

Park Evaluations Summary Findings

Based on the evaluation of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation System using the criteria previously described, and Freedom Park as a benchmark for the parks, the parks and recreation system scored 2.4 overall, suggesting a need for improvements. The system had strengths that the VLPRA should build on wherever possible, and opportunities for positive change.

Proximity, Access & Linkages

STRENGTHS

- Most of the parks evaluated provide adequate visibility into the park from at least two to three sides with clear site lines into the park and park buildings. Clyattville Community Park, Harrington Park, Library Park, Lovett Park, Mildred Hunter Community Center, Scott Park, Senior Center, Smith Park, Snake Nation Park, and Vallotton Big Field are great examples of parks that have clear visibility into the park from their edges.



Transparent park edge from surrounding streets in Clyattville Community Park



Sidewalks along the Senior Center with limited buffer and separation from fast moving traffic

OPPORTUNITIES

- While some of the evaluated parks are connected to the surrounding neighborhood with sidewalks, many are not. Additionally, many of the sidewalks do not include shade trees, which makes walking to parks during hot Georgia days unpleasant. Furthermore, many of these sidewalks, such as those adjacent to the Senior Center, are close to fast-moving traffic. For many users, this proximity diminishes the desirability to use the sidewalks.