

The renovation of Eldredge Park, a central hub of the community, will modernize and expand existing facilities—including tennis, pickleball, basketball, and handball courts, the playground, bandstand area, and site circulation—while addressing accessibility, safety, stormwater management, and community gathering spaces. Planned improvements include new and reconfigured courts, an upgraded inclusive playground with slope features, ADA-compliant walkways and connections, shaded picnic areas, tiered spectator seating, and enhanced site amenities such as lighting, seating, and stormwater systems.

The goals and objectives are as follows:

- Restore and upgrade aging recreational infrastructure to ensure safety and usability.
- Expand and diversify recreational opportunities to meet increasing demand (especially pickleball, playground, and basketball).
- Provide inclusive and accessible facilities that serve residents of all ages and abilities.
- Enhance connectivity between the school, parking, bandstand, and fields through ADA-compliant pathways.
- Improve site sustainability with modern stormwater management systems.
- Strengthen Eldredge Park’s role as a community gathering place for sports, cultural events, and social activities.

This project directly advances CPA’s **recreation category**, which supports the creation and preservation of recreational resources for public use. By rehabilitating deteriorated courts, expanding playgrounds, and improving accessibility, the renovation preserves and enhances an existing community asset. The inclusion of stormwater, landscaping, and site amenities also aligns with CPA’s emphasis on sustainability and long-term stewardship.

The project reflects the Orleans Community Preservation Plan’s priorities of maintaining high-quality recreational facilities, and expanding access for all residents

The renovation advances goals outlined in the Comprehensive Long Range Plan by:

- Supporting **healthy living** through expanded recreational opportunities.
- Promoting **accessibility and equity** by upgrading ADA pathways and inclusive play areas.

- Enhancing **community character and cohesion** through improvements to a central gathering space that hosts both local recreation and regional cultural events.
- Addressing **infrastructure resiliency and sustainability** through stormwater management and thoughtful site planning.

Eldredge Park is a cornerstone of Orleans. Current facilities are heavily used but many are in disrepair or outdated. The proposed renovations respond to clear community demand for more pickleball courts, safer and more accessible playgrounds, and improved overall amenities.