**Civic Common Areas and Open Spaces**

This technical committee has been working and meeting steadily since February 2017

The Civic Common Areas and Open Spaces technical committee is in the process of fully defining their topic areas:

* **Landscapes and natural systems**
* **Civic assets**
* **Health and wellness**
* **Management, stewardship, funding, and planning**
* **Equity and diversity**

In addition to the work regarding the focus areas, the technical committee members have been contributing supplemental information to the Memphis 3.0 process. Their supplied individual research relates to topics such as:

* The Parks Master Plan from 1990
* Number of current park and community center facilities in the Memphis area
* Programs that civic assets, such as libraries, provide to the community
* Case studies from cities such as Los Angeles on how to implement public policy around parks and civic assets

The supplemental information has been aiding Civic Common Areas and Open Spaces technical committee in the process of creating their background report. This report includes detailed information as it relates to each of its topic areas and is ultimately the state of the city for each of them. Also included is the alignment report—an aspect that shows Memphis’s position with Civic Common Spaces and Open Areas as it compares to other technical committees, other initiatives, and existing plans within the city.

Civic Common Spaces and Open Areas’ next steps are to continue to work on the background report, come to a consensus on defining topic areas, and begin to approach Phase 2 of the Memphis 3.0 comprehensive planning process: Goals and Future Growth.

**How do you use your local park, community center, or other public area?**