



FIGURE 5.10

THE RANCH

The Ranch

In 2022, the City received 154 acres of parkland as part of the Good Ranch Land Use Plan. The site is located at the terminus of North Cass Parkway in the Prairie View Subdivision, adjacent to Bridle Ridge Elementary School on 195th Street. The future park, known as the Ranch, will not only be the largest park in the Raymore park system, it will be located in Ward 1, which is an area of the City that currently lacks parkland.

The park site has four ponds, and an old water reservoir, several acres of dense woods, wetlands and open prairie.

Concept planning for the future development of the Ranch is a focal point of the growth and expansion of the parks and trails system, including a balanced inventory of facilities and amenities, as well as recreation programming opportunities. The master plan in **Figure 5.10** provides guidance for the future development and programming of the 154 acres of the Ranch. The facility descriptions on the following page provide visionary narratives about how the Ranch will serve the community. Priorities and funding will be addressed within the future completion of the master plan.



Main Community Facilities at the Ranch

Athletic Complex/the Arena. This active area will be the home for Raymore's soccer and flag football leagues and will be able to host large tournaments, private field rentals and multiple leagues. This complex will provide lights for evening play. A large covered facility, or "the Arena," will be able to host winter leagues, private rentals and provide a covered space for summer play. The complex will also include an athletic-themed playground that will inspire all ages in a playful and fun area with obstacle skills course challenges.

Ridge to Ranch Trail Plan. The Ridge to Ranch Trail Plan is a network of on-street and off-street trails connecting three major City parks: Hawk Ridge Park- the City's northernmost park addition, Recreation park- the City's most active park, and the Ranch- which will be the City's largest park.

The network should include a mix of trail types, including greenways, off-street trails, paths and sidewalk connections. Subdivision development, when possible, should implement the required trail, sidewalk and path network expansions through subdivision development and expansion.

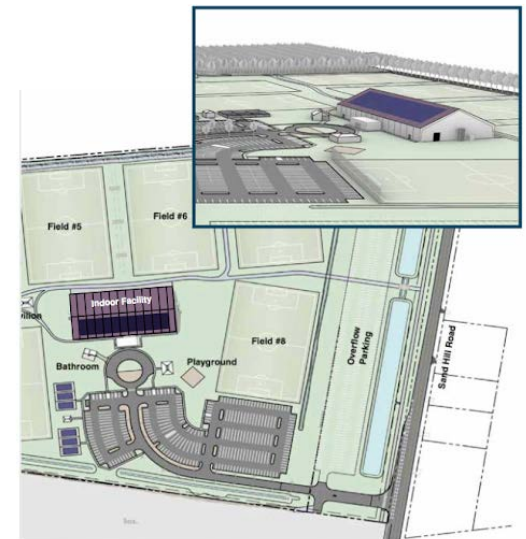
Outdoor Facilities at the Ranch

The Reservoir. The Reservoir will be the perfect place to bring a canoe or kayak to the park and enjoy some outdoor boating and fishing. The Reservoir Rental Company (RRC) will be a boat rental shop open seasonally from Memorial Day to Labor Day with canoes, kayaks, paddles, life jackets and archery gear. Knowledgeable park staff will be available to provide basic instruction and safety guidance. Fishing will be available at the Reservoir or in one of the original four farm ponds through a partnership with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Archery Range. A desire of the Parks and Recreation Board for two decades, the Ranch archery range will provide a safe, accessible and equitable archery experience for all levels. The range will offer both Olympic and gaming targets at various distances between up to 70 meters. The range will be free to the public and open year-round. Instructional classes, leagues and programs will be available through the Parks and Recreation Department. Equipment will be available to rent at the Reservoir.



Precedent Imagery: The Arena



Initial Plans for the Athletic Complex



Precedent Imagery: The Reservoir



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Precedent Imagery: The Archery Range



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Horseback Riding, Hiking and Biking Trails. Weaving throughout the Ranch will be a trail system consisting of hard surfaces, natural surfaces and raised boardwalks that span the entire 154 acres over wetland areas, natural areas and developed active areas. The trail will connect to the City's overall trail system. A trailhead with a large parking lot, small shelter and trail signage will be dedicated for the horseback and hike/bike trail system. This area will provide a much needed equestrian activity area for general trail riding, lessons and additional mountain bike trails.

Disc Golf Course. The success of the Recreation Park disc golf course has inspired local players and volunteers to design a new tournament course at the Ranch. The Ranch disc golf course anticipates drawing thousands of players and spectators with leagues, tournaments and general play at an all-season course created for fun and tourism.

Kansas City showcases some of the best disc golf courses in the country with close to 30 private and public courses. Expanding the offerings of disc golf in Raymore across two major parks positions Raymore as THE southern tournament and recreational play complex in the metropolitan area.

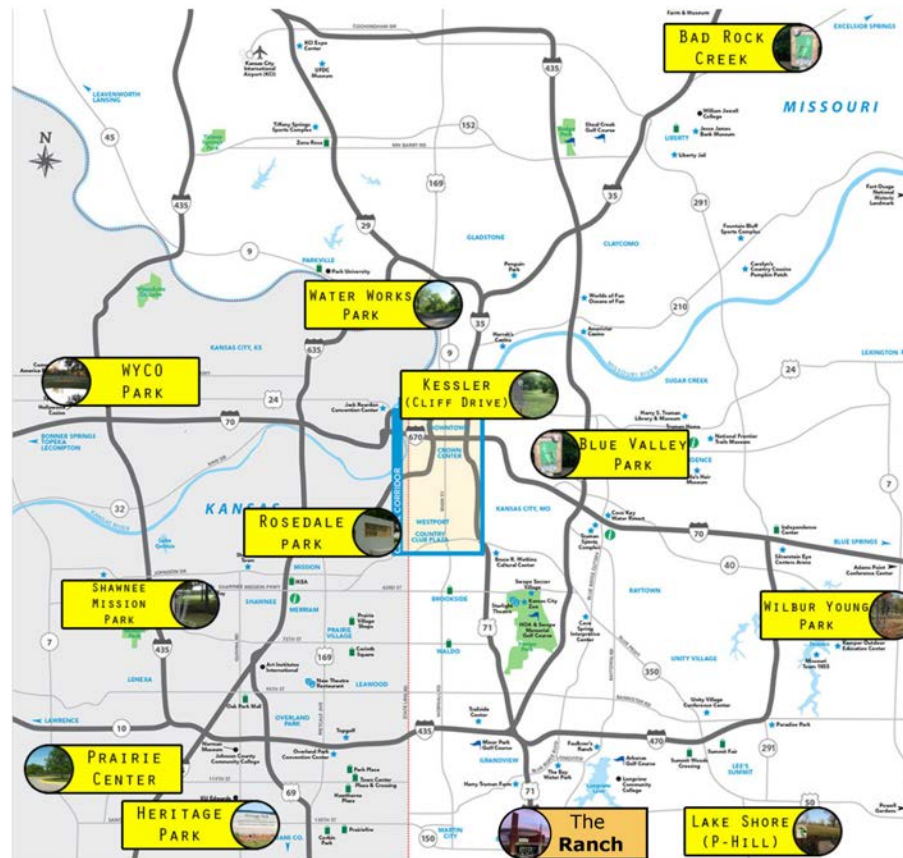
Ranch Bike Park (RBP). RBP will be the southern anchor of the City's elaborate trail system. RBP provides training courses, skill development and fun for all skill levels. This will compliment the Ridge Mountain Bike trails at Hawk Ridge Park. Patrons can ride between the two areas on Raymore's trail system for a fun day exploring all Raymore has to offer.



Precedent Imagery: Horseback Riding Trails



Precedent Imagery: Shared Natural Surface Trail



Map of Disc Golf Courses in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area

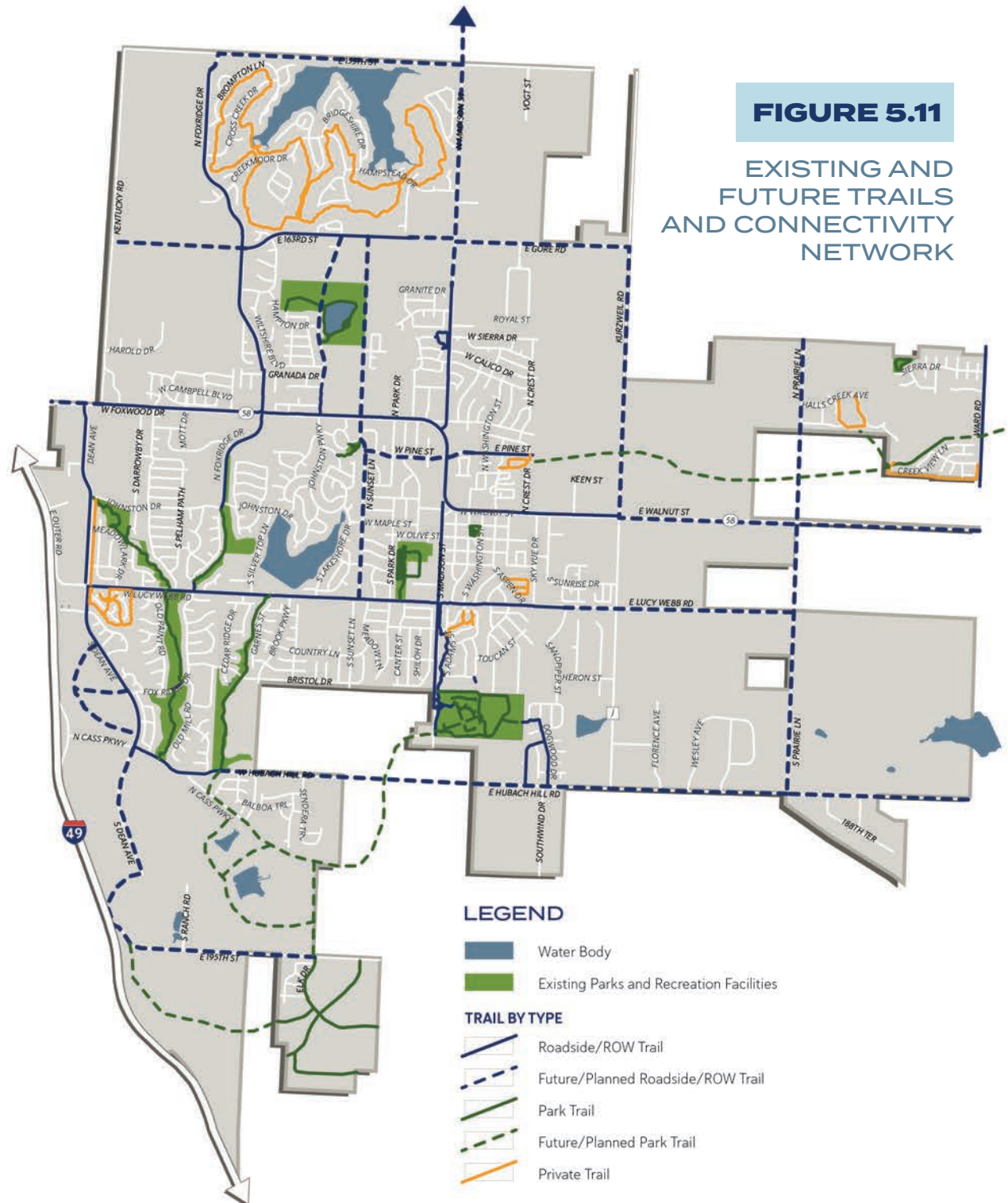
Areas of Focus

To achieve the goals set forth, this Master Plan will approach the trails and connectivity network by focusing on four key areas:

- **Maintaining the network** through aligning Capital Funding efforts with repair and improvement needs for current and future trails;
- **Connecting the City and larger region** through improving trail network access;
- **Expanding the network** through the development of new trails and parkland dedication; and
- **Providing a user-friendly experience** through updated maps, trail signage and technology.

FIGURE 5.11

EXISTING AND FUTURE TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY NETWORK



Data Sources: City of Raymore and Olsson Studio