## **Information Item**

**Date:** September 11,2018

**To:** The City Manager

From: William L Royston, Recreation and Parks Director

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Presentation-Long Creek Master Plan

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Open Space and Recreational Facilities

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

**Key Work Item:** Yes



In February 2018, the City of Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks hired Stimmel Associates, P.A. to complete a master plan for Long Creek Park. Long Creek Park is a 163.21-acre park located in the North Ward. As part of the master planning process, Stimmel Associates, P.A. was asked to complete an inventory and analysis of existing conditions of the park, survey all of the existing golf cart trails, lead several community input sessions, and develop a master plan for the park.

The City of Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department and Stimmel Associates, P.A. jointly held three public input sessions to gather community input and determine the best method to move forward with a master plan for the park. Information gathered from the community input sessions included hiking/walking trails, picnic shelters, mountain bike trails, and disc golf. The community also expressed issues of privacy where the parks adjoins private property, increased traffic, and concerns of how the northern beltway project would impact the park.

After several public input meetings and discussions with City staff, the master plan for Long Creek Park includes new multi-purpose field, nature based playground, new pump track and skills course for mountain bikes, renovated pool area with new bath house, picnic shelters with golf cart parking, and amphitheater. The total cost for the renovations to the park are \$19,151,580.00. All renovations can be phased in and construction can move forward as funding becomes available.