

PARKS & RECREATION PLAN



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Chapter One



Project Overview and Purpose

Overview

The City of Evansville is located in southwest Indiana and is the social and economic hub for the region. Founded in 1812 on a scenic bend in the Ohio River, Evansville was a major stop for steamboats and quickly became a major producer of coal mining, manufacturing, and hardwood lumber. The city experienced a boom in economic growth during the twentieth century, becoming one of the largest hardwood furniture centers in the world and a critical industrial site for World War II military equipment and vehicles. Evansville has since developed into the third largest city in Indiana and is considered the commercial, medical, and service hub for the region.

Affectionately referred to as “The River City,” Evansville was recognized as the “2006 Community of the Year” by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, as one of the “100 Best Communities for Young People” in 2005 by the Alliance for Youth, and was awarded with the prestigious “All-American City Award” in 2004 by the National Civic League. Historically significant landmarks include the third-oldest professional baseball stadium in the nation and Willard Library, established in 1885, which is the oldest operating library in the State of Indiana. With 65 parks and 21 special facilities, the City of Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents. The Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve is a National Natural Landmark and is the largest tract of virgin forest located inside any city limits within the United States. In recent years, a strong effort to further improve quality of life and sustainability has enabled the Parks and Recreation Department to construct the first segment of the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage that is planned to circle the city.

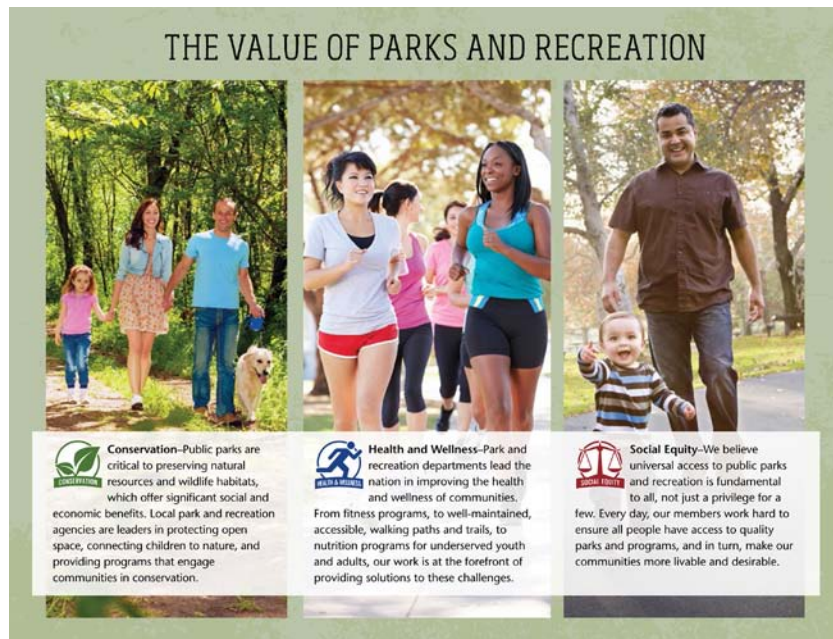
National Standards: Conservation, Health and Wellness, and Social Equity

Originally preserved for their aesthetic beauty, parks have evolved into critical public spaces that enable communities to become healthier, more prosperous, and socially connected. Careful management and planned activities have positioned local parks and recreation departments as essential component of modern life by helping mitigate the growing trend of obesity, improving the economy, and providing environmental benefits through conservation. By following the National Recreation and Park Association’s (NRPA) three pillars of Conservation, Health and Wellness, and Social Equity, the City of Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation can continue to provide resources and services that create quality of life improvements for its residents.

CONSERVATION

Parks and public lands serve an essential role in the preservation of natural resources and wildlife habitat, protecting clean water and air, and providing green spaces for current and future generations to enjoy. The ability to preserve these essential connections is critical to the quality of life for Americans, and as such, the mission of parks and recreation departments at all levels should support the conservation of our natural resources. Clean, green, and accessible parks and open spaces benefit everyone in the community.

Parks and recreation professionals are the champions in protecting and managing open space for the common good. The preservation of our national resources not only improves the quality of life in our communities, but also provides substantial economic benefits such as reducing health care costs, cleanses air and water pollution, and



NRPA emphasizes three key values of parks and recreation as seen here in the 2014 Annual Report.

improving social equity. Park and recreation facilities and programs also enhance the value of conservation by educating the public about their values, connecting young people to nature and the outdoors, and coordinating environmental stewardship with other public and nonprofit entities. Through careful planning, stewardship, and public engagement, Evansville can continue to be a leader in conservation and build upon the benefits of its parks and open spaces. These benefits include:

- Providing carbon-reducing sustainable landscapes that cleanse air and water, replenish aquifers, reduce storm water runoff, and protect wildlife habitat;
- Offering the public access to safe, affordable, and healthy ways to experience and appreciate nature; and

- Contributing significantly to the economic wellbeing of communities through energy and resource conservation and providing many economic benefits to communities derived from outdoor recreation¹.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Due in large part to a growing trend of poor nutrition, sedentary lifestyles, and overall unhealthy habits, America is in the midst of a serious health crisis that is affecting adults and children. Parks and recreation agencies have become leaders in fighting many of these challenges by enhancing the physical environments in which we live and improving the overall health and wellness of our communities. More and more evidence has shown that parks and recreation actively contribute to healthier communities and are a critical solution for our nation's health epidemic. Through facilities, natural amenities, and programs, they encourage and promote healthy habits for people of all ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and ethnicities. Evansville can work toward improving the health and wellness of its community by offering collaborative programs and policies that:

- Help reduce obesity and incidence of chronic disease by providing opportunities to increase rigorous physical activity in a variety of forms;
- Provide a connection to nature which studies demonstrate relieves stress levels, tightens interpersonal relationships, and improves mental health;
- Aid in reducing hunger in America and increasing access to nutritious food options; and
- Foster overall wellness and healthful habits, such as becoming tobacco-free and engaging in enrichment opportunities that add balance to life².

¹ <http://www.nrpa.org/About-NRPA/Position-Statements/Role-of-Parks-and-Recreation-in-Conservation/>

² <http://www.nrpa.org/About-NRPA/Position-Statements/Role-of-Parks-and-Recreation-on-Health-and-Wellness/>

SOCIAL EQUITY

The philosophy of social equity and access is a core pillar of every parks and recreation department. Having access to programs, facilities, places, and spaces – regardless of skin color, age, income level or ability – is a right, not a privilege, for people nationwide. Social equity is a critical responsibility of every public park and recreation agency and the professionals who operate them. The inclusive nature of parks and recreation cultivates community ties through programs and services which connect people more deeply to the community. This sense of community connection improves quality of life and makes our communities more livable and desirable for residents and businesses.

Upholding social equity is one of the core means of assuring the value of parks and recreation for future generations. By continuing to improve upon the social equity and universal access to its parks and recreation opportunities, the community of Evansville will enjoy many benefits, including:

- Public enjoyment and engagement. Where parks and open space are plentiful and recreation services strong, residents enjoy the closest attachment and engagement within their communities; and studies indicate higher levels of local gross domestic product and economic wellbeing;
- Quality recreation time with family and friends. Parks and recreation services provide a space and a reason to partake in enjoying quality time, relaxation, and fun among family members and friends, thus strengthening the social and familial bonds that provide balance and satisfaction in life;
- Improvement of mental and physical health. Parks and recreation can reduce the impacts of chronic diseases, especially in such vulnerable populations as children, seniors, and the underserved; and
- Measurable decreases in rates of crime and other detrimental activities. Communities are safer as a result of a wholesome atmosphere created by well managed parks and recreation services in communities through healthy activities and programming for all people³.

³ <http://www.nrpa.org/About-NRPA/Position-Statements/Social-Equity-and-Parks-and-Recreation/>

Plan Vision

The project's vision was inspired by the needs of the community and developed by the City of Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation and Steering Committee for this master plan. It is derived from the mission of the department to create quality of life opportunities by providing safe environments and affordable programs to enhance fun, fitness, and education for residents of all ages in the community.

This vision for the plan established an end goal for the recommendations and action steps.

"The City of Evansville is dedicated to preserving and enhancing quality of life by providing beautiful green spaces, healthy outdoor activities, and engaging programs that enrich the health and wellness of all people."

With this vision guiding the project development process, the project team surveyed residents and collaborated with stakeholders to learn the desires and needs for the City's Parks and Recreation Department. This feedback established a foundation for the project and led to the development of the Plan's five goals.

Plan Goals

The goals established for the plan were inspired by NRPA's key themes of Conservation, Health and Wellness, and Social Equity. These five goals localize the NRPA's themes, bringing specific achievable measures to the community in Evansville. The following goals acted as the pillars of the Plan, guiding the Department toward its mission of creating quality of life opportunities for all Evansville residents.

PLAN GOALS

CONNECTIVITY Weave the community together with a network of trails that provide access to green spaces.

SUSTAINABILITY Promote sustainability through park development, maintenance, and public education.

SAFETY Design spaces that foster a sense of comfort and safety for users of all ages.

HUMAN & SOCIAL HEALTH Create spaces that encourage healthful living, social interaction, and a sense of ownership for all citizens.

DIVERSITY Generate a variety of offerings throughout park spaces and within programming that stimulate personal and community growth.

Methodology

A systematic planning process was employed to learn about residents' park and recreational needs and to follow the vision of this Plan. This process assessed the current status of facilities, identified recreational needs for the community, determined whether these needs are being met, and established a plan of action.

The first step of this process was to conduct a thorough analysis of existing plans, understand the demographics of the city, visit facilities, and review the program inventory. Understanding the demographic characteristics of the city, existing facility and program offerings, and conducting a review of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) revealed the opportunities and challenges of implementing the Plan's vision. Considering the city's features, trends, and the parks and recreation facilities and programs established a holistic view of the quality of life in Evansville. The use of matrices and maps provided a thorough understanding of the existing conditions allowing for evaluation, quantification, and analysis.

The second step of the process involved needs assessment and analysis of supply and demand. Feedback was gathered from Evansville residents regarding their impressions of existing facilities and programs while inquiring about future desires. Analyzing the supply and demand of facilities aided in the visual representation of facility gaps and where there is a high demand for future improvements. Public information gathering included attending public functions and conducting a survey. Team members surveyed participants at local recreation events, and via an online tool hosted on the project website which was advertised through email blasts, Facebook links, city websites, and Twitter.

The combination of existing inventory, supply and demand analysis, and public comments and stakeholder feedback guided the development of the Plan recommendations and action steps that will support the department through the achievement of the vision for the future of Evansville facilities and programs.

Benefits of Parks and Recreation

"Parks provide intrinsic environmental, aesthetic, and recreation benefits to our cities. They are also a positive source of economic benefits. They enhance property value, increase municipal revenue, bring in homebuyers and workers, and attract retirees."

- American Planning Association – City Parks Forum

CONSERVATION

ENVIRONMENTAL

The founder of American landscape architecture, Fredrick Law Olmsted, described New York's Central Park as the "lungs of the city." The U.S. Forest Service has cemented this statement by calculating that one tree with a 50-year lifetime will generate \$31,250 worth of oxygen, provide \$62,000 worth of air pollution control, recycle \$37,500 worth of water, and control \$31,250 worth of soil erosion⁴.

City parks play a large role in combating problems such as poor air quality. In America, poor air quality affects 127 million people resulting in respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, decreased lung function, and increased cancer rates. In parks that contain contiguous forests with substantial tree cover, the park can remove significant amounts of ozone (O₃), sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon monoxide from the surrounding air⁵.

Trees also acts as a natural filter and air conditioner. Leaves, roots, and soil filter stormwater and remove pollution before it reaches a community's water table or storm water sewers. A tree can also act as a natural air conditioner by evaporating water and cooling the surrounding air. One large tree can produce the cooling effect of ten room-size air conditioners, helping to mitigate the heat island effect from the concentration of concrete and glass⁶.

4 U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Pamphlet #R1-92-100, cited in "Benefits of Trees in Urban Areas," Colorado Tree Coalition, <http://www.coloradotrees.org/>

5 David J. Nowak, "The Effects of Urban Trees on Air Quality" (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service), <http://www.fs.fed.us/ne/syracuse/gif/trees.pdf>

6 U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Pamphlet #FS-363, cited in "Benefits of Trees in Urban Areas," Colorado Tree Coalition, <http://www.coloradotrees.org/>

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Due in large part to our growing sedentary lifestyle and unhealthy diet, obesity has become an epidemic in America. Over one third of adults and one sixth of children are now considered obese; more than doubling since the 1970s. Obesity has numerous negative health side effects and contributes to a significant portion of health care costs.

With adult and childhood obesity rates on the rise, more attention has been placed on overall health and how it relates to physical activity. Recent studies across a wide range of fields have found that accessibility to parks correlates with increased exercise. In a study published by the *American Journal of Preventative Medicine*, "the creation or enhanced access to places for physical activity combined with informal outreach produced a 48.4 percent increase in the frequency of physical activity⁷." While not a silver bullet, the presence of a park or place for physical activity can encourage more people to exercise and mitigate the growing trend of obesity.

MENTAL HEALTH

Parks have also been shown to promote psychological well-being. Numerous studies have shown that access to green spaces can reduce tension and anxiety, as well as improve cognitive functions, impulse control, resilience to stress, and overall mental health. Conversely, low access to nature has been linked with higher levels of deficit/hyperactivity disorders (ADHD), depression, stress, and anxiety.

One scientific test in the Netherlands concluded that residents who lived in areas with the least green spaces had a 44 percent higher rate of physician-diagnosed anxiety disorders than people who lived in the greenest residential areas. This effect was shown to have the strongest impact on children and those with low level of education and income. A similar study concluded that sadness and depression was 33 percent higher in residential areas with the least amount of green spaces, compared to the neighborhoods with the most.

7 Emily B. Kahn et al. and the Task Force on Community Preventive Services, "The Effectiveness of Interventions to Increase Physical Activity," *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 22, no. 4S (2002): pp. 87-88.

SOCIAL EQUITY

SOCIAL FUNCTION

Green spaces build community, foster social connections, and reduce crime. Research shows that people feel less isolated and are more likely to enjoy stronger social ties when connected to nature. A study by the University of Chicago found that the presence of grass and trees supports common space and encourages social contact among neighbors. Another study conducted in Chicago showed that residents in areas with more vegetation had lower rates of homicide, assault, robbery, theft, burglary, and arson. Overall, buildings with high levels of vegetation had 52 percent fewer total crimes than buildings with low levels of vegetation⁸.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Park and recreation departments play a large role in the development of youth in a community. Offering adult-supervised, structured park programs provide the type of activities kids need to develop important social skills and positive relationships. In inner-city areas, effective youth programs provide a positive alternative to other, more devastating activities seen in areas with minimal youth-serving organizations.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Parks have a tremendous economic impact due to their many community benefits (see diagram on page 1-8). These numerous health, environmental, and social benefits consistently result in higher property values as people are willing to pay a larger amount for a property located close to parks and open space. A recent study in Boulder, CO, concluded that the greenbelt added \$5.4 million to the total property value of a neighborhood and there was a \$4.20 decrease in the price of residential property for every foot when moving away from the greenbelt⁹. Parks have also been shown to significantly increase commercial property taxes.

⁸ Frances E. Kuo et al., "Fertile Ground for Community: Inner-City Neighborhood Common Spaces," *American Journal of Community Psychology* 26, no. 6 (1998)

⁹ Mark R. Correll, Jane H. Lillydahl, and Larry D. Singell, "The Effect of Greenbelts on Residential Property Values: Some Findings on the Political Economy of Open Space," *Land Economics*, May 1978, cited in National Park Service, "Economic Impacts," *Economic Impacts of Protecting Rivers, Trails, and Greenway Corridors*, 4th ed., (Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, 1995), p. 14

On a community-wide scale, parks and green space are routinely cited as having a large impact on the "livability" of an area. Livability, or quality of life, is a huge component of every community and substantially impacts where individuals and corporations decide to call home. The green space surrounding Portland, OR, has contributed to its reputation as one of the most livable cities in America. Intel, Adidas, Nike, and Columbia Sportswear have all been drawn to the region in part because of its access to natural resources.

By promoting and encouraging physical activity, parks are one of the most cost-effective solutions for improving community health and lowering long-term health expenditures. Even modest spending can provide a sizable increase in physical activity and help reduce the \$147 billion dollars that are directly and indirectly spent annually on obesity related issues in America¹⁰. Additionally, the ability to mitigate negative psychological issues such as stress and depression and promote physiological well-being is a tremendous boon to a community. A healthier, more productive mental state can minimize health-care related costs and result in greater economic vitality.

Parks are also consistent sources of tourism for a region. Many people are drawn to parks as an aesthetic natural resource, for the concentration of commercial and cultural resources surrounding them, or for organized activities such as festivals, athletic events, and concerts. The resulting tourism fills hotel rooms, restaurant, and local stores, positively impacting the local economy.

NRPA has conducted extensive research to support park and recreation departments in quantifying the economic impact of facilities and programs. An impact calculator is available to provide a financial snapshot of air quality, water quality, health, and property value benefits (see chart on page 1-8).

Multiple disciplines continue to research and support the importance of providing parks and recreation resources that cater to the needs of American communities. As the knowledge base grows, park and recreation staff will be empowered to align facilities and programs with the goals of comprehensive planning, transportation planning, and implementation strategies that affect the livability of the community.

¹⁰ <http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/adult/causes/index.html>

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Adapted from *The City of Arlington Parks and Recreation*



1 Open Space San Francisco. "The Economic Value of Parks." 2009. 2 American Planning Association "How Cities Use Parks for Economic Development." 2002. 3 Active Living Research. "Economic Benefits of Communities that Support Physical Activity." May 2010. 4 Active Living Research. "The Economic Benefits of Open Space, Recreation Facilities and Walkable Community Design." May 2010. 5 City of Arlington. "Urban Forest Resource Analysis." 2009.

NRPA PARK VALUES CALCULATOR

Available at <https://www.iisecure.com/nrpa/proragis/EcoBenefit.asp>

CATEGORY	BENEFIT
AIR QUALITY	\$0.54 per tree per year ¹ ; \$143.88 per acre per year ²
WATER QUALITY	\$156.12 per tree per year ³ ; \$790.63 per acre per year ⁴
HEALTH	Moderately active park users under 65 save \$427 annually in health care costs; Moderately active park users over 65 save \$854 annually in health care costs ⁵ Children that have easy access to a playground are 5x more likely to have a healthy weight than children that do not have easy access to playgrounds ⁶ Easy access to parks and open green spaces reduces mortality across one's lifespan ⁷
PROPERTY VALUE	Property values increase as much as 20 percent when adjacent to a park ⁸

1 Houston's Regional Forest. USDA Forest Service & Texas Forest Service study, Oct. 2005. Converted to per tree and 2014 values.

2 Coder, Dr. Kim D., "Identified Benefits of Community Trees and Forests", University of Georgia, October, 1996. (One hectare forest equals \$136/day value of air pollution control. Converted to acre/year; converted to 2014 dollars)

3 Economic Benefits of the Park and Recreation System of Mecklenburg County NC. Trust for Public Lands. 2010. Considered impervious % of parklands vs. no parks, 96% pervious parkland surfaces, 42 inches/rain/year, and 0.0344 stormwater treatment cost per cubic foot. Converted to per acre value. 2014 dollars

4 Identified Benefits of Community Trees and Forests. Dr. Kim Coder, Univ. of GA. 1996. \$336,000 savings per 1 sq./mi. = 640 acres or \$525/acre. Converted to 2014 values.

5 FIND SOURCE, adjusted for 2014 dollars

6 Potwarka, L.R., Kaczynski A.T. & Flack A.L. 2008. Places to Play: Association of Park Space and Facilities with Healthy Weight Status among Children. Journal of Community Health. 33(5): 344-350.

7 Kuo, F. 2010. Parks and Other Green Environments: Essential Components of a Healthy Human Habitat. National Recreation and Park Association.

8 Harnik, P., Welle, B. & Leenan, L. 2009. Measuring the Economic Value of a Park System. The Trust for Public Lands.

Chapter Two



Existing Conditions

Overview

Prior to crafting recommendations, an array of existing conditions were examined. Understanding who the population is (demographics) and spatially where they reside was critical to setting a baseline for facility and park needs. Over the past few years, the population of Evansville has remained relatively constant. The slow growth rate, if continued, will allow the Parks and Recreation Department to adjust and respond to the existing population relatively easily (in comparison with a rapidly growing city). Population and growth characteristics indicate gender, age, race, ethnicity, and level of education. An equity analysis indicates areas within the city that possess special needs as a result of criteria culled from the American Community Survey (ACS). These factors contributed to determining which types of programs and facilities should be offered to cater to the composition of the community.

Previous planning efforts documented park facilities, therefore this study does not include a comprehensive inventory of each park site. Instead, previous planning efforts were reviewed to influence the recommendations. Mapping and Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) modeling were used to illustrate the existing facilities and refine park types. Other existing plans, including the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) supplemented exploration of trends, goals, and a vision for how Evansville will contribute to the overall purpose of parks and recreation in the State of Indiana.

Population and Growth Characteristics

The City of Evansville functions as the commercial, medical, and cultural hub of the Southwestern Indiana. Situated on the Ohio

River, the “River City” has an old history with a broad economic base that reaches into the tri-state region of Illinois-Indiana-Kentucky. As such, the parks and recreation facilities of Evansville are often used regionally and service a diverse assortment of individuals. According

CHARACTERISTIC	EVANSVILLE	INDIANA	ILLINOIS	KENTUCKY
MALE POPULATION	48.2	49.3	49	49.2
FEMALE POPULATION	51.8	50.7	51	50.8
UNDER 5 YEARS	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.4
5 TO 19	16.5	21.2	20.8	20.1
20 TO 64	60.2	65.8	66.6	66.6
65 AND OLDER	16.4	13	12.6	13.3
MEDIAN AGE	35.5	36.9	36.6	38
WHITE	85.5	86.9	74.1	89.8
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	14.3	10.1	15.3	8.6
AMERICAN INDIANA AND ALASKA NATIVE	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.7
ASIAN	1.2	1.9	5.2	1.4
NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	N	0.0	0.1	0.1
SOME OTHER RACE	1.3	2.3	6.7	1.1
HISPANIC OR LATINO	3.1	6.0	15.9	3.0
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE	28.5	31.3	27.7	33.5
BACHELORS DEGREE OR HIGHER	9.0	8.8	12.3	7.8

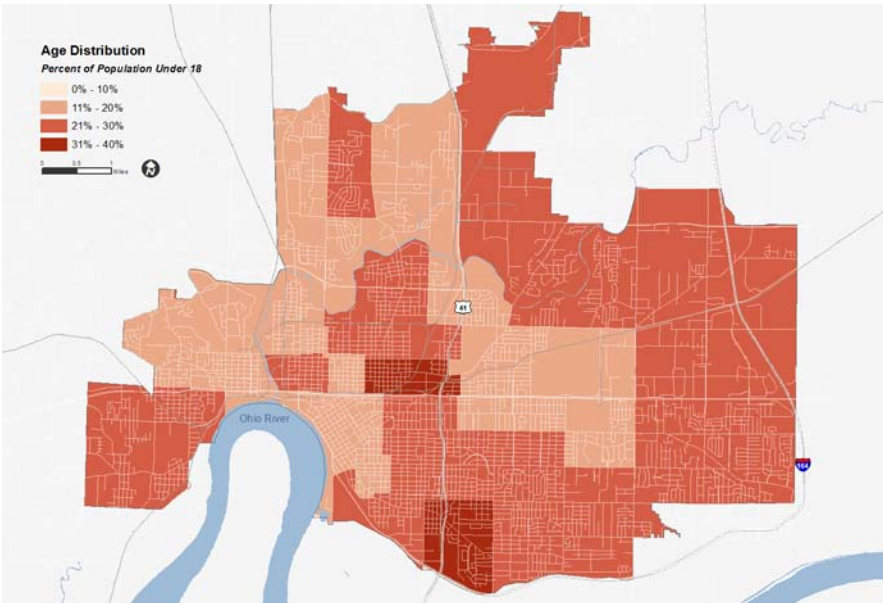
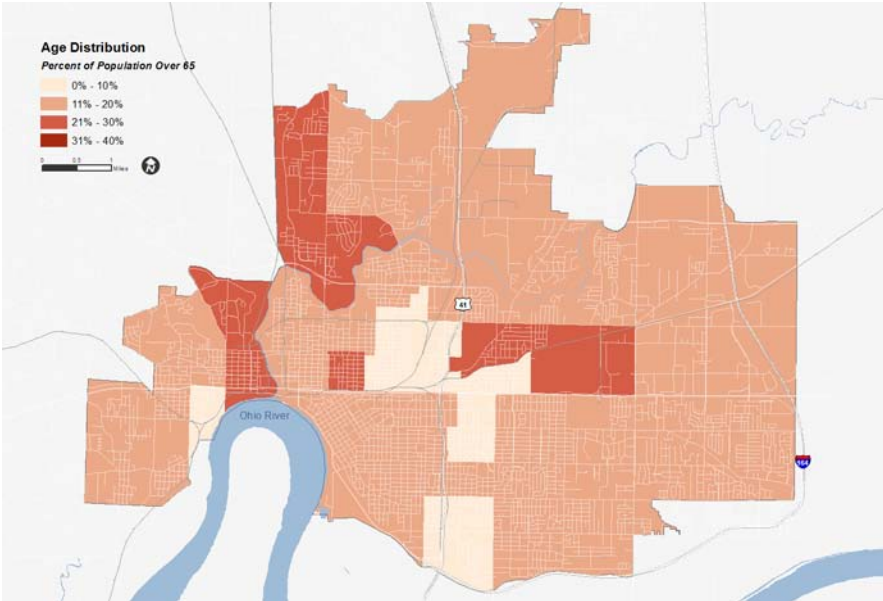
Information gathered from the 2010 US Census.

to the *Comprehensive Plan*, large percentages of the surrounding communities commute to Evansville for work. A demographic comparison of the tri-state and an equity analysis of Evansville were completed to better understand local and regional constituents.

AGE

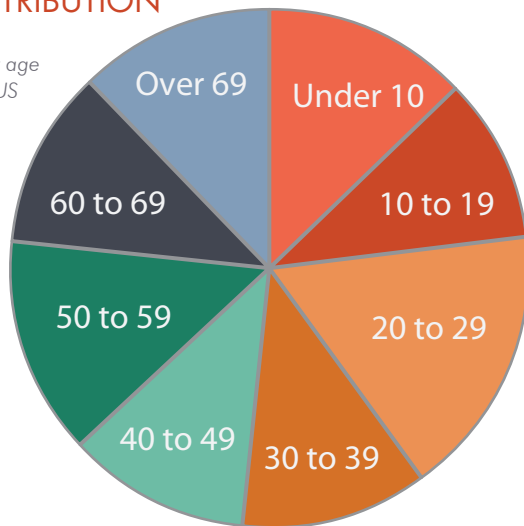
The City of Evansville has a relatively evenly distributed population, with the 20 to 29 age bracket having the largest percentage of the population at 16.7 percent and the 10 to 19 age bracket having the lowest percentage of the population at 10.4 percent. All other population brackets are within a range of 11.3 to 13.4 percentage of the population.

Age can also be mapped to indicate areas of concentration for specific groups. Maps to the right geographically illustrate concentrations of the over 65 and under 18 groups. These two groups are often key users of parks and recreation programs and facilities. Identifying geographic concentrations of these ages will lead to recommendations suitable for these populations in proximity to where they live.



AGE DISTRIBUTION

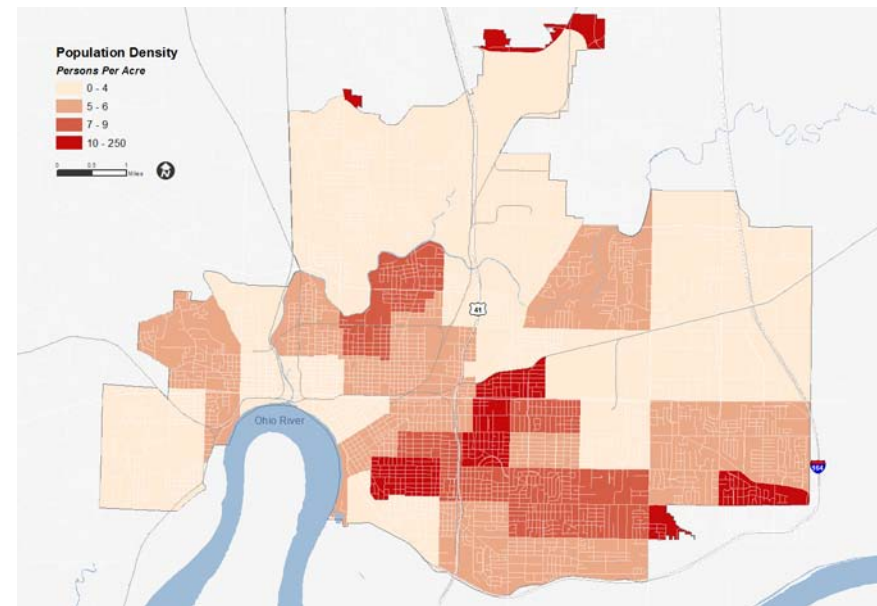
Population distribution by age according to US Census Data.



POPULATION DENSITY

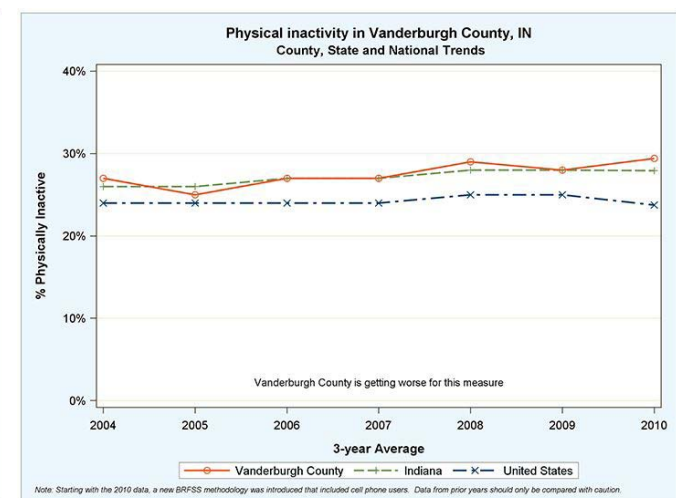
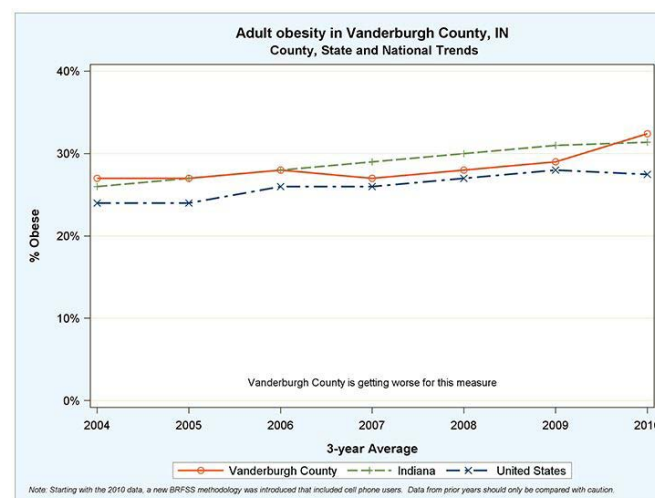
The map to the right illustrates the population density (persons per acre) for the City of Evansville as of the 2012 American Community Survey. Evansville is located in the third most densely populated county (Vanderburgh), with a citywide average population density of 4.2 persons per acre. The least dense areas in Evansville exist mostly on the periphery of the city to the north, east, and west; however, there are also low density areas downtown and north of the Ohio River.

More densely populated areas, with densities from 10 to 15 persons per acre, are located in the central and southern areas of the city near the University of Evansville and along Washington Avenue and Newburgh Road.



HEALTH CHARACTERISTICS

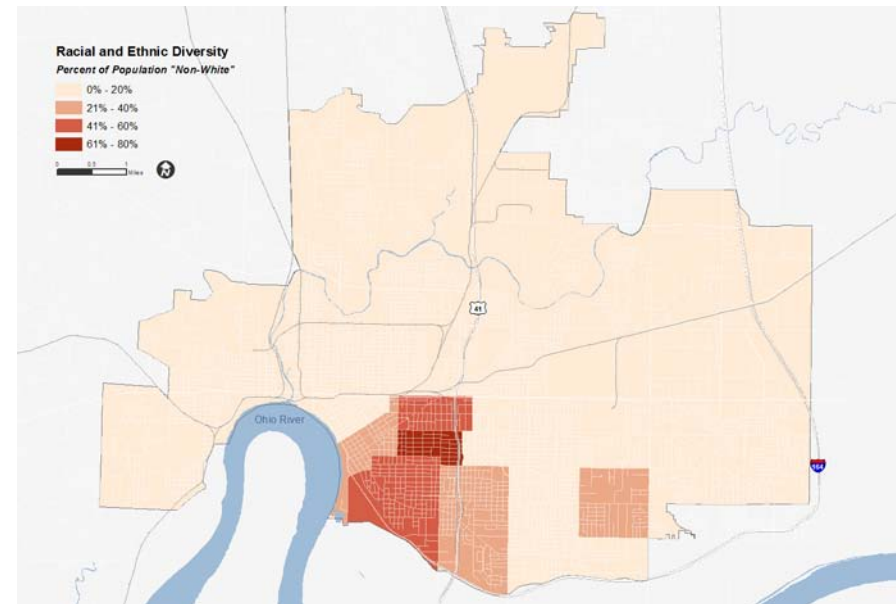
In keeping with the pillar of Health and Wellness, it was imperative to understand any overarching themes in health risk behaviors. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) reveals adult obesity and physical inactivity in Vanderburgh County are not only above the national average, but are trending up instead of down. This has serious negative implications on health and economics for the community.



Equity Analysis

RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY

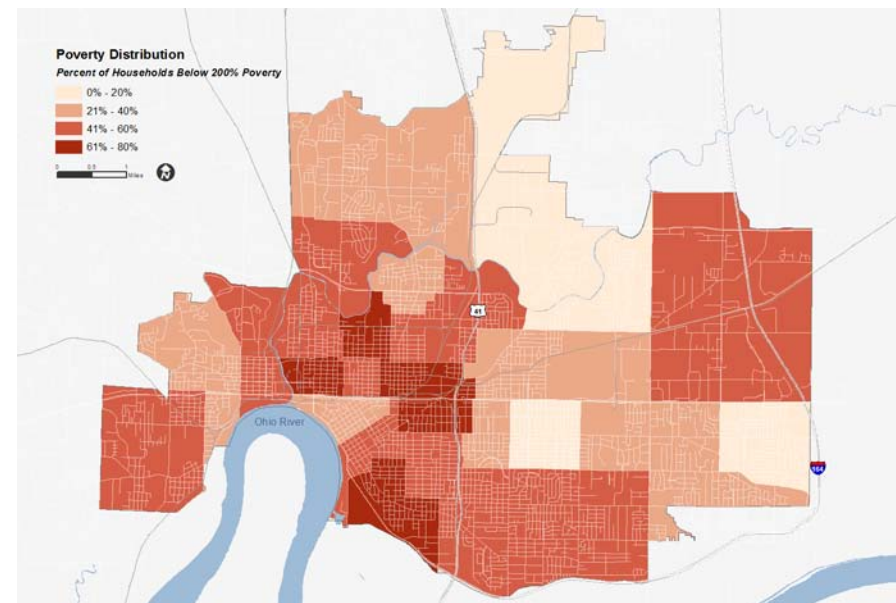
This map shows the percentage of Evansville residents who identified themselves as “non-white” in the 2012 American Community Survey. The map indicates that the largest percentage of non-white residents live in the downtown area to the west of Highway 41. The highest percentage of non-white residents (60 to 80 percent) live between Lincoln Avenue and Washington Avenue, surrounding Bayard park. Outside of downtown, a large majority of Evansville residents are predominately “white” (80 to 100 percent). The highest percentage of white residents are located north of the North Park Shopping Center along N First Avenue.



POVERTY

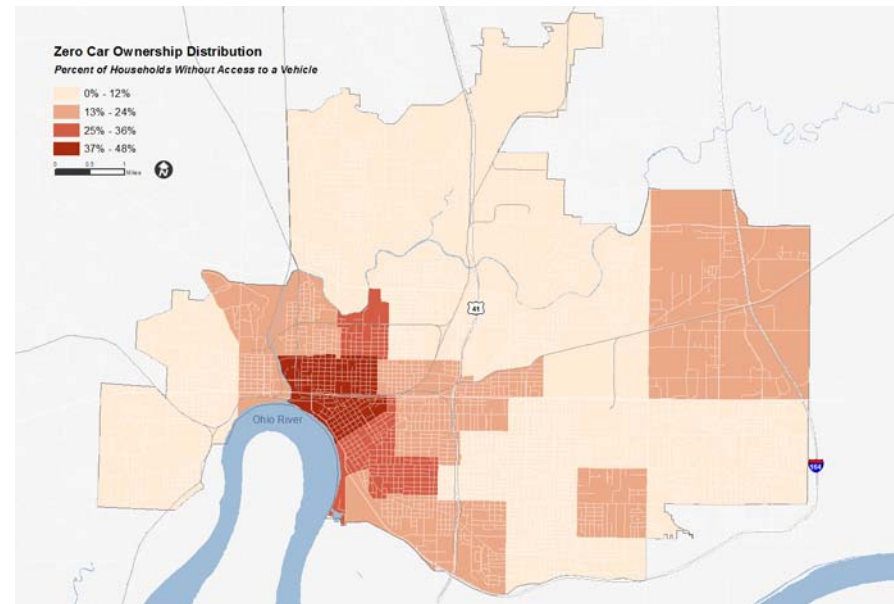
The median household income in 2010 for Indiana was \$43,993 and for Vanderburgh County was \$36,832. Comparatively, the median household income for Evansville was \$35,947 in 2010.

This map indicates the percentage of Evansville residents that are classified in the 2012 ACS as being at 200 percent of the national poverty level or below (the national poverty level in 2012 was \$11,170). Many of the locations throughout the city have a 20 percent or greater percentage of residents that classify as having a median household income less than the poverty level. The highest levels of poverty (61 to 80 percent) are located in the areas surrounding the intersection of Highway 41 and 62, Deaconess Hospital, Lamasco Park, and to the south of downtown. The lowest percentage (0 to 20 percent) of residents that are classified as having a median household income less than the poverty level are located in the areas surrounding Melody Hill.



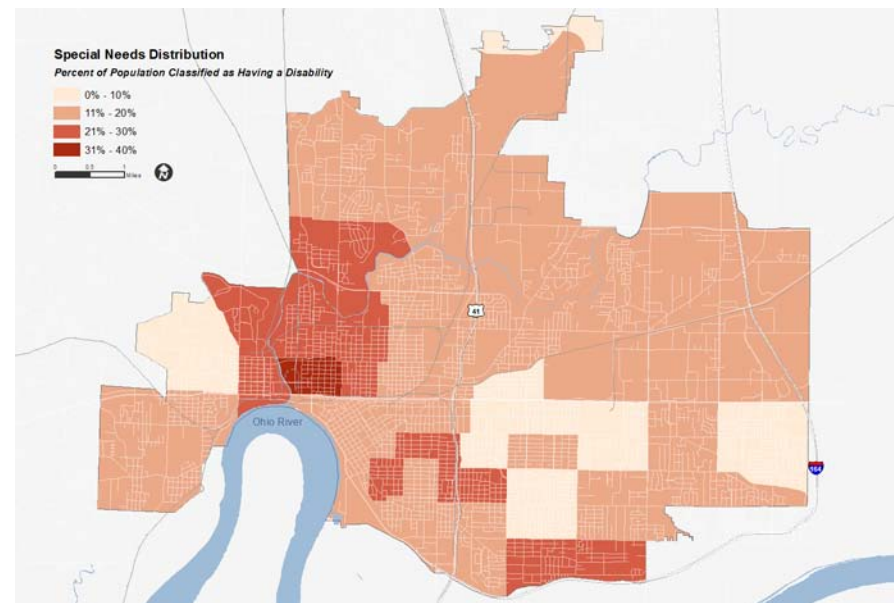
POPULATION WITHOUT ACCESS TO A VEHICLE

This map shows the percentage of households without access to a vehicle. On average, 9.7 percent of Evansville households do not have access to a vehicle. The highest percentages of these households are located downtown and just north of downtown (south of Colombia Street), where zero vehicle access makes up 42 to 48 percent of the households. Adjacent to these areas, 26 to 34 percent of the households around Garvin Park and Washington Street west of Highway 41 also do not have access to a vehicle. Zero vehicle access seemingly dissipates as households fan out from downtown. The census tracts on the periphery of town fall within 0 to 12 percent of households, save for the areas east of Green River Road.



SPECIAL POPULATIONS

According to the 2010 Census Summary, there are approximately 19,809 residents, or 17.2% of the population, with disability status living in the city. The largest special needs age range is 65 years and older with 7,250 residents or 39.8 percent of the age range. The under 18 years population has 1,383 special needs residents, or 5.5 percent of the age range. As shown here, large portions of Evansville have a 10 percent or greater percentage of special needs residents. The highest percentage of residents are located near Lamasco Park (32 percent) and around the surrounding area (22 to 27 percent). The lowest percentage of special needs residents are located just south of the University of Evansville near Bosse High School (3.5 percent).



Park Classifications and Typical Criteria

It is common practice to use a classification system and designation of park zones to help define the park types offered and where they may be found within the city. As Evansville continues to grow and diversify, it will need to provide a variety of parks and facilities where demand increases. The following park classifications were derived from the *Indiana Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan* and tailored to City of Evansville based on current facilities and demand for new ones.

MINI-PARKS

- 0 – 1 acres
- ¼ mile service area
- Should promote partnerships with neighborhoods, homeowners association, or businesses for maintenance
- Often used in high density area (e.g. downtown)
- Parking is uncommon

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

- 1 – 20 acres
- 1.0 mile service area
- Incorporated in or adjacent to residential areas
- Should promote partnerships with neighborhoods or homeowners association for maintenance
- Parking (not typical in neighborhood park) will vary

COMMUNITY PARK

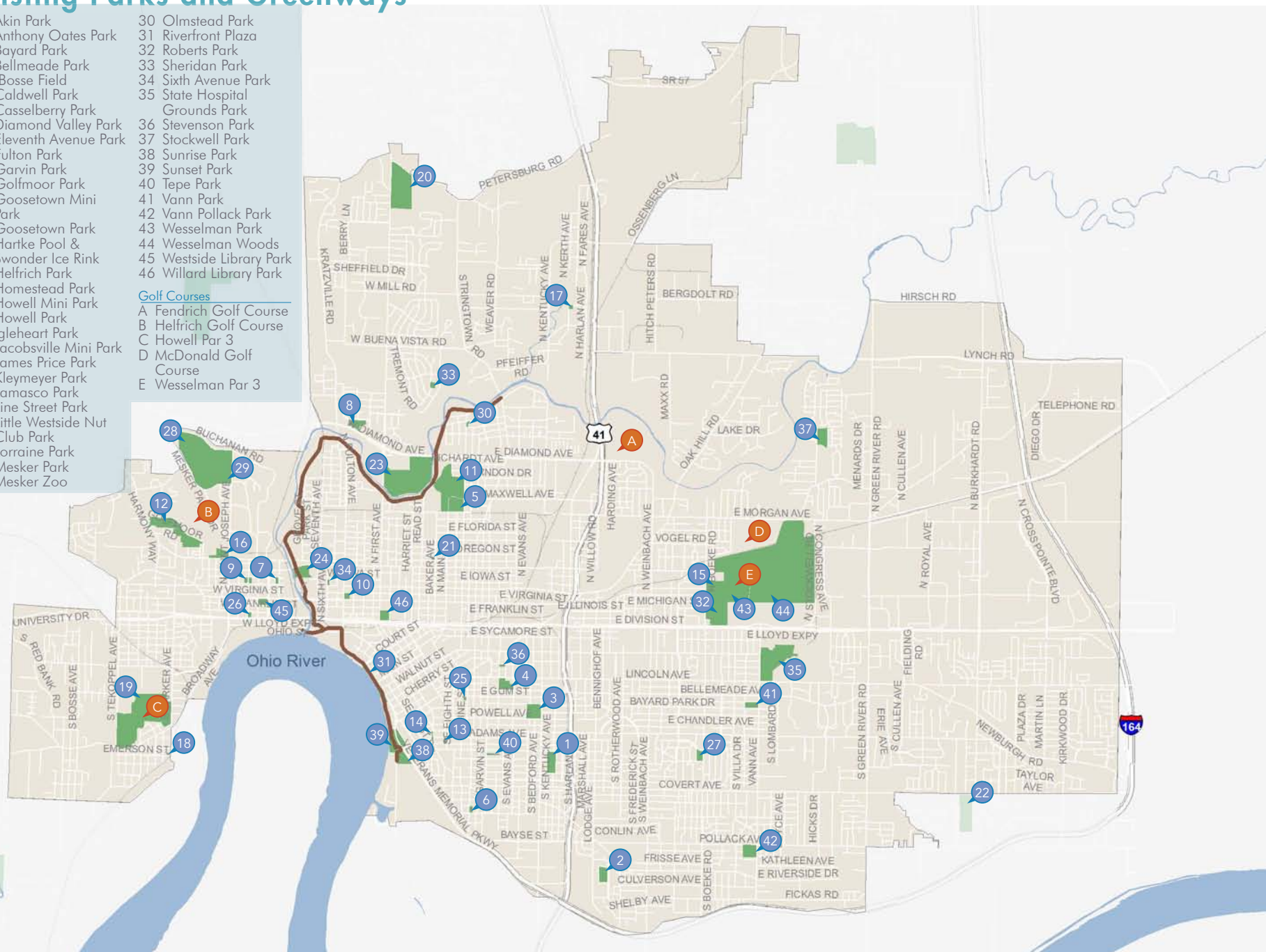
- 20 – 50 Acres
- 1.5 mile service area
- Service large portions of the community
- Should offer support services such as restrooms, concessions, and parking
- Should be accessible by trail, sidewalk, and street networks
- Should promote partnerships for community use
- Should accommodate active and passive recreation activities
- Parking size will vary based upon components

REGIONAL PARK

- 50– 100+ Acres
- Services the needs of multiple communities
- Support services such as restrooms, concessions, and parking should be provided
- Examples of regional parks include, but are not limited to: county parks, state parks and natural areas
- Typical activities include picnicking; boating; using nature and greenway trails; nature study; and, in some cases, camping
- Parking size will vary based on components

Existing Parks and Greenways

- | | | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Akin Park | 30 | Olmstead Park |
| 2 | Anthony Oates Park | 31 | Riverfront Plaza |
| 3 | Bayard Park | 32 | Roberts Park |
| 4 | Bellmeade Park | 33 | Sheridan Park |
| 5 | Bosse Field | 34 | Sixth Avenue Park |
| 6 | Caldwell Park | 35 | State Hospital |
| 7 | Casselberry Park | | Grounds Park |
| 8 | Diamond Valley Park | 36 | Stevenson Park |
| 9 | Eleventh Avenue Park | 37 | Stockwell Park |
| 10 | Fulton Park | 38 | Sunrise Park |
| 11 | Garvin Park | 39 | Sunset Park |
| 12 | Golfmoor Park | 40 | Tepe Park |
| 13 | Goosetown Mini
Park | 41 | Vann Park |
| 14 | Goosetown Park | 42 | Vann Pollack Park |
| 15 | Hartke Pool &
Swonder Ice Rink | 43 | Wesselman Park |
| 16 | Helfrich Park | 44 | Wesselman Woods |
| 17 | Homestead Park | 45 | Westside Library Park |
| 18 | Howell Mini Park | 46 | Willard Library Park |
| 19 | Howell Park | | |
| 20 | Igleheart Park | | |
| 21 | Jacobsville Mini Park | | |
| 22 | James Price Park | | |
| 23 | Kleymeyer Park | | |
| 24 | Lamasco Park | | |
| 25 | Line Street Park | | |
| 26 | Little Westside Nut
Club Park | | |
| 27 | Lorraine Park | | |
| 28 | Mesker Park | | |
| 29 | Mesker Zoo | | |



Existing Inventory: Parks, Greenways, and Programs

PARKS

Since previous plans and efforts by the department resulted in a comprehensive inventory of parks, this plan did not include an evaluation of each site. Instead, a matrix was created and verified by staff to illustrate the frequency of facilities in each park.

NAME	LOCATION	PARK TYPE*	ACERAGE	PLAYGROUND	PICNIC PAVILION OR SHELTER	OPEN SPACE	WALKING PATH	BASKETBALL COURTS	HORSESHOE PITS	SWINGSET	POOL	SOCCER FIELDS	FORMAL GARDENS	GREENWAY TRAILHEAD	LAKE	FISHING OVERLOOK	BASEBALL FIELD	TENNIS COURTS	SOFTBALL FIELD	YOUTH BASEBALL FIELDS	MINI-GOLF	FOOTBALL FIELD	HANDBALL	DISC GOLF	TRAILS	AQUATICS CENTER
Akin Park	Parkside Drive & Taylor Avenue	N	9.7	x				x																		
Anthony Oates Park	2439 Sunburst Boulevard	N	6.8	x				x			x															
Bayard Park	Bayard Park Drive & Kentucky Avenue	N	10.7	x			x																			
Bellemeade Park	750 Bellemeade Avenue	N	7	x							x						x									
Caldwell Park	S. Governor & Sweetser Avenue	N	1	x	x			x																		
Casselberry Park	Ninth Avenue & W. Iowa Street	M	0.95	x					x																	
Diamond Valley Park	1100 Fulton Parkway	N	6.2	x			x	x							x	x										
Eleventh Avenue Park	Eleventh Avenue & W. Virginia Avenue	N	1.7	x				x																		
Fulton Park	Fulton Avenue & Franklin Street	N	1.8	x	x			x																		
Garvin Park	1600 North Main Street	C	40.6		x			x			x			x				x							x	
Goebel Soccer Complex	6800 N Green River Road	R	81.9									x														
Golfmoor Park & Lakview Tennis	Golfmoor Road & Lakeview Boulevard	C	28.8					x									x						x			

*Park Type codes correspond with classifications listed on 2-7. M = Mini-Parks N=Neighborhood Park C=Community Park R = Regional Park

NAME	LOCATION	PARK TYPE*	ACERAGE	PLAYGROUND	PICNIC PAVILION OR SHELTER	OPEN SPACE	WALKING PATH	BASKETBALL COURTS	HORSESHOE PITS	SWINGSET	POOL	SOCCER FIELDS	FORMAL GARDENS	GREENWAY TRAILHEAD	LAKE	FISHING OVERLOOK	BASEBALL FIELD	TENNIS COURTS	SOFTBALL FIELD	YOUTH BASEBALL FIELDS	MINI-GOLF	FOOTBALL FIELD	HANDBALL	DISC GOLF	TRAILS	AQUATICS CENTER
Goosetown Mini-Park	Putnam St and Jefferson Ave	M	0.61	x			x																			
Goosetown Park	Adams Ave and SE 2nd Street	M	0.86																							
Helfrich Park	St. Joseph Avenue & Marland Street	N	6.5	x						x																
Homestead Park	Homestead Avenue and Evergreen Avenue	M	0.88	x																						
Howell Mini Park	S. Barker Avenue & Emerson Street	M	0.37	x																						
Howell Park	Barker Avenue & Broadway Avenue	R	93.2					x		x																
Igleheart Park	6101 N. First Avenue	C	45	x				x		x							x							x		
Jacobsville Mini-Park	Baker and W. Maryland Street	M	0.44																							
Kleymeyer Park	2301 N. First Avenue	R	72.4																x			x				
Lamasco Park	Seventh Avenue & Delaware Street	N	9.4	x									x						x							
Line Street Park	761 Line Street	M	0.57		x																					
Little Westside Nut Club Park	Eleventh Avenue and Indiana Avenue	M	0.8	x				x																		
Lorraine Park	2399 S. Boeke Road	N	3.3	x	x					x																
Mesker Park	1555 Mesker Park Drive	R	50.2	x	x																			x		

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NAME	LOCATION	PARK TYPE*	ACERAGE	PLAYGROUND	PICNIC PAVILION OR SHELTER	OPEN SPACE	WALKING PATH	BASKETBALL COURTS	HORSESHOE PITS	SWINGSET	POOL	SOCCER FIELDS	FORMAL GARDENS	GREENWAY TRAILHEAD	LAKE	FISHING OVERLOOK	BASEBALL FIELD	TENNIS COURTS	SOFTBALL FIELD	YOUTH BASEBALL FIELDS	MINI-GOLF	FOOTBALL FIELD	HANDBALL	DISC GOLF	TRAILS	AQUATICS CENTER
Olmstead Park	2774 N Heidelberg Ave	M	0.6	x		x																				
Price Park	Covert Avenue	C	24.2	x	x							x														
Riverfront Park	Fulton Avenue	N	4.9				x							x												
Sheridan Park	3403 Sheridan Road	N	1.5			x				x																
Sixth Avenue Park	Sixth Avenue & Virginia Street	M	0.6	x	x																					
State Hospital Grounds Park	Vann Avenue & Lincoln Avenue	C	41.7																	x			x	x	x	
Stevenson Park	E. Cherry Street & Morton Avenue	M	0.72	x																						
Stockwell Park	Stockwell Road	N	9.3	x								x						x								
Sunrise Park	Waterworks Rd & Riverside Drive	N	8.3	x									x													
Sunset East Park	Riverside Drive & Shawnee Drive	N	13.1	x																						
Tepe - Mary C. Kixmiller Park	1212 S. Garvin Street	N	1.2	x	x																					
Vann Park	Vann Avenue & Bayard Park Drive	N	4	x	x																					
Vann-Pollack Park	Vann Avenue & Pollack Avenue	N	9.4		x			x									x									
Wesselman Park Complex	551 N. Boeke Road	R	99.2	x															x							
Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve	552 N. Boeke Road	R	232.4																							
Westside Library Park	Franklin Street & Wabash Avenue	N	2.82				x																			
Willard Library Park	21 N. First Avenue	N	4.63				x						x													

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GOLF COURSES, DRIVING RANGE, AND MINI-GOLF

Golf Courses were not included in a site inventory or evaluation. Each course is listed below with facility details.

NAME	LOCATION	FACILITIES
FENDRICH GOLF COURSE	1900 Diamond Avenue	18 Holes, Par 70, 5,791 yards
HELFRICH GOLF COURSE	1550 Mesker Park Drive	18 Holes, Par 71, 5,324 yards
HOWELL PAR 3 COURSE	1045 S. Barker Avenue	9 Holes, Par 3 and miniature golf course
MCDONALD GOLF COURSE	2905 E. Morgan Avenue	9 Holes, Par 36, 3,265 yards
WESSELMAN PAR 3 COURSE	551 N. Boeke Road	18 Holes, Par 3, 1,748 yards

GREENWAYS

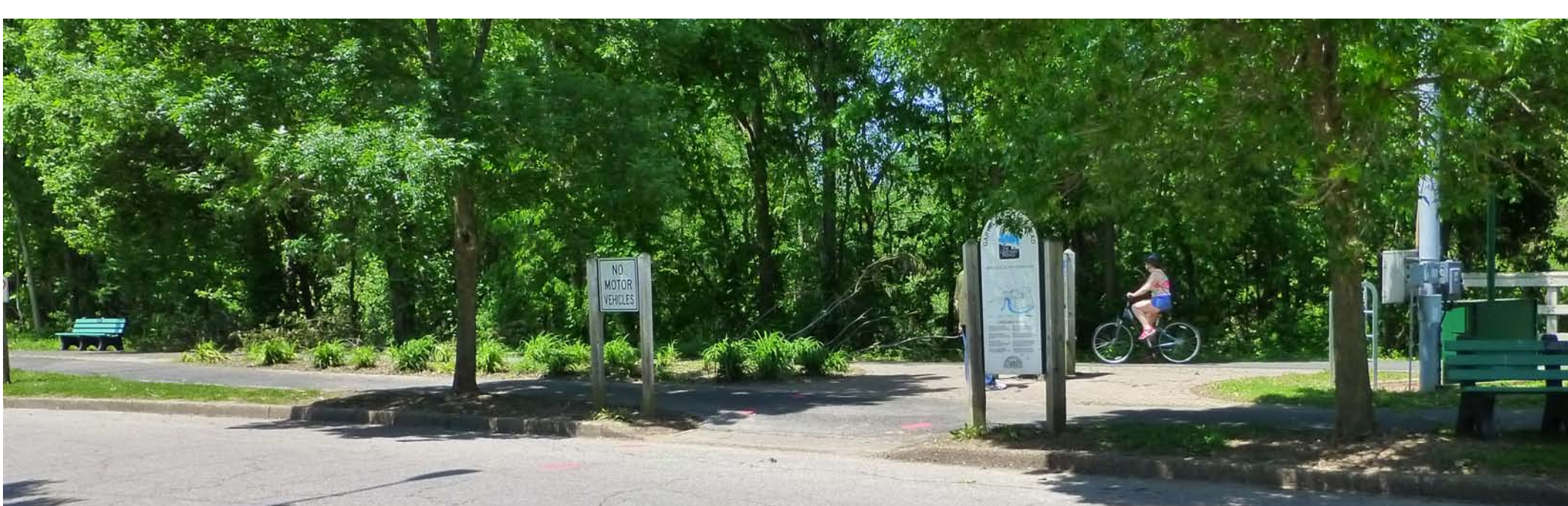
Only one named greenway is constructed. It is segmented into corridors as indicated below.

NAME	LENGTH (MILES)	WIDTH (FEET)	TYPE
PIGEON CREEK GREENWAY PASSAGE	6.75	10	Paved
MIDDLE LEVEE CORRIDOR	1.7	10	Paved
RIVERFRONT CORRIDOR	1.5	10	Paved
INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR	3.5	10	Paved

TRAILHEADS

Pigeon Creek greenway is accessible via the below trailheads.

Garvin	Uhorn	Lamasco
Mead Johnson	Sunrise Park	





SPECIAL FACILITIES

The following table lists facilities categorized as “special” due to the unique offerings of facilities.

NAME	LOCATION	FACILITIES
CK NEWSOME COMMUNITY CENTER	100 E. Walnut Street	Room Rentals
GRESHAM MEMORIAL HOME	2 Wedeking Avenue, Historic home	
ANGEL MOUNDS BOAT LAUNCH	Lynn Road & Ohio River	Public Boat Launch
DOGTOWN BOAT LAUNCH	Old Henderson Road & Ohio River	Public Boat Launch
SWONDER ICE ARENA	209 N. Boeke Road	Ice Rink, Fitness Center, Figure Skating, Ice Hockey
MESKER PARK ZOO	1545 Mesker Park Drive	Zoo and Botanical Gardens

EXISTING PROGRAMS

ENERGIZE EVANSVILLE

Energize Evansville is an initiative targeted at incorporating healthy activities throughout the city to enable residents to live more active lives. The Parks and Recreation Department has enlisted the help of over fifty local fitness experts, nutritionists, and other health-conscious minds to help achieve the goals of Energize Evansville.

The major portion of the Energize Evansville initiative allows the public to get active in the city’s parks and other locations. Its purpose is to bring people together and raise awareness about fitness and the city at the same time. Fitness in the Park is being coordinated by the Parks and Recreation Department and will include a new location every month.

Other scheduled programs are listed on page 2-14.

PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT	AGE SERVED	SEASON	WHERE HELD	ATTENDANCE
CAMP SWONDER	6-12	Summer	Swonder Ice Arena	670
SWIM TEAMS	5-65	Summer	Neighborhood Pools/Lloyd Pool	500
PLAYGROUND PROGRAM	5-13	Summer	Various Locations	800
ADULT BASKETBALL	18-60	Fall	CK Newsome Center	80
ADULT BASKETBALL	18-65	Winter	CK Newsome Center	80
ADULT SOFTBALL	18-70	Spring	Lamasco, Wesselman, Kleymeyer, Igleheart	900
ADULT SOFTBALL	18-70	Summer	Lamasco, Wesselman, Kleymeyer, Igleheart	1520
ADULT SOFTBALL	18-70	Fall	Lamasco, Wesselman, Kleymeyer, Igleheart	980
FLAG FOOTBALL	18-45	Spring/Fall	Goebel Soccer Complex	63
PICKLEBALL	21-80	Summer/Fall/Winter/Spring	CK Newsome Center	700
ADULT SOCCER	17-60	Spring/Summer/Fall	Goebel Soccer Complex	224
SAND VOLLEYBALL	17-65	Summer/Fall	Wesselman Park	536
INDOOR VOLLEYBALL	17-60	Spring/Fall/Winter	CK Newsome Center	846
YOUTH HOCKEY	4-18	Fall/Winter/Spring	Swonder Ice Arena	350
ADULT HOCKEY	18-81	Fall/Winter/Spring	Swonder Ice Arena	140

PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS USING PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES	AGE SERVED	WHERE HELD
YOUTH BASEBALL	7-15	Garvin Park, Golfmoor Park, Helfrich Park, Highland Park, State Hospital Park, Vann-Pollack Park
ADULT LACROSSE	18-55	Goebel Soccer Complex
YOUTH SOFTBALL	7-15	Golfmoor Park, Howell Park
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL	14-18	Howell Park
YOUTH FOOTBALL	7-12	Kleymeyer Park
YOUTH SOCCER	7-15	Price Park, State Hospital Park

Review of Relevant Plans

THE INDIANA STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN 2011-2015 (SCORP)

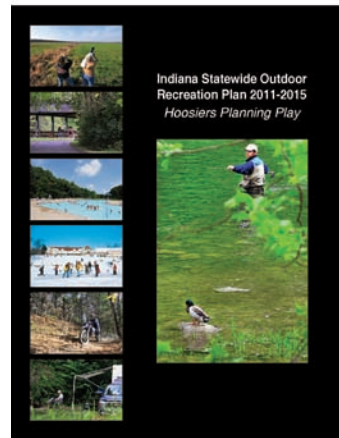
TRENDS IN THE HOOSIER STATE

According to the *Indiana Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan 2011-2015 (SCORP)* several key statewide trends affect how parks and recreation resources can benefit communities. Highlights of those trends included:

- The statewide population has grown and is aging
- Baby boomers are retiring in increasing numbers
- According to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development the unemployment rates has risen (based on 2011 data: in 2006 the unemployment rate was 5.1 percent, in 2011 it rose to 9.1 percent)
- More families are living in poverty (6.7 percent in 2000 to 9.5 percent in 2009)
- Children increasingly turn to sedentary indoor activities including video games
- The obesity epidemic has reached critical levels in Indiana with nearly one third (29.9 percent) of the population being considered obese (a body mass index of 30 or greater)

The implications of these trends are:

- Families are cautious about spending – including cutting back on fuel costs and seeking recreation opportunities close to home that are accessible by foot and bicycle
- Families are choosing to forgo vacations for “staycations” creating higher demand for quality regional parks and outdoor recreation opportunities
- The “Children and Nature Movement” nationwide is encouraging children to reconnect with nature to combat



sedentary lifestyles and therefore backyards and nearby green spaces are critical to health and mental well-being

- Health care costs are increasing and the obesity epidemic economic impact exceeds \$147 billion

Parks and recreation facilities and programs can all benefit the livability of citizens and help combat these negative trends while supporting positive actions due to the implications. As the statewide document purposed with guiding all parks and recreation decision making in Indiana, the following goals were developed after an intensive process of benefits research, exploration of national and local trends, supply and level of service analysis, and an intensive visioning process. These goals should be embraced by the community of Evansville as part of a collaborative process to improve the conservation, health and wellness, and equity of the state.

- Develop more trails and bicycle/pedestrian facilities
- Protect and enhance Indiana’s natural and outdoor recreation resources
- Encourage and promote outdoor recreation participation
- Provide funding for outdoor recreation development at the state and local levels
- Continue emphasis on Indiana’s aquatic resources, both natural and man made

LEVEL OF SERVICE

The SCORP discusses national Levels Of Service (LOS) and an adjusted LOS for Indiana. Vanderburgh County is noted as being deficient in all three park LOS categories: Local (20 acres/1000 people), Regional (35 acres/1000 people), and State (55 acres/1000 people). However, Vanderburgh County is not identified as a critical area – meaning the population growth is not high enough to create an immediate need to add additional park land.

A goal of the 2006 *Hoosiers on the Move, the Indiana State Trails, Greenways, & Bikeways Plan* was to provide a trail within 7.5 miles or 15 minutes of all residents. As of 2013, 97 percent of the state population has met this goal. The SCORP recommends setting the bar higher at 5 miles to connect a statewide system and close regional gaps.

2009-2013 PARKS, RECREATION, & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

KEY DISCOVERIES FROM THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The 2009-2013 Plan documented a 2007 Community Preference Survey prepared by the University Of Indiana Office Of Institutional Research. A total of 1028 adults responded. Key findings included:

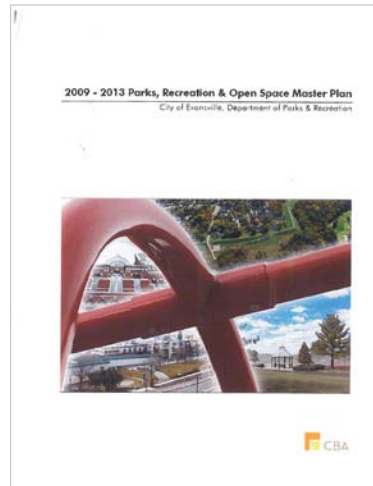
- 81 percent of those surveyed felt safe in parks
- The top three benefits of parks noted by participants were: improving physical health and wellness, making Evansville a better place to live, and preservation of natural areas and the environment
- Walking, swimming, picnicking, bicycling, and hiking were noted as the top five most recent activities

Public workshops revealed a concern for maintenance and safety, a need for connectivity and additional greenways, a suggestion to add additional sponsorships and partnerships, and a request to diversify the offerings of the department.

Staff interviews focused on internal needs of computer upgrades and integrated software, maintenance issues, inadequate lighting, and upgrades to existing facilities.

KEY ITEMS FROM THE SYSTEM EVALUATION

The system evaluation detailed the structure and responsibilities of the management system, key partnerships with agencies and volunteer organizations, and an extensive description of each facility organized by type.



KEY GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS

The recommendations in the 2009-2013 Plan are organized as a five-year vision plan. Goals were followed by a narrative vision and action items for system management, partnerships, facilities, programming, funding, and accessibility. The overarching goals were:

- That sufficient open space and natural areas be available to meet present and future needs of Evansville-area residents, and that these resources be located in relation to the population throughout the metropolitan area.
- That recreational opportunities not otherwise available in the Evansville-area be considered for inclusion in the park system where compatible, and that the quality of current recreational programs judged successful and appropriate be improved where possible.
- That outdoor educational programs be provided that encourage environmental awareness and interaction between people and nature.
- That interpretative programs be provided that give residents a framework of the community's cultural and historic origins.
- That cultural resources and programs be provided that give residents an opportunity to participate in the arts.
- That all visitors to park facilities and participants in park programs have a positive, enjoyable, and safe experience.
- That existing facilities and programs be adequately maintained, staffed, and funded before adding new programs and facilities and that new program and facility budgets incorporate funding mechanisms for their long-term viability.
- That innovative funding sources and creative partnerships be developed with either public and private sector agencies or groups to facilitate park and open space land or facility acquisitions, management, and program development.
- That information promoting public awareness and identification of the Evansville park system be effectively disseminated both locally and regionally.
- That the Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation be an advocate for federal, state, and local agency and private sector initiatives that support the park and open space mission of the department.

2004 EFFICIENCY STUDY

The efficiency study began with an overview of the park system. Facilities include 65 parks, 17 special facilities, and seven neighborhood pools. A budget comparison was included for three cities similar in the amount of park acres managed.

CITY	ACRES OF PARKS	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	BUDGET
FORT WAYNE, IN	2,200	115	\$10,303,308
SPRINGFIELD, MO	2,000	116	\$20,297,000
SIOUX FALLS, SD	3,000	65	\$10,700,000
EVANSVILLE	2,300	48*	\$11,489,000

**Evansville has forty eight (48) full-time employee, seventeen (17) part-time employees that work year round, and three hundred and twenty one (321) seasonal employees.*

The overall theme of this plan is how to create efficiencies in the park system that will lead to a more self-sustaining operation. To accomplish this, the report indicates it will require an increase of the public's use of the parks, an increase in fees, or a combination of both.

The report detailed very specific items that could create efficiencies in the system and minimize costs to the department. This report is an example of how small modifications can have large implications on a yearly budget. The most notable financial burden on the overall parks budget evaluated in this plan is the Zoo with over \$2.6 million in expenses. A recommendation was made to remove the \$783,250 income and expenditures from parks and recreation and create a separate taxing unit with its own tax rate.

2007 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

It shall be the policy of the City of Evansville and all department, agencies and employees thereof to operate in a manner that, now and in the future, protects the health and welfare of Evansville residents; mitigates negative impacts of human activity on the natural environment; and maintains the competitive viability of our diversified economy.

STRATEGIES

Many of the strategies listed are items the department can focus on in daily operations. Under the transportation category, the parks and recreation department plays a key role encouraging the population to choose biking, walking, and public transit over single car use. Also, the aggressive construction of Pigeon Creek Greenway is supported by this document and should be noted in funding requests and planning/design activities related to completing this greenway and closing gaps in the system with on-road connections.

2010 I-69 GATEWAY SMALL AREA PLAN

PURPOSE

This plan represents a long-term vision for the I-164 (I-69) corridor through Vanderburg County. This was a direct result of a recommendation of the 2004-2025 Comprehensive Plan. The plan recognized the importance of providing parks and recreation facilities within the area as it becomes more populated. Access to recreation is noted to be important not only to residents but to people who will be commuting into this area for work. Potential recreation opportunities included a reference to the Pigeon Creek Greenway and the importance of providing on and off-road bikeways and walking paths.



2004-2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

GOALS OF THE PLAN

Several measurable goals are noted throughout the plan followed by more detailed objectives and policies. Parks and recreation can be woven into almost all of the main goals including land use, economic development, quality of life, environmental quality, and transportation. This plan notes that based on a LOS of 25 acres of park per 1000 residents, with the projected growth of the county, it is likely by 2025 there will be a 308 acre deficit of park land. Unincorporated Vanderburgh County is seen as lacking park lands, particularly small mini parks and neighborhood parks. Within the city, the area bound by Vann, Washington, Greene River Road, Lloyd Expressway, the City limits, and Covert Avenue is seen as being a top priority to add a park due to the population density. Another area in the northeast portion of the urban core, bounded by Morgan Avenue, Boeke Road, Lincoln Avenue, Lloyd Expressway, and Oakley Street, also emerged as a priority for adding a park facility.

OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

As the parks and recreation offerings of the City of Evansville are seen as an opportunity to truly create a 'City Within A Park' and contribute to quality of life, the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan focus on supply and creating a baseline of quality before expansion. The objectives focus on the addition of parks in populated areas; improving current programs and expanding programs to diversify area offerings; adequately staffing, maintaining, and funding for existing facilities before adding new programs and facilities; and establishing park districts to achieve economies of scale.



THE MILLENNIAL PLAN FOR 2040 (2014)

OVERVIEW

The Millennial Plan covers a wide range of topics geared toward sustainable planning for the Henderson, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties. Parks, Recreation, and Open Space are

covered in Chapter Five of Volume Two. This plan identifies underserved areas as those outside of a half mile radius or buffer from each park. Recommendations are made for funding standards, maintenance, tree cover, and the adoption of a Complete Streets policy. A concept map is provided to illustrate key bicycle and pedestrian projects which should be studied further. One key recommendation is to expedite the completion of the entire Greenway Passage loop and focus on connection between schools, libraries, parks, and community centers.

Establishing Base Data

It is critical that all plans account for previous planning and implementation efforts. Goals from state and regional plans set a baseline for goals crafted for this parks and recreation master plan. Previous park master plans should be evaluated to determine if recommendations were implemented and discover a rationale to support why any short- or mid-term recommendations were not implemented.

Chapter Three



Needs Assessment

Overview

To assess the needs of the community in Evansville, a multi-faceted approach was taken to analyze both quantitative and qualitative information. Quantitative data gathering included a robust Geographic Information System (GIS) Model with US Census data inputs to determine demand. This demand was illustrated using a Live, Work, Play, Learn model which results in a fast visual understanding of community composition. Service area analysis, also conducted via GIS modeling, provides a snapshot of parks types and underserved geographic regions. The public survey gleaned both quantitative and qualitative data through a series of measurable questions and free response answers.

To gauge performance on a regional and national level, several measures were extracted from the community composition and department and cross-referenced with the National Recreation and Parks Association's Parks and Recreation Operating Ratio and Geographic Information System (PRORAGIS) database. By overlapping national data, local plans, community input, feedback from staff, and information from comparable communities, gaps were identified by geography, demographics, and service areas.

Demand and Park Service Area Analysis

INTRODUCTION

The consultant team conducted a Demand and Service Area Analysis for the Evansville, Indiana Department of Parks and Recreation Plan. The model identifies expected demand for parks and open spaces by identifying the locations where people live, work, play, and go to school as factors for regional demand. The results can be used to identify areas in need of improvement and where there is high demand for parks and recreation facilities. This analysis was complimented with a Service Area Analysis that inventoried existing parks in Evansville and categorized each park's service area.

This chapter summarizes the method and results of the Demand and Service Area Analysis for the project study area. The models were tailored to Evansville, Indiana using the data available. The demand model analyzed the city as well as into Vanderburgh County to account for demand generators near the boundary of the study area.

DATA SOURCES

The following data inputs were incorporated into the Demand model. A table, below, displays each variable, its source, and notes any limitations of the available data and assumptions that were made.

SOURCES OF THE PARK SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS MODEL INPUTS

MODEL INPUT	SOURCE	NOTES
TOTAL POPULATION	2010 U.S. Census	Summarized by census block
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT	2010 U.S. Census	Summarized by census block
SCHOOL LOCATIONS	City of Evansville	Includes elementary, middle, and high schools; parochial schools; and colleges
PARKS	City of Evansville	Includes regional, community, area, and neighborhood parks
COMMERCIAL DESTINATIONS	2010 U.S. Census	Commercial destinations are approximated by service sector jobs (Retail trade; arts, entertainment, recreation; accommodation and food services; other services)
PARKS	City of Evansville	Includes parks within the city and Vanderburgh County

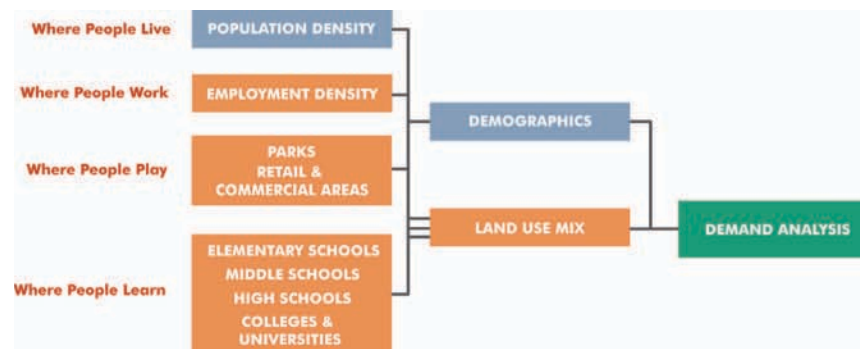
PARK SUPPLY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

The Demand and Service Area Analysis is an objective, data-driven process to identify the demand for parks and recreation facilities and which areas of the community are served by a particular park. The demand potential was measured based on the proximity and density of trip generators (such as homes and workplaces) and trip attractors (such as shopping centers and parks) to establish potential for walking and bicycling trips. The resulting models represent “heat maps” that display hot spots based on the live, work, play, and learn factors and then as a heat map showing a composite of all the factors.

DEMAND MODEL

APPROACH

The demand model identifies expected activity by overlaying the locations where people live, work, play, and go to school into a composite sketch of regional demand. The figure below summarizes this approach.



DEMAND MODEL APPROACH

SCALE OF ANALYSIS

The demand model relies on spatial consistency in order to generate logical distance and density patterns. It is for this reason that all scores are aggregated to a central location at the census block level, the census block corner. Census blocks closely represent the street network and therefore census block corners closely represent street corners, where foot and bicycle traffic is prevalent. This method is based on the Low-Stress Bicycling and Network Connectivity report (Mineta Transportation Institute, May 2012). The report discusses the benefits of using a smaller geographic setting for pedestrian and bicycle demand analyses rather than using more traditional traffic model features such as census block groups, census tracts, or traffic analysis zones. Due to the low speed of pedestrian movement, a much smaller geographic unit of analysis is needed.

SCORING METHOD

The demand model’s scoring method is a function of density and proximity. Scores are a result of two complementing forces: distance decay – the effect of distance on spatial interactions yields lower

scores for features farther away from other features; and spatial density – the effect of closely clustered features yields higher scores. Scores will increase in high feature density areas and if those features are close together. Scores will decrease in low feature density areas and if features are further apart.

The “learn” component of the analysis was weighted to establish the demand for parks and recreation facilities based on the institution. The weighting of features is provided in table to the right.

SUPPLY MODEL

The supply area model consists of an analysis of the service areas for each park classification and depicts the coverage graphically to indicate how each type of park is serving the community. This effectively demonstrates the “supply” of park facilities in the community. The adjacent table displays the type and service area for parks in Evansville. Note: these classifications deviate from the standards listed in the Indiana SCORP. New classifications were derived from best practices selected from area sister cities and tailored to Evansville based on geography, demographics, and current parks and recreation facilities.

WEIGHTING OF DEMAND INPUTS

CATEGORY	INPUT	WEIGHT
WHERE PEOPLE LEARN	Higher Education	5
	Elementary Schools	5
	Middle Schools	3
	High Schools	1

PARK CLASSIFICATION AND SERVICE AREA

TYPE OF PARK	ACREAGE	SERVICE AREA
MINI	0 - 1	¼ mi
NEIGHBORHOOD	1 - 20	1.0 mi
COMMUNITY	20 - 50	1.5 mi
REGIONAL	50 – 100+	1 hour drive

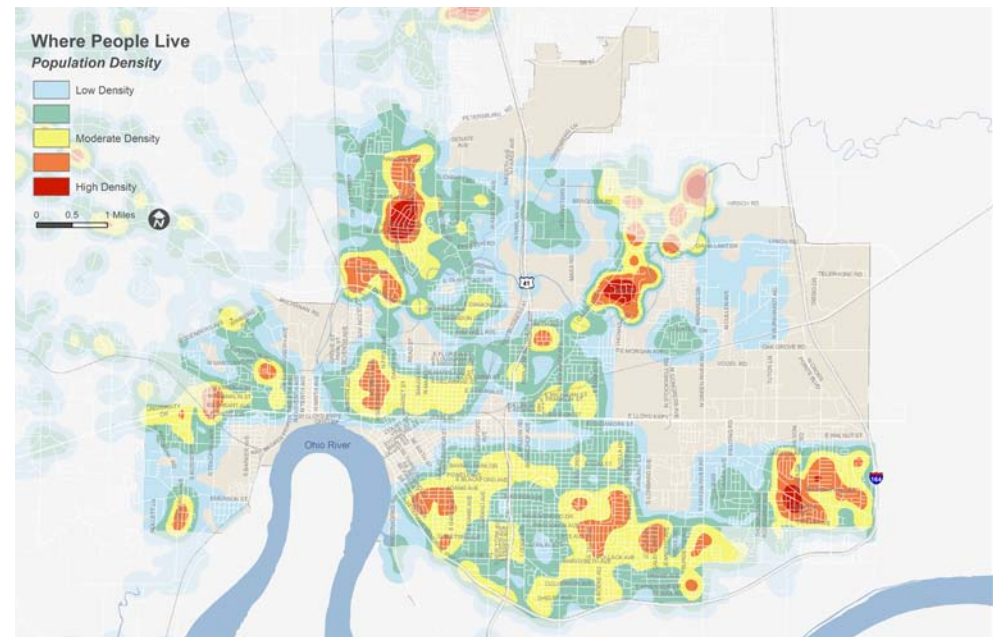
PARK DEMAND AND SERVICE AREA ANALYSIS RESULTS

DEMAND MODEL

WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

This category includes 2010 census block level population density. These locations represent potential trip origin locations. More trips can be made in areas with higher population density if conditions are right. The areas with the highest population densities are along First Avenue, up Oak Hill Road, and east of downtown in the Goosetown neighborhoods and along Covert.

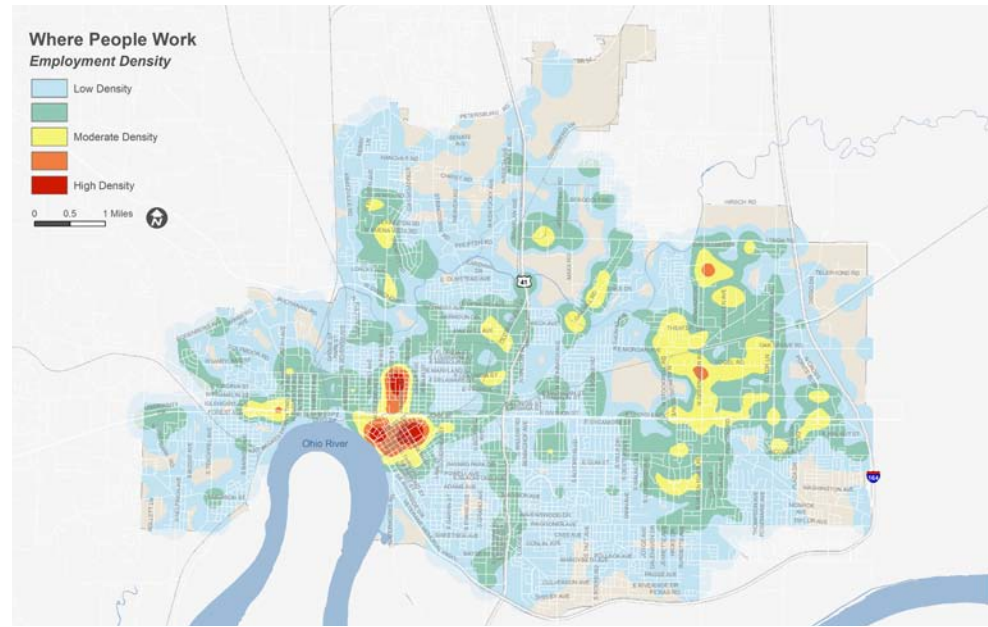
As for all maps, the areas shaded more deeply in red represent higher demand areas relative to other colors on the ramp.



WHERE PEOPLE WORK

This category represents trip ends for people working throughout Evansville and Vanderburgh County regardless of residency. Its basis is 2010 total employment by census block. The highest levels of employment density are concentrated downtown and in the retail and commercial areas surrounding Green River Road.

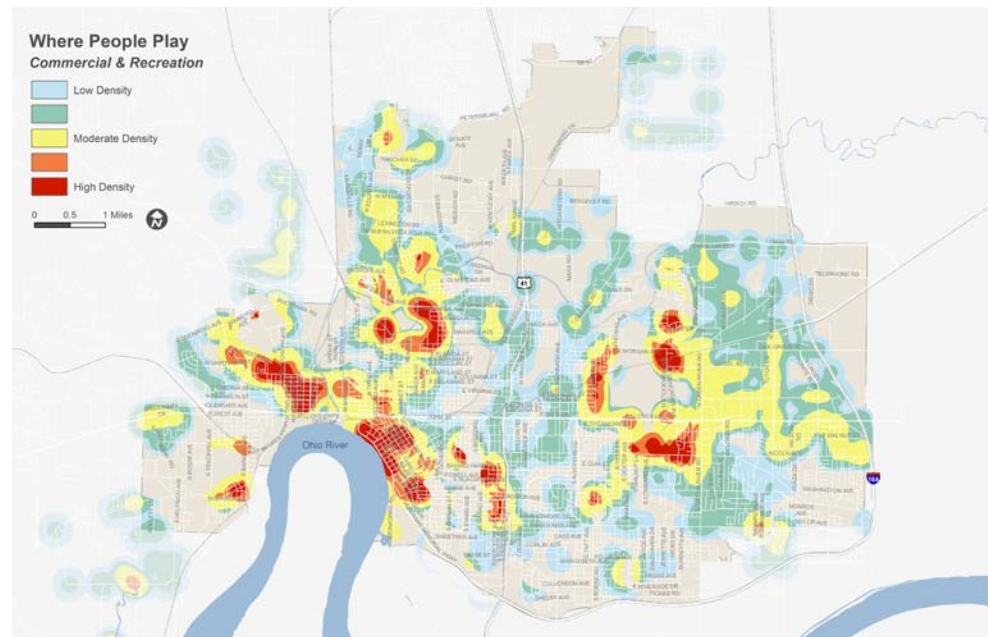
Depending on the type of job, employment can act as a trip attractor (i.e., retail stores or cafes) or trip generator (i.e., office parks and office buildings) or both. Specific employment types, such as retail, are therefore also used in the where people play category.



WHERE PEOPLE PLAY

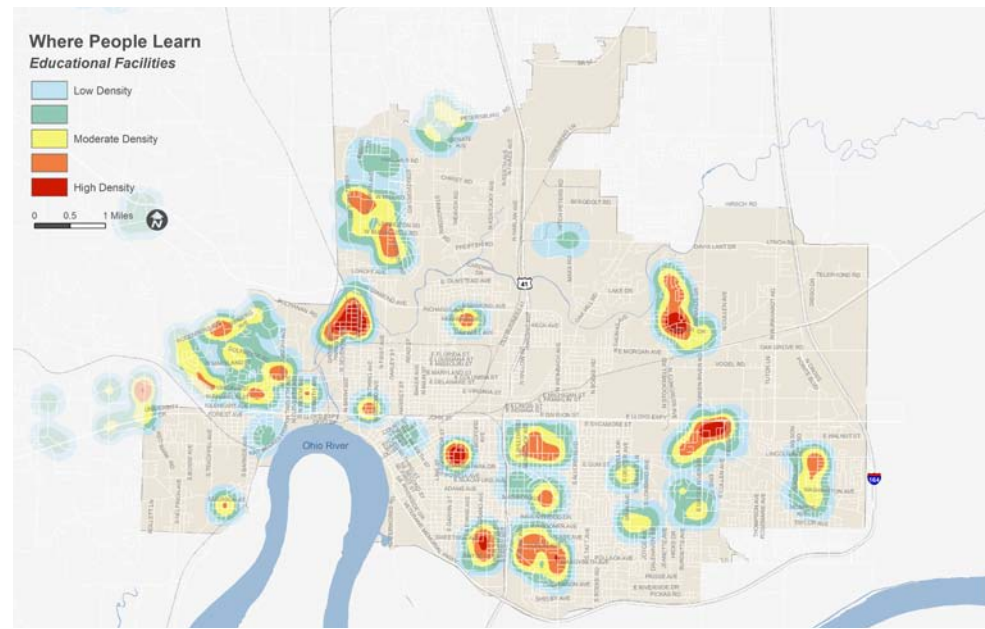
This category is a combination of varied land use types and destinations. Retail destinations and parks were selected because they are land use types where people most often “play.” In addition to where residents often “play,” this layer is also a good predictor of where tourists will be attracted.

The analysis shows that the primary destinations are downtown, the riverfront and Pigeon Creek Trail, the Franklin Street retail district, Golfmoor Park, Garvin Park and the Mesker Zoo, Wesselman Park, and the Eastland Mall.



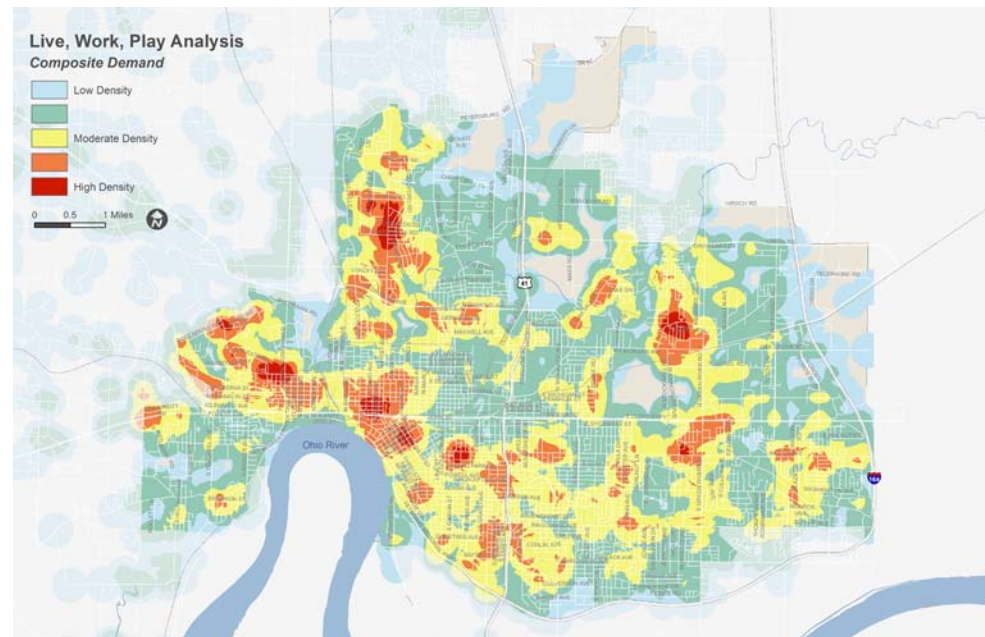
WHERE PEOPLE LEARN

This category shows the locations of all school levels, from elementary schools to universities. The analysis reveals that school and university locations are relatively evenly distributed throughout the community. Special attention will need to be given to schools or universities along major roadway corridors that may act as barriers to walking and bicycling to park facilities.



COMPOSITE DEMAND

This map displays the composite demand for the live and work factors. A composite of the live and work factors are an important consideration due to the majority of park users originating from either their homes or places of work. The analysis shows that there is a strong composite density in the downtown, North Park Shopping Center, and Mesker Park and Mesker Zoo areas. There is also strong demand in the southeast corner of the city near Newburgh Road and to the northeast of the city along Oak Hill Road.



SUPPLY MODEL

The results of the parks service area analysis, or supply analysis, are presented in the following map series.

MINI-PARKS

This map represents the mini-parks located within the study area and their respected quarter-mile service area. Many of these smaller parks are located in older, higher density areas where land is more valuable. The downtown area and north of the Ohio River have adequate coverage to a mini-park; however, due to the small size and service area, most of the city does not have access to this type of park.



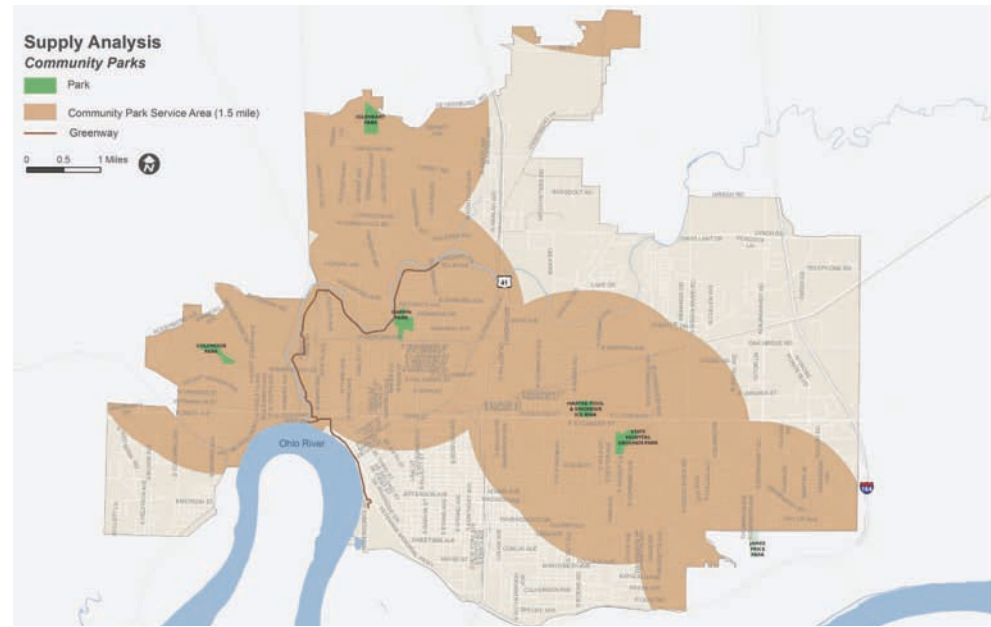
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Neighborhood parks are the most common classification of park in Evansville. Many of these parks are located west of Highway 41, near downtown, and in the more historic areas of the city. Approximately half of the city has access to a neighborhood park; however, these parks are concentrated and there are large areas to the north and east of downtown that lack access to this classification of park.



COMMUNITY PARKS

All community parks are located just under or north of Lloyd Expressway. The proximity to the major east-west thoroughfare results in a service area that covers the central portion of the city. As a result, the downtown and northeast portions of Evansville lack access to a larger community park.



REGIONAL PARKS

Due to the “one hour travel time” service area, regional parks in Evansville have blanket coverage of the city and do not warrant a visual component. The residents of Evansville, and a large portion of the region, are sufficiently served by the 5 regional parks in the city.



QUARTER-MILE STANDARD

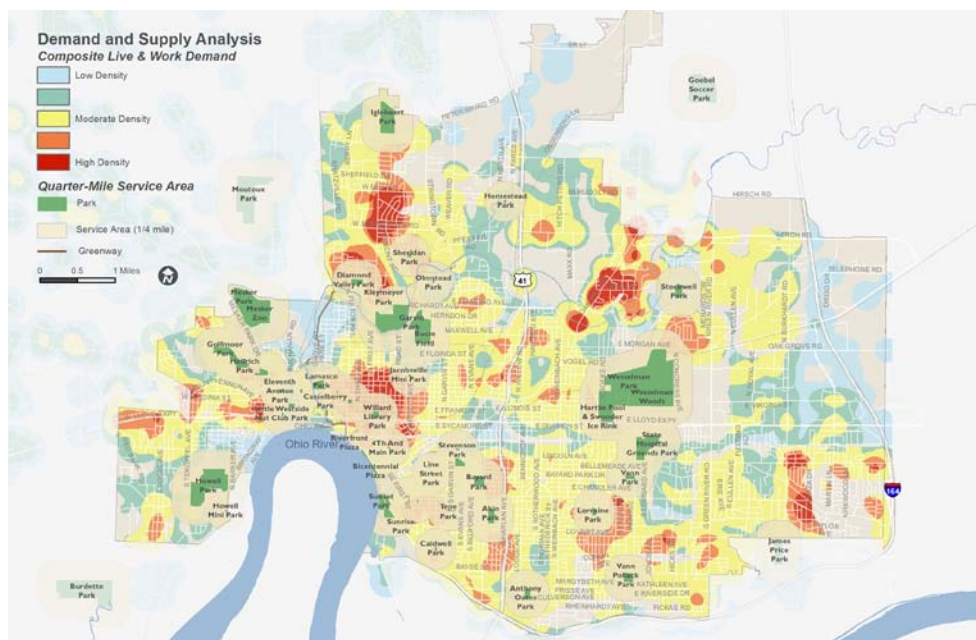
Varying service areas per park classification effectively demonstrate the attraction of a park, but neglect convenience and accessibility. Larger service areas often require an automobile and longer travel time. Studies have shown that convenience is a large factor when individuals consider visiting parks, and as such, recent trends have started using the quarter-mile, or five minute walk, standard when discussing park service area.

When considering the quarter-mile standard, the service area coverage for all park types reduces significantly. Areas around downtown, the Eastland Mall, Pigeon Creek, and Mesker Zoo have significant coverage; however, large portions of the city lack the ability to reasonably travel to a park. The lowest service areas are east and north Evansville and where Highway 41 and the Lloyd Expressway intersect.



CONCLUSIONS

The Supply and Demand Analysis provides data-driven illustrations of supply and demand for parks and recreation facilities in the study area. When overlaid with the quarter-mile standard for supply (Figure 7), it is clear which areas have appropriate access to a park facility and which areas are deficient in walkable, bikable park facilities. The high areas of demand near downtown, Mesker Zoo and Mesker Park, Diamond Valley Park, and Deaconess Hospital have adequate access to a park facility. The areas of high demand near the North Park Shopping Center, the southeast corner of the city near Newburgh Road, and along Oak Hill Road do not have adequate access to a park and should be considered for future facilities.



Public Input

Public involvement is imperative in parks and recreation planning. In addition to analyzing demographics and comparing trends, there is no better gauge for identifying needs than asking users for their desires, opinions, and ideas. For this plan, public input was gathered by communicating with the Steering Committee, distributing hard-copy and electronic surveys, and attending “piggy-back” events. The electronic survey was accessible via a project website. Members of the steering committee encouraged citizens to participate in the survey process through email, Facebook links, Community Associations, and distribution via the Mayor’s Facebook Page and Twitter feed. Below are two boards used at “National Night Out” to educate and gather feedback from the community.

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PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

Benefits of Parks

Did you know . . . **regular physical activity**:

- Reduces the risk and impact of cardiovascular disease and diabetes
- Reduces the risk of some types of cancer
- Controls weight
- Improves mood

A **regional greenway** in Apex, NC added \$5,000 to the price of 40 homes in a single housing development – and those homes were still the **first to sell**.

Parks create a **sense of place** in a community. Residents of neighborhoods that include green space are more likely to have **stronger social ties** than those whose neighborhoods do not¹.

Parks and open space can **attract businesses, tourists, and events** to an area, boosting the local economy².

Daily physical activity such as a walk in the park has been shown to **increase learning capacity** and reduce the symptoms of ADHD in children³.

Parks contribute to **local economic development** by:

- ① increasing the **value of property** near parks
- ② increasing **municipal revenue**
- ③ Appealing to prospective homebuyers

A survey by the National Association of Realtors found that 57% of respondents consider **proximity to parks** and open space in their decision to purchase a home. Moreover, 50% of respondents would be **willing to pay 10% more** for a home located **near a park or protected open space**⁴.



1. American Planning Association, "Urban Green Space and Public Health: Research for the 21st Century," 2009, p. 10. http://www.apaonline.org/urban_green_space_and_public_health_research_for_the_21st_century

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COMMUNITY SURVEY

The 2014 survey consisted of 24 questions followed by a free response comment option. Questions were calibrated to identify demographics, assess perception, determine use, understand desires, and comprehend appropriate avenues for outreach. A total of 1,323 responses were recorded. Overall people showed an interest in activities that would promote more biking and walking, connect them with places to shop and recreate, and often cited Owensboro's Smothers Park as a great public space. Concerns surfacing in multiple question types include maintenance and safety.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Of the 1,323 participants, 93 percent indicated they were Evansville citizens with 42 percent male and 58 percent female. Age composition of households indicated which sampling of the population provided feedback on the perception and use

questions within this survey. Demographic composition in Chapter Two indicates the survey participants are not a direct representation of the composition of the community, therefore recommendations account for Census data demographic indicators when responding to facility and program recommendations that will serve the growing community. Families who participated in the survey accounted for 4100 individuals. Each respondent indicated how many persons of each group resided in their homes. The household composition indicates:

AGE PRESENT IN HOUSEHOLD	PERCENT PRESENT BY HOUSEHOLD REPRESENTED	PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION REPRESENTED
CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5	82%	11%
AGES 5-9	83%	11%
AGES 10-14	81%	8%
AGES 15-19	81%	6%
AGES 20-24	81%	5%
AGES 25-34	88%	17%
AGES 35-44	85%	16%
AGES 45-54	83%	10%
AGES 55-64	83%	11%
OVER 65	82%	5%

This count indicates that of the households represented in the survey, about 30 percent of the population represented includes ages 19 and under with the majority represented being in the 25-54 age category and only 5 percent of the over 65 age group was represented.

While Census data reports about 17 percent of the Evansville population have some type of special need, 23 percent of participants indicated their households have a special need –which may include individuals with physical disabilities, individuals with mental disabilities, economically disadvantaged family members, individuals with limited English proficiency, elderly people requiring assistance, and single parents. Single parents were represented in 12 percent of the respondents.

PERCEPTION

When asked why people do not use parks or facilities, the free response answers aligned with seven major categories. The most prevalent category of comments revolved around the lack of the park facilities and programs catering to the individual. This involved interests, age appropriateness (facility and program), and a lack of accessibility – particularly relating to the circulation throughout parks being inaccessible for senior and mobility challenges individuals. Categories pertaining to safety and maintenance challenges, geographic gaps, and an overall unawareness of park facilities and programs were the next highest themes. Other responses indicated they were, in general,



The crowd was engaged with physical activities at the Parks and Recreation booth at National Night Out.

not interested (many saying they are not “outdoorsy” people), they do not have time, and they prefer facilities in other cities/towns.

For programs, the question was asked if particular age groups were well-served or underserved by programs. Seniors and special needs populations were perceived as being underserved while Youth 4-12 topped out as well served in the opinion of respondents.

Safety was a common theme throughout public input sessions, the steering committee discussions, and comments in many survey responses. Approximately 48 percent of participants feel safe in Evansville parks with 6 percent indicating they do not feel safe and 46 answering they feel safe in some but not all. Some respondents called attention to Garvin, Sunset, Howell, Greenways, and any park downtown or after dark. Many of the comments about safety also included trash, lack of lighting, and general lack of maintenance in their responses. Each of these challenges contribute to a perceived lack of safety, even in the presence of no documented incidents and should be addressed to improve this negative perception.

USE

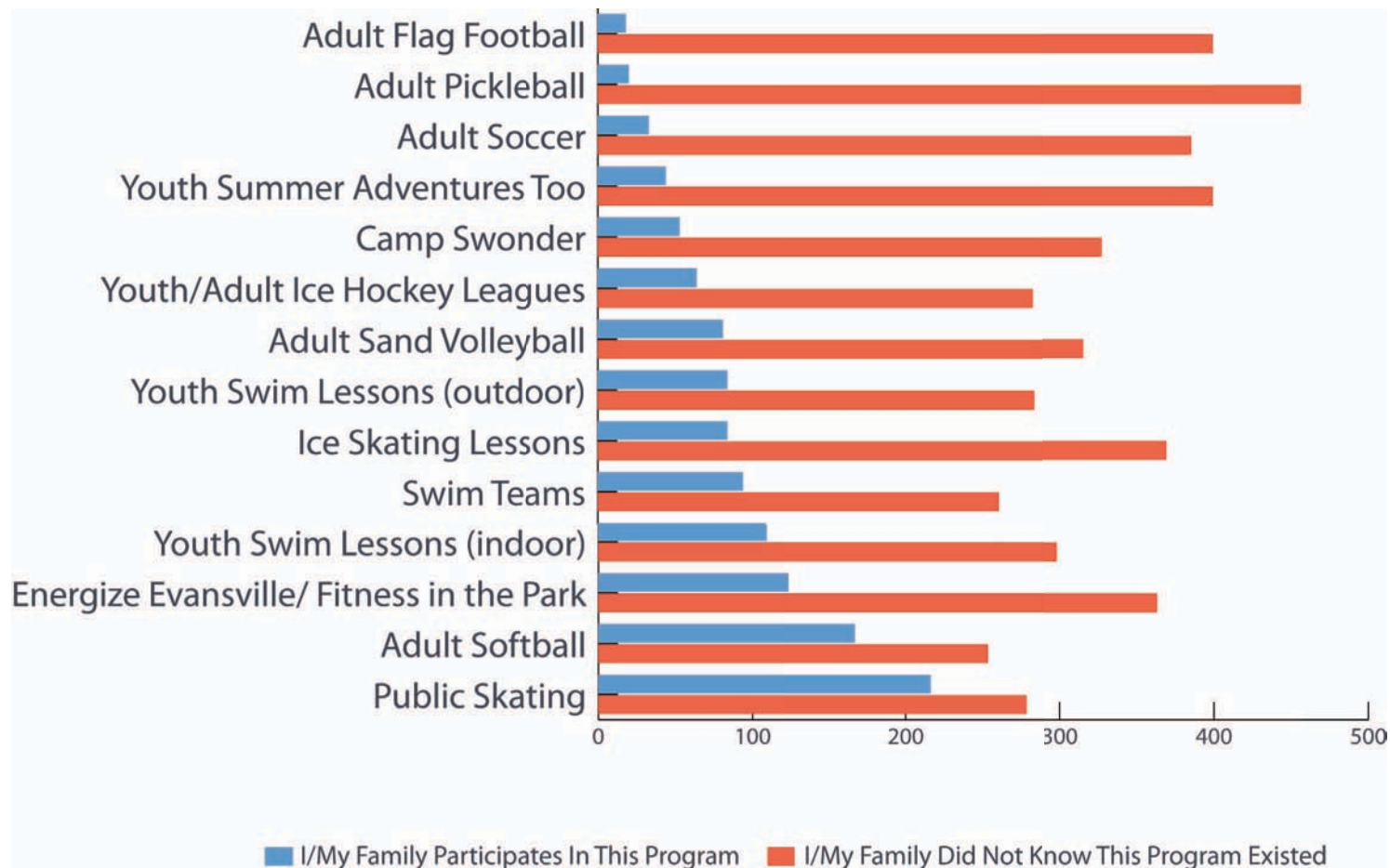
Often, when surveys are disseminated by the parks and recreation department, participants are captured by seeing an advertisement for the survey in a parks and recreation facility, or hear about the survey while participating in a parks and recreation program. In this case, 49 percent of the respondents communicated they do use Evansville parks and recreation facilities and programs. This implies the remaining 51 percent do not use, or think they do not need to use the offerings of the parks and recreation department. Only 5 percent of users noted they use Evansville parks, trails, or facilities daily. Most respondents use parks, trails, or facilities a few times per month (26 percent) and two to four times per week (22 percent). When asked the frequency of program use, 37 percent selected rarely with 29 percent revealing they never have participated in any Evansville Parks and Recreation programs. The overwhelming majority of reasons why they do not, or have not participated in programs was that they do not know about them or are not aware of what the term means.

Word clouds offer a snapshot of survey results by creating a “cloud” of words where the largest word accounts for the most responses. It is clear from the word cloud below that the most frequented park by survey respondents is Wesselman – followed by Garvin, Burdette, Howell, Pools, Kids Kingdom, and Greenways. Softball was the only standout program listed.



When asked about specific programs, many individuals were not aware of the programs listed. The bar graph below shows the relationship between respondents who participate in programs and those who are not aware the program is offered by Evansville Parks and Recreation. This spurred many comments requesting more marketing, specifically for a website or web interface that provides more information and enables sign up.

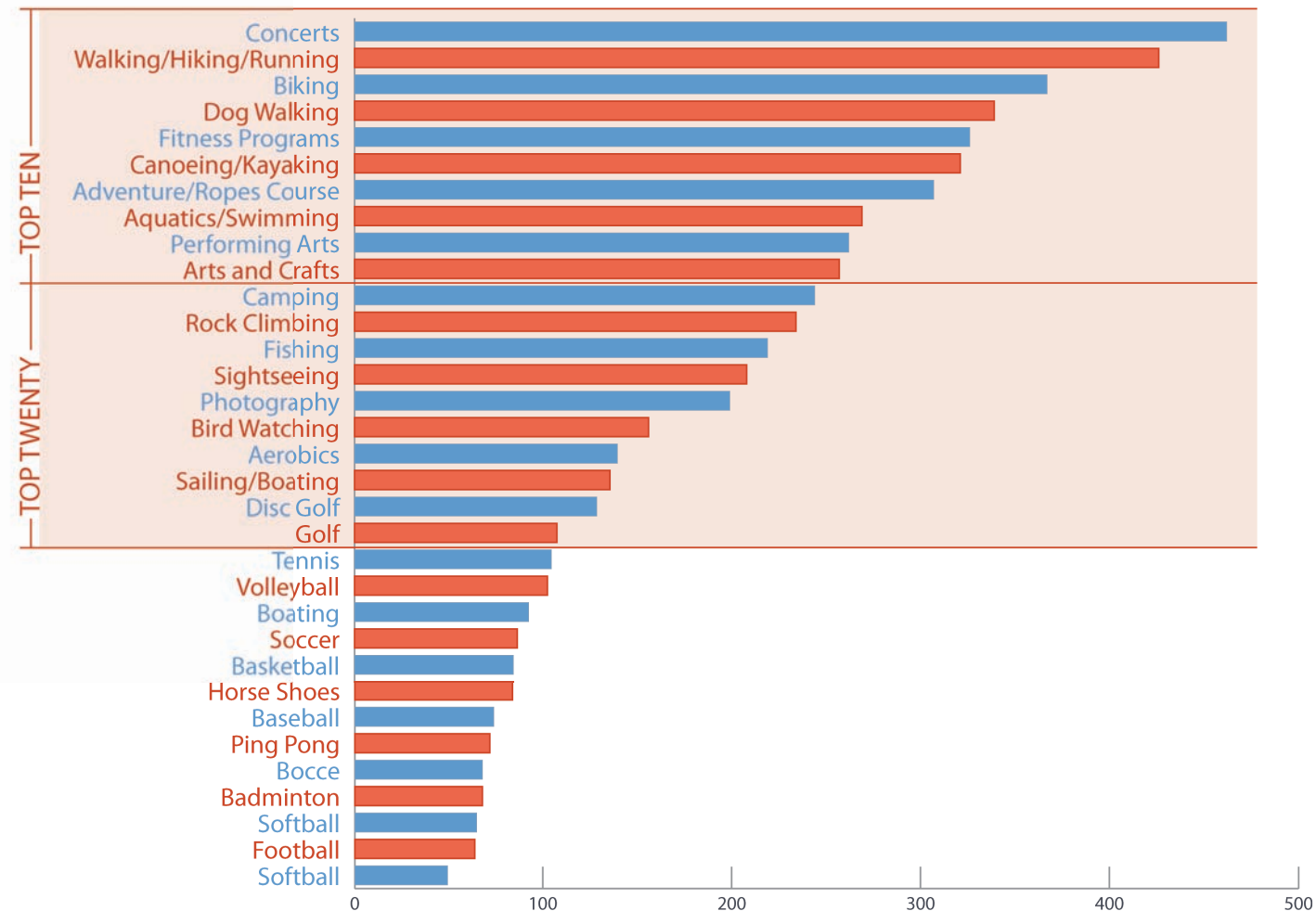
AWARENESS OF PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY DESIRES

To determine what types of facilities or programs the Parks and Recreation Department should offer, citizens are polled to understand activities they enjoy. The top activity was walking/hiking/running. The next number one choice was aquatics and swimming. Other activities represented in the top five were biking and concerts. The next step was to ask what they think Evansville Parks and Recreation should offer. The top requests were concerts, walking/hiking/running, biking, dog walking, and fitness programs. The chart below illustrates the number of votes per activity.

REQUESTS FOR ACTIVITIES



Overwhelmingly participants indicated they want to be able to bike or walk from their homes to other key destinations. The top desired destinations were downtown, shopping, parks, greenways, work, and Newburgh. Participants of the survey were asked to select each factor that would encourage them to walk or bike. Factors the community supports include:

- Trail or greenway access to where I want to go (69 percent)
- Trail or greenway access to my home (58 percent)
- Bike lanes (55 percent)
- Improve crossings at intersections (46 percent)
- A park closer to my home (30 percent)
- Slower traffic (21 percent)

Additional factors noted in the free response were sidewalks, lighting, and bike facilities.

OUTREACH

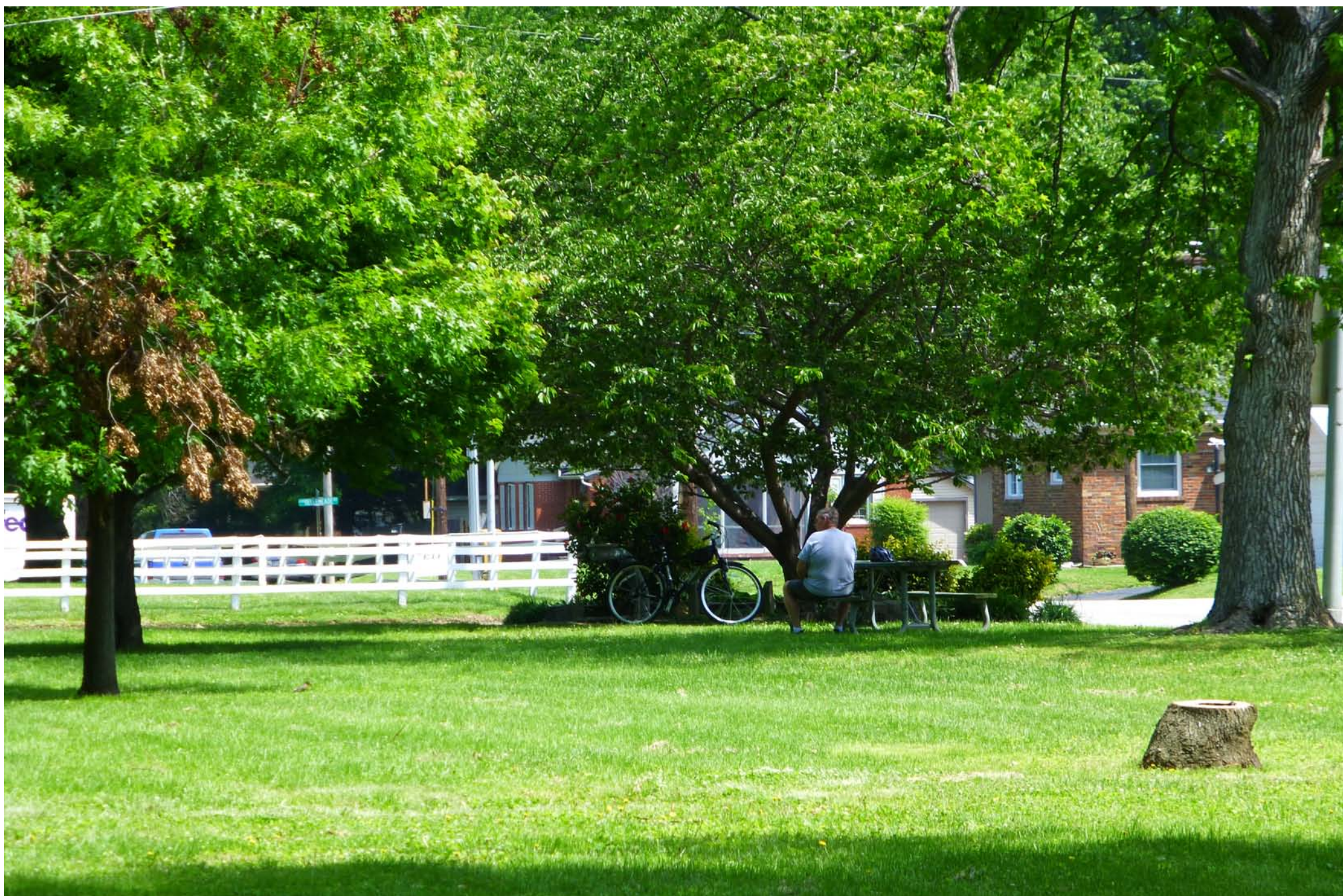
Currently the Parks and Recreation Department uses the following outlets to create awareness of facilities and programs:

- Facebook
- Twitter (periodically)
- Newspaper
- County/Department Website
- Email Database (for Sports and Energize Evansville)
- TV in Civic Center
- Flyers in City Buildings

Of the sampling, 479 hear about facilities, programs, and special events through friends and family, 470 learn from Facebook, 405 listed newspaper as a source, and 262 visit the department website. Additionally 169 indicated they watch for flyers and 84 have learned about parks and recreation offerings via Twitter. When asked how BEST to reach the community Facebook surfaced as the number one method for reaching those surveyed.

Community Comparisons

In recent years, NRPA has initiated an effort to collect data from parks and recreation departments of varying sizes and organize the data in a meaningful manner to be shared nationally. Each year they release a report based on the data collected which includes department budget, employees, size of community, program offerings, park facilities, management responsibilities, and more. This data is organized into the Park and Recreation Operating Ratio and Geographic Information System (PRORAGIS) report, calculators, and database. This information can be accessed in real time to compare the Evansville Department with other departments across the country. Appendix B includes a worksheet by which the department can begin to prepare for entering data into the system. This worksheet corresponds with all the data categories in the report and provides a quick cross comparison of departments operating and managing systems for communities of similar population size.



Chapter Four



Recommendations

Overview

The City of Evansville Department of Parks and Recreation strives to achieve the vision of preserving and enhancing quality of life by using the five plan goals as a measure of success:

PLAN GOALS

- CONNECTIVITY** Weave the community together with a network of trails that provide access to green spaces.
- SUSTAINABILITY** Promote sustainability through park development, maintenance, and public education.
- SAFETY** Design spaces that foster a sense of comfort and safety for users of all ages.
- HUMAN & SOCIAL HEALTH** Create spaces that encourage healthful living, social interaction, and a sense of ownership for all citizens.
- DIVERSITY** Generate a variety of offerings throughout park spaces and within programming that stimulate personal and community growth.

Using the Plan vision and goals as guidance, recommendations and prioritization were developed by overlapping and analyzing the *2009-2013 Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Master Plan*, relevant city and MPO plans, facility and program inventory, the demographic and equitable makeup of Evansville, and staff, stakeholder, and public input. The resulting recommendations are classified into five key areas:

- Park Facilities
- Greenways and Connectivity
- Programs
- Policy
- Management

Several of the existing plans acknowledge the importance of connecting people to greenways. This is consistent with national trends, the SCORP, and citywide efforts. By enhancing the greenway system, the parks and recreation department will contribute to all of the plan goals as well as the three pillars of NRPA's guidance for the creation of parks and how they benefit communities. Greenways and trails also contribute to transportation infrastructure and sustainability. Therefore, this plan recommends modifying the "City within a Park" concept to a "City Connected to A Park." According to the *Millennial Plan* conducted by the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization, a major goal is to provide a park or greenway within ¼ mile of every citizen. This connectivity can be achieved by expanding the greenway system and ensuring the population centers of Evansville have access to park facilities that are within walking and biking distance.

Recommendations

PARK FACILITIES

Overall, Evansville Parks and Recreation facilities are in good condition with a wide variety of park sizes. One field observation was the lack of shade and seating in many of the programmed spaces, particularly playgrounds. The department should consider providing additional shade structures, trees, and seating to sites that are overexposed and lack resting places and observation areas for supervising adults.

The survey indicated there are some issues with maintenance. This perception unveils a need to standardize maintenance practices. Each park should have a checklist and schedule for maintenance activities. Logs should be kept and reviewed by a manager with periodic inspections. New standards, such as acceptable play surfaces and pool monitoring should be added to the checklist as new national guidance emerges.

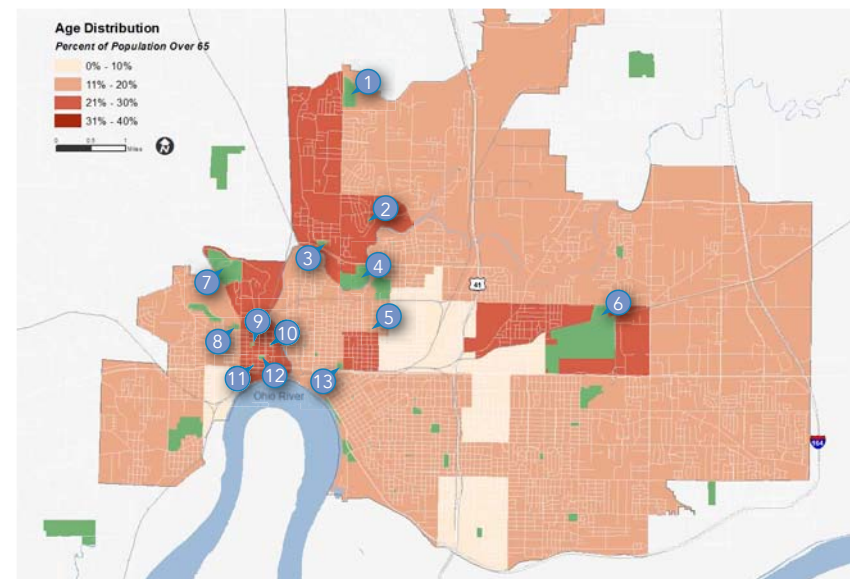
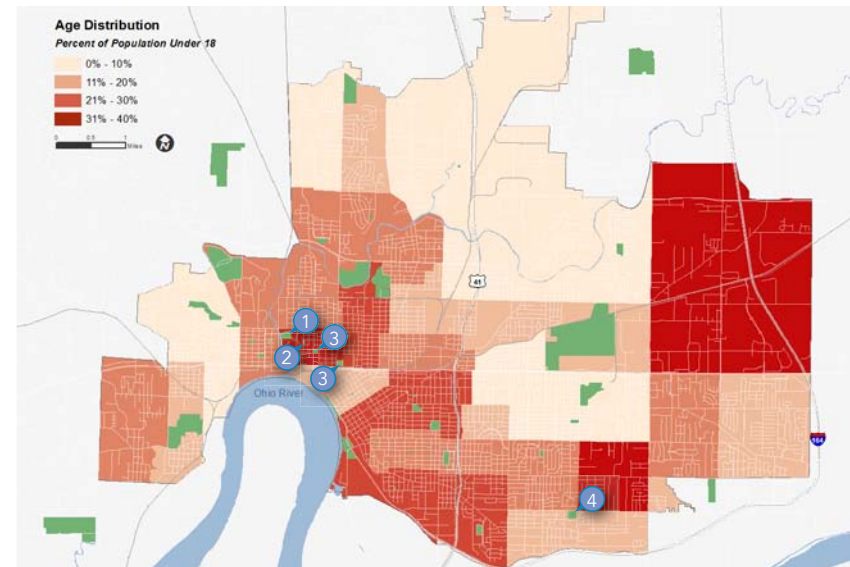
Diversity is lacking across the facilities. Many parks include playgrounds geared toward young children. Census data indicated a relatively even distribution of age categories. Therefore, the department should evaluate each facility and determine how to incorporate offerings that serve multiple age groups. Playground equipment is available in a variety of styles suitable for an array of ages. Climbing, natural play, swings, and agility equipment can be designed and implemented to cater to a wide variety youth. Teenagers and older youth need facilities for sports, encouragement for pick-up activities (kick ball, frisbee, cornhole, etc.), opportunities for artistic expression (mural walls), and adjacency to activities for other ages that may encourage their participation including community gardens, chess, and walking trails. Seniors fit into two categories - active and passive. The active groups enjoy walking trails, shuffle board, bocce, and horseshoes while the passive group enjoys being involved in the community by observing and participating in social programs such as community gardening. The addition of benches can be simple solutions to catering to this population by serving as resting places and opportunities to observe other friends and family involved in active play.

The equity analysis illustrates facilities that can be evaluated to cater to concentrations of each population group. The heat map geographically identifies sources of these populations. Gradients of saturation can be used to guide phasing of immediate- to long-term inclusion, with the deepest red indicating the most immediate need. Parks to evaluate for under 18 age groups include:

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| 1. Lamasco Park | 3. Fulton Park |
| 2. Sixth Avenue Park | 4. Willard Library Park |

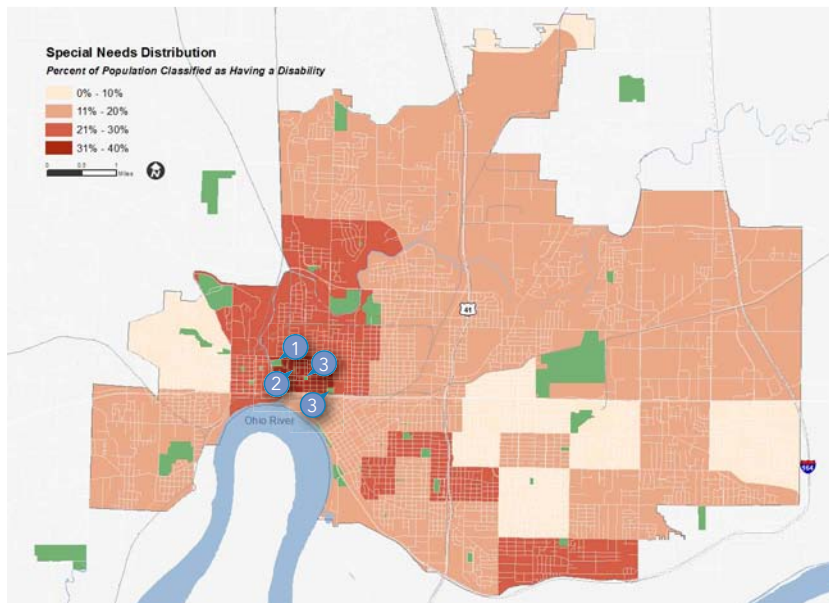
Parks in need of activities and facilities for those over 65 include:

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| 1. Ingleheart Park | 8. Helfrich Park |
| 2. Sheridan Park | 9. Eleventh Avenue Park |
| 3. Diamond Valley Park | 10. Casselberry Park |
| 4. Klemeyer Park/Garvin Park/Bosse Field | 11. Little Westside Nut Club Park |
| 5. Jacobsville Mini Park | 12. Westside Library Park |
| 6. Wesselman Park/Wesselman Woods | 13. Willard Library Park |
| 7. Mesker Park/Mesker Park Zoo | |



Special needs populations should also have access to programs and facilities that are appropriate for individuals with physical and mental challenges. Physically, the environment should be built with ADA access in mind. This should be examined for all age groups to include wheelchair accessible playgrounds, observation areas, and trails. As the department grows in its ability to cater to their special needs population, special needs families should be polled to understand what is desired. This may include sensory gardens and outdoor spaces built in small “rooms” to not overwhelm those with sensory overload challenges. Parks that should be immediately examined to cater to the special needs populations include:

1. Lamasco Park
2. Sixth Avenue Park
3. Fulton Park
4. Willard Library Park



Within many of the parks, open green space is prevalent. In many comparable communities unprogrammed open space is deficient; that is not the case in Evansville. The city has an impressive amount of open space which is critical for conservation, free play, enjoyment of parks for a variety of age groups, space to conduct parks and recreation programs, and locations for community events.

To continue providing park facilities that meet the needs of the community, Evansville Parks and Recreation should focus on improving access to current facilities, filling service gaps, evaluating standards for safety (including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design CPTED), and reassessing operations.

PARK ACCESS AND ADA ACCESSIBILITY

One of the core values of all parks and recreation departments is social equity - which includes accessibility. However due to deteriorating or inadequate facilities, many of the natural features and park facilities that residents and visitors enjoy are inaccessible for individuals with physical challenges. The aging “baby boomer” generation has brought these issues to the national forefront recently and Evansville is no exception.

The survey revealed that one of the main reasons people do not use parks or facilities is due to a lack of accessibility - particularly the difficulty seniors and mobility challenged individuals have accessing and circulating within parks. Issues such as missing curb cuts, uneven pavement, and challenging slopes often act as barriers to enjoying park facilities. With 16.4 percent of the population being 65 and older and 17.2 percent classifying themselves as a special population, improving the ADA accessibility of the park system is an important recommendation of this Plan.

Additionally, a large percentage of the survey participants indicated the desire to bike or walk from their homes to parks and stated that greenways, bike lanes, and improved crossings at intersections would encourage active transportation. Improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities leading to a park would encourage both active transportation and park use.

SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

A comprehensive wayfinding system for Evansville should be approached from both recreation and transportation perspectives. As the system of greenways, sidepaths, and sidewalks are developed and gaps filled, residents and visitors will be able to access parks, schools, athletic facilities, and recreation loops without using personal vehicles. Signage should be updated to a single, well-branded package to denote a comprehensive system. This will also enable the department to be consistent in terms of rules, regulations, hours of operation, and mapping.

A signage ‘family’ should be established to provide consistent guidance for manufacturers. This guidance should include Pantone (PMS) colors, fonts, symbology, and letter sizing. A system wide placement plan should be created to map out signage within parks and those leading people to parks. Greenways should be included in

the wayfinding signage system. Two types of maps should be used to help users navigate greenways for both recreation and transportation. Trail maps should be included at trailheads and major spurs. Items included on the map should be the trail alignment, mileage of the trail, parking areas, restrooms, spurs, adjacent road names, and adjacent neighborhoods. Large maps showing the entire greenway system should be placed at major trailheads, parks, and downtown. Existing and future trails, commercial centers, important landmarks, and mileage should be indicated on these maps. Walk and bike times and other information can also be included to educate and inform the public about the ease of using the system to navigate Evansville. Walk and bike timing, as opposed to mileage encourages healthy behavior. Evansville is already implementing a similar system with their “steps” signage and should continue to expand on this concept.



A comprehensive wayfinding package will help improve awareness of the parks and recreation offerings including parks and greenways.



Evansville already has a somewhat consistent design vocabulary for the shape of some signs. A consistent package, implementation plan, and maintenance schedule would contribute to the perception of a well-maintained facility. The steps wayfinding signs are an excellent method for activating the community and improving personal and social health.

GOLF COURSES

The previous 2009-2013 *Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan* for the City of Evansville recommended that the public golf courses receive upgraded facilities to compete with the local private courses. This was also reviewed with a similar recommendation in the *Efficiency Study*. However, it is the recommendation of this Plan that another course of action be taken. Public golf courses should remain low-cost to offer inexpensive, less exclusive options. These low cost solutions break down the barriers to entry for youth, low income, and seniors on a fixed budget. Furthermore, many municipality-owned golf courses are experiencing a decline in revenues, operations deficits, and staffing difficulties. This can be attributed to the excessive supply and low demand for golf course services. Over the past several years, while facilities multiply, the number of golfers has remained stagnant and is now trending downward. An analysis of the operation and management of the public golf courses should be conducted to assess the value of having three public courses. Selling the property, hiring a management company, or finding alternate programming for the land are options that many municipalities found as a more efficient, sustainable use of parks and recreation resources. Several options are available for alternative uses of the land. Some communities have used golf courses as a source of stormwater mitigation, conservation lands, reforestation, passive recreation with trails, soccer golf, or redevelopment. Examples for redevelopment usually include concepts of Smart Growth, Trail Oriented Development, and Mixed-Use. These concepts create a sense of place, a walkable community, multiple housing options, retail establishments, restaurants, and grocery options. Evansville should examine multiple scenarios available from continuing to manage the courses to more alternative, creative solutions for the land. Case studies should be conducted and the city is advised to communicate with other municipalities that have taken on these creative retrofit scenarios.

LAND ACQUISITION

One of the biggest takeaways from the plan analysis and survey was the need for more park space. While the SCORP does not identify Evansville as a critical area for land acquisition, it does fall below the level of service analysis used that indicates there should be a fixed amount of park acres per citizen. The level of service recommendation by the SCORP is categorized by park type: Local (20 acres/1000 people), Regional (35 acres/1000 people), and State (55 acres/1000 people). Since Evansville is not currently a critical need (due to slow population growth), but is deficient, there is an opportunity to strategically plan for land acquisition.

The supply and demand analysis in chapter three revealed the lack of parks in east, northwest, and central Evansville relative to residential and employment density (see also map on 4-8). This is consistent with the survey, where participants indicated a need for more park facilities in the eastern and northern areas of the city. To provide an adequate level of service for citizens and visitors, Evansville can meet recreation needs and continue to protect its natural and cultural resources by focusing on future potential land acquisitions or explore other city or county owned lands in these areas for repurposing to serve the recreation and conservation needs of the city.

Park types and level of service should be determined based on a combination of demand and department resources. More aggressive land acquisition strategies should be discussed to meet a greenway connectivity recommendations as this is a focus of the SCORP, *Millennial Plan*, and *City of Evansville Sustainability Policy*.

FUTURE ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION

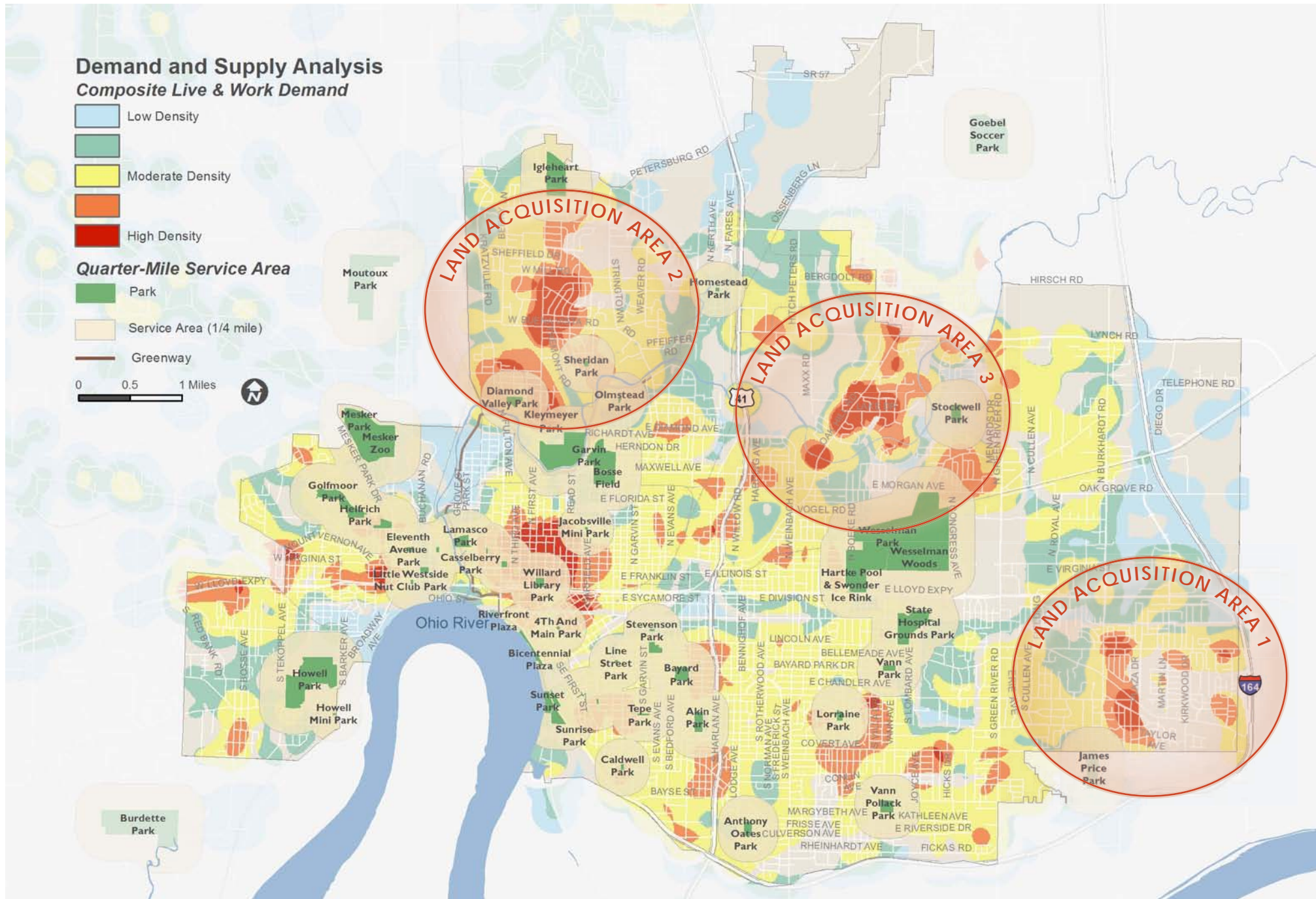
The inventory of existing facilities and public input indicated that while Evansville offers many active recreational facilities such as basketball courts, baseball fields, and tennis courts, there is a lack of diversity in the facilities. Future emphasis should be placed on repurposing park land to offer a more diverse array of activities. Diversity can be accomplished by adding activities adjacent to the many playground areas and converting some of the youth oriented playgrounds into playgrounds or facilities that serve a wider range of ages. As the top requested activities, according to the survey, were concerts,

walking/hiking/running, biking, dog walking, fitness programs, canoeing/kayaking, adventure/ropes courses, aquatics, performing arts, arts and crafts, and camping - the department should focus on how current facilities can serve the community's needs for these activities. One factor, covered later in this chapter, that will affect citizens' perceptions of these offerings will be the outreach efforts the department employs to announce currently offered facilities and programs that may fill these gaps in service.

Potential facilities that can be included in existing park land include rock climbing, skate parks, and rope courses. The request for these specialty facilities align with recent national trends to offer more facilities for alternative active recreation and teen programs. These facilities should be announced via media outlets, at other park facilities, and through the department website to raise awareness and support.

Prior to the addition of any new facility, the department should follow national best practices for community involvement and awareness. A master planning process should be executed for any existing park land that is identified for a new facility type. Depending on the size and complexity of the site and facility design, the department may choose to hire a consultant to guide the department and community through this planning process. Common practices involve the following steps:

1. Determine the size and characteristics of the land needed for the facility.
2. Within the department, locate at least three potential sites.
3. Conduct a public input process by which the department will:
 - A. Post information on the website about the project.
 - B. Prepare a rationale for the project: the facility type has been requested by X people, the facility type is needed in our community due to demand on other facilities being used informally for this special use, the facility matches national trends in recreation for a community like Evansville.
 - C. Conduct an open house inviting the public and elected officials to discuss the project.



- D. Share maps of each of the sites at the public open house for people to vote on the site and write a list of pros and cons for the special use being placed on that particular site.
- E. Select a site for the special use based on the public input.
- 4. Create a concept design for the site. Generate up to three different options.
- 5. Hold another public open house inviting the public and elected officials.
 - A. At this open house - take the list of pros and cons from the first meeting and discuss how you will address each (for example: sound = vegetated buffer, bad smells = share the maintenance schedule, etc.)
- 6. Refine the site plan as needed per the public's input.
- 7. Present the plan to council for adoption.
- 8. After adopted - go through an engineering design process knowing that you have given the public sufficient opportunities to respond and comment.

GREENWAYS AND CONNECTIVITY

Greenways and the ability to walk or bike to destinations around the city overwhelming surfaced as a priority of survey participants when asked what would encourage them to use active transportation. Sixty-nine percent of respondents indicated a need for greenway connections to major destinations and 58 percent desired links that connect to their homes. The top desired destinations were downtown, shopping, parks, and work. With only 6.7 miles of existing greenways, residents are underserved and many are unaware of the trails available to them. The continued dedication to building out the greenway system is a critical recommendation for promoting health and wellness and improving the overall quality of life in Evansville.

As directed by many local, regional, and state plans, the city is beginning to develop the Pigeon Creek Greenway. Eventually, this greenway will encircle a large portion of the city. The implementation of the first three segments of the Pigeon Creek Greenway has connected several key parks and helped promote a rising trend of health and wellness in the city.

This plan recommends using the foundation built with this *Parks and Recreation Plan* and the under development 2015 *City of Evansville Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan* to conduct a greenway feasibility study. This *Evansville Greenway Feasibility Study* should focus on the feasibility of the existing planned loop, on-road connections, and connections to each park. The network should also focus on connections to schools, libraries, community centers, and the downtown. Feasibility should be examined based on environmental constraints, land acquisition, and budget. The greenway network should be segmented into named alignments that can then be further studied for inclusion as water quality corridors, air quality corridors, habitat corridors, conservation corridors, and trail corridors. Not all greenways have to include a trail. Land can be denoted as a greenway to serve the purposes of conservation and sustainability for the city.


GREENWAY INTEGRATION

To fulfill the needs of the community and provide a well-connected system of greenways, Evansville will need to integrate greenway connections into all future planning studies with the intent to connect places where people live, work, play, and learn. To accomplish this, the City of Evansville needs to continue to champion the expansion of the Pigeon Creek Greenway and aggressively look for solutions to expand the network. Designating the greenway system as a priority and adopting policies, exploring funding options, marketing, and establishing partnerships will result in a more obtainable implementation strategy going forward.

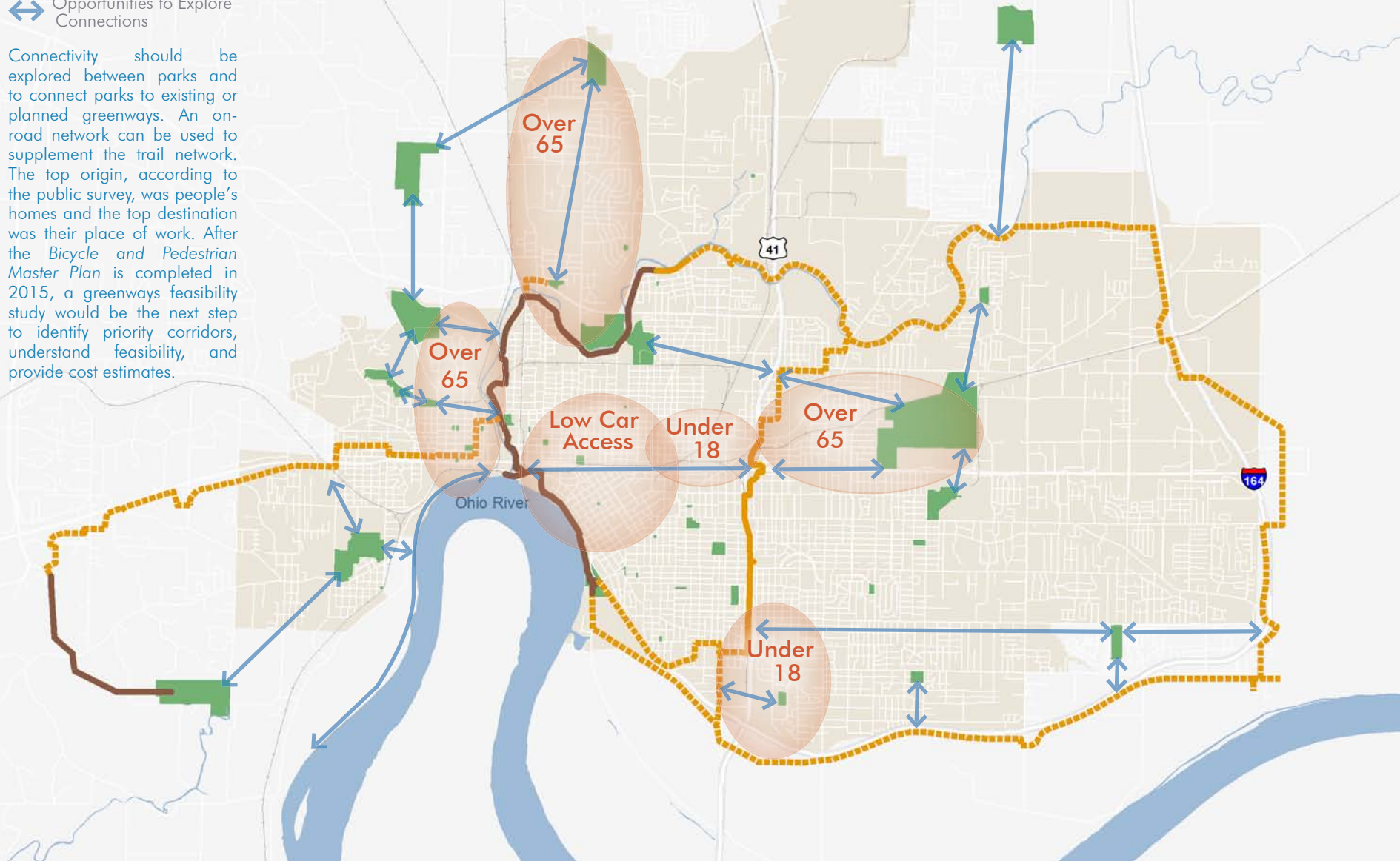
To accomplish the “City Connected to a Park” concept the Department of Parks and Recreation should work closely with city and regional planning organization transportation planners to write grants, secure funding, and implement the system.

Existing Greenways, Planned Greenways, and Recommended Connections

GREENWAY CONNECTIVITY

-  Area of High Need for Greenway Connectivity
-  Opportunities to Explore Connections

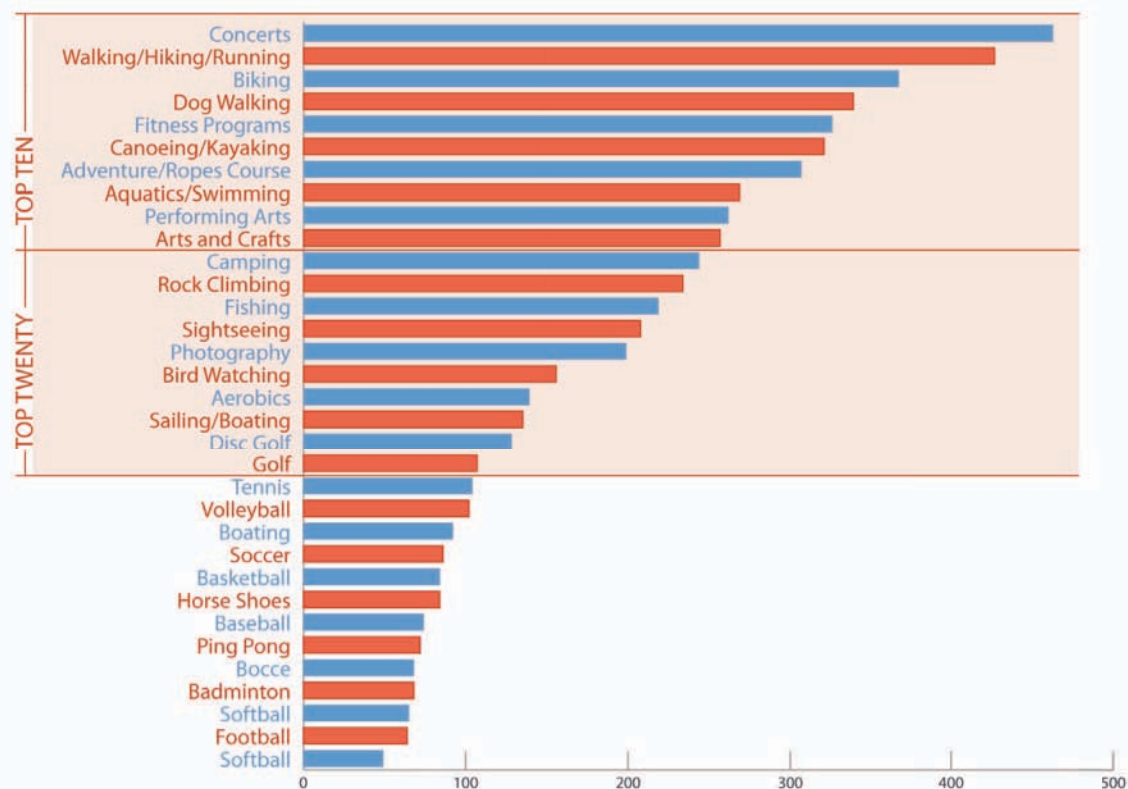
Connectivity should be explored between parks and to connect parks to existing or planned greenways. An on-road network can be used to supplement the trail network. The top origin, according to the public survey, was people's homes and the top destination was their place of work. After the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan* is completed in 2015, a greenways feasibility study would be the next step to identify priority corridors, understand feasibility, and provide cost estimates.



FUNDING

The recommended greenway system includes a loop through the city with important connections to cultural, commercial, and downtown locations. These routes will provide Evansville residents with recreational and transportation opportunities throughout the city. The city will need to explore grant opportunities, new funding sources, and develop private and nonprofit funding sources to supplement greenway funding. The funding sources discussed in Chapter 5 act as a list of applicable funding solutions to help achieve the city's greenway vision and expand connections to accommodate current demand.

SURVEY PARTICIPANTS TOP REQUESTS FOR ACTIVITIES THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD ADD



PROGRAMS

The survey revealed that 51 percent of participants do not use, or do not think they need to use the program offerings of the parks and recreation department. When asked why they do not use parks or facilities, one of the most prevalent categories of comments revolved around the lack of programs catering to the individual or a general unawareness of offered programs. Survey respondents expressed a need to expand existing programs in general, and to better reach the senior and special needs populations. A common request was for more marketing, specifically for a website or web interface that provides more information of available programs, accepts feedback, and enables signing up. The graph to the left indicates what types of activities survey respondents believe should be added to the parks and recreation department. Each request should be reviewed for feasibility. Some can be addressed by adding a program, others by bringing awareness to what the department already offers, and some may require a retrofit of an existing facility or a new facility. Based on available employee time, staff skills, and existing facilities, these list should be vetted with the intention of adding or promoting the top ten in the immediate-term and the top twenty in the near- to future-term. Items requiring larger capital commitments can be extended into a longer-term execution but should enter into planning stages in the immediate term. Serving these needs may be accomplished directly by the department, by partnering with another agency/organization, or by directing citizens to their needs in adjacent communities.

UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

One of the main concerns of survey respondents was that seniors and special needs populations were perceived as being underserved. Per the

2010 census, the City of Evansville had 26,811 residents age 60 or older and 19,809 residents identified themselves as having a disability, or 23.3 percent and 17.2 percent of the population respectively. The city should consider forming a focus group to evaluate needs and assess how the department can better accommodate these two groups. Improvements can be as simple as identifying programs offered by nearby organizations and communities to populate a clearinghouse of resources - to more robust solutions such as partnership opportunities with nearby municipalities, conducting a study for program needs, and hiring a staff member with a therapeutic recreation background.

ACTIVE LIVING

In an effort to curb rising obesity and inactivity rates, the Energize Evansville initiative was created to incorporate healthy activities throughout the city and help residents live more active lives. The initiative encourages the public to learn about fitness and get active in the city's parks. This is consistent with the survey, as participants listed walking/hiking/running, biking, dog walking, and fitness programs as their top choices for what Evansville Parks and Recreation should offer. The city should continue to offer free fitness programs through the initiative as well as build upon the momentum by offering classes that promote health and wellness such as Zumba, yoga, aquatic fitness, pilates, weight lifting, community gardens, and nutrition education.

NUTRITION

In addition to promoting active lifestyles, the Energize Evansville initiative and park and recreation programs should be enhanced to include more opportunities to educate citizens about nutrition and healthy eating habits. A community garden program is a valuable tool that teaches the community about gardening, produces healthy food to sell or give away, and encourages healthy eating habits and community interaction. Community gardens also attract multi-generational participation and cultivate a sense of community which contributes to NRPA's pillar of social equity. Municipalities have also partnered with local schools to promote nutrition and healthy eating habits by offering programs and supplementing school lunches with food from community gardens. The parks and recreation department can play a key role in educating the youth of the community to lower

childhood and adult health problems triggered by unhealthy eating habits. This will improve both personal health and social health while decreasing some of the stress on the local economy due to diseases prevented by making healthy eating choices.

AWARENESS

When asked why people do not use parks or facilities, one of the top responses was an overall unawareness of park facilities and programs. At the extreme, one participant commented that they were unaware there were any parks in Evansville. When asked about specific programs, many individuals were not aware of the programs listed but commented that they were interested and wanted to know where they could find more information and potentially enroll. A strategic marketing plan should be created to ensure that residents are aware of programs and park resources. Social media, email lists, and other cost-effective marketing techniques raise awareness, improve participation, and encourage expansion of offered programs. This should be paired with an update to the website that intuitively displays program information, allows for easy internet enrollment, and offers an opportunity for community feedback regarding program satisfaction and recommendations.

POLICY

Enacting policy is one of the most effective tools government can use to make substantial improvements to the community. As the City of Evansville continues to grow, new policies relating to funding, sustainability, and efficiency will help the city continue to meet the needs of its community. Many municipalities have adopted a requirement for new developments to provide open space and/or greenways. A Fee in Lieu option is also available to buy out the requirement on the developers land while contributing to the overall park and greenway budget. This policy would be adopted by the City of Evansville Municipal Code, and require new residential developments to either dedicate a portion of land for the purpose of providing a park, recreation, or open space site to serve the future residents of the neighborhood or pay Evansville a fee-in-lieu of dedication. This policy ensures that developers play a role in improving the city's quality of life by providing or funding parks and recreation facilities as it grows.

Evansville should also consider adopting a policy regarding park facilities and access. According to the survey, one of the main barriers to enjoying park facilities is due to a lack of accessibility. A policy mandating improved bicycle and pedestrian access and connectivity is an important step toward reversing these barriers and encouraging residents to visit park facilities via bicycling and walking. Policies promoting efficiency and sustainability are also recommended, such as a policy that requires a market analysis to determine feasibility for any significant revenue generating facility and a policy directing how the Department of Parks and Recreation can better comply with the City of Evansville Sustainability Policy.

MANAGEMENT

One of the most challenging and important components of parks and recreation is management. Balancing the needs of the city with available resources is a difficult task that requires the use of technology, following established planning processes, and adequate staff. The department will need to continue to offer a high level of management to facilitate the high demand for the above-mentioned park facilities, greenways, programs, and policies.

TECHNOLOGY

The use of technology is an invaluable tool for improving the management of parks and recreation. Options are available for tracking and managing maintenance, staff, programs, customers, and scheduling. A thorough review should be conducted of current operations and maintenance procedures to determine if any of these technologies/programs/web based systems could streamline and improve cost management for the department. Improving the website so that it is more intuitive, provides more information, and allows for feedback is an important recommendation for addressing the need for greater awareness and ease of use. Many citizens feel most comfortable researching park facilities and programs via the internet. Creating an intuitive robust tool will allow residents to explore and learn more about the parks and recreation department before signing up for a program or visiting a park. Details about the activities available in the parks, any associated fees, maps, and hours of operation will dissolve some of the existing barriers to use.

Additionally, the use of the Park and Recreation Operating Ratio & Geographic Information System (PRORAGIS), a national parks and recreation database, will help benchmark the department with other agencies when considering the develop of programs, funding changes, and enhancing overall community operations. Evansville should dedicate a staff person to managing the required inputs to be included in the PRORAGIS database. This tool is searchable by budget size, population, number of parks and sites maintained, number of full time employees, and population density (population per square mile). Appendix B of this report contains a matrix for comparison of communities similar in size to Evansville. Notable comparisons are the number and size of programs and facilities that are offered by departments, current budgets, and the types of programs and facilities offered for communities of similar population and population density. This resource is available for comparison in real time and should be examined at the close of each fiscal year to plan for the year ahead. By continuing to stay abreast of national trends, the department will enhance the livability of citizens and contribute to attracting new residents to move to the area.

PLANNING PROCESS

Following an established planning process for parks and recreation operations is an essential component for building trust, gathering feedback, and facilitating community buy-in. The significant participation in this Plan's survey is a key indicator that the community and its elected officials desire to be actively involved in parks and recreation decisions. Adopting a planning process for vetting new park locations, soliciting feedback for current and future programs, and providing greater transparency will improve public participation and help tailor facilities and programs to community needs. A process for planning to develop a new facility starts on page 4-7. This process, and others should be established to remain transparent with the public and continue to involve the community and elected officials in the development of parks and recreation facilities and programs.

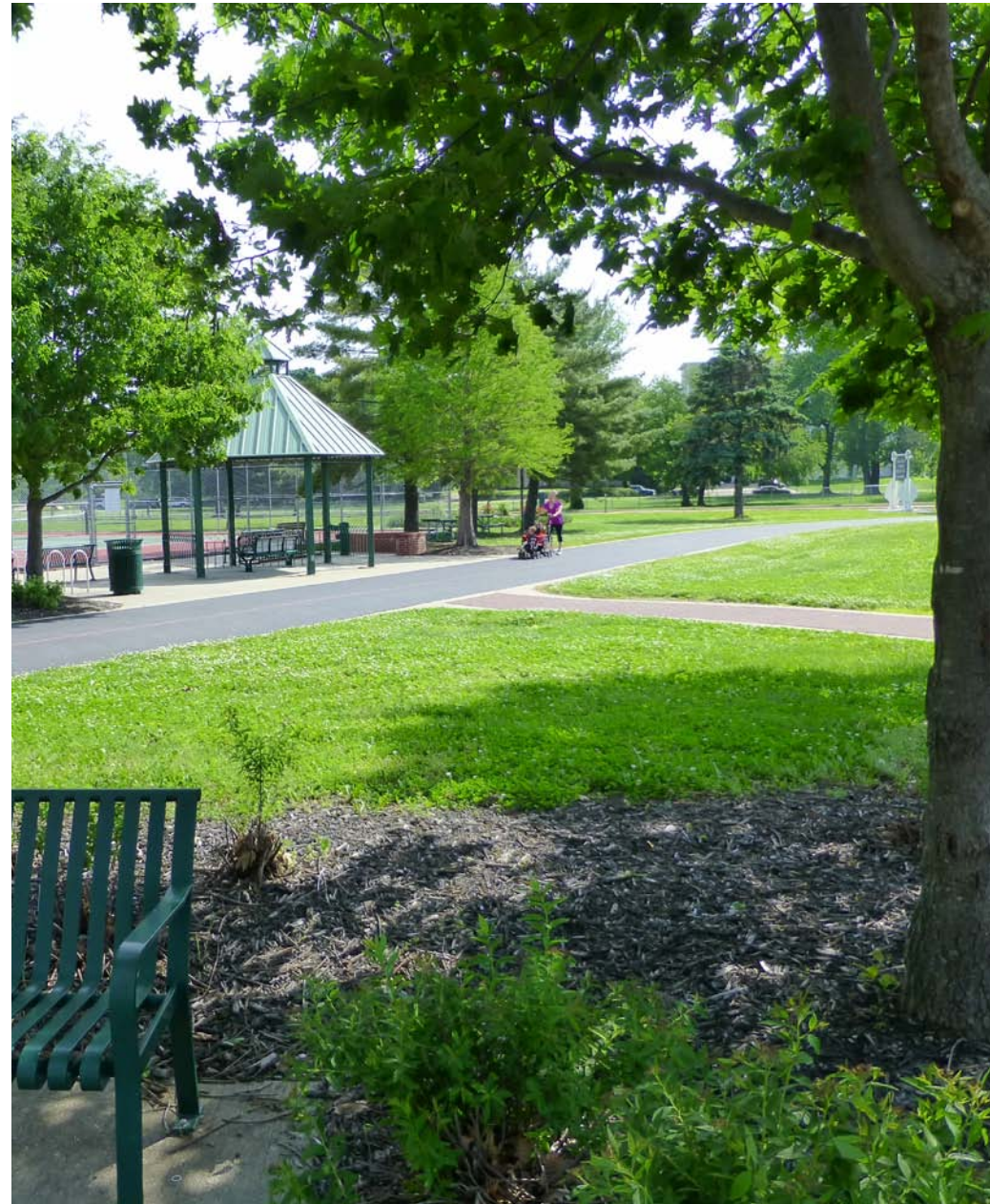
The department should also actively reference this plan and update it regularly as the population characteristics evolve. Critical to the success of parks and recreation will be the ability of the department

to conduct a yearly self review, return to this plan, reevaluate goals, complete action steps, and refine responsibilities for meeting the next year's benchmarks. Community evaluation is also key. Yearly surveys should be conducted to understand how the composition of the community is changing and what the desires of the community may be; this will also allow the department to determine if improvements from the previous year are proving effective.

STAFF

To facilitate the recommended park facility, greenway, program, policy, and management recommendations, the parks and recreation department will need to hire additional staff. Hiring dedicated staff members for pursuing grant funding opportunities and coordinating public information and marketing would have a significant impact on financial support, awareness, and participation in park facilities and programs. Existing staff may be able to take on some of the recommendations in this plan, but as the workload increases, the department will need to add specialized staff, one of which should be a public information officer. This position should be filled by an individual with multimedia marketing experience, an understanding of printing processes, an eye for design (for flyers and program brochures), grant writing skills, and the ability to be a team player and stand in to help with operations and programming tasks.

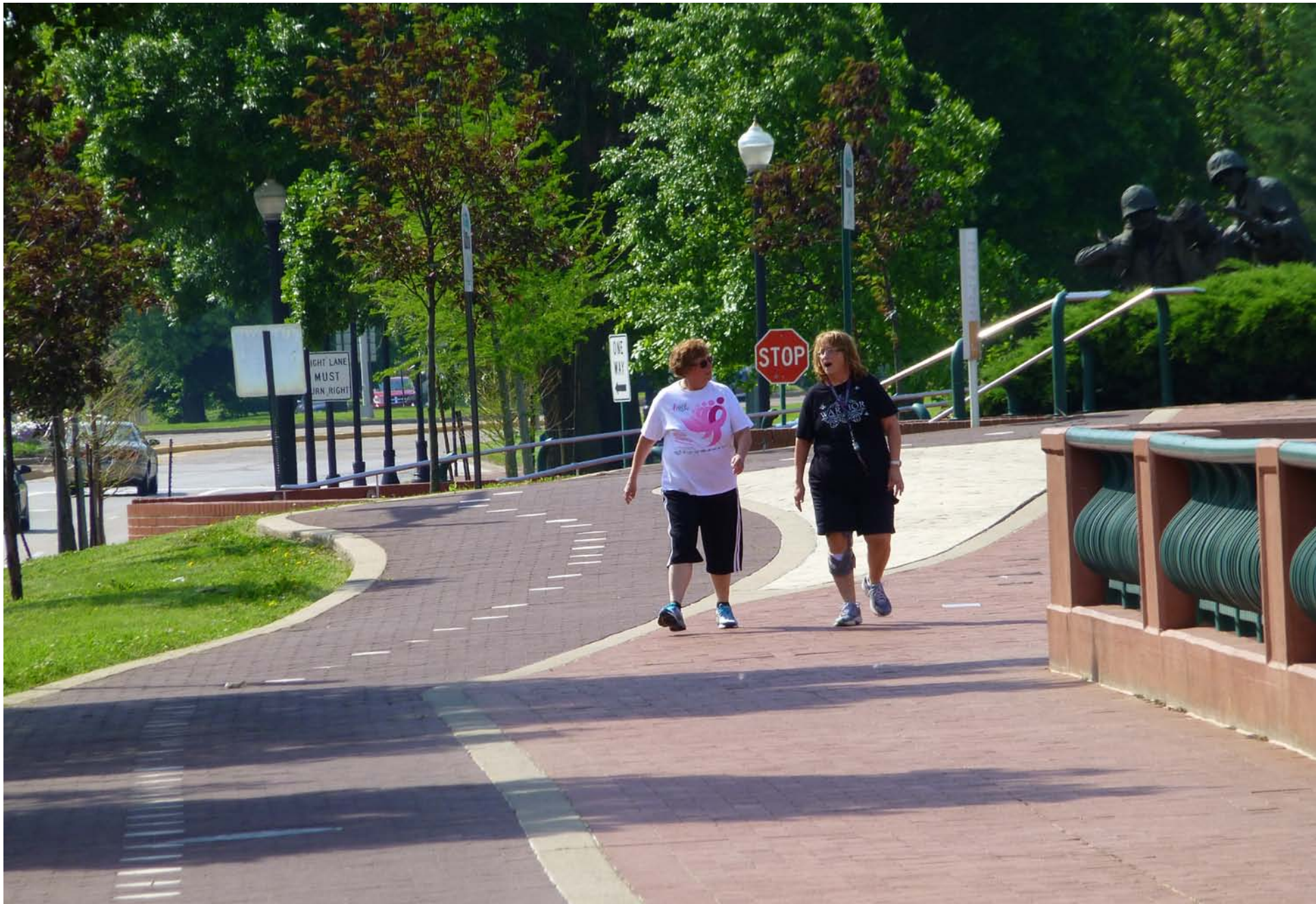
To support any new processes and the evaluation or community survey, Evansville should develop an intern program or cooperative learning experience with nearby universities and colleges. This program can be for an individual interested in parks and recreation management and operation as well as any disciplines relevant to new or existing programs.



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY		
PARK FACILITIES	PAGE	TERM
Evaluate all parks for shade and seating.	4-2	Immediate
Improve maintenance for all facilities. Use checklists and schedules to improve standardization.	4-2	Immediate
Evaluate each facility for appropriate play surfaces and special facility standards (i.e. pools).	4-2	Immediate
Evaluate each park with a playground to determine if the playground equipment is age appropriate. Use the parks listed on page 4-3 as a start for evaluating for each age group. Survey the surrounding neighbors to better understand their needs.	4-3	Immediate
Evaluate Lamasco, Sixth Avenue, Fulton, and Willard Library Parks for physical changes that may be appropriate for special needs populations. Also target these parks for special needs programs.	4-4	Near
Evaluate each park for safety using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Target parks from the survey including Garvin, Sunset, Bayard, Howell, and Anthony Oates.	4-4	Immediate
Evaluate and improve each facility for ADA access.	4-4	Near
Improve and/or support bicycle and pedestrian access to each park.	4-4	Near
Design a comprehensive wayfinding package.	4-5	Immediate
Replace old and poorly maintained signs with the new wayfinding package; grandfather in where signs are in good condition.	4-5	Near
Reevaluate public golf courses and how they contribute to the parks and recreation system. Explore the potential of using the land for different parks and recreation functions as well as stormwater management or Trail Oriented Development.	4-6	Long
Acquire land in the east, northwest, and central regions of Evansville. Balance active spaces with conservation goals.	4-7	Near-Long
Acquire land to support the development of the greenway system.	4-7/4-9	Immediate-Near
Add activities/facilities near existing active uses to diversify each park for multiple generations. Seek opportunities to add loop trails to all facilities. Diversify active and passive offerings.	4-7	Near
Adopt a process by which all facility changes are vetted by the public.	4-7	Immediate
GREENWAYS AND CONNECTIVITY	PAGE	TERM
Use the new wayfinding package to build awareness of the existing greenway system.	4-9	Immediate
Segment the greenway into “named” alignments for feasibility study.	4-9	Immediate
Conduct a feasibility study to determine more refined alignments, feasibility, and costs to implement the system.	4-9	Immediate-Near
Partner with private and public agencies to garner funding for and implement the system.	4-9	Immediate

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY		
PROGRAMS	PAGE	TERM
Expand offerings for seniors and special populations focus on health and wellness.	4-11	Immediate
Improve the ability to sign up for programs online.	4-11	Immediate
Increase awareness of existing programs by improving the website and using Facebook.	4-11	Immediate
Implement programs and advertise facilities that offer the top ten activities the department should add: concerts, walking/hiking/running, biking, dog walking, fitness programs, canoeing/kayaking, adventure/ropes courses, aquatics/swimming, performing arts, arts and crafts.	4-11	Immediate
Implement programs and advertise facilities that offer the top twenty activities the department should add: camping, rock climbing, fishing, sightseeing, photography, bird watching, aerobics, sailing/boating, disc golf, golf.	4-11	Near
If special needs populations can not be served by Evansville, have a webpage dedicated to regional services for these individuals.	4-12	Near
Focus on improving the health and combating the obesity epidemic by continuing health and fitness programs as well as adding new programs. Suggestions include aquatic aerobics, group walks, community gardens, and nutrition education.	4-12	Immediate
Partner with local schools to help educate youth about healthy eating choices. Consider a children/youth garden. (Use The Natural Learning Initiative at North Carolina State University as a resource: naturalearning.org).	4-12	Near
Craft a strategic marketing plan. Included should be frequent updates and outreach via Facebook, a more intuitive interface for the department website, and partnerships with schools, hospitals, organizations, and facilities that promote active living.	4-12	Near
POLICY	PAGE	TERM
Assemble a Parks Review Board to review any new development plans for Evansville as part of the plan review process. This Board will uphold the values and goals of this master plan as it relates to new development in the city.	4-12	Long
Consider adding to the Municipal Code or a Unified Development Ordinance the requirement of developments to provide open space, greenways, or pay a fee in lieu. Apex, NC, is an example.	4-12	Long
Adopt a policy mandating bicycle and pedestrian access to all parks.	4-12	Long
Adopt a policy, or at least a process, by which revenue generating facilities require a market analysis as part of the planning process.	4-12	Near
Review and comply with the City Sustainability Policy.	4-12	Immediate

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY		
MANAGEMENT	PAGE	TERM
Evaluate options for web-based management, staffing, programming, customer retention, and booking. Select a system that will work for the current and future growth of the department.	4-13	Near
Improve the website so that it is more intuitive, provides ample information, and allows for online booking and communication with the parks and recreation department staff.	4-13	Near
Complete the worksheet in Appendix B and input Evansville data into NRPA's system. Monitor a PRORAGIS comparison yearly.	4-13	Immediate
Follow an established planning process for each new facility and renovations/updates to existing facilities.	4-13/4-7	Near
Conduct a yearly self review (using this plan) and update it regularly. Use the action steps worksheet to adjust for changes in the department and community.	4-14	Immediate
Conduct a community wide survey yearly. Partner with local universities or use the assistance of an intern.	4-14	Near
Hire additional staff as needed to support new programs, management functions, and research. (Evaluate existing staff to determine talents, goals, and desires prior to hiring new staff).	4-14	Long
Consider a near-term hire of a public information officer or someone who can fulfill the role of building awareness and conducting research and writing for grants.	4-14	Near
Partner with a local university to initiate an internship program.	4-4	Near - Long



Chapter Five



Action Steps

Overview

The recommendations in Chapter 4 provide a narrative and illustrative maps that are the result of a planning process driven by goals, enriched with public participation, and cross examined with professional park industry analysis. These recommendations provide guidance for department staff and the public for how multiple parties can work together to accomplish the vision of this plan and the mission of the department. In an effort to keep this plan off the shelf and serve as a tool, this chapter is organized as a workbook for monitoring progress, recording implementation status, documenting rationale for adjusting recommendations, and becoming a visional sense of accomplishment. The action steps are purposefully simple, achievable, and sometimes broad to allow for yearly review and planning. The department should create a list of key staff, tasks, subtasks, benchmarks, a timeline, and evaluation measures for each action item. This should be refined at least once per year in a departmental meeting to set the course for successful planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Prioritization

This Plan recognizes that development patterns, resident interests and funding options may change over time. Department staff should move forward with the recommendations detailed in Chapter 4, while adjusting priorities when appropriate to reflect the community's evolving needs and interests.

Recommendations and the subsequent action steps are segmented into five main categories:

- Park Facilities
- Greenways and Connectivity
- Programs
- Policies
- Management

It is recommended that action items be clustered into the following timeframe to help establish an action plan for implementation:

- Immediate Needs (0-2 years): Elements residents feel are needed to meet current demand
- Near-Term Needs (3-7 years): Elements Evansville should address through planning, funding allocation, grant sources, and/or land acquisition
- Long-Term Needs (8-10 years): Items that are priorities as the city develops and the population increases

Action Steps

PARK FACILITIES

Action Step	Recommended Term	Key Players	Adjusted Term	Rationale for Change	Current Challenges and Opportunities	Complete
Standardize maintenance practices with checklists for each park, schedules, staff responsible, and logs. Assign a staff member to remain current in their knowledge of national standards for safety surfaces, equipment, and best practices. Update checklists and manuals as needed. Incorporate guidance and standards in line with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).	Immediate					
Focus on repurposing playgrounds to better suit the demographic composition of neighborhoods. Start with parks on the equity map indicating populations over 65 on page 4-3. Survey the surrounding neighborhood to understand their needs and desires.	Immediate					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Hire a consultant to develop a wayfinding package for the park and greenway system. Use this as a branding opportunity and method for activating the public by posting walk and bike times as well as community signs directing people to nearby parks and greenways.	Immediate					
Audit the potential of existing facilities for indoor and outdoor health and wellness activities. Assign spaces suitable for more health, wellness, and fitness related classes and group activities. These activities and facility pairs may be using a greenway segment with a “silver sneakers” over 65 walking group, or a park near a school for an aftercare/ physical health open space.	Immediate					
Study the potential of incorporating dog parks in an existing park. Monitor demand for a new facility. Ensure that all trails are equipped with dog waste stations.	Immediate					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
As new facilities are acquired and existing facilities are modified, the city should ensure passive and unprogrammed space is included. This supports the NRPA pillar of conservation and will expand opportunities for a variety of department run programs in these open spaces.	Immediate - Ongoing					
Survey special needs populations to understand their facility needs. Target the neighborhoods with a high density of special needs as indicated on the map on 4-4.	Near					
Conduct an access audit every three years - This audit will assess the status of bicycle and pedestrian access into the park system and how it can be improved. Focus on a quart-mile radius around the park for bicycle and pedestrian access and coordinate with public works to improve access via planned roadway projects. Critical and low cost immediate action should be taken to implement cross walks from adjacent streets to park entry points.	Near					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Update signage (e.g. entry monuments, wayfinding, etc.) at park facilities where there is no signage or signage is in disrepair. Provide signage detailing the rules and regulations at each park and accompany this signage with a wayfinding map of park facilities at all community and regional parks. Update all facilities based on the new sign package.	Near					
Conduct an ADA accessibility plan to audit the current status of ADA facilities for parks and how they can be improved. Potential audit categories include, but are not limited to the following: bathrooms, drinking fountains, curb cuts, slopes, parking, playground surface, access to playground, route access to and within the park, and wheelchair accessible play (e.g. raised sandboxes, sensory gardens).	Near					
Land acquisition should be considered in the southeastern portion of the city as indicated in the map on page 4-8. There is a high demand in this area with a low supply.	Near					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Expand recreational opportunities for age groups as indicated by the equity analysis and illustrated on pages 4-3 and 4-4. Focus on teens by planning for speciality facilities such as skate parks, climbing structures, and rope courses. Focus on the over 65 population by adding walking trails, ADA accessibility, benches, bocce, shuffleboard, or horseshoes. Poll each age group prior to moving forward to understand their specific needs.	Near					
Conduct a cost-benefit analysis of public golf courses to assess operation and potential downsizing. The analysis should study the relationship between public and private golf courses, other management options, operations, and programming. Analyze based on immediate to long-term community needs (at the time of the study).	Long					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Identify potential opportunities for land acquisition in the north central and northwestern areas of the city. This will serve the high concentrations of where people live and work. Likely the northwestern area should be examined first, but future growth areas should be explored to calibrate need.	Long					

GREENWAYS AND CONNECTIVITY

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
The planned greenway system should be segmented into named sections for feasibility and public awareness purposes.	Immediate					
Explore grant opportunities, new funding sources, and develop private and nonprofit funding sources to supplement greenway funding.	Immediate					
Integrate greenway connections into all future planning studies with the intent to connect places where people live, work, play, and learn.	Immediate					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Take steps for the feasibility study, acquisition, design, and construction of the greenway segment that connects the University of Southern Indiana with the existing Pigeon Creek Greenway. This corridor will provide a connection from the university to downtown and connect the existing Pigeon Creek Greenway with the Burdette Park Greenway.	Immediate					
Conduct a system wide study to refine the planned greenway system based on: The Demand and Supply analysis conducted in this Plan, the <i>2015 Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan</i> , connections to community and regional classified parks, and connections to future growth areas established in the <i>City of Evansville Comprehensive Plan</i> . This plan will serve as an update to the <i>Pigeon Creek Master Plan</i> (1994).	Near					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
A portion of the annual budget should be allocated for construction and maintenance of the greenway system. For context, the construction of a greenway is typically \$1 million per mile with design fees ranging between 15 to 20 percent of the construction costs. Cost estimates will become more refined once a planning or feasibility study is completed for each segment.	Near					
Create a user-friendly greenway map accessible online, in an application and/or via hard copy.	Near					
Aggressively implement the greenway plan with the intent to close the loop around the city by 2025.	Long					
Seek opportunities to bridge gaps in the pedestrian network to improve connectivity.	Long					
Provide safe crossings by completing intersection improvements as greenways are developed.	Long					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Continue efforts to expand the greenway system (beyond any existing efforts or those in the near-term), including planning, designing, and developing connections to residential areas, commercial centers, parks, and other important facilities throughout the city with the goal of having a trail within a ¼ mile of every citizen’s home.	Long - Future					

PROGRAMS

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Research online booking software that allows citizens to sign up and pay for programs. This will also serve as a scheduling program and help the department organize booking of rooms, shelters, and other facilities. Launch the software in the near- or long-term depending on funding required and training of staff.	Immediate					
Enhance the Energize Evansville Program with more opportunities to educate citizens about nutrition. Create programs in partnership with local health focused organizations and advocacy groups including: Deaconess Hospital, St. Mary's Medical Center, Evansville State Hospital, Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center, and ECHO Community Health Care.	Immediate					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Audit the skills of the existing staff to understand how to add more programs for seniors and to combat the obesity epidemic. Initial program ideas include aquatics programs as these are suitable for a wide range of abilities and are ideal for those with joint issues or physical challenges due to a history of being sedentary or overweight.	Immediate					
Review the following needs (requested by survey participants) concerts, walking/hiking/running, biking, dog walking, fitness programs, canoeing/kayaking, adventure/ropes courses, aquatics/swimming, performing arts, arts and crafts. Determine how the department can offer new programs and facilities that meet these needs. In some cases, the department may have programs and facilities already, but need to augment how they are advertised.	Immediate					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Establish a program to implement community gardens in applicable park facilities to promote and encourage healthy eating habits.	Immediate					
Expand special events programming, such as concerts, movies, and family-friendly activities.	Immediate					
Provide more programs for underserved age groups: youth and teens, seniors, special populations.	Immediate					
Plan classes that seek to improve health and wellness such as Zumba, yoga, pilates, cooking, nutrition, and gardening/community gardens.	Immediate					
Review the following needs (requested by survey participants) camping, rock climbing, fishing, sightseeing, photography, bird watching, aerobics, sailing/boating, disc golf, golf. Determine how the department can offer new programs and facilities that meet these needs. In some cases, the department may have programs and facilities already, but need to augment how they are advertised.	Near					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Establish a clearinghouse of information, via online and a physical copy, for information pertaining to local and regional park facilities and programs that service the special needs community.	Near					
Establish a program by which Evansville Cultural Resources are celebrated. This program should incorporate a bicycle tour to encourage healthy transportation choices. Park sites include: Akin Park, Angel Mounds, Bayard Park Historic District, Burdette Park, Evansville State Hospital, Garvin Park, Mesker Park Zoo, Willard Library, The Pagoda (Sunset Park Pavilion), and Neighborhoods - Babytown, Baptistown.	Near					
Create a strategic marketing plan to ensure residents are aware of available programs and have an opportunity to make recommendations for future offerings.	Near					
Partner with local schools to initiate programs that educate students about healthy food choices, local food options, and active living to promote health and wellness.	Near					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Coordinate with Energize Evansville and the public golf courses to develop a pilot program to encourage healthy living. This may include free or discounted golf to encourage physical activity and/or closing the course periodically to allow the public to walk the trails.	Near					
Hire a staff member who is qualified in Therapeutic Recreation to assist in the development of programming and resources for seniors and special populations.	Long					
Seek out partnerships with local colleges to develop an internship program. This could be in parks and recreation management, physical training, nutrition, or other disciplines as deemed appropriate by facility and programming offerings.	Long					
Explore the possibility of a city-sponsored farm share where residents subscribe to a program that delivers farm fresh produce throughout the growing season.	Long					

POLICIES

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Review the sustainability policy and create action steps by which the Parks and Recreation Department will comply with the policy.	Immediate					
Adopt a policy that requires a market analysis to determine feasibility for any significant revenue generating facility.	Near					
Add policy for connectivity and access. Each facility should have sufficient bicycle and pedestrian access including curb ramps, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian warning signs (or other appropriate signals), and bicycle parking facilities.	Long					
Refine the Planning Approval Process or future UDO to include review by a Park Advisory Board and to also require future developments to have percentages of open space, greenways, or fee in lieu (which would contribute to the parks and recreation budget). See Apex, NC, as an example.	Long					

MANAGEMENT

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Use PRORAGIS (Park and Recreation Operating Ratio & Geographic Information System), a national database that allows park and recreation agencies to benchmark with others, develop programs, and enhance overall community operations. The city profile should be updated yearly to understand if Evansville is on track with national trends in similar communities.	Immediate					
Develop a survey to be distributed at the close of each program. This will allow the department to evaluate staff, structure, enjoyment, benefits, concerns, and user recommendations to refine and improve the program to better serve the community.	Immediate					
Work with the Area Plan Commission to update GIS data about parks yearly. This will include land acquisition or sales, facility offerings, management, greenways, and park type.	Immediate					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Improve the website so it is easier to navigate and find programs by topic, age range, and location. Consider connections that reduce the number of links and redirects but increases overlap of categories - such as the overlap between pools and aquatic programming.	Near					
Adopt a planning process to provide direction when new facilities are being considered. This process will help generate support and suitably meet the needs of the community by involving the public and elected officials into the planning process.	Near					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Hire a staff member to become the public information officer for the department. The responsibilities of this position would include: managing the P&R content on the website, social media, creating a quarterly newsletter, establishing a database of parks and recreation photography, creating flyers, writing press releases, contacting media for PSA opportunities, managing an interpretive program in all parks, recruiting talent for large events, organizing events, managing user feedback including post program surveys and yearly needs assessment surveys. In the Immediate Need term, some of these outreach efforts can be achieved through an internship program.	Near					
Seek out partnerships with local colleges to develop an internship position(s). This could be in parks and recreation management, physical training, nutrition, or other discipline as deemed appropriate by facility and programming offerings.	Near					

ACTION STEP	RECOMMENDED TERM	KEY PLAYERS	ADJUSTED TERM	RATIONALE FOR CHANGE	CURRENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	COMPLETE
Hire or assign a staff member to coordinate all grant writing schedules and applications.	Long					

Funding Sources

FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

Federal funding is typically directed through state agencies to local governments, either in the form of grants or direct appropriations, independent from state budgets, where shortfalls may make it difficult to accurately forecast available funding for future project development. Federal funding typically requires a local match of approximately 20%, but there are sometimes exceptions, such as the recent American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds, which did not require a match. Since these funding categories are difficult to forecast, it is recommended that the local jurisdiction work with its MPO, in the case of Evansville, the Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization, on getting pedestrian projects listed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as discussed below.

The following is a list of possible federal funding sources that could be used to support construction of many bicycle and pedestrian improvements that fall under the purview of park facilities. Most of these are competitive, and involve the completion of extensive applications with clear documentation of the project need, costs, and benefits. However, it should be noted that the FHWA encourages the construction of pedestrian facilities as an incidental element of larger, ongoing projects.

MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (MAP-21)

The largest source of federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects is the USDOT's Federal-Aid Highway Program, which Congress has reauthorized roughly every six years since the passage of the Federal-Aid Road Act of 1916. The latest act, Moving Ahead for Progress in the Twenty-First Century (MAP- 21) was enacted in July 2012 as Public Law 112-141. It replaces the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which was valid from August 2005 - June 2012.

MAP-21 authorizes funding for federal surface transportation programs, including highways and transit for the 27 month period between July, 2012 and September, 2014. It is not possible to guarantee the continued availability of any listed MAP-21 programs, or to predict their future funding levels or policy guidance. Nevertheless, many of these programs have been included in some form since the passage of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991, and thus may continue to provide capital for active transportation projects and programs.

In Indiana, federal monies are administered through the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). Most, but not all, of these programs are oriented toward transportation versus recreation needs, with an emphasis on reducing auto trips and providing inter-modal

connections. Federal funding is intended for capital improvements and safety and education programs, and projects must relate to the surface transportation system.

There are a number of programs identified within MAP-21 that are applicable to bicycle and pedestrian projects that can complement park facilities, including trail and greenway projects. These programs are discussed below.

For more information, visit: www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/summaryinfo.cfm

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

Transportation Alternatives (TA) is a new funding source under MAP-21 that consolidates three formerly separate programs under SAFETEA-LU: Transportation Enhancements (TE), Safe Routes to School (SR2S), and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). These funds may be used for a variety of pedestrian, bicycle, and streetscape projects, including sidewalks, bikeways, multi-use paths, and rail-trails. TA funds may also be used for selected education and encouragement programming, such as Safe Routes to School, despite the fact that TA does not provide a guaranteed set-aside for this activity as SAFETEA-LU did. MAP-21 provides \$85 million nationally for the RTP.

Complete eligibilities for TA include:

1. TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENTS AS DEFINED BY SECTION 1103 (A)(29)

This category includes the construction, planning, and design of a range of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, including “on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.” Infrastructure projects and systems that provide “Safe Routes for Non-Drivers” is a new eligible activity.

For the complete list of eligible activities, visit: www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_enhancements/legislation/map21.cfm

2. RECREATIONAL TRAILS

TA funds may be used to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Examples include hiking, bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, and other non-motorized and motorized uses. These funds are available for both paved and unpaved trails, but may not be used to improve roads for general passenger vehicle use or to provide shoulders or sidewalks along roads.

- Recreational Trails Program funds may be used for:
- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails
- Purchase and leasing of trail construction and maintenance equipment
- Construction of new trails, including unpaved trails
- Acquisition of easements of property for trails
- State administrative costs related to this program (limited to seven percent of a state’s funds)
- Operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails (limited to five percent of a state’s funds)

For more information, visit: www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4101.htm

3. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The purpose of Safe Routes to Schools is to promote safe, healthy alternatives to riding the bus or being driven to school. All projects must be within two miles of primary or middle schools (K-8).

Eligible projects may include:

- Engineering Improvements. These physical improvements are designed to reduce potential bicycle and pedestrian conflicts with motor vehicles. Physical improvements may also reduce motor vehicle traffic volumes around schools, establish safer and more accessible crossings, or construct

walkways, trails or bikeways. Eligible projects include sidewalk improvements, traffic calming/speed reduction, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and secure bicycle parking facilities.

- Education and Encouragement Efforts. These programs are designed to teach children safe bicycling and walking skills while educating them about health benefits and environmental impacts. Projects and programs may include creation, distribution and implementation of educational materials; safety based field trips; interactive bicycle/pedestrian safety video games; and promotional events and activities (e.g., assemblies, bicycle rodeos, walking school buses).
- Enforcement Efforts. These programs aim to ensure that traffic laws near schools are obeyed. Law enforcement activities apply to cyclists, pedestrians and motor vehicles alike. Projects may include development of a crossing guard program, enforcement equipment, photo enforcement, and pedestrian sting operations.

For more information, visit: www.saferoutesinfo.org

4. PLANNING, DESIGNING, OR CONSTRUCTING ROADWAYS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FORMER INTERSTATE ROUTES OR DIVIDED HIGHWAYS.

At the time of writing, detailed guidance from the Federal Highway Administration on this new eligible activity was not available.

- Average annual funds available through TA over the life of MAP-21 equal \$814 million nationally, which is based on a 2% set-aside of total MAP- 21 allocations. Current projected obligations for Indiana are available at this website: www.fhwa.dot.gov/MAP21/funding.cfm. Note that state DOT's may elect to transfer up to 50% of TA funds to other highway programs, so the amount listed on the website represents the maximum potential funding.

- Remaining TA funds (those monies not re-directed to other highway programs) are disbursed through a separate, competitive grant program administered by INDOT. Local governments, school districts, tribal governments, and public lands agencies are permitted to compete for these funds.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The Surface Transportation Program (STP) provides states with flexible funds which may be used for a variety of highway, road, bridge, and transit projects. A wide variety of bicycle and pedestrian improvements are eligible, including on-street bicycle facilities, off-street trails, sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle and pedestrian signals, parking, and other ancillary facilities. Modification of sidewalks to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is also an eligible activity. Unlike most highway projects, STP-funded bicycle and pedestrian facilities may be located on local and collector roads which are not part of the Federal-aid Highway System. 50% of each state's STP funds are suballocated geographically by population; the remaining 50% may be spent in any area of the state.

HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

MAP-21 doubles the amount of funding available through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) relative to SAFETEA-LU. HSIP provides \$2.4 billion nationally for projects and programs that help communities achieve significant reductions in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, bikeways, and walkways. MAP-21 preserves the Railway-Highway Crossings Program within HSIP but discontinues the High-Risk Rural roads set-aside unless safety statistics demonstrate that fatalities are increasing on these roads. Bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements, enforcement activities, traffic calming projects, and crossing treatments for non-motorized users in school zones are eligible for these funds.

TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This program can be used for capital expenses that support transportation to meet the special needs of older adults and persons with disabilities, including providing access to an eligible public transportation facility.

For more information, visit: www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13093_3556.html

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) provides grants for planning and acquiring outdoor recreation areas and facilities, including trails. Funds can be used for right-of-way acquisition and construction. The program is administered by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as a grant program for states and local governments. Maximum annual grant awards for county governments, incorporated municipalities, public authorities, and federally recognized Indian tribes are \$250,000. The local match may be provided with in-kind services or cash.

For more information, visit: www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4071.htm

RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) is a National Parks Service (NPS) program providing technical assistance via direct NPS staff involvement to establish and restore greenways, rivers, trails, watersheds and open space. The RTCA program provides only for planning assistance—there are no implementation funds available. Projects are prioritized for assistance based on criteria including conserving significant community resources, fostering cooperation between agencies, serving a large number of users, encouraging public involvement in planning and implementation, and focusing on lasting accomplishments.

For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm

THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)

The CACFP provides aid to child and adult care institutions and family or group day care homes for the provisions of nutritious foods that contribute to the wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children, and the health and wellness of older adults and chronically impaired disabled persons. This program is best for parks and recreation departments that run afterschool programs.

For more information, visit: www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/child-and-adult-care-food-program

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP)

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals, that meet Federal nutrition guidelines, are provided to all children 18 years old and under at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. Parks and recreation departments can use this program to offer free health lunches during the summer.

For more information, visit: www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program-sfsp

STATE FUNDING SOURCES

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (INDOT) STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

The STIP is a four year planning document that lists all projects expected to be funded in a four year window with Federal funds and those state projects that have been deemed as regionally significant. The STIP contains funding information for various transportation divisions of INDOT, including: highways, aviation, enhancements, public transportation, rail, bicycle and pedestrians, and the Governor's Highway Safety Program. Access to many federal funds require that projects be incorporated into the STIP.

For more information, visit: www.in.gov/indot/2348.htm

HOMETOWN INDIANA

The Hometown Indiana Grant Program Act was established in 1988 by the Indiana General Assembly and became effective on July 1 of that year. The program is a state matching assistance program that provides grants for 50% of the costs for the acquisition and/or development of recreation sites and facilities, historic preservation and urban forestry. The Hometown Indiana grant applicants may request amounts ranging from a minimum of \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$200,000.

For more information, visit: www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4068.htm

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHOOTING RANGE GRANT PROGRAM

The Department of Natural Resources Shooting Range grant program is an assistance program for the development of rifle, handgun, shotgun, and archery facilities. The main objective of this program is to provide the citizens of Indiana with additional and safer places to fire their guns, and train hunter education students. The Shooting Range program will provide 75% matching reimbursing assistance for eligible projects. Applicants may request a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$100,000.

For more information, visit: www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4070.htm

BICENTENNIAL NATURE TRUST (BNT)

The BNT was created to preserve and protect important conservation and recreation areas throughout Indiana by matching donations of land or dollars. Property acquired with this fund will become part of the public trust to ensure that the land is protected for future generations of Hoosiers to use and enjoy. The BNT is designed to encourage local participation, so each project requires a \$1:1 match. To ensure availability of funds for a wide variety of projects in every corner of the state, a cap of \$300,000 has been set for the BNT portion of an individual project.

For more information, visit: www.in.gov/dnr/heritage/7309.htm

THE INDIANA HERITAGE TRUST PROGRAM

The Indiana Heritage Trust program offers funding to preserve land in Indiana. Project types eligible for funding under the Indiana Heritage Trust include the acquisition of property for new and existing state parks, state forests, nature preserves, fish and wildlife areas, and outdoor recreation, historic, or archaeological sites.

For more information, visit: www.in.gov/dnr/heritage/4420.htm

INDIANAPOLIS PARKS FOUNDATION

The mission of Indianapolis parks foundation is to enhance the recreational, educational, and cultural life of the Indianapolis community by encouraging and soliciting support for the city's parks system. The foundation helps Indy Parks and Recreation build a

world-class parks system by providing funding for land acquisition, park programs, capital improvements, and maintenance

For more information, visit: www.cicf.org/about-cicf/funds-and-foundations/special-focus-funds/indianapolis-parks-foundation

LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES

Municipalities often plan for the funding of pedestrian facilities or improvements through development of Capital Improvement Programs (CIP). In Raleigh, for example, the greenways system has been developed over many years through a dedicated source of annual funding that has ranged from \$100,000 to \$500,000, administered through the Recreation and Parks Department. CIPs should include all types of capital improvements (water, sewer, buildings, streets, etc.) versus programs for single purposes. This allows municipal decision-makers to balance all capital needs. Typical capital funding mechanisms include the following: capital reserve fund, capital protection ordinances, municipal service district, tax increment financing, taxes, fees, and bonds. Each category is described below. A variety of possible funding options available to Indiana jurisdictions for implementing pedestrian projects are described below. However, many will require specific local action as a means of establishing a program, if not already in place.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Municipalities have statutory authority to create capital reserve funds for any capital purpose, including pedestrian facilities. The reserve fund must be created through ordinance or resolution that states the purpose of the fund, the duration of the fund, the approximate amount of the fund, and the source of revenue for the fund. Sources of revenue can include general fund allocations, fund balance allocations, grants and donations for the specified use.

CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCES

Municipalities can pass Capital Project Ordinances that are project specific. The ordinance identifies and makes appropriations for the project.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (LIDs)

Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) are most often used by cities to construct localized projects such as streets, sidewalks or bikeways. Through the LID process, the costs of local improvements are generally spread out among a group of property owners within a specified area. The cost can be allocated based on property frontage or other methods such as traffic trip generation.

MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Municipalities have statutory authority to establish municipal service districts, to levy a property tax in the district additional to the citywide property tax; proceeds provide services in the district. Downtown revitalization projects are one of the eligible uses of service districts, and can include projects such as street, sidewalk, or bikeway improvements within the taxing district.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

Project Development Financing bonds, also known as Tax Increment Financing (TIF), is a relatively new tool in Indiana. It allows localities to use future gains in taxes to finance the current improvements that will create those gains. When a public project (e.g., sidewalk improvements) is constructed, surrounding property values generally increase and encourage surrounding development or redevelopment. The increased tax revenues are then dedicated to finance the debt created by the original public improvement project. Tax Increment Financing typically occurs within designated development financing districts that meet certain economic criteria that are approved by a local governing body. TIF funds are generally spent inside the boundaries of the TIF district, but they can also be spent outside the district if necessary to encourage development within it.

INSTALLMENT PURCHASE FINANCING

As an alternative to debt financing of capital improvements, communities can execute installment or lease purchase contracts for improvements. This type of financing is typically used for relatively small projects that the seller or a financial institution is willing to finance or when up-front funds are unavailable. In a lease purchase contract, the community leases the property or improvement from

the seller or financial institution. The lease is paid in installments that include principal, interest, and associated costs. Upon completion of the lease period, the community owns the property or improvement. While lease purchase contracts are similar to a bond, this arrangement allows the community to acquire the property or improvement without issuing debt. These instruments, however, are more costly than issuing debt.

TAXES

Many communities have raised money for general transportation programs or specific project needs through self-imposed increases in taxes and bonds. For example, Pinellas County residents in Florida voted to adopt a one cent sales tax increase, which provided an additional \$5 million for the development of the overwhelmingly popular Pinellas Trail. Sales taxes have also been used in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and in Boulder, Colorado to fund open space projects. A gas tax is another method used by some municipalities to fund public improvements. A number of taxes provide direct or indirect funding for the operations of local governments. Some of them are:

PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes generally support a significant portion of a municipality's activities. However, the revenues from property taxes can also be used to pay debt service on general obligation bonds issued to finance greenway system acquisitions. Because of limits imposed on tax rates, use of property taxes to fund greenways could limit the municipality's ability to raise funds for other activities. Property taxes can provide a steady stream of financing while broadly distributing the tax burden. In other parts of the country, this mechanism has been popular with voters as long as the increase is restricted to parks and open space.

Note, other public agencies compete vigorously for these funds, and taxpayers are generally concerned about high property tax rates.

EXCISE TAXES

Excise taxes are taxes on specific goods and services. These taxes require special legislation and funds generated through the tax are

limited to specific uses. Examples include lodging, food, and beverage taxes that generate funds for promotion of tourism, and the gas tax that generates revenues for transportation related activities.

OCCUPANCY TAX

The Indiana General Assembly may grant towns the authority to levy occupancy tax on hotel and motel rooms. The act granting the taxing authority limits the use of the proceeds, usually for tourism-promotion purposes.

FEES

A variety of fee options have been used by local jurisdictions to assist in funding pedestrian and bicycle improvements. Enabling actions may be required for a locality to take advantage of these tools.

STORMWATER UTILITY FEES

Greenway trail property may be purchased with stormwater fees, if the property in question is used to mitigate floodwater or filter pollutants. Stormwater charges are typically based on an estimate of the amount of impervious surface on a user's property. Impervious surfaces (such as rooftops and paved areas) increase both the amount and rate of stormwater runoff compared to natural conditions. Such surfaces cause runoff that directly or indirectly discharge into public storm drainage facilities and create a need for stormwater management services. Thus, users with more impervious surface are charged more for stormwater service than users with less impervious surface. The rates, fees, and charges collected for stormwater management services may not exceed the costs incurred to provide these services.

STREETSCAPE UTILITY FEES

Streetscape Utility Fees could help support streetscape maintenance of the area between the curb and the property line through a flat monthly fee per residential dwelling unit. Discounts would be available for senior and disabled residents. Non-residential customers would be charged a per-foot fee based on the length of frontage streetscape improvements. This amount could be capped for non-residential customers with extremely large amounts of street frontage. The revenues raised from Streetscape Utility Fees would be limited by ordinance to maintenance (or construction and maintenance) activities in support of the streetscape.

IMPACT FEES

Developers can be required to pay impact fees through local enabling legislation. Impact fees, which are also known as capital contributions, facilities fees, or system development charges, are typically collected from developers or property owners at the time of building permit issuance to pay for capital improvements that provide capacity to serve new growth. The intent of these fees is to avoid burdening existing customers with the costs of providing capacity to serve new growth so that "growth pays its own way."

Impact fees are designed to reflect the costs incurred to provide sufficient capacity in the system to meet the additional needs of a growing community. These charges are set in a fee schedule applied uniformly to all new development. Communities that institute impact fees must develop a sound financial model that enables policy makers to justify fee levels for different user groups, and to ensure that revenues generated meet (but do not exceed) the needs of development. Factors used to determine an appropriate impact fee amount can include: lot size, number of occupants, and types of subdivision improvements. A developer may reduce the impacts (and the resulting impact fee) by paying for on- or offsite pedestrian improvements that will encourage residents/tenants to walk or use transit rather than drive. Establishing a clear nexus or connection between the impact fee and the project's impacts is critical in avoiding a potential lawsuit.

EXACTIONS

Exactions are similar to impact fees in that they both provide facilities to growing communities. The difference is that through exactions it can be established that it is the responsibility of the developer to build the greenway or pedestrian facility that crosses through the property, or is adjacent to the property being developed.

IN-LIEU-OF FEES

As an alternative to requiring developers to develop a greenway or pedestrian facility that would serve their development, some communities provide a choice of paying a front-end charge for off-site protection of pieces of the larger system. Payment is generally a condition of development approval and recovers the cost of the off-site land acquisition or the development's proportionate share of the

cost of a regional facility serving a larger area. Some communities prefer in-lieu-of fees. This alternative allows community staff to purchase land worthy of protection rather than accept marginal land that meets the quantitative requirements of a developer dedication but falls short of qualitative interests.

BONDS AND LOANS

Bonds have been a very popular way for communities across the country to finance their pedestrian and greenway projects. A number of bond options are listed below. Contracting with a private consultant to assist with this program may be advisable. Since bonds rely on the support of the voting population, an education and awareness program should be implemented prior to any vote. Billings, Montana used the issuance of a bond in the amount of \$599,000 to provide the matching funds for several of their TEA- 21 enhancement dollars. Austin, Texas has also used bond issues to fund a portion of its bicycle and trail system.

REVENUE BONDS

Revenue bonds are bonds that are secured by a pledge of the revenues from a specific local government activity. The entity issuing bonds pledges to generate sufficient revenue annually to cover the program's operating costs, plus meet the annual debt service requirements (principal and interest payment). Revenue bonds are not constrained by the debt ceilings of general obligation bonds, but they are generally more expensive than general obligation bonds.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Cities, counties, and service districts are typically able to issue general obligation (G.O.) bonds that are secured by the full faith and credit of the entity. A general obligation pledge is stronger than a revenue pledge, and thus may carry a lower interest rate than a revenue bond. The local government issuing the bonds pledges to raise its property taxes, or use any other sources of revenue, to generate sufficient revenues to make the debt service payments on the bonds. Frequently, when local governments issue G.O. bonds for public enterprise improvements, the public enterprise will make the debt service payments on the G.O. bonds with revenues generated

through the public entity's rates and charges. However, if those rate revenues are insufficient to make the debt payment, the local government is obligated to raise taxes or use other sources of revenue to make the payments. Bond measures are typically limited by time, based on the debt load of the local government or the project under focus. Funding from bond measures can be used for right-of-way acquisition, engineering, design, and construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Voter approval is required.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS

Special assessment bonds are secured by a lien on the property that benefits from the improvements funded with the special assessment bond proceeds. Debt service payments on these bonds are funded through annual assessments to the property owners in the assessment area.

STATE REVOLVING FUND LOANS

Initially funded with federal and state money, and continued by funds generated by repayment of earlier loans, State Revolving Funds (SRFs) provide low interest loans for local governments to fund water pollution control and water supply related projects, including many watershed management activities. These loans typically require a revenue pledge, like a revenue bond, but carry a below market interest rate and limited term for debt repayment (20 years).

PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT FUNDING SOURCES

Many communities have solicited greenway and pedestrian infrastructure funding assistance from private foundations and other conservation-minded benefactors. Below are several examples of private funding opportunities available in Indiana.

BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

The Building Better Communities is designed to create and enhance nature-based playgrounds and natural play spaces for children, while also providing educational messaging and demonstration areas about water stewardship and conservation. Building Better Communities projects are supported with funding from AWCF and

implemented through annual grants administered by NRPA. Building Better Communities grants of \$50,000-to-\$150,000 will fund projects in public parks that:

- Build and enhance nature-based playgrounds and natural play spaces for children
- Educate people on environmental stewardship practices related to water

For more information, visit: www.nrpa.org/buildingbettercommunities

WALMART STATE GIVING PROGRAM

The Walmart Foundation financially supports projects that create opportunities for better living. Grants are awarded for projects that support and promote education, workforce development/economic opportunity, health and wellness, and environmental sustainability. Both programmatic and infrastructure projects are eligible for funding. State Giving Program grants start at \$25,000, and there is no maximum award amount. The program accepts grant applications on an annual, state by state basis January 2nd through March 2nd.

Online resource: walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8168.aspx?p=8979

BANK OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is one of the largest in the nation. The primary grants program is called Neighborhood Excellence, which seeks to identify critical issues in local communities. Another program that applies to greenways is the Community Development Programs, and specifically the Program Related Investments. This program targets low-and moderate-income communities and serves to encourage entrepreneurial business development.

More information: www.bankofamerica.com/foundation

AMERICAN GREENWAYS EASTMAN KODAK AWARDS

The Conservation Fund's American Greenways Program has teamed with the Eastman Kodak Corporation and the National Geographic Society to award small grants (\$250 to \$2,000) to stimulate the planning, design and development of greenways. These grants

can be used for activities such as mapping, conducting ecological assessments, surveying, holding conferences, developing brochures, producing interpretive displays, incorporating land trusts, and building trails. Grants cannot be used for academic research, institutional support, lobbying or political activities. Currently, the grant program is on hold until further notice.

More information: www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards

THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

Land conservation is central to the mission of the Trust for Public Land (TPL). Founded in 1972, the Trust for Public Land is the only national nonprofit working exclusively to protect land for human enjoyment and well being. TPL helps conserve land for recreation and spiritual nourishment and to improve the health and quality of life of American communities.

More information: www.tpl.org

THE SIA FOUNDATION INC.

The SIA Foundation, Inc. is committed to making gifts to qualifying 501(c) 3 organizations or entities within the State of Indiana that will improve the quality of life and help meet the needs of residents. The Foundation achieves this mission through cash grants which are used to support the funding of specific capital projects in the areas of arts and culture, education, and health and welfare.

For more information, visit: www.siafoundation.org/guide/guide.htm

NATIONAL TRAILS FUND

The American Hiking Society created the National Trails Fund in 1998 as the only privately supported national grants program providing funding to grassroots organizations working toward establishing, protecting, and maintaining foot trails in America. The society provides funds to help address the \$200 million backlog of trail maintenance. The National Trails Fund grants help give local organizations the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools and materials to protect America's cherished public trails. To date, the American Hiking Society has granted more than \$240,000 to 56 different trail

projects across the U.S. for land acquisition, constituency building campaigns, and traditional trail work projects. Awards range from \$500 to \$10,000 per project. Projects the American Hiking Society will consider include:

- Securing trail lands, including acquisition of trails and trail corridors, and the costs associated with acquiring conservation easements.
- Building and maintaining trails that will result in visible and substantial ease of access, improved hiker safety, and/or avoidance of environmental damage.
- Constituency building surrounding specific trail projects, including volunteer recruitment and support.

More information: www.americanhiking.org

LOCAL SPONSORS

A sponsorship program for trail amenities allows smaller donations to be received from both individuals and businesses. Cash donations could be placed into a trust fund to be accessed for certain construction or acquisition projects associated with the greenways and open space system. Some recognition of the donors is appropriate and can be accomplished through the placement of a plaque, the naming of a park facility, and/or special recognition at an opening ceremony. Valuable in-kind gifts include donations of services, equipment, labor, or reduced costs for supplies.

CROWDFUNDING

Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project or venture by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people usually through the internet. Raising funds for local projects using a crowdfunding platform such as Kickstarter, GoFundMe, or the park specific platform Fund Your Park engages loyal supporters and helps create new ones by allowing donors to share their experience with friends via the internet. Whether it's for building a new playground or installing trail signs, crowdfunding allows the community to directly fund the improvement via any amount of money they wish to contribute.

CORPORATE DONATIONS

Corporate donations are often received in the form of liquid investments (i.e. cash, stock, bonds) and in the form of land. Municipalities typically create funds to facilitate and simplify a transaction from a corporation's donation to the given municipality. Donations are mainly received when a widely supported capital improvement program is implemented. Such donations can improve capital budgets and / or projects.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Residents and other community members are excellent resources for garnering support and enthusiasm for a greenway corridor or pedestrian facility. Furthermore, volunteers can substantially reduce implementation and maintenance costs. Individual volunteers from the community can be brought together with groups of volunteers from church groups, civic groups, scout troops and environmental groups to work on greenway development on special community workdays. Volunteers can also be used for fund-raising, maintenance, and programming needs.

FUNDING SOURCES SUMMARY/YEARLY REVIEW					
SOURCE	LINK	DATE REVIEWED	AVAILABLE FUNDS	DUE DATE	TASK LEADER
FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES					
Moving Ahead for Progress in the Twenty-First Century (MAP-21)	www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/summaryinfo.cfm				
Transportation Alternatives					
<i>Transportation Enhancements as defined by Section 1103 (a)(29)</i>	www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/transportation_enhancements/legislation/map21.cfm				
<i>Recreational Trails</i>	www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4101.htm				
<i>Safe Routes to School</i>	www.saferoutesinfo.org				
<i>Planning, designing, or constructing roadways within the right-of-way of former Interstate routes or divided highways.</i>	www.fhwa.dot.gov/MAP21/funding.cfm				
Surface Transportation Program	www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/factsheets/stp.htm				
Highway Safety Improvement Program	http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/				
Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities	www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13093_3556.htm				
Land and Water Conservation Fund	www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4071.htm				
Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program	www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm				
The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/childand-adult-care-food-program				
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)	www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summerfood-service-program-sfsp				

FUNDING SOURCES SUMMARY/YEARLY REVIEW					
SOURCE	LINK	DATE REVIEWED	AVAILABLE FUNDS	DUE DATE	TASK LEADER
STATE FUNDING SOURCES					
Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)	www.in.gov/indot/2348.htm				
Hometown Indiana	www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4068.htm				
Department of Natural Resources Shooting Range Grant Program	www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4070.htm				
Bicentennial Nature Trust (BNT)	www.in.gov/dnr/heritage/7309.htm				
The Indiana Heritage Trust Program	www.in.gov/dnr/heritage/4420.htm				
Indianapolis Parks Foundation	www.cicf.org/about-cicf/fundsand-foundations/special-focus-funds/indianapolis-parks-foundation/				
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES					
Capital Reserve Fund	N/A				
Capital Project Ordinances	N/A				
Local Improvement Districts (LIDs)	N/A				
Municipal Service District	N/A				
Tax Increment Financing	N/A				
Installment Purchase Financing	N/A				
Taxes	N/A				
Fees	N/A				
Bonds and Loans	N/A				
PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT FUNDING SOURCES					
Building Better Communities Program	www.nrpa.org/buildingbettercommunities/				
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America n Greenways Eastman Kodak Awards	www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards				
The Trust for Public Land	www.tpl.org				
The SIA Foundation Inc.	www.siafoundation.org/guide/guide.htm				
National Trails Fund	www.americanhiking.org/				
Local Sponsors	N/A				
Crowdfunding	N/A				
Corporate Donations	N/A				
Volunteer Work	N/A				



Appendix A

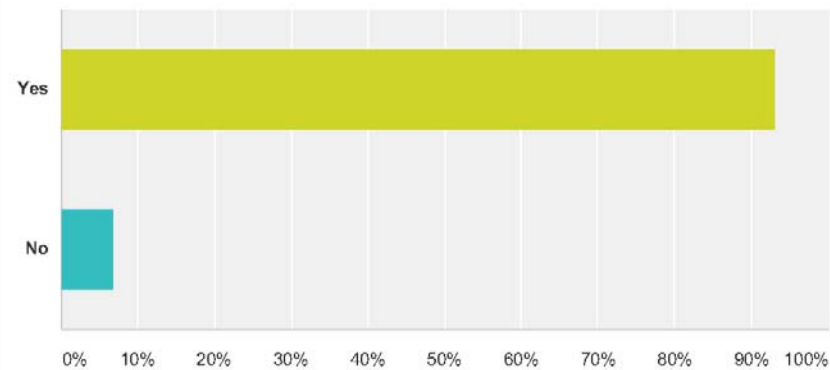


Public Input

Overview

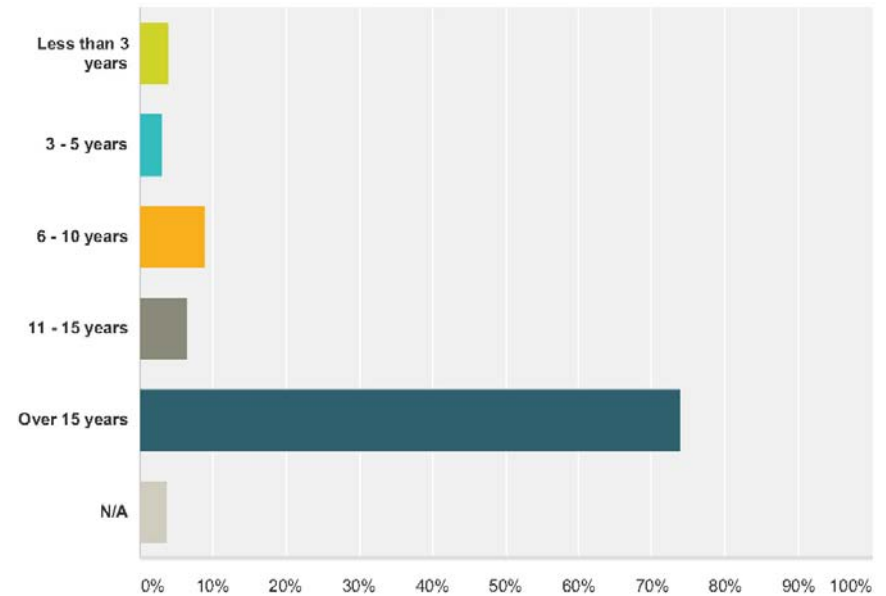
The following pages include raw data from the public survey. A summary can be found in Chapter 3.

Q1: ARE YOU AN EVANSVILLE RESIDENT?



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
YES	93.1%	1211
NO	6.9%	90
ANSWERED QUESTION		1301
SKIPPED QUESTION		22

Q2: IF YES, HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED HERE?



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
LESS THAN 3 YEARS	3.9%	50
3 - 5 YEARS	3.0%	39
6 - 10 YEARS	8.9%	114
11 - 15 YEARS	6.5%	83
OVER 15 YEARS	73.8%	945
N/A	3.8%	49
ANSWERED QUESTION		1280
SKIPPED QUESTION		43

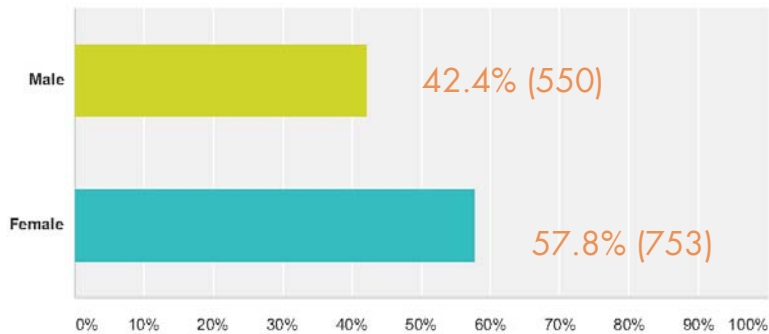
Q3: PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR ZIP CODE

ZIP CODE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	ZIP CODE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
47633	1	47613	1
47638	1	47610	2
47639	1	47601	4
47665	1	42420	5
22182	1	47708	8
28732	1	47620	8
37212	1	47630	52
40207	1	47713	68
40223	1	47710	89
40507	1	47720	94
42303	1	47725	106
42431	1	47712	155
42437	1	47715	210
44715	1	47711	239
47546	1	47714	245
47567	1		

Q5: WHAT ARE THE AGES OF THE MEMBERS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	greater than 10	Total
Under 5	42.71% 243	40.95% 233	13.01% 74	2.28% 13	0.35% 2	0.18% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.53% 3	569
Age 5 - 9	43.25% 237	38.69% 212	15.33% 84	1.64% 9	0.91% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.18% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	548
Age 10 - 14	52.14% 256	33.60% 165	11.81% 58	1.83% 9	0.41% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.20% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	491
Age 15 - 19	57.27% 256	33.56% 150	7.83% 35	1.12% 5	0.00% 0	0.22% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	447
Age 20 - 24	63.13% 262	27.47% 114	7.71% 32	1.20% 5	0.24% 1	0.24% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	415
Age 25 - 34	27.55% 165	31.55% 189	38.90% 233	1.34% 8	0.33% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.33% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	599
Age 35 - 44	33.71% 210	31.78% 198	33.23% 207	0.32% 2	0.32% 2	0.16% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.48% 3	623
Age 45 - 54	44.74% 234	31.55% 165	22.75% 119	0.57% 3	0.00% 0	0.19% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.19% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	523
Age 55 - 64	45.93% 237	28.29% 146	24.42% 126	0.00% 0	0.58% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.19% 1	0.00% 0	0.58% 3	516
Over 65	66.58% 251	20.42% 77	11.94% 45	0.00% 0	0.27% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.80% 3	377

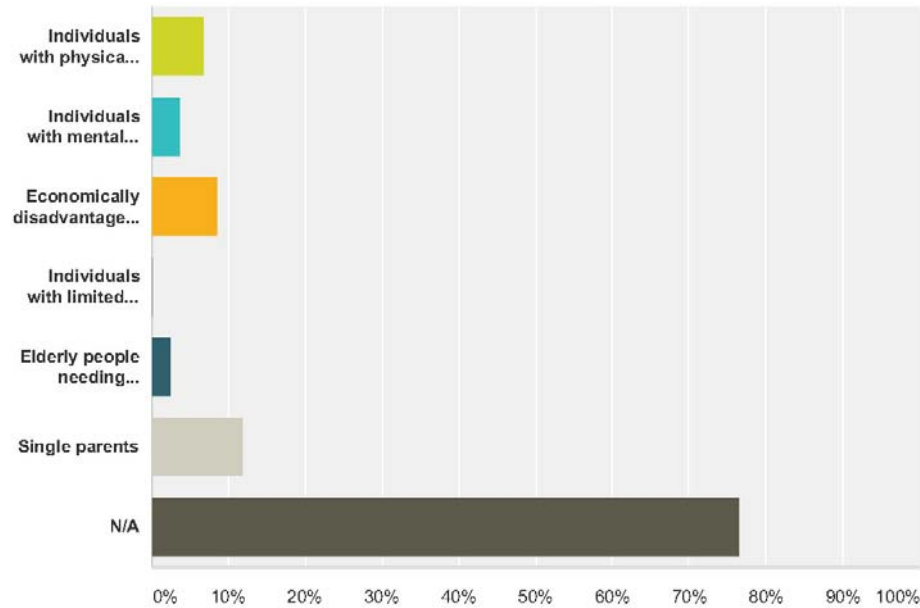
Q4: WHIS IS YOUR GENDER?



ANSWERED QUESTION 1303

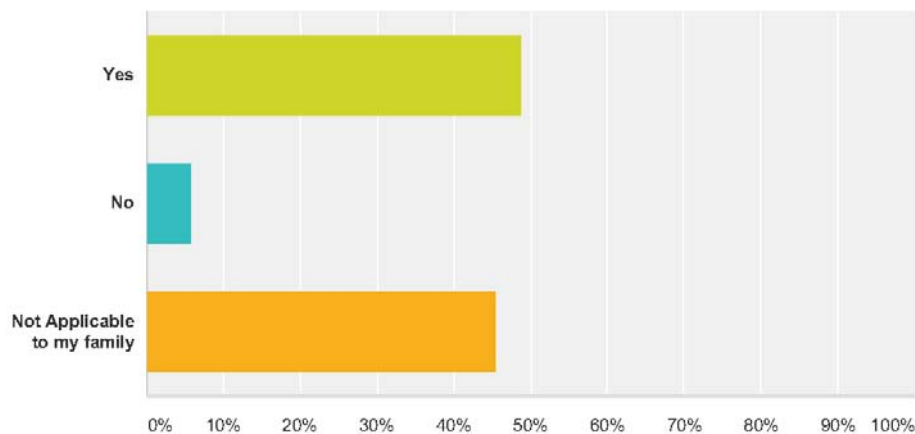
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Q6: PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD.



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES	7.0%	83
INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES	3.7%	44
ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FAMILY MEMBERS	8.5%	101
INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY	0.3%	3
ELDERLY PEOPLE NEEDING ASSISTANCE	2.4%	29
SINGLE PARENTS	12.0%	143
N/A	76.7%	916
ANSWERED QUESTION		1194
SKIPPED QUESTION		129

Q7: DO THE POPULATIONS ABOVE USE EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES OR PROGRAMS?



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
YES	48.8%	635
NO	5.8%	75
NOT APPLICABLE TO MY FAMILY	45.4%	591
ANSWERED QUESTION		1301
SKIPPED QUESTION		22

Q8: WHICH PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM OR FACILITIES DO THE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD USE?

The below word cloud illustrates a representation of 588 responses (735 respondents skipped the questions). The larger the word, the more popular a response it was.



Q9: WHY DO THE MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD NOT USE THE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES OR PROGRAMS?

FREE RESPONSES

I use every week, however, husband not interested, and mother too old

Dont have time

we don't use them anymore because of age and logistics.

Programs are limited to the very young. There is nothing that targets the ages of 16-adult and nothing that targets the elderly. Examples are swim programs that increase the health and mobility of our aged....or targeted & hip Parcour activities, events or facilities for our youth. The skate board park is a dismal example of the lack of understanding and or thought into our youth. By the way....it isn't the spray paint that makes it dismal! It is far too small, not lit at night, and has no bowl...please look at other cities park dept....your youth are BORED! Give them a place to play...Even at age 16...WELL LIT so bully have no place to hide.

prefer the trails at Harmonie

? How does anyone answer this question? What are they?

Too much trouble in the parks around our house

We don't go there. Plus not aware of what programs are available.

didnt know evansville had parks.

Haven't had the need to yet

Perhaps my daughter is too old to go to a park w/busy schedule but loves swimming at Hartke and Burdette pools.

PERFER TO GO TO OWENSBORO RIVER FRONT MORE TO DO WITH THE FAMILY AND KID LOVES THE WATER PARK

Not safe

Transportation, mostly- we're 1.5 mi from the nearest bus stop.

Nothing there to attract them.

Because no one in our house hold have disabilities

Nothing on the north side of town AT ALL.

Nothing really close to us

not familiar with services and locations, costs, etc

Not outdoorsy people

New to town and don't know about them yet!

FREE RESPONSES

I will take my grandkids down to wesslemans park to the nature center to watch the birds. Or play on the play ground. I think the shelters are a little pricey to rent!

I don't know what is out there to use. No advertisements for knowing.

Unless you are a soccer player, or member of the elite east side/Newburgh, the parks available to the rest of the city are dilapidated and neglected. Garvins park has two enormous trees that have been dead for years but still standing. Wesslemans nature center hours are inconvenient since they close so early. Not everyone wants to drive to the east side to enjoy nice facilities.

I think we have poor parks for the exception of Wesslemans, but I haven't been there in awhile. I have two park close to me and have found they are not kept up well. I don't even take my grandchildren because of what might be lurking in the sand and wood chips

No interest

Do not have parks/wetlands catering to our interests, namely bird watching.

None have been convenient or of interest.

To far away and there is not a soccer field close on walking distance

Not outdoor people. Not a part of our social activities

"My daughter is in a wheelchair and that makes mobility within a park difficult from parking to traveling across the terrain. Picnic tables are not made to get a wheel-

chair under. Gravel parking and grass or mulch type paths are impossible to push a wheel chair over."

I am 74 years old and I ride my bicycle around the neighborhood.

The drugs at some of the are parks do not look safe.Way to far to drive with not much to do . Would love to see Wesslmans clean some of the trees that have falling so we go on some safe trills.

facilities in disrepair/unpleasant.

My neighborhood park is not well maintained and not enough picnic tables. Playground is too small

there is nothing to do for our age group we can not walk alot, don.t really want to watch games. be nice to have benches along the walkways so we could sit and relax plan some outings just for our age group that are free and something we all could do and enjoy them. have a big city cookout show how much the city appreciates anything and everything this age group has done for the city in all these years. have an old fashion band get to gather under the stars one night something that this age group use to do growing up .

There is none near our residence. Not walking distance at least.

FREE RESPONSES

the parks are not kept up/ mostlack restroom and water,

I think our parks are boring

no information out there or hard to find out

Not really conducive to our families outdoor interests

Don't have small children

We are too busy working and there is really nothing on the east side, yet.

they are not well cared for.

Not really pursued this. Used to when younger and in better health.

It is very hard for elderly individuals to get around any of the parks..no walking trails with benches to sit every so often. No real swimming areas to use because of no lifts to help them in and out of the pools.

No time to do so

Not what we're looking for currently.

They are dirty, run down, nasty people or weirdos hanging out there in groups making it uncomfortable.

Not interested

not clean

Lack of facilities to make it easy for access.

Nothing to encourage and draw me in

Just haven't had time this year really

never know what is going on in the parks. Not enough advertisement

Not sure, busy with other activities. Occasionally we will go to a park for my 6 year old to play on play ground

lack of quality programs

We used to use them when my daughter played soccer, but we are not using them now

Q10: PLEASE SHARE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT YOUR HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL NEEDS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RELATED TO YOUR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY MEMBERS.

FREE RESPONSES
Perhaps wheel chair assistance through flower gardens?
would like to see. something set up like exercise program for people at different time of the day. not just in the morning. some people still work and would like to do them after work. or set up a walking club.group. i am a single person and i don't feel safe walking around the parks by my self. set up emergency station bird houses so disabled people could watch the birds. right now there is nothing for elder and disabled people to do. only thing to do is picnic and watch kids play.
Play area for dogs. Dog park for family pets and service dogs
Swings added to Garvin park
Access to potable water would be very useful.
This city needs to get its act together, we are wasting money on fun and games, the mayor's park is silly and not needed and a HUGE WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY. Please wake up before it is too late,,,,, unless you are trying to bankrupt this city
"I did in the first question. Elderly swim programs...Tai Chi in the park for our differently abled...YOGA CLASSES!!!!
Parcours facilities for your terms and young adults...perhaps even cross town teams that could compete. Parcour is a fabulous way to challenge kids to be active and look at objects differently. Also nature walks that are FREE...weed/wildflower identification, morel hunts, fishing and foraging guides, outings and activities. We are an incredibly diverse and rich area....but I don't see the recreation department utilizing what is in our own backyard."
I really like that Wesselman's park kid area has a fence around it. Wish more areas off limit or far away from traffic.
The pools need to stay open through Labor Day even if it is only weekends. This is our only source of heat relief and fun and we can not afford to go elsewhere
na
Diamond Valley park is sad. There isn't even a play set for me to take my cousins when I watch them. There just isn't much at that park. And I love walking my dog there.
I would like to see major improvements made at Lloyd Pol. My children swim as their primary form of exercise my oldest now 16 began at age 3 as did my son. Both competed on the Lloyd Swim Team and use this pool for additional recreation year round.
We have a dog and I wish there was an area just for dogs.

FREE RESPONSES
We would love to see sand at Wesselman Park again. And more playground equipment to replace some of the broken or unusable fixtures. Also the gap between the walkways of the ramp and the handrails makes it VERY easy for young toddlers to fall through. I would like to see something done with that as well.
More things for little kids to do. Nephews would enjoy going to parks more. Restrooms need to be restocked with paper towels, hand soap, & toilet paper when needed.
we spent too much on all the little crack parks
More shade. Better ground material. Like turf or something like that. Soft for the kids but they can't pick it up or eat it or get dust all over them. And maybe for the police to actually walk through the area and check it out for any criminal activity
Nice wide paved or concrete paths, wheelchair accessible restrooms
N/a
Would like to be able to use floatation device at pools. Maybe some activities.
"1.Keep restrooms open dust to dark. Everyday,,,,,
2.Bring back improved baseball cage.
3.Keep basketball goals nice with a net.
4. Shelters are dirty and surrounded by water and mud.
5. Nature center is boring. Have a flea market on weekends."
Need dog park. Also need fountains for children to play in like the one in Owensboro and their playground
CLEAN THE DAMN PARKS AND TAKE BETTER CARE OF THE ONES ALREADY HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
PARKS NEED TO HAVE WATER PARK, FOUNTAINS, WATERFALL, SWINGS, SLIDES, PLAY HOUSE, SOMETHING FOR ALL THE FAMILY
Incur fines on litterbugs, either after one warning or if no way to keep track of warnings, on first offense. My foreign guests asked why we have so much trash in city.
We need a roller skating rink in Burdette park again. Pools need to be open after school opens. New playground equipment would be nice.
Central Bark was a step in the right direction for dog owners. Please create more dog-friendly areas. Also, Owensboro's river front park makes ours look pathetic.

FREE RESPONSES

Mesker amphitheater is a treasure. Please focus on te opening this gem!!!
Places to walk in the shade with frequent benches for them to sit and rest.
I love the Saturday walks
Would like to see more bicycle friendly trails and roadways. Would enjoy it if some parks could be connected with a bicycle and pedestrian friendly trail. Example: connect Burdette and the Howell park wetlands with a continuation of the Greenway Passage.
"There is no one in my house hold who are ""special needs"",, we all live a normal life!
But we are not wanting ANYMORE PARKS!!!! Nobody takes care of the ones we have now!!!! Why not build an Indoor/ outdoor Swim park, like the one in French Lick,,, or I don't know, an Aquarium"
I think we should fully fund existing parks in the inner city before we even think about making the old making a new park system on the east side at the old stadium property.
Love hiking in woods.
neighborhood outdoor pools like in the 1970s.
n/a
n/A
Limited ramps to access parts of the parks. Have almost NEVER seen one with an ADA H/C restroom available. Many have port-a-pots! Many have gravel parking lots or pathways. In a W/C 19 years. NO swimming pools have lifts or ramps for a person in a wheelchair to access the pool. These are all requirements of the ADA 1992. Curt Todd, E.P.D. MANY injured VETS returning from wars now. Am a retired Marine also. 812 568-9413 Ball parks not accessible in most mentioned regards. Son is 16 now, but dealt with these issues since he was 7, or couldn't attend.
My wife a I need places to stop a rest when we are walking.
I think more emphasis should be placed on family togetherness, such as camping. I would like to see the old Roberts Stadium area used as a campground. Many inner city kids will never know what it is like to camp.
We are very interested in live music and I hear that is coming soon! That will be great. We enjoy fishing, but I don't know that that happens in any of the parks.
Trash pickup on weekends needs to be improved, i.e. Wesselman Woods, when shelters are rented for both Saturday & Sunday, & Sunday renters have to deal with cleanup before they can have their party or event.
"We would like a good place to go sledding on snowy days
We suggest converting under utilized tennis courts to pickleball courts

FREE RESPONSES

We need dedicated bike paths that are not on busy roads"
Greenway needs lights we ride it at night and would like to see who we are approaching.
MORE SURCURITY
We travel across town mostly to Wesselmans park because the play area is fenced in. All parks need fenced in areas for the little people so parents can relax knowing their child is fenced into a safe area they can play with other kids in. areas for 1 - 3 year olds would be great
Have bathroom access and drinking water available
There are no public parks conveniently located near the Kansas Rd/ N Green River /Airport area. The subdivisions are booming in this area! There needs to be a public park for kids.
More lights, and cameras on the greenway
I find it difficult to get to a parks area without driving. It would be nice to be able to access them without a car.
Son has mild autism. Always enjoys the park especially kids kingdom
Litter and trash is an issue along with lighting.
We need a park like smothers park owensboros park is amazing
na
No special needs actually. We need something like they have in Owensboro. I truly enjoyed that park.
Patrols should be in a more confined area around parks with high crime rates.
Zero entry at indoor pool facility
"Pickleball courts outdoors for the growing number of players in the community.
Wesselman Park needs an updated state of the art playground for children similar to Owensboro 's park on the river."
need more clean restroom facilities
dog park!
Poor layouts,no concession,just not family friendly
Would be nice if the parks department offered programs for kids and families in evening or weekend. A better website would be helpful. The current one doesn't offer the times and hours of all the pools. Nothing is mentioned about the swim team on the website such as sign up times or cost. Further the website lists nothing about the Energize Evansville events.

FREE RESPONSES
Take Grandkids to play and sometimes have family picnics
South side of Evansville needs to have in there parks basketball goals, soccer fields and a baseball field location to encourage youth to play sports when not in school and so it's available to those kids who can not travel out of the south side to the parks that have these facility's .
Support the small base ball softball clubs. No need to take away from them with a stupid new complex
We like to walk, bike, and picnic at shelters.
Evansville needs an Archery Park. Research Alabama's Archery Parks they have been an economical boon. The cities that have these parks have seen an increase in revenue due to competitions (both pro/am and school tournaments). Evansville, being a hub city and the tri state area having a large amount of hunters, could easily capitalize on such a park.
more activities in the parks
1 member hearing impaired/deaf. There are no difficulties in the parks related to this.
Wheelchair swings would be nice. or any other type of playground equipment that a person in a chair could use.
Need more benches along Greenway. I sometimes have mobility issues and need a place to sit more often currently able to.
Dog friendly parks would be nice.
It would be nice to have a splash park on the east side. The parks are also boring.and lacking in things to do compared to ones in other cities.
I have a companion dog that I would love to take to the park with me.
Possible indoor playground/rack ball or swim park .
"My 16 year old daughter recently had a hip replacement and we have a membership there for her to swim to help her recovery. It is very important that she's able to swim and recently the pool has
been very dirty and unclear recently."
I believe parks are fine! They supply all my needs!
We don't have any special needs people in our family.
better fishing at burdette and garvin
We have no special needs family members.
already have thanks
Greatly appreciate having free access to Parks and recreation venues.

FREE RESPONSES
Please make all parks & playgrounds wheelchair assessable with public restrooms that include baby changing station. Some people young and old that are in a wheelchairs need assistance using the restroom please make them large enough for two people.
We need more paths / bike lanes from the east side to the west side.
N/A
We are a childless couple, but we have two dogs. We would like to have parks were we can enjoy our time with our pets.
GARVIN PARK NEEDS MORE PICNIC TABLES
Trails in parks need to be handicap accessible.
Oxygen
Pay attention to where hand rails are needed & not having too steep of ramps. We enjoy watching the water activity at Dress plaza but need more of an area to be able to sit & watch.
Smoothly paved trail around entire lake at Garvin Park wide enough for a wheel chair
We spend a lot of money on adult softball leagues in Evansville and have for over 15 years. Lately it seems like the prices go up every year but the quality of the leagues goes down. Constant issue with scoreboards not working at every field in the city, bathrooms not being taken care of. Kley Meyer toilets are accessible but don't flush- disgusting. There are other leagues in southern Indiana and Kentucky....people are going to start opting to play there for better quality leagues. Evansville is too big of a community to not have a decent adult sports league.
More activities for children
Need imroved restrooms
more and better swimming pools out doors and indoors. I better stake park. Updated nice soccer fields
Additional animal parks, i.e. horses, dogs, etc., along with trail system on the east side of the city.
Would like better up keep an more bike paths & walkways
Riding a bike on Evansville city streets is almost a death wish. It would be fun to have a long winding bike path through the new park. We live on the south side of Lloyd Expressway, I would love the ability to ride a bike across an elevated walkway over Lloyd Expressway to the new park.
Maintenance regularly and upgrades needs to be a priority at some older parks that do not look user friendly.
NA

FREE RESPONSES

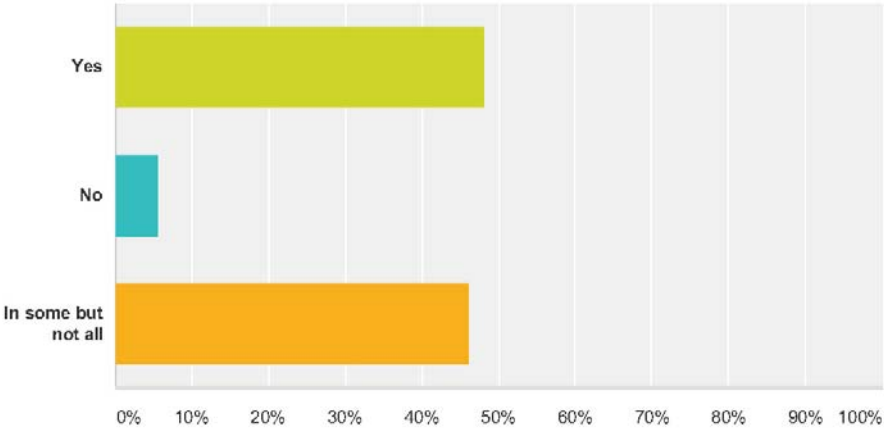
More picnic tables! Cleaner & more restrooms! More waster stations! DOG PARK!!!
All parks need more picnic tables in areas that are handicap accessible.
Frisbee Golf! More!
na
Lots more economical things to do.. water park, invest is exciting programs.
Some mobility issues.
NA
non
We also participate in the Parks dept. Recreational sports programs. Trying to find leagues without competitive teams or players is hard. They want to stay up with their games by beating recreational teams easily and that makes it not as fun for people like us.
Would participate more with family members if shelters with cooking grills were available.
Garvin Park often gets overgrown and remains unmowed for certain periods of time. The fountain in the Park's lake operates only about half the time. Downed trees remain both an eyesore and a safety problem for weeks after a storm. Residents on the park are often restricted from access to their street for some events in the park although there is really no sensical reason for that to happen. The street lights in the Park's main section have been inoperable most of the summer.
More wooded Parks and trails, increase the biodiversity within the parks to have more wildlife and plants within parks.
We need more family orientated activities in Evansville. Activities that won't cost half a weeks pay to enjoy.
No special needs.
N/A
there are no restrooms at the river except at special events then they are porta pottys why can Evansville not get real restrooms on the riverfront and a concession stand and maybe more people would come down there and stay down there.
None
We live near oakhill and lynch and seems most parks are south and not near northern evansville. Also the same with pools. We also would love a nicer indoor pool
Wheelchair excessable swings and play ground areas. (Its very hard to push a chair through sand or mulch). Kids in wheelchairs such as my son would love to play with siblings and friends instead of sitting back watching.

FREE RESPONSES

None at this time.
"1.An enclosed area for younger children so parents can sit & watch from a distance while the child interacts w/ others!
2.Maybe a ""rolling Library"" used in bigger cities where a portable library is placed stationary, and books are borrowed & replaced on the honor system!
3.Splash parks for those hot days
4. More lighting for strolls after dark w/ o fear of being attacked
5. I recall years ago as a child someone would come to our park (Sheridan Ave) & do arts & crafts w/ children??? Not sure who or why but it really stuck with me!"
N/a
not applicable
More for toddler age, fenced in areas
Prosthetic leg
Build a park like owensboro, ky! They know what they are doing over there
N/A
a slash park would be nice and more playground equipment at some parks. also more tables and bike paths
Something like Smother's Park in Owensboro would be great to bring traffic Downtown in my opinion. Splash park would be great too.
walking paths that include wheel chairs, walkers, strollers. Benches for just sitting and resting.
make wesselmens softball fields nicer
There needs to be additional seating in the shade near playgrounds. My husband can only walk short distances with a walker and wants to go with our daughter to play and it's physically nearly impossible.
Please please let's get another disc golf course. The sport is growing a ton in the area and the North side could really use one. Mesker Park has people travel from all over the US to play.
Our community needs safer places for kids to rid a bike. On West side there are few sidewalks. It is getting better with the trails and bike paths but we have a long way to go.
Kid's playgrounds need shade so the slides are not hot
More hiking trails!!!!
Please fix the slides at Goosetown
We need more bike paths

FREE RESPONSES
The crappy sign at the corner of vann and pollack is an eyesore. Park needs to be cleaner.
i run a day care and would take the kids there more if had more to do
Love the Evansville State Hospital park. Absolutely Beautiful. Love the abundant wildlife and beautiful lakes. Awesome park.
More attention needs to be paid to trees in our parks. They provide shade for families, as well as improve the overall ambiance of the parks. Ask any kid to draw "a park," and they'll all include trees in their picture.
NA
More options for Dogs
We need more bicycle trails.
I think doing something with the Mesker park ampitheatre would be very beneficial
We need to develop Robert's Park
Would like to share info about usi student population
"I would love to see the greenway extend and connect to newburgh's trailer as well as have off shoots into Evansville.
I would really like to see lighting added to the greenway for use at night. With the surrounding light pollution from the city, the more isolated sections of the greenway are pitch black and feel unsafe.
Park facility maintenance really needs to be stepped up a few notches. Also, the"
Wheelchair paths!
No special needs
"More bike trails and walking trails...
Get the swimming pools open longer...
Sign ups for group walking or biking..."
I feel there need to be age appropriate playgrounds. There are not any toddler parks in this town. Most playground equipment is too big for a two year old.
There needs to be more days for the pools and longer hours.
Another disc golf course, perhaps an easier 9 hole beginners course at Wesselman's or in Robert's Park. Disc Golf has taken off in this area and weekly tournaments are played in some locations. I just picked it up and found it's a great way to bond with my daughters and meet new people.

Q11: DO YOU FEEL SAFE IN EVANSVILLE PARKS?



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
YES	48.1%	594
NO	5.7%	70
IN SOME BUT NOT ALL	46.2%	570
ANSWERED QUESTION		1234
SKIPPED QUESTION		89

Q12: IF NO, OR SOME FROM PREVIOUS QUESTION, WHICH PARK(S) DO YOU NOT FEEL SAFE IN AND WHY?

FREE RESPONSES
Most places yes, Garvin Park, maybe not....mostly about location.
Parks are dilapidated, poorly lit & not surveyed by authorities.
I think it's wise to never be by myself in a park. Otherwise, if I'm with my husband, I'm fine. Some--like Garvin Park--I feel less safe. But others, like Wesselman, I feel more safe. Has to do with neighborhood around the park.
Kids Kingdom has become a disappointment in the last several years. Questionable people hanging around the park, and inappropriate items found where our children are supposed to be safe, and have fun.
Sunset... Bad area, shady people
Sunset park
Sunset by the river made my family uncomfortable the one time we tried it. Most parks on the southeast side seem unsafe.
Anything south and downtown, because it's south or downtown and they've been known to have some nefarious activity. More so than the likes of Wesselman Woods or Price Park.
Garvin Park - there always seems to be shady people hanging out there.
"garvin wesselman. all oc them. i dont go by my self.
†"
Garvin Park trail and backside of Wesselman Park (side closest to golf course on Morgan Avenue)
All could use better lighting during dusk hours.
Any park after hours (dark etc.) is not safe - or at least one does not typically feel safe unless with a group of people. No one park in particular.
11th ave. too many kids 13+ age after dark there causing trouble almost a daily event. Park their cars in the park and have music blaring without regard to families in the area. No police presence at the park at all
We live near Anthony Oates Park, there seems to be little to no supervision there.
Garvin Park because of loitering men and broken glass scattered about the shelter.
As long as keeping a close eye on the kids, it is generally safe. Especially during peak hours. Unfortunatley suspect characters seem to loiter around the parks, especially after 5pm.
Lorraine Park

FREE RESPONSES
Parks on the South side, Jimtown & Boxtown...we have a growing problem that law enforcement & poverty specialists must focus on NOW before it gets worse.
"Bayard Park
Anthony oakes"
Garvin too many ducks and geese causing a problem
We have heard at kleymeyer there is something seeping out of the ground from where the old landfill was. I fear that that substance is toxic
Some areas of town there are more issues and those groups do not care about the good families trying to enjoy themselves
trash is the biggest problem. some parks it hard for parents to keep up and have a visual on their kids.
Downtown Evansville. I wish there were police officers who would be there during daylight hours like there is at Smothers Park in Owensboro. Owensboro has it going on... We take the drive over there more than stayin here because of how clean it is, convenient (consession stand and clean bathrooms), everything is within walkig distance, and the park is so much fun.
I would love to use the greenway. But don't feel safe going there alone.
Howell park is close to bars and a gas station that draws bad company
Wisdom dictates that one does not stay in the parks after dark. Too many weird types out sometimes.
Bayard Park. There is always a lot of alcohol containers littering the park and is surrounded by some questionable neigbirhoods
Garvin because a lot of homeless people are down there. And people don't control their dogs.
Garvin because I live a couple blocks from the park and see the transient community using this park in some questionable ways.
Wesselman
Fulton could use more lighting.
akin, not enough lights
Anthony oats is the worst park no respect from any of the children that play or the people that come in to play basketball all hours of the night and the fact that the police are scared to come over to the neighborhood and do anything about it makes it even worse that's their park and they will show you
All parks. Weird creepy loners watching the kids play.

FREE RESPONSES
greenway
I get worried when I am alone on the Greenway in Garvin Park and someone sketchy is coming towards me.
Sunset off Riverside I have witnesses syringes and drug paraphernalia on ground
There are always shady people hanging around the parks. Lots of inappropriate behavior and language being presented from these people.
"I always feel like there are ""lurkers"" just waiting to snatch up one of my children.
I cannot name a specific park, I feel that way just about everywhere."
Do not feel safe in the downtown park by the river. At times I do not feel safe at Wesselman Park.
I feel unsafe on the greenway from the Llyod expressway underpass to Garvin park
Goosetown, Vann. Garvin sometimes
Akin, Bayard and Garvin due to violence, drug activity and surrounding area. Akin needs work... The playground is barely a playground... Either needs a larger play area or to add something like basketball courts, tennis courts, walking paths, etc.
lets see, wesselman, have been propositioned from males in the park for sex before. Akin, because there have been multiple fights in the area and several shootings.
Garvin at night, just because of the area.
Dark at night and little lighting
all the littel crack park you known the ones stop speding money on them
Wesselmans Burdett, hospital and Gavin seems safe due to number of people in park. Of course during the day.
They need pathways lit up better at night and park attendants or rangers
None when it gets close to early darkness
There seems to be a lot of unsavory people using our parks for parties and drugs
"Feeling of neglect on some.
Daily trash pick up and someone to clean them up daily"
I do not go to any parks after dusk.
Bayard, garvin, ect. Due to not enough lights at night and questionable people after sunset.

FREE RESPONSES
Depending on the location of the park
Fulton park is crawling with drugs
Sunset. Lots of creepers and grown people doing bad things
"Lorraine Park and River Front.. are well lit..
and Laid out well"
Veterans parkway. Southside
Downtown Evansville, the park always has beer bottles ciggarette packs, used condoms, cans...there is just a lot of trash and you never know what your gonna find or what your young child will pick up
All parks need more lights. Encourage police to set at parks after dark instead of camping out in parking lots.
When my daughter went to park by EVV Museum with her Grandma, she was approached by a man. It was at approx 1:00 pm. They never went back.
The one on Riverside and Waterworks road
Sunset Park after dark-not the best part if town
burdette
have had experience with homeless/drunk person at Garvin and the little park at Franklin and Fulton
Juvenile delinquents, kids with no supervision who run around using foul language with no regard for families in the park.
The entire south and south east parts of town are terrible areas with extreme numbers of shooting and violence, and I would dare even consider visiting any of the parks in those areas.
Tepee Park, Bellmeade Park, etc
Vann-loiters at dusk and evening
any of the parks on the south or southeast side of evansville
"The park next to llyod pool gave my children sand fleas or something that bit them all over feet and calves.
Bayard park saw syringe on ground."
Not enough lights at night! Too dark. Not enough police patrol at night in scetchy areas. Creepy druggies hang out and scare away potential park goers.
There are some parks that do not have enough lighting and have had things happen in the past because of this.

FREE RESPONSES

Although I haven't been there in decades, I would not likely visit the park on Kentucky near East Branch Library. At one time there was more crime nearby than near many other parks. This may be different. Also, there are some parks I'm not familiar with.

I feel like Garvin can be a scary place with the kind of people who hang around there. I would never go there alone, and would not feel comfortable taking my child there by myself.

Mesker, Garvin, Howell, Bayard

I generally feel safe in the parks but probably would not visit most of them without my husband with me, especially at night.

NONE OF THEM

Yes right used condoms on the kids playground, sometimes find needles and equipment that is damaged / unsafe for kids to play on.

Some are not well patrolled, some are not well maintained.

Last time we were at Kids Kingdom there were homeless people loitering on the benches. Kids have since "outgrown" that area and no longer ask to go there.

There are parks that have a reputation for being dangerous or have a lot of drug activity.

PARKS ARE ALL LOCATED IN BAD PART OF TOWN

I do not use all of them. Some of the small DT parks I would not go to because I don't know that I would feel safe with my kids. Do go to Wesselman's a lot and feel safe there

Bayard Park, Akin Park, Bellemeade

Behind the wall at Garvin Park on the parkway.

Wesselman and state hospital park. There are always some strange people parked in secluded type areas at Wesselman and I have been followed before from state hospital park. I have also been approached at Wesselman park while waiting for my husband. Wish each had more security.

Surrounding population of the parks and Greenway...

I generally avoid all city parks after dark unless there is a public activity taking place in them.

Green Way is unsafe

The back side of Wesselman's, is isolated and at times there are individuals hanging out there that make me uncomfortable. I will not walk there without pepper spray. I do not feel that way in other isolated parks.

All- there is no one around at times. I was dropping if some recycle and there was someone in a box!

Downtown, certain areas without lights or within the inner city

FREE RESPONSES

Downtown. Reports of sex and drug acts

Anything south of the Lloyd.

Sunset park. Kids kingdom and riverfront park are poorly lit and need patrolled. Dog shit everywhere in all parks. City ordinance not being enforced.

Sunset and Garvin especially early evening

I think the Greenway needs some safety. Maybe markings along the way in case you have to call 911 for help, or maybe the emergency poles like the universities have? If you are out walking and would get sick or injured, it's hard to describe where you are if you have to call for help.

Garvin Park.

Nervous about parts of Greenway

At night all of them

Some parts of the Greenway are sketchy. I wouldn't go alone.

I don't feel safe enough to be on some parts of the Greenway. Nothing has ever happened but some areas feel pretty sketchy.

Tepee, Sunrise & Bayard. Bad people up to bad things.

Sunset park has had a bad reputation for a long time. Maybe I am living in the past but I steer clear.

Because some neighborhoods are safer than others.

Mostly, the smaller, neighborhood parks. Can't remember the names because I don't go there.

Garvin park and others

The parks close to us, are dirty and like Diamond Park, NO SWINGS, DIRTY, NOTHING FOR SMALL KIDS TO DO!!!!

Akin Park

I would say we feel safe in most of them just a few that we don't on the southside.

Walk in Garvin Park but only during daylight hours. Too many roaming teens after dark

There is poor lighting in some of our parks. The lights are either old or burnt out.

Bad parts of town or bad equipment

Trash laying around indicates that others use the park in the evening hours.

NOT AT NIGHT

FREE RESPONSES
The area or people that are around, lack of dnr or some type of park officer around. Lack of access to emergency personal such as the emergency polls that have lights and call poloce
Garvin Park, at times there are people that appear to be up to no good there.
Depends on the neighborhood.
More lighting at light and security patrol would be nice.
The south east side of Evansville or any area of town with a high crime rate for mostly that reason.
riff-raff in any of the parks. creepy bathroom loiterers...
Wesselmans has some run down areas and shady people hanging around.
Sometimes Wesselmans can be weird especially on the McDonald golf side
Some of the neighborhood parks on the south side, i would never take my family to. Too many random shots fired.
"Bellemeade Bayard Park - gangs/
generally not well lit or in some instances not well kept - looks untidy"
Bayard Park, the one on Line St, etc. The ones in the high crime areas.
Garvin. Grew up hearing about bad things that happened there. Wont go there with kids unless husband present.
I feel like all parks need safety poles, like the ones they use out at USI because not everyone has access to a telephone in the event of an emergency. It would be an added safety feature to have that in place, especially for children who don't have cellphones.
I do not feel safe alone or with just my kids and me on the Greenway. I love using the Greenway and the way that it is set up, but it's the set up itself that provides enough seclusion for opportunistic criminals.
Tried to follow all the parks listed in the Evansville in Motion booklet, and didn't feel safe at Bayard Park. Parts of the Greenway give me pause as well so I never walk without a partner plus my large dog. Mainly the Industrial portion of Greenway where I feel less safe.
Just the ones in the same areas of town that I wouldn't feel safe in, but it's nothing to do with the actual Parks & Rec dept, just police presence & crime in some areas
The people who hangout in the parks at night
"pretty much all of them - safety is in numbers. only if many people are around is there safety and maybe not then."
Garvin Park is creepy at night. USI trails at evening are also scarey

FREE RESPONSES
Poor maintenance on equipment, dirty facilities.
In areas of town where I'm not as familiar are a source of question.
ones not on the eastside, mainly because I am unfamiliar with the neighborhoods
Garvin
Any after dark
The security isn't adequate especially with surrounding people being kinda questionable.
Lorraine Pool Park, during late day or early evening, the drug dealers and people looking to get drugs are cruising, on foot or in a car and openly dealing. It is a little scary to be on foot, taking a walk or just passing by on the sidewalk going to another destination in the neighborhood. Need more bright lighting in most of the parks. Maybe even an emergency phone that just calls 911 in strategic locations.
The Greenway area used to be safer. Even safe enough that I felt comfortable at dusk or even dark. Now there are too many homeless and people doing drugs at the boat dock area and along the shoreline. They approach people using the greenway and none of the emergency lights/phones work. Police are suppose to watch the area, but they do not come to the end near the boat docks. They stop patrolling at Garvin's Park. The area between Garvin's Park and the Canoe Docks (the oldest part) is in a state of decay and no one seems to care. They are more worried about adding new lengths to it around Downtown.
"Tepee
Howell
Bayard
Akin"
Graving park or the greenway by garvins park.
Im an evansville police officer and will not allow my family in some parks after dark because the parks are not lighted till 11. Wesselmans park is even dark in the evenings and its probably the most used park!
People drinking and walking around with pit bulls on south side
Drug dealers, homos
garvin park at night weird people hang out there
Poorly patrolled, near bad neighborhoods, evidence of vandalism
Tepe for sure! Fighting shooting drugs.

FREE RESPONSES
Well my 2 year old got the police called on himself last time we were at Garvin. Son was following around the geese and someone called the cops, haha. The sand in most parks is very dirty. mulch not only doesnt get stuck in your eyes butt crack and shoes but it doesnt allow trash to settle hidden under a few layers of sand. Parents like us pick up trash as we play so our kids dont put it in their mouse or play with it.
It will depend on what community it is located in. We will not visit parks in the inner city for fear of glass bottles, needles and trash. They just aren't well taken care of. there is not owenership by the community it is in.
More lighting
We don't go to parks and such at night. As a single mom with a little one, it's just not worth taking a chance.
All parks. Not policed well. Equipment & grounds in misrepair
The only ones that feel unsafe would be in neighborhoods with higher crime rates, but we don't typically frequent them. Garvin Park has a bad reputation, which a more present police force would easily change.
people begging for money
Unkept/rundown parks project an image that they are unsafe
It really depends on the neighborhood. In some areas there are some questionable adults that walk around the area.
Some areas of the Greenway are still heavily populated by a drug addled, drunken group of homeless. They do not bother me as a large adult male, but they all have a tendency to at least make women uncomfortable, especially when alone in the evening. Better lighting at the two bridge underpasses would greatly reduce the amount of homeless as they stay under the bridge to sleep.
I would not like to walk alone in most parks, d/t shrubs, trees, walls preventing seeing other people if not busy on some walkways. Most parks are beautiful and well maintained. Love walking my daughter's big Lab. Most people very friendly and will say "Good Morning".
Mesker
Wesselman's I do feel safe. It is large, open and usually very busy. Howell Wetlands I feel safe sometimes. The trails can be poorly lit and the overgrowth provides great places for people to lurk. I feel very safe at Howell Pool.
Greenway needs more lights, needs cameras, more emergency phones,... in all the parks for that matter.
Not enough lighting- Many lights seem to be out along the loop in Wesselmans.
there is little, if any, police presence in the parks I have visited.
"Howell

FREE RESPONSES
Kingdom"
Some areas are not well kept and dangerous to play around. For ex. The S.E. Walters softball feild has cinderflocks and many random / hidden holes in its field. I feel I will become hurt.
I can't recall specific parks as I don't frequently go to many of them however the reasons a few do not feel safe have reasons such as low/no lighting, homeless people, youth/teens frequenting after hours, illegal activities, drug paraphernalia and trash.
Garvin park
Only minor safety concerns due to repairs/maintenance needed on equipment and deteriorating asphalt.
"Tepe - too hidden
Sunset - nasty, unsafe for kids
Kids Kindgdom - wood wasps too bad"
Kids kingdom, garvin park, foulton park. Jacobs park. They are not in good neighborhoods. There are no working or kept up restrooms. No one watching or checking on them on a routine bases.
See my previous comments. A live in a not so good neighborhood, every other street is bad but not all people are bad. Teens hang out late at nite in these places, but not patrolled very well. Does not matter where these parks are the city should make sure they are clean and safe!
speaking for my grandson who likes to play basketball @ Lamaso Park on Virginia & 11th Ave, I see mostly teenagers carousing around the park watching other teenagers/young adults play ball. There is a lot of arguing/cussing that takes place when these people are @ the park. I feel like these older, mouthy kids ruin the chance for younger kids like my 11 year old to enjoy the park w/o hearing/seeing things not to their best advantage.
Downtown and JimTown especially at night
Our Lamasco park has become a drug hang out for may teens and adults. We have seen it over and over. It is really getting out of hand. They have torn up tables, trash cans leave litter every where. They have even torn down the we tip signs. They have shot out he basket ball goals also. They are out there all night and you can't sleep. It is out of control.
Garvin, wooded area @ Iglehart and back by tennis courts, greenway.
Not on walkway after dusk
Some of the people who hang out in the parks are pretty shady/look dangerous.
Garvin

FREE RESPONSES
Bayard Park has a nice play structure but don't feel safe to have my kids play there.
They are not patrolled enough by the police/sherriff. I live close to Price Park and it is AWFUL there. Loud music, people sleeping in cars, fireworks set off, etc. By the time the police arrive, often the people have left. The park is also not lit at night! Pitch black and people are always back there at all hours. I'm not sure if all parks are not patrolled like this one, but I do not feel safe even in the daytime at Price Park. I often fear for the kids playing soccer.
I would feel a lot safer if the security officers were more hands on instead of sitting in the car looking at a computer! Officers on bicycles or in golf carts, something!
All parks that I did not mention. Burdette Park and Howell are safe compared to rest of the city parks . Burdette is the safest of all of them, by far! They have very adequate security and sheriffs patrol constantly!
Not sure of the names of the parks
Parks that are in bad neighborhoods.
Not enough police presence so there are drinking and homeless people
Depends if I'm in an isolated part of the park or not.
We have found needles and broken bottles in all the parks.
I took my daughter to play at the sunset park and there were used condoms laying around on the equipment and on the ground. We immediately left the park.
Sunset park kids playground. In many of the structures I can't see through the walls (the boards are too close together). Sometimes there are bigger kids than should be there and I can't see if my child is in danger. Also, I ride the Pigeon Creed bike path every MWF. There are some seedy areas (small amounts of graffiti here and there; the big ones get painted over quick, the small ones aren't dealt with) and a lack of blue light emergency posts (they should be in visual distance of each other the entire path).
I feel safe as Wesselman's but not so safe at Garvin park, too many weird people wandering around
We only use Wesselman's, Burdette and the Riverwalk regularly. I would feel a bit insecure in the others, especially in the evening.
Franklin, Garvin...homeless men on benches
Only feel safe most of time at Howell. We don't really visit the other parks to often.
As an elderly woman, I wouldn't feel safe/comfortable walking alone at night in parks, would appear to be an easy target for crime if someone with that goal was around.
Any on the south side and kids kingdom

FREE RESPONSES
Downtown parks
Would not go on trails by self
River front
I think you always need to be aware of your surroundings. I do not feel the same secureness as I did when my children were growing up and we spent a lot of time at the parks.
Sunset, pools and parks by Lincoln school due to crime rates in those areas
some downtown
Don't feel safe in Garvin park
Green Way trails at night.
Of course it depends on the time of day. If you are including the Greenway Passage, there are places on that I would feel unsafe. If I have my gun I'm ok.
Anything on the south side.
Garvin and other inner-city parks
When on river front park and Greenway sometimes.
It just depends on the time of the day. Not so much at night.
Kids Kingdom, Garvin Park...presence of homeless and troublemakers
Akin Park- poor lighting. Greenway (some portions)- lighting.
Any on the south and southeast side due to the amount of criminal activity ea: gun shootings. We need to get these uneducated law breaking individuals off the streets. More monitoring and undercover investors. This would be worth more than a hotel. Who will want to visit a city that is becoming infested with gang activity. Please think about that.
Because when we have gone it like no one there. Are some is watch you?
Some scary people and lack of patrols.
"Wesselman. Too big and secluded
Lorraine. At dusk. Too many shady people"
"Based on location
I would never allow my grandchildren to go to any park alone such as I did as a child."
Sunset and Wesselmans --- area of park and no visible security. Sunset Park I feel police could patrol area more during hours people walk and exercise most such as 5 am to 7 am and 5 pm to 7 pm
SouthVann due to crime increase in area of Pollack and Vann area

FREE RESPONSES

The Green Way/Belt, (not sure what it is called) trail, lots of homeless and some drug users.

Garvin park is Dirty. Men are always driving around in cars. Access to greenways is too isolated unless just walking along the river. Tried walking a few miles in and did not feel safe going to the salvage yard neighborhood. Tried heidlebach and felt unsafe with the individuals that were there. Don't know any other access points to greenway. Need police prescense or emergency phones more prominent with direct line to police.

Day time safe only. No Park rangers anymore at night

worry about crime

You need "Somewhat" as a choice, or "Mostly"

Some neighbor parks are uncared for and do not appear safe before or after dusk.

Depends on the time and remoteness.

Bayard Park and Akin park are two that come to mind that are NOT safe, IMO.

not enough police presence or security on the greenway trails

Needs to have more police patrol daily and nightly

The park behind Governor Street... too many sketchy people hanging out doing what appears to be drug deals. Other parks in the area are like that as well.

Lorraine Park is not very well maintained and drug activity is present. Teenagers have taken over and make it unfriendly for little ones

question 8 n/a because of response to question 7.

All of them

Bayard Park is in a bad area; some of the inner city ones; Sunset Park in evening -- crowd is questionable

Garvin park, Sunset park and Howell park are parks we use to enjoy but no longer feel safe. Often the amount of crowds and lack of resepect for the kids keeps us away. My children have been pushed off swings and forced down slides by children with or without an adult around. Most parents you try to approach retaliate with curse words and jestures.

Bayard Park?

any of them from twilight till early mornings no one around but people that might cause trouble no one around to help if that happens.

Evansville, in general, doesn't feel as safe as it used to.

Do not feel safe walking alone on the Riverfront in Evansville, It gets a little "scary" under the Pigeon Creek Bridge and the areas after going towards Franklin Street

FREE RESPONSES

Howell Park

My family enjoys walking on the Greenway Passage, but I don't know that I would feel comfortable walking by myself. There are some areas that are not very visible to the public, and I don't feel secure.

All in the evening or early morning

Jacobsville Neighborhood park and Sunset Park seem to attract a bad group of people especially towards night time

Mostly south side parks. They tend to be unkept.

garvins park is not a place my family goes. To many punks there.

FILTHY AND LOTS OF BEES AROUND THE DISCUSTING TRASH CANS

No park is safe after dark....

Sunset park due to some park users

In today's world, just don't feel safe alone in parks. Always have a buddy.

Areas of Garvin and Wesselman due to location and publicity about negative incidents

Kids kingdom

Garvin, I have found drug related items that could of hurt my children

Wesselman woods cars parked in back area usually men staring or two in a car also Garvin Park dirty looks uncared for and men sitting around in cars

Kids kingdom-have seen articles of clothing and used female sanitary items in park near playground equipment

It is not safe to walk on the greenway on the north side of Lloyd expressway

Greenway - because I have seen a lot of places where people have been making shelters in the woods.

Garvin park or any park on south side of Evansville

Garvin after dark

"Condition of parks is awful. Unkept tennis courts which are literally a hazard to play on.

Litter and non functioning water fountains, unkept landscape and the list goes on..."

Akin, no lighting, drug activity. Lorraine, same reasons.

garvin.greenway,

Sunset park and Garvin park too many people lurking in cars.

None of them after dark

FREE RESPONSES
Garvin, too many areas where someone can conceal themselves.
not enough security around the parks/parking areas.
Little to no precense of law enforcement. Some parks are in extreme disrepair and risk of injury is high.
Some of them, the neighborhoods have just gotten bad. It's the people that go to them.
I worry about drug needles in all of them.
Garvin because of crime in the area. Sunset park too due to suspicious activity we've seen happening while there among various African American groups of people.
"I would not utilize any park as a lone female. I used to walk for fitness, but there were too many experiences with questionable individuals approaching for handouts or just sitting on picnic tables staring.
While no current experience, we have (in the past) experienced soiled personal items & drug syringes/etc. in the playgrounds' mulch."
Garvin, sunset, and parks on south side of town.
Bayard park is in a bad neighborhood
The secluded portions of the pigeon creek greenway. I am in strong favor of the greenway but I think any secluded area around a highly populated area could make a person feel a little uneasy. I have paddled the creek a couple times and came across a few individuals with questionable actions. I wont paddle the creek again and will only use the secluded portions of the greenway during heavier traffic times.
Most of the city parks in Evansville are not safe for children. I attended Price Park yesterday with my son and we found a cap to a hypodermic needle. My son shouldn't have to see this at a city park within three minutes from my house. Then the other area parks have equipment that is broken or unsafe for children to play. I also am uncomfortable with the sexual activity trying to prey on young children at some local parks that has gone on for years therefore I do not attend these parks with my children.
Garvin Howell
they are not cleaned very well, there are not enough lights in the area, some of the equipment is falling apart, the restrooms are in horrible shape
I see men watching and following young women Also lots of trash in some parks and fear discarded needles and broken beer bottles
Garvin Park has some questionable characters sometimes
Lots of gang activity and very little police presence
Not all are in good parts of town.

FREE RESPONSES
Parks that I do not feel safe include Garvin Park, LamascoPark, Howell Park, Sunset East, Bayard Park, Fulton Park, and other similar parks in higher crime areas.
I don't really feel safe on the edges of Garvin Park at dusk- I like the Greenway, but would never go at dawn or dusk.
Sunset, Bayard
Sunset and some Southeastside parks
Kids Kingdom down by the river has very suspect individuals around dusk. I have also witnessed teens using tobacco and marijuana on the grounds. The lighting is not very good at all.
Overall, many of the parks are not well lit or monitored by law enforcement. With the current crime rates in Evansville, it's difficult to actually feel completely safe almost anywhere.
Cautious about parks in center city, particularly taking 3 and 5 year-old grandchildren to any areas where human trash could be dangerous to them or we could encounter unfriendly people of any age.
Garvin
The park by Lloyd Pool. My son and his friends were going to high school swim practice when they were chased by 5 guys in a car.
Inner city parks
"Bayard Park- Not enough lightening or pathways to walk
Anthony Oates- Simply not a safe environment and facilities are horrible. No beauty at all"
Kid's Kingdom
Downtown parks do not seem safe past a certain time in the evening.
Garvin
I feel safe in the parks we go to, but there are some parks I probably would not go to.
Greenway Passage needs more lighting
Greenway along the lamasco area. Some places in Garvin park.
all of them needles and drugs
CK Newsome Communtiy Center, Bayard Park, Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage Gang hangouts
The way people act, or looking like they on drugs. Often many get over friendly & cause fear they may beg from you or try to rob you!
The Pigeon Creek Greenway has no lights.

FREE RESPONSES

neighborhood parks on South side

Many unleashed dogs.

The greenway at night has some questionable people

Jimtown area, oakdale projects area, sunburst ave area

All parks on southeast side because there is too much gun play in the area.

There are portions of the Greenway that are sketchy. If I was a woman, I would not use it alone.

I've been told there is drug activity in some of them -- along the Greenway downtown, Garvin Park, etc. I've never had a bad experience, but am careful about being alone after dark in them

Howell Wetlands has some suspicious looking people at times.

inner city parks

Not as much with people for folks walking dogs on trails with long leashes.

it depends on the location of the park and the time of day - Greenway I wouldn't use on my own

Wesselman park there is a sense of being invisible from the street, remoteness.

Many of the parks I don't worry about, but I would not take my kids to parks on South side by myself. All parks I visit seem to get more questionable at certain times.

Garvin, I would never go there alone in late afternoon or evening. Wesselman's, I wouldn't get out of my car in the evening.

Bad neighborhoods, or known sexual meeting spots

I'm not comfortable in too many places these days at all, Shooting and other violent crimes are spreading not only here in Evansville but throughout the country. The more economically depressed society is becoming, the more violent people are acting out. I would suggest that if The EPD and The County Sheriff's Departments can't get better control of our violent situations here in Evansville, then more funds need to be procured for MORE officers! The increased violence isn't going to allow Evansville to climb the ratings of the Best/Worst Cities to live in Polls. In addition, our use of revenues hasn't been any better than the Federal Government, ie: Spending \$160 million on The Ford Center (Hockey Rink for The Icemen) which most dislike and agree has uncomfortable seating, seats less people than Roberts Stadium which not only sat more people, but also had more convenient parking, was accountable for so much local history but would have cost \$50 million (1/3 the cost of the Ford Center) to refurbish. This example of wasteful spending which always costs the tax payers in the end (or raise in current taxes) is partly responsible for further depressing the people and the economy here locally. People are snapping and it's not pretty out there in the public. A reported shots fired almost every other night. I have lived in Evansville for the entire 46 years of my life and have never known of public safety this bad.

FREE RESPONSES

See #9 above.

It depends on the neighborhood for the smaller parks, but the large parks I feel safe in. Like Wesselmans, Kids Kingdom, Garvin, etc.

sometimes wesselman woods. not patrolled & have witnessed ppl being drunk, drug deals going down, and ppl having sex.

Howell is filled with vandals and miscreants

I don't really recall the names but, the news reports have made it quite clear that drugs and paraphernalia is on and left at the parks.

River Front Park - Types of people it attracts due to the area.

I feel a little unsafe in certain areas of the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage. I recall only seeing one emergency call station on the path. I feel that there could be more lighting and emergency stations on the path.

Depends on time of day. Some areas of greenway are not safe. Wesselman's at times seems sketchy to go by myself. Any small parks on south side of town.

Live closest to Howell Park, but haven't used in for a couple of years because of the dirty facilities (play equipment, picnic tables, bathrooms) and mainly because of the rough and disrespectful public element that hang out there continually.

Not after dark in some - there are a few parks with a poor reputation

Almost all parks are poorly lit, poorly kept up, and no surveillance.

At one time, we had full time Park Rangers. Though crime still occurred, our parks were considered a safe haven at one time. Not so anymore.

Some unsafe at dusk

Garvin, vandalism and homeless people after dark.

Not well kept. Greenway does not have enough location markers

Cadwell

Any south of Lloyd expressway

Teepee park is our neighborhood park but its in the center of a block in a bad neighborhood, and hard to feel safe with young children when you constantly worried about the influence around them. Kids with pellet guns, cussing and running amuck with no parents seen.

I typically take my children to parks after work, which can be around dusk. As a mom with two young children, I don't always feel there is enough lighting.

Lorraine park. Fulton park. I have found many objects in these parks that are unsafe-needles, knives, condoms. I know it is difficult to monitor what people do there after dark, so night-time security might help.

FREE RESPONSES
"Sunset park at night or early mornings! I used to walk there early morn but in last few months there have bern homeless men sleeping in that area! Also, an evening walk on River front has stopped for me as there are. Groups of teens gathering there up to no good!
Park by sunburst blvd, Fulton & Columbia, and Diamond Valley-- lots of teens sit & party there at night leaving behind dangerous items! Broken liquor bottles, possible needles, cig lighters, ect!"
Sunset none at night
Howell, shady looking people alwAys there
No specific parks but there are areas of town I do not visit because of news reports of higher crime rates there in general
Not as safe at ones in rougher neighborhoods
"Sunrise Park, when there are homeless men sleeping on park benches and close to dusk there are behaviors of young adolescents that is disturbing as well. We were there as a family a few weeks ago and there are a few broken slides and A LOT of people. There needs to be an officer to at least monitor the park when it appears to be crowded. In fact all downtown parks need to be more monitored to keep the population safe and for people to feel safe.
Price Park needs some major improvements as far as making it more of a park for all ages. It is very specific to only older kids. I would really like to see a swing set and a separate area for smaller kids."
Sometimes I get a little creeped out in Garvin, but that doesn't stop me from going there.
"Garvin Park - this park is such a positive for Evansville and could be a major draw for people, being right next to Bosse Field and the Greenway. The problem is that the area surrounding it is so run down and crime-ridden that no ones wants to go to that area of town.
Bayard Park
I rarely see EPD in any of our parks. This is also a problem on the new Greenway. I know that I feel very unsafe on the Greenway and many of my peers will not even go on the Greenway because of this. If there was more of a police presence in our parks and on the Greenway it would at least help people feel slightly more safe."
Garvin Park, Bayard Park, & Sunset Park due to location.
Garvin Park is near our house and the few times we have gone there the grounds have been littered with trash, cigarettes, empty alcohol bottles (I have yet to find a city park that doesn't have this problem). Yesterday we found a syringe along the trail that goes down to the Heidelbach Canoe launch. There is a family that lives in one of the houses along Garvin Park that sit out on their front porch and make obscene gestures and yell sexually explicit comments and profanity at the mom's there with their children.

FREE RESPONSES
Goose town - often has people drinking in the gazebo
Fulton Ave because there's usually transients or drunks hanging out at the shelters.
Wesselman's has gone down terribly, do not go to Sunset park Smother's park in Owensboro is beautiful and you can find staff in the park and a police officer walking AROUND
Garvin Park, the neighborhood is sketchy
I am willing to take my children to most parks in our area, there are certain parks, such as Garvin Park and Bayard Park that we longer go to. I feel that the equipment in Bayard Park is unsafe for my childrens age group and Garvin park is often filled with parents smoking in the playground areas and older teens hanging out on equipment.
Greenway- not very visible
"Garvin Park- lots of bad things going on there at night.
Greenway- not very visible. Many bums."
parks other than burdette and kid's kingdom do not always look well maintained and/or the neighborhood seems questionable
Sunburst, Garvin
I think it's called west side nut club playground? It's the location between the trafficky expressway and the less-safe-seeming neighborhood and when I've been there the only other people there were adult men hanging out. Which obviously is great and they should get to enjoy the parks too it's just that as a woman with a baby I feel safer at a park that attracts actual parents with their kids.
Neighborhoods
The weird people who are the like yo fight curse and loud trashy types who do not clean up after them srives
Wesselman Park very uninviting with Roberts Stadium area vacant
Vann/Pollack ball fields, Bayard Park, Tepe Park - due to neighborhoods and previous crimes/issues that have happened in/around these parks. Not personal experience, but news reports of such.
Sunset Park, Bayard Park
Not after dark. The Greenway needs more emergency buttons and lighting. I personally know two friends that had men exposed themselves and chased the women. These were in broad daylight in separate places and days. One friend pepper sprayed her attacker.
Bayard Park, Sunrise, baker

FREE RESPONSES
Sometimes on Greenway I run into unsavory characters. Some parks in bad neighborhoods are a little scary.
get new equipment, clean up the parks, clean bathrooms, make it eye catching
The parks on the south side of the city to Garvin Park feel inadequately safe due to the amount of crime that has exploded in those areas over the past year or so.
At some times on the Greenway.
I do not feel safe running on the Greenway under the Lloyd or on Phases 1 and 2 around Garvin Park by myself. There are several homeless around there.
parks west of Hwy 41 and south of the expressway with the exception of Kids' Kingdom.
Pollack/Vann park .
It's not the kind of fear that would keep me from visiting from time to time, but the wooded trails in Howell Wetlands makes me feel unsafe--mostly from hearing stories in other cities about people who prey on runners. Also, seeing graffiti in any of the parks makes me feel unsafe. I heard rumors that unsavory characters used to hang out at Sunset Park after hours. But honestly, other than that--I feel completely safe on the Greenway Passage and the main Burdette/USI trail, etc.
I feel safe in most Evansville parks, but I have been in some with some questionable characters. It's not the parks that make me feel unsafe, but groups of people that sometimes frequent them when no authority figures are present.
The parks on the south side appear to be in the area of shootings and I don't want to get shot
Garvin - not always clean, tree limbs on ground
Kids kingdom, several homeless individuals were there using the facilities(bathrooms) never bothered us, just made kids uncomfortable.
Garvin & Howell, lack of police presence and too infrequent of patrols for such large areas with indirect entrances and walkways.
Litter, dangerous items left behind, neighborhoods
Tepe Park is in our neighborhood and I just don't feel like our surrounding area is safe.
Kids kingdom after sunset because its so close to river. Garvin after sunset because its near the greenway.
Garvin it's to dark to many people and cars in there late late
Because of the few bad people that destroy the parks and put lots of dangerous things in the parks

FREE RESPONSES
Garvin park is one because of no lights. I also don't feel safe at iglehart and kleymeyer because of the playing surface on the softball fields.
We basically feel safe during daylight hours, and feel safer in groups than alone (single adult female feels environment awareness is necessary in the city's public parks); however, downtown city parks at twilight/night or early morning do not feel very safe.
All need more signage, lighting and possibly emergency call stations like they have at Usi
Sunset and bayard dirty with trash and glass bottles and drug paraphernalia
I don't like finding dangerous trash in kids kingdom and Garvin parks, and we just tried going to the park by loyd pool and it had bees living in the sand under the play equipment, my children are allergic to bees so we had to leave in a hurry.
I dont go to parks in areas that I am not familiar with. If I see graffitti. In or near the park I stay away from it for fear of gangs. I never go to any park on the southeast side.
Garvin park is scary at night. Not enough emergency booths around.
Garvin Park near Greenway does not feel inviting and open.
The parks that are not lit very well
Garvin. It's in the news all the time for crime or wierdo's.
South side, uptown. ..drug use uncontrolled kids
Akin and Bayard Park--- drug deals. Lorraine at night. Almost all of them need to be revamped and Mesker Park and Mesker Amplitheatereneed to be cleaned up and use by city more--- so much could be done there
Kids kingdom is too far away from everything
I would like to see more patrols and additions of call boxes.
Some neighborhood parks I would not go to
Greenway through Garvin...Too many hiding spots and not very well lit.
Wesselman's -- back side is dark and not well patrolled
I feel security is probably lacking somewhat in secluded areas of all city parks, and it is my understanding that none are patrolled by park rangers since financial cutbacks many years ago. I love the availability of trails at Howell Wetlands but have not used them since hearing of a possible assault there a few months ago. I am a bit uneasy on Wesselman trails also, because they are so secluded with no security I am aware of. Garvin Park has no park rangers anymore, has no defined entrance & exit so is an easy target for questionable activity, and is near areas perceived as having higher crime rates. I have never used the Pigeon Creek Greenway, largely due to reports of vandalism & concerns about security.

FREE RESPONSES

Sunset. General news about the area.
Along the greenway at night due to lack of light.
Most parks are located in neighborhoods with undesirable locations where I do not feel comfortable taking my family.
Mostly due to the neighborhoods they are in. Also, if no one else seems to ever use the park then it seems like a place that others might use to deal drugs or something
Caution after dusk .. people then have a different agenda ...
The one by the river. I've seen some lurkers around there that look kind of shady.
Garvin, Lorraine, Vann, Bayard, Bellemeade
I do not feel safe in any of them during dusk.
Sunset Park West- You can't see through the playground equipment and so it's hard to watch the kids. I'm scared by not seeing them they will be kidnapped. We go to parks where we can clearly see them play.
It depends on the people there. I often see homeless people sleeping/hanging around sunset park. I don't fee unsafe, but feel like I have to keep a very close eye on my children.
Garvin park, riverfront, downtown area pocket parks
Igleheart, Wesslemans, Klaymeyer- need better lighting at night, hard to see the people around and due to gang activity
There are some I do not like Vann park and sunset towards dark
Need to clean area around playgrounds.

Q13: WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO WALK OR RIDE YOUR BIKE? THIS CAN BE ANY ORIGIN OR DESTINATION IN EVANSVILLE, THIS IS NOT LIMITED TO PARKS. EXAMPLES INCLUDE HOME, WORK, SHOPPING, DINING, AND THE NAMES OF SPECIFIC PLACES.

FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Home	227
downtown	32
East side	25
West Side	16
Newburgh	15
North side	13
U of E	12
USI	12
Greenway	11
Angel Mounds	8
every where	8
state hospital	8
Anywhere	7
North Park	6
Oak Hill Rd.	6
Garvin	5
Wesselman park	5
1st Ave	4
Lynch	4
Burdette	3
Covert	3
Evansville	3
Franklin	3
home or work	3
Pollack Ave	3

FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Red bank library	3
USI/Burdette Trail	3
Alvord Blvd	2
around garvin park	2
Home (near UE)	2
Work	2
YMCA	2
1164 villa	1
121 E. Florida (Home)	1
1600 block of Henning	1
47711 nice walking trail...like Newburgh trail along river	1
4H Center	1
600 N Fares	1
A completed greenway connecting with Newburgh	1
All City Locations	1
all over the area	1
Any of the parks, but mostly the park at Vann and Pollock	1

FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
anyplace in a 25mi. radius	1	East Brooke mobile home park	1	Far north side.	1	home in Arcadian Acres	1
Arcadian Acres	1	East Evansville/ Newburgh	1	far west side	1	home near Highland School	1
Barker Ave	1	East of Green River Road	1	Ford Center	1	home neighborhood	1
Baseline Road	1	Eastside around north green area by schnucks	1	FRENCH ISLAND TRAIL	1	home work river mall church	1
Bellemeade & 41	1	Easy biking along the Riverfront, linking up to bike trails along Lincoln Ave or near the UE campus, bike paths and welcoming walkways between Central Library and Willard/ Ivy Tech campus, Diamond Ave area, etc.	1	Goeble soccer	1	Home, green river road	1
Big cynthiana road	1	Evansville Airport	1	Green	1	Home, Tekoppel Ave	1
bike riding from home	1	Evansville greenway	1	green river and kansas rds.	1	HOME, UE area	1
Boeke Road..	1	Evansville riverfront	1	Green River Road at Booneville New Harmony	1	Home-east side	1
boeke/walnut	1	Evansville State Hospital	1	Green River/ Covert area	1	Howell Park	1
Broadway Avenue	1	Exercise & recreation. Nearly Impossible due to previous mentioned barriers.	1	Harmony Way	1	I like how Newburgh widened outer Lincoln ave for bike path	1
Bryce de Moray apartments	1	Far East Side	1	Heidelberg Greenway Trailhead	1	Ivy Tech	1
Burkhardt area / CrossPointe Area south of Lloyd	1	Far east side of Evansville (Green River and Riverside/Covert area)	1	Here	1	Kids kingdom	1
Central High School	1			Highland Elementary	1	Lincoln avenue	1
complete loop	1			home - west side of Evansville	1	Lloyd pool woods	1
Connection of several parks together	1			home (eastside near Kipplees)	1	Locks and Dam in Newburgh	1
Corner of old Newburgh rd. And covert.	1			Home (Near Wesseman Woods)	1	Main Street	1
Crosslake apartments	1			Home (north side)	1	Main street	1
diamond ave	1			Home (off S. Green River)	1	Maxx Rd	1
directly from downtown	1			home (on the westside)	1	Midget Links	1
Don't ride a bike	1			home (west side)	1	Millersburg road	1
East Bellemeade	1			Home : regency club	1	Mission Viejo	1
						More bike trails in general.	1
						Morgan Ave	1

FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Morgan Ave.	1
Mount Vernon	1
Museum	1
my second property	1
N. SAINT GEORGE AVE	1
Near McCutchanville	1
Near north side airport area	1
Neighborhood	1
NORTH END TO DOWNTOWN	1
North Green River	1
North Green River Road area	1
North of Morgan	1
oakhill school	1
old roberts stadium area	1
one end of city to the opposite end	1
our home on the edge of the west side	1
Outlying neighborhoods	1
Park	1
Parkland Ave	1
Petersburgh rd by hornets best	1
Pigeon creek start	1
plaza park school	1

FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Price Park	1
Regency Apartments	1
Reitz High School	1
residential	1
Rheinhardt, Shelby avenues need sidewalks	1
River Front to Garvin Park	1
River Front, Newburgh Trail	1
Riverfront	1
riverside	1
s green river rd	1
Shopping	1
shopping and dining	1
Shopping centers to restaurants and around home	1
Showplace East	1
South	1
South East side of Evansville	1
South Green & Washington Ave	1
South Lodge Ave	1
south side of Lloyd Expressway	1
sr george, oak hill intersection	1
st bens area	1
St George & US41	1

FROM PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
St. Mary's Hospital	1
start of greenway	1
Stringtown and mill	1
Stringtown Road	1
Strip mall type shopping	1
Suburban areas	1
Sunrise Park east	1
sunset park	1
Sunset Park to	1
the Greenway	1
The howl wetlands	1
The loop	1
the river front	1
The riverfront in downtown Evansville	1
the riverfront trail east end	1
The State Hospital	1
Throughout vanderburgh county	1
Vanderburgh/ Warrick county line	1
Vann ave.	1
washington ave	1
We can't ride bikes. The old stadium grounds could be	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Work	68
Downtown	54
Newburgh	29
Wesselman Park	29
Riverfront	21
any where	18
East Side	14
park	14
shopping	13
Everywhere	10
USI	10
Green River	9
Burdette	8
dining	8
shopping and dining	7
West side	7
Grocery	6
angel mounds	5
Greenway	5
state hospital	5
downtown riverfront	4
East land mall	4
Franklin Street	4
Downtown Newburgh	3
Evansville	3
Evansville river front	3
Garvin Park	3
Mall	3

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
neighborhood	3
Roberts Park	3
school	3
Shopping, dining, work	3
Around neighborhood	2
Evansville Greenway	2
gym	2
Home	2
Lloyd pool	2
North Park Area	2
Pigeon creek greenway	2
Shopping, dining, parks	2
Sunset park	2
the Greenway	2
University of Southern Indiana	2
USI or Burdette park	2
Zoo	2
164 HWY	1
24HR Diner (Work)	1
4H	1
5 mile radius from home	1
a nearby park or shopping center	1
A park with my kids	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
across Morgan and safely access Wesselman's and then safely cross Lloyd to access state hospital sports area.	1
Airport	1
Akin Park	1
All around Evansville	1
All around the city but more on east side would be nice	1
All over the city	1
all over town	1
all parks in Evansville + downtown	1
Any park/green space	1
any where safe, would love to ride to downtown, however that feels unsafe	1
around evansville and to Newburgh	1
Barker Avenue	1
Berry Plastics Oakley Street	1
blue grass wildlife area	1
Bluegrass fish and wildlife area	1
Bosse Field - Garvin Park	1
burkhardt	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Burkhardt in front of Sams	1
Burkhart Rd	1
Business 41, Downtown, etc.	1
Casino	1
church	1
connected to Wesselman Park with walks.	1
Darmstadt	1
daylight	1
Delaware Elementary School	1
Dining, downtown, UE area, Franklin, work	1
Dining, green river road, library, lynch road, Burkhardt road	1
Dining, grocery shopping	1
dining, work	1
Downtown for work and access to Greenway	1
Downtown Henderson or Kleymeyer Park	1
Downtown or east side	1
Downtown parks	1
Downtown river walk/ green way	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Downtown, connect to Newburgh, and Mt Vernon IN	1
Downtown, Franklin Street, East side dinnig/ shopping district. Garvin Park	1
Downtown, north east side	1
Downtown/ Franklin	1
Dress Plaza	1
East and West	1
Easy/safe access to trails/greenway	1
ellis pArk	1
end of greenway	1
Evansville Airport - ALL Greenway	1
Evansville riverfront & connecting parks	1
Evansville State Hospital	1
Evansville trail	1
Family on North Side	1
Finish	1
First Ave	1
FIRST AVE SHOPPING AREA	1
Franklin ave	1
Franklin St	1
Franklin St and USI	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Franklin St, USI Trails, East Side, Newburgh	1
Franklin st. and that would get you to downtown	1
Garvin Park & Greenway entrance	1
Garvin Park and Wesselman Park	1
Garvin Park Greenway	1
Garvin Park via North Main Street.	1
Goebel Soccer Fields- would like a park in that area for my kids	1
gr river road businesses and restaurants	1
Greenway passage	1
Greenway Passage/ Downtown	1
greenway start point	1
Greenway, Wesselman, "Roberts Park"	1
Harrison High School	1
Helfrich Park and West Franklin	1
Highland Baseball Field	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Highland Elementary	1
Highland Pizza or the YMCA downtown	1
Historic newburgh	1
home church mall river	1
howell	1
Howell park	1
I 164	1
Just need trail out in this area!!!	1
Kids Kingdom	1
Kleymeyer Park	1
Lawndale	1
Levie	1
Library	1
Lincoln and Newburgh road	1
Lincoln Avenue	1
lloyd	1
Local shopping, etc	1
Lorraine Park, Vann Park, McCollough Library, shopping, etc.	1
lynch	1
Major ammenities (zoo, mall, etc)	1
McCutchanville park	1
mesker	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Mesker Park Zoo	1
mt vernon	1
near Bluegrass wildlife area	1
near by parks	1
nearby neighborhoods	1
Need a few E-W and N-S streets like that	1
neighborhoods within 5-6 miles; possibly restaurants or shops; mailbox	1
Norht side	1
North East side if Evansville	1
north of Diamond Ave. bike trail would be awesome	1
north side of Lloyd Expressway	1
North side town	1
north side, east side	1
Oak Hill Elementary	1
Oak hill road area.	1
Ohio River front	1
Or at usi	1
parks and greenway	1
parks and pools	1

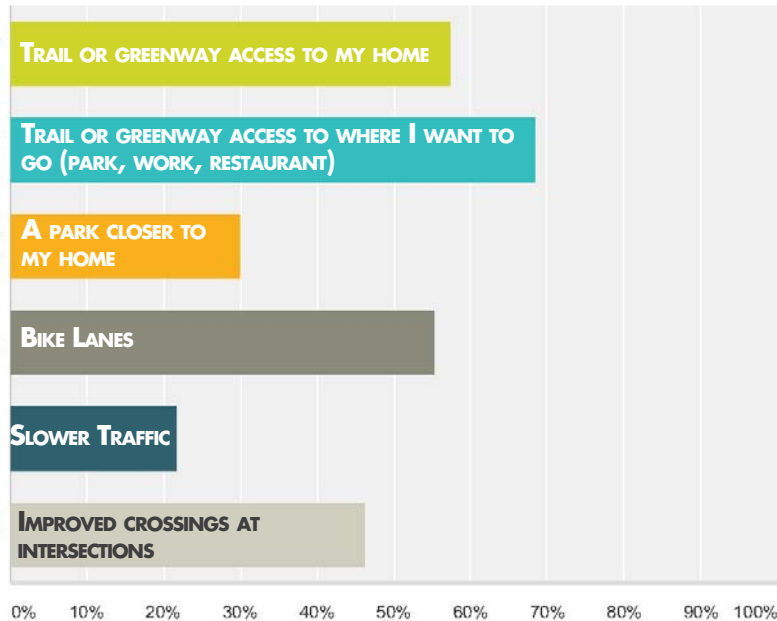
TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
parks facilities in general on a network	1
parks, or workout facility	1
parks, recreation	1
parks, riverfront	1
parks, stores, downtown	1
parks,downtown, and shopping around the east side (walnut area)	1
Pearl Drive Bus stops	1
Perry Heights and around neighborhood	1
Price park	1
recreation	1
Red Bank shopping Plaza (Wal-Mart, Schnuck's, IGA)	1
restaurants	1
roberts stadium site should have bike trail/ velodrome	1
Ruler/CVS on Morgan or OakHill Cemetery	1
safely Price park	1
Schnucks on Washington ave	1
Seasons Ridge Subdivision next to Price Park	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
shopping (eastside in general)	1
shopping centers, downtown	1
Shopping or dining or a safe bike track or open trail	1
shopping, dining, bike/walking trails, parks; the ability to cross major roads safely (e.g., Hwy 41, the Lloyd) would be very helpful.	1
shopping, grocery store, library, parks	1
showplace cinema east	1
Similar to what Oak Hill Rd has today	1
South Green River	1
south side	1
St George	1
store	1
stores, wesselman park, river, play grounds	1
STRINGTOWN RD	1
surrounding neighborhoods. Middle Mt Vernon/Boehne/Hogue/Red Bank area has no bike lane	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Target shopping center	1
the green way (finish 41 path)	1
The mall	1
the Newburgh Lock and Dam trail head	1
to Angel Mounds (greenway trail expanded)	1
To anywhere in Evansville.	1
to local parks and Newburgh Riverfront	1
To Newburgh and not use street.	1
To surrounding neighborhoods and stores	1
to the east along Pigeon Creek	1
to the grocery store	1
to the westside (dedicated path)	1
Trails	1
UE	1
Uhlhorn	1
Universities & restaurants	1
University of Evansville	1
usi or newburgh on greenway	1

TO PLACE	NUMBER OF RESPONSES
Vanderburgh County 4h Center	1
Vann Park	1
Vergina / Burkhart Aria..	1
Walmart west	1
West of Green River Road	1
west side of Howell Wetlands and USI	1
West side shopping areas	1
West side shopping/USI	1
West side...to Newburgh	1
Westside of Evansville	1
With restaurants	1
within neighborhood	1
Woodmere Park	1

Q14: WHAT FACTORS WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO WALK OR BIKE? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
TRAIL OR GREENWAY ACCESS TO MY HOME	57.5%	582
TRAIL OR GREENWAY ACCESS TO WHERE I WANT TO GO (PARK, WORK, RESTAURANT)	68.6%	694
A PARK CLOSER TO MY HOME	30.0%	304
BIKE LANES	55.3%	560
SLOWER TRAFFIC	21.7%	220
IMPROVED CROSSINGS AT INTERSECTIONS	46.2%	468
ANSWERED QUESTION		1012
SKIPPED QUESTION		311

OTHER RESPONSES
Well lighted walkways
I havent found many bike lanes to be successful in separating bikes and cars, but in comparison to other places I've lived, I think the drivers in the Evansville area are very courteous to cyclists.
45mph speed limit on boon vile new harmony too fast
there are very little safe places to ride.
Dedicated bike lanes not shared with cat lanes
Sidewalks in every subdivision
Emergency call boxes on Greenway
more scenic trails
Sidewalks throughout all city streets (ie newburgh rd, covert ave)
Expansion/Continuation of current trails...Connect to USI/Burdette trail
Safer sidewalk
None
None
Mountain bike trails
More Lined Bike lanes.. On Lincoln Ave and Bellemead Ave. and would love to see Washington converted over to include bike lanes
Major streets with sidewalks like Washington , Lincoln, Bellemeade,Ect.. should have end of the curb cut out for bikes. I wont and think it is rediculious for anyone to ride on busy strrets like these,I have seen two people get hit on Washungton alone.
safety on trails
Parks poorly maintained no lites
Improved sidewalks
TRUE bike lanes, not a bike symbol painted on the road
Have to cross hwy 41 on Covert
better sidewalks on Lincoln / Washington Avenue
A NICE TRAIL LIKE FRENCH ISLAND
Bike Lanes, Bike Lanes, Bike Lanes, sidewalks without posts, signs, guy wires and poles in them.
I don't feel bike lanes are sufficient for riding with traffice
nice scenery
Accessible restrooms & water fountains & good lighting

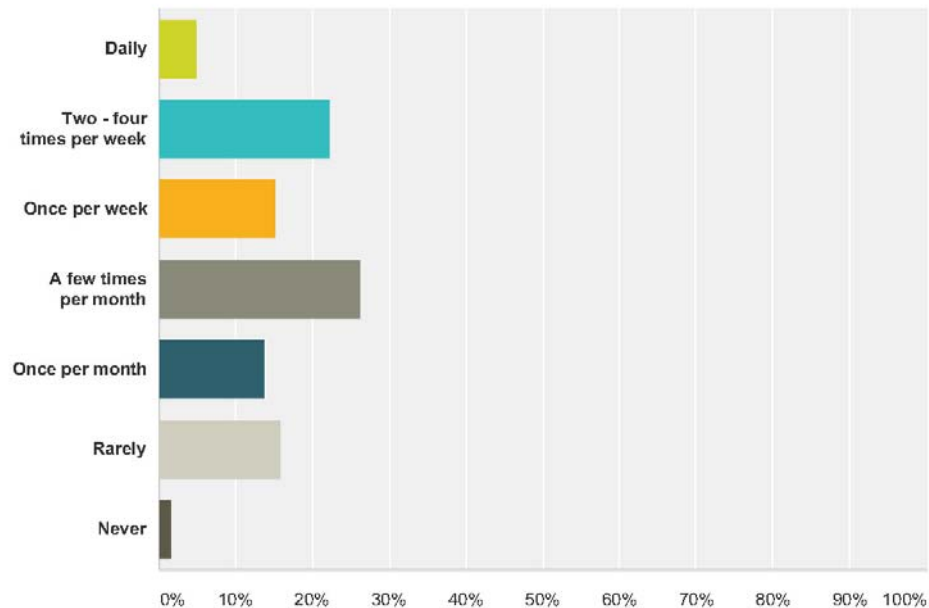
OTHER RESPONSES
safety through questionable neighborhoods.
A cleaner park near my home. Lloyd Pool park is kind of nasty. Trash and cigarette butts. Also, with the sand down, the trash and cigarette butts are mixed in with it. Kids like to dig in the sand, and it's nasty. We go to 4H park a lot because they have mulch. The sand doesn't get in eyes and shoes. The park is great and the trail next to it is awesome! I just wish the park had rubber or mulch. And maybe ashtrays or something so people don't flick their butts in the sand.
driver education on pedestrians and cyclists,
Faster traffic on transportation arteries would make for lower traffic congestion on sideroads/scenic routes. Fix the fucking Lloyd "Expressway" and it's stoplight trap.
Highway skybridge/walkway over highway 41 at Washington Ave
ADA COMPLIANT REST ROOMS
a safe way to cross over Hwy 41
Get rid of the homeless under the bridges
there are no sidewalks in my neighborhood for walking safely
Improved sidewalks
A trail system NOT on the roads. Bike Lanes mean nothing to drivers or those on mopeds. It's dangerous to mix regular traffic with bike traffic in this city.
TRAIL OR GREENWAY UP BUENA VISTA AND DOWN STRINGTOWN HILL GOING SOUTH
We would love a park closer to home
Most importantly: SIDEWALKS! And well markeed crosswalks
Pedestrian bridges for biking/walking would be excellent.
less congestion on the greenway
if there was more to do downtown
Driver education that Bikers are as legal as cars!!
Exercise friendly regulations and enforcement
A more bike friendly atmosphere.
Park benches along the road in Wesselman park.
Sidewalks
I do not ride
Greenway access to Walmart on Westside
Secured parking areas at all trailheads and a water station for humans and animals!
Trails that go from one place to another like the Burdette to USI trail

OTHER RESPONSES
bathrooms (Clean)
Paint the bike lanes a solid color (Minneapolis does this)
We only ride the greenway - not streets.
I have no problem when bike riding regarding safety or paths.
Would like to see a park for kids like Owensboro Park, we drive there frequently with our grandchildren. We also take our business there. Eating out etc. Its a shame our river front is an eye sore mostof the time and does not compare to Owensboro. We already had plenty of baseball fields. If you are not in sports, then Evansville does not have much to offer.
running trails
NO cyclists dont pay taxes for those roadways, motorists do.
N/A
sidewolks beside all roads
Improved Sidewalks
Closer access to greenway, extended greenway
While riding my bike down First Ave. got cussed out and honked at.
need places to ride where there is NO car traffic
sidewalks
Safety
small sidewalk
Not enough room on roads to feel safe on bikes.
More neighborhood sidewalks
Extended greenway
Sidewalks
Sidewalks or greenway on Broadway Avenue
Real bike lanes, not like the Lincoln ave lane you call a bike lane
bike lanes are only beneficial if they are not shared with traffic
Tree coverage
We live a walkable area
bike lanes that are more than just signs saying for cars to share the road.
sidewalks
Separate Bike lanes with their own space, not painted figures on existing vehicle lanes

OTHER RESPONSES
Sidewalks along busy shopping and dining areas
Improved condition of existing sidewalks
Sidewalks along newburgh road
a place with no motor vehicle traffic
walking = better sidewalks, more sidewalks, more tree plantings along sidewalks between sidewalk and curb
I want to be able to ride with my kids and I don't feel safe taking them across a highway so I would have to have a specified trail to utilize
Sidewalks and wider roads. There are none near my house (west terrace area). My kids cannot safely ride their bikes or walk anywhere. It would be great if they could ride out to us!
evansville is not safe to ride in even with lanes
Clearly marked, dedicated trails and bike lanes. We have some of the most user unfriendly intersections
An off street trail would be nice. Pigeon creek is too short.
Sidewalks
More lighting and police coming around
Trails of distance joining small towns/communities
SIDEWALKS - especially on busy streets (Morgan Ave)
Live by the greenway it is very nice and gets used alot
Pedestrian bridges
driver education
Improve sidewalks
I would like a park near oaklyn library and a cross walk
Public awareness & emergency phones available along the way
Price Park is close to home but not much of a park, too much soccer
Sidewalks
Improving the sidewalks especially downtown
Public education about riding and driving safely together
Wider shoulders for when cars pass too close.
we recently moved right near an access point and we use it frequently.
N/A

OTHER RESPONSES
One East / West road from East Side to Downtown should be made 100% bike and walking - similar to the Monon
walk/bike overpass over 41 at Bellemeade or close by
sidewalks
scenic natural areas
Bike lanes that aren't in automobile lanes.
overpass on expressway!
separated bike lanes, with curbs
clean up local neighborhoods
Pedestrian bridge connecting Garvin to Kleymeyer
Better security on parks & greenways
Trail from usi to shopping district for students.
Sidewalks in town would be helpful/necessary for residents. Many high traffic areas (ie. Green River Road, Burkhardt, Morgan) are missing sidewalks.
We live right on the border of Warrick Co and Evansville, and I would LOVE to have the two trails meet!
More public awareness of bicyclers and walkers. I feel like Drivers think less of them or don't know how to handle it.
What is behind Rural King on Morgan that hinders the expansion of the Greenway to that part of town?
I do bike to work

Q15: HOW OFTEN DO YOU AND/OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS USE EVANSVILLE PARKS, TRAILS, OR FACILITIES?



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
DAILY	5.1%	58
TWO - FOUR TIMES PER WEEK	22.3%	255
ONCE PER WEEK	15.2%	174
A FEW TIMES PER MONTH	26.4%	302
ONCE PER MONTH	13.7%	157
RARELY	15.9%	182
NEVER	1.6%	18
ANSWERED QUESTION		1146
SKIPPED QUESTION		177

Q16: IF RARELY OR NEVER FROM THE PREVIOUS QUESTION, WHY?

RESPONSES

Have to drive to get to them - poorly lit & dilapidated conditions - just isn't safe. If I have to drive to get there, it defeats the purpose.

Hard to get everyone in our vehicle and drive to go for a walk.

Unsafe. I don't believe that they are patrolled enough by the police.

time

None close enough

Busy schedules. We probably average 3-6 times a year.

probably don't use them like I could or should. more my fault than the parks.

time and or ability too be mobile.

Usually with grandchildren or family outings

i am single. am just do not feel safe safe thef.

Because of the trouble kids cause there

Our parks are dirty

In the summer mosquitos are sooooo bad and the city fails to use abatement even in the parks.

Often no one to walk with only

We live outside of the city

We prefer to utilize parks like Scales Lake, Harmonie, and Bluegrass. Would love a more natural trail park locally for running and cycling.

Cause they are scary with homeless people

Would love to take young grandkids to wesselman park but the section dedicated for them is incredibly run down

Usually because of work requirements.

Not safe and the safe ones are to full cause of all the unsafe ones

Too far away

"High temps and humidity in the summer.

We don't own bicycles. The playgrounds are often in need of repair."

They are always dirty with questionable people hanging around.

Not close to where I live.

didnt know they existed

RESPONSES
Our parks are rundown and inadequate. We typically drive to Henderson or Owensboro just to go to a decent park!!!
do not ride bikes
There is a large area South of Lloyd Expy, and bounded on the East by Weinbach, and by Hwy 41 on the West in which there are no parks close enough to walk. I just moved here from Louisville, KY and there were 3 parks within a 15 min walk from where I lived.
There is not a park close to us. We have to drive to the 4H (closest).
Because we only use the golf courses because they have the best value for our money.
Kid isn't old enough
I would love to see more sidewalks around where I live so my kids and I can go on more walks, safely.!
No picnic tables bathroom not enough for adults in the intercity water fountain putput basketball
Too busy or actually afraid.
Nothing close to where I live
Live in the county and have little access
"nothing new in 3 decades.
need more music reunes"
If there was a closer park, all the kids in this neighborhood would probably use it - 14 at the bus stop in the morning and 6 more for North
Unkept parks
Safety
Many seem run down or not very well kept. If the city doesn't care about the parks, why would the citizens. The best park Evansville has and the only one worth visiting is the entire Riverfront.
there just isnt that much to do at them. the bike trails are nice and the playground at garvin is nice but there is just not alot to do
"Bikes are not safe from the vehicle drivers of evansville. Not enough police presence in parks.
Over grown grass. Dogs never on leashes,"
The young adults that hang out. The lack of security, Drug deals from individuals from parked cars, loose dogs.

RESPONSES
We generally find the parks to be in pretty poor condition. If we use trails we go out of town where there are well maintained, well marked trails.
Just do not make or take the time
LOOK AT OWENSBORO RIVER FRONT AND LOOK AT EVANSVILLE PARKS AND THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION
Only when family with kids visits.
Out of the way
I would use state hospital more if I felt safe there but I don't. It is the closest to my office and nice to walk at lunch when weather is nice.
too hot in evansville
Would more if area parks were giving a lot of love. Don't feel safe with younger kids on equip. Really dirty and chipping paint. Also dirt/mulch not enough for safe play.
Not "on our radar" as things to do or use...
Already stated
Enjoy running on the greenway and Wesselman Park with team 13, but don't use any of the other parks. Looking forward to Roberts Park!
Greenway near pigeon creek doesn't have the safest reputation.
Safety ... I would not walk or bike ride by myself in any park or along the greenway.
Schedule.
We walk and view the parks pretty often. However, we are very impressed with the Henderson, KY and Owensboro, KY riverfronts.
Don't have any desire to go to inner city to go to a park. I'll stay at home.
Bad Knees
Have to drive to anywhere
Lack of convenience, Owensboro's water/splash park is better
Busy schedule
there really isn't much for us to do. we would like to be able to have something close to home that would have th ability to fish.
A lot of public parks seem to be sports oriented rather than connecting people with nature. More natural trails, more greenspace, less ballfields.
The parks just small plots dotted around. I grew up near Plainfield, IN and they have a couple different parks/facilities but they were all linked together by trails that went through nice neighborhoods and beautiful woods: It seems like one big park. In Evansville, such a system would have to go through bad neighborhoods and cross extremely busy streets.

RESPONSES
high crime area?
Forgot have been to Garvin recently Been going to Planet Fitness only one close is Price Park and I don't have anyone playing soccer anymore or little kids to play on the playground
There aren't very many stand out parks in Evansville.
again, not familiar with locations, services, costs, etc
no compelling reason
Dont feel safe on greenway passage and not a vlose access point. Live near part of pigeon that doesnt connect to greenway passage.
SEE ALL OF THE PREVIOUS ISSUES, NON-ADA COMPLIANCE. Would love to be able to participate in more of the facilities, that my family helps pay for.
no need - no time.
Safety or the weather
We go to parks that accommodate biking, family time and camping.
Safety big issue
don't feel safe
No particular reason.
use newburgh trail more than evansville
New to the area, still learning. We also have a gym membership and do our walking there!
Bad weather (too hot or too cold)
The best playgrounds are in the worst part of town, like Bayard Park on KY Ave. The parks in higher income areas don't have features as nice/fun. I never see people using the nice ones in the crime-ridden areas, except to drink.
Safety
Our child is now grown.
Noy close by, not well maintained
Many places do not allow our dogs
Need public parks near the airport/ Kansas Rd area.
Lack of time
Not safe. I like to walk the Greenway by the river but not with all the shots fired.
Not much at parks that appeal to us....would LOVE a dog park
Too busy with work
During the summer months I do play sand volleyball often at Wesselman's but I live on the Westside. Nice, clean, well lit, up-to-date courts would be great for the Westside.

RESPONSES
The parks in Evansville offer grass and a picnic table. That's really about it. I have that at the house.
I usually drive all the way to burdette or 4th center so my kids can play safely
I find it counter productive to drive (gas cost, emissions, etc.) to the nearest facility - we find things to do in the neighborhood or within walking distance of our home.
We would use the parks and walk ways here in town more. But most of them are run down tagged with graffiti full of trash and homeless people.
Not clean or safe
See answer to #9
I dont feel they are safe at all!! My grandkids came in from out of town and we actually went to Owensboro's. Much better control there.
The Greenway Passage is not safe except along the Riverfront so ling as it daylight! We need to look at what Carmel Indiana has done with their bike path The parks are not family friendly at all. The geese and ducks are out of control!
If more walking and bike lanes were established, I would use them.
We don't have children or grandchildren at home anymore and we have to drive our bikes to the park because of safety issues.
need clean bathrooms....urinate frequently
Nothing nearby
Do not cater to our interests, namely bird watching
not nice enough areas of toddlers
No real attraction to parks other than Swonder Ice Arena.
we walk and bike in our neighborhood
Have to drive to the nearest park to my home.
We live in a neighborhood that is spacious and safe enough to walk.
I live in the county
At the present time we have no small or young children.
parks are not looped to have like a one mile, 2 mile or 2.5 mile walk where it returns to the starting point.
Not interested
Lack of easy access for wheelchairs.
Because I do not have close access to the Greenway which I would feel comfortable crossing multiple busy intersections to get to access points to the Greenway. The sad thing is, I live near Reitz Hill and the closest access point to the Greenway is 2 miles away from my house. It is such a disappointment having lived in Indy for 5 years and using the Monon Trail at least 3 times a week.

RESPONSES
Most are not in good shape, or I do not feel safe bringing my children due to bad lighting and sketchy people hanging around park doing suspicious activity.
Not close enough house. The one that is close is more of a sports complex than a park. We need more parks like Wesselmans across the city. Parks with nature and trees not just sports areas.
Proximity to home
no trail access near my home. driving to a trail head with bike is not worth the trouble
Not necessary.
They aren't as convenient as I wish they were.
As previously stated
Just never seems to happen.
Just not a facility that fits my needs
Do not think about going to the park
already answer that question
one to two times a week
would like access to greenway from my home
Don't feel safe and they are not well cared for need maintenance.
Have no way of getting there at least part of the day. My daughter is an infant and I don't feel like the bus is a safe mode of travel in a carseat.
"I volunteer at Wessleman Nature Center once a week.
I used to walk down Washington Avenue to the library, but cars come too close to the sidewalk to feel safe."
Due to the unkept conditions. Would make the drive to Owensboro instead.
lack of facilities
only 1 place where I am comfortable walking or riding my bike alone.
Greenway is not currently long enough for a good ride.
They are poorly kept. Evansville needs to look at Owensboro's SMothers Park and take note!!!
Disappointing conditions observed on visits - broken, deteriorated playground equipment, locked restroom facilities.
Too busy
Poorly maintained

RESPONSES
I actually use the Angel Mounds Levy and Trails. I'm not sure if this is including in Evansville, IN since it's located in the county.
No park close not safe to ride bikes on roads
Not geared to family's outdoor interest
There aren't enough playgrounds near by or they lack enjoyable play equipment for the kids
Just feel they are unkept an rundown
Need lighted walking trails for after work.
I do not live near the greenway
Time constraints
Not vlean. Not safe
We are too busy working to pay our Vectren bill :)
no time, no reason to go
Not convenient to our location
it is not our life style anymore. I walk or ride my bike in my neighborhood.
Inconvenient to get to (have to drive and park)
Narrow roads with no shoulders of bike lanes near my home to ride bike to parks. Sometimes too busy.
ages of children as well as poor appearance of some areas
Not always find a table or one in the shade!
Go to state parks for hiking or bike on low traffic routes.
Nothing motivates us to go. We would rather drive to Amothers Park in Owensboro. That's worth the drive!
I prefer to swim laps for exercise but Hartke Pool is the best option in the summer and is falling apart. The facilities don't feel hygienic enough to shower after. Very little to no effort is made to provide swim lanes or some form of summer membership. Lloyd pool is not hygienic at all or desirable to swim in.
The parks we like most is out of the way....IE Burdette Park trail
too far from my home - i have to drive to every park
Most of the parks are dirty and it doesn't seem like there are very many in good areas of town
Probably once every three or four months.
We usually go to Newburgh because it is cleaner and has a great trail. I wish Evansville could improve this. There are no nice parks anywhere close to me at all. Though I really appreciate the sidewalk on Millersburg Rd. THANKS!!!

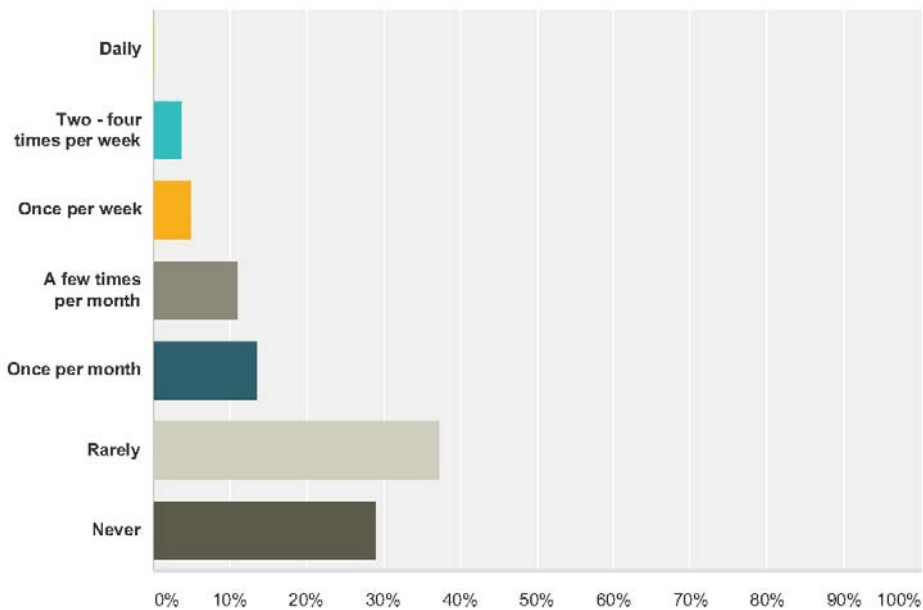
RESPONSES

No particular reason.
We actually use them several times a year, but it would be more except for being busy and my kids are all teenagers. We used the parks more often when they were younger.
County roads are too narrow and have no shoulders for biking to get any where safely. I don't want biking to be a life threatening activity. I hate driving and coming around a corner or over a hill and a biker being in front of me and neither of us have a place to go if a car is coming the other direction.
Not enough children attend parks. Too lonely for my child.
Parks and pools are not nearby so have to plan and just go for a bit
Would take my special needs child more if he could participate at playgrounds. It makes him sad and discouraged when he can only watch.
We used to go to Garvin Park for swimming, fishing, walking, picnics, baseball, ect. But nowadays there are so many ducks & poop from them we cannot enjoy it! Also, there is homeless ppl that come from walkway area at night searching in trash & begging !
Nothing to do
We feel they are unsafe we feel safer at newburgh park
lack of picnic tables
living in the Saint Wendel area, there isn't much available near our home
Would rather drive to Owensboro and go to Smothers park.
Limited opportunity due to personal schedule
We would love for Roberts Park to be developed as promised. Also Wesselman Woods closes very early and is not accommodating to our work schedules.
Our family is just too busy with sports. We like to go to Wesselman's and walk the trails, but there are no parks too close to us besides at the 4H
I live in Henderson but use Kids Kingdom during March of Dimes and occasionally for fun.
Inconvenience.
No trails near/convenient to me
The playgrounds are not cleaned or maintained routinely
Work second shift. Most parks are closed during our free time.
Never even know they exist
don't have grandkids as often as we used to
Aren't as nice as warrick county. I have family there and instead of them coming here we would rather go there.

RESPONSES

haven't had time but i am now retired so that may change
The good ones are too far away
Access and limited options
other activities
Unsafe park locations. Unsafe greenway locations. Lack of actual bike/walking trails (painting a picture of a bike on the road is not sufficient). There is really no top-notch facility to take children (like Smothers Park in Owensboro).
We have plenty of walking area where we live (Wimberg ave.)
I have no access and must drive my bike on a rack to other locations
Limited amount of time and live out by the airport. We do utilize Swonder Frequently and Wesselman's par 3 a couple times a year.
Accessibility to recreations close to our home

Q17: HOW OFTEN DO YOU AND/OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS USE EVANSVILLE PROGRAMS?



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
DAILY	0.3%	3
TWO - FOUR TIMES PER WEEK	3.8%	42
ONCE PER WEEK	5.0%	55
A FEW TIMES PER MONTH	11.1%	123
ONCE PER MONTH	13.5%	150
RARELY	37.4%	414
NEVER	29.0%	321
ANSWERED QUESTION		1108
SKIPPED QUESTION		215

Q18: IF RARELY OR NEVER FROM THE PREVIOUS QUESTION, WHY?

RESPONSES
None of interest - availability of hours/interests
We live in north county, not many programs in our area.
We are pretty independent, and enjoy utilizing public/green spaces on our own schedule.
Not familiar if PROGRAMS is a specific thing or just in general Evansville activities?
time constraints
I don't know about them
Not aware of any programs.
Not aware of them
Not sure what programs there are. My wife and I both work fulltime if the programs are during the week it could be why we don't participate.
Not certain what is available.
not sure what that is.
none offered that are suitable to us.
because. i work and most take place when i work. or they are something i can not do.
Don't know about it
Unaware of programs offered
I don't know what they are or who they are available to.
We reside in Posey county
Not sure that I am aware of what programs are being referred to
I don't drive so it has to be in walking distance from my home. Wish there was more activities offered at Garvins park.
Programs that we are aware of are rarely targeted to elderly adults.
We don't know about any of the offered programs.
Not aware
I don't keep myself informed. It seems I am always a week behind and I miss the great events offered.
Illness
I don't know what an Evansville program is.

RESPONSES
Nothing fits our family
We had used special needs programs where we lived previously, and my kids benefitted from them. As a result of programs and special schooling in the Rochester, NY area, they are no longer needed. So, I support programs, just don't personally need them now.
Inconvenient sometimes, weather
During the summer months
What are Evansville programs?
No need to. We exercise daily and use the parks for that
Don't know about them
Don't know about them
Not aware of programs
See 13
Distance and time constraints
Times and availability due to children's extracurricular activities
I don't know of any Evansville programs.
The city should invest more money & staff in tennis, offer memberships to area pools & exercise gym facilities.
Don't know about programs
What are they?
Programs????
Because I make to much money
Evansville's problem is most of the time events are held but no one knows about them.
They do not work with my schedule.
Dont know about them.
Lack of info and knowledge
Unaware of what they are; We do not take the time to learn about them
I was not aware of any programs.
No knowledge if programs being offered
Don't know what programs are available to us.
PROGRAMS? not sure what your asking about?
The programs are under advertised

RESPONSES
don't know about what programs are being offered
Not sure what is offered. The website and the department are difficult to reach. This is not mutually exclusive to parks & recreation.
I'm not aware of programs.
there are programs?
Not sure what this is in reference to.
Not sure what programs you speak of.
Not sure what is offered. Usually hear about them on the news AFTER the event in the evening
What programs?
I don't know about most of the programs
Not aware of them
Not informed of them
My kids do their activities through school, NYBA, or McCutchanville baseball.
You don't fund JR golf programs that help kids.
Not sure what programs this refers to. Haven't heard of them. Do not have local television.
Just do not have the time...
Unaware of them
What are PROGRAMS?
Never heard of Evansville programs.
Unfamiliar
?
Offer nothing that appeals to me.
We used to be in volleyball basketball and softball leagues but quit after having kids
Not sure of what you offer
no transportation, unaware of programs available
Ages of those in household
Never heard of PROGRAMS
My children are too young.
Not applicable to our age group

RESPONSES
In my opinion evansville does not have good family programs. Maybe my definition is different but other than places to eat evansville is boring compared to actual big cities
Not too many programs for my age range
not always aware of the opportunities
I am not familiar with them. I might use them if I knew what they were.
I've never heard of Evansville PROGRAMS
Do not know about PROGRAMS
Not aware of the programs
I'm not sure what that is?
I have found that many of the programs my 6 year old would like to participate in take place during the day (especially summer programs). My husband and I work full time so she is not able to participate in the programs. I would like to see more evening and weekend family activities.
little knowledge-no media attention
We actually live in the county outside the city and often don't hear about things until they are summarized in the newspaper.
We involve ourselves in activites outside of the Parks & its programs
Time
we never hear about them
NO GOOD PROGAMS IN EVANSVILLE. AIRPORT IS EVEN TOO HIGH TO FLY OUT OF
Don't know what it is.
Not aware of "PROGRAMS"
Not enough time for everything and we live in Newburgh.
what programs??
too expensive
What "programs" do you have to offer? Your web page doesn't list any "Programs" http://www.vanderburghgov.org
I dont' know what it is
Not informed
summer programming only
no interest
I don't pay attention to the programs. At the moment, I can't even name one.

RESPONSES
Not aware of programs
Either don't hear about events, or they are of no interest to me.
Uninformed
Need more information
I don't know what programs are available
Don't know what they are or that they exist.
Lack of program options. We do not feel like the citizens wishes are followed. Politics and corruption rule the pocketbook of the City of Evansville
Lack of information
didn't know about it
Not available on weekends
not sure what you mean by this. we go to library programs and the franklin st. programs from time to time.
Not sure what is all available
not interested
Don't know what's available for me.
Not sure if we are interested or apply.
Busy with kids sports
Rather not say.
By programs you are talking about organized teams? Not sure of the context here.
I don't know what programs are available.
I don't know what that is. The capitalized "PROGRAMS" indicate that it is something special that I have never heard of.
Not sure what PROGRAMS refers to
Unsure what programs there are
None of interest toe.
Do not enjoy group activities
N/A
No programs near me
Nothing to offer people near highland school.
I'm not familiar with what is available.

RESPONSES
PROGRAMS is not defined, so not sure what this means. No children in our household. Also, the activities that I am aware of often conflict with other activities that I attend.
not enough time
Sometimes we miss out because it does not feel well advertised and we learn about it late
Live in the country, usually get exercise closer to home
not sure what all is offered. we are pretty busy with life activities.
Not sure what this refers to
haven't heard of any of the programs that the city offer.
our work schedules don't allow us to use them very often.
Seems that if it is not a sports program there is limited selection for adults that are not senior citizens.
Exercise at the YMCA
Need more advertising, the program is usually over by the time we hear about it
Not sure what programs are.
Do not know about them
Never heard of it.
Not quite sure what "programs" you're talking about.
They aren't marketed well or geared towards our interests or age groups.
what's out there? how do we find out about them?
Not sure why my kids went to the music on the hill at Wesselmans over the summer said it was ok
What programs?
Not sure what programs you are referring too.
again, not familiar with locations, services, costs, etc
Don't hear or notice any.
I don't know what that is
Not sure what PROGRAMS is.
Not aware of many
No children to take advantage of the programs offered. Busy adults with a lack of free time.
No time

RESPONSES
Don't know of any programs, really.
Not aware of any that fit my interests.
My work schedule usually interferes.
don't know of any to participate in
Working and children are grown.
rarely need
Note enough activities that need to be free or for the younger family members, plus it would be nice if there is activities better advertising for these events.
WHEN ARE THERE ANY EVANSVILLE PROGRAMS?
We don't know what is available.
Most campgrounds offer family activities and functions for children of all ages. Evansville parks usually cater to a specific age group (under 10) and there is usually a cost. Most campgrounds around the area have functions that cater to all age groups and are free with your entrance of \$5.
Not sure what Programs are available
I use Bob's Gym for the pool
I am not aware of what is offered
same reason
not really sure what question 14 refers to
Didn't know they existed.
Haven't seen anything we are interested in yet. Plan on attending the parks concert series next year.
None really appeal to us, we have no children here regularly. Most events that happen within the parks and zoo for adults usually include alcohol.
I am not aware of any
Possibly not familiar with programs.
When utilizing parks it is with family members
Timing seems to often conflict with our schedules. Additionally, I do not know where to look for information regarding programming, so we often hear of an event after it happened.
"Unaware of them.
Prefer to do my own thing with my family or friends."
Not much of interest to us

RESPONSES
Other than the summer swim program, I didn't know there were any.
Not aware of many of the programs available.
Too busy- and don't hear about them enough
Not enough time.
I don't know what it is.
I am not sure exactly what is meant by Evansville PROGRAMS, but I assume programs put on by the Parks and Rec Department. Busy work and family schedules usually have us squeezing in time at the parks whenever our schedules will allow.
Haven't made it a priority.
Time
Do not know about them
I'm not sure what Evansville PROGRAMS even is.
not sure of what programs are available
Not sure what the programs are
don't know about them
Don't really know they exist
I am not aware of Evansville PROGRAMS, maybe you should include some examples in this question since your marketing for these Programs is apparently already failing.
We would use aquatics - lap swimming but Evansville's facilities are third world - Lloyd, and there are no true lap swimming facilities. As always - Evansville is backward and behind. Much smaller towns like Owensboro, Henderson, and other are vastly better. The city uses consultants from Indy that have no concept of our community - how stupid is it to put a bike path in the worst neighborhoods and down 41? Put them in good neighborhoods and let the momentum build - look at Newburgh and USI to Burdette. It is a joke that running is not allowed in Wesselman's woods and the boardwalks (which only a couple are in flood areas) are extremely dangerous. I normally vote democrat but our democrats on city council are complete idiots. Let's put in Robert's Park but keep it a greenspace - trees, landscaping - no dog park....
I'm not aware of what programs exist.
Not very well known about.
More programs for kids needed
Not aware of them
Not sure what they are
Not aware of what programs are being offered right now

RESPONSES
Just don't have anything that gets my attention.
"-They are poorly ran
-Our parks are dirty and filthy
-Smothers park has employees on site during park hours ensuring it's safety and cleanliness."
Kids are older now. We are fans of the swim teams, golf lessons and greenway events.
Newburgh residents
Programs are not attractive to us.
I don't know what they have to offer for families without kids.
Unsure what PROGRAMS is.
Don't know anything about them and I'm a busy college student
economy
Not aware of many.
I have never tried any programs. I don't know where to check these programs out.
The question would make more sense if the 'programs' were listed to choose from...
Not sure what to find our sign up
Not sure what Programs are?
not familiar with them
Not sure what's available/poorly promoted.
NOT AWARE OF ANY PROGRAMS
not sure what it is.
They just don't interest us.
I'm not sure what is meant by programs.
They are not set up for us, The franklin street bazaar and fall festival and all of the cool things that are happening on franklin street are things we attend and participate in. The people on Franklin Street are so much a head of the rest of Evansville when it comes to having successful events for people of Evansville!!!! They have been doing it for 75 years plus (fall festival) and the rest of the city just does not get it :(
I don't know what programs you are referring to.
Not sure. What is an Evansville Program?

RESPONSES
What programs?
No need to
Really isn't much for seniors
if I walk take my granddog...don't get too far from home incase I have to potty
No organized site to search events
involved in other activities
I am unaware of programs catering to our interests
I don't know what they are.
i don't know what programs there are
There are programs?
Swonder Ice Arena hockey and skating "programs" is why this was answered.
"Not quite sure what is meant by
Evansville programs."
Didn't know about the Evansville Programs. What is it?
Needs to be more info available about them. Don't think you have much for seniors 70's+
Time constraints.
Scheduling conflicts with other obligations.
Do now know what they are
"I don't know about them
Cost - especially for ice skating"
not sure what programs you are referring to.
they have programs?
What Evansville programs?
None interest us.
not of interest
I don't know about them.
not for older people
Don't know about the programs
there aren't any programs in "our" park
not enough information

RESPONSES
Not sure what Evansville PROGRAMS is.
Lack of access for wheelchairs
Not interested.
Not aware of what the programs are and when/where until after the fact.
Never heard of it
What is programs?
what programs?
Not exactly sure what Programs are being referred to; however, I have utilized skating lessons at Swonder most recently.
I don't know what constitutes as a program
I do not have children, but do participate once a year in Parks Sports.
I am not sure what the programs are and for that reason was not able to answer this question.
Not aware of any programs.
mostly because times conflict with work
We don't hear about them
Don't know about them
Didn't know they existed.
proximity to home and lack of awareness/knowledge
Am not aware of Evansville Programs
Didn't realize there are programs offered. If free, I would possibly be more interested. I suggest a monthly mailing to inform residence of up coming events.
not familiar with the programs
Nothing of interest
Not aware of any that are of interest to me
what programs?
never heard of Evansville PROGRAMS
Don't know about them
not sure what you mean by "programs" ??
Not aware of what is available
Never heard of it.
Not necessary.

RESPONSES
not of interest to us.
They aren't as convenient as I wish they were. For example, the POOLS close very early in the season just to accommodate school starting back. I would love to be able to go swimming while the kids are at school.
Not sure what all are available
I do not know what the Programs are
Not sure what's available that would interest us.
I don't know what PROGRAMS are
Communication
Not even sure what they are
Unfamiliar with programs.
I am not sure what Evansville PROGRAMS is
I am not sure what Programs are
not for age
Most are organized sports type activities - we prefer different types of activities.
If you are talking about PARK programs, we don't know much about them, except for Wesselman Nature Center
not sure what is available
Not sure what it is
NO TIME
Most of the programs are for the intercity.
I do not know what Evansville PROGRAMS is.
not sure what they are
we live in Northern Vanderburgh County
We would like to use programs more. Often we don't hear about events until they are over. Sometimes the times don't work well for us.
I prefer to bike / run outside of programs.
What PROGRAMS?
Not even sure what programs exist or where.
Sorry, but I don't know what "Programs" is.
We haven't really looked into the programs yet.
Not sure what Evansville Programs is.

RESPONSES
Unaware of them
Not much to choose from for the family.
Work schedule
Safety and access.
Don't Know About Them
Don't understand the question
Same as above.
Not enough intrests would like more music and art related things. And not beerstuebs.more things i can take my granddaughters to.
To proud I guess
I don't really know what you are referring to as "programs"
I do not know of any programs other than their monthly healthy walk.
I rarely hear about programs in time for them to happen
Not aware of programs available or timing is difficult with work schedule.
What is Evansville PROGRAMS (this survey should have a definition for this term. Do I use it? I don't know so I checked Never.
Not sure what all is available. Need more information. I get a lot of my information online. Would enjoy emails about programs.
Not well advertised
What programs
I'm not even sure of what programs exist, sadly.
Only if grandkids visit
I don't know what "Evansville PROGRAMS" are.
Dont know what a "Program" is.
Not sure what "PROGRAMS" you are referring to. Some examples here would be helpful.
I don't know what is available.
too many other activities
nothing I want to participate in.
No time to
What programs?
Don't know what that is

RESPONSES
My husband and I don't have any children. We might be interested in intramural adult activities at some point, but we stay pretty busy with our current activities.
They aren't announced enough.
Quality
don't know what it is
We don't know about them.
Don't hear about them. I have to research to find things to do.
I don't know what they are.
Not sure what it is
Lack of information about available programs.
"The Programs are not up to 2014 standards and our parks are poorly ran. I lived in a city where we had a park in every neighborhood attached to every school ran by the city and it was beautifully ran. There is no reason a city this size can't maintain beautiful parks all year long. We need to make it a responsibility and make it a better healthier place where people feel safe and want to spend time. I never for one minute felt unsafe in Colorado Springs Parks, but here, the drug activity and gangs makes me only want to visit a very few parks. We've also expanded our city limits but haven't expanded our city parks for children.
Then the city swim season is only three swim meets in the summer ends in early to mid July. Our students go back to school in mid August. Why can't we have more swim meets? We also should have more city swimming pools as well. We far east siders do not have a swimming pool close to our homes. The city has built two beautiful pools on the west side and downtown but nothing on the east side, it would be a great asset to see something on this side of town as well."
Don't know how to find out about programs
Don't know what they are.
Not involved in any PROGRAMS.
I've never heard of Evansville PROGRAMS and don't know they services that they offer.
I'm not typically aware of their programs
No clue you have programs
not aware of them
not really applicable to lifestyle
I don't know what there is?
Not geared to family's interests
Don't know what programs you are referring to.

RESPONSES
We don't get information regarding programs and the ones ive seen the costs were extremely high.
Don't know about them
Which programs?
Generally, we are only interested in walking, parks, canoeing, biking. We don't use the parks for special programs.
I don't know what this is.
Not sure what is available
Don't know about them
Time constraints
Not aware or don't have time.
Used to play in rec leagues before kids and when I was younger.
Not vlean. Not safe
same answer
Not as interested now that our children are older and no longer in sports and activities.
no time
Not aware of the programs.
We really are served well by basic parks and the greenway and the riverfront. a nice concrete skatepark would be really really nice.
I wasn't or am not aware of Evansville "programs"
I participated in Parks Programs for years...softball and volleyball. I no longer have an intrest in those types of programs.
Do not know of any programs available
Not sure what programs are available we could use.
Not offered during convenient hours, or not targeted at us (lots of stuff targeted for kiddos, not so much for seniors and near-seniors) Oops, forgot Howell Wetlands as a place we go often
Physically unable
Not age appeopriate
Lack of public notice! Parking full,
Not sure
too busy at work and not convenient at times
Not a lot that apply to me

RESPONSES
don't really know of any, haven't looked into programs at parks other than wesselmans
Make to much money for programs we need. Not enough money for programs we would enjoy
Are programs available?
Don't know what PROGRAMS is.
Unaware of offerings
"Not sure what is available
Have a fairly busy schedule"
i'm not sure i understand what PROGRAMS are...? no examples given
There are Evansville Parks programs? Name one.
summer camps for kids but they are almost all grown up. too old for softball and volleyball leagues.
We would use it more but they don't always go with work/daycare schedule
Not aware of any parks/recreation programs
Do not know about them/not close to my area
I guess I'm just not aware of what the programs are
No clue what it is?
Age of kids and busy schedules
dont necessarily need programs, extremely active now.
"Programs that are in close proximity of home is usually to small of an area with large crowds of people in the confined spaces makes overall enjoyment lessened.
Lorraine Park Pool is usually overcrowded on the weekend and closes at 5pm during the week making going after work with family impossible."
didn't know you had any
I'm unaware of programs.
Don't know of any
I don't think we do, I am not familiar with it
Nothing applys to us....
No time to do so
Lack of time.
What programs?

RESPONSES
Nothing offered appeals to us.
I do not need a program to motivate me.
No support of mayor or Parks Dept officials. Every program reeks of gimmicks and political attention grabbing features.
Unaware..... this city is horrible about communicating anything. Fewer and fewer people are watching the news... is not a relevant outlet.
disabilaty
Not sure what's available
Not sure why, but I guess it would be simple lack of knowledge about the programs and dates.
I'm not aware of many (or any) programs that are available other than summer camps, which don't interest me.
I'm not sure what or where they are
Don't know of any
Unsure of what is going on
Not aware of any
Not sure how you are defining programs.
What programs? Poor PR
I don't know what you mean by programs
Not sure what they are
Cost
Not sure where to find communication
Don't know about them - haven't had interest
Nothing interesting for my age group
I guess b/c we are not aware of them! Having grown children, I have to hunt for things for my grandchildren as they do not live in Evansville!
don't know what this is, sorry
Not aware of them
None really interest us
None that are interesting
What is an Evansville Program?
Not aware of them.
I don't know what PROGRAMS is referring to.

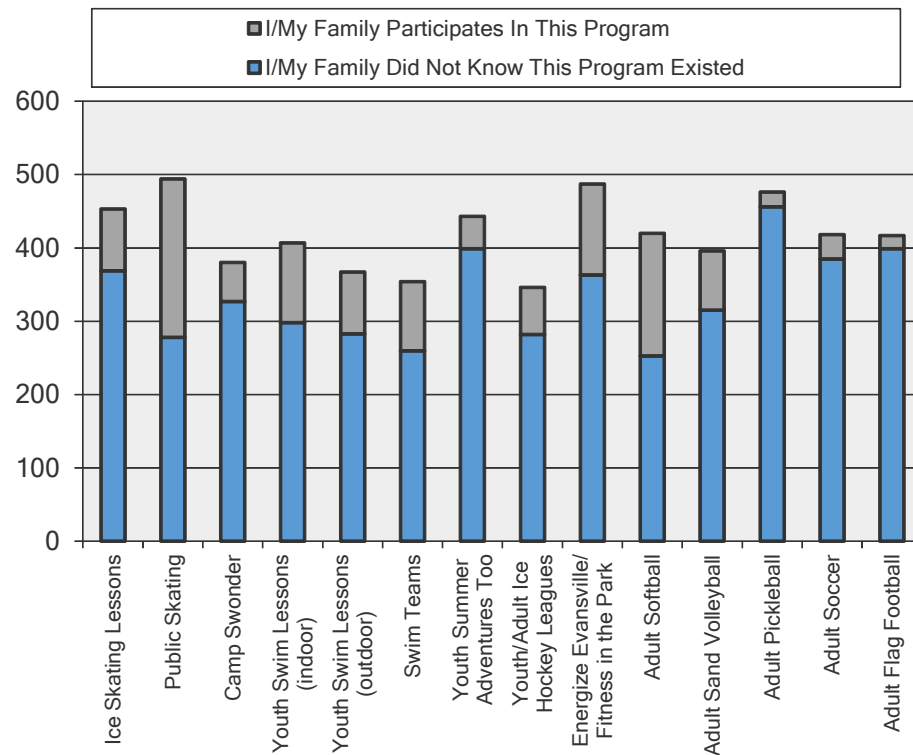
RESPONSES
Not a lot of easily accessible information
It's just not on our radar.
Lack of time and information on such program offerings.
They must not be advertised very well, because I don't recall ever hearing about this.
Not aware of them
Not enough information or notification of programs.
I'm not sure what you mean by "PROGRAMS"
never know they offered any
Not Sure what Evansville Programs is referring to in this question. We attend family events in Wesselmans Park, and take the children to community events about once or twice each month.
Laziness on our part.
Haven't looked into it.
I don't know about Evansville PROGRAMS
Just not convenient with our schedules at this time
Not aware of any.
Not many programs I am aware of
No reason.
I've just never looked into them.
The conditions of properties and some of the people
Not aware of what Evansville PROGRAMS is
Don't know anything about it.
My husband and I both work full time, and our children are involved with school sponsored activities. That, and we're not aware of a lot of the programs
Not familiar with any
I am self sufficient and like using our parks but it is not necessary. Keeping the tennis courts in good shape also is a plus for Evansville. We need expansion of good bicycle roads. Remove some parking off of thoroughfares.
Not sure what programs you mean.
Used softball league 20 years until too old.

RESPONSES
We are involved in several youth sports leagues and use city facilities but the programs themselves are independent of the city. We don't always hear about programs in order to participate, but we also stay pretty busy with other activities through school and booster clubs.
None that apply to my family. Our children play school sports now and are not in other city sponsored acrovities
does not currently fit in my schedule
Don't have info on them or don't know where to find info
I'm not aware of the programs
Don't know if any.
What are Evansville programs?
don't like area, it benefits low income areas
some times i recycle at wesslman woods, but I dont ge the paper to know whats going on??
Not aware of them.
I am not sure what Evansville Programs means
Not sure what programs are available.
No interest.
Not really sure what "PROGRAMS" are exactly. If we are talking organized athletic programs it is never.
Not sure what this is
What programs?
I don't know what kind of programs the question is asking about. Perhaps communication is a reason?
I don't know much about them.
don't hear about them
Not sure what all programs avail
Generally unaware of the programs. I wish that parks and rec website would list special programs and update general information, such as what date pools open and close.
Not safe
I don't know much about them - if there is advertising, I don't see it.
Just arent informed of the events properly
not sure

RESPONSES
I just play on one rec softball team each summer but would like to play more often
Never heard of it
Don't really hear about them until after the fact. I do receive the daily paper.
Mostly scheduling conflicts between private/family functions or professional obligations. Time spent at the parks is definitely a carved-out, intentional activity that we need to take advantage of our green spaces in the city and promote their use and upkeep.
Not sure what you're referring to
not interested
I work during those hours
Work.
Never heard of them!!!
don't know what it is
Do not know what they are
I don't know what programs your talking about.
Not advertised for general public
Don't know much about it--- need to get more information out to people,,,, facebook and twitter
not aware of most programs
Don't know about them
Times they are given are not a good fit for my schedule.
Not sure what is offered
I did not realize programs were offered by evansvilles park and and recreation department
Don't know what they are
Not sure what the term "programs" refers to. If it means children's activities, my household has no children. If it means events, entertainment, workshops, etc., we would not participate due to being unaware of them, or if they were held at a time we could not attend. If it means athletics, marathon runs, etc., a health condition limits my participation to walks & noncompetitive activities.
I do not have access to notices of when they are scheduled.
We just don't hear about them
Unsure what programs are on offer
Lack of knowledge about programs that might interest me.

RESPONSES
I'm not sure what programs are available.
Dont know what they are
I ride the greenway solo
We are not aware of adult activities and do not have children.
What programs?
I'm not very aware of them. It seems like I never hear about the programs until they are over.
Not aware of any
Not enough information or promotion of events - finding out after the fact ...
I do not understand the question. An example of an Evansville PROGRAM or two would be helpful.
Do not know where to find out about Evansville programs.
I've never heard of it.
If I know about them, they don't apply to my age group or interests, or I don't know about them.
Not enough publicity. Not enough youth programs. I worked for Lafayette Parks Department and they had AMAZING programs - leagues for all ages, camps, etc.
We don't have time.
Not sure what these are
What Programs are you referring too?
Swim season means almost daily activity. It could last longer than it does.
Unsure of what programs are offered
Limited amount of time and money. Parks team sports such as Softball, volleyball etc. are overpriced.
not sure what programs Evansville has
Not aware of them

Q19: PLEASE CHECK THE BOX IF IT APPLIES TO YOUR PARTICIPATION OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE BELOW PROGRAMS. IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE SHARE YOUR IDEAS.



SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

More advertising for pickle ball. I do not know where to play

website specifically for evansville activities, not tied into the City's existing website except for link to get to said suggested new site

spend some money on city golf courses

Lloyd Pool could be better utilized -Offer aqua Zumba & / or aqua fitness classes on a regular basis. Everyone can't afford expensive memberships at YMCA or Bob's. What happened to free tennis lessons for children in the summer?

Where are these advertised???

Replace slide at Hartke Pool!!

More activities for adults over 50.

I was unaware of Pickle ball offerings.

adult and teen Parcour... elder activities, low impact activities

Maybe get the word out better

Keep the softball fields open. If they go to goebel complex we will no longer participate

As far as I know, there is only the Lloyd pool. I have given up on swimming since all the schools have to use the one pool. I really can't understand why a school like the new North could be built without a pool. Having more publicly available pools would be fantastic.

Out door water park for children like Owensboro

Market these programs along with details of when where how much\$

Fix the scoreboard for softball games, keep the grass cut

I took my kids to Newburgh for swim lessons because I could not find any information online for swim lessons in Evansville.

Would love to play pickleball. Didn't know it existed in evv

These programs need to be more prominently promoted to the public

Add tennis & build more courts

get other programs too.

Improvements to fields and inflated costs

advertise!

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Fix the website and make it user friendly
better effort promoting the sports
New pool-Natatorium. Not even the schools have a good pool for large swim teams and meets. Many smaller cities do.
Public tennis courts, not just high school, or club related, public.
Marketing!
Remove the worthless programs above.
Radio advertising. Lower cost.
Baseball Cages ??????????
Better advertising
more stuff for black people to do
stop letting teams not show up and not have to pay a fee. our team is paying and the other teams don't show
Advertise the programs on TV.
More DiscGolf courses
I have little kids, so there is not much for them
Keep softball in Evansville do not get rid of it for the new goebel complex.
More promotion of activities. I feel like you have to seek out activities to participate in.
use social media to spread information (if not done already)
Keep current fields open, especially WSNC field. Keep adult softball
More advertising
Get out the word
Swonder needs a better, more informative site
use Lloyd pool for exercise
Something for us older folks. Notice how everything you mentioned above was for youth ?
Youth Baseball
Mail or email a monthly or quarterly newsletter advertising all the programs, changes or updates and other news going on with the parks department
We attend zoo programs/events
outdoor neighborhood pools
How / where do u even sign up for these

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Clean the parks up appearance needs improvement
Advertise these programs
miss my adult kickball league in PDX
would like an adults only place to swim
The sand vball courts seem to be under-taken care of considering the cost that each player/team pays per season.
These are all nice, but most cannot afford them or get transportation to them
soccer golf or disc golf would be fun
More advertisement so i know when and where to sign up
Add tai chi
archery
What you have these programs? where can i find information??
Evansville is in need of updated indoor swimming facilities based on what I have seen in cities of similar size
Advertise! Market! I wasn't aware of these wonderful programs, and I'm engaged--spread the word!
Some of the ones I checked as "participates in" we were aware of but chose NOT to participate, like the youth hockey leagues.
another sheet of ice year round
Need an extended season for pools
more advertising of programs
Lloud Pool is in terrible shape
Take the programs to the schools and churches. Energize Evansville is not effective because it does not go to where the people are - the people who are involved are self-promoters.
Just a note of clarification. I am aware of some of the above, but we don't participate.
Make the programs well-known.
Greenway expansion. Bike lanes on roads like Oak Hill
My two daughters play soccer with Evansville Youth Soccer League alot of the groups are poorly ran by individuals that know nothing about the sport.
the variety of programs is good. Keep them.
Keep second ice rink open all year long. We need two sheets of ice since our youth and adult programs are growing leaps and bounds.

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Being a senior I don't do any. I have a limited income
Lloyd pool is in need of improvements
are there programs here for seniors?
Pickleball courts needed outdoors
indoor pool closer to middle of town. only indoor pool is lloyd
more clean bathrooms
Archery
list programs on websitr
and how much do each of these programs cost to participate in?
activities for senior citizens
only 2 options for the above ? knew some existed but we dont participate. we hunt and fish.
more progams for older people
Evansville NEEDS a natatorium like Newburgh has. We could host USA Swimming meets and have teams from out of town attend these. Currently, Evansville doesn't have a city pool to offer for meets.
advertise the availability of these programs more
How do we find out about programs?
What about an option for 'I would like to participate', 'I know about these programs but do not participate'??
My child participated in Camp Swonder in 2013. I was disapointed with this program. Most days the kids did not get to skate or did for a very short time. They did not do activities that they were supposed to do.
Make them free to low income residence on fixed incomes or those on disability. SSI
Knowledge on the abov
dog park
Would like more family activities for all ages to participate as a family
better communication to parents that don't know about the lessons
Communication
maybe mail flyers to inform residents of all programs
More Disc Golf Courses
Need to have water park in the robert stadium land like the water fountain down at the Old National Bank Area by the River downtown.

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

articles in paper or commercials or news programs to promote seasonal programming
Need more advertising to promote all adult sports.
Advertise these activities!
roller hockey rink
Advertise somewhere visible. Have an easy to use website for programs
If u have something to offer let people know in enough time to participate.
Better marketing of programs
Adult Disc Golf League!!!!!!
BUILD A NICE SKATEPARK
see previous comments
need go get the word out more. I would've loved some of this and would still love it.
Youth sports leagues
Longer Swim Seasons
Have working lights and scoreboards at softball fields. Teams pay over \$400 per team to play and cannot even having working scoreboards. Also fields are poorly maintained.
Check boxes did not include option that participant knew of program offering, but does not participate.
hard to find out this info
More insight into these programs. ADVERTISEMENTS
Yoga, canoe kayaking
We need a facility to host swim meets during the winter months. We travel all winter to swim at other fabulous facilities. Evansville could really benefit from a swim facility.
Keep softball fields local. Do not sell the fields. Keep Softball fields in the city!!
Activites/events listed in newspaper PSAs
Yoga at the riverfront
Better softball fields. Softball parks are in disrepair.
My kids participate in swim lessons thru the Y didn't realize the local parks provided those
Baseball complex

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Outdoor concrete surface for roller hockey and outdoor winter ice hockey;skating. Outdoor "whole family" and adult playground- like the St. Louis city museum. This can be a revenue generator....
I saw nothing that would apply to senior citizens
know abt above but do not participate
Walking programs casual for older adults! Dog groups & walks would be great!
Do not move all adult softball to the new park on the northeast side!
Disc Golf
Ultimate Frisbee League
more disc golf friendly
Nature Programs
I am aware of all the above programs and have no complaints about any of them.
See Bloomington Indiana for model
volley facility and softball facilities are a rundown slum. Swonder has been a great facility for my kids. Lloyd pool is a slum. I
Would love to get my twin boys in swim lessons but cost to much at the YMCA
it looks like the isn't anything for seniors or adults with disabilities
kickball
Please include weekend ice skating lessons. I have tried to enroll the children two years running and while Saturdays are advertised the class is always cancelled.
Access to Adult Sports must be easier and cheaper.
Disc Golf
Where's your city disc golf league?
Would love to see youth tennis
Send flyers about these prgrams
I would like to do more swim teams but north east doesn't have a pool. Seem to be Lloyd or south evansville
Toddler/ Pre-K fitness programs
I know they all exist,we just do not participate, being Warrick Ct.
More advertisement...
senior softball league
Get the word out more

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
More Disc Golf
Facebook page - I'm sure there is one and I just need to find it
We need more disc golf courses in Evansville. Every park we put a course in becomes more popular over night.
More disc golf
Use commercials on TV and radio
Publicize and get this info out there! And include MORE programs!
information stations
Advertise this more on social media.
Advertising within the community what events are available to us.
N/A
Disc golf League
international sports groups started - Cricket, Hurling, Gaelic Football, Camogie
Keep pools open through August - perhaps just in evenings after school begins.
Adult Basketball
Make Adult sports leagues more well known
what do you have for folks 60 and older? :)
Basketball
More internet information (i.e....Facebook)
Adult Team Handball and KickBALL
yoga/tai chi
need indoor natatorium
I love playing parks and rec sports--only I can't get an entire team together. Maybe you could emphasize that one/two people would be welcome on a team. I'd be apprehensive about meeting new people. That's just me, though :)
move adult soccer and football to a more centrally located park
Increase awareness of these programs
The PR for the parks/programs/events is poor, utilize social media more
consisently updated website and/or facebook page
lloyd is in horrible condition and we choose to avoid it
let locals know you do this or is it money

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Promotion of these activities in advance through social media or billboards. Can't only advertise in the parks themselves if people aren't already going there.

Nature/education programs

Better promotions via social media

I would broadcast these programs on social media such as Facebook or twitter to get the word out more easily so more people realize these programs are available and can take advantage

More programs for adults still trying to reach healthy fitness levels - not just those who are already active. More activities for seniors. More pet friendly activities.

More Advertisement

Very low cost but HUGE impact: students without cars must walk or ride bike along Lloyd to go shopping. Small bits of fine wire from steel belted tires cause almost daily bike tire punctures. Rent a leaf blower on wheels and blow this debris off road shoulder. Even once a season is enough. I have contacted state dept of transport ...it seems to be beyond their comprehension for some reason.....please please please...try riding your bike from Walmart to usi for a week....you will see. Thanks.

For a city this size, there appears to be a complete lack of formal organization and lack of communication to residents regarding public programs.

I participate in kickball. And what the heck is pickleball??

I wish there was an indoor public pool closer to the East side.

Increased social media? Instagram? Are they listed on the community events calendars?

We need more dog parks badly.

More sports leagues for young children. Affordable and non competitive tball, soccer, basketball.

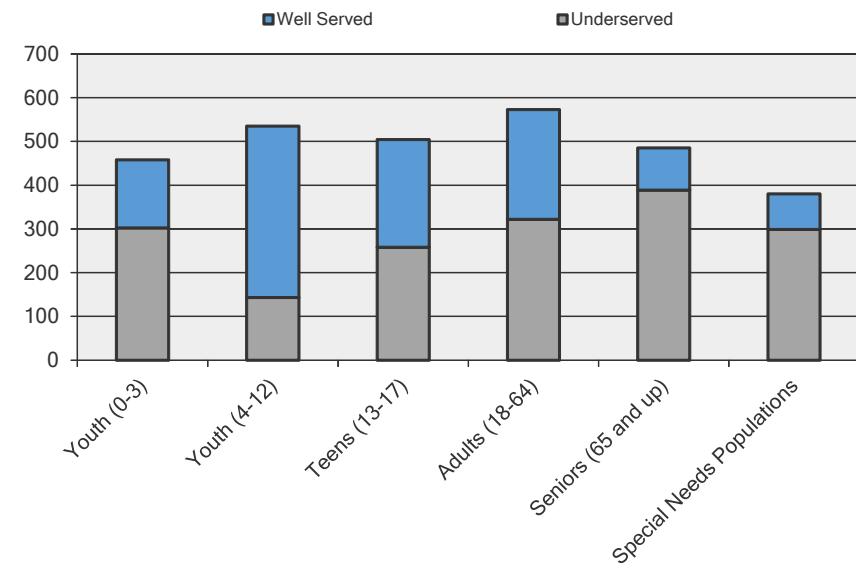
We don't know how to find out about these programs. More advertising on these opportunities

take care of the fields; don't abruptly change schedules without notice to teams bc they make adjustments according to the schedule given

Interested in swim lessons for my child. Wish the parks department had some sort of brochure or catalog with all the sports/activities offered by the parks department.

splash park east side

Q20: PLEASE TELL US WHICH GROUPS ARE SERVED WELL BY PROGRAMS AND WHICH ARE UNDERSERVED.



SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

no teenagers or small children in family, therefore do not know

More advertisement of programs

Ramp up Energize Evansville - We could offer things everyday. Start walking clubs, fitness challenges, nutrition classes, health fairs, Family fun days in the park.

All the city pools need to be renovated and kept open longer. Money should have been put aside to replace the slide at Hartke pool. It seems more value is placed on activities involving a ball compared to the city pools.

"4-12 day camps that are flexible for working families

18-64 more awareness of facilities that are available, around work schedule

65 and up not every workout needs to be a "boot camp", simple range of motion, walking, etc."

"It is difficult to access information about Fitness in the park for those who do not watch television or use Facebook. Many of the programs we do hear about tend to target younger adults.

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Our family travels to Owensboro often to the park they have downtown. It is beautifully constructed and also has a little splash park to cool the kids off. My kids ages 2 and 4 really love playing at this park and we feel very safe there. I truly think downtown Evansville would benefit from a similar park. Built for FAMILIES and maintain it keeping it nice for our children!
Adults 18 - 25 ...I mean take a good look at your age groupings...18 - 65 seriously? 26 - 49 and .50 and above
I think there needs to be more stuff for woman especially around my age of 30.
Walking paths for seniors Nd seniors with disabilities
Tai chi, racket ball, low impact sports for us who have poor knees.
Access to walking trails would allow people to exercise in their own time if they can't participate in scheduled programs
???????
There should be cheaper activities for the less fortunate maybe then they wouldn't turn to violence for fun and boredom they also need activities to keep them busy but parents don't have the money to do so so the kids suffer
I would like to see more programs that are LOW COST OR FREE, programs for homeschoolers that are low cost or free, programs for toddlers that are low cost or free.
Knitting classes for teens & adults.
youth sports/learning leagues, volleyball, softball etc.
didnt know of any of these programs, so can't really judge
Someone needs to look at what owensboro has done, how quickly, how safe u feel there, remodel mesker ampitheatre and not continue to let it deteriorate, Free events with entertainment like Henderson blues festival.
More water areas that are appropriate for young toddlers and children.
Fund your ity golf courses.
More flexible scheduling.
Baseball cages ?????????????????????????????????/
3 year olds should be able to do more, even if it's for short times. They should be able to experience what the older kids get to experience, like older siblings. It's hard to explain they are too young all the time especially if they have a summer birthday and just miss the age cut off.
Just things that black people like to do
there is not enough for kids to do which is why there is so many teens causing problems
Basketball for older people who don't move so fast would be wonderful, even if it's just a (very) slow game of 21 or horse.

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Booster ball programs of all kinds
I feel like each age group has activities but none of the programs are well developed and well established. I don't think most people are aware of the programs the city has to offer.
0-UP WOULD ENJOY A WATER PARK WITH NICE BENCHES, MAYBE A NICE BIG POND WITH SAND AROUND IT, TOO MANY PEOPLE THINK OLD NATIONAL BANK DOWN TOWN IS A PUBLIC BEACH
E'ville Special Olympics?
In questions 18 and 19 you desparately need separate columns for know/ but do not use and for neither well or underserved. Biased answers with these choices.
My answers are based solely on the programs you listed above.
Adult only evening swim at Burdette
Promote swimming at Lloyd pool. Problem is there is nowhere else for students to use in the city for swim teams therefore there are very limited times available for open swimming. I'd also like to see swimming open on Friday and Saturday nights for kids not on teams and the city promote those times. In reality there isn't much for kids to do on the north side that doesn't include spending money at a business trying to attract their money. Frankly the north side of town has been pretty much ignored.
im not involved with any groups
"Parks for elderly with benches, restrooms and exercise equipment.
Exercise equipment for elderly in wheel chairs could also be used for those with special needs."
Adult walking club, Need more family activity days in the parks
POOLS ARE FOR EVERY AGE!
cannot add value to this question
Mini marathon and obsts cle coarse running for kids. I believe my kids would love to psrticipate in them.
Follow the Americans with Disabilities Act, that has been in effect for about 14 years. I have addressed these issues with a couple of previous Directors of Parks & Receptions, with promises that they'd "Look into it."
Yoga in the parks for everyone, park history programs for everyone, farmers markets in the parks
More activities to keep them involved.
n/a
We need more awareness of these groups. didnt even know they existed or that there is a place to find that they do exist

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

Evansville could use an update to the downtown playground that was built years ago.

Adult swim lessons would be great!

senior exercise programs, lifetime sports for seniors golf, tennis, yoga

Need teen centers in various sectors of city to give teens a safe social gathering place.

"Storytime in the park for preschool age

Water aerobics for Seniors

Partner with churches/teen oriented organizations to offer consistent teen based programs

Partner with fire department/police department to offer more consistent safety programming at parks"

"Try to develop more History programs for adults. This city has a rich history that will be lost if the young adults of today do not learn and appreciate what Evansville has gone through to make it the city it is today. The more adults care about history, the more they care about the city as a whole, and not just their personal lives.

Whether we accept it or not, there is a large gap in this city between groups, whether it be race, class or geographical. Searching for our common history is a way to bring groups together with nothing in common, as a love for their hometown can overcome many differences in other walks of life."

Bike paths for everyone - in good locations. Take programs to schools and churches where the people are. Walking/running courses from the schools and churches - put "don henry" signs to mark the courses on the pavement.

Teens need more places to go, more things to do. Skate parks need renovated, .. ie re painted, etc. O'boro even henderson is a good model of this!

Maybe there's enough opportunities within the area for kids, but if you're not from here, finding that info out is almost impossible. Maybe have links to those programs on your site... The website is kind of clunky overall, which makes finding out info on anything difficult. For instance, pool times, open dates, etc. Details on almost all parks is hard to figure out as well.

Bike lanes on major thoroughfares would be helpful for younger people 18-40. Look at hwy 37 in Bloomington/B-line. Extra wide paved sidewalks for bikes and pedestrians.

Kickball

I'm not really sure about the rest since I don't have children that would participate or know any special needs or Seniors that participate much...

Evansville has alot of groups, They just need a face lift!

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

We are not special needs, and so we feel that there is adequate ADA accessibility, but that might not be the case. Do the pools have ADA set up?

Need for therapeutic pool

It would be nice to have something separate for the very young and seniors. So many times I've gone to a park and had to leave because people were listening to loud music with cursing in it, drinking, & smoking.

"Pickleball taped lines with tennis courts and repair of said

Pickleball lines applied to some tennis courts so either sport could be played."

Pickleball courts

Really can't answers this intelligently, but it seems like Evansville tries to serve all ages.

50 to 65...more clean bathrooms!!!!!!!

My grandchildren are hockey players and I hope this continues to expand in Evansville! But as older adults - but not yet seniors - there isn't a lot offered that I know of. We do love the riverfront and the greenway.

exercise classes for seniors, board games in shelter houses in parks for seniors, perhaps croquet, activities more for their age

need to get the word out more

Need an outdoor and indoor play area for kids that could be used year round. If kids are more active the obesity epidemic would decrease as would diabetes and hypertension.

I'm not sure about the senior activities.

Archery is a lifetime sport, its not just about or for hunters. Its an Olympic sport ! Warrick County has passed Vanderburgh in this area and their students are winning scholarships by participating in the Archery in the Schools Program. Please strongly consider an Archery Park.

A summer day camp program for each age group for handicap individuals.

More access to physically active young adults

Programs cost money which people like myself are trying to raise a child on SSI and have no extra money after paying rent, Vectren, insurance, medical , food etc.

Have no idea.....

Daily or at least 3 time a week instructor lead exercise locations for adults/seniors

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Don't rely on social media. Utilize television and newspaper.
It's hard to find programs for children 3 or under to participate in. Would like more activities for them to be able to interact with other children their own age- especially for kids of this age category who are not in daycare. More EVENING activities for parents who work would be awesome- everything that IS available is during normal business hours so parents who work can not participate. Most activities for this age group are for stay at home moms. Not all of us are so lucky.
I am an in home caregiver, and often seniors want to do things other than bingo....but are unaware of any programs or lack transportation.
Would prefer to see more incidental type group activities, low impact: walking, hiking, yoga, biking, scrabble!
not sure about all groups - well served just not well known
Since I'm not familiar with most of the programs, I cannot judge which populations are well served or under-served.
You have Fitness programs but they are geared more for the healthier or active population. It would be helpful to have fitness gatherings for people who are wanting to get started but may not be as mobile/active.
Dance or get together
Smaller play ground equipment and in the shade so as not to burn their bottoms. activotys geared toward their development . For older more dancing that does nt involve drinking.i would like to see more oppurtunitys for the specials needs population.
Not due to quantity of programs. Due to other factors.
Keep the city pools open on weekends after school starts until at least the end of September. Offer ADULT only activities every week and advertise them more than once in the paper, etc. so those of us who travel can participate on an as available basis.
Keep the pools open longer, more activities for younger people, quit building crappie we don't need.
BUILD A SKATEPARK
Ultimate frisbee
I do not know enough about Evansville programs to make a judgment as to whether they are well served or underserved.
Softball League fields are a complete mess and expose many injury risks to those who play on them. Sand Volleyball courts at Wesselmans Park need many improvements as well
I have not participated, nor knowledgeable in program offerings to indicate well-served or undeserved.

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Walking paths. When in other cities, you see people walking and riding their bikes everywhere. Even in Alaska, it's a state rule to build a safe path next to every rode! You can walk everywhere in Alaska but not Evansville.
More activities/options
I'm not too sure about all ages groups, but do not see many for adults or seniors. Our children always participated in baseball and soccer leagues and swim team when they were young - plenty for youth.
Teach senior groups how to use facilities; ie: disc golf
Nature classes/walks
Public/ City bike tours. Have public officials lead tours downtown. East and west side
"Roller hockey for all
Ages....."
Many of the offerings are just tailored to a young audience. It would be nice to see more things for an adult audience -- use River City Ramblers, Audubon Society, Master Naturalists etc more in programming /cross promotions
Dog groups!
now kids grown so don't utilize enough to be able to comment on
i can only imagine there are considerably fewer programs for groups with special needs than for groups with no special needs
seniors like to walk in the park and enjoy the landscape. there are very few strolling paths in the parks and the landscapes are ugly. the entire system is badly neglected and there are too few neighborhood parks.
Pre-teen and teen boys -- especially low-income non-athletic kids and blacks -- are in big need of programs that would appeal to them. Kids love music; More music programs. Dance classes for low-income girls. Programs for teen moms and dads; intro them to low-cost ways to have fun with their kids and their friends. Community gardening. For adult women: classes in old-fashioned skills like knitting, quilt-making
There is very little for 2-year olds in this town. Other larger cities offer a lot more.
kickball
If the children would attend regularly, my child would attend also... because of the non-attendance by other children, he would rather play video games and stay on the computer all day.
I think evansville does a great job giving people free things to do
Water parks, larger playgrounds
Maintain and clean the parks that we have!!!

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Fishing, waterparks
Wheelchair/special needs baseball, and other sports would be great!
We love to camp and frequent the nature centers because they have activities for young children. It would be nice to see something like this mimicked in the parks areas.
Special needs I think is served well but each individual may have exceptional needs that may not be met by the general population!
5k for youngsters fix the mesker amphitheater for concerts and movies and theater groups, waterpark, keep neighborhood pools open till Labor Day weekend, fishing tournaments for little ones, family days at the parks with contests and food, citywide cornhole tournament, chili and barbeque cookoff, promote senior games more, encourage having a little league team to represent Evansville, outside skating rink
For seniors more handicap things
I would love to see more programs for kids with autism, run by people who understand the syndrome.
Focus on the young adult area. 18-25
More programs that are easily accessible to the young adults is very much needed at this time.
College group
I would love to see more physical structures play events for 3 and under.
N/A
Music in the parks, craft fairs, farmers markets, brown bag lunch groups,
Without extensive knowledge of what is offered, I would hesitate to offer suggestions.
Evansville needs to listen and correct the 'Unhappy' label we have been given. Provide better exercise and concert programs. Look at Henderson and Owensboro. I leave here often to have better recreational options.
Adult Team Handball and KickBall
Adults - better access to bike rentals in the city for use on Greenway, in parks and around town, such as Divvy Bikes (https://www.divvybikes.com/).
Not sure if groups are served well or underserved. Haven't heard much about it either way.
add yoga or tai chi; something for the aging population
Teens should be able to participate on the adult softball leagues.
Don't know
I would like to see more disc golf courses. Wider range of rec programs.

SUGGESTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS
Seniors might enjoy tai chi groups, all age groups might enjoy a "life-size" chess set or casual tournaments to promote individual parks (ie cornhole, horse shoes, hillbilly golf, etc)...don't necessarily have any good ideas for special needs populations, but I think successful programs nationally/globally that offer something positive to these groups should be explored and implemented. I want all populations represented in Evansville's park system programs.
All programs need to be affordable to ALL Evansville families, not just the "needy". Even though I make decent money there is not a lot left over for programs after paying the bills but my kids never qualified for any help because "mom makes too much money"
I don't know enough to give a fair answer
Special Needs Populations - ALL parks & facilities need to be 100% accessible to individuals who have mobility issues, use wheelchairs or other assistive devices. (For example, very few trails in Wesselman Park are fully accessible to wheelchairs or even strollers.) Programs should be welcoming & accommodating to children & adults with physical &/or intellectual disabilities. We need basic fitness programs for adults who are still trying to reach healthy fitness levels - not just those who are already active. More activities are needed for seniors. More pet friendly activities & spaces (not just one "dog park" on one side of town). More spots for a simple picnic or gathering in existing parks (i.e. on a recent visit to Wesselman, there were very few picnic tables in the park). Better facilities so our parks can be used more often as venues for community entertainment, concerts, etc.
Usi student campus residents are completely ignored, marginalized, isolated.
It would be great if the parks department operated like an actual park district for cities of comparable size. Example is Champaign-Urbana (Illinois). They offer sport leagues for all ages, activities and programs for adults and seniors, and family activities (ie. concerts in parks).
Rather than programs, I would LOVE to have more family friendly facilities. For example, I desperately miss the community recreational centers available in other places we have lived. They provided so many great, fun, affordable kinds of recreation and classes for kids AND adults. I know the YMCA is supposed to fill that gap, but frankly the cost is far too high for a young family like ours.
I really am not familiar enough with the parks and programs to know
More activities targeting middle aged adults?
There needs to be regular fun gatherings for teens in safe public park areas.
City hosted disc golf tournaments, dog agility competitions, city garden and classes on how to garden.

Q21: WHAT TOP FIVE (5) PROGRAMS WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ENJOY? PLEASE NUMBER YOUR TOP FIVE WITH 1 AS YOUR FAVORITE. (TOP TWO ARE HIGHLIGHTED)

ANSWER OPTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	RATING AVERAGE	RESPONSE COUNT
Aquatics/Swimming	154	56	58	50	43	2.37	361
Football	19	17	10	6	14	2.68	66
Aerobics	9	14	16	17	13	3.16	69
Golf	43	39	26	31	29	2.79	168
Arts and Crafts	31	43	37	47	39	3.10	197
Walking/Hiking/Running	212	151	101	62	72	2.38	598
Dog Walking	85	88	64	46	37	2.57	320
Baseball	7	19	16	18	13	3.15	73
Fishing	37	44	44	36	29	2.87	190
Basketball	7	17	9	17	10	3.10	60
Sailing/Boating	6	9	15	22	12	3.39	64
Biking	81	101	84	67	48	2.74	381
Sightseeing	13	19	33	48	41	3.55	154
Bird Watching	13	18	26	26	21	3.23	104
Soccer	8	18	24	18	22	3.31	90
Softball	17	11	16	12	7	2.70	63
Boating	10	12	19	23	18	3.33	82
Softball	5	8	3	4	8	3.07	28
Bocce	1	3	5	12	7	3.75	28
Concerts	63	84	110	100	86	3.14	443
Tennis	14	19	14	12	16	2.96	75
Camping	27	29	42	27	37	3.11	162
Volleyball	9	11	11	13	11	3.11	55
Canoeing/Kayaking	25	28	42	60	61	3.48	216
Disc Golf	31	13	11	10	15	2.56	80
Fitness Programs	20	38	44	46	49	3.34	197
Performing Arts	29	27	33	36	59	3.38	184
Rock Climbing	9	13	18	22	28	3.52	90

ANSWER OPTIONS	1	2	3	4	5	RATING AVERAGE	RESPONSE COUNT
Horse Shoes	1	1	9	5	10	3.85	26
Badminton	2	2	7	3	5	3.37	19
Ping Pong	5	2	6	13	5	3.35	31
Photography	9	23	17	32	32	3.49	113
Adventure/Ropes Course	18	25	32	38	54	3.51	167
Other	16	6	4	4	21	3.16	51
Other (please specify)							95
answered question							1062
skipped question							261

Other Suggestions:

Splash /Spray Water Park Like In Boonville

Hockey

Cardboard Hill (Like In Chattanooga)

We Have Many Intrests...Not Just A Top 5.... Taichi In The Park

Better Camping Sites Than The Ones At Burdette Way Too Close Together!

Tours Of Evansville That Tell History Of It.

Something Toddler Related

Speed Skating

Picnicking

Corn Hole

Indoor/Outdoor Water Park,Wish We Had One ,Would Pay \$ To Go !

Yoga/Triathlon-Anything That Is Not Your Typical Organized Sport, But Programmed For Kids

Concerts Out Doors Not At Ford Center

Corn Hole

Archery, Trap, Skeet, Target Shooting, Off Road Atv

4Wheeling

Nature Where Are Bocce Courts?

Hockey

Evansville Beach. Such A Big River Which Could Have Such

A Magnificent Beach And We Have Nothing

Yoga/Pilates/Taichi

Yoga/ Tai Chi

Water Aerobics

Mostly Camping - Need

Bigger Campgrounds

Hockey/Iceskating

Pickleball

Performing Arts(Dance

Theater Singing

More Zoo

Food Festifals--A Taste Of

Evansville, Like Taste Of Chicago

Hockey

History Programs

This Portion Of The Survey Would Not Allow Me To Complete It.

Kickball

Cornhole

Sitting Out In Nature And Relaxing By Creek Or The

River.

Hockey - Youth And Adult

Gardening

Pickle Ball

Pickleball No. 1

Pickleball

2 - Par 3 Golf

Washers

Hockey

Archery

#1 Hockey - Both Youth And Icemen

Ice Hockey

More Activities For You And Your Dog

Ice Skating

Outdoor Play Area Like Owensboro

Archery!

Pickleball

Hockey

Dog Parks

Ice Skating/Hockey

Would Like To See More

Affordable Children's

Concerts Come To Town-

Veggietales Comes To Cfc

But Is Only Offered 1 Night,

Would Be Awesome If They

Would Go To The Center...

Also Disney Junior Live, Etc.

Would Be Great If They Could Be At Better Prices!

Martial Arts

Yoga

Build A Skatepark

Ultimate Frisbee

Baseball

Raquette Ball

Horseback Riding

Yoga

Programs That Apply To Visiting Grandchildren's Ages.

Ultimate Frisbee Should Be

On The List. It Would Be #2

On My List. There Is Also 2

Softball COLUMNS!!! Open Filed Sports.

Yoga

Zoo

Skatepark!

Golf And Biking

Hockey/ Roller Hockey -

Whole Family Play Areas

Ultimate Frisbee

Skate Park

Yoga

Children's Programs /

Activities

I Do Not Ned Organozed Programs.

Swimming And Water Activities (Water Park)

We Enjoy Watching Concerts & Movies Outdoors!

Paducah, Ky Has An Outdoor Movie Night Throughout Yhe

Summer, Alternating Park Locations!!

Playgrounds

Military Museum

Skate/Bmx Park

Bicycle Riding

Tean Handball 1

Just Being Outside

Ziplining

Nature Watching

Hockey

A Place To Swim Laps

Outdoors!

Informational Programs

About Modern Park Design

(Biltmore Does Excellent

Info Programming In This

Vein, Going "Behind The

Scenes" To Demo Upkeep

And Specialists' Work).

Other Info Topics Could Be

Like The Wildflower demos

from the Oaklyn branch library roof garden, or historic gardens of Evansville and the development of our park system; Increase water features throughout Evansville; Performing arts needs to be welcomed with open arms, to showcase parks with flagging use perhaps- musical groups or the Evansville Shakespeare Players group (smallish groups that can do "pop-up" performances. The success of the Franklin Street Saturday bazaars should also be considered for ideas that can translate from farmers' markets to our parks.

metal detecting

That was hard to decide.

More Pickleball courts

any others may apply

More rock climbing would be neat.

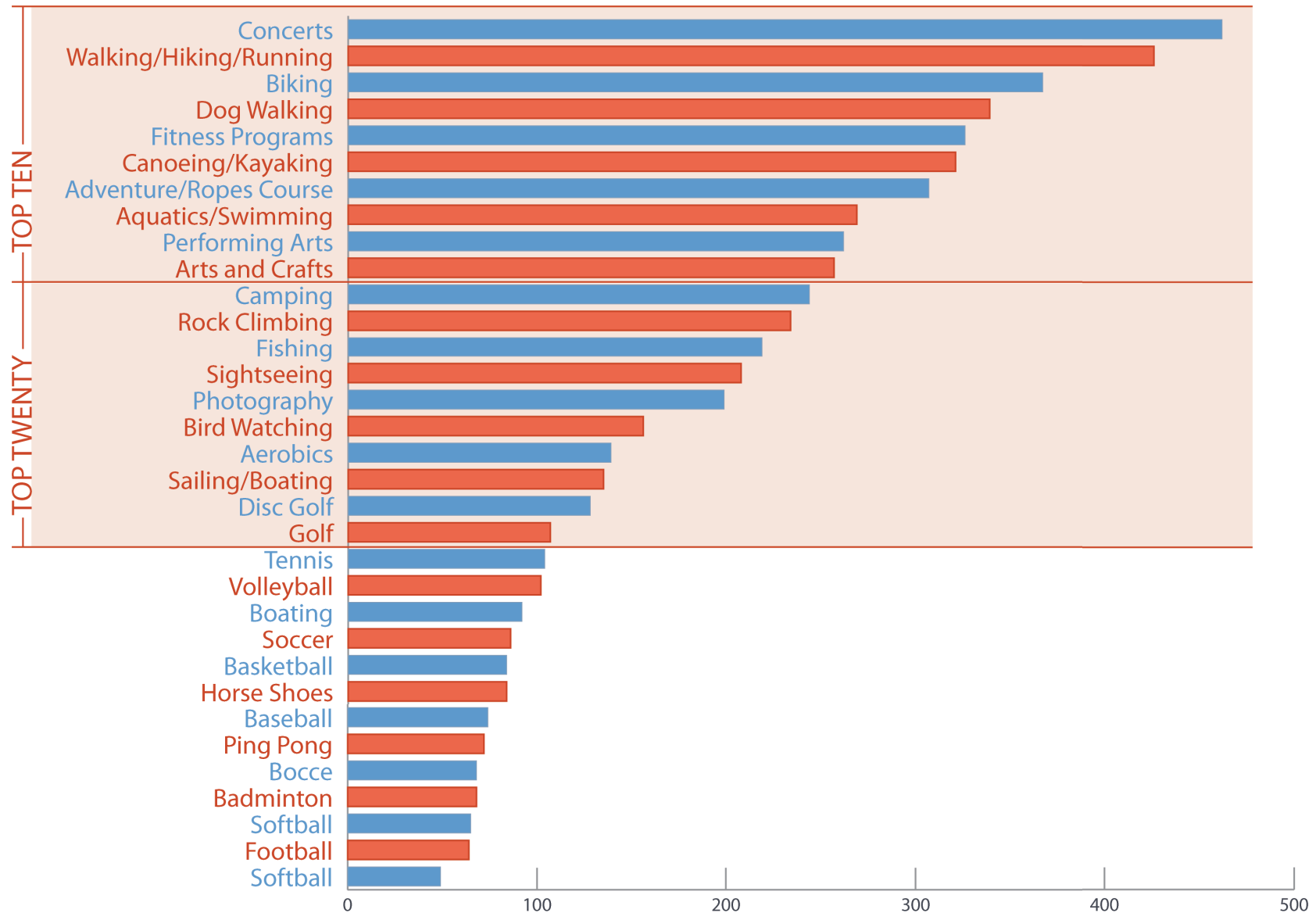
4 - Yoga

Ice Skating- 1.

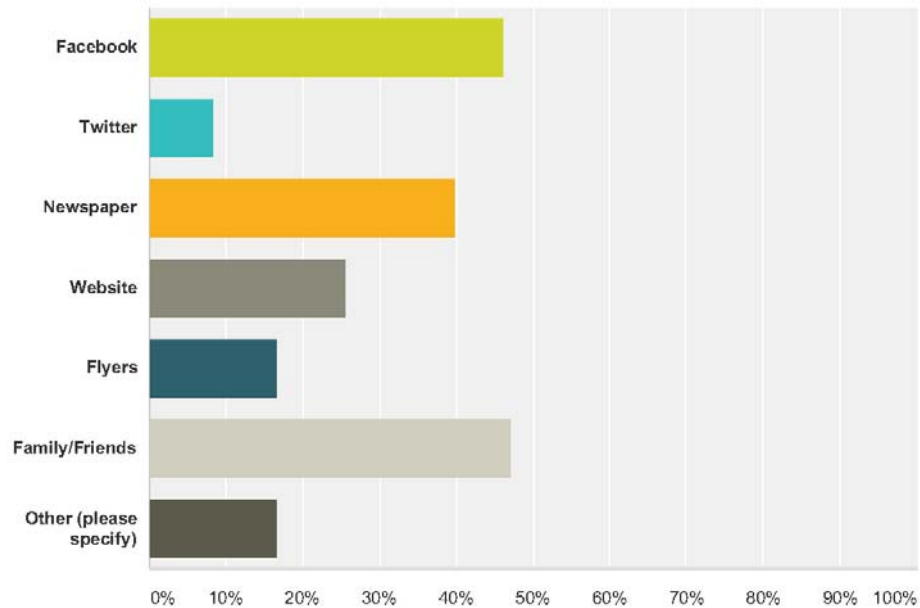
dog park

Ice Skating

Q22: WHAT ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT?
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.



Q23: HOW DO YOU LEARN ABOUT PARKS, PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, AND/OR SPECIAL EVENTS?



ANSWER OPTIONS	RESPONSE PERCENT	RESPONSE COUNT
FACEBOOK	46.2%	470
TWITTER	8.3%	84
NEWSPAPER	39.8%	405
WEBSITE	25.8%	262
FLYERS	16.6%	169
FAMILY/FRIENDS	47.1%	479
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	16.6%	169
ANSWERED QUESTION		1017
SKIPPED QUESTION		306

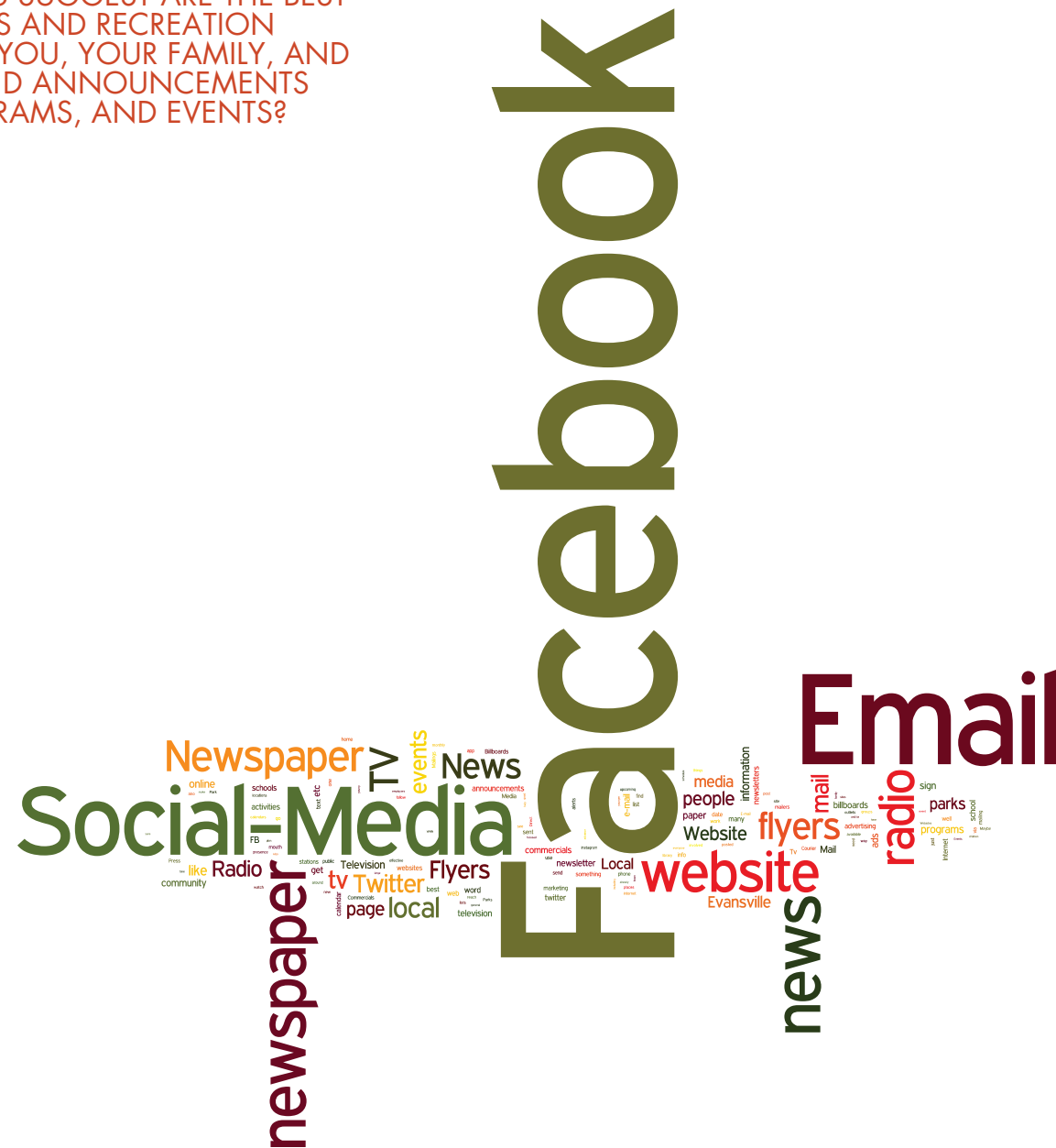
OTHER SOURCES
WORK EMAILS (WORK FOR THE CITY)
work related emails.
Community calendars
Email
high school and college newspapers. local paper is too expensive to subscribe to.
Usually after it's too late to participate
Don't
local news programs
TV News
Emails
news
Online news
News
Nowhere
tv
News
info. not giving out in time the story on the newa after dose not help
School
tv
Radio
Local New TV
News and driving around and yp.com
REAL MAIL
Television

OTHER SOURCES
News
Word of mouth
tv
Mailers through work
word of mouth
tv websites - local news
tv
TV news
Radio
internet searches
Information is poorly advertised
Work at a City office
TV/Radio news
announcements on television
We don't ever know about them
Work
On the news after they happen.
Email
Work
I don't know much about them. I do not get a paper.
Channel 14
Radio
Apparently I don't learn about them at all
WIKY
summer parks program via school

OTHER SOURCES
City of Evansville Employee e-mails.
news on WIKY
work
local news
EMAIL AT WORK SOMETIMES
city email to employees
Work
Still trying to learn where to look.
email
I work for the city so I here of a lot of the events here
Radio ads
Don't know where to even find these events
news
need online presence that is attractive and user friendly
I don't ever hear of anything.
Emails from employees
Neighborhoods
news 25
Mail flyers for those who do not get a paper
It's usually last minute when I see so I don't make plans to go or do anything

OTHER SOURCES	OTHER SOURCES	OTHER SOURCES	OTHER SOURCES	OTHER SOURCES
Nextdoor website post by Parks and Recreation	Evansville Watch	Adding your programs to a booklet that could be distributed at workplaces	Poorly informed of programs and facilities.	work, Vectren
TV News	News- would like one central website to find out all the specific attractions/events going on in Evansville.	I live near Bayard Park, but I didn't know about park programs, so I guess I don't hear about them	Randomly. Usually to late to be able to participate	I don't really hear much about them.
I have visited most parks	Morning news	news	After it's happened on the TV	I haven't heard much about them at all
?	flyers my kids bring home from school	Never hear about special events	Not aware	Word of mouth, which is usually right before or even after the event occurred
United Neighborhoods of Evansville	Local News (TV and Radio)	I don't know where to look	I don't	I dont.
I don't hear of activities until they are over	DEACONESS	radio	television announcements	television
email	television, news, radio	Driving	By accident	Libraries!
Google Now / Google Maps	Work email	BY CHANCE	don't here about them, not well publicized	Radio
Information posted at Swonder Ice Arena	local news	work	I live next to a park.	Radio, seeing while walking around, and Facebook
UNOE	Radio	Local News and Community calendars maintained by local news	Local News	Evansville Living, News 4 U
TV	deaconess	Television	news after the event has happened	TV News
email	TV	I dont. Its dumb luck if I come across something.	im not sure on even where to access	Email
TV	Events are not advertised well. Most of the time we hear about it at the last minute or after	It's a problem	I don't get information	if it weren't for team managers knowing the info and passing it along I never see any info from parks itself
nightly news	received magazine with trails at legends	Barbara Josenhans	Other programs CMOE, Mesker	Please keep using soical media!!!
News	Radio	radio	EVSC	
Grew up here and still work here.	tv and freinds	Friend on Facebook	Local news at 5 and 10	
radio and tv	Channel 25	email	Radio, Television	
Nextdoor.com	This is how I would find out but I don't think the programs are very visibly advertised.	job related	No one	
GBC Neighborhood Association	TV coverage	I don't hear about them	eCourier, not subscription	
Didn't know where to look other than radio announcements.		TV	radio (WIKY)	
neighborhood association, WIKY		Radio tv	news	
Neighborhood Assn		radio	Don't really ever hear much but social media is where I get most entertainment info	

Q24: WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST ARE THE BEST METHODS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO REACH YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND FRIENDS WITH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT FACILITIES, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS?



Q25: PLEASE LET US KNOW ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS.

(THESE, NOR ANY OF THE OTHER COMMENTS IN THIS DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN MODIFIED OR CENSORED)

- Love the programs so far, and appreciate the mayors participation
- Keep up the great work! Evansville is a great place to live, and I am excited with the efforts to expand options of involvement!
- The City needs to do a better job of maintaining the Parks in the 6th Ward. One can look across the street at Howell and see unkempt City property. At Helfrich Park across from the Zoo; it has been let go and is very overgrown. If you go up Mesker Park Zoo, one can see areas which the City has not cut on the golf course.
- I think a small park on the northeast side would be a great resource to a lot of people. I have a 2 year old so walks and playground equipment are all we look for until he's a little older.
- i am glsd you are doing this to find out what need to be done
- More advertisement of offered and new programs
- before adding additional parks, fully utilize the parks we have.
- parks are not well maintained trash, bathrooms etc
- Adding a splash park for young kids would be great!
- Have bike rental available at the parks. Renovate the city pools and replace the slide at Hartke pool. The kids really miss it.
- I think the greenway needs to be finished to allow access to the whole city via that travel path. our population is aging and needs a way to stay active that is not as intense as youth or athlete programs
- There are some lovely parks in Evansville that rival many larger cities. The greenway initiative and the fitness in the park programs have our enthusiastic endorsement. We would like to see more programs geared toward older/ less fit adults.
- The city of Evansville is always talking about how much they want to bring downtown "back to life" but chair members never consider any ideas regarding family oriented activities. Like I explained before my family travels to Owesboro to play at their amazing, clean, well cared for, safe park downtown. Why wouldn't our community consider something similar it would indefinitely bring our downtown "back to life" This is what family oriented people of Evansville like to do on their weekends off spend time with their families and children.
- "Evansville can be a truly ALL AMERICAN CITY...that anyone would be proud to call home. However wet have some work to do before then...please clean up the South sides including Jim& box towns...outreach for the poor...home clean up & repair assistance. Sewage repair so the area doesn't smell...etc!
- Then we can expand to make Evansville a model for growth and prosperity for not only our region but our nation!"
- One of the reasons I like wessleman park is that there is lot of shade lets please have a lot of trees.
- "just a few thoughts:
- I love the development that I see happening, like the bike path that follows the pigeon creek. There are many great things here to be sure, but I'd love to see more functional parks built like trails that take you from one place to another (such as the greenway). Most of the roads in the area have little to no shoulder, and despite how courteous drivers are in this area, there is no room for error. In my experience, bike lanes that restrict drivers simply end up catching all the debris and so are not useful. The Mt. Vernon high school pool is an extremely clean pool, kept at the proper temperature for swimming, and is available daily to the public. We really have nothing comparable here. It seems like that could be included in the school or county planning, as it is an activity that promotes good health year round for people of all ages and abilities."
- A nice park on the riverfront like Owensboro ky. I think it would be a big hit

- Thank you for the survey. I am looking forward to positive changes in the parks.
- I have traveled extensively in USA and witnessed the building of trails , greenways in many many cities, It enhances the cities immediately. Evansville is very slow at getting things done. All our city parks could at least have crushed stone trails around the boundaries like the one at State Hospital. Building a trail from downtown to Angel Mounds should be a priority. I saw the U of E plan done by the students. It should be implemented. Crushed stone is fine. You don't have to spend millions on blacktop.
- Finish painting the entrance gate at goebel soccer fields. Fix scoreboard at wesselman park softball field.
- I would like to see a dog park or walking area. I feel that Evansville is lacking in this area.
- Burdette park could use some work and maintenance, but it is the only decent pool to take kids swimming. The swimming pools are in really bad shape in Evansville. Hartke pool needs to be completely redone. Evansville needs an outstanding water park! A great water park for young children and even older children would be great for the city and give teens something safe to do in the summer.
- I think it would be nest to do a park passport program. Challenge people to get out and see all the parks. Maybe an app that they could down load and post a pic from each park with prizes for those visiting the most parks, etc
- I really hope diamond valley park gets fixed. Its really disappointing.
- PLEASE PUSH FOR A SPRUCE UP FOR ILOYD pOOL
- Build more community centers which host numerous activities, including golf, tennis & swimming, etc
- Would like to have events at Mesker Ampitheater again. Maybe it can be fixed up with Nutclub help
- This was not a good survey.
- The north side of town needs some kind of park or recreation facility.
- I love Zumba and Fitness in the Park!!
- I am concerned with the lack of trees that are being planted in the parks. I fear that there will be few trees to enjoy tomorrow. I am also disappointed with the lack of maintenance at the playgrounds. Too often they fall into disrepair.
- Whenever I have been at the parks I have never seen anyone who works there. The people need to be out there to make their presence known to people.
- you should advertise more, there arent alot of places for kids to go and have fun. were always on the lookout for low cost/free things to do with the kids. playground equipment is ok for a bit, but they get tired of that easily.
- I would like to see a bigger park in Evansville with hiking trails and nice running/biking/walking lanes. A park that would be comparable to Cherokee or Iroquois parks in Louisville, KY.
- PLEASE put money into our playgrounds!!! If you need a good model, take a trip to Owensboro on the river!!!
- Two things i would like to encourage... 1) fix the website to where we can actually find programs and have staff be available and accessible. 2) please look at extending hours for swimming. I have a really hard time understanding why parks and recreation would close pools so early. School is no excuse. Lifeguards would work in evenings and weekends through September. I absolutely LOVE what you do with the City Swim Meet, please capitalize on that synergy and promote a year round culture that encourages swimming. We are simply too big to be so far behind much MUCH smaller communities. I for one am quite shocked the lack of swimming culture.
- We need a nice new pool that can host large areas swim meets. Please.
- Public parks should be smoke free. Smoking is the single issue that most frequently causes our family to leave a public park.
- This city needs bike paths all around the city and suburbs. Paths that are safe and not shared with cars in the streets. In my bike riding, I find the area to be anti towards people on bikes.
- Our parks need to b updated with new fun areas, maintained and make us feel safer to b there

- Evansville really needs a Natatorium to be competitive with other large cities in Indiana.
- Courts in high schools are locked up for tennis, and an organization called the Evansville Community Association controls all the courts at Wesselman's on during the evenings and days, etc. The courts at the rest of the city are worked down-- Stockwell, the river, and many don't have lights. Yet, across the river, in Henderson, they have twelve lighted courts at the river, and twelve more lighted courts that are both brand new, at their high school. They are open to the public, and people are not ordered off. That city probably has around 35 thousand residents, and Evansville has around 4 times the population, definitely looking weak.
- Maintenance - weed pulling - painting - up keep - daily trash pick up even weekends - more care and ownership of existing facilities
- We would use the services more often if we knew about them in a timely manner.
- Support your golf courses they will make you a profit.
- Stop hiring campaign managers and hire someone with actual landscaping and governmental experience.
- Glad to see you provide a survey for the residents.
- "Our Parks need Basket Ball Cort, and Tennis Cort.. for our Youth..
- I am seeing so many kids playing in the streets.. and It is dangerous, and angers the local residents.. this needs to be added to All of the parks..
-
- Spray Parks would be welcome for the poor families.. I see kids in the Fountains..
- that dose not make our City look good..
- DOWN TOWN A MUST!!!!
- The city could make A great looking water feature the would also serve as A Spray Park... and would look so good in our Down town..
- I am so tired of hearing about Smoothers Park.. It is time for Evansville to do something.."
- I wish the parks had more weekend entertainment, Like bands for the family. Duke boys are good. Parks are becoming boring for our boys and their friends. They think parks are for old folks who like to walk and for the dogs.
- More street lights and side walks for people to feel more safe walking early mornings or evenings.
- Even a "sticky note" on the front page of "Courier & Press would reach a very large population in our community.
- We NEED a Dog park
- The parks are poorly maintained. City govt budgets \$\$ for building parks but fails to adequately budget enough \$ to properly maintain them.
- More color for some parks! Paint projects for good causes!
- A more coordinated effort all the different parks and facilities in social media would be a great stride forward. For instance, I currently get Wesselman Park's Facebook feed. Perhaps including small blurbs about events or facilities in other locations within posts such as Wesselman's would be an effective way to broaden public knowledge of the system as a whole. A reference or brief link to a main Parks & Rec Facebook page (or other social media outlet) might be even better.
- Kings Kingdom is a great park but it's showing it's age. I enjoy Vann Park but it needs equipment for bigger kids, something similar to the equipment at Bayard Park off Kentucky Avenue. That is a neat park but I don't feel safe when I'm there.
- Most of my close friends with families live out town and their towns (some larger and some smaller than Evansville) have family activities every single weekend. There are family days in the park, concerts in the park or at their riverfront, fitness days in a park (yoga, zumba, crossfit, triathlon), canoe and kayak trips, special activities at the nature center, museums, and local historical sites. Large weekend farmers markets. Movies. Concerts. Tours and air shows at the airport. They have true protected bike lanes so they can ride around town. Skateboarding and BMX competitions with amateur athletes. That's just a few ideas but the biggest thing is to clean up the parks. Even though grass is mowed and trash is picked up, the majority of the parks in town look neglected. They are not very inviting.

- clean the parks up (trash), cut grass more often!
- Need to schedule Loyd pool to be open all winter. Not shutdown during Jan. when this is the only indoor public pool in the winter.
- A DOG PARK..... Seriously???? WTF!!!!!!!!!!!! Come to Evansville and \$hit on us.....
- could really benefit from a boat dock in downtown evansville. we have a huge boater community we do nothing to cater to. also, updated equipment (playground, benches, etc) at all
- WATER PARK LIKE OWENSBORO RIVER FRONT. A AIRPORT LIKE OWENSBORO AIRPORT WITH REDUCE RATES OUTDOOR CONCERTS
- I think Roberts Park is a huge waste of money. What are you going to do there that you can't do at another park. Sell it and put the \$ into existing pools and parks.
- My concern at a couple parks is the over flowing trash in sunset park and garvin. This would detour any family from wanting to be there.
- Should get Mesker amp. back to working conditions and have concerts there and on Friday and Saturday nights during the summer show movies.
- This survey was written elementarily.
- Running Trails, Running Trails, Running Trails....dirt trails, wood chip trails, gravel trails...we need somewhere else to run other than on the roads. The Roberts Stadium site going into Wesselman Park would be a great location to build trails, plant trees and create a safe friendly running environment.
- I'd like to see the current softball fields kept open even though adult softball is going to be ruined by the new complex on north Green River Rd. There needs to be a place for people to play pick-up games, etc; or for someone to start their own league. If we are one of the "fattest" cities in America, we need another avenue for people to get out and be active.
- Thank you for taking an interest in improving this area. Greatly needed.
- Keep up the good work in expanding the Greenway trails. The longer, the better, the more versatile/greater access, and it will attract those who think the current ones are too short.
- Would like to see more soft surface trails for running/walking like those at State Hospital (crushed stone) or single track dirt.
- Would love to see the Greenway expanded
- I would love to see a spray park in Evansville in an area that most residents could get to and feel safe in. Smaller communities than Evansville have spray parks and right now families have to go to ONB fountain or Garvin Park fountain and play in those. They are not spray parks.
- We need better equipment and security at almost every park in the city. Pool operating days end too early. Stay open at least weekend after Labor Day. Ask for input from the neighborhood about improvements they want in their park by a paper survey. And then do what they ask not give them what they get.
- The park near our house only has baby swings and my older children would love to have some good swings their size. - Iglehart Park
- "Thank you for seeking input. You are really moving in a great direction. Mostly I would like to see
 1. a walk/run/bike friendly city
 2. concerts/arts in the park
 3. Farmer's market growth
 4. walking community opps - we're not really set up for that, but where we can be that would be great"
- Looking forward to the overpass from the state hospital to the Wesselman Park bike path.
- would like more playground equipment for small children in Wesselmans Park
- Please consider, Old National Bank installed a fountain and as you know people (children and adults alike) are in that thing all day long. It's a little tacky and unsafe. I see small children get awfully close to the traffic on Riverside. How about a splash park on the riverfront somewhere? Sunset Park? Maybe between the Tennis Courts and the Museum? One last thing: What about an old fashioned gazebo-style band stand on the riverfront somewhere with dixieland jazz filling the summer night's air. This town lacks a cultural identity.

- “I feel that in Evansville we have a good number of existing parks but those parks appear to not get the maintenance they deserve; I assume due to a lack of budget. Every time I go to Kids Kingdom I notice weeds and trash. It also looks like it could use an update in regards to broken or loose pieces and a paint job. I feel that more vision needs to be on the upkeep of the parks so they are looking their finest which represents our community and how we care for things.
- We also need more trash cans actually placed by the playgrounds because people throw their trash on the ground when the trash cans are located only by the parking lot.
- Connecting parks with greenways or bike routes on our streets would be wonderful. The Indianapolis cultural trail is an excellent example of a smaller scale version we may be able to accomplish as far as bikers/walkers sharing the road.”
- Finishing the bike path to Newburgh would be great
- Frankly, I haven’t been to a city park in years. There isn’t anything in the north park area other than the Lloyd pool which isn’t available anyway.
- Let’s catch up with Kentucky’s riverfronts.
- Neighborhood pools kept the kids cool and occupied during the summer. We spent the whole day there. Lessons, then swim team and after lunch, open swimming. We were tired, but slept good at night. :)
- The City needs to get out of the pool business for smaller neighborhoods. Centralized larger facilities with other areas only having splash/cool zone features that do not require life guards. Modernize Trash and signage in parks. A 50 gallon drum attached to a chain is not appealing to anyone and is not rodent/racoon proof. Every park should have a modern ADA compliant bus stop that is safe and protected from elements.
- it would be nice to have events that aren’t very expensive to participate in for those that don’t have a lot of money left over after paying their bills. or having something for couples to do at least once a month. like a date night in the park where you go watch a movie in the park or something to that extent.
- Figure out a way to make these things cost-effective. These leagues and programs are not cheap...especially softball. Especially with the fields not being taken care of.

- “Maintain what you already have
- build an indoor aquatic facility with everything slides, lazy rivers, spa, therapy pool ,instruction pool, competition pool, etc”
- Love McDonald’s fairways and would enjoy seeing more programs geared toward college students and young adults.
- “Appearance needs improvement grass cut more trash cans bathrooms cleaner
- The Carver Center could be improved and would probably be rented more have someone re-do the court yard could be a money maker once improved it would pay off”
- Wesselmans kids playground is in terrible condition. The pools should be open for more days than they are.
- Need safer bicycle lanes to cross north and south of the Lloyd Expressway, to cross east and west of Highway 41, to get to any merchant in the east side shopping area, and to get to the North Park area from the south. Having Bike routes go up steep hills, like Oak Hill road, is silly. Get on a bike and try these routes without fearing for your life.
- Evansville needs a park like the one in Owensboro.
- N/A
- RADIO
- Probably have said enough. The ADA is a federal law. Plenty of time to comply...or even come close.
- Evansville is blessed with a very nice parks department! And taking this survey has enlightened me to opportunities I didn’t even know about. When my kids were younger, I used many of the PD’s offerings very frequently. Now that they are older, I don’t feel as engaged though I would like to be. The main reason I don’t use the parks much anymore is that there are none close to my house. Thanks for providing this opportunity to provide feedback!
- Lets get back to family activities. Not just dropping off the kids and picking them up later. Lets enlarge Burdette campground, upgrade it. Lets turn Roberts Stadium area into campground, Wesselman’s Campground! Add an entrance fee of \$5, Campsite fee of \$20 per night. You will make the money back. Campers swim for free. Ice Skate for min. fee. Open the nature center to visitors/campers. Plant huge shrubs/

trees around parameter of park. Have a group camp for civic groups. Promote FAMILY

- I would love to see a park similar to Seneca Park in Louisville. Several large parks connected by trails and pedestrian bridges with an ample amount of green space
- The biggest thing to take care of first, is the cleanliness of the park facilities and trash removal and perhaps more patrols during the peak useage season to prevent illegal and public indecency activity (clear evidence is often left in shelters and restrooms). Visitors (out of town & local) should see a clean well cared for park system. We should up the ante even more and create more partnerships with citizens and businesses to adopt a spot to grace all major traffic entrances into our city and especially our boulevards in high traffic areas. Trash removal from the streets should be encouraged for residents and street cleaning should happen more frequently. A clean city is the best "Door Mat" to welcome visitors and companies that are looking to locate their businesses here.
- finance for the maintenance and upkeep projects should be included in all plans
- need to make our streets bike and walking friendly
- Thanks for asking our opinion!
- Possibly the addition of a foot golf course
- We recently visited a town that had "soccer golf." We had never heard of it. It was fun and very popular. It made me think that the unused portion of Thunderbolt pass golf course would be perfect for setting up a new soccer golf course in Evansville.
- Park maintenance needs improvement
- The quality of playgrounds in middle class areas is disgraceful. At several parks on the south side, you have spent thousands on equipment that goes unused. We don't go use it because we don't want to get shot at or robbed. What a waste of money and parks.
- We have a good Parks and Recreation Dept. in Evansville
- please just keep them safe and clean
- Evansville softball is awesome.
- I really hope you guys invest more into parks. Its hard as a

parent to do everything needed to keep a child on par with where they should be in their development. the hardest part of that sometimes is socializing the kids. i realize there are programs but where are they?

- Our family is very involved in age group swimming. Our children are involved in a growing swim team that practices at Lloyd pool. Due to Evansville's lack of high school swimming pools, Lloyd pool becomes very overcrowded during high school swim season. Most of the high schools in town have to share the aging facility during the winter season and practice in limited lane space. A larger facility is needed in our area to support the high school and USA swimming programs. Swimming, as a sport, promotes a healthy lifestyle for our children. It teaches self discipline and the value of hard work. We have traveled to several towns in recent years attending swim events and it seems that Evansville definitely has room for improvement when it comes to swim facilities. I would also like to see the former Roberts Stadium lot utilized sometime in the near future. From a citizen's perspective, it seems that the city is dragging its feet when it comes to making a decision or approving funding for the project.
- "Programs don't have to be HUGE or expensive--we have 3 universities that could be great resources for FREE programming (PE majors lead a class once per week, Education majors host storytime, Art majors host arts & crafts, etc etc etc.)
- Consistency matters--keep the trash bins clean & empty, keep the grass mowed, clean-up damage/graffiti immediately
- Have an "adopt a park" program for civic-minded groups to volunteer their time/resources to cleaning/maintaining/monitoring the park
- Don't invest in new parks until the master plan is complete"
- Fix and take care of the parks we already have. Do not need more parks until the ones we have are taken care of long term
- I think Evansville is heading in the right direction, and I would love to see some positive changes made.
- I think the Mayor has made a good attempt at bringing fitness to the forefront but some of his wife's pet people are not

respected in the fitness community. Still, to change a culture - you have to go to where the people are - that is the schools and the churches. We don't need to study this - we know our community is fat, that our facilities are poor, we have poor and inadequate swimming facilities. Evansville is so backward it is embarrassing and yet we have quite a bit of potential if we could get bike trails throughout the community, aquatics..... We have the trails at Angel Mounds that are marked but no one uses them because they don't know they are there.

- Please bring concerts and beer gardens to the parks.
- Bike lanes should correlate with public transportation routes. Bike education should be implemented. Many individuals ride in the incoming traffic lane! Adding bike lanes to streets will improve this.
- I think that the Roberts stadium property should be sold and put back on the tax rolls. We have enough parks. Wesselman park is next door. Why build a park next to an already nice park? Why are there no park benches in wesselman park?
- It's time the city stop catering to the few with new soccer fields that don't pay for themselves, and greenways that aren't safe to use. It's time the city pays attention to the needs of all the community and not just those on the east side. More effort needs to be put into enhancing and updating existing facilities, not new ones that go unused.
- "Kathryn Birdwell
- 812 774 1301"
- We have wonderful parks, but we need more money to provide upgrades to all.
- Need to boost the Parks Foundation to have a full time dedicated staffer. Funding has to be bolstered. There needs to be 2 full time grounds/maintenance staff and these need to be paid living wages (likely union). Do not sell or remove parks, but at present there is too much to care for. Volunteers cannot replace professional paid staff. Maintenance is and has been the issue for our adult life. Zoo is magnificent and City would be wise to invest in the tourism and history of Mesker Zoo and park area.

- The two Pigeon creek boat ramps are always really muddy. I understand that it is caused by the natural occurring factors however it makes the ramps very unpleasant to use. Also kayaking down the creek from garvin park there is a great amount of trash / tires / shopping carts that make the trip nasty.
- Having access to public parks is awesome, however, they aren't worth having if they aren't maintained. We frequent sunrise park, which is in need of multiple repairs. Screws are sticking out of boards. Boards are missing. Boards have bowed. Mulch needs to be raked/redistributed. Trash is an issue - cigarette butts, wrappers, and bottle caps. Perhaps signage, trash receptacle availability and public education would encourage people to clean up after themselves. I have found broken glass and beer bottle caps at Burdette park in the green spaces/ wood/trail areas. I really enjoy being able to take my children to our local parks and believe that money should be spent on them. The greenway is great, too. When constructing facilities such as Goebel soccer fields and the proposed softball fields, I encourage pave walking paths connecting the parking lot with the fields and bathrooms. Parents have small children in strollers and wagons and carry blankets, snacks, water, chairs. Going over uneven/wet grass can be challenging.
- We are thankful for the opportunities presently available from EDPR and appreciate all efforts taken to improve the facilities as well as connect with the citizens interests.
- Evansville really needs to work harder to keep their parks in shape. We drive a hour one way just to be in a safe kid friendly park. It is safe and clean. I wish evansville would do something like Owensboro has. The last thing we need is more ball fields that won't be taken care of. It is really a shame that in a town this size that we don't have any better parks than we do, or a aquatic center worth going to.
- More advertisement for the parks and Recreation website and activities
- Clear out the drugs and enforce parks in neighborhoods after dark. Post signs
- Should have built new indoor pool years ago per recommendation of last master park plan.

- We need a new indoor swimming facility.
- Please work on the safety in the parks before you try to extend programs. Keep them lit and ask the police and sheriff's dept to patrol them more and to respond to the calls quicker. I think more people would be willing to attend programs if the safety was improved.
- I'm not a dog owner but maybe we should have dog parks and ban dogs from people parks. I get really tired of watching carefully to avoid stepping in piles!
- I feel that there are too many pools and not enough middle aged attractions in the parks.
- Burdette Park knows what they are doing go and see how its done before SMG ruins it like they did the Amphitheatre, the Stadium, the Victory, etc. etc.
- There is a beautiful piece of property on the Westside of Evansville that really needs the attention of the parks department. Its about six acres of hills, rocky creeks and caves. It is beginning to lay in ruin because of the progress building around it. The property is located between Schutte Rd. and Felstead Rd. Some of it is already owned by the state as a preserved forest. Two other sections are owned by USI and the apartment complex on Schutte Rd. Neither knows nor cares what lies beyond the border of trees. The property would make a great attraction and could easily accommodate biking trails, camping, picnicking, hiking trails, school field trips, etc. If anyone would like to see the area, you may call me at 424-1318. I grew up there and am quite familiar with hiking through it. Thank you. Cindy Francis
- The tennis courts at Stockwell Park are in bad shape. They have a lot of big cracks that affect play and are a trip hazard to players.
- Add more year-round bathroom facilities, portable or permanent, to parks and recreation areas.
- greenway walkway...cement solar lights along the path for evening walking and more clean BATHROOMS!!!!!!
- I would like to see good bike trails on roads where they are wide enough not to get hit by cars. Other cities to look at would

be Wausau & Stevens point WI, or Richmond VA to get good plans for bike paths and green spaces.

- i dont think it would hurt to have someone sweep through each park daily to make sure thay are safe and clean for the children. Condoms laying around is unacceptable.
- I live on Main St. Love it here. The park at 4th and Main is dubbed the "Dog Poop Park" because the the residents take their dogs there (some don't pick up). To make matters worse, it's astro turf and the poop and waste lingers more. Would love to see real grass there AND a playground from <http://www.playlsi.com/> installed (best quality playground; Henderson has one on the waterfront if you want to see a sample). Thanks for asking for feedback; you asking for it shows you care and it's a baseline to ask us again in a few years to see if things have improved!
- Just Keep Up The Good Work.
- Make a park like the one in Owensboro. Very family friendly and clean.
- I just feel are parks have went down hill since the 90's! They do not appeal to families
- Many of the parks need to be cleaned more often. I have noticed that at least Howell has a security in the evening. That is very nice and makes the park feel safer. Vandalism on the play ground equipment is another problem that needs to be address. The mowing crew does a great job of keeping up with the mowing needs of the parks. Some of the playground equipment is needing to be fixed.
- I'm 68 and remember using East Side Park to learn to swim, play tennis, do arts and crafts-wonderful experience. Is that all still available for today's youth in their neighborhood city parks?
- should have more places you can take your dogs, and for seniors
- I believe that people would bike more to work if there were more bike lanes added and even trails somewhere near main roads like the Lloyd Expressway to better access all areas of the city.

- Evansville has too many baseball and soccer fields. What about the youth that are not in sports. Just follow the money trail.
- UNOE newsletter, association meetings, Facebook.
- Please complete the Greenway...that will be a HUGE asset for our community.
- Support youth girls softball
- I believe there are enough parks in the city, the parks department cannot keep up as it is, just improve the ability to enjoy by introducing the walking trails mentioned where they are 1, 2 or 2.5 miles and start and end at the same location.
- Add no more programs or facilities until you show that you can consistently maintain the facilities you have. We're good about investing then walking away. Look at Goebel. Millions spent to develop it. The fields are reasonably well maintained, but restrooms have been sub-par since opening, the area between fields is treacherous, and landscaping was neglected. Mesker Amphitheater is another example of Evansville's history of gross neglect.
- I was just wondering if there is a time that the parks in the area close
- The USI - Burdette trail is awesome!
- Major improvements at the golf courses are needed. Also, Wesselman park needs more picnic tables and grills. The nature center needs more programs
- We have an opportunity to make something great with the old stadium property. We need to learn a lesson from Owensboro and their waterfront.
- We need a natatorium very badly. We are missing out on so many great opportunities for our children and community. Lloyd pool is a pillar in our community and offers a place to swim year round but it is falling apart. We need a new facility to attract USA Swimming sanctioned events.
- The city needs to build an 18 hole golf course on the far east side and also one on the far north side.
- Smaller parks are not utilized and should be closed. The larger parks are beautiful and somewhat neglected. These places

- are wonderful and are successful in other metropolitan areas. Mesker Theatre needs attention, but it's wonderful to have Swonder and Lloyd Pool. I hope Robert Park becomes a reality.
- Please review my comments throughout the survey.
- Thank you for asking our input. Please look at Terre Haute's park system. They have beautiful parks.
- I believe if more events and programs were provided free or by donations, the city would become more involved.
- I think 20 somethings need more things to do
- Abandon the idea of a dog park on Evansville State Hospital grounds. Use the area the city already has WEST of the Lincoln Ave entrance or use the acreage where Roberts Stadium stood!! There are lots of areas within the city's parks that you don't have to destroy the beautiful grounds that still belong to the State.
- We lived in Iowa and they had bike trails where you never had to ride on the road except to cross intersections, same with Provo, Utah. You could make trails all through the town by placing them in the easements that Vectren has for all of its towers through out the city. It would be safe and they go all through the city and people could get anywhere easily. It would cut down on driving and it would also increase physical fitness as well as be a great opportunity for families to spend time together riding or walking these trails. Parents would not have to worry about the safety of their children since no cars would be allowed on these trails. It would be a win win for everyone. please consider making safe biking/walking trails for all to enjoy.
- You need to sell or give some of the parks you can't keep up with. You don't have enough money to maintain all of the parks!
- We have a sufficient amount of "passive" parks. The old Roberts stadium property should be sold/leased for private enterprise to generate capital to increase funding for existing parks, i.e., Mesker Amphitheater, extended summer swim schedule, a new water park.
- Thanks for serving the community.

- “When will the city provide enough staff to care for the current parks?”
- When will the Roberts stadium site be started on? Finished? Dog Park?
- Will it be named the Wienzapel/Winnecke City Park?”
- Would love to see more activities families with YOUNG children can attend. There isn’t much to do other than going walking right now.
- I know it sounds silly but if a park had a workshop for kids like home depot does occasionally building small crafts on weekends. Maybe local shops could have small demos on painting or cooking? A playground with a small fence a walk/bike path sum open feild maybe even a few ramps for skaters? And a splash pad just for kids to enjoy? With trees and maybe park monitoring? A retired veteran or community group to just make sure all areas stay safe.
- I believe part of the Robert Stadium land needs to be turned into a water park and other areas that kids of all ages can enjoy in the summer. And not just a park to walk the dogs.
- I believe the City needs to invest more funding toward its Parks. Parks and other places for unstructured recreation draw people to a community. It would be a wise investment in public funds.
- I would like to see a park with a decent size playground that is not made of wood. Kids Kingdom was nice but it has not held up. I would also like to see a splash park. Also, I would be ashamed of the picture that was at the beginning of this survey. Notice the grass...I mean weeds! Lawn care is definitely lacking.
- The biggest concern is availability of clean public restrooms. mesker Park has a port a potty for shelter #3, what not build restrooms there and add more to Wesselman’s.
- Consider fun winter outdoor events.
- Evansville is a great place to live. It’s nice to see we are always working to improve our community.
- not enough time to think on this
- I wish the greenway was being completed faster. There is a proposed section around Lynch/Burkhardt, which is very close to my house and we would love to use it.
- I would support any initiative to improve access to sidewalks and bike lanes throughout Evansville and Newburgh.
- I love the park at the State Hospital, which I frequent on a daily basis. There seem to be amazing programs for kids in Evansville. My number one wish is for a better network of bike lanes or paths from downtown to USI (the bike lanes from the East Side to downtown aren’t bad). I work there and I know a lot of people who would ride their bikes, at least seasonally, to get to work if there were a safer and more direct route. This would be a huge benefit to recreational cyclists, as well. I hope you can work with the city to make this a reality!
- To help turn around people saying ‘there is nothing to do in Evansville’ we must promote what there is to do in Evansville! Your website is not reflecting this under the Parks and Recreation section. My other thought is we are seriously letting Owensboro pass us up on bringing people to the Riverfront. Let’s not let KY beat us!
- Need regularly scheduled retired adult activities at (safe) park sites.
- Please have more family oriented activities geared towards families!
- Walking and biking trails should be a priority in all areas of the city.
- It would be nice to have things at Mesker Theatre again. Great venue for many years.
- Smothers PaRk Amazing. IDroveThere ThRee Times This LaSt Month As So Did Many Others I Know. We Spent Money There. Very Fun,Very CleAn And Safe. Lots People From Many Cities Drove There. Lots People Talk Why E Ville Not Done This. But In A Safe Area.
- N/A
- Fix our sewer system so downtown doesn’t smell so back
- In refrence to parks in general the play ground equipment is usually in the sun.why swings slides etc get very hot and can harm a child. This subject was discussed at a family gathering just recently and it is something that goes on in other cities as well lets set a new trend and change that please.

- I strongly believe we need to develop our riverfront & downtown. I feel like Owensboro has put Evansville to shame. I visited Naperville, Illinois downtown & river walk and so much enjoyed it. The layout of the walkway and many unique stores.
- You have very little here about shortcomings, except in terms of programs offered/not offered. It is a great area of underservice that the pools are open so little. All outdoor pools except Hartke closing August 3 and Hartke on August 10. Hartke (at minimum) should remain open until Labor Day. Lloyd Pool is not in good repair. Also, certain parks are sometimes rendered unusable by poor lawn maintenance. Those downtown (West of 41) are the worst. This seems to have improved somewhat. But grass maintenance is erratic, at best. And has been for sometime. We use most of the parks facilities at some time (there were only 4-5 slots to list above). The golf courses and the Mesker Zoo seem to be the priorities. You do a really nice job with them both. But many of the other areas seem afterthoughts at times. Most of the problems we observe are not tied to programs offered/not offered. Thank you for what you do.
- The current parks need to be maintained (cleared of trash, mowed, weeded, etc.) and landscaped for ease of maintenance. Trees should be planted and planted and planted all over town. As many unnecessary signs as possible should be eliminated. Recycling bins should be available in all parks and emptied daily. In the summer this could be jobs for teens and young adults. Biking lanes should NOT be combined with car lanes - they should be separate. No new buildings, neighborhoods, etc. should be built without including outdoor walking paths along roads and an ample percentage of greenspace. (Go see Fishers and Carmel Indiana.) Parks should be monitored by local police. Children's playground equipment needs to be up to date for safety and accessibility standards. (Go see Owensboro children's park on the river!!!!)
- Twice Evansville has been on the most miserable places list. I realize tourism and conventions are important to the economy, but more focus should be placed on the citizens of the community.
- the city pools need to be open longer hours and more days.. especially the inner city ones.need more restroom facilities especially at the larger parks..take care of what we have we do not need any more parks..we need true bike lanes..I think one from downtown on belmeade to state hospital.
- Trash cans need to be placed every 3~4 holes on the disc golf courses. I've picked up masses of trash from time to time, and most disc golfers try, but the litter becomes unmanageable sometimes.
- Genealogy is a very popular hobby! Can it be added somewhere like photography or arts/crafts?
- you should defiantly build a skatepark
- BRING BACK MESKER AMPHITHEATRE.
- Most parks are in extreme disrepair. Look at downtown Owensboro on how to do things right. This should be the model of downtown Evansville.
- "I would like to see more going activities going on in the park. I do not feel unsafe in any of our parks, but I know people that do and I think more activity in the parks would deter criminal activities.
- I frequent Garvin the most and do not like the automobile traffic. I have heard a lot of complaints about inappropriate and criminal activities that take place mostly in vehicles. I think there are other ways to accommodate those with disabilities. I have heard Roberts Park will be similar in that cars can drive through it and I am very opposed.
- I would love to see more bike lanes on roads, especially roads that connect parks."
- On the west side, the "bike lane" is simply a sign telling motorists to yield to bikers. This does not result in a safe situation for bikers as the roads are narrow and hilly (particularly Broadway).
- Please Improve so we can better EVANSVILLE!!!!
- Keeping the parks and program safe and clean should be the top priority.
- please save mesker amphitheater, outdoor concerts and events
- Upkeep of existing facilities!! Tennis courts crumbling, chain-link fences falling apart, sidewalks deteriorating, Mesker

Amphitheatre debacle, etc as a few examples. Please don't continue to short funding for these costly maintenance items.

- More things on the river front
- We need more wetlands, trees, and natural spaces. We have plenty of ball fields but not so many trails in wooded areas on the eastside, and the childrens playgrounds are subpar across the board.
- I think the Owensboro river front is AWESOME. Evansville should take note of it. It is always clean and well kept
- We moved to Evansville recently and we like it here. Would like more bike trails, more lighted walking trails, more off-leash dog parks. A bike trail or lane system to cross town would be great too. The green way is a nice bike ride, but it's not really useful as a commuter trail. I.e. if we were going to use it in lieu of a car, there would need to be an east-west trail as far as Newburgh or beyond.
- "I loved the original plan to re-do the Roberts Stadium.
- It would be great if there were separate bike lanes around town, either separated from the road by a curb, or a completely different pathway. I don't feel safe enough to ride my bike on main thoroughfares."
- Softball fields need to stay in the city limits. The fields need to stay in the public's hands and not a gated complex where only tournaments will be held. Keep the city softball fields open and in the small parks around the city!!!! Keep the parks department softball and volleyball programs going. Stop wasting money on softball fields in a complex that I will not play on. Those fields will be for tournament and will cost too much to rent or play on during the week. Keep the remaining 7 fields in the city. again keep the city fields in the city. Also Lloyd pool is in major need of an upgrade. It is not taken care of. More money is spent on the Goeble soccer complex than the pool. Goeble should not have a full time employee. Goeble should not be locked up to keep the public out. Goeble should offer free lighted evening in the spring, winter, and fall for lighted outdoor activity!! Free lighted green space. free lighted green space.

- Parks need to be kept cleaner and police monitored overnight - especially Sunset Park area.
- With the large number of parks in Evansville, it is understandable the challenge to maintain ALL the grounds. I would consider eliminating a number of the parks and focus on a consistent level of maintenance and care for the remaining parks.
- thanks!
- Improve our parks and people will come. Get the word out.
- I would really like to see more room for bikes on the roads, more sidewalks on the west side.
- We need an indoor water park like French Lick. It will bring year round income. Year round exercise..... Evansville is Fat Lazy and Bored
- "Please consider roller hockey even if you don't get a whole lot of requests for this. It is a sport that can grow - just like lacrosse has and just like hockey. We need more activities for adults besides just walking and that
- Don't require joining a league. Need more "just go to
- It's active activities/facilities."
- some friends that live in County seem to know less or participate in overall Parks facilities or programs.
- Really would like to see the Greenway continue to progress and Roberts Park developed
- Build a new slide at Hartke. Make an outdoor concert venue at Roberts integrating the Parking at Swonder and Wesselman Park.
- PRETTY LIMITED AND ALMOST USELESS SURVEY IN MY OPINION.
- Model after Smothers Park in Owensboro!!!
- "Some of the inner city small pocket parks have trash and debris, and yet are the parks that really serve neighborhoods, where children do not have other transportation
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- I would like to see more basketball goals in the neighborhoods for children."
- Disc golf

- Boating needs to be more accessible from downtown. Look at Henderson and Mt. Vernon's riverfront.
- Hartke Pool is the largest pool in Evansville and has been allowed to slip into decay. The baby pool went out of commission years ago and they just filled it in. The slide broke down so they just took it down and did little to replace it. Every summer the diving boards go in and out of working order due to poor maintenance. This should somehow just be bridged with the ice rink to make an indoor/outdoor pool facility that operates year round. Lap lanes could be constantly available. Close Lloyd pool. It is awful.
- "Please please please replace the trees as you take them down."
- Trees take such a long time to grow and without them all the parks will be hot and unattractive. Since I've lived here (we live near state hospital park) I've seen tons taken down and none planted. I realize that some of the state hospital park is state owned, but it is still in the city and it is my understanding that it has to act under city regulations. Even in the part owned by the City, I don't see the required tree replacement happening.
- Please leave the pools open longer - at least a couple. I realize you leave one open but I can't even take my kids there because the foul language and behavior is terrible."
- I believe that Evansville could be an economic hub for the tristate if it would invest lots more into its parks department. Lots of people from Evansville go elsewhere for parks people should be coming here and spending money in our town while going to our parks. You never waste money on quality of life.
- Would like something more active for people to do. Something like Pinnacles, or tear down Hartke and create a large waterpark more of an amusement style than swimming pool. Use the land next to Hartke to add onto the Pool and add some adrenaline slides.
- I think our parks are better than they get credit for. There does need to be more connectivity with bike/ped pathways and complete streets.
- I use Garvin park nearly every day to walk my dog. The grounds around the lake are not kept up (weed eating) and picnic tables are in short supply.
- Personnel are quite personable. Denise Johnson is very approachable and quite engaged in making the park and recreation department the best it can be.
- Huge problem is the unacceptable care and maintenance of our trees in the parks, trails and leve areas. A 3' ring of mulch/wood chips should be required along with weed/grass spray should be apart of our master plan. To be called a tree friendly city and see mowing crews scrape and gouge young and old trees on a daily basis is unacceptable. Too much money is spent to put things in yet no reason why skilled workers cannot ensure the longevity of our young trees. I know this is being addressed by the Tree Advisory Board and Shawn and hope to see some results.
- I don't think that programs are nearly as important as facilities. If we focus on building a trail system and facilities that support them, resourceful people will build the programs and usages that are needed. We NEED a CONNECTED trails system in this community more than anything else mentioned. We have decent sporting and recreational facilities already. We need a CONNECTED trail system in this community to bring it all together. All other vibrant successful communities have these trail systems. We need it badly.
- The city of Evansville is being held back in its economic development by the pathetic condition of the city parks. Great cities and great neighborhoods have great parks. Great neighborhoods are safe and convenient places to walk and ride a bike. I would love to be able to walk to a park from my house. The nearest one is 12-15 minutes away by car. When I get there, I am ashamed to be a resident of this city because of the deplorable condition and appearance of the parks.
- We live on North Oak Hill Rd and the only playgrounds close to us are churches. I don't think there's a park close to us. We have young children who love to play outside and would really benefit from something like this.

- I realize the pools are open when schools are out, but I noticed that one year you kept the 2 newer pools open on weekends through Labor Day. We loved that opportunity, then it was stopped. Last year and this year you are not doing that. It seemed the hottest weekends happen in August, and we are disappointed to not get the use of our neighborhood pool during those hot weekends.
- Need to focus on maintenance. Condition of the skate park at Lamasco is shameful; also the tennis courts at Garvin. So much could be done at Kley Meyer. The Parks Department can't do it alone, so engage community groups to 'adopt' if not an entire park then specific things in a park.
- I think you do great work. Always more that can be done, but keep it up.
- We rented a shelter house this past Sunday at Wessleman Park for a family get together. We had a lot of people from out of state. It was dirty with lots of trash. We had to bring our tables because the other shelter that backed up to us had taken all the tables. We had four tables that belonged to the park for 30 people.
- Walking trails, bike trails, more parks, not all of them should be downtown or in bad neighborhoods. Develop bluegrass some more, it could be really cool. Do something somewhere on the north or east side so I don't have to go to silly Newburgh.
- It's time for some upgrading/updating of some of the park facilities.
- It seems like the parks were the first thing to take a hit from reduced budgets. Half the time, there is something that does not work or presents a safety problem in Garvin Park.
- I don't subscribe to the newspaper or watch the news, but I do use Facebook and Twitter. I usually find out about an event when the news reporters talk about it on Twitter or from the Evansville Events Page.
- "higher diversity away from sporting (soccer, softball) activities which not all families enjoy. An increase in nature activities fishing, canoeing etc.
- Implementation of programs that would aid in restoration of some of the area wetlands and Highland-Pigeon Creek watershed. Making those areas have trails and activities that will provide both environmental and economical benefits."
- I wish the local pools all stayed open until Labor day or at least Hartke, Rochelle and Mosby. Also, at Rochelle and Mosby pools enlist some type of swim test for the waterslide for those swimmers that do not make the height requirement and if they pass they get a green paper bracelet or sometime of marking that they can use the slide. My daughter is very short for her age but has been on swim team for 3 years and is an excellent swimmer but was not permitted to use the slides.
- Evansville is blessed with fine parks, golf courses. We're very fortunate to have them.
- We have lived in several cities in our adult life, and Evansville has the lease options for hiking, bicycling, and general use parks than anywhere we've lived. We were very disappointed when we read that Evansville chose not to fund the park that was to replace Roberts Stadium, it seemed like a wonderful opportunity to provide a much-needed green space in an area difficult to access by walking or biking
- "All Parks need to be Non Smoking and ""Enforced"". I wish more people had more respect for the parks and took care of them for when they visit them. Which I know is hard to do and enforce in this world. I know a lot of the parks need to have more up keep and maintenance. Maybe Volunteer days to help up keep the parks.
- I would be open for volunteering and help out on boards.
- Mark Mayfield
- 4611 Peregrine Dr.
- Evansville, IN 47725
- 812-205-4400
- mmayfield5@gmail.com"
- Mesker Park Zoo is a regional attraction. It needs some upgrades. We are in the middle of Louisville, Nashville, St. Louis and Indianapolis. Our zoo can be a big regional draw if money is spent to upgrade it. It is one of our city's best resources and draws.

- My family has visited Kids Kingdom many times. And each time, I have found things amongst the mulch that SHOULD NOT be there. Things that resemble ponytail holders should not be there. I believe the parks should be cleaned DAILY and THOROUGHLY.
- The Joan Marchand Bridge badly needs trash & recycling cans. I see trash all over the place every time I'm there. I think that's partially due to lack of trash & recycling cans at the site.
- "Maintenance has got to be a higher priority. Things at many of the parks are broken and littered. Courts look terrible with broken nets and weeds. Bees take over. Bathrooms are either locked or disgusting. No recycle bins anywhere.
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- Also, we would really love more full sized basketball courts, especially on the riverfront next to the tennis courts that look like crap."
- The main reason I took this survey is because I was hoping that it would ask questions about downtown more. Evansville needs something more like Owensboro. I can honestly say that I have been to Owensboro's downtown more than Evansville's this year and I live in Evansville. All ages can enjoy Smothers Park. The water fountain/shows, the playground, the spray park, the nice, long walkway, can be enjoyed by all ages. Not to mention how it would help the businesses downtown. Can you imagine?
- Keep the city pools open longer. The late openings and early closings the past two years have been ridiculous and hurt families and children.
- WE travel to Madison WI often. In that area of the country they do an awesome job with bike trail and community planning. There are so many outdoor activities. You should look into how they did their planning.
- The cleanliness and safety of all the parks (and Evansville restaurants, too) have become the main issue as to the reason we don't attend or frequent the parks (and restaurants).
- The Greenway passage deserves more attention/funding!!! It's taken far to long to get where it is today and isn't easily accessible from the homes of a major bulk of Evansville residents.
- Please put trashcans in the smaller parks. Sixth Avenue Park does not have one, and it surely isn't the only one.
- The park I live next to (11th Ave ,Virginia St., Iowa St.) west of 11th Ave. has a portion that is never mowed. The occupant of 2213 W. Virginia St. parks his vehicle in the park all the time and ruts the park up . I would like to see this addressed. Also at the west edge of the park next to 2210 W. Iowa St. the tree limbs hang so low you cannot walk by that area of the park.
- Free concerts, movies for families, and more creative parks
- Bike lanes
- "I am VERY passionate about keeping Kleymeyer Park a baseball park as well as expanding it with more fields and constructing a bridge from Garvin to Kleymeyer which was in the previous master plan. I would like the fields to be unique and tie in with Don Mattingly Way. All interested parties I approached last year and all supported such a concept. Kleymeyer is a unique place for baseball and I want the Parks Dept to support my efforts to realize its potential.
- Lastly, ""Roberts Park"" should be cancelled. It isn't even a park- just a renovation of Wesselman Park. It wastes money on rebuilding roads and playing musical chairs with amenities along Boeke. It's an embarrassment to this community."
- Daughter lives in Columbus OH- seems there's always wonderful free things to do at parks- huge rock climbing wall, plays and entertainment on stage, music, dog park, yoga.....
- I would suggest you visit some other cities (such as west count saint Louis or Cincy) and learn how awesome parks could be!!!
- Additional disc golf courses would be amazing.
- "Keep the bike paths coming.
- Also extend the current 18 hole Disc Golf course at Mesker Park to 27 holes by utilizing the forest on the northwest side of the course.
- Thanks for all you do!"
- "Garvin park clean up from the big storm is not finished. (Over a month ago)
- Maintain what we have before you talk about adding more stuff."
- Pools are very important. People move out of our county since we don't have a decent indoor pool.

- This survey was very weak. I was expecting more variety in available activities.
- We need more safe places to walk/bike around town including sidewalks and bike lanes.
- Geese and Ducks need to be removed from the Parks system. They do more harm than good.
- Maintaining the parks is and should be #1 concern! Parks dept needs to have or hire a person of security to watch over our parks to help keep them safe !
- I would like for Evansville to think more about how to make its citizens enjoy living here like Owensboro is doing for their citizens. They seem to always be thinking on how to improve their city to keep their citizens interest.
- My family would benefit from parks that have playgrounds for toddlers as well as older kids, splash pads, and wading pools. London, ontario has a lot of great parks to look at as well as Louisville, ky. I also like the idea of family yoga in the park or other family friendly fitness events. Thanks for doing this survey!
- It would be nice if the city pools were open later in the evening, and earlier/later in the summer, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, at least on the weekends. I know it's difficult when so many of the lifeguards are high school students, but the city could look in to hiring more college-age kids or even adults. More day programs for homeschooled children would be a nice addition for my family, as well.
- I would love to see classes in fitness and art for low-income families. We can't even afford swim lessons for our children. I used to live in Eugene, Oregon in the 1970s. They had free classes for children all the time. I took pottery, ballet, and art. I didn't even realize we were poor, because everything open to more wealthy children was open to me. In Evansville, I have to constantly tell my children we can't afford the fees for things they want to do. There are reasons Evansville is considered one of the unhappiest cities in the US. No amount of We Are Evansville t-shirts will change that. We need a caring, child-friendly city.
- A hunters education course and a falconry apprenticeship program would be wonderful.
- Keep up the good work, Lloyd!
- talk to owensboro, ky parks dept!!! The parks over there are awesome and used daily by all!!!
- Roberts Park!
- Information stands each park would be helpful.
- Regarding safety, I never visit city parks at night, so I cannot say whether they feel unsafe at those times.
- I would love to see our parks come alive. I recently visited Denver, CO and their parks were beautiful and vibrant. Jazz in the Park at City Park was full of energy with food carts, volleyball, grilling, dogs, and families just enjoying the outdoors. Smothers Park in Owensboro is another excellent example of a family friendly and vibrant park.
- The small park on Heidelberg only has a few swings and a climbing structure for older children. It would be nice to see a slide go in there and give smaller children something else to do. I'm not sure why merry-go-rounds were taken away from all the parks (it's been years since I have seen one), but that would also be nice or maybe even some teeter-totters.
- Evansville could use a splash park somewhere.
- N/A
- We love the parks. We would like to see a stronger focus on green spaces, better zoning and right of ways. We would love for less emphasis made on expansion and more on filling in and staying local. We would be very keen for a bike path or trail that actually WENT somewhere rather than meander around unused parts of the town. A trail or path that bikes and walkers could actually use to TRAVEL around town would be key, we take our lives into our hands when we try to use the current Bike Lanes.
- My family would love to see a splash area and improvements to the river front and downtown area around Kids Kingdom and the river walk. There seems to be improvements only being made in specific neighborhoods instead of the city as a whole so that everyone around our city can enjoy new park and recreation activities. Currently we take our children once per week to either Henderson or Owensboro parks and riverfronts it would be nice to see Evansville competing with these areas parks.

- Put your money on grounds maintenance. Cut the grass and weed eat. If you have to fire all of the union employees and only hire part time seasonal help to get that done, do it!! Figure out a way to get twice the equipment and twice the employees to fit your budget then do it. Oh, I just did!! Get rid of you union labor and hire more part time workers!!
- Evansville has a rich history and it should not be lost.
- Look at communities like Owensboro, who are investing in this stuff. Indoor playgrounds would be great for winter activities.
- "The playgrounds need to be improved. Sports (football, baseball, basketball etc) are not as important because the schools offer programs and there are several programs outside of school already available. I have 3 kids and we go to 4H, Newburgh Community Park, Newburgh Riverfront park and Smothers Park in Owensboro. If we are planning a quick playground trip we go to a school playground vs a City park. Kids Kingdom is a good playground but is so crowded due to the location and that it is the only playground of it's caliber in the city.
- My son races at Burdette BMX track but having a good skate/BMX park in the city would be great. Lamasco skate park is not safe for younger kids. A splash park is also another great addition. It is sad that Evansville residents have to go to Boonville, Newburgh, and Owensboro to have a fun well rounded park experience."
- Stop letting the weirdos group up and drive people out.
- Thanks
- Modernize thinking. Owensboro and Henderson have programs to entertain it residents and anyone else wanting to participate. Improve their lead. I head to Louisville, Indianapolis and St Louis for culture.
- A downtown park similar to Smothers Park in Owensboro would be a wonderful showcase of downtown, as well as, great for our community. I would love to be able to take my son to a park like this on a weekly basis.
- Move bike path plan along Hwy 41 to a safer road like Alvord Blvd to Franklin and over to Wesselman Park. Do something with Roberts Field. Connect it with ped bridge to State Hospital, as talked about for many years. Just do it.
- Evansville's bike lanes are a joke. One of the reasons we don't currently own bikes is because of limited opportunity to use them for transportation other than recreational. The recent Oak Hill project handled bike lanes correctly, but the others (such as Bellemeade, etc) are useless. Random paintings of bikes and a few arrows in the roadway are not sufficient to educate either riders or motorists about where and how bicyclists should be travelling. Cities like Orlando, FL., have done an excellent job of providing bike lanes throughout the city and educating all road users of safety. I wish we had more of this in our town. I currently do not feel safe riding a bike on city streets in Evansville. I also wish we had a rental system like Divvy (which I've seen in Chicago), where you can just pay at the rack and take a bike (like stroller rental at the mall) and return it to any Divvy rack in the city. Multiple locations give riders lots of options and ability to use them for more than just a recreational ride in one part of town. The bike rentals at the YMCA downtown are nice, but they are only located in that one place, and you have to go inside the Y (during their business hours) to rent and return. It's not really convenient, and hardly anybody knows about the program. I encourage you to look at <https://www.divvybikes.com/>.
- Get unemployed people on welfare to pick up sticks and spread mulch.
- Our family visits Bayard Park the most (we live on the park). I have often thought that there should be speed bumps along Powell Ave. It amazes me how fast cars travel that road right there along the park! I also think that a bike/walk path within the park would be wonderful. 2 laps = 1 mi. :-)
- There needs to be better maintenance and upkeep at the present facilities before adding any programs. There are not enough employees to handle the problems at the current parks. If the parks were updated, maintained and had more police presence they would draw more people to participate.
- One of the reasons I don't live in the city is the lack of natural areas. Areas that support contemplation and watching nature in natural areas, not just mowed grass with some trees.
- As a marketer, I have to say this survey was not set up to allow "does not apply". I found several times that the answer

I needed to give was not an option. You will receive skewed results because of this. I am very interested in this project which is why I'm responding this way. Thanks.

- Please keep our local parks functioning including the softball fields at all the locations.
- We love Evansville. We would like to see our river front become a destination for the tristate. Together we can do it. We are Evansville, now its finally time to act like it.
- It would be nice if the lawns were better maintained (cut more often, not just fields of clover) and trash picked up.
- this city needs a lot more sidewalks in the retail areas - people cannot safely walk in many areas of the city because we lack sidewalks. if we want to get people outdoors and moving around, we need to give them a safe place to do this. we should never approve developments, commercial or residential, that don't have wide sidewalks. we need an outdoor pool where adults can swim laps, and we need to keep at least some of the outdoor pools open later in the year. we need to get Roberts Park going!
- Advertising events in spaces such as the local paper is worthless, they usually only run the story the day of the event or have it hidden somewhere on their website no one knows how to find. I always hear of things i would of enjoyed after or the day of and have no time to plan. Utilize facebook the same way the franklin street association has done.
- A free spray park as simple as the one in Boonville or as grand as the one in Owensboro would be a great addition to our city.
- Why can't we have a riverfront at least as nice as Henderson and Mt. Vernon? Competing with Owensboro's would be nice, but we're so far from that it seems unattainable.
- We're concerned that the Wesselman softball fields will be removed and we'll be forced to go elsewhere. Any other field is far from the house and many of the people who play at Wesselman's do so due to the convenience. We hope it is maintained where it currently is.
- The skate park on 7th street needs a picnic table in some shade. And the parents really have no where to sit when their children are playing a bench would be nice to have also

- Much like the new Casselberry Park. Unexpectedly revamped this past year!
- I would like our parks to have a more cohesive look. Such as the edging that goes around playgrounds and also what material is used. In one park alone you can have rock under swing sets and then sand under a play structure. I would also like the equipment itself to be the same color scheme. It just doesn't seem like our parks are nice like the ones we visit in other cities. We always say that we wish our parks were this nice at home in Evansville. I am also not a fan of the new metal signs with rules that have been posted. I don't like the location of where they are located in the park in my neighborhood. I would also like to see nicer picnic tables and trash receptacles. Although the receptacles we have now are better than the green barrels we used to have. Some of the inner city parks have newer equipment. I would like to see some newer equipment in Vann Park. Part of the problem with parks in Evansville are the Evansville residents themselves. For some reason we seem to have many residents who do not respect public property. I also realize the parks department is not allocated enough money to maintain what we already have. So the likelihood that positive changes are going to occur is slim. People complain about what we don't have, but most people don't want to pay more for nicer things. I LOVE the park in Owensboro and so do my children. Maybe the planners need to talk with Owensboro to see how they were able to accomplish such wonderful things.
- Some kind of events or special programming around Ken Burns' National Parks documentary or the new PBS documentary about Frederick Law Olmsted might encourage more rallying around our park system; unique association events between the park system and other Evansville landmarks such as Angel Mounds. Making it easier for people to do the things they already enjoy doing in the parks as they are now, like feeding ducks or throwing Frisbees, or having quick picnic lunches when the weather's nice. My own niche request is more water features to drown out the noise of traffic and promote relaxation.

- The parks could be awesome but the city doesn't put in the time or effort or \$
- I would like to see our river front to have something similar like Owensboro has
- I am grateful for the beautiful parks in Evansville. I hope that somehow all areas in Evansville will be free of gangs so that all children and families can go to all of the parks and feel safe.
- I appreciate you seeking out information from the citizens of Evansville.
- Work on the green way please!
- Our trails need to connect with trails in Gibson/Posey/Warrick Counties.
- We need more green spaces! We need Roberts Park to be funded & become a reality ASAP! The transformation of that area should already be in progress, as the lead project in a new, real commitment to the well-being of our citizens & the future of our city. We also need attractive entry points as people arrive in Evansville - not just miles of concrete, litter-filled roadsides & weedy medians. We need more green areas for ALL residents throughout our city - not just places they must travel across town to enjoy, but spaces they encounter every day on their way to & from work or school - places that are safe & well cared for with trees, flowers, water features, public art, etc. It all reflects the character of our community & affects our vision of who we are & what we can be.
- Pools are horrible for a city this size, and the dates they are open are far too few. Tennis courts that are not cracked up are rarely available. The east side gets zero from your department. Go to Canfield, OH and take note of their neighborhood pools and tennis courts. You have to stop talking and start doing!
- I think people generally feel unsafe in most city parks. I would suggest a marketing campaign to change negative feelings.
- Invest in pleasant venues of walking biking transportation that not only promotes wellness, but goes places that people need to go..not just parks. Work, school, shopping. If we make it pleasant for people to commute via biking , walking, we reduce traffic, parking congestion , AND promote wellness...people

exercise while doing their everyday activities. Right now we make it absolutely miserable and dangerous to not drive a car. The bike walking trails need to GO SOMEWHERE. Trails are also much cheaper to build and maintain than highways.

- Thank you for offering this survey!
- We have loved Lorraine Park's swimming pool and playsets this summer and have been there at least four or five times a week. Thank you so much for the great facility!
- Creating more awareness of programs and events in the parks is key to increasing park usage. Spread the word.
- We need more big roads that have a bike lane badly. It's hard to travel anywhere without being afraid of getting hit by people that don't like bike riders.
- Safety is a concern in several parks. I have seen evidence of drug and alcohol use, vagrant activity (including someone urinating on a tree), and possible criminal activity in some parks.
- The Parks need MORE SWINGSETS. The kids like to swing and not just run up and down a fixed playground. More activity type things for the kids to play on especially swings.
- Parks department should offer healthy choices of food and drink on its grounds if it is truly about the people it serves. This should be a part of the master plan. Go "green", be healthy and be safe.
- Tell players how the hundreds of dollars each season is used bc the balls are old, the fields are unkept
- The parks dept has lots of programming that people in the city are unaware of. More advertising would raise awareness creating more revenue for the parks dept which hopefully could be put towards necessary improvements within the parks.
- Concerts are awesome and should be free. I went to some in California last summer and they really bring the community together. The open field at Hartke would be a great location.
- Please make Roberts Parks have a walking/bike trail. No skate board area!!!

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Appendix B



PRORAGIS Community Comparison

Overview

This appendix will serve as a worksheet for filling in the PRORAGIS community comparison. Once completed, the information should be entered through NRPA's website. This will allow Evansville to contribute to the national database and pull data to cross examine how similar communities operate, what types of facilities they maintain, the amount of their budget, and what types of programs are being offered.

Demographics

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT'S JURISDICTION TYPE						
CITY		X		X		
SPECIAL DISTRICT			X		X	X
INDEPENDENT DISTRICT/AUTHORITY						
JURISDICTION ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION						
WHITE/CAUCASIAN PERSONS		89.6%	92.4%	76.9%	60.9%	75.3%
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSONS		0.8%	0.7%	5.1%	30.2%	11.3%
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE PERSONS		4.4%	4.5%	0.7%	5.1%	0.0%
ASIAN PERSONS		0.7%	0.6%	7.2%	2.8%	5.1%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER PERSONS		0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%
HISPANIC OR LATINO (ANY RACE) OR SPANISH ORIGIN PERSONS		5.2%	1.3%	14.9%	5.1%	11.4%
OTHER		2.9%	0.3%	68.7%		5.3%
JURISDICTION STATE/PROVINCE		MT	ND	NV	OH	IL

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
	X		X	X	X
X		X			
83.2%	81.3%	64.0%	60.8%	69.7%	88.6%
1.0%	6.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.0%	6.4%
0.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	2.7%	0.2%
12.5%	7.3%	21.0%	23.8%	2.9%	2.3%
0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%
5.8%	4.6%	10.0%	8.0%	41.6%	
1.6%			2.1%		2.5%
IL	MN	IL	TX	AZ	OH

Demographics

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
SQUARE MILEAGE THAT YOUR INCORPORATED JURISDICTION SERVES		43	24	105	485	16
JURISDICTION TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$204,363,958		\$223,580,185	\$74,734,651	\$5,313,016
JURISDICTION CAPITAL BUDGET		\$37,543,189		\$18,339,035	\$14,549,133	\$497,102
JURISDICTION PER CAPITA INCOME		\$27,582	\$29,503	\$35,155	\$26,330	\$17,730
JURISDICTION MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME		\$47,869	\$50,062	\$67,934	\$43,816	\$37,272
JURISDICTION POPULATION		106,954	64,751	260,068	1,265,111	45,033
PERCENTAGE OF JURISDICTION POPULATION THAT IS YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE		22.60%	20.80%	22.60%	22.00%	16.60%
PERCENTAGE OF JURISDICTION POPULATION THAT IS OLDER THAN 65 YEARS OF AGE		14.98%	14.70%	14.30%	15.90%	6.70%
PERCENTAGE OF JURISDICTION POPULATION THAT IS BELOW THE POVERTY LINE		12.00%	8.40%	8.20%	17.10%	28.20%
JURISDICTION POPULATION GROWTH RATE 2000-2010		15.94%	10.30%	1.00%	-1.20%	1.10%

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
18	14	26	34	194	13
	\$27,093,315	\$32,000,000	\$94,600,000	\$985,893,990	\$126,866,196
\$8,145,862	\$17,042,540	\$6,500,000	\$145,000,000	\$352,923,880	\$33,348,935
\$53,246	\$33,538		\$33,506	\$20,243	\$35,887
\$107,037	\$55,300	\$36,751		\$37,025	\$83,234
44,692	33,660	75,000	85,824	520,116	36,665
24.60%	18.60%	23.00%	33.00%	23.30%	26.10%
19.70%	20.20%	11.00%	7.00%	11.90%	14.20%
3.80%	7.20%	2.00%	3.80%	21.30%	3.50%
	-0.10%	4.50%	25.00%	6.90%	2.30%

Budget

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
IS THE DATA REPORTED BELOW ACTUAL OR BUDGETED?						
ACTUAL		X	X	X	X	
BUDGETED						X
WHAT ARE YOUR DEPARTMENT'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR YOUR FISCAL YEAR?		\$4,054,686	\$11,359,226	\$111,322,878	\$68,444,801	\$5,313,016
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES ARE IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES? (PERCENTAGES MUST ADD TO 100%)						
A. PERSONNEL SERVICES (EXPENDITURES FOR ALL SALARIES, WAGES AND BENEFITS)		63.00%	51.00%	25.30%	68.90%	40.00%
B. OPERATIONS (EXPENDITURES FOR ALL FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT)		29.00%	42.00%	12.90%	30.30%	23.00%
C. CAPITAL (EXPENDITURES FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND PROJECTS AND DEBT SRVCS. PAID FROM THE OPER. FUNDS)		2.00%	5.00%	61.80%	0.00%	37.00%
D. OTHER		6.00%	2.00%	0.00%	0.80%	

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
		X			X
X	X		X	X	
\$34,910,199	\$4,408,703	\$34,320,389	\$5,002,148	\$41,046,330	\$8,695,500
30.90%	63.00%	43.00%	42.50%	55.39%	70.00%
31.30%	34.00%	57.00%	57.10%	38.80%	28.00%
23.30%	3.00%	0.00%	0.40%	0.04%	2.00%
14.50%		0.00%		5.77%	

Budget

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES WAS DEDICATED TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS? (PERCENTAGES MUST ADD TO 100%)						
A. DEPARTMENT'S TOP EXECUTIVES AND RELATED STAFF.			2.00%	0.00%	1.78%	
B. ADMINISTRATIVE (HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, ETC.)			6.00%	2.80%	5.41%	X
C. OPERATIONS (EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH STAFFING AND OPERATING FACILITIES)			50.00%	23.40%	2.50%	
D. PROGRAMS (EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAMMING CLASSES AND ALL EVENTS)			20.00%	0.90%	3.69%	\$5,313,016
E. MAINTENANCE (EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTAINING, BUILDINGS GROUNDS STRUCTURES AND FLEET)			18.00%	3.30%	14.11%	
F. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (ACQUISITION, PLANNING, DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT, ETC.)			0.00%	0.40%	2.83%	
G. DEBT SERVICE			4.00%			
H. OTHER				69.20%	22.50%	40.00%

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
	13.00%	4.00%	8.40%	3.61%	1.00%
	1.00%	3.00%	0.80%	7.39%	6.00%
	34.00%	22.00%	16.00%	37.95%	41.00%
	28.00%	22.00%	28.40%	11.12%	13.00%
	23.00%	19.00%	42.50%	32.49%	30.00%
	1.00%	0.00%	3.90%	1.67%	1.00%
		30.00%		0.00%	
		0.00%		5.77%	8.00%

Budget

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES CAME FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES? (PERCENTAGES MUST ADD TO 100%)						
A. JURISDICTION GENERAL FUND				16.05%	0.00%	
B. AGENCY FEES AND CHARGES			38.00%		23.70%	14.00%
C. TAX LEVY (SPECIFIC PARKS AND RECREATION)			40.00%	12.65%	74.10%	63.00%
D. SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES						0.00%
E. FOUNDATION GRANTS						
F. SPONSORSHIPS, PLEASE DESCRIBE:			2.00%			0.50%
G. ENDOWMENT, PLEASE DESCRIBE:						
H. SPECIAL USE TAXES, PLEASE DESCRIBE:				0.40%		
I. STATE GRANTS			0.00%	0.70%		4.00%
J. FEDERAL GRANTS			3.00%	68.10%		
K. OTHER			14.00%	0.40%	2.00%	18.00%
L. OTHER			3.00%	1.70%	0.10%	0.50%
M. OTHER					0.10%	
WHAT ARE YOUR DEPARTMENT'S TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES FOR YOUR FISCAL YEAR?			\$5,040,680	\$7,094,022	\$26,674,098	\$736,885

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
0.00%			90.00%	79.69%	45.00%
39.20%	50.00%	40.00%	10.00%	14.55%	46.00%
48.80%	45.00%	60.00%		0.00%	9.00%
				0.00%	0.00%
	1.00%			0.00%	0.00%
	1.00%			0.00%	0.00%
	1.00%			0.00%	0.00%
0.20%				0.00%	0.00%
	1.00%			2.35%	0.00%
	1.00%			1.70%	0.00%
4.40%				1.67%	0.00%
1.70%				0.04%	0.00%
5.70%					0.00%
\$17,508,331	\$2,300,000	\$12,047,821		\$5,968,146	\$3,899,185

Budget

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR ANNUAL NON-TAX REVENUES CAME FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES? (PERCENTAGES MUST ADD TO 100%)						
A. FACILITY ENTRY FEES/MEMBERSHIPS			9.00%	6.70%	42.00%	
B. PROGRAMS AND CLASS FEES AND CHARGES			86.00%	91.50%	1.40%	81.00%
C. FACILITY RENTALS				1.30%	2.30%	14.00%
D. FACILITY, PROPERTY OR ROW LEASES						
E. CONCESSIONS, RESALE ITEMS				0.50%	7.90%	
F. SALE OF REAL PROPERTY						
G. OTHER			5.00%		24.30%	3.00%
H. OTHER					22.10%	2.00%
CAPITAL BUDGET						
WHAT IS YOUR DEPARTMENT'S TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET?			\$1,664,250	\$178,404,588	\$14,549,133	\$497,102
WHAT IS YOUR DEPARTMENT'S AMOUNT OF RENOVATION NEED?			\$10,400,000	\$7,833,662	\$7,209,566	\$10,000,000
WHAT IS YOUR DEPARTMENT'S AMOUNT OF NEW CAPITAL NEED?			\$9,000,000	\$170,570,926		\$5,000,000

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
13.10%	9.00%	12.00%	10.60%	41.59%	55.50%
19.00%	85.00%	18.00%	47.80%	36.33%	36.00%
5.50%	5.00%	6.00%	40.30%	15.50%	5.00%
0.00%		0.00%		0.68%	
1.60%	1.00%	2.00%		0.04%	3.40%
				0.00%	
0.30%			1.30%	5.86%	0.10%
60.50%		62.00%			
\$8,145,862	\$6,400,000	\$7,976,376	\$1,677,700	\$14,151,580	\$381,267
\$6,778,165	\$1,280,000			\$974,564,990	\$186,267
\$1,367,697	\$5,120,000	\$7,976,376		\$758,000,000	\$195,000

Budget

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WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR ANNUAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION BUDGET CAME FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES? (PERCENTAGES MUST ADD TO 100%)						
A. LOCAL GOVERNMENT GENERAL FUND (TAX SUPPORTED)			68.00%		98.60%	47.00%
B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEDICATED FUND (NON-GENERAL FUNDS)						
C. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS						50.00%
D. REVENUE BONDS						
E. STATE GRANTS/FUNDING						2.00%
F. FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDING				94.20%		
G. PRIVATE GRANTS/FUNDING			0.00%			
H. GIFTS			19.00%			
I. OTHER			13.00%	4.40%	1.30%	1.00%
J. OTHER				1.40%	0.10%	

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
	5.00%		6.00%	0.00%	77.00%
			51.00%	6.45%	0.00%
	94.00%	100.00%		3.92%	0.00%
				0.00%	0.00%
				0.00%	0.00%
			43.00%	0.00%	0.00%
				0.00%	0.00%
				22.79%	11.00%
	1.00%			23.65%	12.00%
				43.19%	

Department Responsibilities

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT...						
A. PROVIDE RECREATION PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES		X	X	X	X	X
B. OPERATE PARKS AND FACILITIES		X	X	X	X	X
C. MAINTAIN STREET TREES AND MEDIANS				X	X	
D. ACTIVELY MANAGE OPEN SPACE		X	X	X	X	X
E. MAINTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES				X		X
F. MAINTAIN JURISDICTION PUBLIC AREAS			X	X		
G. MANAGE MAJOR AQUATIC COMPLEX		X	X	X		X
H. MANAGE OR MAINTAIN PUBLIC CEMETERIES		X				
I. MANAGE OR MAINTAIN FAIRGROUNDS						
J. MAINTAIN, MANAGE OR LEASE INDOOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER			X		X	
K. MANAGE HISTORIC PROPERTIES			X		X	X
L. ADMINISTER OR MANAGE FARMER'S MARKETS						
M. ADMINISTER COMMUNITY GARDENS		X	X	X		
N. MANAGE LARGE PERFORMANCE OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATERS						
O. ADMINISTER OR MANAGE PROFESSIONAL OR COLLEGE-TYPE STADIUM/ARENA/RACETRACK		X				
P. ADMINISTER OR MANAGE TOURNAMENT/ EVENT QUALITY INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEXES						X
Q. ADMINISTER OR MANAGE TOURNAMENT/ EVENT QUALITY OUTDOOR SPORTS COMPLEXES		X	X	X	X	X
R. CONDUCT MAJOR JURISDICTION WIDE SPECIAL EVENTS			X	X	X	X
S. DO YOU HAVE SNOW PLOWING RESPONSIBILITY OTHER THAN IN THE PARKS?		X	X			X
T. PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OR NATURAL HISTORY INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS			X	X	X	

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
			X		X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X				
X	X			X	
X		X	X	X	X
				X	
X				X	X
X				X	
X	X	X		X	X
	X			X	
		X		X	
		X		X	X
X	X	X		X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
	X				
X	X	X		X	X

Programs

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL ANNUAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING PROGRAMS, CLASSES AND SMALL EVENTS?		3,700	42,000	20,149	3,286,944	12,000
DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT CHARGE NON- RESIDENT FEES?						
YES		X				X
NO			X	X	X	
PROGRAMS OFFERED						
DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT OFFER THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS OR CLASSES?						
A. VISUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS						
YES		X		X	X	X
NO			X			
B. PERFORMING ARTS						
YES				X	X	X
NO		X	X			
C. HEALTH AND WELLNESS						
YES		X	X	X	X	X
NO						
D. FITNESS						
YES		X	X	X	X	X
NO						
E. MARTIAL ARTS						
YES		X	X	X		X
NO					X	
F. TRIPS AND TOURS						
YES		X		X	X	
NO			X			X
G. ORGANIZED TEAM SPORTS						
YES		X	X	X		X
NO					X	

	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT					
1,599,222	75,000	62,500	69,500	19,645	302,272
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X		X
				X	
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X		X	X
			X		

Programs

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT RUN YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES?						
YES		X	X	X		X
NO						
IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT RUN ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES?						
YES		X	X	X		X
NO						
H. GOLF PROGRAM						
YES			X	X	X	X
NO		X				
I. TENNIS PROGRAMS						
YES		X	X	X		X
NO					X	
J. WATER SAFETY						
YES		X	X	X	X	
NO						X
K. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/NATURE STUDY/CULTURAL HISTORY						
YES		X	X	X	X	
NO						X
DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT OFFER THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES?						
A. SUMMER CAMP						
YES		X	X	X		X
NO					X	
IF YES, HOW MANY WEEKS OF CAMP?		12	8	11		10
NUMBER OF CAMPER PER WEEK:		50	720	1,521		50

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X	X	X			
				X	X
X	X	X			X
				X	
X	X	X		X	X
			X		
X	X	X	X	X	X
		X	X	X	X
X	X				
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
	12	9	11	8	8
	50	360	55	310	170

Programs

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DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FEEDING PROGRAMS FOR SUMMER CAMP?						
YES					X	X
NO		X	X	X		
B. BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS						
YES			X	X		
NO		X			X	X
IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FEEDING PROGRAMS FOR BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAMS?						
YES						
NO		X	X	X		
IF YES, HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS PER WEEK?						
IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT PROVIDE FEEDING PROGRAMS FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS?						
YES				X		
NO		X	X			
IF YES, HOW MANY PARTICIPANTS PER WEEK?				\$5,235		
C. PRESCHOOL						
YES				X		X
NO		X	X		X	
D. FULL DAYCARE						
YES				X		
NO		X	X		X	X
E. SPECIFIC TEEN PROGRAMS						
YES			X	X	X	X
NO		X				
F. SENIOR PROGRAMS						
YES		X		X	X	
NO			X			X

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
				X	
X	X	X	X		X
	X	X		X	
X			X		X
	X	X		X	
		X			
	X			X	
		\$660			
X	X	X			
			X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X		X	X
			X		
X	X	X	X	X	X

Programs

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IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT PROVIDE MEALS FOR SENIORS?						
YES		X		X		
NO					X	
IF YES, HOW MANY MEALS ARE SERVED ANNUALLY?		5,500		210,188		
IF YES, HOW MANY SENIORS ARE SERVED PER WEEK?		110		4,042		
G. PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES						
YES			X	X	X	X
NO		X				
IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT MAKE ACCOMMODATION FOR INCLUSION IN ACTIVITIES?						
YES		X	X	X	X	X
NO						
IF YES, DO YOU CONDUCT INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENTS OF CLIENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES?						
YES				X	X	X
NO		X	X			
DO YOU PROVIDE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES?						
YES			X	X		X
NO		X				
H. COMMUNITY GARDENS						
YES		X	X			
NO				X	X	X
IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT MANAGE AN EDIBLE GARDEN PROGRAM?						
YES				X		
NO		X	X			

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				X	X
X	X	X	X		
				52,700	100
				1,000	130
X	X	X		X	X
			X		
X	X	X		X	X
		X		X	
X	X				X
	X	X		X	X
X					
X	X	X		X	X
			X		
X	X				X
		X		X	

Programs

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IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT MANAGE A FARMER'S MARKET?						
YES						
NO		X	X	X		
IF YES, DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT RENT OR PERMIT SPACES FOR GARDENS?						
YES			X			
NO		X		X		
I. MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS						
YES			X	X	X	X
NO		X				

Facilities

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
A. RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X		X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY		X	X	X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE		X	X	X		X
B. FITNESS CENTER						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X		X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY			X	X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						

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X					
	X	X		X	X
X	X	X		X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X

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X		X	X	X	X
X		X	X		X
X		X	X	X	X
X		X		X	X
X		X			X
		X			X

Facilities

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
D. PLAYGROUND						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, YOU OFFER A PLAYGROUND, PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY:		38	44	66	54	20
F. TENNIS COURT (INDOOR)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X			
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY			X			
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, YOU OFFER A TENNIS COURT (INDOOR), PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY:			4			
G. TENNIS COURT (OUTDOOR)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X		X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY				X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE				X		
IF YES, YOU OFFER A TENNIS COURT (OUTDOOR), PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY:		26	13	44		4
H. BASKETBALL COURT (OUTDOOR)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, YOU OFFER A BASKETBALL COURT (OUTDOOR), PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY:		26	3	35	4	4
I. SWIMMING POOL (INDOOR)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X	X		
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY			X	X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE				X		

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X	X	X	X	X	X
42	32	52	15	239	15
X		X			
X		X			
X		X			
8		8			
X	X	X	X	X	X
	X				
51	16	39	2	123	11
X	X	X	X	X	X
31	8	29	2	66	7
X		X		X	X
X		X			X
X		X			X

Facilities

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IF YES, YOU OFFER A SWIMMING POOL (INDOOR), PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY OF...						
COMPETITION POOLS:			1	2		
NON-COMPETITION POOLS:			1	2		
J. SWIMMING POOL (OUTDOOR)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY		X	X	X		X
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE		X	X	X		
IF YES, YOU OFFER A SWIMMING POOL (OUTDOOR), PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY OF...						
COMPETITION POOLS:		0		2	0	
NON-COMPETITION POOLS:		2	3	7	2	1
K. WATER PARK						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X			X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY		X	X			X
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE		X	X			
M. SKATE PARK						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X		X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
N. SENIOR CENTER						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X		X		
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY				X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE				X		

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
1		1		0	1
3		3		1	1
X	X	X	X	X	X
X		X	X		X
X		X			X
2		2	0	10	1
5	1	2	1	47	1
X		X	X		
X		X			
X		X			
X	X	X	X	X	X
X		X	X	X	X
X					X
					X

Facilities

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P. ICE SKATING RINK (INDOOR)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X			
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY			X			
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE			X	X		
IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF SHEETS OF ICE:			3			
Q. ICE SKATING RINK (OUTDOOR)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X			X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF ICE RINKS:			10			1
R. RECTANGULAR FIELDS (E.G. FOOTBALL/ SOCCER)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY				X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE				X		
IF YES, YOU OFFER RECTANGULAR FIELDS (E.G. FOOTBALL/SOCCER), PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY OF...						
FOOTBALL-ONLY:		0	1	0		0
SOCCER, LACROSSE, AND FIELD HOCKEY						
REGULATION SIZE:		10	8	3	5	
SMALL-SIDED FIELDS:		0	20	24		
S. DIAMOND FIELDS (E.G. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL)						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY				X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE				X		

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
X	X				
X					
X					
2	1				
X	X	X			
2	8	3			
X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X			X
	X				
	0	6	2	0	22
		14	11	66	13
		10	9	26	9
X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X			X
	X				

Facilities

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
IF YES, YOU OFFER DIAMOND FIELDS (E.G. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL), PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY OF...						
BASEBALL FIELDS:						
# WITH 90 FT BASE PATH FIELDS		7	4	5	1	11
# WITH 50-70 FT BASE PATH FIELDS WITH MOUND		11	4	29	0	
SOFTBALL FIELDS:						
# WITH NO MOUND - YOUTH		9	4	7		
# WITH NO MOUND – ADULT		11	28	7	24	8
U. SPORTS STADIUM/ARENA						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X				
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY		X				
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
W. LAKE/RIVER ACCESS						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X		X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
AA. PICNIC AREAS WITH SHELTERS						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY			X	X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE			X	X		
BB. GYMS						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X	X		X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY			X	X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE				X		
IF YES, YOU OFFER A GYM, PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY:			3	6		4

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		2	3	26	2
		17	11	54	17
		15	9		4
		15		50	5
	X	X		X	
	X	X			
	X				
			X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X
	X				X
	X		X		X
X	X	X	X	X	X
	X		X		X
	X		X		
	2	4	1	11	1

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	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
CC. ROCK CLIMBING WALL						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY				X		
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY				X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE				X		
DD. GOLF COURSE						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY		X	X	X		X
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE				X		
IF YES, YOU OFFER A GOLF COURSE, PLEASE INDICATE THE						
TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-CHAMPIONSHIP HOLES:		9	45	18	147	36
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAMPIONSHIP HOLES:		0		0		27
EE. DRIVING RANGE						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	X
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY		X		X		
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, YOU OFFER A DRIVING RANGE, PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY:		1	2	1	3	1
FF. ZOO						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY					X	
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
HH. FARM						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY						
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
II. VOLLEYBALL COURT						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						

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	X				X
					X
X	X	X		X	
X	X	X			
X	X				
27	9	36		90	
0		27		36	
		X		X	
		1		5	
				X	
X		X			
X					
X					
X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X			
X	X	X			

Facilities

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
JJ. DOG PARK						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X		
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, YOU OFFER A DOG PARK, PLEASE INDICATE THE QUANTITY:		1	1	10		
KK. MINI-GOLF						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY						
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
MM. MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY		X	X	X	X	
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, YOU OFFER MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS, PLEASE INDICATE THE MILES OF TRAILS:		40	10	22	12	
NN. BMX TRACK						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X			
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY			X			
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE			X			
OO. NATURE/INTERPRETIVE CENTER						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X	X	X	
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, YOU OFFER NATURE/INTERPRETIVE CENTER(S), PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF CENTERS:			2	2	6	

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X	X		X	X	X
X					
1	1		1	6	1
			X		
			4		
			X		X
X	X	X			
X	X				
X	X				
2	1	1			

Facilities

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PP. WATER TRAILS						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY						
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, YOU OFFER WATER TRAILS, PLEASE INDICATE THE MILES OF TRAILS:						
QQ. TEEN CENTER						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY						
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
RR. PERFORMING AND/OR VISUAL ARTS/ COMMUNITY CENTER						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY						
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PERFORMING AND/OR VISUAL ARTS/ COMMUNITY CENTER(S):						
SS. COMMUNITY GARDENS						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X	X		
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY			X			
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE			X			
IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF GARDENS:			1	1		
TT. FORMAL GARDENS/ARBORETUM						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY			X		X	
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						
UU. THEATER						
OFFERS THIS FACILITY					X	
CHARGES A FEE FOR USE OF FACILITY						
RENTS THE FACILITY FOR PRIVATE USE						

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X		X		X	
X		X			
X		X			
1		1		4	
X	X	X		X	X
X	X	X			X
	X	X			X
1	120	99		6	70
	X	X		X	
	X				
	X				

Personnel

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
IS THIS DATA ACTUAL OR BUDGETED?						
ACTUAL			X	X	X	X
BUDGETED		X				
HOW MANY FULL-TIME (FULL-BENEFIT/YEAR-ROUND) POSITIONS ARE IN YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET?		31	52	192	534	24
HOW MANY NON-FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE POSITIONS ARE IN YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET?		279	838	1,002	327	225
HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE IN YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT?						
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS		500	75	3,393	2,198	100
NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED ANNUALLY BY VOLUNTEERS		2,000	7,560	29,553	106,826	
NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED PER VOLUNTEER		4	101	9	49	
WHAT WAS THE TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR? (PLEASE INCLUDE SALARIES AND WAGES, BONUSES, PAYROLL TAXES, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS, ETC.)		\$2,742,689	\$5,478,135	\$24,287,058	\$36,147,595	\$2,018,946

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			X		
X	X			X	X
105	24	108	30	328	55
1,075	209	782	28	172	321
800	1,000	460	150	1	1,731
2,400	8,500	11,000	4,461	2	9,631
3	9	24	30	2	6
\$10,148,318	\$2,778,410	\$13,193,626	\$203,310,800	\$22,735,020	\$5,951,197

Park Lands

	EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT	BILLINGS PARKS, RECREATION AND PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT	BISMARCK PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT	CITY OF HENDERSON	CLEVELAND METROPARKS	DEKALB PARK DISTRICT
PARK ATTENDANCE - INCLUDING VISITORS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS (ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY)		1,000,000	37,000	2,052,845	44,876,408	
PARK ATTENDANCE PER PARK SITE MANAGED		18,868	860	40,252	2,493,134	0
HOW MANY INDIVIDUAL PARKS OR SITES DOES YOUR DEPARTMENT/AGENCY MAINTAIN AND/OR HAVE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OVER?						
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKS						
NUMBER OF PARKS		53	43	51	18	40
NUMBER OF PARK ACRES		2,579	2,491	835	22,097	700
ACRES PER PARK					1,312.50	17.5
TOTAL NUMBER OF NON-PARK SITES						
NUMBER OF NON-PARK SITES		4	7		1	
NUMBER OF NON-PARK SITE ACRES		120	413	582	178	
ACRES PER NON-PARK SITE						
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKS AND NON-PARK SITES						
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKS AND SITES		57	50	51	19	43
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARK AND NON-PARK ACRES		2,699	2,904	1,417	22,275	480
TOTAL ACRES PER PARK OR SITE		47.4	58.1	27.8	1,172.40	11.2
WHAT PERCENT OF YOUR ACREAGE IS DEVELOPED FOR PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES?		48.00%	94.70%	59.00%	100.00%	65.00%
OF THE UNDEVELOPED LAND FOR WHICH YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY OVER OR MAINTAINS, HOW MANY ACRES OF LAND ARE:						
DESIGNATED OPEN SPACE ACRES		420	413	1,425	18,500	3
CONSERVATION LANDS - MANAGED HABITAT		800		0	674	32
PRESERVATION LAND ACRES (NO MANAGEMENT)		176		0	0	

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	1,000,000	1,450,000	550,000	84,000,000	858,000
0	33,333	14,078	21,154	480,000	16,500
28	30	103	26	175	52
498	679	1,157		4,351	596
17.8	22.6			24.9	
22				30	44
336				606	21
15.3				20.2	
50	30	103	26	205	96
834	679	1,157		4,957	617
16.7	22.6	11.2		24.2	6.4
78.00%	100.00%	85.00%	56.60%	86.00%	63.00%
84	100	135	489	918	115
94	100	100		0	11
	0	7		0	26

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PERCENTAGE OF UNDEVELOPED LAND THAT IS:						
DESIGNATED OPEN SPACE ACRES		30.09%	100.00%	1.00%	96.48%	0.09%
CONSERVATION LANDS - MANAGED HABITAT		57.31%	0.00%	0.00%	3.52%	0.91%
PRESERVATION LAND ACRES (NO MANAGEMENT)		12.61%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
WHAT IS THE TOTAL MILEAGE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS MANAGED BY YOUR AGENCY?						
A. MULTI-PURPOSE - NO EQUESTRIAN		30	50.5	100	87.8	13
B. MULTI-PURPOSE - EQUESTRIAN PERMITTED		10		22	2.3	
C. HIKING/WALKING ONLY		0	10.13	0	94.1	
D. BICYCLING ONLY		0		0	0	
E. EQUESTRIAN ONLY		0	0.5	0	90	
F. OTHER		0		0	11.7	
TOTAL		40	61.13	122	285.9	13
PERCENTAGE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS MANAGED BY AGENCY THAT ARE:						
MULTI-PURPOSE - NO EQUESTRIAN		75.00%	82.61%	81.97%	30.71%	100.00%
MULTI-PURPOSE - EQUESTRIAN PERMITTED		25.00%	0.00%	18.03%	0.80%	0.00%
HIKING/WALKING ONLY		0.00%	16.57%	0.00%	32.91%	0.00%
BICYCLING ONLY		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
EQUESTRIAN ONLY		0.00%	0.82%	0.00%	31.48%	0.00%
OTHER		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.09%	0.00%

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47.19%	50.00%	55.79%	100.00%	100.00%	75.66%
52.81%	50.00%	41.32%	0.00%	0.00%	7.24%
0.00%	0.00%	2.89%	0.00%	0.00%	17.11%
9.8	69	27	12	25	26.25
		0	0	0	0
2.8		3.5	0	0	2
	1		4	0	4
			0	0	0
			0		
12.6	70	30.5	16	25	32.25
77.78%	98.57%	88.52%	75.00%	100.00%	81.40%
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
22.22%	0.00%	11.48%	0.00%	0.00%	6.20%
0.00%	1.43%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	12.40%
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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MISCELLANEOUS BENCHMARKING RATIOS						
OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA		\$37.91	\$175.43	\$428.05	\$54.10	\$117.98
OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER FTE		\$67,836	\$65,480	\$217,191	\$83,485	
OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER ACRE OF LAND MANAGED OR MAINTAINED		\$1,502	\$3,912	\$78,562	\$3,073	\$11,069
ACRES OF PARKLAND MANAGED OR MAINTAINED PER JURISDICTION SQ. MI.		62.2	119.5	13.4	45.9	30
ACREAGE OF PARKLAND PER 1,000 POPULATION		25.2	44.8	5.4	17.6	10.7
ACRES OF PARKLAND MAINTAINED PER FTE		45.2	16.7	2.8	27.2	
JURISDICTION POPULATION PER SQUARE MILE SERVED		2,464	2,665	2,466	2,608	2,815
JURISDICTION POPULATION PER FTE		1,789	373	507	1,543	
REVENUE PER CAPITA			\$77.85	\$27.28	\$21.08	\$16.36
REVENUE AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE			44.38%	6.37%	38.97%	13.87%
REVENUE PER VISITOR			\$136.23	\$3.46	\$0.59	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER VISITOR		\$4.05	\$307.01	\$54.23	\$1.53	
TOTAL CAPITAL PLUS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA		\$37.91	\$201.13	\$1,114.05	\$65.60	\$129.02
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS PER CAPITA			\$25.70	\$685.99	\$11.50	\$11.04
TAX COST PER CAPITA			\$70.17	\$55.86	\$40.09	\$74.33
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS PER JURISDICTION POPULATION		0	1	0	3	0
PARK ATTENDANCE PER JURISDICTION POPULATION		9	1	8	35	0

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\$781.13	\$130.98	\$457.61	\$58.28	\$78.92	\$234.29
\$332,478	\$50,826	\$117,442	\$166,738	\$125,237	\$68,929
\$41,859	\$6,493	\$29,663		\$8,280	\$13,922
46.5	49.2	44.5		25.6	48.9
18.7	20.2	15.4		9.5	16.8
	7.8	4			5
2,491	2,439	2,885	2,524	2,681	2,905
426	388	257	2,861	1,587	294
\$391.76	\$68.33	\$160.64		\$11.47	\$104.15
50.15%	52.17%	35.10%		14.54%	44.46%
	\$2.30	\$8.31		\$0.07	\$4.45
	\$4.41	\$23.67	\$9.09	\$0.49	\$10.01
\$963.40	\$321.11	\$563.96	\$77.83	\$106.13	\$244.69
\$182.27	\$190.14	\$106.35	\$19.55	\$27.21	\$10.40
\$382.75	\$58.94	\$274.56			\$21.09
36	2	1	1	0	8
0	30	19	6	162	23

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MEDIAN JURISDICTION POPULATION PER FACILITY						
RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER		53,477	64,751	43,345		22,517
FITNESS CENTER		106,954	32,376	37,153		45,033
PLAYGROUND		2,815	1,472	3,940	23,428	2,252
TOT LOTS						
TENNIS COURT (INDOOR)		106,954	32,376	260,068	421,704	45,033
TENNIS COURT (OUTDOOR)		4,114	4,981	5,911		11,258
BASKETBALL COURT (OUTDOOR)		4,114	21,584	7,431	316,278	11,258
SWIMMING POOL (INDOOR) - COMPETITION POOLS			64,751	130,034		
SWIMMING POOL (INDOOR) - NON- COMPETITION POOLS			64,751	130,034		
SWIMMING POOL (OUTDOOR) - COMPETITION POOLS				130,034		
SWIMMING POOL (OUTDOOR) - NON- COMPETITION POOLS		53,477	21,584	37,153	632,556	45,033
SENIOR CENTER		106,954		130,034		
ICE SKATING RINK (INDOOR)			21,584			
ICE SKATING RINK (OUTDOOR)			6,475			45,033
RECTANGULAR FIELDS - FOOTBALL			64,751			
RECTANGULAR FIELDS - SOCCER, LACROSSE, FIELD HOCKEY (REGULATION SIZE)		10,695	8,094	86,689	253,022	
RECTANGULAR FIELDS - SOCCER, LACROSSE, FIELD HOCKEY (SMALL-SIDED FIELDS)			3,238	10,836		
DIAMOND FIELDS - BASEBALL WITH 90 FT BASE PATHS		15,279	16,188	52,014	1,265,111	4,094

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44,692		12,500	12,261	32,507	36,665
44,692		25,000		47,283	36,665
1,064	1,052	1,442	5,722	2,176	2,444
44,692	6,732	4,412	28,608	52,012	5,238
		75,000		104,023	
876	2,104	1,923	42,912	4,229	3,333
1,465	4,208	2,586	42,912	7,881	5,238
44,692		75,000			36,665
14,897		25,000		520,116	36,665
22,346		37,500		52,012	36,665
8,938	33,660	37,500	85,824	11,066	36,665
44,692		75,000	85,824	40,009	36,665
22,346	33,660				
22,346	4,208	25,000			
		12,500	42,912		1,667
		5,357	7,802	7,881	2,820
		7,500	9,536	20,004	4,074
		37,500	28,608	20,004	18,333

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DIAMOND FIELDS - BASEBALL WITH 50-65 FT BASE PATHS AND MOUND		9,723	16,188	8,968		
DIAMOND FIELDS - SOFTBALL (YOUTH)		11,884	16,188	37,153		
DIAMOND FIELDS - SOFTBALL (ADULT)		9,723	2,313	37,153	52,713	5,629
INDOOR OR OUTDOOR STADIUM(S)/ ARENA(S)		106,954	64,751			
CAMPSITES			483	260,068	180,730	
RV SITES			483			
CAMPSTORES			64,751			
BOAT RAMP(S)		53,477			1,265,111	
BOAT/CANOE RENTALS						
SLIP RENTALS					13,751	
FUEL STATION					1,265,111	
GYM			21,584	43,345		11,258
DRIVING RANGE		106,954	32,376	260,068	421,704	45,033
DOG PARK		106,954	64,751	26,007		
CONFERENCE CENTER						
NATURE/INTERPRETIVE CENTER			32,376	130,034	210,852	
PERFORMING AND/OR VISUAL ARTS/ COMMUNITY CENTER						
COMMUNITY GARDENS			64,751	260,068		

GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT	ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION	SCHAUMBURG PARK DISTRICT	SUGAR LAND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT	TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION	WESTERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
		4,412	7,802	9,632	2,157
		5,000	9,536		9,166
		5,000		10,402	7,333
	33,660	75,000		260,058	
	16,830	18,750	85,824	47,283	36,665
		75,000		104,023	
44,692	33,660		85,824	86,686	36,665
	33,660		14,304		
22,346	33,660	75,000			
44,692		75,000		130,029	
44,692	281	758		86,686	524