
- Earning less on a per capita basis than the rest of the state
- Earning more on a household basis than the rest of the state
- A commuter that spends slightly less than 40 minutes each day traveling to and from work

La Vista, Nebraska, originally a bedroom suburb of Omaha, is becoming a more diversified community in terms of its mix of residential, commercial, and industrial development. Its residents are younger, middle class families, working in a white-collar occupation. A fair amount of time is spent in daily commuting, which, after work, can often lead to reduced activity outside the home. A population of younger families with younger children will bring with it the demand for age-specific activities to encourage public encounters.

Although per capita incomes may be lower, household incomes are significantly higher in La Vista. These higher incomes, most likely due to the combined incomes of two parents, are reflected in the level of home ownership in the community. As a smaller residential community within reasonable driving distance to work in the metropolitan area, La Vista can easily be perceived as “a quiet, peaceful place to raise a family.”

Land Use. The primary arterials for La Vista are Harrison Street and Giles Road (east-west) and 72nd, 84th, 96th, and 108th Streets (north-south). As the primary through-corridors to Omaha, north-south streets regularly see 25,000 to 35,000 vehicles per day (VPD), with the greatest numbers on 84th Street (45,000-51,000 VPD). La Vista has access to Interstate 80 at the 126th Street interchange.

Recent improvements to 96th Street (north-south), along with the construction of a new police facility are expected to enhance growth near the 96th Street corridor in the near future.

Commercial development is the primary land use along the 84th Street corridor. Single-family residential land use is the primary use east of 84th Street. According to the CDP, residential land uses are expected to continue along the recently improved 96th Street corridor. Industrial development will be separated further west along the 108th Street corridor, with surrounding commercial uses. Commercial development is proposed at the intersection of 120th Street and Giles Road.

The Future Land Use Plan projects the development of an additional 450 to 500 acres of designated residential land within the two-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction. This land value is estimated to increase the La Vista population by some 6,900 persons. Discussion of La Vista’s physical growth is continued in the following section.

There are approximately 38 acres of vacant land currently within the La Vista corporate limits. Specific quantities of land designated for park and recreation activities have not been designated by the CDP. Rather, designation of specific needs have been delegated to the completion of this plan. Additional park and open space will be necessary to sustain projected increases in population for the City of La Vista.

Projected Population Estimates

Census 2000 counted the La Vista population at 11,699 persons, an increase of 1,859 persons since the 1990 Census. Data from the *La Vista Comprehensive Development Plan* (1997) project the community's population to increase by more than 150 percent by 2015. This growth rate may be obtainable within the planned growth patterns of the community.

Population projections were developed as a function of current population data from the US Census Bureau and the City of La Vista, which bases population estimates on the 2000 US Census average household size of 2.66 and the number of housing units both developed and proposed and at future build-out. If corporate limits were extended to include the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction identified in the Future Land Use Map (*Comprehensive Development Plan*, 4.23 and 4.24) and the current corporate limits are built out, the community's population would increase to 28,042 persons, based on Census counts from the same year.

La Vista (2000) + Corporate Limits Build-out + Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (2000)

$$11,699 + 2,785 + 13,558 = 28,042 \text{ persons}$$

The new corporate limits for the City of La Vista in this scenario would extend from Papillion Creek to 144th Street/Nebraska Highway 50, and Harrison Street to Giles Road to as far west as 96th Street. Beyond 96th Street, the south boundary of the community extends an additional one half mile, following quarter section boundaries.

Continued urban development beyond the western edges of the La Vista extraterritorial jurisdiction into the City's future growth and development area have generated the need to consider recreational needs of the Chalco area as part of this Master Plan. This information is included as analysis of the recreational needs of an urbanized area should a future situation consider incorporation of the area.

This area, referred to here as the Chalco Urbanized Area (also referred to as La Vista's Future Growth and Development Area), extends west from the limits of the La Vista Extra Territorial Jurisdiction at 144th Street/Nebraska Highway 50 to 168th Street, between Harrison Street and the quarter section line one half mile south of Giles Road. The total area of the Chalco Urbanized Area is 1,920 acres. Approximately 1,000 acres have been developed as residential land uses with a Census 2000 population of 5,313 persons. Incorporation of the Chalco Urbanized Area would increase the La Vista population to 33,355 persons.

[La Vista + Extra Territorial Jurisdiction] + Chalco Urbanized Area (2000)

$$28,042 + 5,313 = 33,355$$

The Sarpy County Future Land Use Map identifies three primary land uses in the Chalco Urbanized Area: residential, commercial/industrial, and transition agriculture. Areas designated to these land uses determine the land available for population increase based on residential development.

<i>Developed Residential</i>	<i>690 acres</i>
<i>Undeveloped Residential</i>	<i>580 acres</i>
<i>Commercial/Industrial</i>	<i>210 acres</i>
<i>Transitional Agriculture</i>	
<i>Wehrspann Lake</i>	<i>400 acres</i>
<i>Soccer Complex</i>	<i>40 acres</i>
<hr/> <i>Total: Chalco Urbanized Area</i>	<hr/> <i>1,920 acres</i>

Population can be projected for undeveloped residential areas by extending the population density of developed residential areas in the Chalco Urbanized Area. According to Census 2000 data, there was a population density of approximately 7.7 persons per acre in the Chalco Urbanized Area. Carrying this pattern to undeveloped residential land projects a population of 37,821 persons at build-out.

[La Vista + Extra Territorial Jurisdiction + Chalco Urbanized Area]

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Undeveloped Residential at build-out

$$33,355 + 4,466 = 37,821$$

This projected full build-out population of 37,821 will be used to assist in determining the amount of additional parkland, recreation facilities and recreation programs needed in La Vista, its Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction, and the Chalco Urbanized Area by the year 2015.

EXISTING PARK FACILITIES

The City of La Vista has nineteen park facilities, for a total of approximately 149 acres of parkland. Park facilities range in size from Eberle/Walden Park, which is 0.06 acres, to La Vista Soccer Complex, which is 34 acres. Locations of all existing park facilities are shown in *Figure 3-1: Existing Facilities*.

Park Classifications

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has developed a classification system to serve as a guide for community park and recreation planning. The system defines and describes several categories of parks, recreation areas, and open spaces that in combination make up a unified municipal park network (*Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guideline*, NRPA, 1995). The NRPA supports and encourages local modifications of their standards and definitions. The following definitions are based on the NRPA guidelines.

Mini-Parks. Address limited, isolated, or specialized recreational needs at small sites in heavily developed areas and at sites with unique recreational opportunities. These parks serve the immediate neighborhood.

Neighborhood Parks. Serve as the recreational focus of the neighborhood, offer a balance of active and passive recreation activities to neighborhood residents, and provide facilities within walking distance of their homes.



Apollo Park

Community Parks. Provide for active and passive recreational needs of several neighborhoods on a thirty to fifty acre site that is easily accessible by automobile or public transit. This category allows for group activities and other recreational opportunities not feasible at the neighborhood park level.

INSERT *Figure 3-1: Existing Facilities*

Large Urban Parks. Provide for active and passive recreational needs of the entire community by preserving large open spaces, usually greater than fifty acres, that can accommodate recreational activities not feasible within smaller park classifications and are easily accessible by automobile or public transit. Currently La Vista does not have any parks in this classification, but it has been included for future park opportunities.

School-Parks. Provide for efficient and cost effective park and recreational facilities by combining school district and municipal resources at a single site so both public agencies benefit by sharing the use of land and facilities.



La Vista Junior High School

Special Use Facilities. Provide for recreational, cultural, and/or educational activity focused on a single purpose use and easily accessed from anywhere in the community.

Natural Resource Areas. Provide for the preservation and utilization of significant natural resources and/or land formations for trails and other passive recreational uses and educational benefits. Currently La Vista does not have any facilities in this classification, but it has been included for future park opportunities.



La Vista Sports Complex

Sports Complexes. Consolidates heavily programmed athletic facilities and associated fields at larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.

Greenways/Trails. Uses natural resource areas, such as waterways, and man-made areas, such as railroad, utility, and parkway corridors, to tie park system components together, forming a cohesive park environment. Serves as location for street-separated recreation trails.



Central Park

The following table lists the parks in the existing system, including classification and acreage.

Table 3-7: Existing Park Facilities - Classification and Acreage

MINI-PARKS	Acreage
Apollo Park	2.20
Ardmore Park	1.50
Camenzind Park	2.20
Central Park (Mini-Park)	1.90
Champion Park	2.50
City Park (North Mini-Park)	1.20
City Park (East Mini-Park)	0.30
Eberle/Walden Park	0.06
Hollis Park	0.50
Mayor's Park	1.25
Memorial Children's Park	1.00
<i>Total Acreage for Mini-Parks</i>	<i>14.61</i>
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	
Jaycee Park	2.60
<i>Total Acreage for Neighborhood Parks</i>	<i>2.60</i>
COMMUNITY PARKS	
Central Park	19.50
<i>Total Acreage for Community Parks</i>	<i>19.50</i>
SPORTS COMPLEXES	
City Park	12.80
Kelly McMahan Field	6.00
La Vista Soccer Complex	34.00
La Vista Sports Complex	28.00
<i>Total Acreage for Sports Complexes</i>	<i>80.80</i>
SPECIAL USE FACILITIES	
La Vista Falls Golf Course	30.00
Municipal Pool	1.85
<i>Total Acreage for Special Use Facilities</i>	<i>31.85</i>
Total Acreage in the Existing System	149.36

Facilities Inventory and Assessment

An assessment of existing park facilities was conducted in the spring and summer of 2002. A Condition and Capacity Report for each facility was prepared and includes the following information:

- Classification
- Location
- Total Acres

- Classification Definition
- Park Vicinity Map
- Park Photos
- Condition and Capacity Ratings (for individual features and overall)
- Comments (regarding existing conditions)

Park facilities were categorized into classifications according to the function they serve for the community. These classifications represent how each park currently fits into the system and how each park currently functions within the system. All facility types are designed to serve distinct purposes.

Condition and Capacity Ratings

During the inventory and analysis of each park, the park was rated according to its condition and capacity. The condition of the park is a subjective analysis of the landscape and physical components based on fifteen reporting factors. The factors are generally weighted according to the significance of any particular reporting factor in relation to the others. For example, primary facilities (or lack of the same) such as restrooms, play equipment, or open play areas receive more weight than amenities such as kiosks or bike racks to determine an overall rating. The condition was rated "poor," "fair," or "good" for each of the fifteen reporting factors and also for the park overall. The capacity rating reflects the ability of a park facility to receive or absorb users to the quantitative and qualitative extent intended by its classification. The capacity was rated "under," "at," or "over" for each of the fifteen reporting factors and also for the park overall.

The condition and capacity ratings were based on the following fifteen reporting factors:

1. Developed Area Vegetation: Turf, trees, shrubs, and planting beds in areas of the park requiring frequent mowing or other high levels of maintenance.
2. Undeveloped Area Vegetation: Trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plant materials in "natural" areas of the park where vegetation does not receive frequent maintenance.
3. Open Play Area: Minimum of one acre of treeless turf for multi-use play at a slope not to exceed 4%, having a shape that can accommodate an informal ball diamond and/or rectangular soccer/football field. The area may include a backstop but would not have a foul line or outfield fence or support facilities such as dugouts, bleachers, field lighting, etc.
4. Sports Field: This category includes the following three types of highly developed, outdoor facilities for "team sports" and accompanying facilities on City-owned property that enhance both spectator and active use according to accepted rules of play:
 - 60' Softball Field: skinned infield, regulation backstop, outfield/foul line fence, dugouts
 - 90' Baseball Field: grass infield, regulation backstop, outfield/foul line fence, dugouts
 - Soccer Field: regulation goal posts, lined fields
5. Paved Multi-Use Area: An uncovered, paved facility capable of accommodating at least two different activities not necessarily happening simultaneously.

6. Sports Court: An uncovered, paved facility for a single intended use, e.g. a tennis court.

7. Walk or Trail: Includes, but is not limited to walking, jogging, bicycling, and/or interpretive trails built to be safe and requiring minimum maintenance. Construction materials may be concrete, asphalt, crushed rock, or wood chips.



Trail in Mayor's Park

8. Play Equipment: Unenclosed area, should have separate areas for preschool age children and school age children. Play equipment and ground surface should conform to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM F 1487-98) and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

9. Structures: Architectural facilities. Examples include bridges, gazebos, and buildings.

10. Picnic Facilities: Picnic tables, tables, and grills.

11. Drinking Water: Availability of drinking fountains and water spigots at convenient locations in the park.

12. Restrooms: A durable and efficiently designed structure that meets ADA standards and can function as a singular, unisex unit, or multiple units within one building and usually found at neighborhood or larger parks.

13. Parking: A paved area usually found at the neighborhood park level (at a minimum) and complies with the City's appropriate zoning laws and policy issues dealing with design and stormwater requirements.



Parking Area at Champion Park

14. Lighting: Can be an important security/safety element within all classifications. Luminaires should be adequately spaced and sized and not conflict with adjacent residents. Lights should be made of quality, durable materials.

15. Miscellaneous Amenities: Park elements that provide additional support components to increase the usability, attractiveness, and functionality of the park. Includes features such as signs, benches, kiosks, bike racks, public telephones, etc.

Condition and Capacity Reports

The following descriptions from the Condition and Capacity Reports summarize the existing conditions of the La Vista park and recreation facilities. A comprehensive summary of condition and capacity ratings is provided for each park classification. The individual Condition and Capacity Reports can be found in *Appendix 3-A* and the Park Inventory sheets can be found in *Appendix 3-B*. An inventory of outdoor recreational public school facilities and community facilities was conducted, although condition and capacity reports were not prepared. The inventory forms for the community and school district facilities can be found in *Appendix 3-C*.

Mini-Parks. In the mini-park classification, there are eleven parks, including Apollo Park, Ardmore Park, Camenzind Park, Central Park (Mini-Park), Champion Park, City Park (North Mini-Park), City Park (East Mini-Park), Eberle/Walden Park, Hollis Park, Mayor's Park, and Memorial Children's Park. *Table 3-8: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Mini-Parks* shows a summary of the condition and capacity ratings.

Apollo Park

- located at 72nd Street and Park View Boulevard
- 2.2 total acres
- facilities include open play area, walks, play equipment, shelter, picnic tables, benches, grills, drinking fountain, and parking
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: Under

Apollo Park has two access points to the park. The main entrance is located on Park View Boulevard, just west of 72nd Street. At this entrance, there is a parking lot, along with pedestrian access. The other entrance, on Lillian Avenue south of James Avenue, provide pedestrian access to the park. The park is benched into a south-facing slope, creating two main level areas. The park is located within the utility corridor that runs through this section of town. The park is surrounded by residential areas.

Ardmore Park

- located at 69th Street and Michelle Avenue
- 1.5 total acres
- facilities include open play area, walks, play equipment, shelter, picnic tables, benches, and grill
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: At

Ardmore Park is located on a rectangular tract of land on the east side of La Vista. The mini-park is open to three sides, providing street frontage at Michelle Avenue, 69th Street, and 68th Street. The area of the play equipment and shelter has been nicely designed and landscaped. Trees line the seating area/play area, shrubs are located at the south entrance, and deciduous and evergreen trees are planted informally primarily at the perimeter of the park. A walking system throughout the park provides access into and through the park from all four corners.

Camenzind Park

- located at 7120 Wood Lane Drive
- 2.2 total acres
- facilities include ½ court basketball court, walk along street, play equipment, shelter, picnic tables, benches, grills, drinking fountain, and lighting
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: At

Camenzind Park is located along Wood Lane Drive, between South Glenview Drive and Wilbur Street. It is located on an irregular-shaped tract of land on what appears to be the highest point in the neighborhood. The park backs to residential lots at all sides except for the one facing Wood Lane Drive. From the street frontage, there is a slight rise up from the street into the park. The interior

of the park is mostly level, with a slight slope down to the southwest corner. There are mature deciduous trees planted in formal rows in the interior of the park and around the play equipment at the center of the park. There are two evergreen trees and also a grove of river birch southwest of the shelter.

Central Park (Mini-Park)

- located at Edgewood Boulevard and Valley Road
- 1.9 total acres
- facilities include open play area, basketball court, sand volleyball court, and play equipment
- Condition Rating: Fair
- Capacity Rating: Under

This park is a long, narrow parcel with street frontage along Edgewood Boulevard and Valley Road. Along the north edge of the park is the continuation of the narrow, open, channelized Thompson Creek drainageway that runs through the larger portion of Central Park (Community Park) west of Edgewood Boulevard. The park is bounded on the east by a single-family residence. A sidewalk is provided along Edgewood Boulevard and Valley Road, but no interior walks are provided.

Champion Park

- located at 7702 Park View Boulevard
- 2.5 total acres
- facilities include open play areas, walks, play equipment, drinking fountain, and parking
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: Under

Champion Park is designed as a barrier-free park for handicapped individuals. The park has street frontage along Park View Boulevard from 76th Street to 75th Street. This is a long, narrow park with residential lots along the east, west, and south. Along the south border, between the park and the residential area, is the Thompson Creek drainageway. Deciduous and evergreen trees have been planted informally throughout the park. The park is divided into three sections. The east section is a large open play area. The middle section is the parking lot and play equipment. The west section is a small open play area.

City Park (North Mini-Park)

- located at 78th Street and Josephine Street
- 1.2 acres
- facilities include small open play area, sidewalk along street, and play equipment
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: Under

This triangular park is bounded on the south by Josephine Street and by residential lots along the other two sides. The park has no access to the neighborhood except along Josephine Street. The park is level along the Josephine Street frontage, but drops two to three feet down a pronounced slope into the main part of the park, isolating it somewhat from the street.

City Park (East Mini-Park)

- located at 76th Avenue and Joseph Street
- 0.3 total acres
- facilities include play equipment
- Condition Rating: Fair
- Capacity Rating: Under

Fronting on Joseph Street and separated from the main part of City Park by a pronounced grade change, this lower area of the park serves as a mini-park for the adjacent residential neighborhood. Other than a few pieces of obsolete play equipment, including a merry-go-round, a quad-bouncer, and two swing sets with a total of four swings, the park has no amenities.

Eberle/Walden Park

- located at 69th Street and Josephine Street
- 0.06 total acres
- facilities include play equipment and a drinking fountain
- Condition Rating: Fair
- Capacity Rating: Over

This tiny mini-park occupies a single residential lot on the east side of 69th Street at the east end of Josephine Street. It serves as a memorial to two children abducted from the vicinity years ago. The park itself is level and almost completely taken up by a play structure. Directly east of the park is a steep, densely wooded embankment that defines the west edge of the Big Papillion Creek valley.

Hollis Park

- located at 7521 Joseph Street
- 0.5 total acres
- facilities include an open play area
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: Under

This undeveloped mini-park at the corner of Joseph Street and 76th Avenue is directly across the street from the east mini-park section of City Park. Hollis Park occupies what could be one or two residential lots. It is mowed lawn with deciduous and evergreen trees planted informally throughout. There is a sidewalk along the street frontage. Its other boundaries are adjoining residential lots marked by chain link fences and one board fence.

Mayor's Park

- located at 72nd Street at Park View Boulevard
- 1.25 total acres
- facilities include open play area, walks, and play equipment
- Condition Rating: Fair
- Capacity Rating: Under

Mayor's Park occupies part of a long, narrow irregularly shaped tract of land straddling the Thompson Creek drainageway between 72nd Street and the east City limits. The park itself is only 1.25 acres, but is indistinguishable from the larger tract, which is owned by Omaha Public Power District. Most of the tract directly adjacent to the drainageway is densely wooded with native vegetation.

The tract slopes sharply up from the edge of the drainageway. These slopes are severely eroded in places. The area north of the drainageway is level ground covered with mowed turf. The park is located in this level area. Most of the tract's frontage on 72nd Street is taken up by an electrical power substation, which obscures views into the park and gives the appearance of being only vacant land behind the substation rather than a public park.

Memorial Children's Park

- located at 72nd Street and Josephine Street
- 1.0 total acres
- facilities include play equipment, picnic shelter, picnic tables, grill, drinking fountain, and bench
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: Under

Memorial Children's Park is located at the southwest corner of 72nd and Josephine Streets. This park slopes down to the east and south from Josephine Street, graded so that the center of the park is relatively level, with a progressively longer embankment going southward along 72nd Street. The park has full frontage along both streets and is bounded on the south and west by rear and side yards of adjoining residences. The park ground surface is primarily mowed turf, with deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs planted informally throughout.

Table 3-8: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Mini-Parks

MINI-PARKS	Acreage	Park Condition	Park Capacity
Apollo Park	2.20	good	under
Ardmore Park	1.50	good	at
Camenzind Park	2.20	good	at
Central Park (mini-park)	1.90	fair	under
Champion Park	2.50	good	under
City Park (north mini-park)	1.20	good	under
City Park (east mini-park)	0.30	fair	under
Eberle/Walden Park	0.06	fair	over
Hollis Park	0.50	good	under
Mayor's Park	1.25	fair	under
Memorial Children's Park	1.00	good	under
Total Acreage for Mini-Parks		14.61	
Condition Ratings by Acreage			
	Number	Acreage	Rating
Good	7	11.10	76%
Fair	4	3.51	24%
Poor	0	0.00	0%
Capacity Ratings by Acreage			
	Number	Acreage	Rating
At	2	3.70	25%
Under	8	10.85	74%
Over	1	0.06	0.4%

Neighborhood Parks. In the neighborhood park classification, there is only one park, Jaycee Park. *Table 3-9: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Neighborhood Parks* shows a summary of the condition and capacity ratings.

Jaycee Park

- located at 7323 Harvest Hills Drive
- 2.6 total acres
- facilities include open play areas, informal ball diamond, basketball court, sand volleyball court, two horseshoe courts, paved walks, play equipment, picnic shelter, picnic tables, grills, drinking fountain, parking, and lighting
- Condition Rating: Fair
- Capacity Rating: At

This neighborhood park is located at the corner of Harvest Hills Drive and Valley View and occupies a south-facing hillside surrounded by a single-family residential neighborhood. The park has full frontage along both streets, and is bounded by back and side yards or adjoining residential lots on the east and south. The park is divided into four areas benched into the hillside.

Table 3-9: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Neighborhood Parks

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS	Acreage	Park Condition	Park Capacity
Jaycee Park	2.60	fair	at
Total Acreage for Neighborhood Parks	2.60		
Condition Ratings by Acreage	Number	Acreage	Rating
Good	0	0.00	0%
Fair	1	2.60	100%
Poor	0	0.00	0%
Capacity Ratings by Acreage	Number	Acreage	Rating
At	1	2.60	100%
Under	0	0.00	0%
Over	0	0.00	0%

Community Parks. The only park in the community park classification is Central Park. *Table 3-10: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Community Parks* shows a summary of the condition and capacity ratings.

Central Park

- located at Edgewood Boulevard and Valley Road
- 19.5 total acres
- facilities include open play areas, tennis courts, walks, play equipment, two shelters, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, benches, drinking fountain, parking, and lighting
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: Under

Central Park is located southwest of Park View Boulevard and west of Edgewood Boulevard. It is evenly divided between low, level ground flanking the narrow, channelized, open Thompson Creek drainageway to the north, and a wooded hillside to the south that forms the valley wall. Vehicular access is provided from Edgewood Boulevard. Pedestrian access is provided at Park View Boulevard and at access points to the adjoining neighborhood southwest of the park. The drainageway extends the full length of the northeast edge of the park, separating the park from adjoining residences facing Park View Boulevard beyond the drainageway. Deciduous and evergreen trees are planted informally throughout the park, and there is an extensive wooded area of mature native hardwood trees on the hill slope in the center of the park.

Table 3-10: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Community Parks

COMMUNITY PARKS	Acreage	Park Condition	Park Capacity
Central Park	19.50	good	under
Total Acreage for Community Parks	19.50		
Condition Ratings by Acreage	Number	Acreage	Rating
Good	1	19.50	100%
Fair	0	0.00	0%
Poor	0	0.00	0%
Capacity Ratings by Acreage	Number	Acreage	Rating
At	0	0.00	0%
Under	1	19.50	100%
Over	0	0.00	0%

Sports Complexes. In the sports complex classification, there are four facilities, including City Park (Sports Complex), Kelly McMahon Field, La Vista Soccer Complex, and La Vista Sports Complex. *Table 3-11: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Sports Complexes* shows a summary of the condition and capacity ratings.

City Park (Sports Complex)

- located at 78th Street and Josephine Street
- 12.8 total acres
- facilities include small open play area, four skinned infield ball diamonds, paved walks, concession stand, restrooms, maintenance/storage shed, picnic tables, drinking fountain, parking, and lighting
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: At

The sports complex contains four formal softball/baseball diamonds and support facilities. The ball diamonds are arranged in a pinwheel with a recently constructed concession/restroom building in the center. Parking lots surround the ball diamonds on three sides. This park occupies a level ridge top in the center of an older residential area of La Vista. The park is open to Josephine Street on the north and is bounded by back yards of adjoining residential lots on the west, south, and east.

Kelly McMahon Field

- located at 87th Street and Park View Boulevard
- 6.0 total acres
- facilities include two formal softball diamonds, play equipment, drinking fountains, and parking
- Condition Rating: Fair
- Capacity Rating: Under

The park is located between 85th Street and 87th Street south of Birch Drive. The park's northern perimeter is an open drainage ditch extending almost the full length of the park except at the far west end, where it has been covered over to function as the location for a small play equipment enclosure. The park is open and level, bounded on the north by the Thompson Creek drainageway, on the south by an apartment complex, on the west by 87th Street and single-family residences, and on the east by the Municipal Pool.

La Vista Soccer Complex

- located at 7200 South 66th Street
- 34 total acres
- facilities include open play area, twelve soccer fields, one softball/baseball diamond, bleachers, walks, concession/restroom building, picnic tables, drinking fountain, lighted parking, and an airfield for remote-controlled planes
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: Under

This soccer complex is located east of 66th Street on the Big Papillion Creek floodplain, at the east edge of La Vista. It has a total of twelve soccer fields (4 full-size, 4 mid-size, and 4 youth) and one softball diamond. The complex is open and level. Except for the parking lots it is almost completely mowed turf with only a few trees planted.

La Vista Sports Complex

- located at 7200 South 66th Street
- 28 total acres
- facilities include open play area, three softball diamonds, one baseball diamond, two soccer fields, walks, play equipment, concession/restroom building, picnic tables, drinking fountain, and parking
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: At

This sports complex is located on the west side of 66th Street, across the street from the soccer complex. It is bounded on the north and south by light industry and agricultural land. The west edge of the park slopes up steeply to the back yards of homes lining 69th Street. Areas not devoted to sports fields or parking are mowed turf, with a few trees planted in rows along the edges of the parking lots and the outfield fences of the ball diamonds.

Table 3-11: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Sports Complexes

SPORTS COMPLEXES	Acreage	Park Condition	Park Capacity
City Park	12.80	good	at
Kelly McMahon Field	6.00	fair	under
La Vista Soccer Complex	34.00	good	under
La Vista Sports Complex	28.00	good	at
Total Acreage for Sports Complexes	80.80		
Condition Ratings by Acreage	Number	Acreage	Rating
Good	3	74.80	93%
Fair	1	6.00	7%
Poor	0	0.00	0%
Capacity Ratings by Acreage	Number	Acreage	Rating
At	2	40.80	50%
Under	2	40.00	50%
Over	0	0.00	0%

Special Use Facilities. In the special use facility classification, is the La Vista Falls Golf Course and the Municipal Pool. *Table 3-12: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Special Use Facilities* shows a summary of the condition and capacity ratings.

La Vista Falls Golf Course

- located at Park View Boulevard at 83rd Street
- 30.0 total acres
- facilities include 9-hole golf course, paved golf cart paths, pro-shop/restroom building, maintenance building, parking, and lighting
- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: At

The golf course is a nine-hole course open to the public since 1991. It has five par three holes and four par four holes. The longest hole is 380 yards. The course is generally triangular in shape, bounded on the west by 84th Street; on the south by adjoining commercial property, the back yards of homes along Leafplum Drive, and Central Park; and on the northeast by the back yards of homes along Valley Road and Park View Boulevard. The golf course is mowed turf planted informally with deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs. It appears to be very well-maintained. South of the clubhouse main entrance is a landscaped area of ornamental trees and shrubs, through which Thompson Creek cascades down a series of small, man-made waterfalls.

Municipal Pool

- located at 85th Street south of Birch Drive
- 1.85 total acres
- facilities include 2800 square foot pool, 250 square foot wading pool, two sand volleyball courts, walks, bath house, shelter, picnic tables, drinking fountain, restrooms, parking, lights, and benches

- Condition Rating: Good
- Capacity Rating: At

The pool is directly across the street from the Kelly McMahon Field's east parking lot. The pool property lies well below the road level of 84th Street, separated from the busy street by a tall embankment and not easily visible from the street. At the north edge of the site is Thompson Creek, a deep, channelized drainageway devoid of vegetation other than mowed turf.

Table 3-12: Condition and Capacity Ratings for Special Use Facilities

SPECIAL USE FACILITIES	Acreage	Park Condition	Park Capacity
La Vista Falls Golf Course	30.00	good	at
Municipal Pool	1.85	good	at
Total Acreage for Special Use Facilities	31.85		
Condition Ratings by Acreage	Number	Acreage	Rating
Good	2	31.85	100%
Fair	0	0.00	0%
Poor	0	0.00	0%
Capacity Ratings by Acreage	Number	Acreage	Rating
At	2	31.85	100%
Under	0	0.00	0%
Over	0	0.00	0%

Community/School District Facilities. One community center and six school facilities were inventoried. These include La Vista Community Center, G. Stanley Hall Elementary School, Hickory Hill Elementary School, La Vista West Elementary School, Parkview Heights Elementary School, La Vista Junior High School, and La Vista-Papillion High School.

La Vista Community Center

- located at 8116 Park View Boulevard
- facilities include gymnasium, game room, exercise/weight/wrestling room, two racquetball courts, and several meeting/activity rooms

G. Stanley Hall Elementary School

- located at 7600 South 72nd Street
- facilities include multi-purpose room available for public/community use, one informal softball diamond, one informal soccer field, three sets of play equipment, two paved multi-use areas, and ½ court basketball court

Hickory Hill Elementary School

- located at 1307 Rogers Drive, Papillion
- facilities include multi-purpose room with stage available for public/community use, media center available for community group meetings, formal garden area, open play area, play equipment,

exercise/challenge course, paved multi-use area, two basketball goals, and one volleyball court

La Vista West Elementary School

- located at 7821 Terry Drive
- facilities include multi-purpose room available for public/community use, play equipment, and paved multi-use area

Park View Heights Elementary School

- located at 7609 South 89th Street
- facilities include gymnasium available for public/community use, open play area, soccer field, play equipment, paved multi-use area, and two basketball goals

La Vista Junior High School

- located at 7900 Edgewood Boulevard
- facilities include gymnasium available for community/organized recreation, cafeteria available for public/community use, two practice fields, one game field, one quarter-mile track,

La Vista-Papillion High School

- located at 84th Street and Centennial Road, Papillion
- facilities include two gymnasiums, one cafeteria, one media center, and several classrooms available for public/community use; exercise/weight/wrestling room; swimming pool; three practice fields; 8-lane track; and six lighted tennis courts

PARK FACILITIES ANALYSIS

The facilities analysis was conducted to gain a better understanding of the existing La Vista park and recreation system and to develop community based guidelines.

Overall Condition and Capacity Ratings

The overall condition and capacity ratings show the total number of parks and total acreage for each condition rating of "good," "fair," and "poor" and for each capacity rating of "at," "under," and "over."

Of the nineteen parks in the La Vista park and recreation system, thirteen parks rated in "good" condition, six parks rated in "fair" condition, and zero parks rated in "poor" condition. Of the 149.36 acres of parkland in the system, 92% or 137.25 acres rated in "good" condition and 8% or 12.11 acres rated in "fair" condition.

Seven of the nineteen parks in the system rated "at" capacity, eleven rated "under" capacity, and one rated "over" capacity. Of the 149.36 acres of parkland in the system, 53% or 78.95 acres rated "at" capacity, 47% or 70.35 acres rated "under" capacity, and less than 1% or 0.06 acres rated "over" capacity.

Table 3-13: Overall Condition and Capacity Ratings

Overall Condition Rating of Parks	Number of Parks	Total Acreage	Rating by Acreage
Good	13	137.25	92%
Fair	6	12.11	8%
Poor	0	0.00	0%
Total All Parks		19	149.36

Overall Capacity Rating of Parks	Number of Parks	Total Acreage	Rating by Acreage
At	7	78.95	53%
Under	11	70.35	47%
Over	1	0.06	0.04%
Total All Parks		19	149.36

Park Size

Existing mini-parks in La Vista range in size from 0.06 acres to 2.5 acres. The average size of a mini-park in La Vista is 1.33 acres. Existing sports complexes range in size from 6 acres to 34 acres. The average sports complex size is 20.20 acres. Existing special use facilities range in size from 1.85 acres to 30 acres. The average special use facility size is 15.93 acres. Of the existing facilities, there is only one neighborhood park, at 2.6 acres and one community park, at 19.5 acres.



Ardmore Park

Service Area

Figure 3-2: Existing Park Service Areas shows the service area for existing mini-parks, neighborhood parks, and community parks in La Vista. In La Vista, the service area for mini-parks is ¼ mile radius. This radius allows mini-parks to serve a focused neighborhood within walking distance from home to park. The service area for neighborhood parks in La Vista is ½ mile radius. Neighborhood parks serve a slightly larger area than mini-parks. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible by either walking or driving. Community parks in La Vista have a 2 mile radius service area and serve more than one neighborhood. Greenways/trails and special use facilities are to serve the entire community. Therefore, service areas do not pertain to these parks.

INSERT Figure 3-2: Existing Park Service Areas

Level of Service

The City of La Vista's existing level of service for each park classification is shown in the following tables. The first table shows each park classification as a separate entity. The second table includes sports complexes with community parks. The 2000 census population used for the existing level of service calculations is 11,699. The level of service calculations are based on the number of park acres per 1,000 residents. All park and recreation facilities have been included in the table to show individual levels of service and the overall level of service for the City.

Table 3-14: Existing Level of Service in La Vista (Sport Complexes separate from Community Parks)

"Existing-Functional" Classification	Total Acres	Existing LOS
		(Using 2000 Census Population) (Acres/1000) (acres/11,699)*1,000
Mini-Parks	14.61	1.25
Neighborhood Parks	2.6	0.22
Community Parks	19.5	1.67
Subtotal	36.71	3.14
Sports Complexes	80.8	6.91
Large Urban Parks	0	0.00
Greenways/Trails	0	0.00
Special Use Facilities	31.85	2.72
Total	149.36	12.77

Table 3-15: Existing Level of Service in La Vista (Sport Complexes included with Community Parks)

"Existing-Functional" Classification	Total Acres	Existing LOS
		(Using 2000 Census Population) (Acres/1000) (acres/11,699)*1,000
Mini-Parks	14.61	1.25
Neighborhood Parks	2.6	0.22
Community Parks (including Sports Complexes)	100.3	8.57
Subtotal	117.51	10.04
Sports Complexes (included with Community Parks)	0	0.00
Large Urban Parks	0	0.00
Greenways/Trails	0	0.00
Special Use Facilities	31.85	2.72
Total	149.36	12.77

Surplus and Deficit

The following tables show the park acreage surplus and/or deficit for mini-parks, neighborhood parks, and community parks in La Vista. The first table shows each of these individually and the second table includes sports complexes with community parks. These tables show the recommended park acreage for each classification per 1,000 residents; the existing acreage in each classification; the current acres per 1,000 residents; and what is needed according to NRPA guidelines, along with surplus and deficit acres, for the years 2000 and 2015.

Table 3-16: Existing Surplus/Deficit Acreages (Sports Complexes separate from Community Parks)

Park Classification/ <i>Guidelines (in italics)</i>	Existing La Vista Acreage	Current Acres per 1,000 population	Year and Population			
			2000		2015	
			11,699		37,821	
			NRPA Need	Surplus/ (Deficit)	NRPA Need	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Mini-Parks	14.6 acres	1.25	2.9 a.	11.7 a.	9.5 a.	5.2 a.
<i>@ 0.25 to 0.5 acres per 1,000 population</i>			to	to	to	to
			5.8 a.	8.8 a.	18.9 a.	(4.3) a.
Neighborhood Parks	2.6 acres	0.22	11.7 a.	(9.1) a.	37.8 a.	(35.2) a.
<i>@ 1.0 to 2.0 acres per 1,000 population</i>			to	to	to	to
			23.4 a.	(20.8) a.	75.6 a.	(73.0) a.
Community Parks	19.5 acres	1.67	58.5 a.	(39.0) a.	189.1 a.	(169.6) a.
<i>@ 5.0 to 8.0 acres per 1,000 population</i>			to	to	to	to
			93.6 a.	(74.1) a.	302.6 a.	(283.1) a.

Table 3-17: Existing Surplus/Deficit Acreages (Sports Complexes included with Community Parks)

Park Classification/ <i>Guidelines (in italics)</i>	Existing La Vista Acreage	Current Acres per 1,000 population	Year and Population			
			2000		2015	
			11,699		37,821	
			NRPA Need	Surplus/ (Deficit)	NRPA Need	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Mini-Parks	14.6 acres	1.25	2.9 a.	11.7 a.	9.5 a.	5.2 a.
<i>@ 0.25 to 0.5 acres per 1,000 population</i>			to	to	to	to
			5.8 a.	8.8 a.	18.9 a.	(4.3) a.
Neighborhood Parks	2.6 acres	0.22	11.7 a.	(9.1) a.	37.8 a.	(35.2) a.
<i>@ 1.0 to 2.0 acres per 1,000 population</i>			to	to	to	to
			23.4 a.	(20.8) a.	75.6 a.	(73.0) a.
Community Parks/Sports Complexes	100.3 acres	8.57	58.5 a.	41.8 a.	189.1 a.	(88.8) a.
<i>@ 5.0 to 8.0 acres per 1,000 population</i>			to	to	to	to
			93.6 a.	6.7 a.	302.6 a.	(202.3) a.

Summary of Facilities Analysis

The facility analysis was conducted to better understand the existing La Vista park and recreation system and to assist in developing community based guidelines. Of all the parks in the existing system, 92% rated in “good” condition and 8% rated “fair.” Fifty-three percent of all parks were rated “at” capacity, 47% "under" capacity, and less than 1% "over" capacity. The park size, service area, level of service, and surplus and deficit

analysis examined the existing situation in La Vista. Parks range in size from 0.06 acres to 34 acres. The service area for mini-parks is a ¼ mile radius, for neighborhood parks is a ½ mile radius, and for community parks is a 2 mile radius. The combined level of service for mini-parks, neighborhood parks,



Eberle/Walden Park

and community parks is 3.14 acres per 1,000 residents. When sports complexes are included, the level of service increases to 10.04 acres per 1,000 residents. When comparing the park acreage La Vista currently has in the system and the NRPA guidelines, there are surplus acres of mini-parks and a deficit of acres for neighborhood parks and community parks for the year 2000 and 2015. When sports complexes are included with community parks, there is a surplus of acres in 2000 and deficit in 2015. This analysis will assist in determining future park sizes, service areas, and levels of service.

RECREATION FACILITIES ANALYSIS

Recreation Facilities Guidelines

NRPA recreation facilities standards/guidelines are based on population. *Table 3-18: La Vista Facilities Inventory and Projected Surpluses/Shortages* on the following page summarizes the standards/guidelines and current inventory of La Vista recreation facilities, and projects recreation facility surpluses and shortages through 2015 based on La Vista’s expected population growth.



Municipal Pool

Table 3-18: La Vista Facilities Inventory and Projected Surpluses/Shortages

La Vista Parks and Recreation Facilities Open To The General Public															
Parks & Recreation Facilities						Current and Projected Needs: Surplus (Shortage)									
						Standard / Guideline: (Based on Population unless noted otherwise)		Parks & Rec	Public Schools	Other Rec Use	Total	2000 Population: 11,699		2015 Population: 37,821	
						Current Need	Surplus (Shortage)					Projected Need	Surplus (Shortage)		
La Vista Indoor Facilities															
Rec/Community Center	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0						
Crafts Area/Meeting Room [A]	1 per 3,000	6	10	3	19	4	15	13	6						
Gym	1 per 10,000	1	7	0	8	1	7	4	4						
Indoor Pool [B]	-	0	1	0	1	-	-	-	-						
La Vista Outdoor Athletic Facilities															
Badminton Courts	1 per 5,000	0	0	0	0	2	(2)	8	(8)						
Baseball Diamonds-Formal [C]	1 per 5,000	1	0	0	1	2	(1)	8	(7)						
--Lighted [D]	1 per 30,000	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	(0)						
Basketball Courts [E]	1 per 5,000	2	5	0	7	2	5	8	(1)						
Field Hockey	1 per 30,000	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	1	(1)						
Football/Rugby	1 per 20,000	0	3	0	3	1	2	2	1						
Golf: 9-Hole Par 3	1 per 12,500	0	0	0	0	1	(1)	3	(3)						
Golf: 9-Hole Standard	1 per 30,000	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	(0)						
Golf: 18-Hole Standard	1 per 20,000	0	0	0	0	1	(1)	2	(2)						
Golf: Driving Range	25 tees per 30,000	0	0	0	0	10	(10)	32	(32)						
Golf: Putting Green	1 per 10,000	1	0	0	1	1	(0)	4	(3)						
Handball/Racquetball Courts	1 per 20,000	0	0	0	0	1	(1)	2	(2)						
Horseshoe Court	1 per 2,000	2	0	0	2	6	(4)	19	(17)						
Ice Hockey Rinks	1 per 20,000	0	0	0	0	1	(1)	2	(2)						
Running Track: 400 m.	1 per 20,000	0	2	0	2	1	1	2	0						
Shuffleboard	1 per 2,000	0	0	0	0	6	(6)	19	(19)						
Soccer [F]	1 per 10,000	14	5	11	30	1	29	4	26						
Softball Diamonds-Formal [G]	1 per 2,500	10	0	0	10	5	5	15	(5)						
--Lighted [D]	1 per 30,000	3	0	0	3	0	3	1	2						
Swimming Pool/Aquatic Center	1,166 sf per 1,000	2,800	0	0	2,800	13,642	(8,342)	44,099	(38,799)						
Tennis Courts	6 per 10,000	3	6	0	9	1	8	4	5						
Trails: Hard Surface Walking [H]	.26 mi. per 1,000	1.6	0.0	5.9	7.5	3.0	4.5	9.8	(2.3)						
Trails: Hard Surface Multi-use	.51 mi. per 1,000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0	(6.0)	19.3	(19.3)						
Trails: Soft Surface Hiking [H]	.38 mi. per 1,000	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	4.4	(2.3)	14.4	(12.3)						
Volleyball Courts	1 per 3,000	4	1	0	5	4	1	13	(8)						
Wading Pool	1 per 5,000	1	0	0	1	2	(1)	8	(7)						
La Vista Park Facilities															
Playgrounds [H]	1 per NH Pk/Elem Sch [J]	15	6	3 [L]	21	21 [L]	0 [L]	I *	I *						
Playfields [H]	1 per NH Pk/Elem Sch [J]	7	6	6 [L]	13	19 [L]	(6) [L]	I *	I *						
Restrooms	1 set per park [K]	5	0	8 [L]	5	13 [L]	(8) [L]	I *	I *						
Shelters [I]	1/park or 1/3,000	8 [I]	0	6 [L]	14	19 [L]	(12) [L]	I *	I *						
Picnic Tables	8 per 1,000	44	0	60 [L]	44	94 [L]	(50) [L]	303	(259)						
Regional Park Facilities															
Archery Range	1 per 50,000	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	1	(1)						
Skeet/Trap Field	1 per 50,000	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	1	(1)						
Camping Sites--Regional	3.1 per 1,000	0	0	0	0	36	(36)	117	(117)						
Swimming Beach--Regional	As Feasible	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-						
Notes:															
I * Depends on no. of future Parks/Elem Schools					H. Other: Chalco Hills										
A. Community Ctr: School Art Rooms; Chalco Hills					I. Two shelters at Central Park										
B. La Vista-Papillion High School					J. Modified to include Community Parks & large Mini-parks										
C. 90' baselines, turf infields					K. Apollo, Ardmore, Camenzind, Central, Champion, Kelly										
D. La Vista Sports Complex					L. Chalco Hills not included in current totals, current and projected needs, or surplus (shortage) figures										
E. Includes full and half courts															
F. Other: Chalco Hills & Millard Park															
G. 60' baselines: skinned infields															

Recreation Facility Surpluses and Shortages

Community input is a gauge of how the national standards/guidelines fit the local community. In La Vista, some facilities found to be “short” according to NRPA guidelines were not identified as such in the workshops or community survey questionnaire responses, while the reverse was true in other instances.

The following lists La Vista recreation facilities listed in *Table 3-18*, with comments about current or future facility shortages.

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Shortages</i>		<i>Comments</i>
	<i>2002</i>	<i>2015</i>	
La Vista Indoor Facilities			
Rec/Community Center	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Additional center may be needed in future to accommodate expanded programming as community grows. Joint use agreements with public school district could help accommodate additional space needs.
Crafts Area/Meeting Room	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates interest in expanding crafts and hobbies programming. Art rooms and meeting room needs are augmented by Chalco Hills. If need expands City should seek joint use agreements with public school district for use of classrooms.
Gym	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input shows interest in expanding activities that require gyms. Current and projected gym needs are augmented by public schools. City should seek joint use agreements with public school district to expand programming.
La Vista Outdoor Athletic Facilities			
Badminton Courts	2	8	Shortage per NRPA guidelines. Not needed according to community input. Can easily be established on any area of open, level turf should it gain in popularity.

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Shortages</i>		<i>Comments</i>
	<i>2002</i>	<i>2015</i>	
Baseball Diamond – Formal	1	7	Shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates interest in baseball. Additional diamonds will likely be necessary to satisfy demand as community grows.
Baseball Diamond – Lighted	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates interest in baseball. Lighted diamonds may lessen overall need for additional diamonds by enabling night-time scheduling.
Basketball Courts	--	1	Shortage per NRPA guidelines. Current and projected need filled by public school basketball courts. City should secure public access through joint use agreement with school district and ensure that basketball courts are included at future school/parks, and in mini- and neighborhood parks when requested by immediate neighborhood.
Field Hockey	--	1	Projected shortage per NRPA guidelines. Field same size as football or soccer field. Current and projected need filled by public school football fields. City should secure public access through joint use agreement with school district.
Football/Rugby	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Current and projected need filled by public school football fields. City should secure public access through joint use agreement with school district.
Golf – 9-hole Par 3 Course	1	3	Current and projected shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates satisfaction with current availability of golf courses. This could be a private sector possibility if demand for 9-hole par 3 golf courses increases.
Golf – 9-hole Standard Course	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates satisfaction with current golf course.

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Shortages</i>		<i>Comments</i>
	<i>2002</i>	<i>2015</i>	
Golf – 18-hole Standard Course	1	2	Current and projected shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates satisfaction with current availability of golf courses. A private sector possibility, or joint public-private venture in future large urban park.
Golf – Driving Range (number of tees)	10	32	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates dissatisfaction with lack of facilities. A private sector possibility.
Golf – Putting Greens	--	3	Projected shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates satisfaction with current availability of golf courses. Putting greens should be required in site plan for any future public or open-to-the-public golf course.
Handball/Racquetball Courts	1	2	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines. Two indoor courts available at Community/Rec Center can accommodate need. Community input indicates interest in additional facilities and expanded programming.
Horseshoe Courts	4	17	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates interest in additional horseshoe courts.
Ice Hockey Rinks	1	2	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates dissatisfaction with lack of facilities. Dependent on long periods of sub-freezing weather to maintain surface.
Running Track – 400 m.	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Current and projected need filled by public school running track at junior high school. City should secure public access through joint use agreement with school district.
Shuffleboard	6	19	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates dissatisfaction with lack of facilities.

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Shortages</i>		<i>Comments</i>
	<i>2002</i>	<i>2015</i>	
Soccer Fields	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Growing in popularity. Community input indicates current level of organized play is excellent, but suggests need for additional practice fields. Additional soccer fields, tighter scheduling, or improvement of and reliance on public school sites may be necessary if enrollment in soccer continues to increase.
Softball Diamonds – Formal	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates current level of organized play is excellent. Popular activity. Additional softball diamonds, tighter scheduling, or improvement of and reliance on public school sites may be necessary if softball enrollment expands.
Softball Diamonds – Lighted	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. If additional lighted softball diamonds are needed in future, lighting installed at City Park diamonds should be shielded to keep from disrupting nearby neighbors.
Swimming Pool/Aquatic Center (sq. ft. surface area)	8,342	38,800	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates need for additional facilities.
Tennis Courts	--	--	No shortage per NRPA guidelines. Current and projected needs filled by public school tennis courts. City should secure public access through joint use agreement with school district.
Trails – Hard surface walking less than 10’ wide (in miles)	--	2.3	Projected shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates need for additional trails throughout city.
Trails – Hard surface Multi-use 10’ wide + (in miles)	6.0	19.3	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates need for additional trails throughout city.
Trails– Low impact surface hiking (in miles)	2.3	12.3	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates need for additional trails throughout city.

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Shortages</i>		<i>Comments</i>
	<i>2002</i>	<i>2015</i>	
Volleyball Courts	--	8	Projected shortage per NRPA guidelines. Community input indicates need for additional outdoor volleyball courts.
Wading/Splash Pools	1	7	Current and projected shortages per NRPA guidelines (baby pool at Municipal Pool cannot be counted since admission is charged). Community input indicates interest in additional open outdoor water based opportunities.
La Vista Park Facilities			
Playgrounds	--	*	No current shortage per NRPA guidelines. * Number of playgrounds needed in future depends on number of parks and schools added to system.
Playfields	6	*	Current shortage of 6 playfields at larger mini-parks, neighborhood parks, and community parks. * Number of playfields needed in future depends on number of parks and schools added to system.
Restrooms	8	*	Current shortage of 8 sets of restrooms in parks per NRPA guidelines. * Number of restroom sets needed in future depends on number of parks added to system.
Shelters	12	*	NRPA guideline is for one shelter per park. Twelve parks currently do not have shelters (Central Park has two shelters). * Number of shelters needed in future depends on number of parks added to system.
Picnic Tables	50	259	Current shortage is 50 picnic tables, per NRPA guidelines. Picnicking is a popular activity and rates high in community survey. Additional tables will be needed at current parks and tables will be needed at new parks added to system.

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Shortages</i>		<i>Comments</i>
	<i>2002</i>	<i>2015</i>	
Regional Park Facilities			
Archery Range	--	1	Projected need for one archery range. Community survey did not show demand for archery ranges. This is a regional recreation responsibility per NRPA and need not be met at local level.
Skeet/Trap Field	--	1	Projected need for one skeet/trap shooting field. Community survey did not show demand for skeet/trap shooting field. This is a regional recreation responsibility per NRPA and need not be met at local level.

RECREATION PROGRAM INVENTORY

La Vista residents have numerous recreational opportunities available to them. The La Vista Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of activities and programs throughout the year, which is supplemented by programming by other community entities such as the La Vista Public Library, Sarpy County YMCA, the La Vista Lancers Soccer Club, and the La Vista recreation booster clubs. Programs available to the public in La Vista are summarized below.

La Vista Community Center

The La Vista Community Center is located at 8116 Park View Boulevard in a municipal building that also houses City Hall. The Community Center has a gym that can be set up as one full-size or two mid-size basketball courts, one full-size or two mid-size tennis courts, and one full-size or two mid-size volleyball courts. The gym has a stage that can be used for community performances. The Center also has a game room for pool/billiards, ping-pong, foosball, darts, etc.; an exercise/weight room; two racquetball/walleyball courts; locker room facilities; a fully-equipped kitchen; one multi-purpose room, one large meeting room that can be partitioned into five smaller rooms; and a crafts room.

The Community Center is staffed by a director, assistant director, program director and secretary/receptionist, all of which are full-time positions, and by a part-time senior director and several part-time recreation supervisors. The Center is open to residents of La Vista for all scheduled and open-time activities, and on a limited basis to non-residents. Its normal hours of operation from September through April are 7 am to 10 pm Monday through Friday, 8 am to 10 pm Saturday, and 1 pm to 10 pm Sunday. May through August hours are 7 am to 10 pm Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm Saturday and 1 pm to 5 pm Sunday.

The La Vista Senior Center is located in the Community Center. It offers food, fitness, field trips, supper club and numerous other activities to senior citizens in the metro area. The Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging provides a hot noon meal on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for a suggested donation of \$2.00, by reservation one day in advance. Transportation is available for La Vista and Ralston residents on the La Vista/Ralston Special Services Bus. The Senior Center has senior walkers each morning (free to all seniors), and a fitness room with exercise equipment available to resident seniors at no charge or \$1.50 to non-resident seniors.

Programs and activities that were scheduled at or sponsored by the Community Center and other La Vista civic organizations for a one-year period beginning August 2001 through July 2002 are listed below. The list illustrates the range of recreational activities available to La Vista residents at public facilities.

<i>Recreation Program</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Length</i>
On-Going Activities			
Aikido	12 & over	Mon & Thu 7-9 pm	Year-round
Kids Power	5-15 yrs.	Varies	Year-round
Karate	5-12	Tues & Fri 6-6:45 pm	Year-round
Junior Jazzercise	grades 1-6	Varies	Feb-Apr
Acapriccio Dance Company			
Tap, ballet, jazz, point	3 & up	Varies	Sep 01-Jan 02
Tumbling	2 & up	Varies	Sep 01-Jan 02
Youth Exercise & Weight Training (Required to use Exercise Room)	grades 7-12	Evenings by appt.	Year-round
School Vacation Fun Days	8-15	Sep 26-28, Oct 26, Dec 27, Jan 2, Feb 20-22, Mar 15-18	
Smart Start Sports Preparation Classes		3-5 Tuesdays Thursdays Tuesdays Thursdays Wednesdays	Feb 19-Mar 26 Feb 21-Mar 28 Apr 2-May 7 Apr 4-May 9 Jun 5-Jul 10
Summer Vacation Fun Days (Rec Center activities)	8-15	Mon-Fri (See flyer each week for scheduled activities)	Summer
Adventure Trips	8-15	See flyer ready in May for list of trips	Summer
Individual Weight Training	18 & up	2 1-hr. sessions	Year-round
Karate	13 & over	Tues & Fri 7-8:30 pm	Year-round
Jazzercise	Open	Mon-Wed-Fri 9:15 am Mon-Tues-Thu 5:45 pm Tues-Thu 4:15 pm Sat 8:45 am Sun 4:00 pm	Year-round Year-round Nov-Apr Year-round Year-round
Local Motion Exercise Club	Open	Individual	Year-round
Pottery Class	15 & up	Call for dates, times	Aug 01-Jan 02

<i>Recreation Program</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Length</i>
Hot Bead Class	18 & up	Call for dates, times	Nov 01-Apr 02
Basic Flight Orientation Class	14 & up		
Ground School		Apr 9, 16, 23	
Flight Sessions		Apr 13, 20, 27	
Model Airplane License & Field times	--	Mon-Fri 6 am-3:30 pm	Sep-May
		Sat 6 am-8:30am	Sep-May
		Sat 5 pm-9 pm	Sep-May
		Sun 6 am-9 pm	Sep-May
		Summer flight times vary	
Senior Indoor Walking Club	Adults	M-W-F 10:30 am-11:30 am	Feb-Jul
		Other times arranged	Feb-Jul
Special Events			
Senior Valentine's Brunch	Seniors	Mon, Feb 11, 9:30 am	Annual event
Easter Egg Hunt	12 & under	Sat, Mar 30, 10 am	Annual event
Hershey Track & Field Meet	9-14	Sat, Apr 27, 9 am	Annual event
Seasonal Athletic Activities			
Adult Fall Softball Leagues	Adult	Open Class: Sun-Fri	Aug-: 7 games
		Double Header: Wed & Th	Aug-: 14 games
		Co-ed: Sun & Fri	Aug-: 7 games
Adult Summer Softball Leagues	Adult	Open Class: Sun-Tu, Th-Fr	Apr-: 7 games
		Double Header: Wed, Th	Apr-: 14 games
		Co-ed: Sun, Fri	Apr-: 7 games
Adult Volleyball Leagues	Adult	Women's: Wed nights	Sep-Nov, Jan-Mar
		Co-ed: Sun afternoons	Sep-Nov, Jan-Mar
Adult Basketball Leagues	Adult	Sun evenings	Jan-: 10 game min
Youth Tackle Football Leagues	8-14	Schedules arranged	Practice: Aug
			Games: Sep-Nov
Youth Flag Football Leagues	6-8	Schedules arranged	Practice: Aug
			Games: Sep-Oct
Youth Cheerleading (Football)	7-14	Schedules arranged	Practice: Aug
			Games: Sep-Nov
Youth Fall Soccer Leagues	4-2nd grade	Schedules arranged	Practice: August
			Games: Sep-Oct
Youth Spring Soccer Leagues	4-2nd grade	Schedules arranged	Practice: Mar
			Games: start Apr
Youth Volleyball Leagues I	grades 3-6	Schedules arranged	Sep-Nov
Youth Volleyball Leagues II	grades 3-6	Schedules arranged	Practice: Oct
			Games: Nov-Dec
Colt League Baseball	15-16	Schedules arranged	Practice: early May
			Games: May-Jul
Pony League Baseball	13-14	Schedules arranged	Practice: Mar-Apr
			Games: May-Jul
Bronco League Baseball	11-12	Schedules arranged	Practice: Mar-Apr
			Games: May-Jul

<i>Recreation Program</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Length</i>
Mustang League Baseball	9-10	Schedules arranged	Practice: mid June Games: start late Jun
Pony League Softball	13-14	Schedules arranged	Practice: Apr-May Games: May-Jul
Bronco League Softball	11-12	Schedules arranged	Practice: Apr-May Games: May-Jul
Mustang League Softball	9-10	Schedules arranged	Practice: Apr-May Games: May-Jul
Co-ed Coach Pitch	7-8	Schedules arranged	Practice: mid Jun Games: start Jun
Co-ed T-Ball	5-6	Schedules arranged	Practice: mid Jun Games: start Jun
Tennis Lessons-Spring	5-14	6:15-7 pm	May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20
Tennis Lessons-Early Summer	5-8	10:45-11:30 am	Jun 8, 15, 22, 29
	9-14	11:30 am-12:15 pm	Jun 8, 15, 22, 29
Tennis Lessons-Summer	5-8	10:45-11:30 am	Jul 22-26 & 29-31
	9-14	11:30 am-12:15 pm	Jul 22-26 & 29-31
3-Day Summer Sports Camp	7-9	9-10:30 am	
	10-12	10:30 am-Noon	
Baseball/Softball			Jun 18-20
Soccer			Jun 25-27
Volleyball			Jul 9-11
Basketball			Jul 16-18
Red Cross Swimming Lessons (3 sessions)	4-12	9 am-Noon, Mon-Thu	Jun 10-21 Jul 8-19 Jul 22-Aug 2
Youth Wrestling	6-18	Schedules Arranged	Practice Oct-May Meets Oct-May
La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool all ages		1-9 pm	May 25-Aug 11

La Vista Public Library

The La Vista Public Library is open seven days a week and supports the La Vista Community, including Metropolitan Community College's Sarpy Center. Located in the same building with the Community College, the Library provides 74 hours of service throughout the week. Materials to support the community include over 40,000 books, 81 magazines, almost 1500 DVDs and videos, almost 1,000 audio books, over 100 different software, Braille books, and thematic book bags for local teachers. Last year the library hosted over 100,000 people in the library with 102,000 materials circulating, and had almost 4,000 attend various children's programming. The library's computer lab has 14 computers; additionally, eight computers are available for children's educational software and four computers are reserved for database research. Visit the La Vista Public Library website at <http://lavistaweb.mccneb.edu>.

On the following page is a list of programs offered by the library for one calendar year beginning in September 2001.

<i>Library Program</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Computer Class (Basic)	Jan 8, 02	Adult	cancelled
Finding the Right College	Jan 14, 02	Young Adult	0
Computer Class (Internet)	Jan 15, 02	Adult	cancelled
Adult Book Club	Jan 16, 02	Adult	10
Autism	Mar 4, 02	Adult	5
VITA	Feb 9, 02	Adult	12
VITA	Feb 23, 02	Adult	11
VITA	Mar 9, 02	Adult	14
VITA	Mar 23, 02	Adult	6
VITA	Apr 6, 02	Adult	9
Library Tour – Brook Valley	Jan 10, 02	Children	14
Library Tour – Omaha World Herald	Jan 11, 02	Adult	1
Library Tour – National Library of Medicine	Jan 11, 02	Adult	1
Library Tour – Book Club	Jan 16, 02	Adult	10
Library Tour – ITT	Apr 12, 02	Adult	17
Library Tour – ITT	Apr 22, 02	Adult	16
Library Tour – PVH Elem School	May 23, 02	Children	37
Library Tour – JIST	Aug 6, 02	Children	16
Youth Summer Reading Program	Jun-Jul (5 wks)	Children/Teens	2,385
Halloween Craft 2001	October 01	Children	25
Thanksgiving Craft 2001	November 01	Children	25
Christmas Craft	December 01	Children	25
Spring Craft 2002	March 02	Children	11
Fall 2001 Toddlers	Sep-Nov (10 wks)	18-36 months	215
Fall 2001 Preschool	Sep-Nov (11 wks)	3-5 years	743
Spring 2002 Toddler	Feb-Apr (9 wks)	18-36 months	194
Spring 2002 Preschool	Feb-Apr (10 wks)	3-5 years	673
Summer 2002 Toddler	Jun-Jul (4 wks)	18-36 months	97
Summer 2002 Preschool	Jun-Jul (5 wks)	3-5 years	364

La Vista Lancers Soccer Club

The La Vista Lancers Soccer Club is a volunteer organization operated to offer both recreational and competitive soccer to youth of La Vista and surrounding communities. The club is run by a yearly elected board of officers; its sole paid position is that of club Registrar. Coaches and club officers are volunteers. The club was originally organized to offer an extension of the La Vista Recreation Department soccer program, which currently ends at second grade, to children up to age 15 who wished to continue playing soccer on single sex teams.

La Vista Lancers Soccer Club typically offers eight to ten single sex recreational teams for boys and girls seven to ten years old. Recreational teams compete in the Sarpy County Soccer Association, scheduling games in La Vista, Papillion, Gretna and Springfield. La Vista teams practice on fields provided by the city of La Vista at no charge. There are two recreational seasons. Fall season recreational games are played in September and October. Spring season games are played in April and May. Practices usually begin 3-4 weeks before the season starts play. The Fall 2002 season included the following eight La Vista recreational teams: one team of 11 players for girls under eight years old, two teams of 11 players each for boys under nine, two teams of 12 players each for boys under ten, one team of 10 players for girls under ten, one team of 15 players for girls under 12, and one team of 15 players for boys under 12. Coaches are encouraged to play all players at least half the game.

La Vista Lancers Soccer Club currently sponsors three competitive teams that participate in the Eastern Nebraska Soccer Association, which has teams from Nebraska and Iowa within approximately 60-miles of Omaha. The league is geared toward players with several seasons of soccer experience who do not compete on local Select soccer teams. There are two competitive seasons. Fall season schedules games from mid-August through the end of October; Spring season lasts from the end of March through the end of May. Fall and spring practices typically start 2-3 weeks before games begin. La Vista teams practice at the La Vista Soccer Complex. The Fall 2002 season included the following La Vista teams: one team of 17 players for girls under 14, one team of 10 players for boys under 16, and one team of 14 players for girls under 16.

The soccer club expects an increase in enrollment of one to two teams per year for several years, particularly in the under age 12 category. It would also like to improve retention of older players and ask for more involvement from adult volunteers. The soccer club sees an overlap between city- and club-sponsored soccer programs, and would like to improve cooperation with the city's Recreation Department on topics such as field practice times and assignments. It sees a need to expand the effort to inform residents about city and club soccer programs beyond mention in the quarterly newsletter.

To accommodate its expected program growth and retention of older players the soccer club may in the future request funding or administrative assistance from the City so that La Vista players choose to remain in La Vista rather than join competing programs in Ralston and Papillion.

The soccer club feels the City-owned facilities are generally in very good condition and are well-maintained. It would like to see some improvements made to the facilities in the future, including at least one lighted field and additional bleachers. Facility management concerns include tight practice scheduling, which often results in some parking lot traffic snarls; and tighter enforcement of policies involving field permits and closing of fields taken out of service for turf regeneration.

Other La Vista Recreation Booster Clubs

The **Football Booster Club** is made up of a yearly elected board of officers. Their function is to create fund-raising projects to supplement the La Vista Football Program. They also provide the teams with an Opening Day Ceremony, and plan a football tournament trip at the end of the season. The booster club's philosophy is that every child who signs up for the football program should be given an equal opportunity to participate, no matter what their proficiency level.

The **Wrestling Club** is made up of a yearly elected board of officers. They coordinate the meets & tournaments, get sponsorship money, handle uniforms, and conduct fund-raising efforts.

The **La Vista Youth Athletic Association** has a board of officers, which assists with all the sport programs. They raise money through concessions and fireworks.

Sarpy Community YMCA

The Sarpy Community YMCA is located at 1111 East First Street in Papillion. It is operated by the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metropolitan YMCA, a not-for-profit organization governed by a board of community volunteers. The Sarpy Community YMCA has a 35,000 square foot building on a six acre site. Its indoor recreation facilities include a zero depth family pool and a 3-lane 25 yard lap swim area, teen/family center, gym, and health and wellness center.

Chalco Hills Recreation Area Programs

Chalco Hills Recreation Area is a 940 acre day-use facility owned and managed by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District. It is located south of Giles Road west of 144th Street. Its main attraction is Wehrspann Lake, a 245-acre Papio Creek watershed flood control reservoir constructed by the Corps of Engineers.

Conservation education is one of facility's primary objectives. A Natural Resources Center located near the lake is used for numerous education programs throughout the year, and several thousand school age youth who visit the site annually for school-sponsored field trips.

Chalco Hills offers numerous outdoor recreational opportunities, including fishing, no-wake boating, hiking, bird watching, picnicking, playgrounds, and informal play areas. The recreation area surrounding the lake features an arboretum, nature trails, waterfowl observation blinds, five soccer fields, and a balloon launch and model glider flight area. Popular winter activities include ice-fishing, sledding, and cross-country skiing.

RECREATION PROGRAMS ANALYSIS

Recreation Programming

Community input from survey questionnaires and workshops was used to determine community satisfaction with recreation programs and activities. Input indicated interest in and/or need for improved or additional recreation programming or facilities in the following areas:

Art Fairs	Handball – Organized Play
Baseball – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Hiking/Walking/Jogging
Basketball – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Hockey – Casual Play/Pick-up Games
Bicycling – Connection to Metro Trails	Hockey – Programmed/Organized Play
Bicycling – Trails in City	Horse Shoes
Concerts	Ice Skating
Crafts/Hobbies	Karate/Self Defense
Cross Country Skiing	Movies
Cultural Arts Programs	Nature/Outdoor Awareness
Dance Lessons	Painting Classes
Drawing/Sketching classes	Photography Club
Football – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Preschool Programs
Frisbee – Programmed/Organized Play	Racquetball/Squash – Casual Play/Pick-up
Gardening Club	Racquetball – Programmed/Organized
Golf – Driving Range	Shuffleboard
Gymnastics	Skateboarding

Sledding/Tobogganing	Tennis – Casual Play
Soccer – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Tennis – Programmed/Organized
Softball – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Trips -- Full-Day (Adults)
Summer Day Camp	Trips -- Full-Day (Youth)
Swimming – Open – Indoor	Trips -- Overnight
Swimming – Open – Outdoor	Volleyball – Indoors
Table Tennis	Volleyball – Outdoors
Teen Activities – Programmed/Organized	Water Exercise

The City of La Vista Parks and Recreation and La Vista Public Library currently have no public facilities or programs available for the following activities in which community input showed need for improvement.

Art Fairs	Movies
Bicycling – Connection to Metro Trails	Nature/Outdoor Awareness
Bicycling – Trails in City	Painting Classes
Concerts	Photography Club
Cross Country Skiing	Racquetball – Programmed/Organized
Cultural Arts Programs	Shuffleboard
Dance Lessons	Skateboarding
Drawing/Sketching Classes	Sledding/Tobogganing
Frisbee – Programmed/Organized Play	Summer Day Camp
Gardening Club	Swimming – Open – Indoor
Golf – Driving Range	Teen Activities – Programmed/Organized
Gymnastics	Tennis – Programmed/Organized
Handball – Organized Play	Trips -- Full-Day (Adults)
Hockey – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Trips -- Full-Day (Youth)
Hockey – Programmed/Organized Play	Trips -- Overnight
Ice Skating	Water Exercise

Of the above activities or programs, the outdoor winter activities that rely on continuous snow cover or long-term sub-freezing weather have less likelihood of successful implementation. For all others, facilities are currently available but programming is not. Indoor activities could be scheduled at the Community Center or schools; outdoor activities or programs could take place at existing and future parks.

Activities or programs currently exist for the following facilities or programs, but was deemed inadequate by community input. Additional facilities or expanded programming would be beneficial.

Baseball – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Racquetball/Squash – Casual Play/Pick-up
Basketball – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Soccer – Casual Play/Pick-up Games
Crafts/Hobbies	Softball – Casual Play/Pick-up Games
Football – Casual Play/Pick-up Games	Swimming – Open – Outdoor
Hiking/Walking/Jogging	Table Tennis
Horse Shoes	Tennis – Casual Play
Karate/Self Defense	Volleyball – Indoors
Preschool Programs	Volleyball – Outdoors

The survey results provide input from community members who participated in the workshops. Because recreation preferences change over time, often quickly, widely distributed periodic surveys would be essential to get a more complete and accurate picture of how well La Vista park and recreation facilities and recreation programs are serving the community.