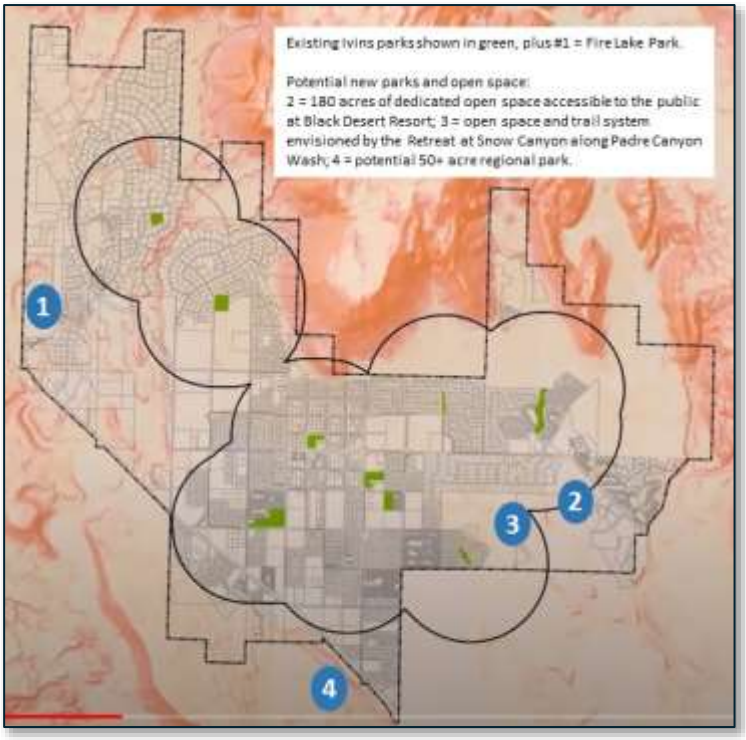
14. PARKS & RECREATION

The Plan's guiding principles state that we "offer enrichment experiences through outdoor recreation" Additionally, parks and recreation are important aspects of a healthy community. Ivins currently has 13 parks with 31 developed acres plus 13 miles of paved multi-use trails. The largest is Unity Park, with 12 acres, followed by Fire Lake Park at just over 9 acres.

Park amenities include: one baseball, two softball, and two full size soccer/football fields, all with night lighting, a beach and swimming area, one basketball half court, sand volleyball court, picnic areas, walking path, two tennis courts and two basketball courts with night lighting, pickleball courts, adult fitness equipment, children's playgrounds, open grass areas, shade structures, covered pavilions (one seats about 50 or could be used as a performing stage), restrooms, multipurpose recreation room, a skate park, drinking fountains, benches, bicycle racks, and one splash pad.

As the City grows, new development pays impact fees to add parks to maintain the current "level of service" of 3.38 acres of park per 1,000 residents. The City's plans for a 50+ acre regional park will more than double the park land in the City, increasing the level of service significantly.



We will also add about 180 acres of open space at Black Desert Resort that will be accessible to the public and have primitive hiking trails, a nature center, restrooms, etc. It also doesn't consider the Padre Canyon Wash open space envisioned by the Retreat at Snow Canyon.

The Parks and Recreation Department also has sports, fitness, and education programs and events throughout the year.

Supporting City Documents

- List of Ivins Parks and amenities (https://ivins.recdesk.com/Community/Page?pageId=9097)
- Parks & Trails Master Plan (May 2023) *** need link
- Parks & Trails Impact Fee Facility Plan (May 2023) *** need link

Community Preferences

Households responding to the General Plan Survey want Ivins to continue focusing on parks and just over 80% wanted the City to provide more open space and trails. But they were less interested in some specialty uses. Only 32% wanted dog parks and just 27% were interested in the city providing community gardens.

Goal

Residents and visitors will have access to a wide variety of recreational activities compatible with the City's unique natural setting. The City will also support, encourage, and sponsor community events and festivals.

Action Plan

- Consider updating the impact fee analysis to increase the distribution to the regional park.
- Establish a coalition to earn and maintain the Healthy Utah Community designation for Ivins.
- The City Council will consider the development of a community recreation center.
- The Parks Department will consider and recommend action for the addition of trails, dog parks, playgrounds, picnic areas, pickleball courts, a basketball court, and other "niche" amenities.

Parks & Recreation Policies

- The Parks Department will continue to make facilities safe, functional, and accessible for all ages and abilities.
- The City Council will ensure line-item support (financial and staffing) in the City's budget necessary for park maintenance and operation of existing facilities and expansion of future amenities.
- Encourage new development to provide neighborhood parks that are easily accessible and available for all residents.
- Maintain the Fire Lake Reservoir as a water recreation area and nature park sensitive to waterfowl, other wildlife, and neighboring property owners.
- Work closely with schools to develop joint city/school park sites.