

Skate Park

Location and Access

Skate Park is located just east of the George Hill Patterson Community Center. Access to this park is available via local neighborhood streets off Mill Ave, with parking located along Pine St.

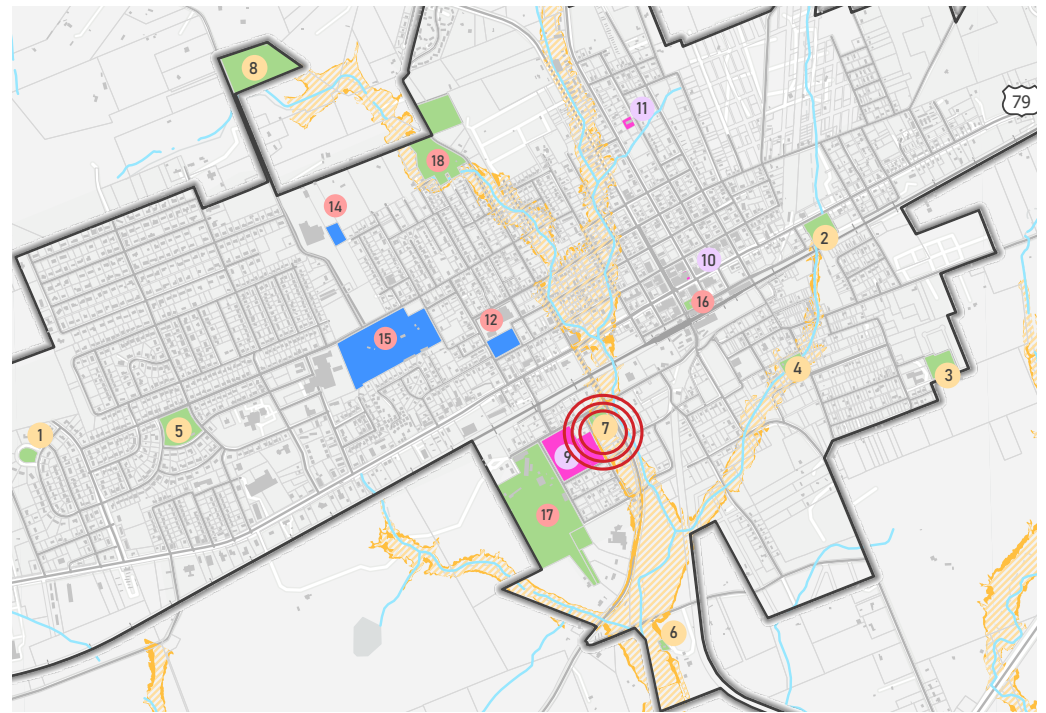
Existing Conditions

Primarily designed for skateboarding and rollerblading, the site also exhibits the Historic Henderson Crossing Bridge. A large portion of the park property remains undeveloped; however, it is important to note this area is located within the floodplain. Additionally, a notable concern is offensive graffiti on the park amenities.

Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Maintain the safety of the current skate park structures. Regular inspections and upkeep can contribute to a safe environment for users.
- Expand the range of park activities, taking into consideration the functionality of the floodplain, as a considerable amount of the park has unused space.
- Maintain an ongoing commitment to the overall appearance of the park beyond the skate facilities.
- Enhance visitor experience by providing additional amenities, such as picnic tables, shade structures and restrooms.
- Connect the park to the George Hill Patterson Community Center and Fair Park & Rodeo Arena with walking trails.



Map 42. Skate Park Location Map

Park Location

- Mill St and Wilcox St

Park Size

- 2.7 acres

Park Type

- Special Use

Park Features

- Parking
- Skateboard Ramps
- Benches



Map 43. Skate Park Aerial Map



Skate Park Images

Softball Fields

Location and Access

Situated at the most northern park in the City, the Softball Fields are conveniently accessible via County Road 305, and include unpaved parking facilities.

Existing Conditions

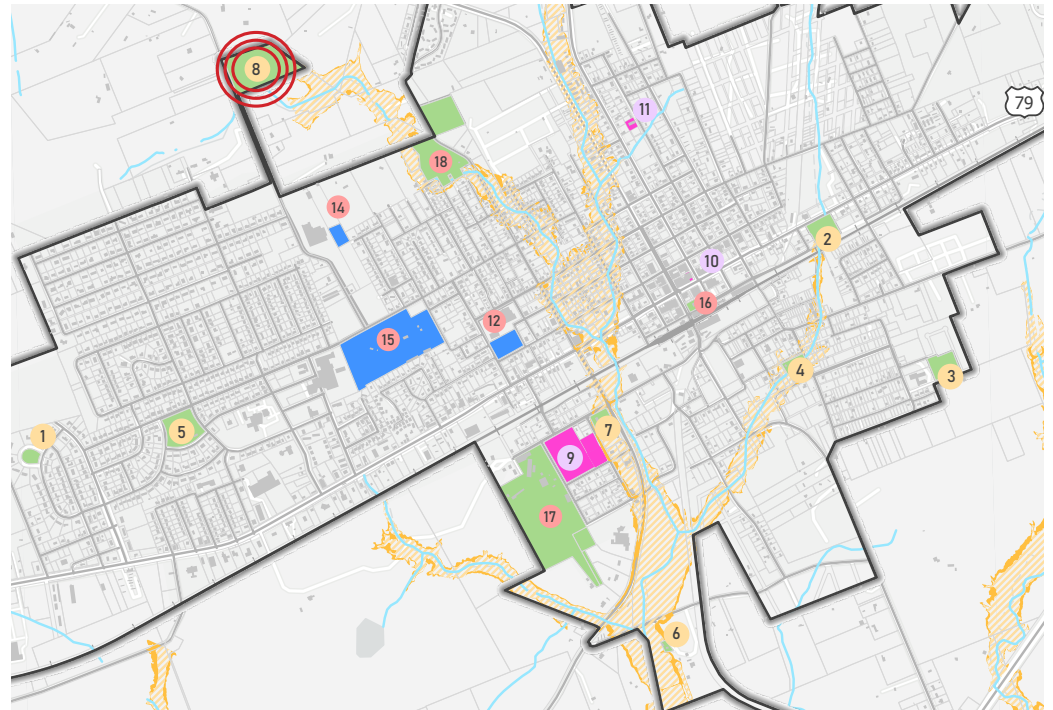
Comprising four softball fields, the site offers an array of visitor amenities, including a concession stand, restrooms, playground and picnic tables. While providing essential facilities, there is a need for general upgrades and maintenance to enhance the overall user experience. The fields host youth softball leagues for ages four to 15 years.

This site used to be the City landfill, so options for redevelopment are limited due to environmental and regulatory concerns.

Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Prioritize maintenance of the softball fields to establish a safe and enjoyable playing environment, such as improving the fence and sod on the fields.
- Create avenues for increased use of the softball fields to contribute to a more vibrant community space.
- Consider developing the Softball Fields into a new animal shelter and dog park if a regional softball and baseball field is developed within the City, as there is a desire to enhance these facilities and parks.



Map 44. Softball Fields Location Map

Park Location

- 622 County Road 305

Park Size

- 10.5 acres

Park Type

- Special Use

Park Features

- Softball Fields
- Concession Stand
- Playground
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Covered Seating



Map 45. Softball Fields Aerial Map



Softball Fields Images

George Hill Patterson Community Center

Location and Access

Located at 609 Mill St, the George Hill Patterson Community Center is positioned just south of Cameron Ave and adjacent the Fair Park & Rodeo Arena. A good sized parking lot sits at the front of the property.

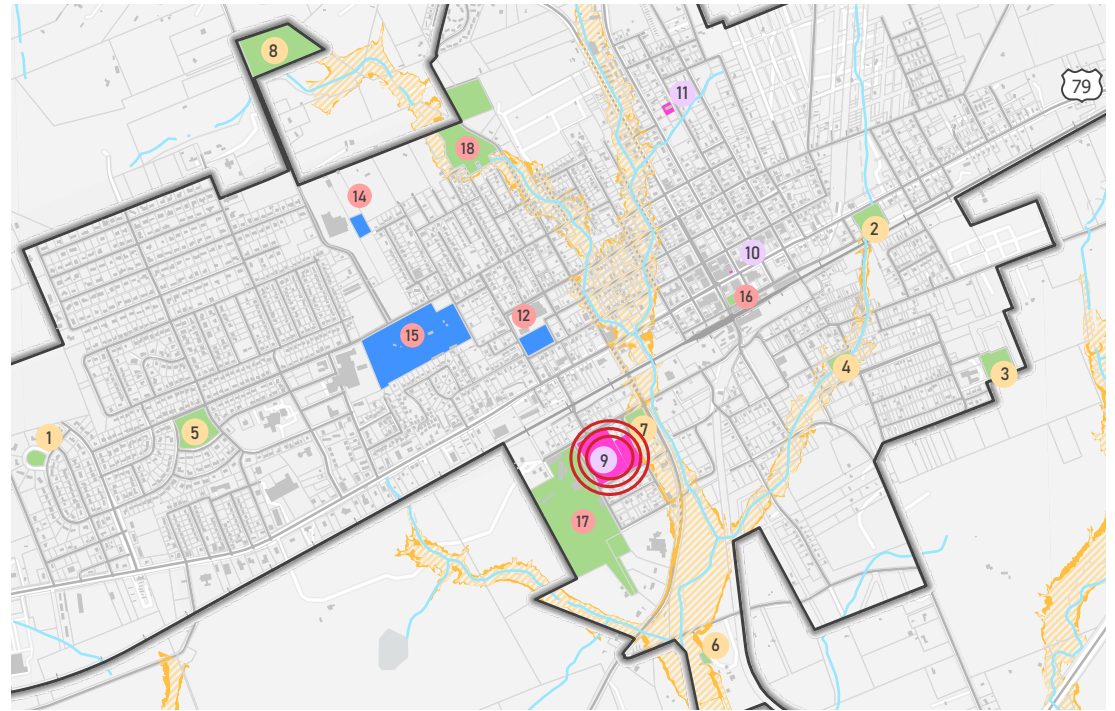
Existing Conditions

The Center, encompassing a main building along with a spacious lawn and landscaped area, offers a versatile space for various events. Inside, amenities include a fully equipped kitchen, restrooms, free WiFi and a flexible configuration layout to cater to diverse community needs. The Center is available for rent, providing an accessible venue for anyone in the community. The 9.6-acre site provides nice outdoor lawn space with large shade trees, but is under-amenitized. The west side of the building provides a small outdoor stage with lawn seating area for indoor/outdoor events.

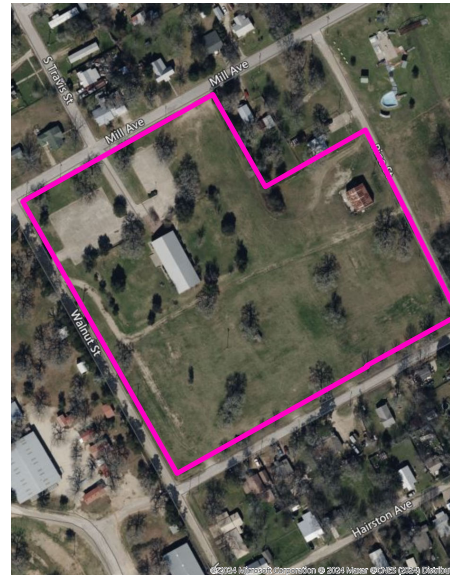
Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Provide additional park amenities and programming to maximize the utilization of the site's outdoor spaces. Consider enhancing the open space with park amenities such as picnic facilities, covered playground and loop trail. The site is also large enough for active amenities such as a multipurpose practice field or soccer field, if desired.
- Prioritize ongoing funding for the maintenance and upkeep of the Center to uphold its usability and attractiveness.
- Connect the new outdoor park spaces to adjacent amenities, including Fair Park and Skate Park.
- Explore implementing the Patterson Center Park Concept as seen to the right and in Appendix D.



Map 46. Patterson Center Location Map



Patterson Center Aerial & Context



Patterson Center Park Concept
Provided by the Rockdale MDD

Lucy Hill Patterson Memorial Library

Location and Access

Lucy Hill Patterson Memorial Library, located at 201 Ackerman St, is at the corner of Ackerman and Cameron Ave. On-street parking lines both sides of the road-front building. Pedestrians can access the library using sidewalks along both streets, though the adjacent neighborhoods lack sidewalks.

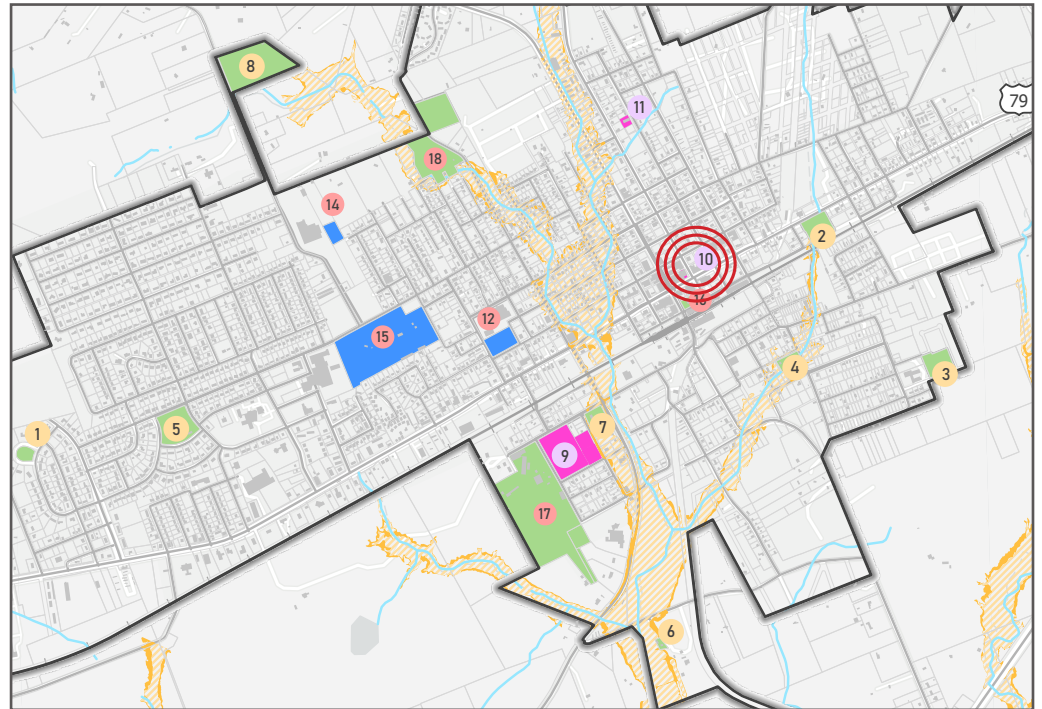
Existing Conditions

The library, home to a small green space adjacent to Cameron Avenue, pays tribute to E.M. Scarbrough with a memorial. This area also commemorates the Scarbrough & Hicks Co. Building Fire and houses the Rockdale Centennial time capsule. Offering an array of resources, the library features programming for children and adults, WiFi, computers, eBooks and more.

Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Ensure continued funding for the maintenance and upkeep of the library to preserve its functionality and appeal.
- Establish a collaborative approach with the community to identify programming needs.



Map 47. Patterson Library Location Key Map



Patterson Library Aerial & Context

Rockdale Senior Citizens Center

Location and Access

Situated at 765 Green St, the Rockdale Senior Citizens Center stands at the heart of the City, offering a central location for citizens. A parking lot is located at the front of the building.

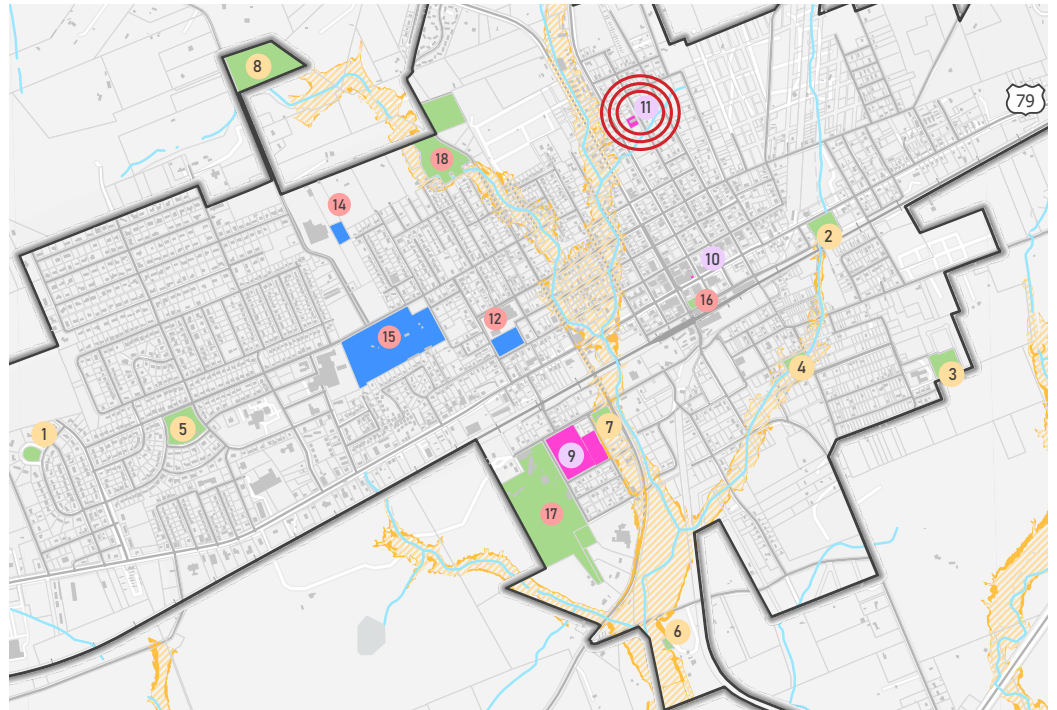
Existing Conditions

The center hosts a range of activities, including arts and crafts, bingo, cards, exercise equipment and monthly events. For those who register, a daily lunch service is also provided. Ensuring inclusivity, the center is equipped with ADA accessibility, a multipurpose room and restroom facilities.

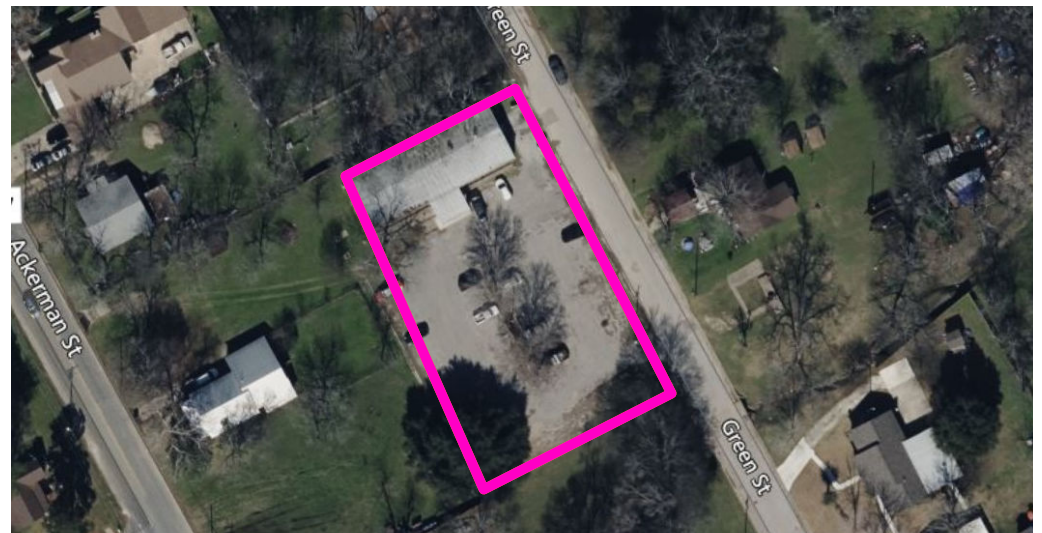
Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Coordinate with seniors to tailor additional programming that meets their interests and addresses any specific concerns they may have.
- Prioritize the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the building to provide visitors with the best possible experience.



Map 48. Senior Citizens Center Location Map



Senior Center Aerial & Context

Fair Park & Rodeo Arena

Location and Access

Fair Park & Rodeo Arena is located at 200 Walnut St, just west of the George Hill Patterson Community Center. Visitors have plenty of on-site parking during events.

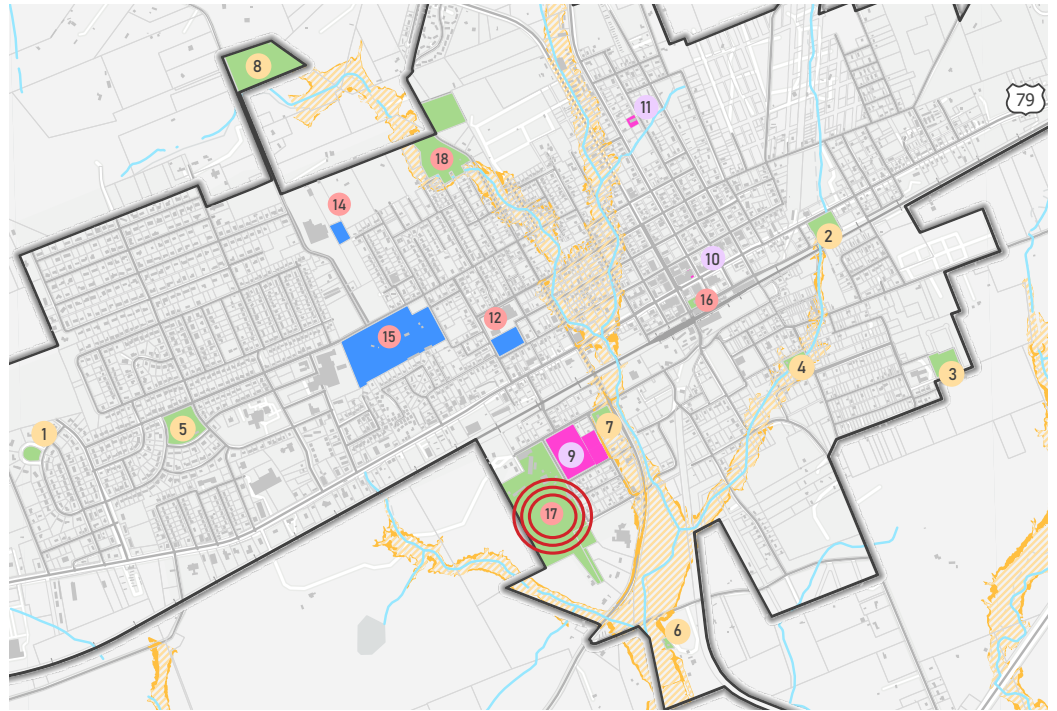
Existing Conditions

Privately owned by the Rockdale Fair Association, purchased from the City in 2021, the venue serves as the home of the annual Rockdale Fair and Rodeo. Fair Park encompasses a variety of amenities, including equestrian facilities, a rodeo arena and livestock pens, RV hookups, large BBQ pits, concession stands, restrooms, a music stage, multiple pavilions, and more. Fully secure, use of the site is for private or ticketed events only at this time.

Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Coordinate with the Rockdale Fair Association to open up opportunities to host additional community events and communicate potential community needs.
- Reopen potentially unused portions of the site for public use, via nature trails and a disc golf course.



Map 49. Fair Park Location Map



Fair Park Aerial & Context

Wolf Park

Location and Access

Nestled in Downtown Rockdale, the park occupies a quarter of a city block and is accessible from Main Street, one of the primary corridors through the heart of the City. The park is fully bounded by either city streets, driveways or alleys. Adjacent on-street parking is available along Main St and Milam Ave. Wolf Park is easily walkable to the offerings in Downtown Rockdale.

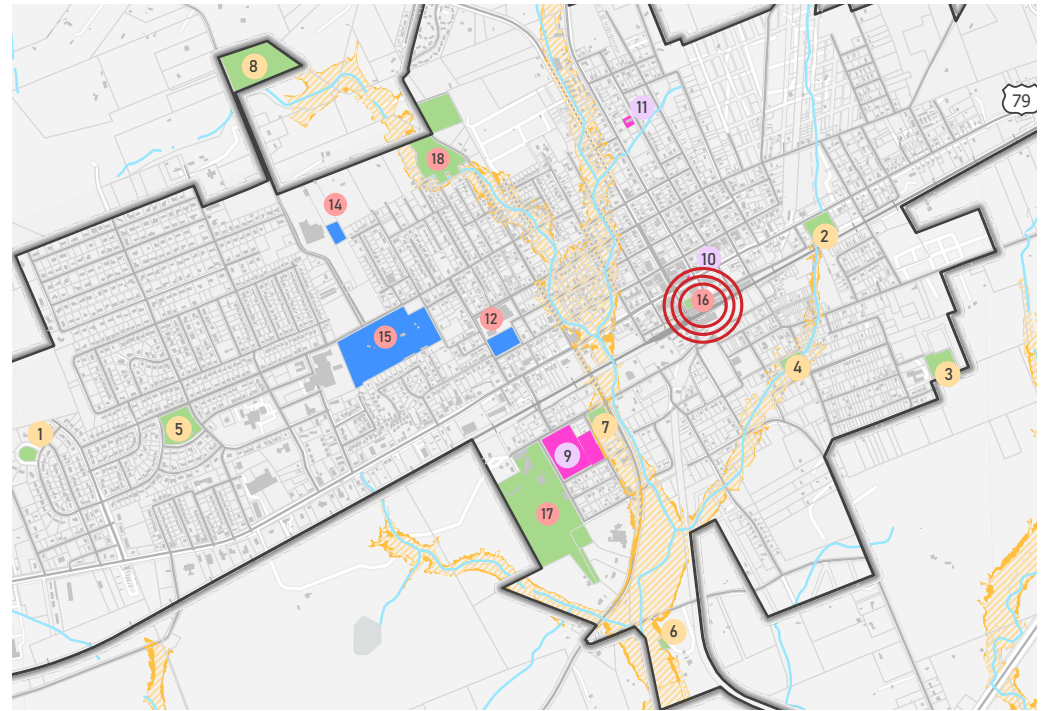
Existing Conditions

Wolf Park features open grassy areas and a pavilion. Owned by the Chamber of Commerce, this asset serves as the primary Downtown open space for Rockdale, hosting events such as farmers markets that draw people into Downtown. Offering limited recreational options, the park predominantly features open space and benches on the perimeter. The pavilion, available for public rental, provides opportunity for shade for events held here but does not include benches. ADA accessibility is lacking at this park.

Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Improve accessibility to the park amenities such as adding accessible paths to the benches.
- Add movable tables in the picnic pavilion that can be relocated temporarily as needed during events.
- Add additional shade trees and enhanced landscaping.
- Add food truck hook-ups for use during events.
- Consider developing the park into a more urban-style paved plaza that can withstand increased pedestrian traffic.
- Evaluate how the park connects to the rest of Downtown and nearby amenities, such as the Depot and Bridge Park.



Map 50. Wolf Park Location Map

Park Location

- 106 N Main

Park Size

- 0.4 acres

Park Type

- Pocket

Park Features

- Pavilion
- Benches
- Downtown Location



Map 51. Wolf Park Aerial Map



Wolf Park Images

Little League Baseball Fields

Location and Access

The Little League Baseball Fields are owned by Rockdale Little League and situated on the north side of the City. While there is plenty of parking spaces, it is worth noting that the area is not paved.

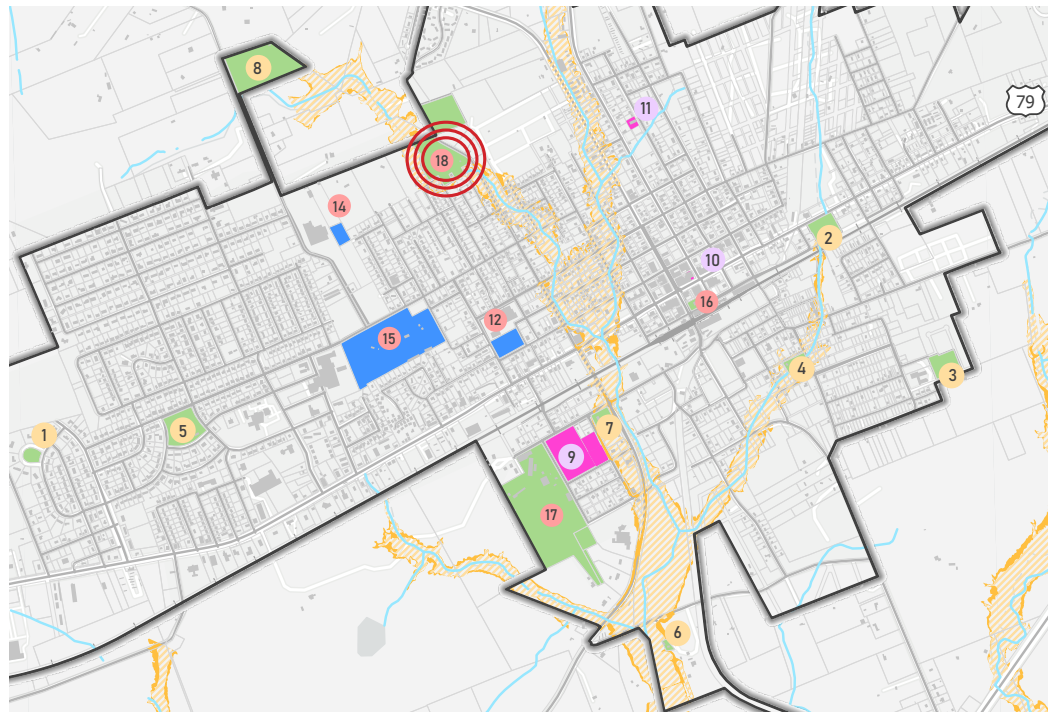
Existing Conditions

Current conditions include five baseball fields equipped with a concession stand and restrooms for game attendees. Public feedback at present highlights concerns about the inadequate maintenance of the fields. The fields host youth baseball leagues for ages four to 14 years.

Opportunities for Improvement

Opportunities for future improvements and new amenities could include:

- Partner with the Rockdale Youth Baseball Association to figure out how the City can help update facilities for safety, function and appearance.



Map 52. Little League Baseball Fields Location Map

Park Location

- 908 N. Wilcox

Park Size

- 12.0 acres

Park Type

- Special Use

Park Features

- Baseball Fields
- Concession Stand
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Covered Seating



Little League Baseball Fields Images

Map 53. Little League Baseball Fields Aerial Map