



Project Presentation

# 2024 LPRF APPLICATION

Blaine City Park

Facility & Connectivity Improvements

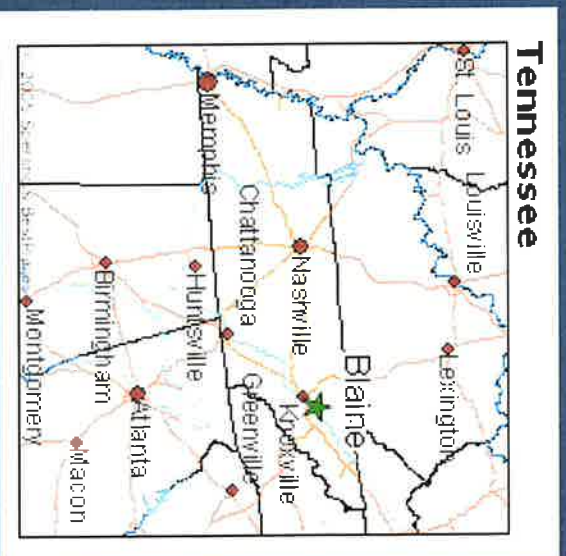
# CENSUS POPULATION

2022 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY ESTIMATES

## Blaine

- Total Population: 2,496
  - Total Households: 959
- Total Population: 23,648
  - Total Households: 9,384

## Granger County



Blaine is located in  
Granger County



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## RECREATIONAL ACCREAGE

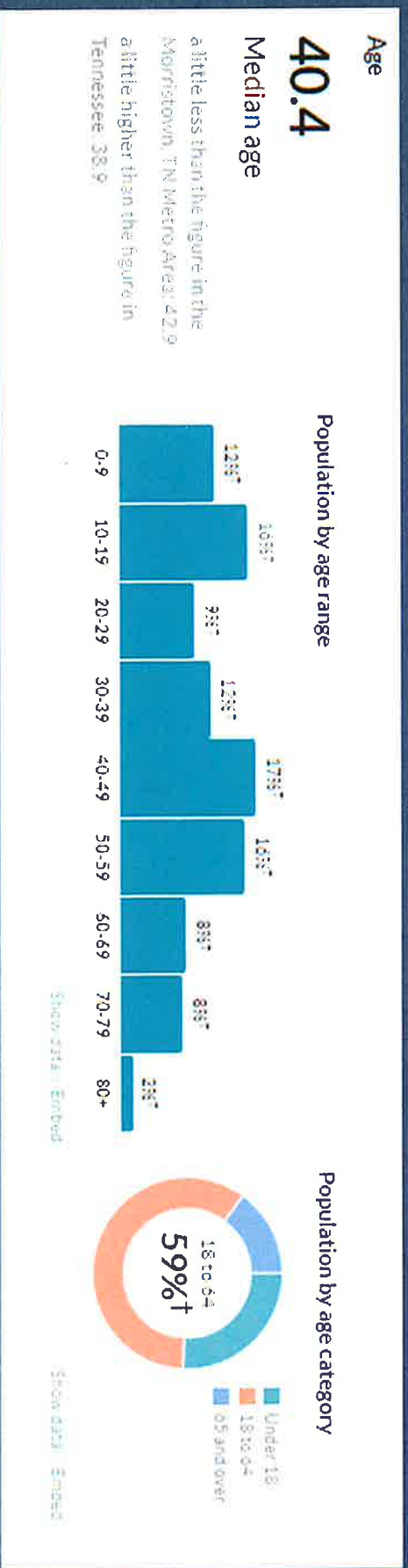
Blaine City Park has nearly

**5 acres**

of land dedicated to recreational use

# TARGET DEMOGRAPHICS

- Proposed improvements at City Park will continue to make the facility available to all persons, regardless of age, gender, race, economic status, or possible disability.
- The proposed improvements and upgrades can be used by all ages.





# PUBLIC RECREATION ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS ENVISIONED AT BLAINE CITY PARK

## Proposed:

- Complete recommendation included in the Park and Recreation Master Plan
- Milling/Resurfacing of the parking lot.
- Striping the lot and adding ADA parking spots with signage
- Park benches
- Fence toppers for the ballfield

## Existing:

- Half court for basketball, little league baseball field, picnic shelter, playground, walking trail



# POSITIVE COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Updating the current facilities creates a welcoming and enjoyable environment for everyone; encouraging people to spend more time outdoors, attending games or events, which can foster a stronger sense of community.
- Upgrades and additions to existing facilities promote continued use.
- Upgraded facilities can attract a wider range of events and tournaments, bringing in visitors from other areas. This can boost the local economy through increased spending at hotels, restaurants, and shops.
- Adding ADA compliant parking promotes inclusion and allows everyone to participate in community activities.



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# GOAL OF PROJECT

- Address the public's wishes, needs, and priorities as outlined in the System-Wide Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- Improve inclusivity within City Park for people with accessibility needs.
- Improvement to repave the parking lot, making the park a stable surface and more pleasant to use.
- To provide quality recreational spaces for all residents

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## MEANS & FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT

- TDEC Parks and Recreation Grant Funding – 50%
- Remaining Cash Match from City of Blaine – 50%



# SUITABILITY, LOCATION, & TOPOGRAPHY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT

- Located at existing Blaine City Park
- The community has expressed their need for these upgrades, showing there's a demand and the improvements will be well-utilized.
- There is space to add the proposed features at the Park while maintaining adequate open spaces
- All proposed new facilities will be constructed in the most suitable locations for ADA accessibility and where minimal site work and grading will be necessary.



# SITE DEVELOPMENT

- The proposed project addresses the community center needs identified in the Master Plan
- Enhancing Usability and Functionality:
  - Improved Navigation: Repaving the lot creates a clear path for pedestrians, cyclists, or vehicles. This makes the space easier to get around and improves overall functionality.
  - Increased Accessibility: Adding ADA compliant designated parking spaces allows people with disabilities to navigate the site more easily. This opens the space up to a wider range of users.
- Encourages Use:
  - Having benches and a paved area makes the space more inviting for people to spend time in. This can be especially important in areas meant for recreation or community gathering.



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# PROGRAMMING PLANS FOR SITE

## Blaine City Park

- Proposed:
  - Complete Phase 1
    - ADA compliant parking and signage
    - Milling/Repaving of lot and striping
  - Begin Phase 2
    - Install top covering on fences
- Existing:
  - Little League Baseball field
  - Picnics and Community Events
  - General Recreation
  - Walking trail

# STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN

## GOAL: ADVOCACY & FUNDING

- The City of Blaine advocates for parks and recreation by pursuing projects that improve connectivity and access. The proposed project enhances connectivity within the community center by working to expand and maintain the park for the citizens of Blaine and surrounding areas. The development of these year-round facility comes at a perfect time, as nearly half of adults from across the United States now participate in outdoor recreation on at least a monthly basis.



# STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN

## GOAL: LOCAL PARKS & RECREATION

- The City of Blaine is dedicated in providing recreational facilities and programs to the citizens of the city and surrounding areas. The proposed LPRF project will expand the recreational opportunities by making upgrades at the city's heavily utilized existing park. An update will allow for spectating, events and other group gatherings, youth sports, & general recreation to be enjoyed in a more vibrant and inclusive community for everyone.

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# STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN GOAL: CONSERVATION & EDUCATION

- City Park provides a variety of outdoor educational opportunities for the citizens of Blaine. The proposed updates will provide access to users that are utilizing the park for outdoor activities. There are numerous opportunities provided at the park for families with young children, troops and school groups; thereby creating an excellent means of outdoor education and environmental awareness.



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## STATE COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION PLAN

### GOAL: INCLUSIVITY, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY

- The City of Blaine understands that parks and recreational facilities are crucial for resident quality of life. By supporting the growth of parks and recreation, Blaine strengthens its commitment to recreational opportunities and the economic well-being of the community. Applying for LPRF funds will allow the city to stretch its parks and recreation budget further, bridging the gap needed to make these vital improvements, including ensuring inclusivity with ADA-compliant access within the park itself.

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# PROJECT DESIGN ELEMENTS

## BLAINE CITY PARK

### Use of Site

- Proposed development of park with support facilities:
  - ADA compliant parking with signage.
  - Repavement of current parking lot
  - The topper to the fence around the ballfield should be replaced to enhance safety and maintenance
  - Park benches to compliment the recently installed playground equipment



# THREE YEAR PROJECT TIMELINE

- Submit Application May 2024
- Receive Funding Award November 2024
- Environmental Clearance January – July 2025
- State Contracting September 2025
- Project Design Nov 2025 - April 2026
- Bidding & Award Dec. 2026 – January 2027
- Construction February - August 2027
- Project Close-out September 2027

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## BLAINE CITY PARK

- Total Project: roughly \$150,000
- Updates to ballfield fence
- Park benches for playground
- ADA Compliant parking and signage



# PROJECT LOCATION MAP





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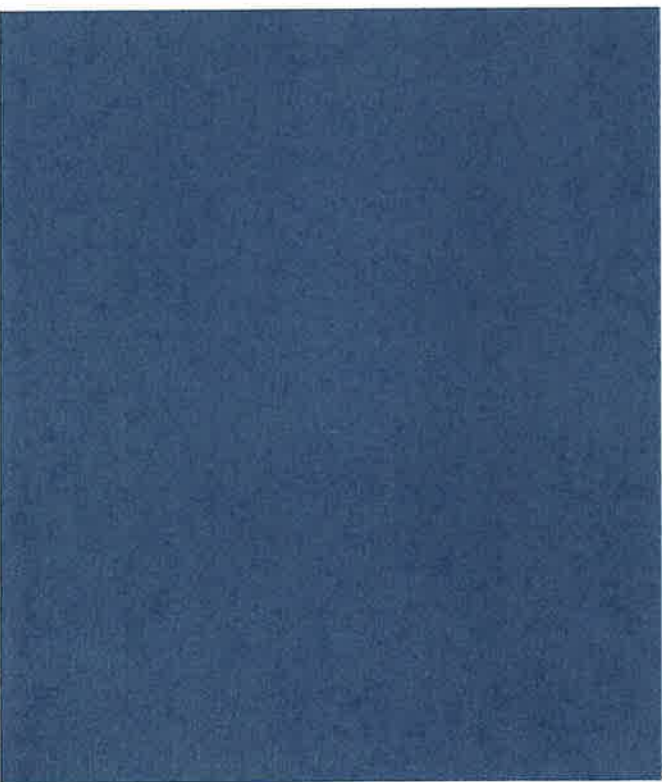








PROJECT  
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# PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN





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