

Community Focus Statement E: Improve open space and recreational opportunities for Helendale residents.

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Action Statement E.1: Continue the development of, and expand upon, a parks and recreation program that is for all Helendale residents, including completing development of Helendale Community Park.

Benchmark: Complete development of Helendale Community Park.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: Staff time and grant funding



Helendale Community Park. Photo source: Michael Baker International

Access to natural spaces has significant benefits to physical health, mental well-being, and community connectivity. Maintaining dedicated spaces for residents and visitors to gather, relax, and play will provide innumerable benefits to the community and its quality of life.

Parks and recreation in Helendale is managed by the Helendale Community Services District (CSD), which provides park maintenance, water and waste services, and classes for residents. The Helendale CSD recently opened Helendale Community Park in part with donations from local agencies and businesses, and the CSD has future amenities planned for the park, including shaded areas and restrooms. Funding and aid from the community can ensure timely and attractive upgrades and maintenance in the future. The Helendale CSD can use the community's support to seek out funding and maintenance for all Helendale parks by working with local businesses, organizations, and schools.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Seek funding from local donors/sponsors and grant programs to provide the planned amenities for the park.	Champion with support from Community Services District	Month 1–Year 3	National Recreation and Park Association, Fund Your Park www.fundyourpark.org
2. Complete development of Helendale Community Park.	Community Services District, with support from community	Month 12	Community Toolbox, Improving Parks and Other Community Facilities
3. Continue to monitor grant programs at the federal, state, and local levels for opportunities to further upgrade and maintain Community Park and Dog Park.	Community Services District	On-going	http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/implement/physical-social-environment/parks-community-facilities/main
4. Maintain partnerships with private organizations such as schools and Silver Lakes Association to identify opportunities for additional parks and recreation services.	Helendale Community Services District, with support from community	On-going	