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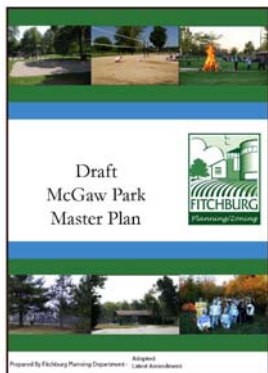
[OPEN HOUSE ON DRAFT MCGAW PARK MASTER PLAN](#)

DATE: Thursday, October 27, 2011

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

LOCATION: Fitchburg Community Center Oak Hall Room, 5510 Lacy Road

Presentation at 7:00 pm



The City has been working on the development of a master plan for its largest park, McGaw Park, since March 2011. Now that the draft plan has been created, staff is once again obtaining feedback from citizens. There will be an informational open house on the draft plan on Oct. 27, with a brief presentation at 7:00 p.m.

The opportunity for public input on the *McGaw Park Master Plan* is running out, as the plan nears the approval stage by the Park Commission and City Council. The Planning Department is accepting public comments on the draft plan through Oct. 27. See website below for more details.

McGaw Park, located at 5236 Lacy Road, was established as the first community park about 30 years ago. The park is intended to serve existing and future neighborhoods in the area, as well as the greater community. Today, McGaw Park is used mostly for family and group picnics, adult softball, lacrosse, and is enjoyed by many neighboring residents.

With the goal of enhancing McGaw Park as a safe and attractive community park, the Park Commission approved a draft park master plan map on Sept. 15. Some of the proposed amenities include a disc golf course, observation tower, horizontal climbing wall, great lawn, labyrinth, nature center, tennis courts, trails, and renovated shelter. A map with all the amenities can be viewed at the website below.

The City needs residents and businesses from all around Fitchburg to weigh in on this important and community-driven master plan. As growth near McGaw Park occurs, it is critical that the plan has the flexibility to address the changing recreational needs that will face the park. Once completed, the plan will be used by policy makers and City staff to help direct and guide facility, use, and recreation improvements to the park.

Website: <http://bit.ly/McGawPlan>