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Master Plan

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSES AND GOALS

The City of Lincolnton provides public recreation to its citizens as a means of supporting a high quality of life. Studies have shown that ‘quality of life’ issues are very important to residents and visitors. Lively programs and events can also have a major impact on community economic development.

The City recognizes the importance of *planning* as a means of improving recreation opportunities for all its residents and visitors. As a result, the City Council hired McGill Associates to assist with the creation of a 10-year Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan – to include all existing and future park facilities and grounds.

The City of Lincolnton’s Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan 2021-2031 provides the framework for guiding the City of Lincolnton Council and Staff. The plan is a long-range visioning document that guides continued investments in parks and open space. The framework for this Master Plan is based upon conducting an inventory of the existing park system, recording site observations, and public comments made at community meetings. The assessment of the existing park facilities, or lack of facilities, will identify the immediate facility needs in the community and predict the future needs of residents.



Another purpose of the Master Plan is to analyze and recommend the addition or renovation of parks, programs, and recreational facilities. Not only does this document include recommendations, but it also prioritizes certain projects, such as recommended park upgrades or possible expansion, taking into consideration the identification of user population and the development of recreation standards. The Master Plan is action-oriented and will provide the City of Lincolnton with a practical guide for the enhancement of its facilities and programs for the next ten years.

In preparing the Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan, the City appointed five (5) members each for the Project Oversight Group (POG) who guided McGill Associate's team in the development of the public survey and Plan goals and recommendations. A key objective in the development of the Master Plan was the solicitation of community input, thereby identifying additional needs for City residents, such as renovation, construction, property acquisition, development, and operational policies, for both now and in the future. Community input, along with the comparison to state and national standards, are the initial steps in the Master Plan process.

State and National Standards were used as a guide to support the recommendations made for the City of Lincolnton recreation facilities. Using these standard guidelines, McGill Associates, P.A. developed a plan which applied specifically to the resident and non-resident users of the Town's recreation facilities.

The Master Plan emphasizes practical and more desirable improvements to the existing recreation system including parks and recreational facilities. It is not designed to be exclusive, but rather to enhance recreational opportunities in the community.

Of utmost importance, the Master Plan is intended to maintain the type of venues in both the City of Lincolnton that fosters community spirit, activism, and bonding between local citizens.

The study of the demographic profile community residents' is a key factor in making specific and accurate recommendations.

Not only does the Master Plan make recommendations for a ten-year period (2021-2031), but it also suggests the means by which the identified objectives might be achieved. Opportunities for grants, partnerships, and outside funding are recommended as aids in the establishment of Capital Improvement Plans and an operating budget.

The Master Plan focuses on providing the City of Lincolnton with an accurate, usable guide for decision-making as both entities begin to implement projects, such as:

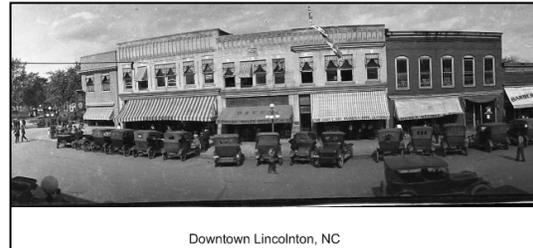
- Renovating existing facilities currently owned by the City of Lincolnton.
- Exploring the possibilities for developing new facilities.
- Developing facilities and programming for future parks and greenways

The Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan is divided into six major component sections:

- Section 1 - Introduction
- Section 2 – Population Trends and Projections
- Section 3 – Existing Recreation Facilities
- Section 4 – Recreation Needs Assessment
- Section 5 – Goals and Recommendations
- Section 6 – Implementation Plan

1.2 COMMUNITY HISTORY

Lincolnton was established as the seat for Lincoln County on December 29, 1785. By the early 1800's Lincolnton had become a bustling and vibrant community that continued to grow and became a center for trade, culture, and government. However, by the mid 1800's things had changed for both the county and the city. As the county was partitioned and broken up to form 3 more counties things began to look down for the area. Industry slowed and population growth became stagnant.



At the turn of the century Lincolnton began to blossom once more with new businesses that aided in the success of the local economy. As textile mills located throughout the area expanded, the City took advantage of the South Fork of the Catawba River and rail lines and became a center for trade and distribution.

1.3 LOCAL SETTING

The City of Lincolnton is centrally located in Lincoln County along highway 321. This arterial roadway provides access to the Charlotte Metro area and the jobs and economy that it provides. Due to its proximity to the Charlotte Metro area, Lincolnton has seen growth in population, industry, and the local economy. With its open space, low real estate values, and family friendly environment, the City is becoming a great place to live, work, and play for people of all ages.



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SECTION 2 POPULATION TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

2.1 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

A review of the demographic information for the City of Lincolnton has been evaluated to better understand the characteristics of the community. It also serves as a tool to identify future trends and projections that may influence recreation and park planning. Information concerning age and gender are important factors in determining the needs for recreation in the community. Table 2.1 contains the general demographic characteristics for full-time residents of the City of Lincolnton, as ascertained by the US Census Bureau American Community Survey Estimates.

Table 2.1: Demographics for the City of Lincolnton, 2019 US Census ACS 5-Year Estimate

CATEGORY	NUMBER	PERCENT
SEX		
Male	5,471	50.5%
Female	5,361	49.5%
Total:	10,832	100%
AGE		
Under 5 years	945	8.7%
5 to 9 years	725	6.7%
10 to 14 years	444	4.1%
15 to 19 years	576	5.3%
20 to 24 years	623	5.8%
25 to 34 years	1,717	15.9%
35 to 44 years	1,102	10.2%
45 to 54 years	1,203	11.1%
55 to 59 years	890	8.2%
60 to 64 years	564	5.2%
65 to 74 years	1,182	10.9%
75 to 84 years	528	4.9%
85 years and over	333	3.1%
Total:	10,832	100%

RACE		
White	8,256	76.2%
Black or African American	1,283	11.8%
Hispanic	1,950	18%
American Indian/Alaskan	43	0.4%
Asian	16	0.1%
One Race: Other	10,915	94.1%
Two or More Races	637	5.9%
Total	10,832	100%

The population over the last 10 years has remained relatively stagnant. However due to proximity to the Charlotte metro area, the growth and expansion of the road networks, and the increased job growth the City of Lincolnton is in a prime location for growth.

2.2 POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Population projections can vary widely due to intervening factors such as the strength of the economy, availability of jobs, and housing prices. Population projections identify potential challenges and needs that may confront the community in the future.

County population projections are provided by the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (NCOSBM); however, municipal population projections are not. The State Demographer’s population components of change estimate that Lincoln County population will increase from migration into the county. Components of change from natural growth, births and deaths, will have a minor change in the county’s population decline, however the increase will be far greater than the decrease. It is also assumed that this trend of population change will be the same for Lincolnton.

According to the NCOSBM, in 2020 the permanent population of Lincoln County is projected to be 88,151 people, whereas in 2030, the permanent population is expected to be 99,743 people. This is an increase of about 11,592 people or 13.15%. If the same percentage increase were applied to the 2019 US Census ACS 5-Year Estimate population of 10,832 for Lincolnton the estimated increase for 2030 would be 12,257.

2.3 POPULATION TRENDS

According to the North Carolina Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2020-2025, senior citizens comprise the fastest growing age group. The senior population is expected to have significant impacts throughout society because of income levels, population, and unique needs. The North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) projects that by the year 2030 one in five North Carolinians will be 65 years old and older.

While the City is made of a wide range of different aged citizens, this growing segment of our society is a significant user of recreational programming and facilities. The Parks and Recreation Department will have to increase the number and type of activities and facilities to effectively serve this aging population, both now, and in the future. To meet the demands of all residents and visitors, the City's Parks and Recreation Department will have to continually evaluate its recreation and ancillary facilities, as well as offer more types of recreational programs as the population changes.



More senior adults are seeking active lifestyles as part of their daily routines

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SECTION 3 EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES



Highland Drive Park

3.1 FACILITY INVENTORY

This section will look at all the facilities offered to fully understand the recreational opportunities that the City of Lincolnton has access to. These recreational facilities derive from many different sources, including the following:

- City owned parks and recreational facilities
- County owned parks and recreational facilities
- Privately owned facilities
- Other local municipalities
- Schools

A brief analysis of the recreation facilities was performed noting any visible improvements needed for that facility. The necessary improvements to existing facilities can be found in Section 4. This method of study served as a guide for the City of Lincolnton in its efforts to develop a plan for present and future needs. Lincolnton residents and visitors have many of their recreation needs met through the local facilities. In addition to the facilities owned by the City, recreational

opportunities are provided by private facilities, the surrounding communities, and local schools.

Recreation Facilities Owned and Operated by the City of Lincolnton

Betty G. Ross Park

Betty G Ross Park is a large recreational hub for the City of Lincolnton. The park provides community members and visitors access to (3) multi purpose fields, (2) baseball/softball fields, two covered picnic shelters, an outdoor basketball court, (2) outdoor lighted pickleball courts, a tennis court, nature trails, an 18 hole disc golf course, (2) playgrounds, a canoe/kayak launch, and a fishing platform. The Lentz Recreation Center Gymnasium and Pool is also located at Betty G. Ross Park to provide visitors access to indoor fitness center facilities, basketball/pickleball courts, (2) Raquetball courts and an outdoor swimming pool.



First Federal Park

First Federal Park is located along the Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail at the former historic site of the Carolina and North Western Railroad Freight Depot. The park provides visitors access to a splash pad, park benches, open green space, and a restroom building with water fountains.

City Park

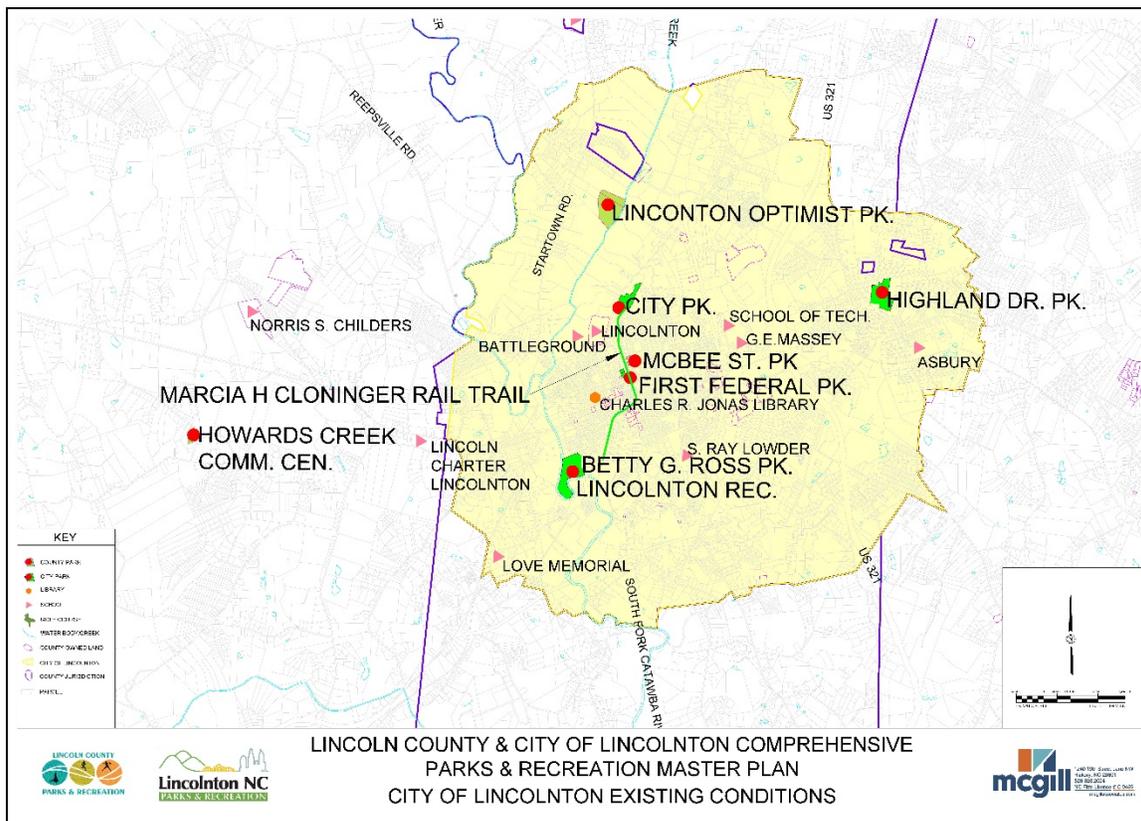
City Park is located on the northern end of Downtown Lincolnton and provides visitors access to a lighted multipurpose field, concessions, and a restroom building. This park is one of the endpoints for the Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail.

Highland Drive Park

Highland Drive Park provides visitors access to (2) multipurpose fields, (2) baseball/softball fields, a picnic shelter, a playground, a paved walking trail, concessions, and a restroom building.

Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail

The Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail is a 1.6-mile paved trail with end points at City Park and Motz Ave near Betty G Ross Park. The trail also provides visitors access to the downtown district of Lincolnton. It follows the historic Carolina and Northwestern Railroad and is part of the Carolina Thread Trail network that provides walkers, joggers, and bikers access to miles of trails.



Map 3.2 Existing Conditions for the City of Lincolnton – See larger 11”x17” map in Appendix A

Motz Avenue Dog Park

As of the writing of this plan, a new dog park facility opened for City residents (5.1.2021). The site is approximately 0.5 acres and is open from Dawn to Dusk except Sundays 12:30-Dusk. The park has three small areas for patrons to enjoy with their dogs. The first is a training area, second a small dog area and the last reserved for large dogs.

City of Lincolnton Recreation Programs/Events

Online Gaming League

Due to the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic and social isolation, in an effort to keep community members connected, the City of Lincolnton has created an online gaming league. This league is designed to offer different types of competition through online video games. The games offered through this program promote strategic playing, problem solving, and teamwork for different ages. This program offers games that can be played individually or as a team and aims to appeal to different audiences.

Youth Sports Leagues

- NFL Flag Football League
- Summer Volleyball League
- Spring / Fall Soccer League
- Youth Dodgeball League

Other Recreation Activities

- Open Gym Basketball
- Racquetball
- Pickleball
- Adult Kickball League
- Senior's Chair Volleyball
- Let's Get Moving! Walking Program
- Swimming Lessons
- Water Aerobics
- Lifeguard & Junior Lifeguard Training
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Camps and Special Programs

- Jr. NBA Skills Challenge
- Adult 3 v. 3 Basketball Tournament
- Spring Break Baseball Camp
- Pitch, Hit & Run Competition – Boys & Girls
- Jr. Home Run Derby
- Lifeguard Certification Course
- Basketball Camp – Boys & Girls
- Football Camp – Boys
- Soccer Camp – Boys & Girls
- Softball Camp – Girls
- Swim Team Camp – Boys & Girls
- Tennis Camp – Boys & Girls
- Volleyball Camp – Girls

Seasonal Events

- New Year's Eve Apple Drop
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade
- Polar Plunge for Special Olympics
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Lincoln County Special Olympics Spring Games
- Young Athletes Day
- Fourth of July Celebration
- Christmas in Historic Downtown Lincolnton

Recreation Facilities Owned and Operated by Lincoln County

West Lincoln Park

West Lincoln Park is a large recreational hub for western Lincoln County. The park provides community members and visitors access to the following amenities:

- Large picnic shelter
- splash pad
- (2) playgrounds
- (2) baseball fields
- (300' unstriped)
- Volleyball court
- Horseshoe pits
- Multipurpose field
- Large picnic station (8 picnic tables)
- Mountain biking trail
- 0.6 miles of paved walking trail



North Brook Community Center

North Brook Community Center is a meeting space for rent made available for the community in the western region of the County near the community of Vale.

Lincolnton Optimist Park

Lincolnton Optimist Park provides visitors access to:

- (3) Baseball/softball fields – (1) 300', (2) 250' fields
- Concession/Restroom building

Vale Recreation Park

Vale Recreation Park provides:

- Playground
- (3) Baseball/softball fields – (1) 300', (2) 250' field
- Paved walking trail
- Concession/restroom building

Howard's Creek Community Center

Howard's Creek Community Center is a meeting space for rent made available for the community in the central region of the County near the City of Lincolnton. The location is also the site of a Vietnam Veterans of America memorial and provides visitors access to a playground and walking trail.

McBee Street Park

McBee Street Park is a small neighborhood park located near the Lincoln Counseling Center that provides visitors access to:

- Playground
- Picnic tables
- Park benches



Rock Springs Nature Preserve

Rock Springs Nature Preserve is a park located on the eastern side of Lincoln County near the community of Denver that provides visitors access to:

- Picnic shelter
- Large children's play area
- 0.4-mile loop asphalt
- Gravel walking trail that connects to a 0.6-mile natural surface trail
- Amphitheater
- Outdoor classroom

Rescue Squad Park

Rescue Squad Park is a park provided in collaboration with the Denver/Lake Norman Rotary Club. The park provides community members and visitors access to:

- Picnic shelter
- (2) soccer/lacrosse fields
- 9-hole disc golf course
- Fitness trail
- Dog park
- Playground

Beatty's Ford Park

Beatty's Ford Park is a large recreational hub for eastern Lincoln County. The park provides community members and visitors access to:

- Large picnic shelter
- 9-hole disc golf course
- Splash pad
- (2) playgrounds
- Volleyball court
- Horseshoe pits
- Walking trails



East Lincoln Park

East Lincoln Park is a park located near the community of Denver. The park provides community members and visitors access to:

- (2) Baseball/softball fields – (2) 190' fields, bocce court
- Gaga pit
- Multipurpose field
- Picnic shelter
- The park is also home to the east lincoln community center which has:
 - Indoor basketball/volleyball court/(2) indoor pickleball court
 - Event room(available for rent)
 - Meeting room (available for rent)

Westwinds Park (Future)

The future Westwind's Park is located at Shoal and Westwinds Road and will be constructed adjacent to the new West Lincoln Library. This park will be approximately 20 acres and is planned to include hiking trails, reading nooks, game area, large open grassy/event areas, multi-generational playground, additional and improved parking (including bus parking), a restroom/storage building, a large picnic shelter, a butterfly garden/meadow, educational kiosks, and an outdoor classroom.



Private/Non-profit Facilities Near Lincolnton

West Lincolnton Optimist Park

5959 NC-27,
Vale, NC 28168

- (4) baseball/softball fields - (1) 200', (2) 220',
- 290' field
- concession stand,
- restroom/press box building

Boger City Optimist Park

1834 Buffalo Shoals Road,
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- (2) 200' Baseball/softball fields
- (1) 270' Baseball/softball field
- Batting cage
- Playground
- Restroom/concession building

East Lincoln Optimist Club Park

8086 Optimist Club Road,
Denver, NC 28037

- (1) 320' Baseball/softball field
- (2) 220' Baseball/softball fields
- (1) 155' Little League/Tee Ball field
- (4) Batting cages
- Restrooms
- Clubhouse space

Sally's YMCA

1601 Forney Creek Pkwy.
Denver, NC 28307

- Pool
- Fitness

Carolina Thread Trail Forney Creek Trail (trailhead @ Sally's YMCA)

1601 Forney Creek Pkwy.
Denver, NC 28307

- 1.2-mile natural surface trail

Carolina Thread Trail Atrium Health Lincoln Trail (trailhead @ Atrium Health Facility)

433 McAlister Rd
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- 0.6-mile paved surface loop trail

Carolina Thread Trail Ramsour's Mill Trail (trailhead @ Battle of Ramsour's Mill Historic Site)

402 Jeb Seagle Dr.
Lincolnton, NC 28082

- 0.3-mile natural surface trail
- Canoe/kayak launch

Carolina Thread Trail South Fork Rail Trail

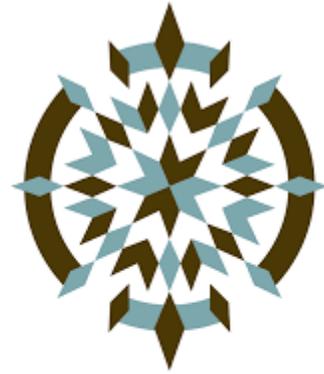
2677 Laboratory Rd
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- 1.8-mile natural surface trail

Carolina Thread Trail South Fork Catawba River Blueway

Ramsours' Mill Trail Launch (put-in)
402 Jeb Seagle Dr.
Lincolnton, NC 28082
Betty Ross Park Launch (take-out)
800 S Madison St
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- 2.0-mile paddling trail



**CAROLINA
THREAD
TRAIL.**

Parks Owned and Operated by Other Government Entities

State Parks

South Mountain State Park

3001 S Mountain Park
Connelly Springs, NC 28612

- Natural Views
- Hiking/Biking Trails
- Equestrian Trails
- Camping
- Fishing Access
- Picnicking



Lake Norman State Park

759 State Park Rd.
Troutman, NC 28166

- Picnicking
- Hiking Trails
- Mountain biking Trails
- Fishing
- Boat Access
- Lake Swimming

Public Schools in Lincoln County

Public school recreation facilities are made available for use by the community. Lincoln County's operates twenty-three public schools that have recreation facilities typical of most schools: playgrounds, baseball/softball field, gymnasium, etc.



The North Carolina Community Schools Act (G.S. 115C Art 13) was passed to allow "greater community use of public-school facilities." Since school facilities represent an investment of the citizenry for the education of students and for the general benefit of the community and its citizens, their proper use and enjoyment shall be encouraged and permitted when such does not interfere with school activities.

Public Schools near Lincolnton

Lincolnton High School

803 N Aspen St.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- Baseball Field
- (4) Tennis Courts
- Multipurpose field

North Lincoln High School

2737 Lee Lawing Rd.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- Baseball Field
- Softball Field
- (6) Tennis Courts
- (3) Multipurpose field
- Football Stadium
- Outdoor Track

Lincolnton Middle School

2361 Startown Rd.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- Baseball/Softball Field
- (2) Multipurpose fields
- Outdoor Track

S Ray Lowder Elementary School

350 Kennedy Dr.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- Playground
- Open Space

Battleground Elementary School

301 Jeb Seagle Dr.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- Playground
- Multipurpose Field
- Outdoor Basketball Court
- Asphalt Court Games

GE Massey Elementary School

Newbold St.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- (3) Playgrounds
- Multipurpose Field
- Outdoor Track

Asbury Elementary School

221 Salem Church Rd.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- Open Space

Love Memorial Elementary School

1463 Love Memorial School Rd.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- Playground
- Multipurpose Field

Norris S. Childers Elementary School

2595 Rock Dam Rd.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

- Playground
- Open Space
- Outdoor Track

- END OF SECTION -



SECTION 4 RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The degree of need for parks, recreation, and open space is most directly influenced by the expectations from the City of Lincolnton residents, relating strictly to the ‘quality of life’ to which they aspire. This Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan addresses, as its first priority, the parks and recreation facility needs envisioned by the residents and visitors of the City of Lincolnton.

Section 3 of this Master Plan inventories the City of Lincolnton’s existing park facilities as well as listing the recreation facilities available at local schools, local municipalities, and private recreation facilities near the City. It also looks at State parks within proximity to the City. This detailed inventory includes the facilities which are available within each park to create a better understanding of the existing recreation opportunities within the City. The demographic and population trends (found in Section 2 of this Master Plan) provide information needed to understand the expected growth of the City of Lincolnton in the future. This Master Plan will be used as a guide for improving recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Community input and recreation standards were used as the primary method in determining the adequate types and number of park facilities needed for the City of Lincolnton. This Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan compares standards developed by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), an independent, non-profit professional organization for park/recreation departments nationwide. In 1996, NRPA published a manual entitled, *Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Guidelines*, which is a widely accepted reference standard for communities.

Standards are guidelines, *not requirements*, for use by communities in estimating the demand for recreation in their given geographic areas. To assure that the City of Lincolnton’s System-wide Recreation Master Plan contains distinctiveness, yet versatility, input was sought from its integral components: The Project Oversight Group, City of Lincolnton Staff, City Council, and citizen representatives.

4.2 TYPES OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

A comprehensive park system is made up of a variety of park types ranging from small neighborhood playgrounds to larger parks with athletic fields, playgrounds, community centers, and open space. The type of park reflects the differing recreational preferences of diverse users. Park models are used as guidelines for fulfilling the future recreational needs of communities. Not all of these types of parks are the responsibility of the City government; several agencies (federal, state, county, and other local municipalities) play roles in providing recreational

opportunities as well. To further understand the City's role in providing recreation services to its citizens, it is necessary to understand the elements of a comprehensive park system. These types of parks and recreation facilities may or may not be included in comprehensive park systems and are delineated in the following pages of this section:

- Regional Parks
- District Parks
- Community Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Mini Parks
- Linear Parks/Greenways
- Special Use Facilities
- Open Space

Regional Parks

Regional parks are typically very large sites. On these sites, the unique qualities that exemplify the natural features found there, such as diverse land formation, vegetation, and wildlife, are preserved. Most regional park facilities contain environmental centers, campsites, nature trails, observation decks, and picnic areas. In addition, open fields for non-structured activities, such as Frisbee-throwing or kite-flying, are also generally found there.



Lake Norman State Park

When land is acquired for the development of regional parks (or the expansion of existing sites), the land should be comprised of the previously mentioned characteristics and, whenever it is possible, accompanied by natural water features such as lakes, rivers, or creeks. The majority of the site should be reserved for passive recreation, with the remaining acreage used for active recreation. Both the acquisition and the development of regional parks are typically undertaken by a federal or state agency.

Specific standards/criteria for developing regional parks are as follows:

Service area:

Region-wide

Acreage/Population Ratio:

10 acres per 1,000 persons

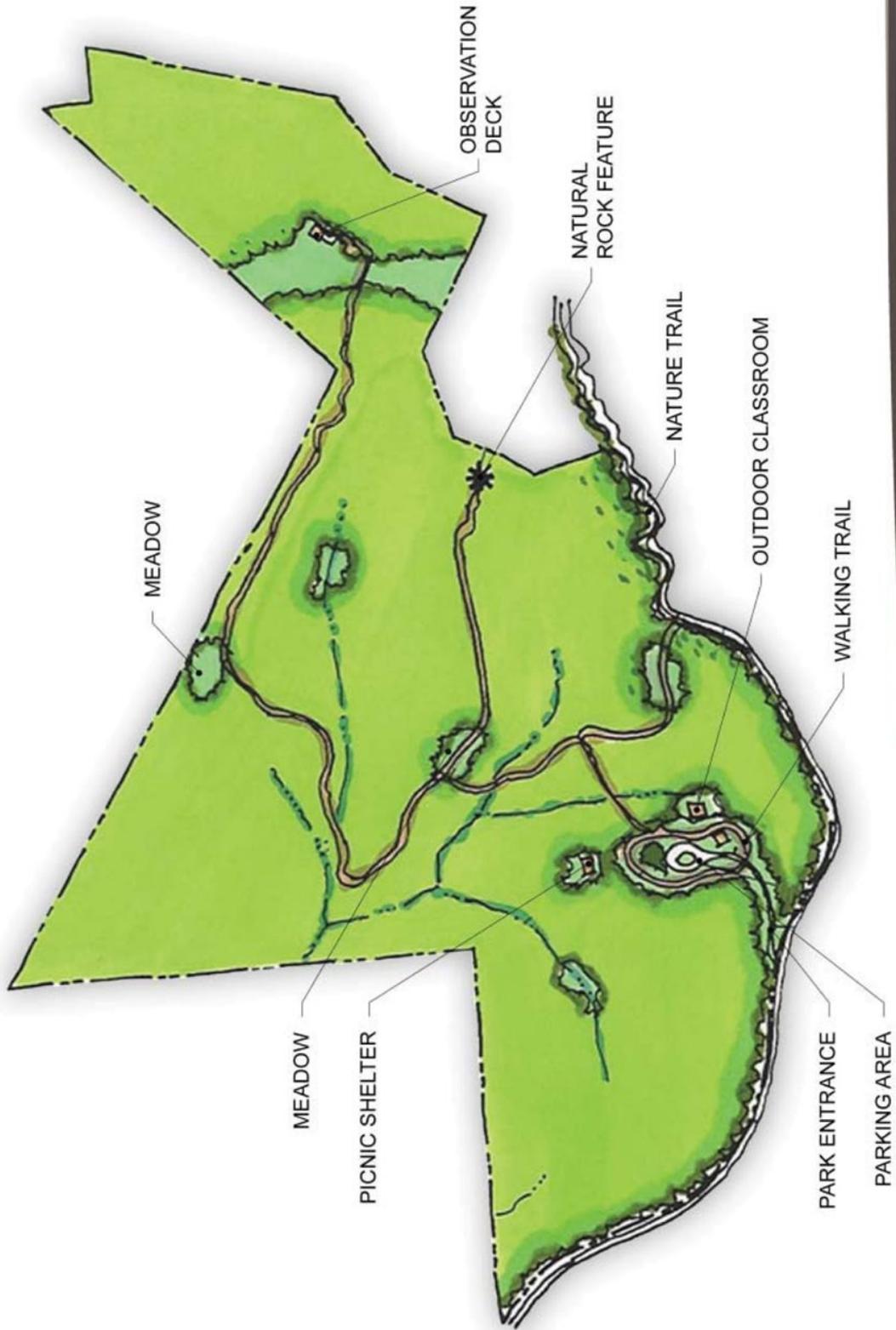
Minimum Size:

150-1,000 acres minimum with sufficient area to encompass the resources to be preserved and managed (10% of the site may be developed with facilities found in Community Parks.)

Typical Facilities:

Environmental Center	Caretaker's House
Equestrian Center	Primitive Camping
Group Camping	Recreational Vehicle Camping
Nature Trails	Observation Deck
Picnic Shelters and Grills	Picnic Tables with Grills (not under shelter)
Boating	Swimming
Parking	Restrooms/Vending
Fishing Piers/Boat Docks	

See diagram of a regional park on the next page.



TYPICAL REGIONAL PARK

150-1000 ACRES

District Parks

A district park functions as the major source of active recreation for several neighborhoods within a community. District parks are intensely developed, offering a multitude of facilities in order to serve their intended geographic user area. Activities are balanced between active and passive recreation. District Parks are typically developed to accommodate athletic league sporting events and tournament competition. Passive recreation opportunities, such as walking for pleasure, wildlife observation, and picnicking are found in the undisturbed areas, preferably within surrounding buffers. District parks present great opportunities for non-traditional types of recreation.



Beatty's Ford Park in Denver, NC

Sites for district parks should be relatively level to alleviate excessive grading for the active facilities. When possible, there should be an equal balance of wooded and cleared areas. If a natural water feature is present, the adjoining land should be developed primarily as passive recreation. Accessibility to neighborhoods should be an important consideration when choosing sites. The development of district parks is typically the responsibility of municipal agencies.

Specific standards/criteria for developing district parks are as follows:

Service area:

1 to 2 ½ mile radius

Acreage/Population Ratio:

5 acres per 1,000 persons

Desirable Range:

75-200 acres

Desirable Size:

+100 acres

Typical Facilities:

Playgrounds	Full or Half Size Basketball Courts
Volleyball Courts	Baseball/Softball/Multi-Purpose Field
Soccer/Football Field	Soccer Practice Field (movable goals)
Nature Trail	Picnic Tables with Grill (with/without shelter)
Restrooms/Concessions	Benches or Bench Swings
Parking/Service Yard	50% of Site Remains Undeveloped
Tennis Courts (lighted)	

***Alternate Facilities:**

Tennis Center	Amphitheatre
Observation Decks	Fishing Piers/Boating/Boat Dock

Recreation Center

* Alternate facilities may be added or substituted.

See diagram of a district park on the next page.



TYPICAL DISTRICT PARK

75-200 ACRES

Community Parks

Community parks focus on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. Compared to district parks, community parks have a smaller range of recreation facilities. They may host athletic league sports events and provide passive recreation. Fifty percent of the community park property should be developed for only passive recreation, with these relatively undisturbed areas serving as buffers around the park and/or acting as buffers between active facilities.

Community park sites should have varying topography and vegetation. A number of different tree species should also be present in forested areas. Community parks should contain cleared areas for the purpose of locating active recreational facilities. At least one natural water feature (lake, river, or creek) is desirable in community parks. The land acquired for use as a community park should be contiguous in nature and strategically located in order to serve all users within the designated community. The development of community parks typically falls within the realm of municipal responsibilities.



Rock Springs Nature Preserve is an example of an existing Community Park.

Specific standards/criteria for developing community parks are as follows:

Service area:

1 to 2-mile radius

Acreage/Population Ratio:

2-5 acres per 1,000 persons

Desirable Range:

15-50 acres

Desirable Size:

25 acres

Typical Facilities:

Playgrounds

Swimming Pool

Nature Trails

Restrooms/Concessions

Baseball/Softball Fields

Parking

Full Size or Half Size Basketball Courts

Tennis/Volleyball Courts

50% of Site to Remain Undeveloped

Soccer/Multi-Purpose Fields

Benches or Bench Swings

Picnic Tables/Shelter with/without Grills

***Alternate Facilities:**

Recreation Center

Disc Golf

Observation Decks

Natural Water Features

Amphitheatre

*Alternate facilities may be added or substituted.

See diagram of a typical community park on the next page.





Mini Parks

The function of a mini park is to provide very limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs. Mini parks are the smallest classification of parks. They are often provided by school and church playgrounds. These parks are located within walking distance of the area served and they provide limited recreational activities. Their very small size requires intense development and there is little or no buffer between mini parks and adjacent property owners.



Mini Parks maximize space and provide access to recreation near popular destinations

Specific standards/criteria for mini parks are as follows:

Service area:

¼ to ½ mile radius to serve walk-in recreation needs of surrounding populations

Acreage/Population Ratio:

0.5 acres per 1,000 persons

Desirable Size:

±1 acre

Typical Facilities:

Half Basketball Courts
Picnic Tables with Grills (not under shelter)
Benches or Bench Swings
Open Play Area Playground

***Alternate Facilities:**

Nature Trails
Tennis Courts

*Alternate facilities may be added/substituted.

See diagram of a typical mini park on the next page.



TYPICAL MINI PARK

Linear Parks/Greenways

A linear park is an area developed for one or more varying modes of recreational travel, such as hiking and biking. Linear parks are developed for several reasons:

- To connect existing recreational facilities
- To facilitate public Right-of-ways
- To connect destination points
- To meet public demand

As such, the length and size of linear parks vary considerably, depending on the terrain of the park land and the distance between entities to be connected—such as parks, schools, homes, businesses, and cultural/historical resources. In some cases, a linear park is developed within a large land area designated for protection and management of the natural environment, with recreation opportunities as a secondary objective. The Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail is an excellent example of a linear park in Lincolnton. It provides access to nature and connects people to downtown.



Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail

Unique or Special Use Facilities

The unique or special use facilities are park types that exist for the sole purpose of enhancing or utilizing a special man-made or natural feature. They can include beaches, parkways, historical sites, sites of archeological significance, swimming pools, conservation easements, flood plains, etc. Minimum standards relating to acreage or population have not been established by the park and recreation industry for this category of park. A size that is sufficient to protect and interpret the resource, while providing optimum use, is considered desirable.

Open Space



Conserving open space is important to preserve natural environments for future generations

While it is realistic and appropriate to adopt population-based standards for park land and facilities, the establishment of open space standards should be carefully crafted. A typical method of establishing appropriate standards for open space is to determine the criteria necessary for the protection of significant natural areas contained therein. Standards should complement ongoing City planning efforts and consider existing ordinances.

Public open space is defined as any land acquired for the purpose of keeping it in a primarily undeveloped state. The functions of open space include:

- Preservation of drainage areas for water supplies (watersheds)
- Protection of areas which are particularly well suited for growing crops (farmland preservation)
- Protection of communities to prevent urban sprawl (greenbelts)
- Protection of wildlife habitat (sanctuaries)
- Protection of approach and take-off areas near airports (clear zones)
- Protection of undevelopable land (landfills)
- Protection of areas aesthetically pleasing for a corridor (Viewshed)

While these areas are some of the more common open spaces, many others exist.

4.3 PUBLIC INPUT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The methodology used in establishing a Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan should always include citizen input. To ensure a successful study, it is vital that

the public users of recreational facilities be able to share their issues, needs, and desires.

Community Involvement

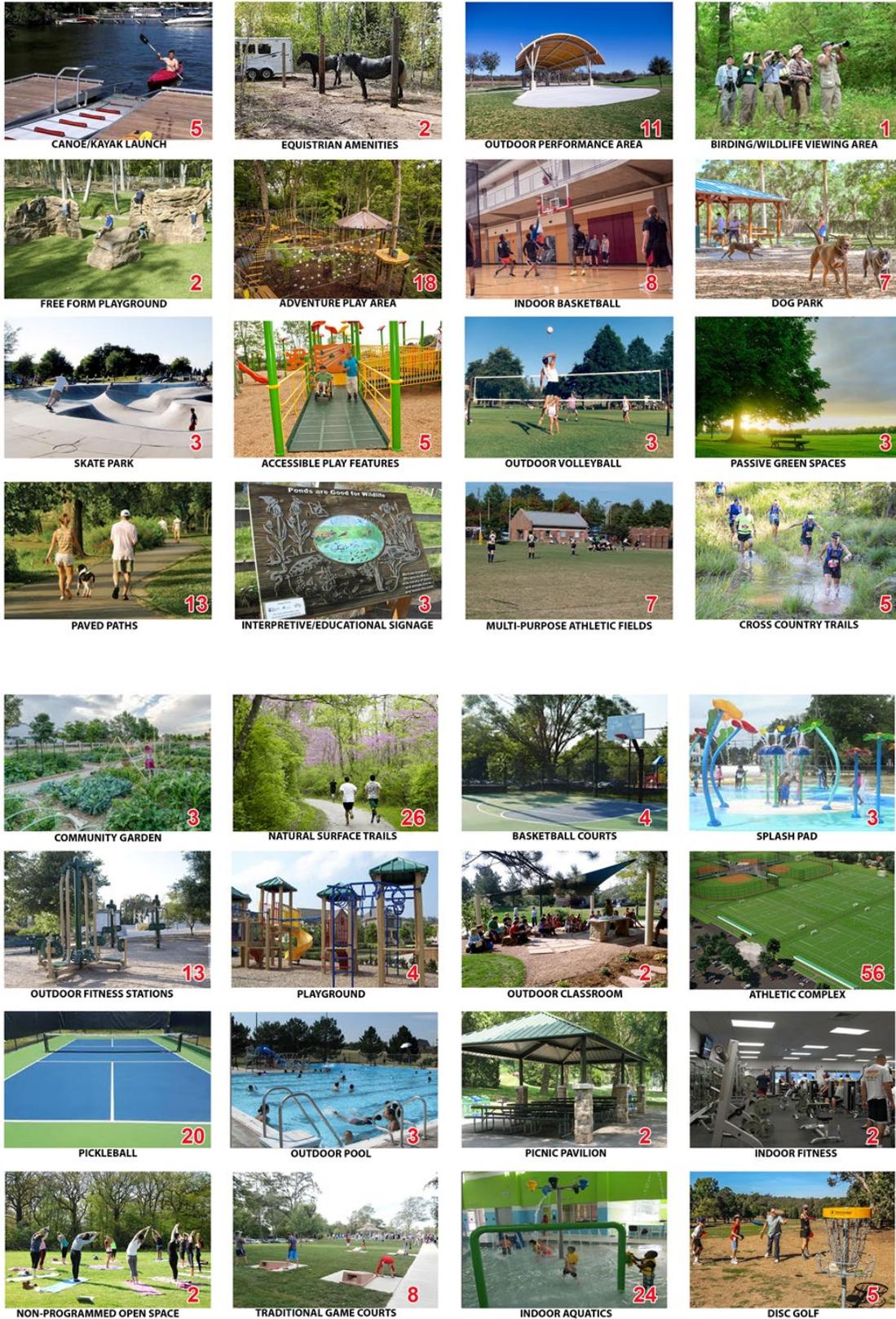
To facilitate community input, two public meetings were conducted during the Master Plan process. These workshops were held at existing community events on January 27th, 28th, 29th. The public meetings, along with the community survey, were advertised by the City on their website, social media platforms, via signage, solicitation via project marketing cards, and support from Staff (word of mouth and postings). The promotion of the public meeting and survey was also made available through word of mouth by the Recreation Oversight Group and project information cards that were distributed at different locations throughout Lincolnton. These meetings were conducted so that residents would be able to voice their opinions on the topic of recreation. Approximately 50 participants attended the meetings and provided much-needed feedback.

The community meetings were held at Gaston College Lincoln Campus on Wednesday, January 27th, Thursday January 28th at Howard's Creek Community Center, and Friday January 29th at the East Lincoln Community Center. All meetings were drop-in from 3pm thru 7 pm and followed CDC and State social distancing guidelines. Meeting activities included mapping and visual preference exercises as well as open dialog and question/answer opportunities. The meetings encouraged attendees to interact and discuss their experiences with the Lincolnton Recreation system in an open setting that promoted opportunities to share comments, see amenity examples, and ask questions. This was a crucial step to ensure that all who want to be heard, voice their concerns, and receive clarification.

Results of Community Meetings

Park Facility Preferences

The following is a compilation of preferences as listed by the participants on the images that were presented during the first community meeting. (See Appendix B, Park Facility Preferences). Participants were asked to rank 5 amenities that they would most like to see offered by Lincolnton's Parks and Recreation system. 1. Athletic Complex (56 votes), 2. Natural Surface Trails (26 votes), 3. Indoor Aquatics (24 votes), 4. Pickleball (20 votes), 5. Adventure Play Area (18 votes). It is clear from the remarks that the participants desire facilities that provide spaces for outdoor festivals and events as well as recreation for families.



General comments from Community Meetings:

- **Need more trails,**
- **Pickleball courts,**
- **Larger public pool,**
- **More gym space,**
- **Community centers open after 5 o'clock,**
- **Need a large multi-activity complex**



Community Survey

The active participation of residents in the City of Lincolnton was crucial in developing a Master Plan that reflects the true needs of the community. Public input was solicited throughout the entire planning process. A survey was created as a tool to gather information from the public concerning the existing and future needs of the City's park system (Appendix C). A project marketing card was developed to encourage awareness of the project and provide both a web address to the community survey as well as a QR code that interested individuals could use via smartphone/mobile device to reach the online survey and provide their input. 300 survey marketing cards were distributed via both Lincolnton Parks and Lincoln County parks, at community meetings, and handed out in Downtown Lincolnton on two separate trips to spread word of mouth awareness of the planning effort.

Help Guide the Future of Lincoln County & the City of Lincolnton.
Have a voice & share your ideas!
Please visit the link below to take the
Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comprecplansurvey>
Please feel free to use this link or the QR code below to participate in the
Lincoln County/City of Lincolnton community recreation survey. We look
forward to your input.



To gather further public input and reach the broadest cross-section of City and County residents, a printed version of the Master Plan surveys was also made available at the public meetings. The following sub-section summarizes the results of the community survey (See Appendix A for survey results).

1,420 surveys were completed of the 1,420 survey's made available. The survey received a total of 1,420 participants representing about 3,410 residents for the Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan. 29% (399) of the total responses came from City of Lincolnton residents with the remaining 71% (971) from those participants that reported being from unincorporated areas within the County. An additional 50 participants skipped the residence question.

These results included both the survey handouts and the online survey results. The surveys provided for data collection from all persons in the household of the survey respondent.

The surveys were designed to elicit answers on resident's needs and desires for recreation opportunities. It included a section where respondents rated their use of existing facilities both within the City and County limits. The survey instructed respondents to rank the programs and facilities in order of importance to their household and to list the facilities they would like to see added to the park and recreation system. Results of the survey are as follows (see data on following page):



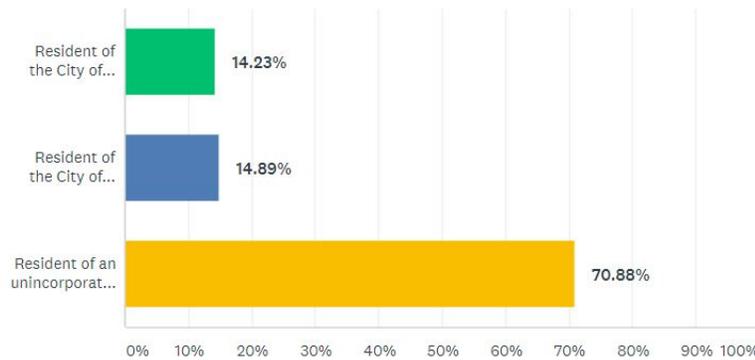
Temperature checks and social distancing was required at all public meetings.

City of Lincolnton/Lincoln County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

Q1 Residents vs. Non-Residents of the City of Lincolnton

Concerning your residence are you a (check all that apply):

Answered: 1,370 Skipped: 50



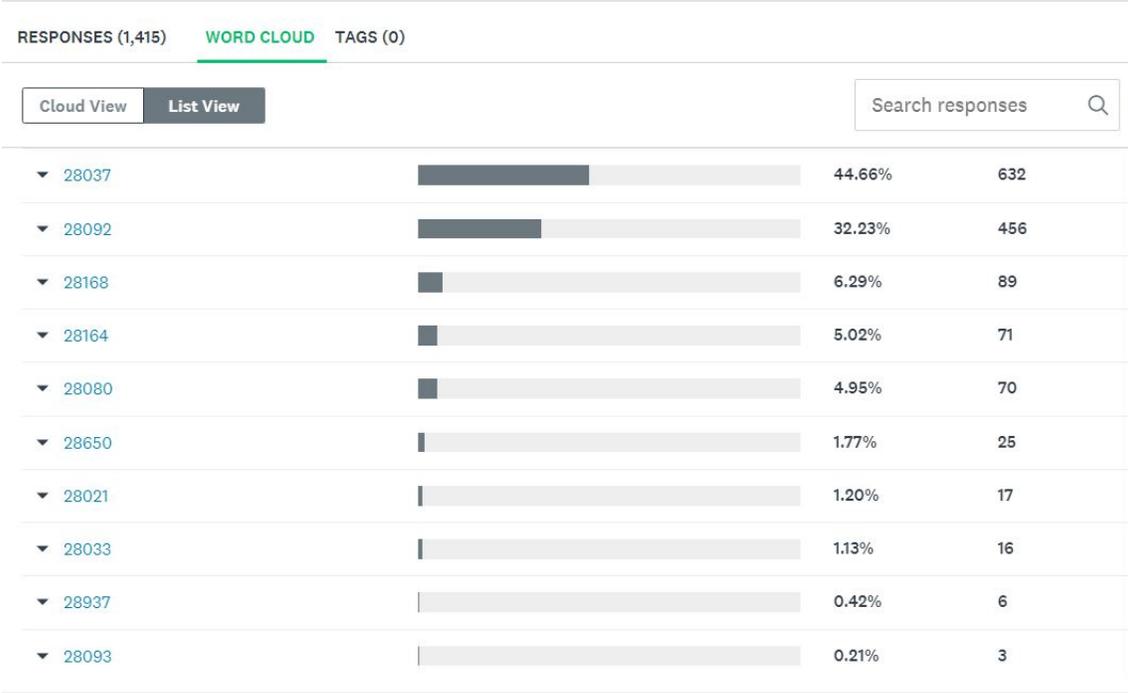
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident of the City of Lincolnton (Do not own property within City Limits)	14.23%	195
Resident of the City of Lincolnton (Own property within City limits)	14.89%	204
Resident of an unincorporated town within Lincoln County	70.88%	971
TOTAL		1,370

(399) of the total responses came from City of Lincolnton residents with the remaining 71% (971) of those participants reporting to be from unincorporated parts of the County. An additional 50 participants skipped the residence question.

Q2 ZIP Code of Respondents

In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 28037 or 28092)

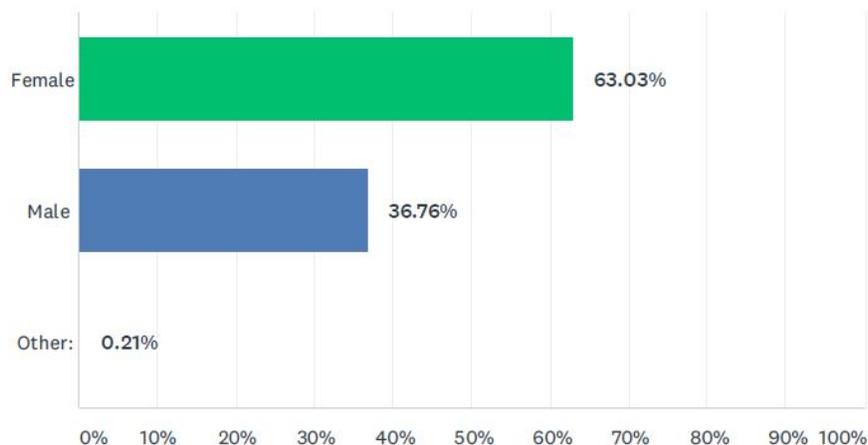
Answered: 1,415 Skipped: 5



Participants reported being from several different zip codes but predominantly from the 28037, and 28092 zip codes. 28037 – Denver area 45% - 28092 (...93) – Lincolnton area 32%

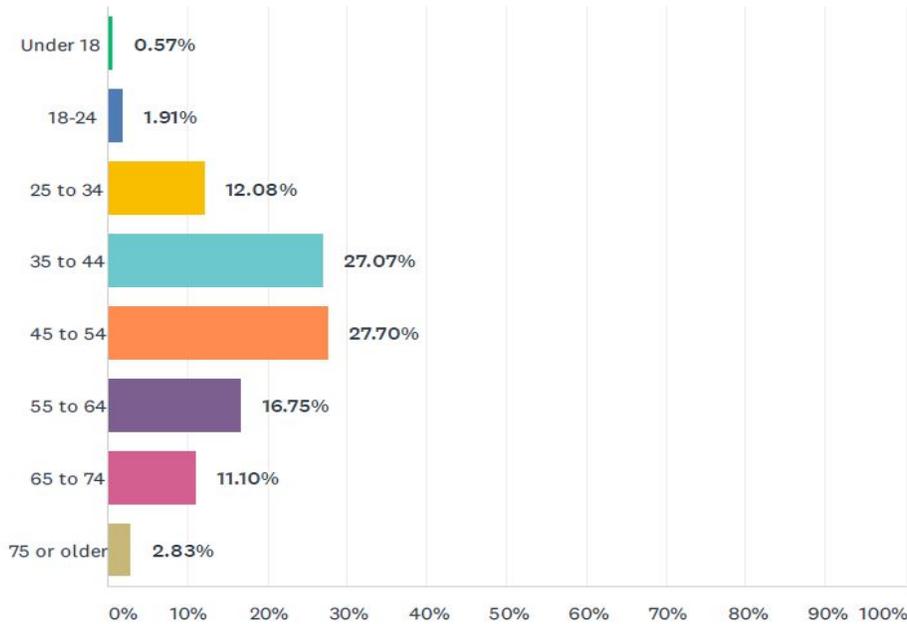
Q3 Please provide your gender:

Answered: 1,412 Skipped: 8



Q4 What is your age?

Answered: 1,415 Skipped: 5



Q5 Select the number of persons in your household (including yourself) who are in the age brackets below:

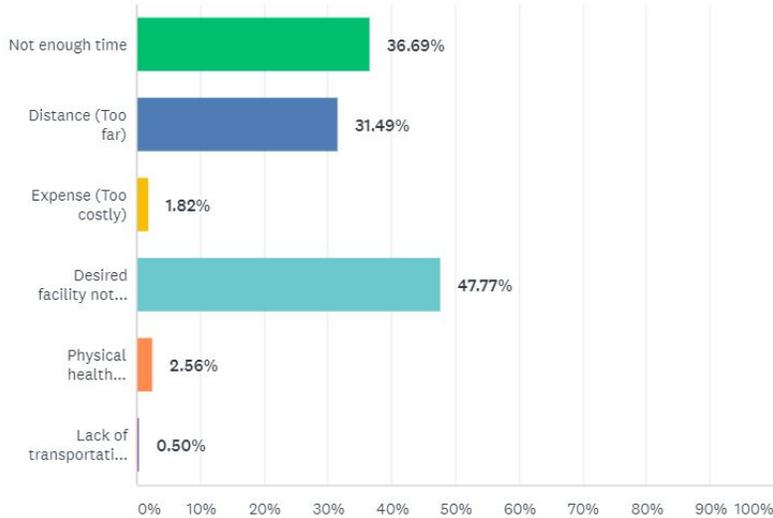
Answered: 1,416 Skipped: 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
5 years and younger	50.00% 160	32.19% 103	7.19% 23	6.88% 22	4.38% 14	0.94% 3	320
6-12 years old	62.45% 306	32.45% 159	4.69% 23	0.20% 1	0.20% 1	0.00% 0	490
13-17 years old	69.21% 254	26.98% 99	4.09% 15	0.54% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	367
18-24 years old	66.27% 165	28.11% 70	4.82% 12	0.80% 2	0.40% 1	0.00% 0	249
25-34 years old	50.22% 116	47.62% 110	2.16% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	231
35-44 years old	44.03% 203	55.75% 257	0.00% 0	0.43% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	461
45-54 years old	49.90% 245	50.51% 248	0.81% 4	0.00% 0	0.20% 1	0.00% 0	491
55 and over	34.65% 184	64.22% 341	1.13% 6	0.38% 2	0.00% 0	0.19% 1	531

Q6

What is the greatest barrier to your household's regular use of public parks and/or facilities

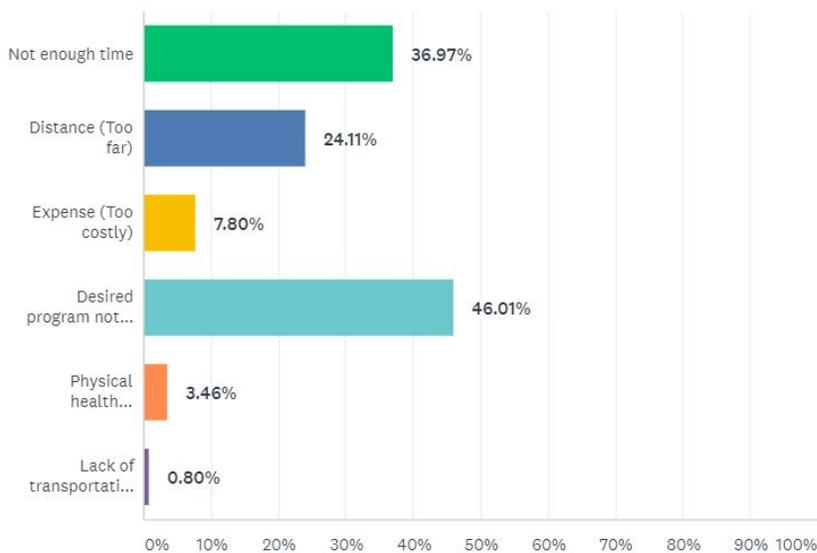
Answered: 1,210 Skipped: 210



Q7

What is the greatest barrier to your household's regular participation in recreational programs and activities?

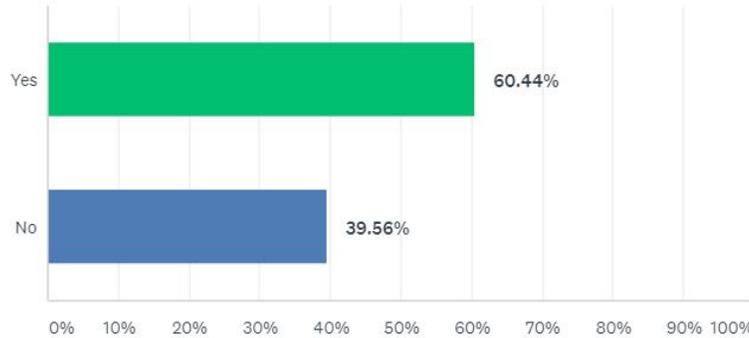
Answered: 1,128 Skipped: 292



Q8

Within the last year have you traveled out of Lincoln County to use a recreation facility or program?

Answered: 1,140 Skipped: 280



Open ended responses provided for question 8:

Richard Barry Park swimming pool Indoor pool pump track Rankin Lake Dallas Park
Morganton Rock hill pickleball Bailey Road Mooresville NC Catawba County
access ReC play Maiden Robbins White Water Center Co Latta Plantation
Mazeppa Walking run Travel Jetton Swimming North Meck Park YMCA
Bradford Park baseball Lineberger Park walking trails games
Lake Norman State Basketball Hiking trails mountain biking
Hickory areas Jetton Park Newton Charlotte Catawba
trails Denver Greenway Indoor soccer
Mountain bike trails Park biking Hiking Davidson
Huntersville lights state parks center county
Blythe Landing bike trails Camping Dog Park volleyball
Norman State Park travel softball Mecklenburg County
Splash pad Mecklenburg Poston Park Park Lake Norman
Catawba Meadows Park fields dog facilities programs Softball HFFA playgrounds
Many Mountain State Park practice tennis Several pool kayaking soccer fields
turf fields Whitewater center Blowing Rock mountains soccer program Gastonia
Ramsey creek South Mountain Martha Rivers Gaston County South
South Mountain State Jetton Park Lake

Q9

Check below how frequently you or others in your household have visited the following Lincoln County facilities in the past year.

Answered: 1,409 Skipped: 11

	NEVER	RARELY	OCCASIONALLY	REGULARLY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Rescue Squad Park	53.50% 727	15.16% 206	18.91% 257	12.44% 169	1,359	1.90
Beatty's Ford Park	34.28% 472	28.90% 398	28.40% 391	8.42% 116	1,377	2.11
Rock Springs Nature Preserve	59.33% 801	16.00% 216	17.19% 232	7.48% 101	1,350	1.73
East Lincoln Park and Community Center	61.40% 835	22.06% 300	12.65% 172	3.90% 53	1,360	1.59
West Lincoln Park	77.44% 1,033	10.12% 135	8.70% 116	3.75% 50	1,334	1.39
Lincolnton Optimist Park	72.71% 975	15.73% 211	9.47% 127	2.09% 28	1,341	1.41
McBee Street Park	88.24% 1,171	6.56% 87	3.99% 53	1.21% 16	1,327	1.18
Vale Recreation Park	90.10% 1,192	5.52% 73	3.63% 48	0.76% 10	1,323	1.15
Howards Creek Community Center	89.28% 1,191	7.50% 100	2.85% 38	0.37% 5	1,334	1.14
North Brook Community Center	92.41% 1,230	5.18% 69	2.25% 30	0.15% 2	1,331	1.10

Q10

Check below how frequently you or others in your household have visited the following City of Lincolnton facilities in the past year.

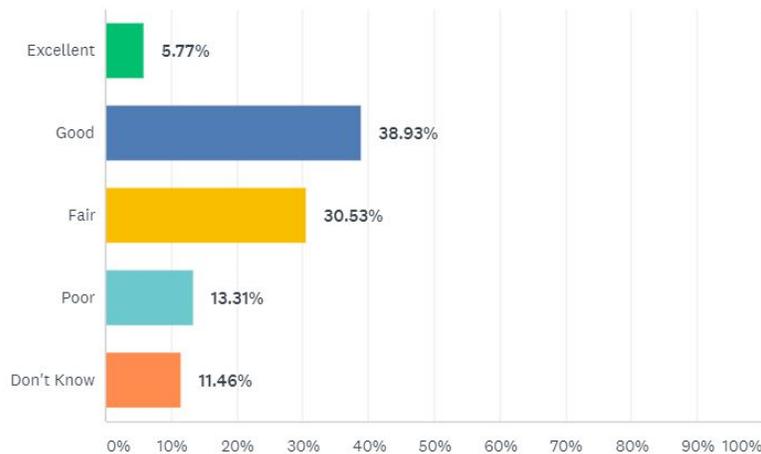
Answered: 1,407 Skipped: 13

	NEVER	RARELY	OCCASIONALLY	REGULARLY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
▼ Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail	55.87% 776	10.80% 150	18.93% 263	14.40% 200	1,389	1.92
▼ Betty G. Ross Park	54.39% 755	18.73% 260	19.88% 276	6.99% 97	1,388	1.79
▼ First Federal Park	75.16% 1,032	9.98% 137	11.51% 158	3.35% 46	1,373	1.43
▼ City Park (City of Lincolnton - 1000 N Aspen St.)	73.66% 1,007	13.83% 189	9.29% 127	3.22% 44	1,367	1.42
▼ Highland Drive Park	72.02% 986	11.91% 163	12.86% 176	3.21% 44	1,369	1.47

Q11

Overall, how would you rate the existing Lincoln County recreation facilities?

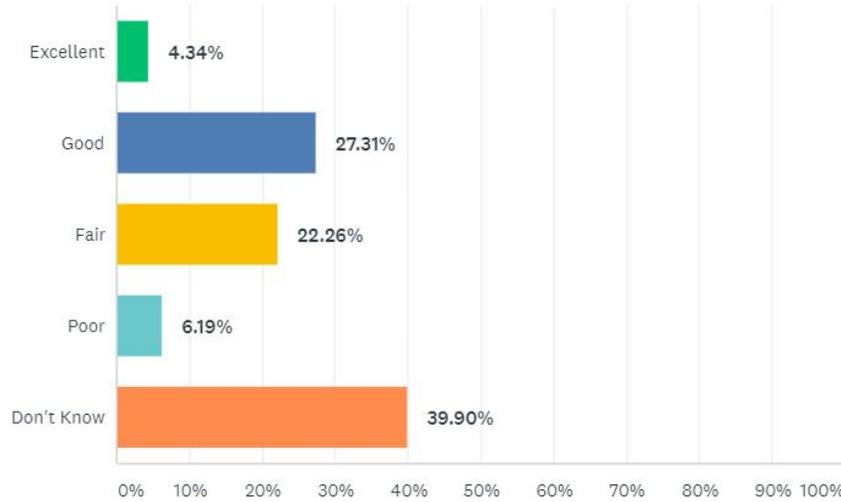
Answered: 1,405 Skipped: 15



Q12

Overall, how would you rate the existing City of Lincolnton recreation facilities?

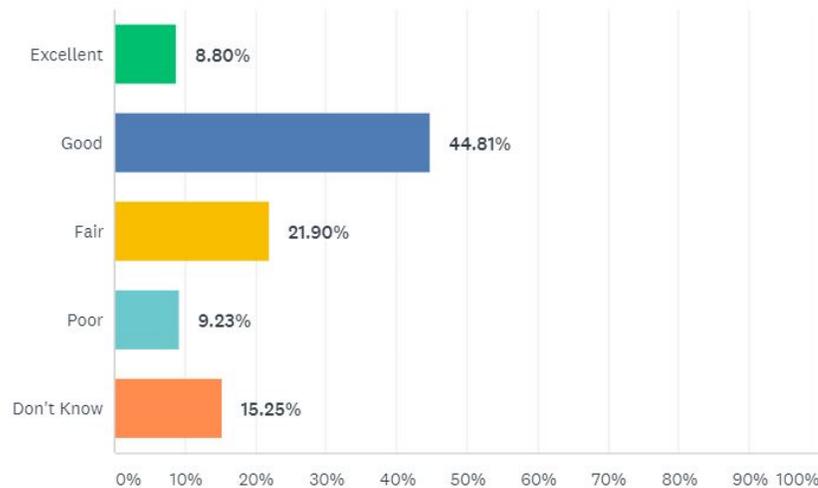
Answered: 1,406 Skipped: 14



Q13

Overall, how would you rate accessibility at existing Lincoln County recreation facilities?

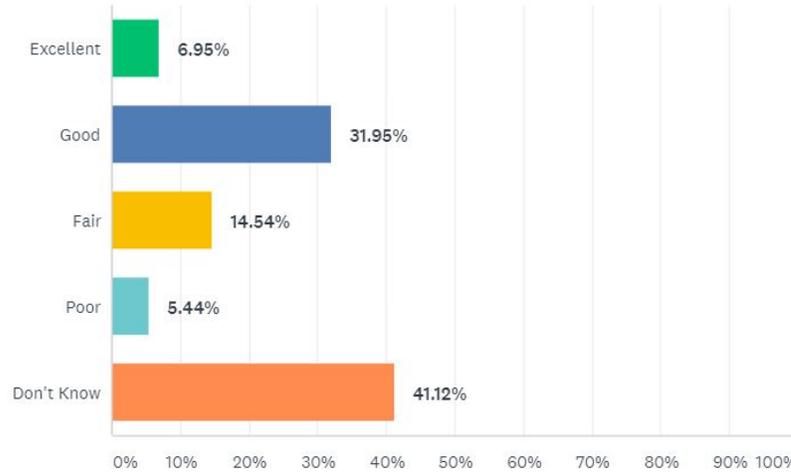
Answered: 1,397 Skipped: 23



Q14

Overall, how would you rate accessibility at existing City of Lincolnton recreation facilities?

Answered: 1,396 Skipped: 24



Q15

In which of the following Lincoln County recreation programs and special events do you or others in your household participate on a regular basis?

Answered: 852 Skipped: 568

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking	75.82%	646
July 4th Celebration (joint City/County event)	47.77%	407
Exercise Classes	12.32%	105
Summer Day Camp	6.92%	59
Open Gym Pickleball	6.46%	55
Open Gym Volleyball	5.16%	44
Art Classes	3.29%	28
Lincoln County Senior Games	3.05%	26
Senior Exercise Classes	2.35%	20
Bingo	2.23%	19
Senior Socials	2.11%	18
Senior Basketball	1.64%	14
Line Dance Classes	1.53%	13
Adult Quilting Class	0.94%	8
Total Respondents: 852		

Q16

In which of the following City of Lincolnton recreation programs and special events do you or others in your household participate on a regular basis?

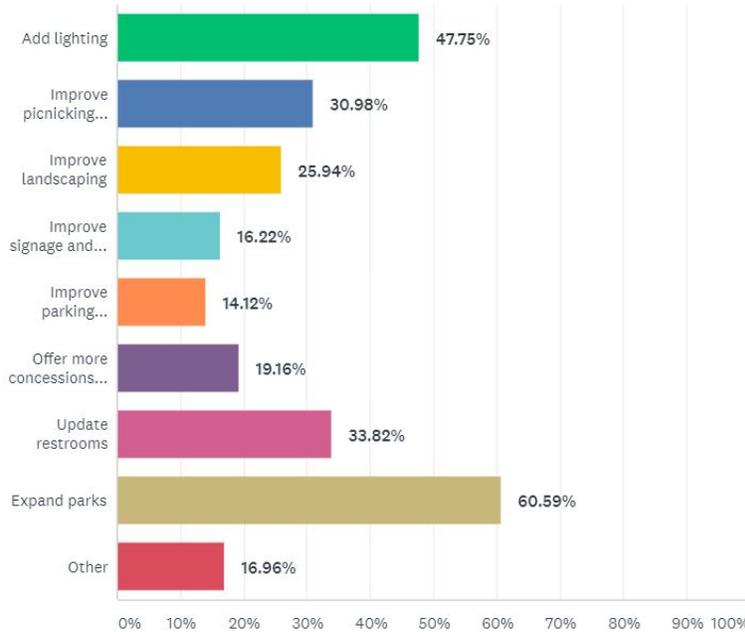
Answered: 543 Skipped: 877

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Fourth of July Celebration (Joint City/County event)	56.72% 308
▼ Youth Soccer League	24.13% 131
▼ Halloween Trick-or-Treating Event	22.65% 123
▼ Easter Egg Hunt	18.05% 98
▼ Movies In The Park	14.36% 78
▼ Youth Flag Football League	11.97% 65
▼ Swim Lessons	11.79% 64
▼ Youth Summer Sports Camps	9.94% 54
▼ Open Gym Basketball	9.76% 53
▼ Youth Volleyball League	9.02% 49
▼ Open Gym Pickleball	5.89% 32
▼ Racquetball	4.42% 24
▼ Open Gym Volleyball	4.42% 24
▼ Lifeguard Training	4.24% 23
▼ Water Aerobics	3.50% 19
▼ Youth Spring Break Baseball Camp	2.39% 13
▼ Senior Walking Program	2.21% 12
▼ Youth Dodgeball League	2.03% 11
▼ 3 v. 3 Adult Basketball Tournament	2.03% 11
▼ Jr. Home Run Derby	1.84% 10
▼ Jr. Lifeguard Training	1.84% 10
▼ Youth Pitch Hit & Run Competition	1.66% 9
▼ Adult Dodgeball League	1.47% 8
▼ Jr. NBA Skills Challenge	1.29% 7
▼ E-Gaming League/E-Sports	1.10% 6

Q17: Suggested improvements to existing Lincoln County Parks:

Check below improvements that could be made to EXISTING Lincoln County Parks.

Answered: 1,091 Skipped: 329



Open ended responses provided for question 17:

public restrooms see use great additional county nice Denver area one soccer Vale
 Optimist Highland East Lincoln Community Beatties Ford Park none ball fields play
 splash pad Beatty Ford playground equipment updated Lincoln county
 walking trails Mcbee East Lincoln Optimist Tennis
 Springs Nature Preserve swimming Rail Trail rec fields offerings
 Rock Springs Nature first federal add needs lighting lights
 Betty G Denver access Rescue Park library need Pool
 Rescue Squad Betty Ross Park
 Rescue Squad Park baseball fields park
 Lincoln Community Center West Lincoln Park greenway
 Betty G Ross programs East Lincoln especially
 area Highland Drive Beatty s Ford Beattys Ford trails
 Lincoln Optimist Club facilities City West Lincoln East
 Betty Ross Center Rock Springs walking Highland park ELOC
 soccer fields Lincoln Park s Ford Park Optimist Club expanded Beattys Ford
 tennis courts Ross Highland Drive better senior Beatty Ford Park Rescue
 G Ross Park Lincolnton bathroom playgrounds dog park baseball
 Highland Drive Park accessibility new Turf love indoor Build bike trail

Q18

Please specify which Lincoln County facilities you would like to see improvements for in the space provided.

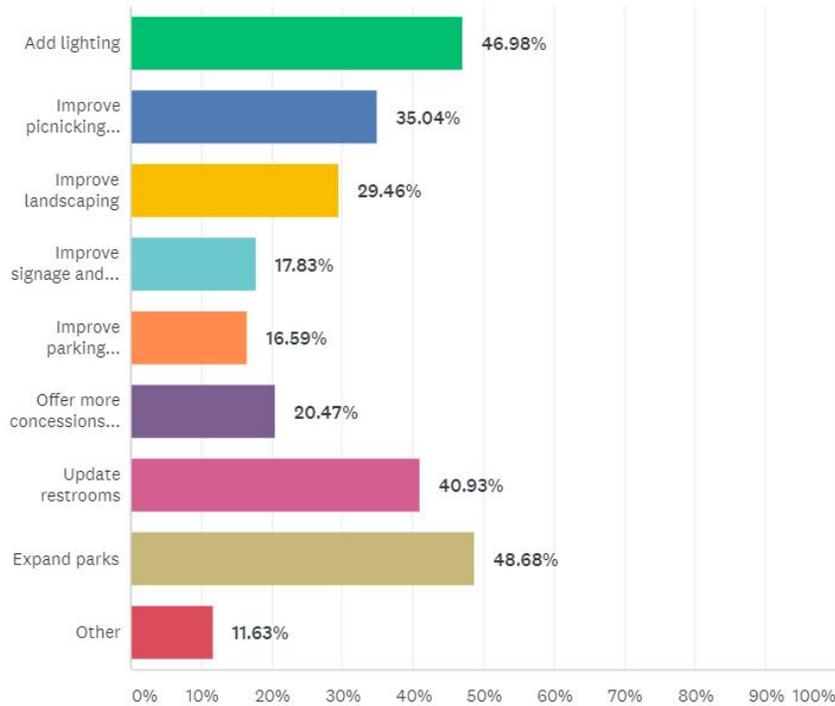
Answered: 633 Skipped: 787

public restrooms see use great additional county nice Denver area one soccer Vale
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tennis courts Ross Highland Drive better senior Beatty Ford Park Rescue
G Ross Park Lincolnton bathroom playgrounds dog park baseball
Highland Drive Park accessibility new Turf love indoor Build bike trail

Q19 Suggested improvements for existing City of Lincolnton Parks:

Check below improvements that could be made to EXISTING City of Lincolnton Parks.

Answered: 645 Skipped: 775



Open ended responses to Q19:

see G Ross Park Denver splash pads tennis courts play equipment City Handicap
 basketball court nice Rail Trail area N Lights Betty G Ross larger
 access courts fields around playground equipment
 Don t know trails Dog park Add City Park parks walking trails
 need improve none Highland better open use security
 pickleball courts indoor playgrounds residents know Hiking
 Update bike trails swings Betty Ross equipment first federal park Expand dogs

Q20

Suggested improvements for existing City of Lincolnton Parks:

Please specify which City of Lincolnton facilities you would like to see improvements for in the space provided.

Answered: 349 Skipped: 1,071

RESCUE East Lincoln Optimist DENVER downtown Rescue Squad facilities na field lighting
Update G Ross Park city park need Lincolnton Walking trail None
Betty G Highland playground City Park Park needs
Betty Ross know Rail Trail added
Betty G Ross West Lincoln Park East Lincoln
Highland Drive McBee needs lighting fields
Betty Ross Park Cloninger Rail Trail N Betty
Highland Drive Park bathrooms trail expanded first federal center City
extend First Federal Park better

Q21

The following is a list of recreation features/amenities that could be offered at a public park or recreation facility. Select from "Least" to "Most" important. Please consider other members of your household.

Answered: 1,379 Skipped: 41

Top ten listed features/amenities: Jogging/Walking Trails, Nature Based Rec., Playground, Bike Trails, Canoe/Kayak Launch, Swimming Pool, Aquatics Center, Multi-Purpose. Field, Spray-ground, Picnic Areas.

	LEAST IMPORTANT	NOT AS IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	MOST IMPORTANT	TOTAL
▼ Jogging/Walking Trails	2.36% 31	2.28% 30	9.89% 130	30.44% 400	55.02% 723	1,314
▼ Nature Based Recreation (Open Green Space, Nature Walks, Wildlife Observation Areas, Environmental Center)	4.45% 57	5.69% 73	17.86% 229	31.98% 410	40.02% 513	1,282
▼ Outdoor Playground	8.49% 107	6.98% 88	20.38% 257	30.37% 383	33.78% 426	1,261
▼ Bicycle Trails (Paved)	3.98% 52	4.89% 64	15.37% 201	43.81% 573	31.96% 418	1,308
▼ Water Access-Canoe/Kayak Launch	10.47% 135	7.14% 92	20.64% 266	31.26% 403	30.49% 393	1,289
▼ Outdoor Swimming Pool	13.86% 176	10.00% 127	24.80% 315	25.67% 326	25.67% 326	1,270
▼ Aquatics Center	10.76% 141	9.23% 121	21.21% 278	34.40% 451	24.41% 320	1,311
▼ Multi-Purpose Field	7.89% 99	7.89% 99	27.75% 348	30.94% 388	25.52% 320	1,254
▼ Spray-Ground/Splash Pad/Interactive Water Feature	13.44% 170	10.04% 127	22.21% 281	29.96% 379	24.35% 308	1,265
▼ Picnic Areas	6.96% 88	6.64% 84	24.82% 314	39.45% 499	22.13% 280	1,265
▼ Off-Road Biking (Mountain Bike Course)	12.50% 159	13.21% 168	26.42% 336	26.18% 333	21.70% 276	1,272
▼ Soccer Fields	15.10% 190	10.89% 137	27.74% 349	25.04% 315	21.22% 267	1,258
▼ Indoor Fitness Facility	11.97% 151	10.31% 130	24.35% 307	33.86% 427	19.51% 246	1,261
▼ Fishing Pier/Pond	13.40% 172	11.60% 149	24.92% 320	31.23% 401	18.85% 242	1,284
▼ Outdoor Game Areas	10.08%	10.24%	25.67%	36.22%	17.80%	

Please see additional items on next page:

	LEAST IMPORTANT	NOT AS IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	MOST IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Outdoor Game Areas (Shuffleboard Courts, Corn Hole, Horseshoe Pits, Bocce Ball, Over-Sized Outdoor Chess Board)	10.08% 128	10.24% 130	25.67% 326	36.22% 460	17.80% 226	1,270
Gymnasium	14.34% 181	10.78% 136	28.92% 365	28.29% 357	17.67% 223	1,262
Tennis Courts	12.73% 161	11.15% 141	30.04% 380	29.09% 368	17.00% 215	1,265
Indoor Playground	18.50% 232	13.64% 171	24.08% 302	26.79% 336	16.99% 213	1,254
Pavilion/Shelter Rental	9.29% 117	10.33% 130	26.45% 333	37.17% 468	16.76% 211	1,259
Baseball/Softball Fields	16.94% 214	13.22% 167	26.44% 334	26.84% 339	16.55% 209	1,263
Community Center	10.76% 135	11.63% 146	30.04% 377	30.92% 388	16.65% 209	1,255
Outdoor Basketball Courts	13.02% 163	12.94% 162	29.07% 364	30.51% 382	14.46% 181	1,252
Indoor Event Space Rental	16.97% 213	12.43% 156	28.69% 360	29.00% 364	12.91% 162	1,255
Community Garden	16.93% 214	13.92% 176	27.61% 349	29.27% 370	12.26% 155	1,264
Amphitheater/Performance Venue	17.41% 226	11.56% 150	25.04% 325	34.36% 446	11.63% 151	1,298
Pickleball Courts	21.18% 265	15.51% 194	34.05% 426	17.67% 221	11.59% 145	1,251
Skate Park	23.67% 299	15.04% 190	29.93% 378	20.51% 259	10.85% 137	1,263
Educational Signage on Trails	14.33% 180	14.17% 178	28.11% 353	33.12% 416	10.27% 129	1,256
Outdoor Fitness Equipment Stations	16.43% 205	16.03% 200	31.41% 392	26.52% 331	9.62% 120	1,248
Biking Pump Course	20.31% 249	15.91% 195	35.24% 439	19.09% 234	9.46% 116	1,226
Sand Volleyball Courts	17.70% 223	14.76% 186	32.46% 409	26.11% 329	8.97% 113	1,260
High-ropes Course	19.54% 248	16.39% 208	30.02% 381	25.30% 321	8.75% 111	1,269
Climbing Wall	20.36% 258	14.44% 183	30.39% 385	26.28% 333	8.52% 108	1,267
Disc Golf Course	19.70% 250	18.20% 231	33.49% 425	21.75% 276	6.86% 87	1,269
Roller Hockey Rink	36.90% 459	17.52% 218	31.11% 387	9.81% 122	4.66% 58	1,244
Geo-Cache Course	28.33% 347	15.67% 192	36.98% 453	14.45% 177	4.57% 56	1,225

Q22

The following is a list of recreation programs or activities that could be offered at a public park or recreation facility. Select from "Least" to "Most" important. Please consider other members of your household.

Answered: 1,310 Skipped: 110

Top ten listed programs/activities: Movies In The Park, Bark In The Park, Indoor Soccer/Futsal League, Adult Softball League, Youth Lacrosse League, Adult Soccer Tournament, Adult Basketball Tournament, Disc Golf League, Disc Golf Tournament, Adult Kickball League.

	LEAST IMPORTANT	NOT AS IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	MOST IMPORTANT	TOTAL
▼ Movies In The Park Event	7.68% 98	4.23% 54	20.45% 261	38.40% 490	29.23% 373	1,276
▼ Bark In The Park Event	21.37% 269	9.45% 119	28.44% 358	25.73% 324	15.01% 189	1,259
▼ Indoor Soccer League/Futsal League	28.88% 357	12.94% 160	33.82% 418	14.24% 176	10.11% 125	1,236
▼ Adult Softball League	23.60% 294	11.56% 144	33.95% 423	21.75% 271	9.15% 114	1,246
▼ Youth Lacrosse League	29.40% 364	10.99% 136	35.78% 443	15.43% 191	8.40% 104	1,238
▼ Adult Soccer League/Tournament	27.43% 339	13.51% 167	36.17% 447	16.42% 203	6.47% 80	1,236
▼ Adult Basketball Tournament	27.24% 338	12.81% 159	35.94% 446	17.89% 222	6.12% 76	1,241
▼ Disc Golf League	29.63% 368	15.62% 194	34.78% 432	13.85% 172	6.12% 76	1,242
▼ Disc Golf Tournament	30.34% 375	15.29% 189	35.28% 436	12.94% 160	6.15% 76	1,236
▼ Adult Kickball League	24.86% 310	11.79% 147	37.45% 467	20.13% 251	5.77% 72	1,247
▼ Online Gaming/E-Sports League	45.78% 564	11.36% 140	26.54% 327	10.96% 135	5.36% 66	1,232
▼ Disc Golf Camp	29.64% 366	14.57% 180	36.76% 454	13.93% 172	5.10% 63	1,235
▼ Adult Flag Football League/Tournament	27.80% 347	13.30% 166	36.06% 450	17.87% 223	4.97% 62	1,248
▼ Ultimate Frisbee League	31.28% 385	14.62% 180	38.51% 474	12.27% 151	3.33% 41	1,231

Q23

Recreation programs or special events suggestions:

Please list below, any recreation programs or special events that you would like to see offered within the community:

Answered: 405 Skipped: 1,015

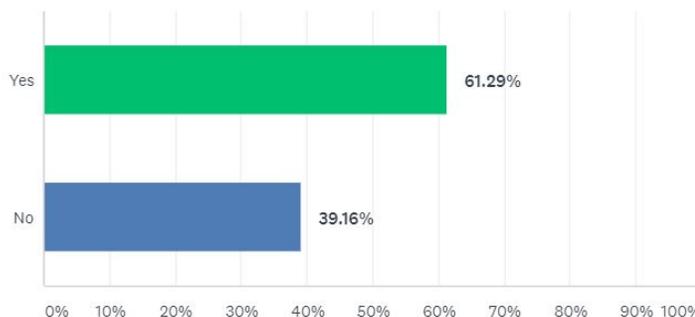
rec Indoor swimming Dance Indoor pool dog park swim team Concerts programs offered USE
 None teens young see opportunities football day games practice pickle ball girls
 seniors exercise baseball older trails gardening Yoga Youth Flag football
 swimming indoor outdoor area summer county lot kids live basketball
 times camps love see outdoor skate park parks children
 soccer arts league center youth baseball softball
 programs music events people Adult volleyball
 Tennis Youth soccer tournaments youth sports classes
 Pickleball sports lessons need offered activities disc golf fields soccer fields
 club classes children s walking Softball Lincoln County groups Indoor training
 facilities nice running teams East Lincoln N community aquatic EtC kayaking
 hiking host play Basketball League families swimming lessons lacrosse softball leagues
 Movies Park exercise classes recreation biking

Q24

School or private facilities survey participants used:

Do you use any school or private facilities (Lincolnton High School tennis courts, elementary school playgrounds, YMCAs, private fitness clubs, etc.) for recreation or leisure activities?

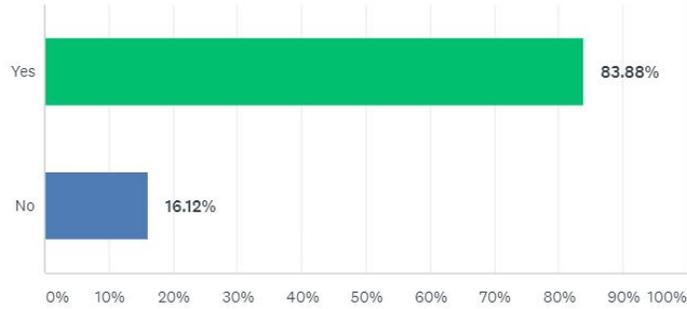
Answered: 1,351 Skipped: 69



Q25

Do you feel there is a need for additional recreational park space in Lincoln County?

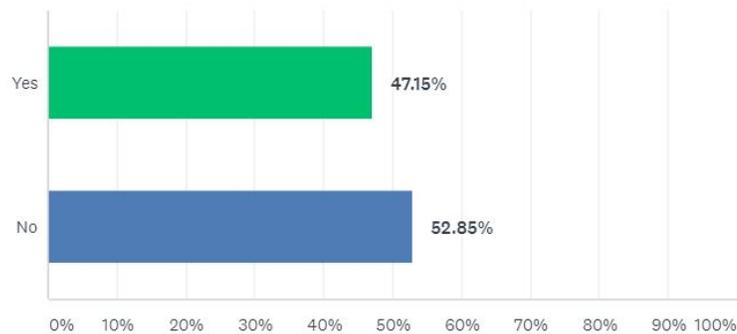
Answered: 1,346 Skipped: 74



Q26

Do you feel there is a need for additional recreational park space within the City of Lincolnton?

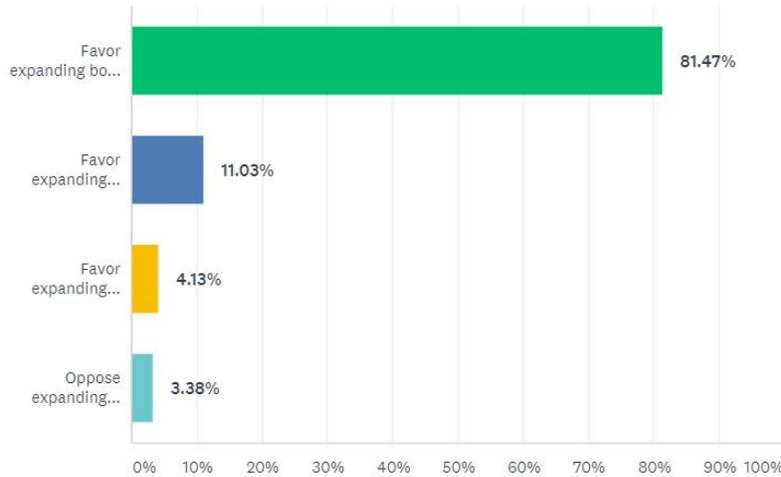
Answered: 1,228 Skipped: 192



Q27

Would you favor or oppose expanding recreational opportunities (facilities and/or programming) in Lincoln County?

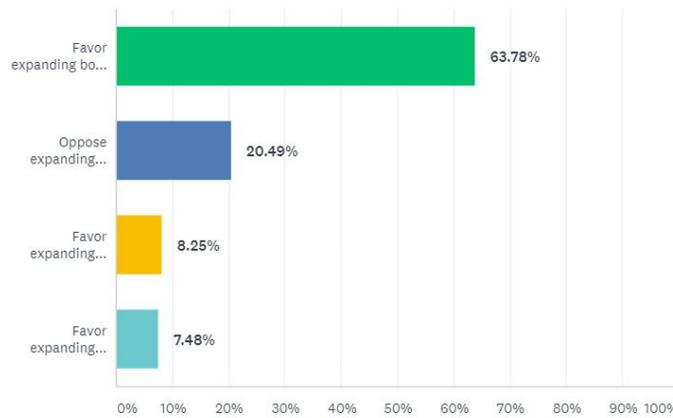
Answered: 1,333 Skipped: 87



Q28

Would you favor or oppose expanding recreational opportunities (facilities and/or programming) in the City of Lincolnton?

Answered: 1,176 Skipped: 244



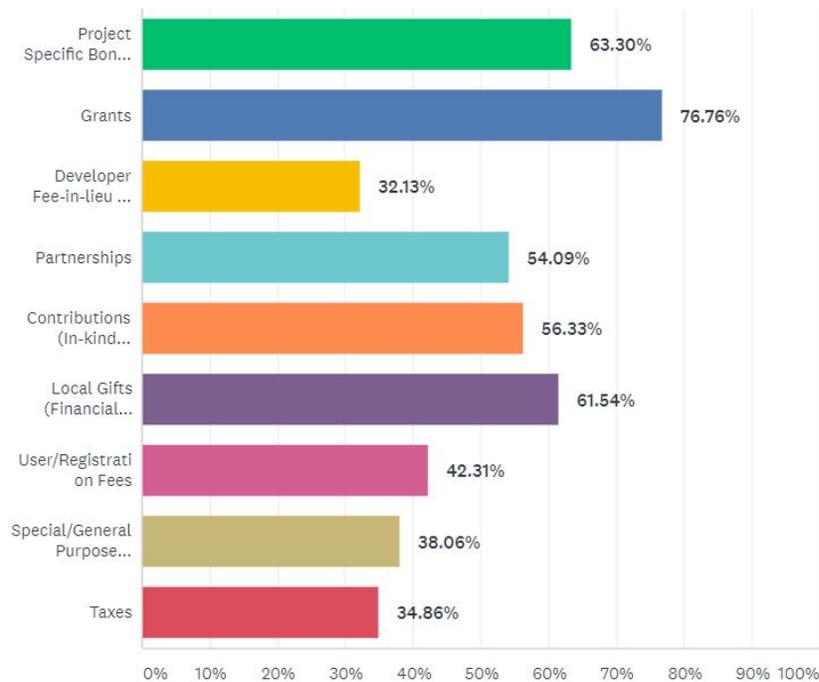
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Favor expanding both facilities & programming	63.78%	750
▼ Oppose expanding facilities & programming	20.49%	241
▼ Favor expanding programming only	8.25%	97
▼ Favor expanding facilities only	7.48%	88
TOTAL		1,176

Q29

Sources of funding participants would support for improvements, new facilities or creating programs:

What, if any, sources of funding are you willing to support in order to make improvements, build new facilities, and create programs? Check all that apply.

Answered: 1,248 Skipped: 172



Q30

Open ended comments

The final survey question asked for any additional comments from survey participants. The following word cloud was generated from words most often mentioned (below):

Q30 Additional Comments:

nice running open expansion etc pool outdoor pay really playground benefit
parks recreation East Lincoln West Lincoln build tennis take help think residents
opportunities family spaces youth activities recreation good enough
Denver travel place add taxes don t also coming offered tournaments
City Please trails times community money
Lincoln County much use give need revenue
parks walking county lot facilities support area
survey Lincolnton provide people public programs love see
see park rec go grow funding outside great now kids schools Thanks
play S bring improve baseball expand recreational will dog park year
surrounding counties City Lincolnton eastern Lincoln county ONE whole Well local
sports fields existing new feel services made access

From reading all the comments provided it was clear that survey participants appreciated existing recreation system facilities and programming but comments about equal access to facilities from east to west and providing enough facilities/amenities for the growing population was of concern.

Conclusions

As the City of Lincolnton desires to continue providing quality parks and recreation facilities they will need to understand what kinds of facilities and programming the community desires and should analyze how to pay for and maintain future facilities. The input provided by the community at the public meetings and via survey responses indicate a desire to strengthen existing facilities through updates and new amenities. Access to both active and passive amenities and facilities was of high interest according to community input. Anticipated growth in the City indicates a need for sports fields, indoor recreation offerings, programs, and trails. Development pressure coming in from Mecklenburg County and the Charlotte area is expected to increase as will the need to provide recreational resources to new residents across the City. Water access (swimming, canoe/kayak, splash play), and adventure activities (rock walls, adventure playgrounds, ropes courses, mountain biking, etc.) factored high in discussions during community meetings and focus groups. Other significant findings included the need and desire for a multi-sports venue to help mitigate existing challenges to organized athletic programming and to support economic development within the City of Lincolnton.

Focus Group Interviews

To gain increased public input for planning the City of Lincolnton's Recreation Master Plan despite the current challenges posed by the need to social distance due to COVID-19 restrictions, focus groups were assembled by the staffs of both the County and City. These groups were identified by their association with existing recreation programs and activities, the community at large, geographic location, or other distinguishing characteristics. Interviews were held virtually via Microsoft Teams and Zoom online platforms. Overall, there were 10 separate groups and *two individuals interviewed - due to scheduling needs*.

February 18th interviews were with:

- Youth Athletics (9-10am)
- Local Partners/Programs (10:30 – 11:30am)
- Economic Development (1-2pm)
- Trails (3-4pm)
- Schools (4:40-5:30pm)
- Individual Interview (6-6:45pm)

February 19th interviews were with:

- Senior/Adult and Accessibility (9-10am)
- Community At Large/High Schoolers (10:30 – 11:30am)
- Lincoln County Recreation Commission (1-2pm)
- Lincolnton Recreation Advisory Board (3-4pm)
- Individual Interview (5-6pm)

The major themes of each group interview are listed below:

Group #1 Youth Athletics

- More indoor gym space
- Assist with Optimist facilities/programs (Use what we have efficiently)
- Lighting and drainage field improvements
- More fields + synth-turf fields
- County/City athletic programs to “farm” for school programs
- Shortage of volunteers
- Need private sponsorships
- Need large athletic complex

Group #2 Local Partners & Programs:

- Foster relationships with other recreation providers
- Need large multi-use facility
- County Schools & Parks should partner to build more fields, basketball courts (Shared Use)

Group #3 Economic Development:

- Area should attract tournaments
- Need more hotels
- Location near major corridor
- Optimist Fields need use between tournaments
- Land cheaper now than in future
- Performance stage could support more events
- Need trails & day-use amenities at any large complex

Group #4 Trails:

- City Rail Trail is busy
- Rail Trail needs more parklets
- Betty G. Ross – needs better connectivity
- CSX should be encouraged to participate in trail near YMCA
- Need trail on Killian Creek corridor
- Rock Springs Park needs more connectivity
- Continue to partner with Piedmont Natural Gas & NCDOT
- Need Forney Creek connector to Lincolnton (Downtown) & Laboratory Mill
- Address pavement gaps from DT sidewalks to Rail Trail
- Any “destination park” should have natural surface

Group #5 Schools:

- School athletics and County/City rec programs should support each other
- School Board and County should consider building shared use fields/gyms
- County Rec could offer summer athletic based camps
- A jointly owned/operated indoor pool could support HS swim teams and public

Individual interview A:

- County needs centrally located bike/skate park or pump track
- Denver growing but so is whole county. Consider where people are moving to.
- City Park in Lincolnton should host skate park or pump track

Group #6 Senior/Adult & Accessibility:

- Need more pickleball courts
- City Rail Trail needs more benches and shade
- Senior/Adult recreation needs more indoor space
- Need a heated therapy pool
- Need a pool facility feasibility study
- County & City need more walking paths
- Residents need better knowledge of what recreation programs/facilities are available
- Need chair volleyball
- Denver needs more senior facilities/programs
- County/City need to partner with Senior Center to provide shuttle transportation from parks to senior centers

Group #7 Community at Large/High schoolers:

- Area needs large amphitheater
- There is no safe/welcoming place to skate (Lincolnton forbids it)
- Residents need better information about what is recreationally available
- Need more downtown Lincolnton/Denver special events and evening/night activities
- Need more games downtown
- Need more trails
- Need more security on Rail Trail

Group #8 Lincoln County Recreation Commission:

- Residents/Visitors do not know what is here
- Indoor facilities should be open after 5 o'clock
- County should think big (we are growing fast)
- Need bike pump track

- Need athletic complex and more trails
- Need to leverage grants and other funding opportunities
- Lots of interest in Aquatic complex and more basketball courts

Group #9 Lincolnton Recreation Board:

- Need expansion of City Pool (Betty G. Ross)
- Consider cost of recreation expansion, more staff
- All city facilities need updates/maintenance
- Seek grant funding (PARTF, Clean Water Trust, etc.)

Individual Interview B:

- Lincoln County needs a swimming pool complex
- County should partner with School system
- East side of County is growing so fast, need new, large facility with trails, gym, indoor gathering space, game courts and lighted fields

4.4 STATE AND NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Surveys that were designed to determine the demand for outdoor recreation and facilities have been conducted on both the federal and state levels by private, non-profit, and governmental agencies. This information is important as it sets a precedent for what popular activities may be expected by typical park users. Also, this information may highlight how the difference between local and national trends. Significant facts have evolved from these surveys, as follows:

- The top ten most popular outdoor recreational activities (nationwide) are:
 1. Running/Jogging
 2. Hiking
 3. Road Biking
 4. Freshwater Fishing
 5. Car Camping
 6. Wildlife Viewing
 7. RV Camping
 8. Hunting
 9. Saltwater Fishing
 10. Birdwatching

- The most rapidly growing outdoor activities (nationwide) are:
 1. Stand Up Paddling
 2. Cross Country Skiing
 3. BMX Bicycling
 4. Adventure Racing
 5. Boardsailing/Windsurfing
 6. Kayak Fishing
 7. Trail Running/Triathlon
 8. Hiking

- The top ten most popular outdoor activities (North Carolina) are:
 1. Visiting a beach or lake
 2. Walking for pleasure or exercise
 3. Visiting parks or historical sites
 4. Hiking trails
 5. Freshwater fishing
 6. Viewing scenery
 7. Fishing from a boat
 8. Nature viewing
 9. Swimming, all types
 10. Gardening

Local governments (cities, towns, and counties) provide 39% of the public recreational opportunities in the United States but provide key access to public recreational opportunities due to their proximity to population density.

4.5 EVALUATION OF PARK LAND NEEDS

When comparing a park system to national standards, one method is to examine the total acreage of the park system. The NRPA Park land guidelines (in acres) for the total service population of the City of Lincolnton are provided in tables 4.1 and 4.2. Population figures in this analysis include the estimated population of residents the City as of 2018. The acreage requirement is based on the population ratio method (acres of park land per population of 1,000) pre-established for each classification of park.

Table 4.1 City of Lincolnton Park Acreage by Classification (Based on 1995 NRPA Guidelines)

TYPE OF PARK	Existing** City of Lincolnton Acreage	Recommended for 2020 Population 10,832	Recommended for 2030 Population 11,313*
REGIONAL PARK (NPS&NC) 1,000 acres or 10 acres/1,000 persons	NA	NA	NA
DISTRICT PARK 200 acres or 5 acres/1,000 persons	35 acres	54.16 acres	56.57 acres
COMMUNITY PARK 20-30 acres or 2.5 acres/1,000 persons	25 acres	27.08 acres	28.28 acres
NEIGHBORHOOD PARK 7-15 acres or 2 acres/1,000 persons	14.11 acres	21.66 acres	22.63 acres
MINI PARK 1-2 acres or 0.5 acres/1,000 persons	0 Acres	5.416 acres	5.66 acres

*Figure represents City Population Projections

**See Chart 4.2 for individual park acreage.

Table 4.2 City of Lincolnton Recreation Facilities

CITY OF LINCOLNTON EXISTING PARK ACREAGE	
Betty G Ross Park (District)	35 acres
Highland Drive Park (Community)	25 acres
City Park (Neighborhood)	13.78 acres
First Federal Park (Neighborhood)	.33 acre
Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail (Linear)	1.7 mile
TOTAL CITY OF LINCOLNTON PARK ACREAGE	74.11 acres

Presently, the City of Lincolnton’s recreational facilities serve the entire City. These facilities are a mix of active and passive recreation. Regional park resources are provided by State park systems that are within proximity to the City.

Based on the information contained in Table 4.1, the City of Lincolnton does not meet the national standard guidelines for any of the park acreage needs. The community workshops and the recreation survey will be used as the primary guides in prescribing the specific recommendations for the City of Lincolnton parks and recreation development, for both now and for the future.



Local Art along the Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail

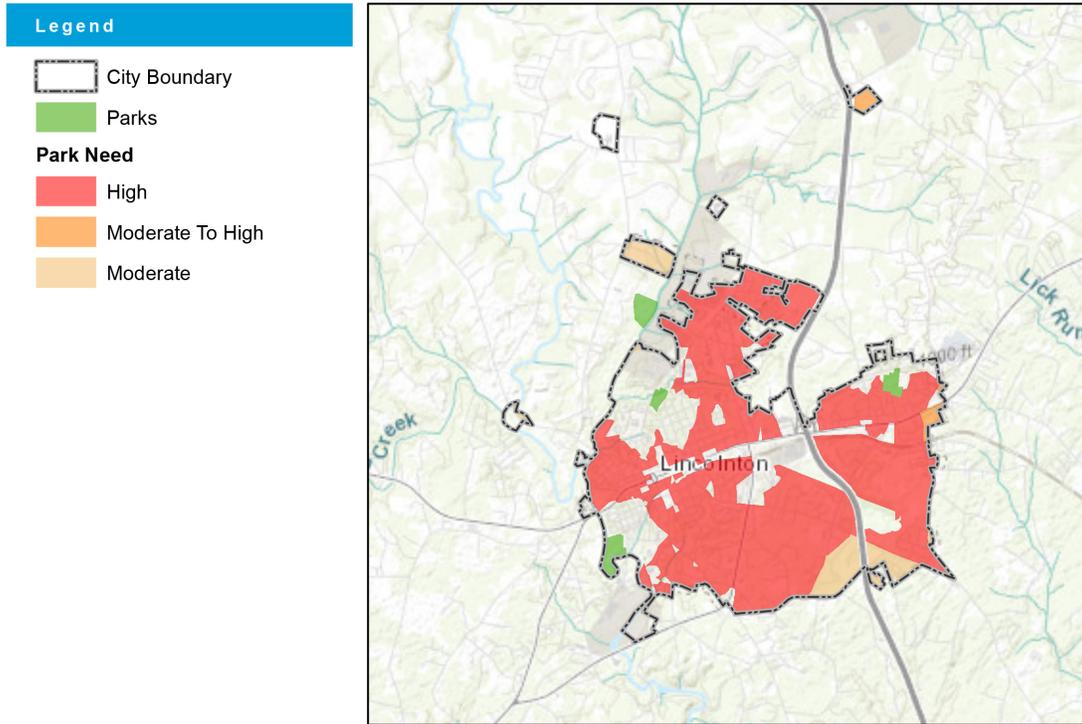
10 Minute Walk

The National Recreation and Park Association, the Trust for Public Land, and the Urban Land Institute have joined together for a nationwide movement to help people have greater access to parks and green spaces while transforming communities. They have set a goal to provide safe, equitable access to 100% of people in U.S. cities by 2050. The City of Lincolnton has tools at its disposal to help achieve the '10 Minute Walk' through such avenues as fee-in-lieu provisions prescribed in development ordinances.

The Trust for Public Land has created an online tool called ParkServe®. ParkServe® uses GIS databases and demographics to analyze the percentage of residents within a community who have access to parks and green space. Reports are generated for local communities to gain insight into how they are doing. The following information was generated using the ParkServe® tool for the City of Lincolnton. The full report can be found in Appendix E.

Lincolnton

According to ParkServe® the City of Lincolnton has 78 acres of parks and green space. The total population is 11,188 and the population within a 10-minute walk is 1,933 or 17.3%



1% of Lincolnton's city land is used for parks and recreation.



National median **15%**

17% of residents live within a 10 minute walk of a park.



National average **55%**

4.6 EVALUATION OF FACILITY NEEDS

Standards were established based upon information gathered from the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA), the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), and historical evidence from past projects. Recommendations based upon these standards have been compiled in Table 4.3 in order to assess the current and projected future (up to 10 years) facility needs for recreation facilities in City of Lincolnton. The information does not consider community input, which is the primary guide for the development of the Master Plan.

Table 4.3: Existing City Owned Facilities and Projected Demand for Public Facilities

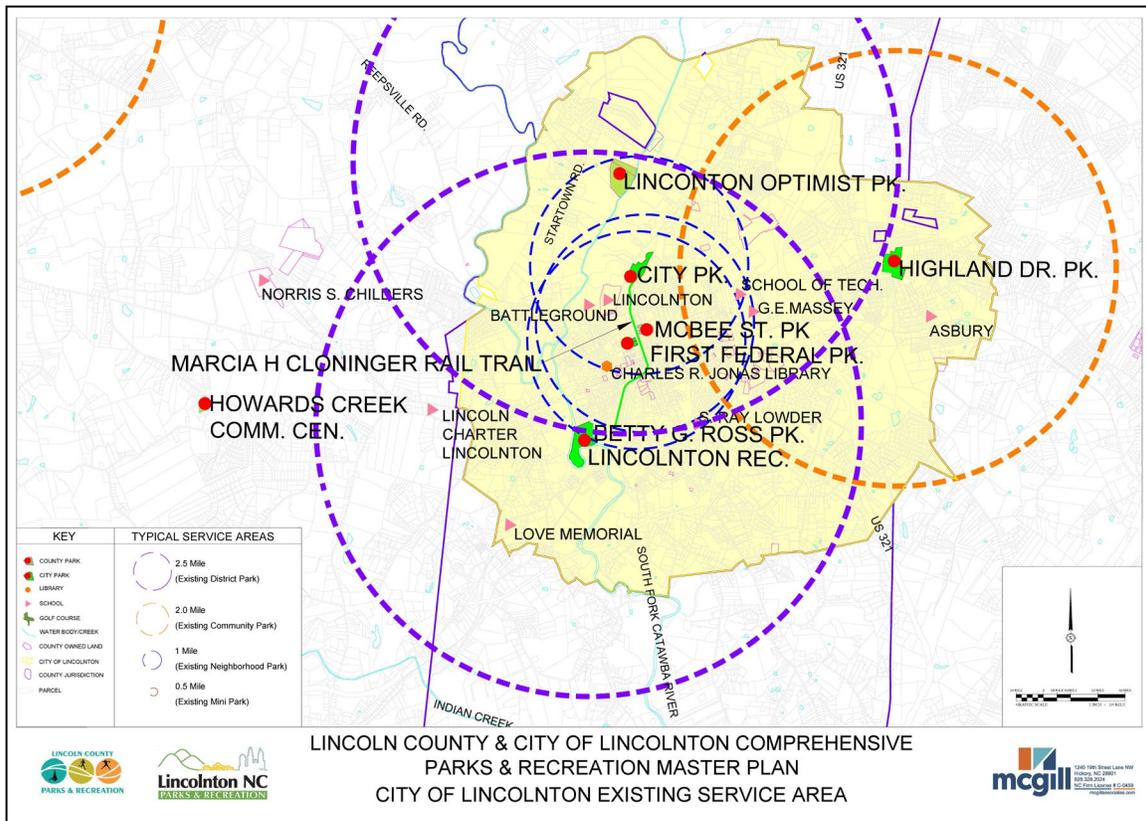
Facility	Recommended Standards	Existing Facilities	2020 Recommended per Population	2030 Recommended per Population
City of Lincolnton facilities			Population: 10,832	Projected Population: 11,313
Adult Baseball	1/4,000	2	3	3
Youth Baseball	1/4,000	2	3	3
Softball	1/5,000	4	2	2
Football	1/10,000	1	1	1
Soccer/Multipurpose Fields	1/5,000	5	2	2
Courts				
Basketball	1/5,000	2	2	2
Tennis	1/2,000	1	5	5
Volleyball	1/5,000	0	2	2
Pickleball	1/5,000	2	2	2
Horseshoes	1/2,000	0	5	5
Picnic Shelter	1/3,000	3	4	4
Playground	1/2,500	3	4	5
Amphitheater	1/20,000	0	0	0
Other Activities				
Trails	0.25 mi./1,000	2 miles	3 miles	3 miles
Equestrian	0.5 mi./2,000	0	5 miles	6 miles
Camping	2.5 sites/1,000	NA	NA	NA
Archery Area	1/50,000	NA	NA	NA

Community Center	1/20,000	1	0	0
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	1	0	0
Disc Golf Course	1/25,000	1	0	0
Auditorium	1/20,000	NA	NA	NA
Canoeing/Boating/Water Access				
Streams/Lakes	0.2 mi./1,000	2	2 miles	2 miles

Based on the information contained in Tables 4.3, the City of Lincolnton does not meet the recommended standard guidelines for many of the typical recreational facilities for their population. Due to the specific needs within the City, the facilities listed above may not be necessary for implementation. While some facilities show deficiencies, it is important to note that City resident’s recreational needs are also being provided for by neighboring municipalities, private organizations, and churches as well as through shared use agreements with County schools. The community workshops and the recreation survey will be used as the primary guides in prescribing the specific needs for the City of Lincolnton Parks and Recreation development, both now and for the future.



To better understand what recreation resources a community has and how accessible those facilities and programs may be to the general population this study looked at typical service areas. Typical service areas for each type of recreation facility were previously discussed in this section. Map 4.1 below (See Appendix A for larger version) illustrates what portions of the community lie within or near the typical recreation service areas. The outcome of this exercise reveals that portions of the community live far enough from County and City owned facilities that they cannot easily access them. Populations typically affected include children and seniors that do not drive. Both user groups generally have greater leisure time and can directly benefit from access to parks and recreation facilities.



Map 4.1 Existing Areas for the City of Lincolnton

Solutions to improving recreation in the City of Lincolnton includes providing facilities and amenities that residents desire and need. It also considers where such facilities and amenities should be located. Existing recreation service areas illustrated above indicate that the areas outside the core of densely populated areas have the least access to parks. Planning for future Parks and Recreation system expansion should consider developing facilities outside of the City’s core. As new residential and large commercial developments are planned, the County and the City should take an active role in working with developers on what types of recreation amenities should be provided per Unified Development Ordinance requirements.

This Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan considers community workshops, recreation survey findings, projected demand, service area analysis, and City Staff input as the primary guides in prescribing the current and future recommendations for the City of Lincolnton Parks and Recreation development. The following section (Goals & Recommendations) describes those recommendations in more detail.

- END OF SECTION -

SECTION 5 GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 INTRODUCTION



Seating in Open Sunny Areas Can Overheat and Become Unpleasant for Users.

According to the National Recreation and Park Association the typical park and recreation agency offers one park for every 2,114 residents. As identified in the inventory portion of this report (Section 3), there are nine existing recreational facilities owned and operated by Lincoln County and five existing recreational facilities owned and operated by the City of Lincolnton. These facilities currently offer a mix of active and passive recreation opportunities.

This Master Plan serves as a map for the future development of existing and future recreation facilities for the City of Lincolnton. The plan incorporates recommendations to accomplish the objectives set forth by the City Council, the Project Oversight Group, and community members. These recommendations are divided into the following categories:

- Roles of the City of Lincolnton
- Roles of Other Recreation Providers
- Park Proposals and Recommendations

- Facility Proposals and Recommendations
- Staffing and Maintenance Recommendations
- Priorities for Development

5.2 ROLE OF THE CITY

The goal of the City of Lincolnton is to develop, beautify, conserve, and maintain a system of parks which will assure quality leisure opportunities for all residents and visitors to the City. To fulfill this goal, it will take work, dedication, and funding to maintain the recreational facilities that are currently owned and operated by the City of Lincolnton.

To avoid overextending their staff, the City needs to investigate partnerships with other recreation providers and community groups. Current partnerships need to continue, and the possibility of new partnerships need to be explored.



5.3 ROLES OF OTHER RECREATION PROVIDERS

Public Sector

Local Communities

The City of Lincolnton plays an active role in providing recreation opportunities to City residents. The City should encourage other communities within the County and adjacent counties to develop greenway trails that connect to destinations such as parks and sidewalks in the City. As the demand for the future of recreational facilities continues to increase, the City should coordinate future planning efforts with adjacent City/Town Recreation Departments, to identify recreation programming, facility expansion, and potential partnerships.

Private Developers

Private developers are an important component for the City by providing resources and opportunities for the City's recreation system. Private developers can assist the City of Lincolnton by the dedication, construction, and/or reservation of future park sites, open space, and/or greenway corridors during the overall development process.

The City's development ordinances require new developments to incorporate open space into their development plans. The Planned Residential Development District section states that a developer shall provide fifty (50) percent unobstructed open space of the gross site area and the Subdivision Regulations require at least 1/35th of an acre per dwelling unit be dedicated for a public park, recreation, or open space. These spaces can either remain in their natural or undisturbed state or be properly planted and landscaped. These requirements make the developments more desirable to potential homeowners and provide a space for unstructured recreation and relaxation.

The City's also includes language in the City's Development Ordinances which requires developers to provide parkland or a fee in-lieu of parkland dedication. In many cases, the land offered for dedication by a developer may be in areas which would remain undeveloped. In addition, the location of the dedicated land offered may not be suitable for the City of Lincolnton's long-term goals for future park or greenway facilities. By providing this regulation, the City can apply subject monies from the fee in-lieu for the dedication or development of existing parks, future parks, or trail facilities, which contributes more to the whole community rather than to a single development. The City should continue to uphold this requirement and reevaluate the fee requirement as land values adjust.

In addition, it is recommended that the City provide language in a Development Ordinance requiring public access for greenways/trails. The City should coordinate with their respective Planning Departments to ensure open space or dedication of public access, if applicable.

5.4 PARK PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Understanding the needs and desires of the City and the community members is essential before making recommendations to the existing park system and expansion possibilities. The community workshops, Staff discussions, and the recreation survey were integral in helping identify the primary interests and concerns of City residents.

General Recommendations

General recommendations are designed to provide guidance for the operations, goals, administration, and growth of the City of Lincolnton. Many of these recommendations depend upon successful collaboration between the City and other departments, such as the Planning Department.

Recommendation #1: Facility and Program Accessibility

Where feasible, every park and recreation facility the City of Lincolnton operates should respect and provide the needs of the disabled population through design and programming. All new facilities should be designed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Currently, the City is in compliance with these regulations at existing facilities; however, as new facilities are acquired or developed, priority should be given to the continual upgrading of existing facilities that, perhaps, become non-compliant.

Recommendation #2: Design and Daily Maintenance

The facilities owned and operated by the City of Lincolnton should appeal to residents of the City and visitors to the area. Priority should be given to improving the design of facilities such that they are architecturally, functionally, and ecologically progressive. Daily maintenance practices should be implemented to improve the cleanliness and longevity of all facilities.

Master planning should always be completed for park improvements or new facilities prior to final budgeting and/or design; thereby, making the phasing/development more transitional and of higher quality. Design (and redesign) of all facilities should embrace ecologically responsible elements and methods such as the use of native plants for landscaping, the incorporation of wildlife habitats, the use of permeable surfaces to reduce stormwater runoff where possible, and “green” building practices for structures, and Low Impact Design principles.

Recommendation #3: Walkable Communities

The City of Lincolnton should continue to promote land uses and site designs that make walking and bicycling convenient and enjoyable. They should also encourage the inclusion of public greenways or trails in private developments and the establishment of connectivity to and/or between both current and future public schools, parks, and other public destinations.

Recommendation #4: 10 Minute Walk Movement

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), The Trust for Public Land (TPL), and Urban Land Institute (ULI) have partnered together to promote safe, equitable park access for U.S. citizens. The goal is to provide 100% of people access to a quality park or green space within a 10-minute walk of their homes by 2050. The City of Lincolnton should pledge their support to the 10 Minute Walk Mission. For more information visit 10minutewalk.org.



Recommendation #5: Greenways/Multi-use Trails

Based on state and national studies, walking and biking are highly desired activities, which are increasing by bounds. North Carolina's 2009-2013 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) found that 82% of survey participants reported that "walking for pleasure" to be the most common outdoor recreational activity. The plan also found that 31% of survey respondents reported regularly bicycling.

The Carolina Thread Trail is a non-profit organization working to connect people and communities to nature with trails, greenway, and blueways. Currently there are 8 trails in proximity to the County and City that are a part of the Carolina Thread Trail network. The City should continue to partner and work with the Carolina Thread Trail to plan, incorporate, and build any of the planned 1,610 miles within the County or City. They should also work with adjacent Counties to connect people to surrounding communities via the Carolina Thread Trail network.



The City of Lincolnton should encourage the coordination and planning for future utility easements with greenway facilities. The easements should be established to allow for the inclusion of recreation facilities where possible. Where new development occurs, the City should work with the developer to provide rights-of-way or easements for proposed and future greenway facilities.

Recommendation #6: Greenway Funding

The City of Lincolnton should consider including “language” in a Development Ordinance for fee in-lieu of sidewalk to fund greenway land acquisition and construction where the need for pedestrian connections cannot rely on the timing of private property development.

Recommendation #7: Bicycle Facilities

Given the high cost of fuel for vehicular transportation, air quality concerns, and the need to increase the health/fitness of the population; a planned network of bike trails, bike lanes, and shared roadways should be developed to support alternative transportation to recreation facilities and travel within the City of Lincolnton. Future roadway construction within the City should include provisions to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle travel. This network should connect both existing, as well as future park facilities and greenways. In addition, bike racks (sheltered at schools and other potential high-use areas) should be installed at all publicly owned facilities within the City. (See existing the Lincolnton Urban Area CTP study map in Appendix F).



Recommendation #8: Way Finding

The City of Lincolnton should consider utilizing guide pamphlets and informational kiosks to promote nearby parks and recreation facilities and destinations. Highlighting and mapping the existing park offerings will provide people with the opportunity to locate recreational destinations throughout the City as well as present a cohesive message to users that they support a high quality of life for its residents.

Recommendation #9: Intergovernmental Cooperation

The City of Lincolnton should seek to coordinate planning efforts with the Lincoln County School system, local municipalities, and the State park systems to provide greenway and park facilities. Representatives of the City and of these agencies should meet periodically to discuss development and recreation projects that are planned or are underway within the area. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss upcoming project opportunities and development trends in demographics and growth, newly identified citizen needs in recreation and open space, and recreation master plan updates for local municipalities, and adjacent counties. This will also ensure that redundancy in services is prevented and that all opportunities for partnerships and connectivity are being utilized.

Recommendation #10: Partnership Agreements

It is recommended that the City Staff meet with existing and potential partners to determine needs and possible partnership opportunities. The City should begin this process by developing an approach to each potential partner to establish an understanding of each entity's needs; and ultimately, result in a partnership agreement. The process will require periodic progress meetings with each partner to facilitate the partnerships goals and objectives. This may entail presentations to the partner's board or committee.

Recommendation #11: Interpretative Signage

The City of Lincolnton should consider placing signage that would identify any historic and natural landmarks along pedestrian corridors. This type of signage would not only enhance the pedestrian experience but also provide educational and cultural information to greenway users.

Recommendation #12: Educational and Stewardship Programming

The City of Lincolnton should develop a consistent environmental education program and interpretative facilities at park locations and along future greenway corridors as opportunities arise for future park development. These programs should include stewardship and community volunteer programs geared to the management of natural areas and wildlife habitats.

Recommendation #13: Green Building & Low Impact Design (LID)

It is recommended that the City implements green building and LID components into the existing and future parks facilities. Green building techniques consist of building materials and construction practices which reduce environmental impacts (greenhouse gases, water pollution, and air pollution) and promote energy efficient building materials/methods. These efforts will improve environmental stewardship for park facilities and also educate park users.

Recommendation #14: Contiguous Property Acquisition

When property that is contiguous to existing parks becomes available, all reasonable efforts should be made to acquire the property. Large acreage parks offer recreation amenities that can only be achieved on large sites. The acquisition of contiguous property next to City Parks should be of high priority to the City of Lincolnton. Efforts should be made immediately to seek first option on all contiguous properties. At the time these options are sought, other possibilities should be presented to the property owner as well. Some property owners may be receptive to conservation easements while retaining the title to the property. Conservation easements will allow the City the opportunity to use properties for recreation while providing the immediate benefits of preservation. Numerous grant sources can be used for land acquisition. Extreme care should be exercised in choosing the correct process(es) and timing for acquisition to meet the full potential afforded by grants.

Recommendation #15: Acceptance of Fee Simple Land Donation

If land is offered to the City of Lincolnton as donation by fee simple title with no restrictions, the property should be surveyed for natural heritage significance and relationship to existing plans and parks. If the land contains no environmental hazards, restrictive covenants, or restrictive easements it can be useful and beneficial for the City to assume ownership. Not all donated land has to be developed into a park in order to be useful. Any land donation to the City serves a great public need even if it is banked for the future because the development and public needs of the distant future (over 50 years) is unknown. If donated property were properly managed, the revenue and future significance of the property would far exceed its current contribution to the tax base. If the City chooses not to accept land donation of a particular property, efforts should be made to assist the property owner with contacting an agency that accepts land donations or conservation easements. Land donations (which the City has no interest in owning) could be donated to the Local Parks Foundation.

Recommendation #16: Natural and Cultural Heritage Inventory

The City of Lincolnton should encourage the preparation of an Inventory of Significant Natural and Cultural Areas within the City of Lincolnton and planning jurisdiction. The intent of this study would be to identify areas deemed to be significant natural and/or cultural resources, which should be evaluated for consideration of preservation.

Existing Park Recommendations

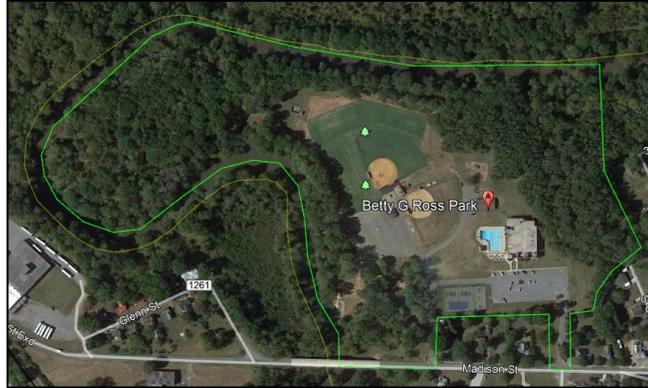
In Section 4, “Recreation Needs Assessment: Evaluation of Facility Needs”, specific facility needs were identified for the City of Lincolnton by both the recreation guidelines set forth by the National Recreation and Parks Association and the community input process. Subsequently, Section 5 summarizes the City’s needs for their existing facilities and makes recommendations for activities to be considered in the future development of their park system.

City of Lincolnton Recommendations

Betty G. Ross Park

- Develop natural surface path and observation platform (with educational signage) from existing picnic shelter to South Fork River.
- Update Lentz Recreation Center Pool to include zero-entry area, warm water therapy zone, and lap lanes.
- Consider enclosing improved pool via new structure or seasonal pool bubble.
- Construct Two (2) additional pickleball courts
- Replace existing playground equipment and surfacing with multi-generational, accessible playground features (consider “adventure” theme)

- Pave the existing stone parking area adjacent to the wooded area between the River access area and ball fields.
- Repair/replace park sign that washed away with more flood appropriate design.
- Erosion control around existing South Fork River observation platform
- Develop A.D.A. accessible walking path in wooded area south of the existing ballfields, adjacent to the South Fork River.
- Add fitness stations along proposed accessible walking path.
- Add two additional small, covered picnic stations along accessible walking path.
- Add accessible canoe/kayak launch at South Fork River area (at existing platform).
- Consider developing transit loop from Community Center to area senior centers and communities, broadly market this resource.
- Consider expanding natural areas of park through acquisition of available, adjacent properties.



First Federal Park

- Develop public gathering area across East Sycamore Street along existing rail trail.
- Add overhead decorative lighting in public gathering areas to extend evening programming opportunities.
- Add A.D.A ramp from existing sidewalk and greenway (E. Sycamore St.)
- Add shade sails or other shade producing structures in park especially on rail trail seating areas and around splash pad.
- Add activity node (game courts, seating, etc.) to grass area along the left side of rail trail (coming from the park) across Pine Street.



City Park

- Develop Master Plan
- Install pedestrian crossing at North Aspen Street to connect to existing sidewalk.
- Add park welcome signage
- Perform feasibility study concerning a pedestrian connector from the Rail Trail to Ramsour's Mill via a trail along Walker's Branch and Clark's Creek.
- Update existing restrooms and concession stand.
- Consider development of a skate park (concrete formed).
- Consider development of a bike pump track.
- Add fitness stations (par course)
- Add picnic stations near end of Rail Trail.
- Stream bank stabilization and erosion control as needed on Walker's Branch behind existing ball field.



Highland Drive Park

- Update existing Playground with accessible play equipment and pour-in-place surfacing.
- Add covered picnic stations around playground area.
- Consider development of splash play area near existing playground and picnic shelter.
- Update existing picnic structure/restrooms building.
- Connect existing walking path to playground via existing trail stub.
- Expand parking at picnic shelter by six (6) spaces towards Highland Drive.
- Grading and drainage improvements around picnic shelter and playground.
- Add fitness stations on walking path.
- Improve storm drainage of existing two ball fields.
- Redesign ball field area to accommodate additional large soccer field and practice soccer fields (may accommodate dual sport fields – baseball/soccer).



- Consider converting main (larger) soccer field to artificial turf.
- Add modern, low light pollution field lighting for all fields.
- Conduct public awareness campaign to alleviate neighboring residential issues associated with field lighting.

Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail

- Assess and repair erosion issues along trail.
- Investigate opportunities for adding parklets along trail for public gathering, aerobics/yoga classes, etc.
- Update trail signage (distance travels, calories burned, historic interest and natural science education).
- Consider allowing skateboarding and rollerblading on the trail.
- Extend trail based on existing Lincolnton Urban Area CTP.



Future Park Recommendations

Geographic equity of park access is also an important consideration to provide short-distance access and service to all City of Lincolnton residents. An analysis of recreation service areas can be used to make land acquisition recommendations for both current and future needs (see section 4). Future park site acquisitions should be balanced and proportional to service populations in all areas of the City.

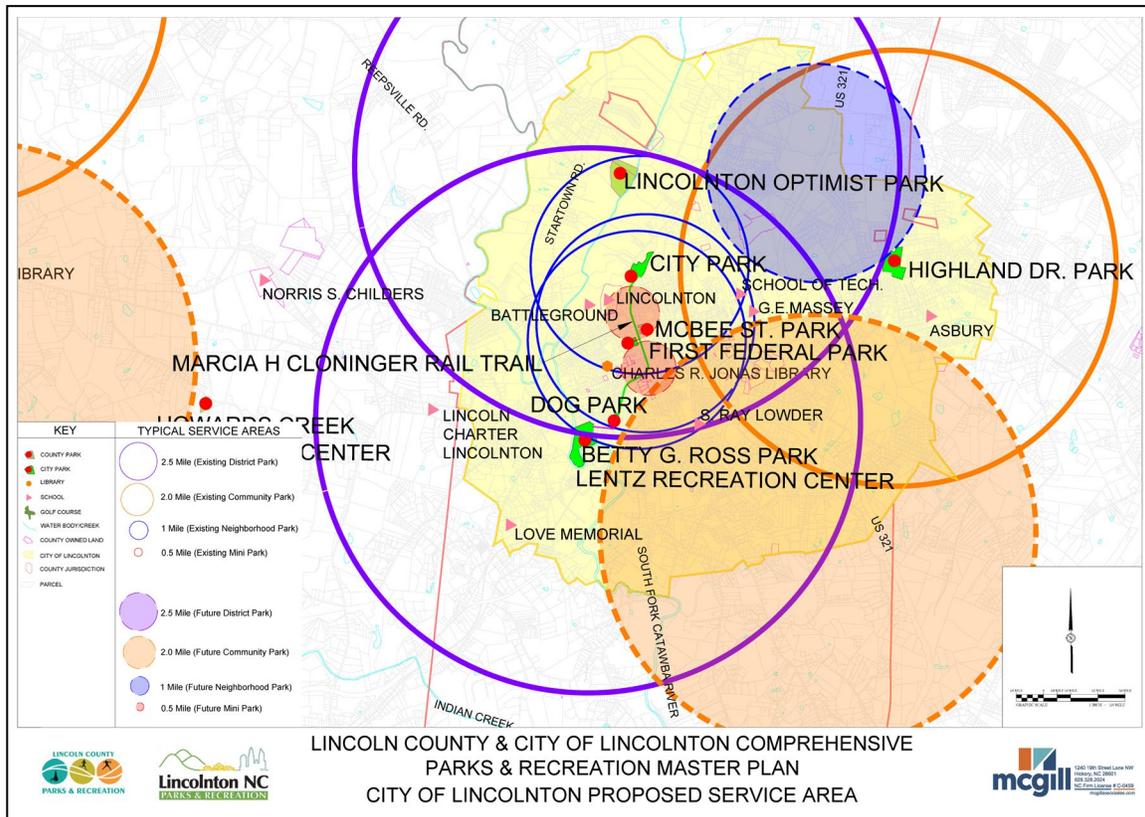
The Existing Service Area map in the preceding section shows how existing parks in the county are concentrated around Lincolnton and Denver with limited offerings in the western portions. This is understandably due to population center distribution. However, with growth expected to dramatically increase in the City of Lincolnton and in the Denver area, needs for improved and new facilities will be critically needed. Planning to meet expected demand for new parks and trails should consider where existing park inequities are occurring.

The concentration of City owned park facilities is centrally located within City limits. Opportunities to expand offerings where future growth is anticipated to happen has been considered during the analysis phase of this plan's study. Growth is coming from the east as Mecklenburg County continues to push into Lincoln County and from the South as the Charlotte area sprawls northward.

As Downtown Lincolnton continues to develop new retail and housing offerings it will also become necessary to provide recreational activities to foster a strong sense of community and a lively atmosphere for residents and visitors.

Considering the “After Five” activities within Downtown will help to add interest and activity Lincolnton residents’ desire. This plan recommends two mini parks that would connect off the popular Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail. Also, a new Neighborhood park in the Northeast portion of the City and community park in the Southern portion of the City. The proposed new facilities would complement existing parks and provide City run recreation opportunities where people are anticipated to be in the next 10 years.

These opportunities are illustrated on the following map.



Map 5.1: Proposed Service Areas

A larger version of the Proposed Service Areas Map can be found in Appendix A.

Map 5.1 shows possible park projects aimed at meeting future (2031) recreation demand. This plan proposes one additional (new) neighborhood park located north of the existing Highland Drive Park. Such a facility could provide space for the growing need for passive type programming as well as provide a venue for traditional day use amenities such as a playground, picnic areas, fitness stations and a walking trail.

Two additional new mini parks are strategically located to broaden resident’s availability to recreation amenities closer to the very popular Rail Trail. These smaller parks may include game courts, spaces for small yoga classes and other

wellness pursuits, picnic shelters, playgrounds, and natural/open areas or gardens.

Lastly, an additional community sized park (see section 4 definition) will provide trails, picnic stations, multipurpose field, restrooms, possibly other highly desirable amenities such as adventure playground, fitness opportunities, leasable indoor space (gym or classrooms), or splash pad. Land acquisition and careful park design should consider public access, cost, and ability of location to host the programming goals of the City.

Recent interest in a partnership between the Lincolnton VFW and the City Parks and Recreation Department was mentioned during the planning process. The subject being the refurbishment and public use of the existing recreation facility at the VFW property on 1306 Country Club Road. This site offers space and basic infrastructure that lends itself to serving some of the recreational needs of residents of Lincolnton. This plan recommends that the Lincolnton Parks and Recreation Department seek to coordinate a discussion with VFW leadership on a potential partnership to improve and make publicly useful the existing VFW park facility. A successful partnership could lead to the development of additional park space available to the community.

Walkable communities are part of a healthy lifestyle and add to quality of life for all residents. This plan recommends extending a multi-use path along Motz Avenue that would turn the existing sidewalk into a wider paved path connecting the Rail Trail with Betty G. Ross Park with a pedestrian crossing on Madison Street. This project may require working with NCDOT to assist the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Madison Street. The proposed sidewalk widening (multiuse path) on Motz is within City-owned right-of-way.

This plan recommends following the existing the Lincolnton Urban Area CTP (See Appendix F for the map). That planning effort identified pedestrian facilities that extend the Rail Trail and provide for other critical trails and bike routes throughout the City.

This plan recommends that the City focus on enhancing and improving most of its existing facilities to meet the amenity type and programming desires of the community (as revealed in the community input). This plan also recommends several park specific improvements as noted previously in this section. The priorities of these recommendations should start with known maintenance, safety, and accessibility issues. However, if a grant or other activity focused funding source is acquired, improvements or new facilities may take precedence.

5.5 FACILITY PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In Section 4, “Recreation Needs Assessment: Evaluation of Facility Needs”, specific facility needs were identified for Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton by both the recreation guidelines set forth by reviewing accepted National, State and local standards as well as the community input process. This section summarizes the City’s needs for its existing/future facilities and makes recommendations for activities to be considered in the future development of its park system.

Adult/Youth Basketball

The City currently has two (2) basketball courts (indoor - Lentz Rec., and outdoor). Based on the recommended guidelines the City meets the minimum requirements. However, the popularity of youth basketball in the community is growing and additional courts will support the scheduling of games and practices. Lincolnton Recreation should continue to foster partnerships with area churches, Lincoln County (School Board, Recreation Department), and other organizations to maximize available court usage.

Youth/Adult Baseball

The City currently has four (4) total fields with two suitable for adult play and two for youth games. Based on the recommended guidelines the City needs one additional youth and one additional adult sized field to meet current standards. Public desire for additional fields and anticipated population growth expected within Lincoln County indicates a need for additional fields, as well. The City should work with Lincoln County to find ways of partnering efforts aimed at sharing costs associated with providing renovated and/or new fields and programming to meet public demand. The development of a multi-sports complex that would provide such an amenity at the scale needed to retain tournament events is recommended.

Softball

The City currently has four (4) fields suitable for softball games. Based on the recommended guidelines the City meets the current standards. However, as the population continues to grow, demand will necessitate additional fields.

Football

The City currently has one football field (Betty G. Ross multi-use field). Based on this plan’s recommended standards, the City is currently meeting demand for a football field.

Soccer

Soccer has become a very popular sport among youth in this country and is a growing trend among young adults. The recommended standards in this plan, indicate the City is meeting expected and anticipated demand for Soccer fields. Like other organized sports in the area, Soccer has attracted many participants

and spectators in recent years. The need for full sized (360') soccer fields and additional space to practice has been mentioned as desired by community input. As multi-use fields are used for other trending activities such as Lacrosse and Football, and increasingly wet seasons make field management difficult, scheduling use exclusively for Soccer programming has become challenging for existing facilities. This plan recommends that at least one full sized artificial turf field be developed exclusively for Soccer use. This plan also recommends that the City continue to work with Lincoln County to find ways of providing for the field needs of all residents.

Tennis Courts

According to park standards (Section 4), the City of Lincolnton currently provides one (1) tennis court. Based on the recommended guidelines the City needs to provide an additional four (4) courts to meet the standards established in this plan. The City should seek to enhance their partnership with the County to find ways of utilizing existing courts more efficiently to manage overall public need.

Pickleball Courts

According to park standards (Section 4), the City of Lincolnton currently provides one (1) pickleball court. Based on the recommended guidelines the City needs to provide an additional court to meet the standards established in this plan. Pickleball is a growing sport and demand should be assessed annually to determine if additional courts are needed. The City should seek to enhance their partnership with the County to find ways of utilizing existing courts more efficiently to manage overall public need.

Picnic Shelters

The City currently has three (3) dedicated shelters with picnic tables (two at Betty G. Ross, one at Highland Drive Park.) According to recommended guidelines, the City needs to develop one additional shelter to meet this plan's recommended standards.

Playground Activities

According to recreation standards established in this document, the City of Lincolnton offers three park playgrounds and needs one additional playground to meet current standards, and one additional playground (two new playgrounds) to meet future needs. However, existing playgrounds offered by area schools and county facilities are located conveniently for City residents and so may alleviate current demand. The City should however seek to make all playgrounds within its recreation system safe and accessible to all ages and physical abilities.

Trails

Currently, the City maintains the very popular Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail (1.6 miles). The standards set forth in this plan recommend that the City seek to develop an additional mile of paved trail to meet current demand and another mile to meet future demand. Trails are the most demanded recreation amenity

within both the County and City and serve multiple uses for the community from exercise to alternative transportation. The city should refer to the existing Lincolnton Urban Area CTP for recommended trail routes and destinations.

5.6 STAFFING AND MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

This Master Plan covers a planning period of 10 years. The facilities to be implemented during that time as part of the recommendations will require some level of additional staffing and additional funding for facility operation and maintenance. Consideration of these budgetary impacts should be made prior to facility implementation.

Multiple factors may come to influence what the future staffing needs of the City of Lincolnton Parks and Recreation Department will encompass. Those will include population growth, available tax dollars, Capital Improvement Plans, development of tourism efforts, etc.



Maintaining adequate staffing for Parks and Recreation facilities and programs will be necessary to foster a good quality of life for City residents, and prospective businesses that may seek to relocate to the City of Lincolnton. The existing and proposed staffing levels for the City of Lincolnton Parks and Recreation Department are as follows:

City of Lincolnton Existing Staffing Levels:

Full-time Positions

- Parks and Recreation Director (1)
- Parks and Recreation Superintendent (1)
- Recreation Program Coordinators (2)
- General Services Supervisor (1)
- Property Maintenance Worker (1)

Part-time/Seasonal Positions

- Lifeguards/Instructors (15)
- Property Maintenance Workers (8)
- Recreation Workers (3)
- Concession Workers/Scorekeepers/Referees/Coaches/Volunteers (10)

Proposed Additional Staffing Positions

Full-time Position

- Maintenance Technician (2)
- Recreation Program Coordinators (2)

Part-time/Seasonal Positions

- As needed to properly staff programming events
- Seasonal Maintenance Staff (as needed for new/future facility expansion)

5.7 PRIORITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Priority Methodology

The park systems for the City of Lincolnton should continue to grow and respond to changes in demographics. Future planned facilities should be implemented incrementally to provide for these changes. This section describes how the recommended facilities for the City are prioritized. The following factors guided the prioritization of individual segments of the Master Plan and were derived from input and desires specified by the residents of the City of Lincolnton:

- Needed improvements to existing City owned facilities
- Development of planned facilities to meet the *current* needs of recreation for residents
- Development of planned facilities to meet the *future* needs of recreation for residents

Priorities for Development

The park facility prioritization is an essential tool that provides the City of Lincolnton's Parks and Recreation Department with a breakdown of the priority for each capital improvement. Given the magnitude of the budgets for improvements to existing parks and for new park and greenway facilities, prioritization of these needs is important. The following is a list of priorities based upon the needs assessment process:

Prioritized Project Tasks

2021-2025

- *Continue to make accessibility and safety improvements at all City owned facilities*
- *Identify land for acquisition for new neighborhood park and future mini parks*
- *Survey and involve local community stakeholders to weigh-in on what programming and amenities would be best for each future facility (reference this plan's survey findings as well)*
- *Partner with Lincoln County to provide aquatic (pool) needs of County/City residents*
- *Update playground equipment/accessible surfacing for all parks*
- *Seek funding opportunities for all existing park improvements*
- *Implement improvements for all existing parks as funding and budgets allow*

2026-2031

- *Continue implementation of identified existing park improvements*
- *Construct trail from southern end of Marcia H. Cloninger trail to Betty G. Ross Park and continue southward per Lincolnton Urban Area CTP*
- *Work with area senior communities to improve transit options to City parks*

- END OF SECTION -

SECTION 6 ACTION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

6.1 INTRODUCTION

This section describes how the City of Lincolnton can implement a safe, convenient, and usable park and recreation system through the execution of its established goals in the Comprehensive Parks Master Plan. The strategy for achieving goals involves the recommended park and recreation facilities / programs discussed in Section 5. Section 6 exhibits strategies and opportunities, key implementation steps and policies, necessary staffing, and methods for developing facilities. Together, these sections form the implementation program.



The results of the City of Lincolnton Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan 2021-2031 are based on the following discovery methods:

1. A review of the study area that is within the City limits
2. An analysis of the existing parks and facilities
3. Community input
4. Recreation standards that have been generically developed for municipalities and town governments

The Master Plan is designed to be action-oriented and serve as a tool in the improvement and enhancement of the park system for the City of Lincolnton.

6.2 FUNDING

Identification of sufficient funding is a crucial element that is required to implement the Master Plan. The North Carolina Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is a guide by which funding sources for park and recreation facilities may be identified. Funding for future projects will be a key issue that will need to be addressed in the upcoming years if governments continue to provide basic minimum services.

To meet the existing and future needs of the City of Lincolnton, the goals and objectives that are identified in the Master Plan must be seriously considered for implementation. The City will need to update their annual budget for the Parks

and Recreation Department based on projected capital improvement costs, staffing needs, and operations/maintenance costs.

Park and Recreation Capital Expenditures

The latest reliable recreation expense data per population (2018) has been used. The population estimates used in this report were certified county and municipal estimates in April 18, 2019 by Raleigh News & Observer - *US Census data for County and Metropolitan Area Estimates*. The budget figures were provided by the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management, facts and figures (LINC, Log Into North Carolina data system) for cultural and recreation expenses.

Table 6.1 shows North Carolina counties with populations between 66,000 and 99,000 and Table 6.2 shows municipalities with populations between 9,500 and 11,500 (year 2019).

Table 6.1

Counties with Populations Similar to Lincoln County	Population Estimate 2018	Per Capita Expenditures 2018
Rutherford County	66,775	\$117.30
Wilkes County	68,563	\$14.76
Carteret County	69,438	\$90.00
Surry County	71,959	\$26.67
Chatham County	73,127	\$30.30
Lincoln County	84,092	\$49.38
Burke County	90,405	\$26.78
Moore County	98,805	\$23.45

Table 6.2

Cities with Populations Similar to Lincolnton	Population Estimate 2018	Per Capita Expenditures 2018
Summerfield	11,151	\$88.05
Kings Mountain	11,028	\$151.04
Tarboro	10,915	\$128.417
Lincolnton	10,832	\$95.68
Mount Airy	10,193	\$273.49
Waynesville	9,965	\$199.78
Winterville	9,645	\$84.19

Table 6.2 provides an over-generalized view into the recreation and cultural per capita expenditures for the municipal recreation systems like Lincolnton. It should be noted that this data does not provide an accurate comparison of

recreation departments due to the differences in programming, facility types, revenue sources, department structure, partnerships, etc. that set each municipal recreation system apart.

ANTICIPATED FUTURE (10-YEAR) RECREATIONAL PROJECT LIST

A recreation Capital Improvement Program for the development of park facilities is designed to encompass, at a minimum, a 10-year period of the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. To assist the City in determining those needs this study provides a list of anticipated recreation projects based on plan recommendations. The proposed recreational project list provides costs based on recent (2019-2021) material/labor costs. The provided opinion of probable costs includes assumed general expenditures such as site preparation, building structures, access, site utilities, parking, and specific recreation improvements. The list provided also includes estimates for planning or design fees.

The proposed Anticipated Future Recreational Project List found in table 6.3 would cover a 10-year period and would serve to set recreation expenses for each fiscal year for implementation of specific projects. The opinions of cost are preliminary in nature and are for planning purposes only. As the time approaches to consider the recommended improvements it will be necessary to receive up to date opinions of cost.

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10 Year Anticipated Future Recreational Project List												
CATEGORY / IMPROVEMENT	COST	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	FUTURE
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	
Betty G. Ross Park												
Develop natural surface path and observation platform with educational signage from existing picnic shelter to South Fork River	\$15,000									\$15,000		
Update Lentz Recreation Center pool to include zero-entry area, warm water therapy zone, and lap lanes	\$500,000				\$500,000							
Add (2) additional pickleball courts	\$80,000		\$80,000									
Update playground equipment and surfacing with multi-generational, accessible playground features	\$150,000								\$150,000			
Fix existing stone parking lot	\$50,000						\$50,000					
Repair/replace park sign	\$5,000	\$5,000										
Erosion control along existing South Fork river observation platform	\$10,000	\$10,000										
Develop ADA accessible walking path in woodland south of existing ballfields	\$150,000	\$150,000										
Add fitness stations	\$40,000			\$40,000								
Add (2) additional small picnic shelters	\$100,000					\$100,000						
Add accessible canoe/kayak launch	\$25,000										\$25,000	
Sub-total	\$1,125,000											
First Federal Park												
Add public gathering area along existing rail trail	\$35,000					\$35,000						
Add overhead decorative lighting	\$150,000			\$150,000								
Add ADA ramp from existing sidewalk and greenway	\$8,000	\$8,000										
Add shade sails	\$65,000							\$65,000				
Add activity node	\$50,000								\$50,000			
Sub-total	\$308,000											
City Park												
Add pedestrian crossing at N. Aspen St	\$5,000	\$5,000										
Add park welcome signage	\$1,500			\$1,500								
Update existing restrooms and concession stand	\$150,000							\$150,000				
Add fitness station per course	\$30,000						\$30,000					
Add picnic stations near end of rail trail	\$25,000		\$25,000									
Stream bank stabilization and erosion control on Walker's Branch	\$50,000	\$50,000										
Sub-total	\$261,500											
Highland Drive Park												
Update playground equipment and surfacing with multi-generational, accessible playground features	\$150,000					\$150,000						
Add picnic shelters around playground area	\$100,000				\$100,000							
Update existing picnic structure/restroom building	\$75,000							\$75,000				
Connect existing walking path to playground	\$5,000	\$5,000										
Expand parking at picnic shelter	\$30,000		\$30,000									
Grading and drainage improvements around picnic shelter and playground	\$35,000	\$35,000										
Add fitness stations	\$25,000					\$25,000						
Improve storm drainage at ball fields	\$50,000	\$50,000										
Redesign ball field area to accommodate additional soccer fields	\$280,000			\$280,000								
Add modern, low light pollution field lighting to all fields	\$400,000								\$400,000			
Sub-total	\$1,120,000											

Table 6.3 (2021 City of Lincolnton Anticipated Project Costs – See larger version in Appendix D) Continued on next page.

Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail												
Address erosion issues along trail	\$60,000	\$50,000										
Update trail signage	\$2,000			\$2,000								
Extend trail based on existing Lincolnton Urban Area CTP	\$1,630,000					\$30,000	\$500,000	\$500,000				
Sub-total	\$1,692,000											
Future Community Park												
Future park development	\$4,000,000									\$4,000,000		
Sub-total	\$4,000,000											
Future Neighborhood Park												
Future park development	\$2,000,000									\$2,000,000		
Sub-total	\$2,000,000											
Future Mini Park												
Future park development	\$800,000									\$800,000		
Sub-total	\$800,000											
Future Mini Park												
Future park development	\$800,000									\$800,000		
Sub-total	\$800,000											
Grand Total	\$11,496,500	\$368,000	\$135,000	\$403,500	\$640,000	\$310,000	\$110,000	\$290,000	\$1,100,000	\$15,000	\$825,000	\$7,600,000

This Total Capital Improvement cost of \$11,496,500 represents the proposed, cumulative figure to be spent for park and recreation development, improvements, and renovations by the year 2031. The total figure does not consider an inflation rate over the 10-year period through the year 2031.

6.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Studies have shown that economies are impacted *positively* where bicycle and pedestrian tourism is fostered, promoted, and where investments are made in bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The number of people who feel comfortable walking or riding bicycles is a measure of the quality of life in that area.

Multi-Use Trails

Multi-use trails are extremely popular amenities for vacationing bicyclists and pedestrians. Tourists and visitors to the area often return to communities that provide places which are safely removed from busy roads for walking and bicycling. Multi-use trails offer scenic recreation, which is suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities. Many times, lodging is near popular trails, thereby increasing occupancy for the owner. For residents in these locales, investments in trails and greenways can increase property values and improve the overall livability of a community, as well as attracting, retaining, and expanding tourism and the associated revenues.



Greenways are both a recreational and transportation asset.

Investing dollars in multi-use trails yield substantial community-wide returns. These returns are in the form of increased property values, business attraction, recreation revenue, and reduced water treatment and flooding costs. Not only are tourists attracted to these areas, but business leaders are selecting sites for the relocation and expansion of industries and corporations where the quality of life is high and recreation opportunities are abundant. Increasingly, corporations

are recognizing the benefits of convenient fitness and recreation for their employees and are seeking these greenway amenities for potential locations.

Multi-use trails having vegetated buffers located adjacent to waterways act as “filters” to clean the water, trapping nonpoint source pollutants. These pollutants, including sediment, pesticides, fertilizers, oil, gas, and other chemicals, are transported into streams, rivers, and/or lakes by stormwater when rain or snow events occur.



Property values increase where trails have been developed.

Trail Development

The ongoing construction of bicycle and pedestrian facilities is proving to be a wise economic investment for the communities through which they pass. Lincolnton’s Parks and Recreation department should annually assess and include funding towards the maintenance of popular trails to preserve the value that they contribute to the community. Trails and pathways have a positive effect on nearby property values with homebuyers and business owners realizing the effect that such facilities bring to a community. According to research by the *Rails to Trails Conservancy*, there are vast amounts of people who are using rail trails. It is easy to understand how communities can profit economically by meeting the needs of trail users. Entrepreneurs who invest in restaurants, convenience stores, bicycle and other merchandise shops, campgrounds, and alternate lodging attribute the location of a nearby trail to at least a portion of their success. Realtors and homebuyers alike are recognizing the benefits of properties located near trails. Both locally and nationally, the construction of trails has proven to be a cost-effective use of public funds. Multi-use trails allow more visitors and residents to replace automobile trips with non-motorized trips, thereby moving the citizenry closer to achieving public health objectives, including increased opportunities for physical exercise.

Parks

Research has substantiated the direct proportion between economic growth and the existence of parks and open space in communities and municipalities around the country. This growth includes increased property values in residential, urban, and industrial communities, as well as the increased revenue from tourists.

Increased Property Value

The real estate market consistently demonstrates that residents throughout the country are willing to invest larger amounts of money in properties that are located close to parks and open space areas than they would for homes that do not offer these types of amenities. The higher values of these homes produce higher property taxes in the affected area. In some instances, additional property taxes are sufficient to recoup the annual debt charges on bonds, which were originally used to finance park acquisition and development.

Studies have shown that property values typically increase when parks or outdoor facilities, such as outdoor festivals, movies, and restaurants, are in the immediate locale. Studies indicate that “commercial asking rents” near park property exceed rents in surrounding submarkets.

Revitalization of Businesses

In recent years, there has been a trend to revitalize inner-town and urban areas to improve their quality of life. The success of this revitalization has included the addition of parks and recreational activity in downtown areas. Generally speaking, people do not want to live or work in an environment where they have no refuge from downtown buildings without having any place to go for a stroll, walk the dog, or just enjoy the outdoors. In studies of downtown revitalizations, the top recommendations include the dramatic expansion of parks and open spaces.



Businesses have been revitalized due to the increase of pedestrian activity in downtown areas.

Tourism

A park often becomes the signature attraction for a community or municipality, and it is often used as a marketing tool to attract residents, tourists, conventions, and businesses. Parks often shape the identity of the area and give residents a sense of pride.

Organized events held in public parks, such as art festivals, athletic events, food festivals, concerts, and plays often bring substantial positive economic impacts to their communities by filling hotel rooms and restaurants and bringing customers to other local business enterprises.

6.4 OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIES

Dedicated Source of Local Funding

In order to leverage and provide matching funds for many of the programs listed above, the City of Lincolnton should evaluate the existing departmental budget and funding for capital improvements to include the following:

- Property/sales tax
- Bonds
- Fee in-lieu of contributions
- User fees/registration fees

Property/Sales Tax Revenues

General tax revenues traditionally provide sources for general operations and maintenance of park systems for local governments. Parks and recreation development is scheduled along with health, public safety, utilities, in regular budgets established by the City. Assessed valuation of real and personal property tax and sales tax provides the framework for the major portion of the tax base for the City.

Traditionally, ad valorem tax revenue has been the primary source of funding for the park and recreation enhancement of properties/facilities owned by local governments. 'Recreational opportunities' are considered a public service and often are a standard line item on general fund budgets. Creative financial opportunities are possible; however, ad valorem taxes will continue to be the major revenue source to support the system. As such, communities often vote to raise their local tax rate temporarily in support of their park and recreation systems.

General Obligation Bonds

Many communities issue bonds, that are typically approved by shareholders, to finance site development and land acquisition costs. The State of North Carolina grants local governments the authority to borrow funds for parks and recreation through the issuance of bonds. The amount is not to exceed the cost of acquisition or improvement of park and recreation facilities. Total bond capacities for local governments are limited for parks and recreation to a maximum percentage of the assessed property valuation. Since the issuance of bonds relies on the support of the voting population, the implementation of awareness programs is absolutely essential prior to a referendum vote.

General Obligation bonds are the preferred financing approach of the North Carolina Local Government Commission and the general securities market, because these instruments are backed by the full faith and credit of the issuer. That simply means that the bonds represent an encumbrance against the

property tax base of the issuing jurisdiction and therefore offer the best available security to the bond holder. The State of North Carolina gives the issuance of bonds not to exceed the total cost of improvements (including land acquisition). In view of the recommended capital improvements suggested in this plan, the City may consider continuing to use General Obligation bonds to develop new facilities. Total bonding capacities for local government is limited for parks and recreation to a maximum percentage of assessed property valuation.

The following are key factors to consider before using this financing instrument:

- In North Carolina, the issuance of General Obligation bonds requires a referendum of the voters within the issuing jurisdiction.
- The term of the debt may be extended to 20-30 years.
- The debt is publicly sold, so there are costs associated with the sale. These costs generally total 3% to 5% of the total bond principal. The issuance costs offset the lower interest rate and, therefore, this instrument becomes more attractive as the size of the issuance increases and the issuance costs are spread over the larger debt. It has been found that this financing option becomes financially superior as the debt principal exceeds \$10-\$12 million.
- Generally, prepayment of the debt cannot be accomplished until reaching a call date. This usually is around 75% of debt retirement.

Failure of the General Obligation Bond to be ratified by referendum could mean that the City could not go forward with an alternative approach to financing without substantially changing the scope of the project.

Fee in-lieu of contributions

The City should continue providing developers with an option to pay a ‘fee in lieu of’ rather than to dedicate land for open space or recreation within conventional subdivisions. This program has proven to be successful for many local governments in providing a dedicated source of revenue earmarked for park development. The City should reevaluate the language as necessary to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of Lincolnton

User fees/registration fees

Communities throughout the nation employ a wide variety of user fees for public use of recreational programs and services within their recreation departments. The amount of the fee is usually determined by a portion of the recreation costs needed for improvements and operations. These user fees are typically levied for special facilities such as water parks and golf courses; however, they can also be charged for the use of trails and ball fields. The City of Lincolnton should continue to generate revenue by charging user fees for use of facilities such as picnic shelters in order to cover operation and administrative costs. In addition,

the City should continue to have a separate fee rate structure for residents and non-residents. As the park system continues to develop, the City should examine their fee structure to identify opportunities for additional revenue. The current user fees appear to be fair and reasonable for a majority of the City residents and non-residents. Elected officials should determine the fees and charges based on departmental input; the fees should not be so high that persons of modest income would ultimately be denied the use of park facilities.

Other sources of funding

Funding/acquisition sources

Implementing the recommendations of this Comprehensive Parks Master Plan will require a combination of funding sources that include local, state, federal, and private money. This section provides a listing of the most commonly used funds for park and greenway facility projects in North Carolina. Fortunately, the benefits of protected greenways and parks are many and varied. This allows programs in the City of Lincolnton to access money earmarked for a variety of purposes including water quality, hazard mitigation, recreation, air quality, alternative transportation, wildlife protection, community health, and economic development. Competition is always stiff for state and federal funds. It becomes imperative that local governments work together to create multi-jurisdictional partnerships and to develop their own local sources of funding. These sources can then be used to leverage outside assistance. The long-term success of this plan will almost certainly depend on the dedication of local revenue stream for park and greenway projects.

It is important that the City of Lincolnton fully evaluate its available options and develop a funding strategy that can meet community needs, maximize local resources, improve quality of life, and leverage outside funding. Financing will be needed to administer the continued planning and implementation process, acquire parcels or easements, and manage and maintain facilities. Further research into these programs is recommended to determine requirements for specific grants.

McGill Associates advises the City of Lincolnton to pursue a variety of funding options. Below is a list of park and greenway funding opportunities that are typically sought by communities. Creative planning and consistent monitoring of funding options will likely produce new opportunities not listed below.

Grants

State and federal agencies offer numerous grants to assist municipalities in the financing of their parks and recreation projects. This source of funding should definitely be investigated and pursued by the City of Lincolnton for present and future park and recreation improvements.

North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF):

PARTF was established for local governments and the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation in 1994 as a funding source for the development and/or improvement of parks and recreation facilities, and for the purpose of land acquisition. A state-funded program, PARTF matches monies spent by municipalities on parks and recreation, with each sharing 50% of the cost. The maximum matching fund amount provided by PARTF is \$500,000. Contact the Recreational Resources Service for additional information at (919) 515-7118.



Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF):

A federally-funded program, LWCF, was established for local and state governments in 1965 as a funding source for outdoor recreational development and land acquisition. LWCF monies are derived from the sale or lease of nonrenewable resources, primarily offshore oil and gas leases, and surplus federal land sales. Acquisition and development grants may be used for a wide variety of outdoor projects such as town parks, tennis courts, bike trails, outdoor swimming pools, and support facilities (roads, water supply, et cetera.) Facility design must be rather basic rather than elaborate and must remain accessible to the general public. No more than 50% of the project cost may be federally funded by LWCF, although all or part of the project sponsor's matching share may be obtained from certain other federal assistance programs.

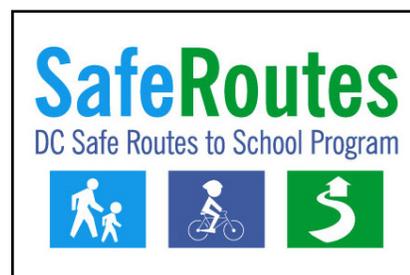


Federal Aid Construction Funds

These funds are included in the National Highway System (NHS), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ). The funds provide for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle transportation facilities. The primary source of funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects is STBG Enhancement Funding

Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

The Safe Routes to Schools Program is a Federal-Aid program of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Program is a sub-program of the Transportation Alternatives Program, falling under the Surface Transportation Program. Under TAP the SRTS Program is combined with the Recreation



Trails Program (RTP) to provide financial assistance to projects that fall under alternative transportation. Communities must come up with 20% of a project cost while the remaining 80% is funded through grant competitions. All TAP projects are administered by State Departments of Transportation (DOT's).

The Federal program provides funds to the States to improve the ability of primary and middle school students to walk and bicycle to school safely. The purposes of the Safe Routes to Schools program are outlined below:

- To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school.
- To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age.
- To facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity (approximately 2 miles) of primary and middle schools (Grades K-8).

For more information on North Carolina's Safe Routes to School Program visit <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/BikePed/pages/safe-routes-to-school.aspx>.

Recreation Trails Program (RTP)

RTP is a \$1.5-million federal grant program designed to help states provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail use. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration.



RTP is a reimbursement grant program. Funds must be spent and then reimbursed upon completion of deliverables. Eligible applicants must be a state, federal or local government agency or qualified nonprofit organization. All applications are reviewed by the North Carolina Trails Committee and recommendations are made to the Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. The Secretary makes the final determination on grant awards.

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act of 2004 (SAFETEA).

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act of 2004 (SAFETEA), approved by the federal government in 2004, is a primary source for financing bicycle, pedestrian, and greenway projects throughout the country, at both the local and state levels. Providing as much as 80% for development and

construction costs, this grant is earmarked for facilities such as sidewalks, rail-trails, bike-lanes and greenways. The Enhancement Program (a section of SAFETEA) is used primarily by municipalities since this section focuses on bicycle and pedestrian corridors, environmental mitigation, historic preservation, and scenic byways. 20% matching funds are required by the applying entity and applicants must meet several other criteria as well. Prior to applying for this grant, a thorough engineering assessment should be performed to determine construction costs.

Non-Infrastructure Transportation Alternatives Program

The North Carolina Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program was established in 2005 through SAFETEA-LU as a federally funded program to provide an opportunity for communities to improve conditions for bicycling and walking to school. It is currently supported with Transportation Alternatives federal funding through the Surface Transportation Block Grant program established under the FAST Act.

Environmental Enhancement Grant Program (EEG)

The objective of the EEG program is to fund projects that address environmental needs of North Carolina specifically to protect water quality as well as conserve natural areas. To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit organization or government entity. The types of grants included are land acquisitions and easements; construction, remediation, and restoration; research, planning, and education. The maximum award available is \$500,000 and must be completed in 3 years from date of fully executed Memorandum of Understanding.

North Carolina Land and Water Fund (NCLWF)

Created in 1996 by the North Carolina General Assembly and previously referred to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), NCLWF grants monies to local governments, state agencies and not-for-profit conservation groups. The money is to help finance projects that specifically address water pollution issues. NCLWF will fund projects that contribute toward a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental, educational, and recreational benefits. There is no match required by local municipalities, however, the suggestion of a match is highly recommended.

Watershed Protection and Flood Protection

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) assists state and local governments in their operation and maintenance of watersheds whose areas are less than 250,000 square acres. The NRCS provides both financial and technical assistance to eligible projects for the improvement of watershed protection, flood prevention, sedimentation control, public water-based fish and

wildlife enhancements and recreation planning. The NRCS requires a 50% local match for public recreation and fish/wildlife projects.

State Construction Funds

These funds (not including the Highway Trust Fund for Urban Loops and Interchanges) may be used for the construction of sidewalks and bicycle accommodations that are a part of roadway improvement projects.

The North Carolina Conservation Tax Credit

This program provides an incentive (in the form of an income tax credit) for landowners that donate interests in real property for conservation purposes. Property donations can be fee simple or in the form of conservation easements or bargain sale. The goal of this program is to manage stormwater, protect water supply watersheds, preserve working farms and forests and set-aside greenways for ecological communities, public trails and wildlife corridors. Additional information is available at <http://ncctc.enr.state.nc.us/>.

Contributions

The solicitation of contributions is an acceptable method of fund-raising for recreation departments. These donations, typically in the form of land, cash, labor, and materials, could be solicited to assist the City of Lincolnton with its enhancement program. Corporations, civic organizations, individuals, and other groups generally donate to a specific park project; however, donations may also be solicited for multiple project improvements or additions. The National Recreation and Park Association recommend the use of private, not-for-profit, tax-exempt foundations as a means of accepting and administering private gifts to a public park system.

Park Foundations

Foundations are another source of financing by making direct contributions within communities, states, or the nation. These types of funds are usually described as special program foundations, general-purpose foundations, or corporate foundations. Foundations can provide the needed resources to support park projects. Foundations generally have very few restrictions and/or limitations and are typically received from local entities. A list of appropriate foundations can be found at <http://foundationcenter.org>.

Partnerships

To implement the recommendations contained in the comprehensive master plan, the City of Lincolnton should expand



their partnership agreements with other public agencies and private-sector organizations. There are many different types of partnerships that can be formed to achieve the goals established by the City. In fact, many local governments throughout the nation are utilizing partnerships with public and private-sector interests to accomplish community goals.

Listed below are the various types of partnerships that the City should consider in its efforts for the improvement and addition of parks and recreational facilities:

- Programming partnerships to co-sponsor events and facilities or to allow qualified outside agencies to conduct activities on properties which are municipally owned.
- Operational partnerships to share the responsibility for providing public access and use of facilities.
- Development partnerships to purchase land and/or build facilities.
- Management partnerships to maintain properties and/or facilities.

To implement the recommendations contained in the comprehensive master plan, Lincolnton should expand their partnership agreements with other public agencies and private-sector organizations. The City should evaluate forming additional partnerships which address the needs of a comprehensive park system. Direct requests should be made to meet potential partners, inviting them to evaluate the possible benefits of partnering. This step should be made to generate interest and agreement prior to solidifying any responsibilities for each participating party.

Private-sector partnerships can be beneficial to municipalities. Developers can use private funds to develop facilities on municipal property and lease it to the City long term. Over a period of time, the developer returns a portion of the revenue to the City and at the end of the lease the facility is turned over to public ownership. This type of arrangement would typically be a large capital investment for a special use facility.

Land Acquisition and Development

Life Estate

A life estate is a gift, whereby a donor retains the land during his/her lifetime and relinquishes title of the property after his/her death. In return, the owner (or family) is relieved of property tax for the given land.

Local Gifts

Donations of land, money, labor and construction can have significant impact on the acquisition and development of park



property. The solicitation of local gifts is highly recommended and should be organized thoroughly, with the utilization of very specific strategic methods. This often-untapped source of obtaining funds requires the contacting of potential donors such as individuals, institutions, foundations, and service clubs.

Easement

An easement is the most common type of 'less-than-fee' interest in land. An easement seeks to compensate the property owner for the right to use his/her land in some way or to compensate for the loss of his/her privileges to use the land. Generally, the landowner may still use the land and therefore continues to generate property tax revenue for the City.

Fee Simple Purchase

Fee simple purchase is the most common method used to acquire municipal property for park facilities. Although it has the advantage of simplifying justification to the general public, fee simple purchase is the most difficult method to pursue due to limited monetary resources.

Fee Simple with Lease-Back or Resale

This method allows local governments to acquire land by fee simple purchase yet allows them to either sell or lease the property to prospective users with restrictions that will preserve the land from future development. The fee simple with lease-back or resale method of development commonly results from situations in which landowners, who have lost considerable monetary amounts in property value, determine that it is more economical to sell the land to the City (with a lease-back option) than to keep it.

Long-Term Option

Long-term options allow municipalities to purchase property over a long period of time. This method is particularly useful because it enables the City to consider a particular piece of land that may have future value, though it is not currently desired or affordable. Advantages to this method of property acquisition are that the City can protect the future of the land without purchasing it upfront, the purchase price of the land will not increase, and the City will have the right to exercise its option. The disadvantage to the City is that all privileges relinquished by the landowner require compensation in the form of securing the option.

6.5 PLAN ADOPTION

The first step in implementation of the City of Lincolnton Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan is adoption of the plan by the City of Lincolnton. By adopting the Comprehensive Parks Master Plan, the community is able to help

shape larger regional decisions so that they fit within the goals of the plan. The City also gives itself greater authority in shaping local land use decisions so that they achieve the goals and vision of this plan. In addition, the adoption of this Master Plan is essential in order to maximize available grant opportunities.

Among the opportunities available to promote the recommendations contained in the Master Plan is the ability to build upon an already committed and active base of residents, visitors, and enthusiasts in the area. Through their organizations, institutions, publications, and networks, the City of Lincolnton can promote both the improved and new parks and greenway facilities and programs. Second among the opportunities, is the availability of the existing park facilities such as amenities, programs, and existing trails. Though some changes are being suggested in the short-term and an expanded network is suggested for the long-term, the presence of an existing network provides a strong foundation from which to build. Many City residents are already accustomed to using the existing park facilities and should become use to seeing new park amenities, programs, signage, and other improvements. Building on their existing awareness of what is available is much easier than building on no awareness.

Action Steps

Upon adoption of this plan, implementation of specific recommendations can begin. Many of these will occur simultaneously and include policy and facility improvement changes. The key steps are:

1. Secure a dedicated source of revenue to address the 10-year and beyond Capital Improvement Program and address the goals of the Master Plan. Consider the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund specifically for recreation projects.
2. Provide staffing necessary to support and oversee the implementation of this plan and the proper maintenance and operation of the facilities that are proposed.
3. Develop and implement educational and awareness programs such as public events and promotion of parks awareness by civic and environmental advocacy groups. These programs can be used to announce new park facilities and upcoming projects.
4. Begin working on the recommendations that are listed in the 10-year and beyond Capital Improvement Program. From these opportunities come



the framework for an initial implementation strategy. These recommendations include:

- Aggressively begin to establish potential funding mechanisms for future park expansions. This high priority goal is essential for realizing the proposed recommendations for the future growth and development of Lincolnton's parks and recreation facilities.
- Use the nucleus of park patrons to expand the awareness of the amenities and programming of the City of Lincolnton parks and recreation system.
- Expand and modify the existing park system into a comprehensive, multi-use system, distributed so that it better meets the needs of the community, provides opportunities to all and enhances the current park system.
- Continue making the critical pedestrian and bicycle connections between destination points that will allow for preservation of open space and offer an alternative mode of transportation.

The steps above represent the core of the implementation strategy. As the individual policy recommendations and physical recommendations are addressed, they should each fit within one of these four primary strategies.

- The City needs to ensure that facility planning is integrated with other regional planning efforts at the state and local levels and with long-range and current land use, economic development, parks, environmental, and community planning. The following are mechanisms to achieve this action step:
 - 1) Expand local capital improvements program for yearly appropriation for greenway and park development.
 - 2) Set aside money for future land acquisition, construction, and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.
 - 3) Pursue and request pedestrian/bicycle projects to be added to NCDOT TIP.
 - 4) Pursue developing and expanding existing and new partnerships.
 - 5) Apply for PARTF Grants and other related recreation grants for future parks and recreation projects.
 - 6) Seek other sources of revenue funding for parks and greenway improvements, such as including local assessment districts and developer exactions.
 - 7) Pursue funding from other sources listed in this section.

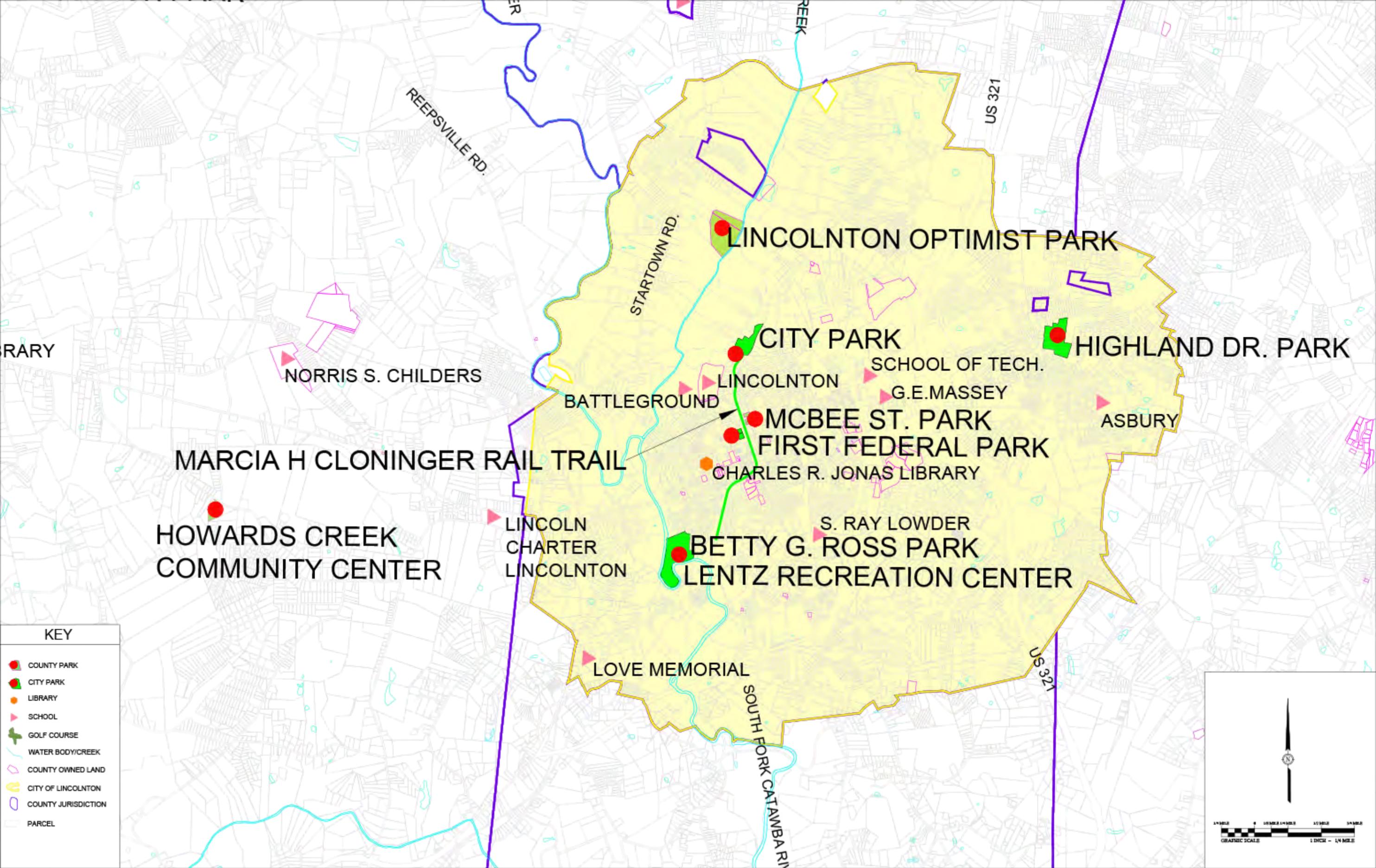
6.6 CONCLUSION

This Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan has laid out a set of strategies for expanding and developing a safe, convenient, and usable park system. The plan has assessed the study area, analyzed the existing facilities,

received, and analyzed community input, reviewed recreation standards, developed recommendations, and provided strategies for implementing the plan. The Comprehensive Parks Master Plan is a comprehensive guide to be used in the improvement and enhancement of the park system for the City of Lincolnton.

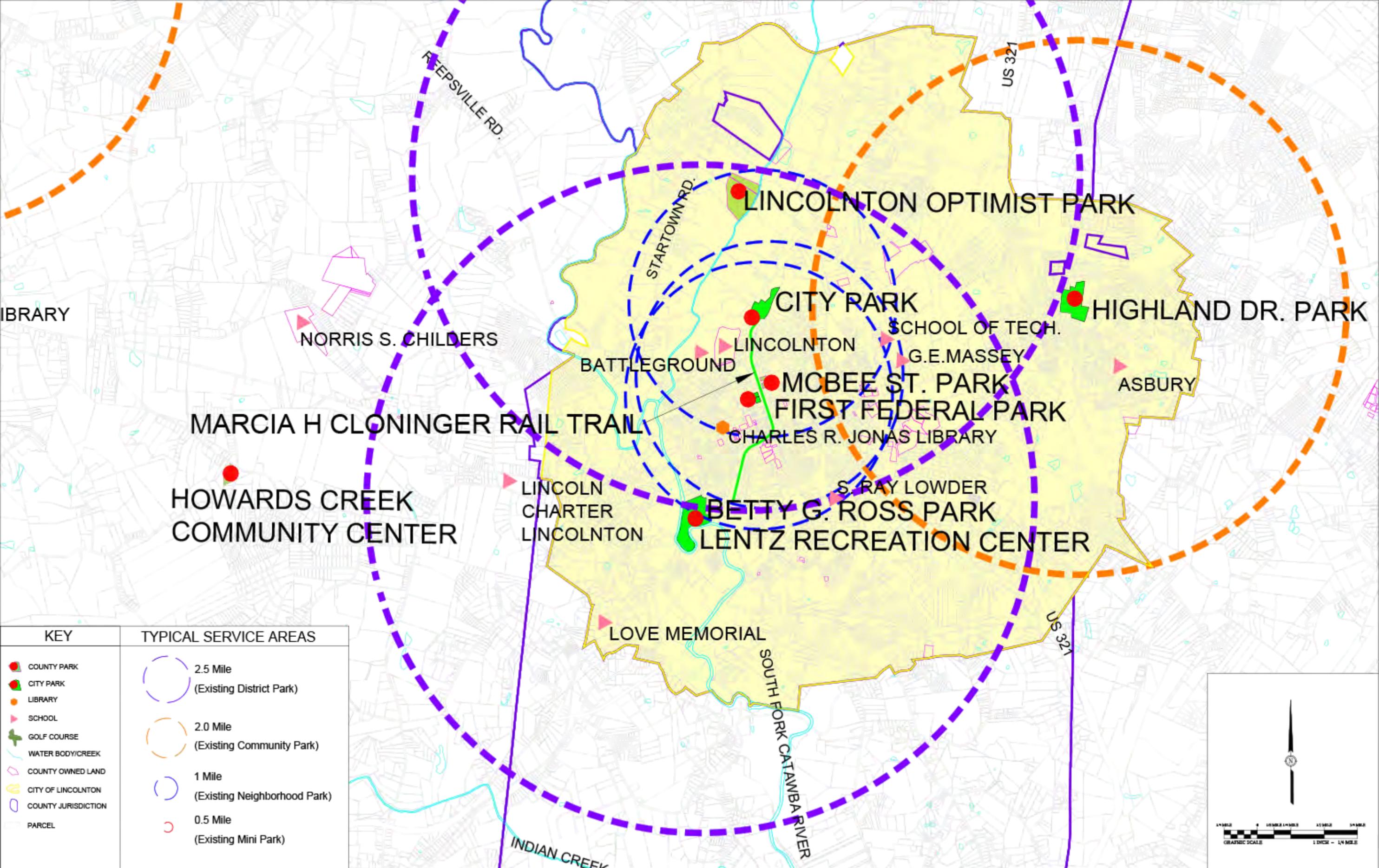
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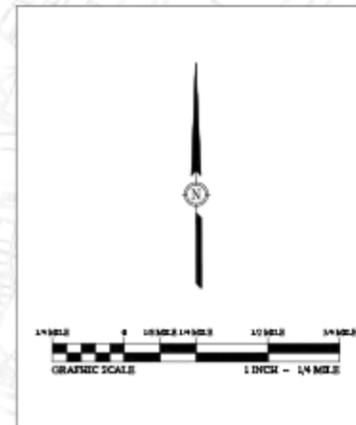


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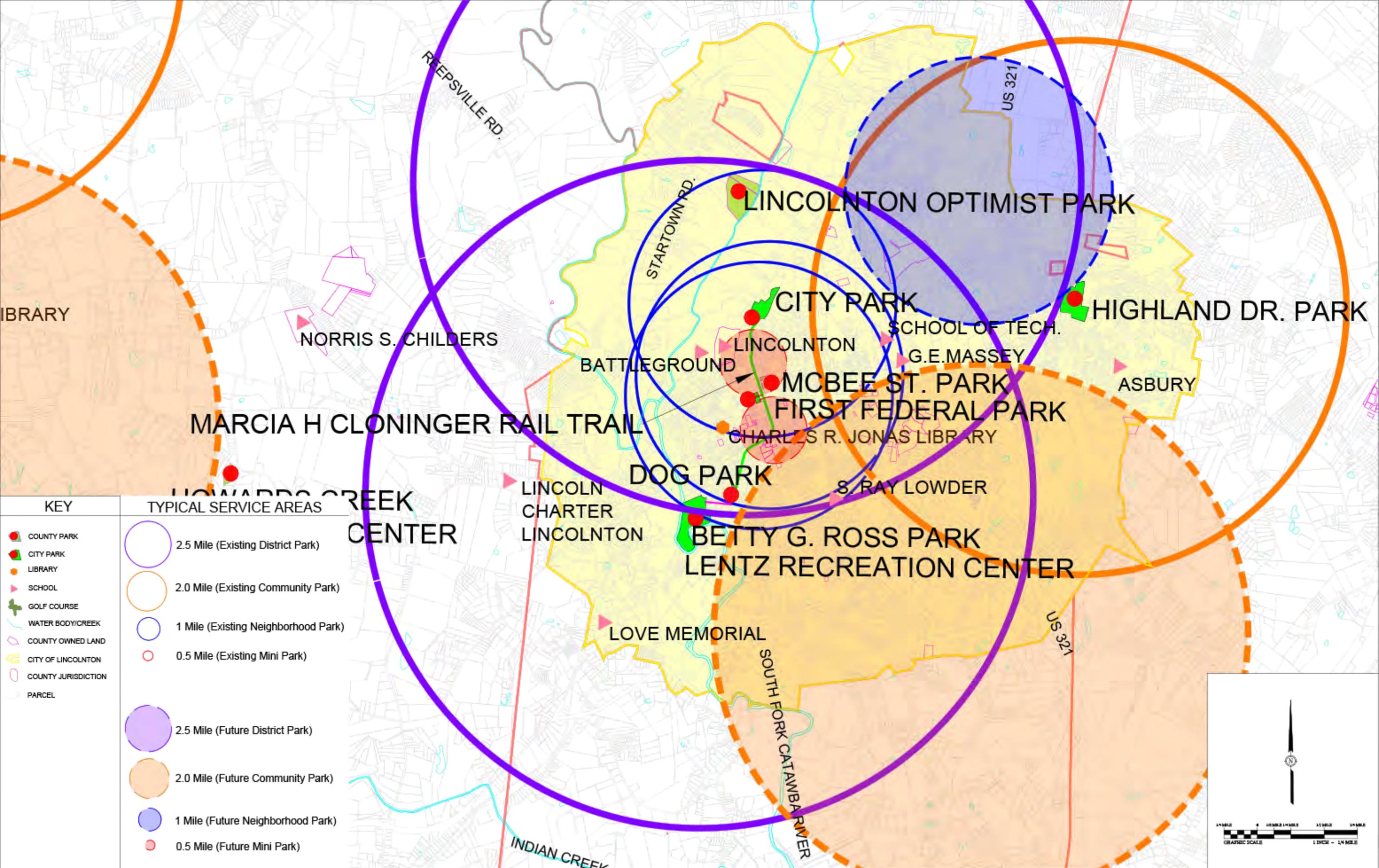


KEY	TYPICAL SERVICE AREAS
COUNTY PARK	2.5 Mile (Existing District Park)
CITY PARK	2.0 Mile (Existing Community Park)
LIBRARY	1 Mile (Existing Neighborhood Park)
SCHOOL	0.5 Mile (Existing Mini Park)
GOLF COURSE	
WATER BODY/CREEK	
COUNTY OWNED LAND	
CITY OF LINCOLNTON	
COUNTY JURISDICTION	
PARCEL	



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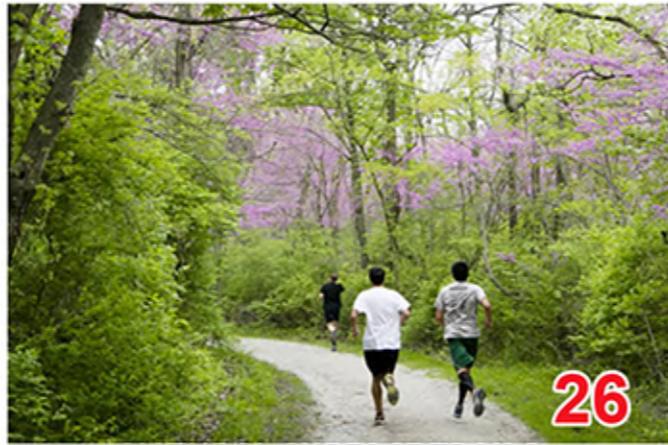


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COMMUNITY GARDEN



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NATURAL SURFACE TRAILS



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BASKETBALL COURTS



3

SPLASH PAD



13

OUTDOOR FITNESS STATIONS



4

PLAYGROUND



2

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



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ATHLETIC COMPLEX



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PICKLEBALL



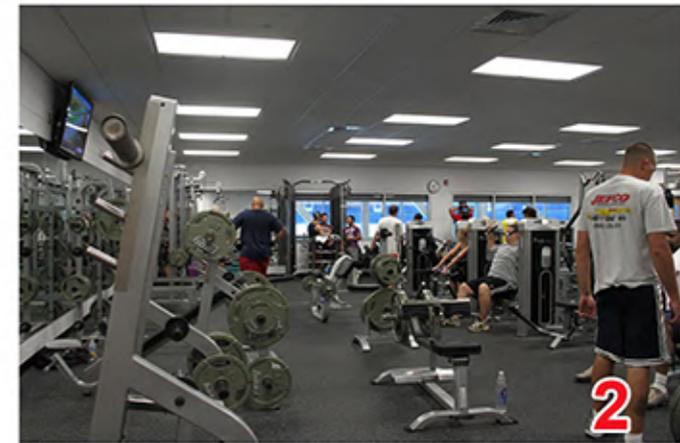
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OUTDOOR POOL



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PICNIC PAVILION



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INDOOR FITNESS



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NON-PROGRAMMED OPEN SPACE



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TRADITIONAL GAME COURTS



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INDOOR AQUATICS



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DISC GOLF



CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH

5



EQUISTRIAN AMENITIES

2



OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE AREA

11



BIRDING/WILDLIFE VIEWING AREA

1



FREE FORM PLAYGROUND

2



ADVENTURE PLAY AREA

18



INDOOR BASKETBALL

8



DOG PARK

7



SKATE PARK

3



ACCESSIBLE PLAY FEATURES

5



OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL

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PASSIVE GREEN SPACES

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PAVED PATHS

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INTERPRETIVE/EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

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MULTI-PURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELDS

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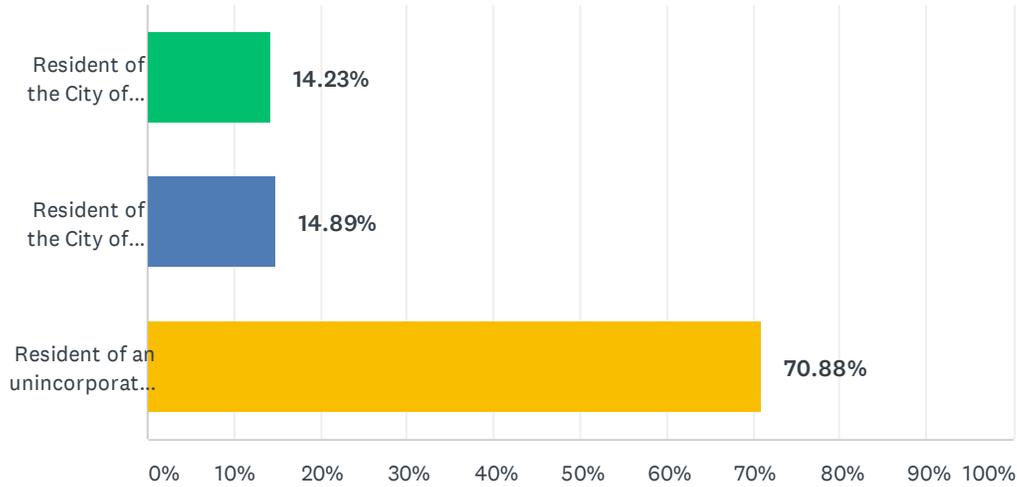
CROSS COUNTRY TRAILS

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APPENDIX C

Q1 Concerning your residence are you a (check all that apply):

Answered: 1,370 Skipped: 50



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident of the City of Lincolnton (Do not own property within City Limits)	14.23%	195
Resident of the City of Lincolnton (Own property within City limits)	14.89%	204
Resident of an unincorporated town within Lincoln County	70.88%	971
TOTAL		1,370

Q2 In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 28037 or 28092)

Answered: 1,415 Skipped: 5

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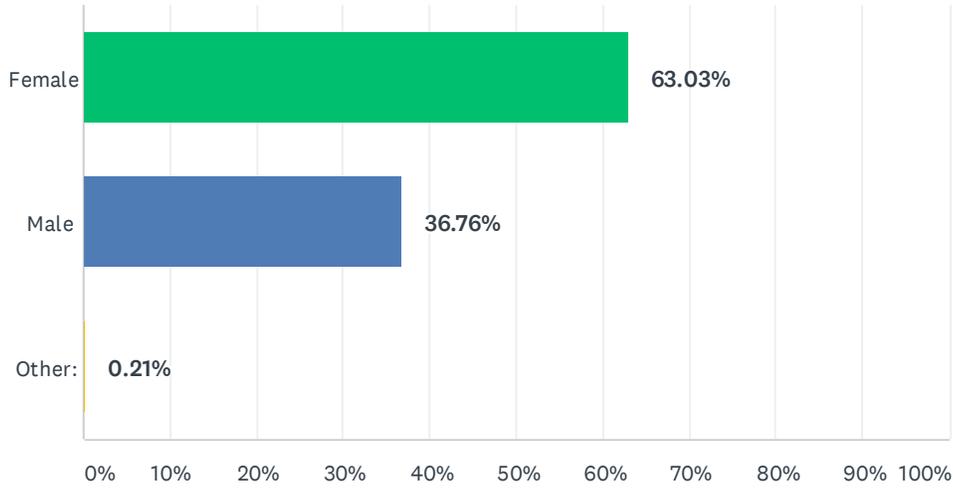
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Q3 Please provide your gender:

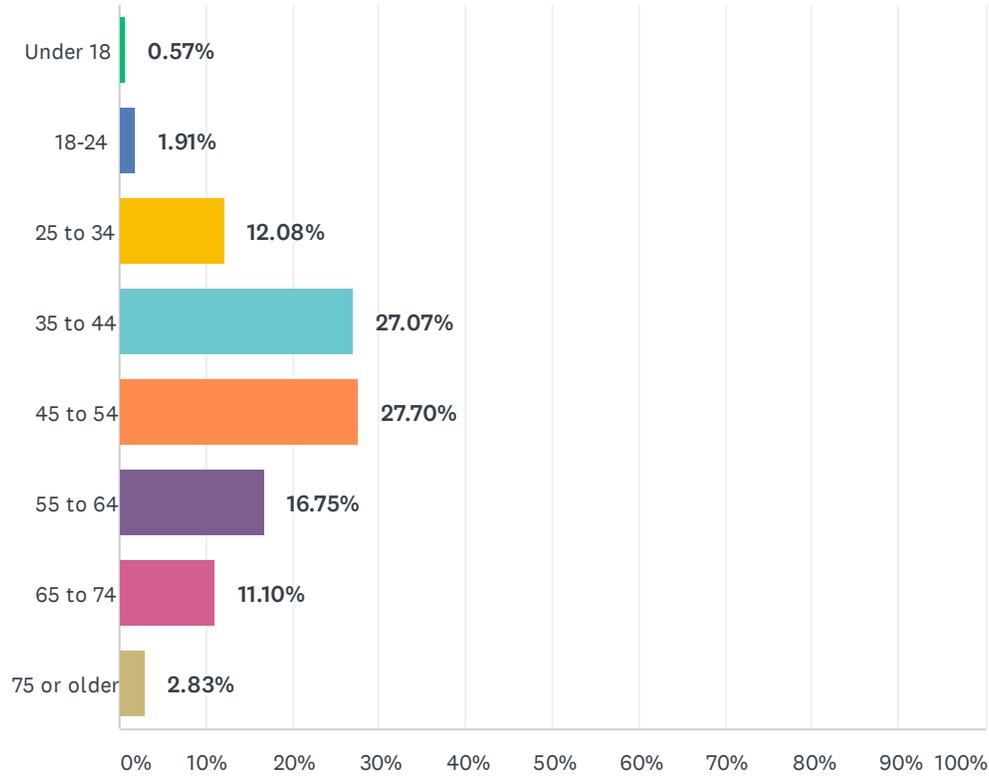
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	63.03%	890
Male	36.76%	519
Other:	0.21%	3
TOTAL		1,412

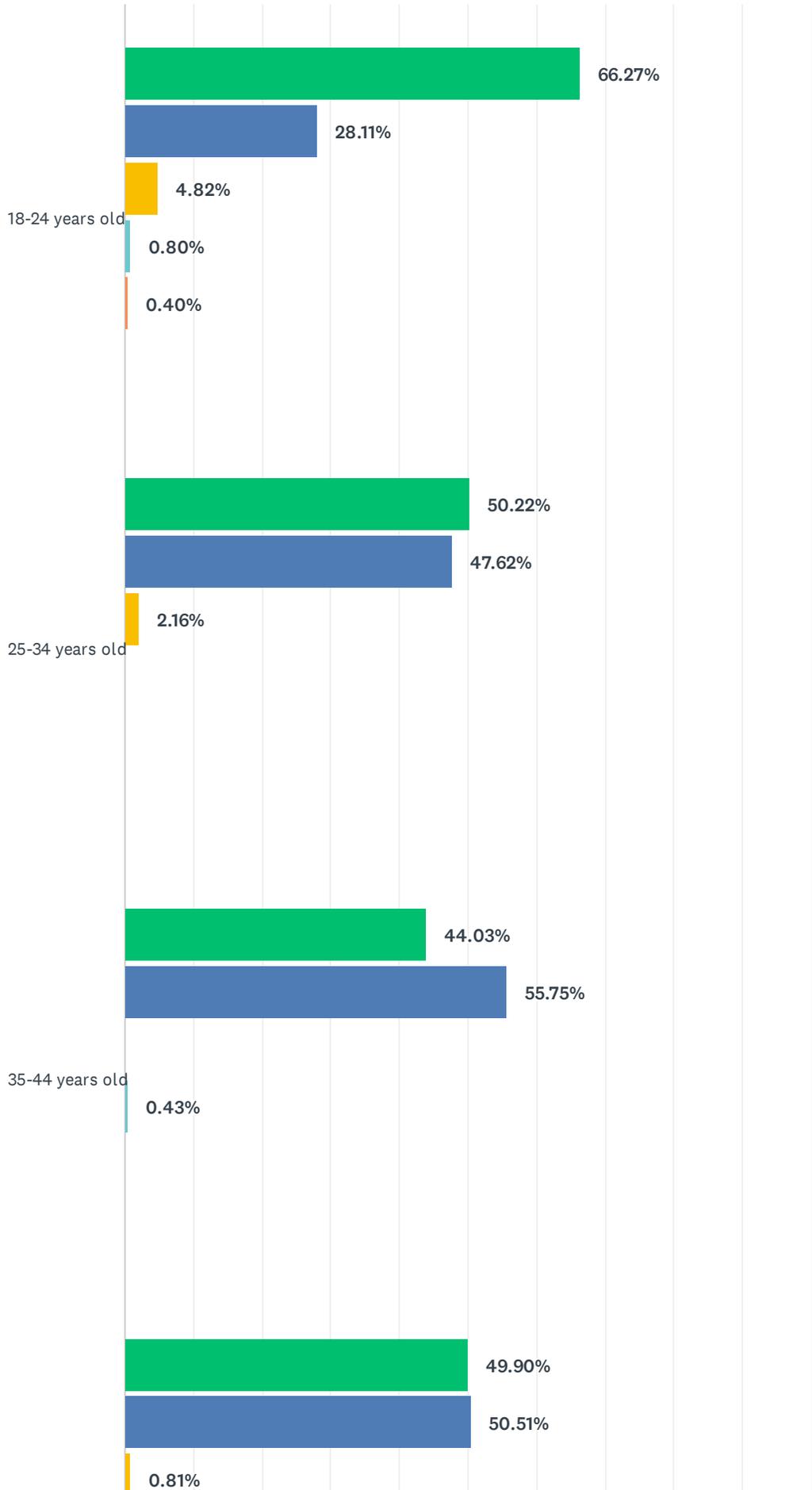
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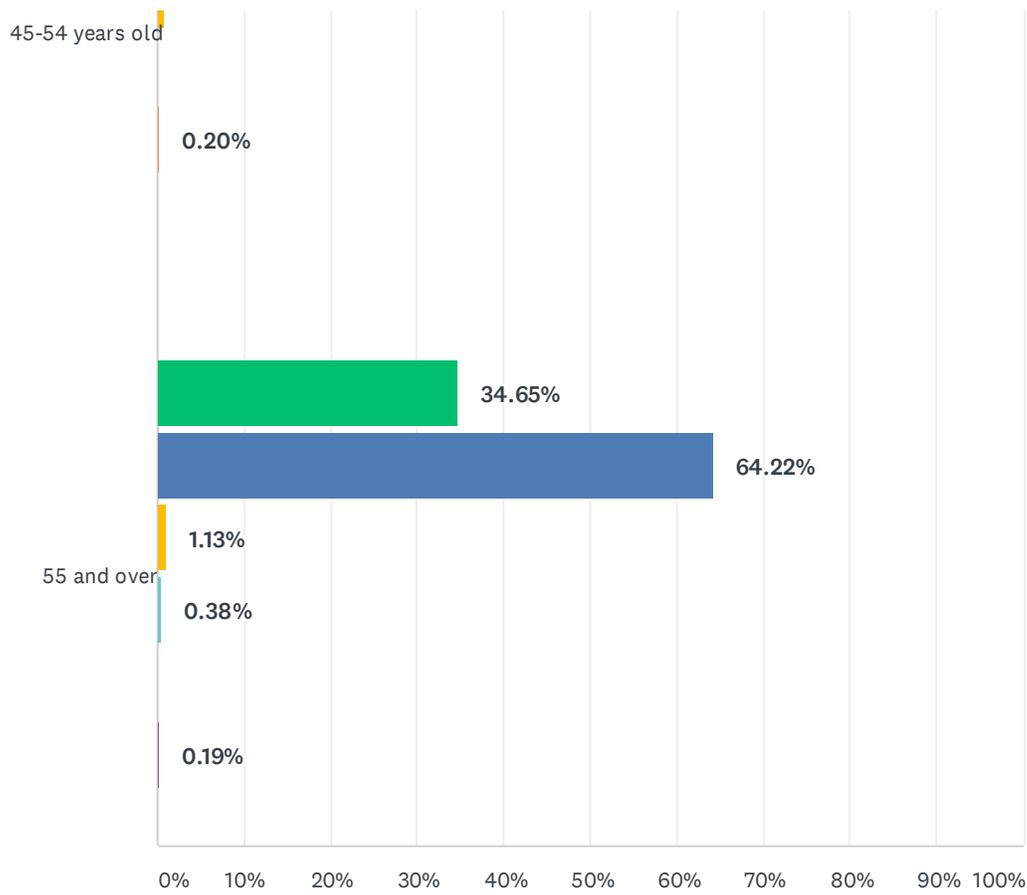


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.57%	8
18-24	1.91%	27
25 to 34	12.08%	171
35 to 44	27.07%	383
45 to 54	27.70%	392
55 to 64	16.75%	237
65 to 74	11.10%	157
75 or older	2.83%	40
TOTAL		1,415

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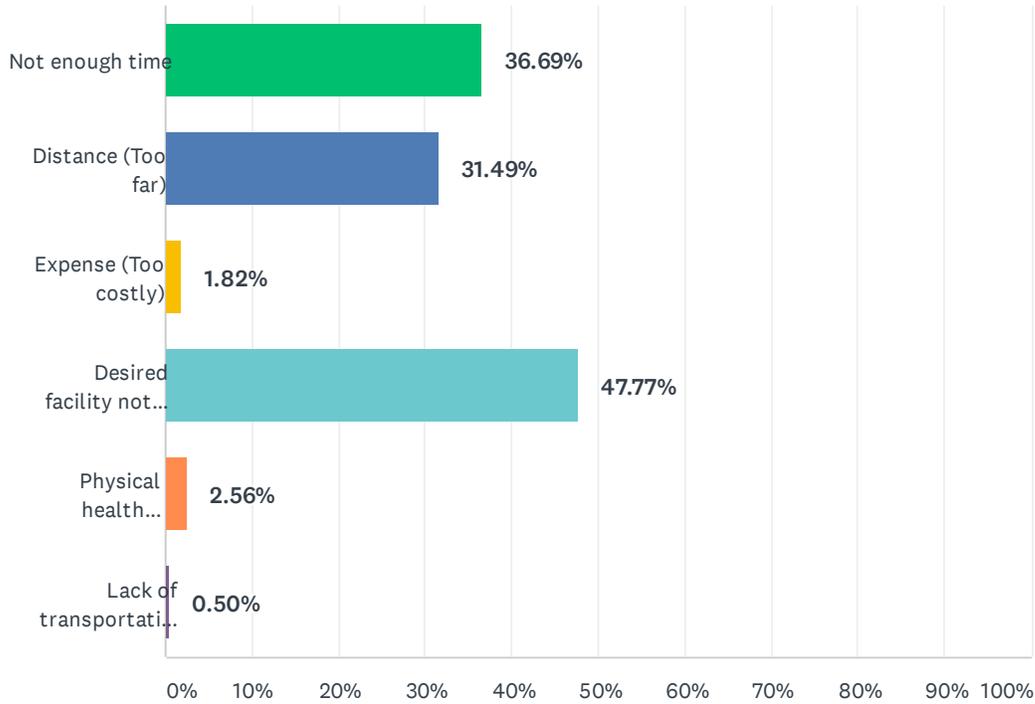


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	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
5 years and younger	50.00% 160	32.19% 103	7.19% 23	6.88% 22	4.38% 14	0.94% 3	320
6-12 years old	62.45% 306	32.45% 159	4.69% 23	0.20% 1	0.20% 1	0.00% 0	490
13-17 years old	69.21% 254	26.98% 99	4.09% 15	0.54% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	367
18-24 years old	66.27% 165	28.11% 70	4.82% 12	0.80% 2	0.40% 1	0.00% 0	249
25-34 years old	50.22% 116	47.62% 110	2.16% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	231
35-44 years old	44.03% 203	55.75% 257	0.00% 0	0.43% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	461
45-54 years old	49.90% 245	50.51% 248	0.81% 4	0.00% 0	0.20% 1	0.00% 0	491
55 and over	34.65% 184	64.22% 341	1.13% 6	0.38% 2	0.00% 0	0.19% 1	531

Q6 What is the greatest barrier to your household's regular use of public parks and/or facilities

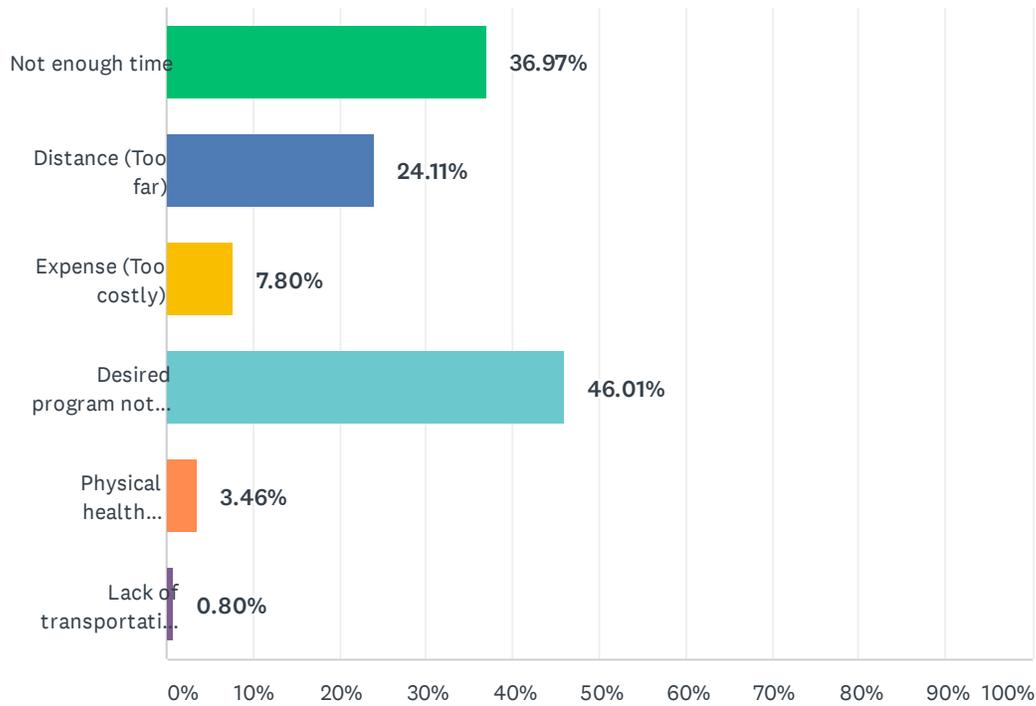
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not enough time	36.69%	444
Distance (Too far)	31.49%	381
Expense (Too costly)	1.82%	22
Desired facility not offered	47.77%	578
Physical health limitations	2.56%	31
Lack of transportation to a facility	0.50%	6
Total Respondents: 1,210		

Q7 What is the greatest barrier to your household's regular participation in recreational programs and activities?

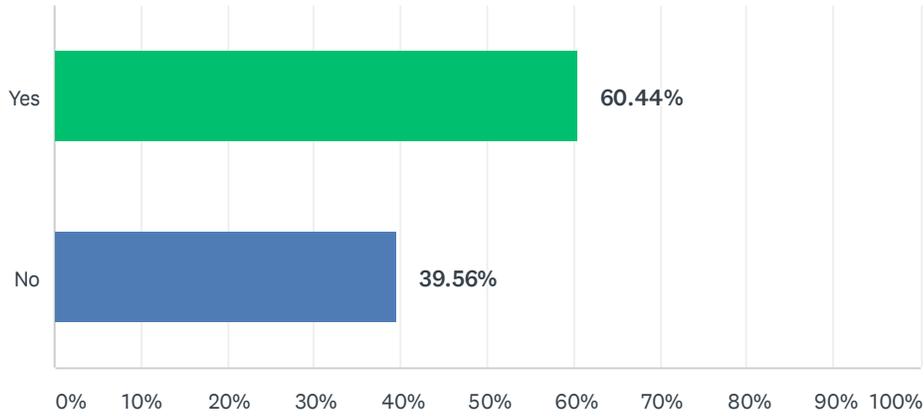
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not enough time	36.97%	417
Distance (Too far)	24.11%	272
Expense (Too costly)	7.80%	88
Desired program not offered	46.01%	519
Physical health limitations	3.46%	39
Lack of transportation to an event	0.80%	9
Total Respondents: 1,128		

Q8 Within the last year have you traveled out of Lincoln County to use a recreation facility or program?

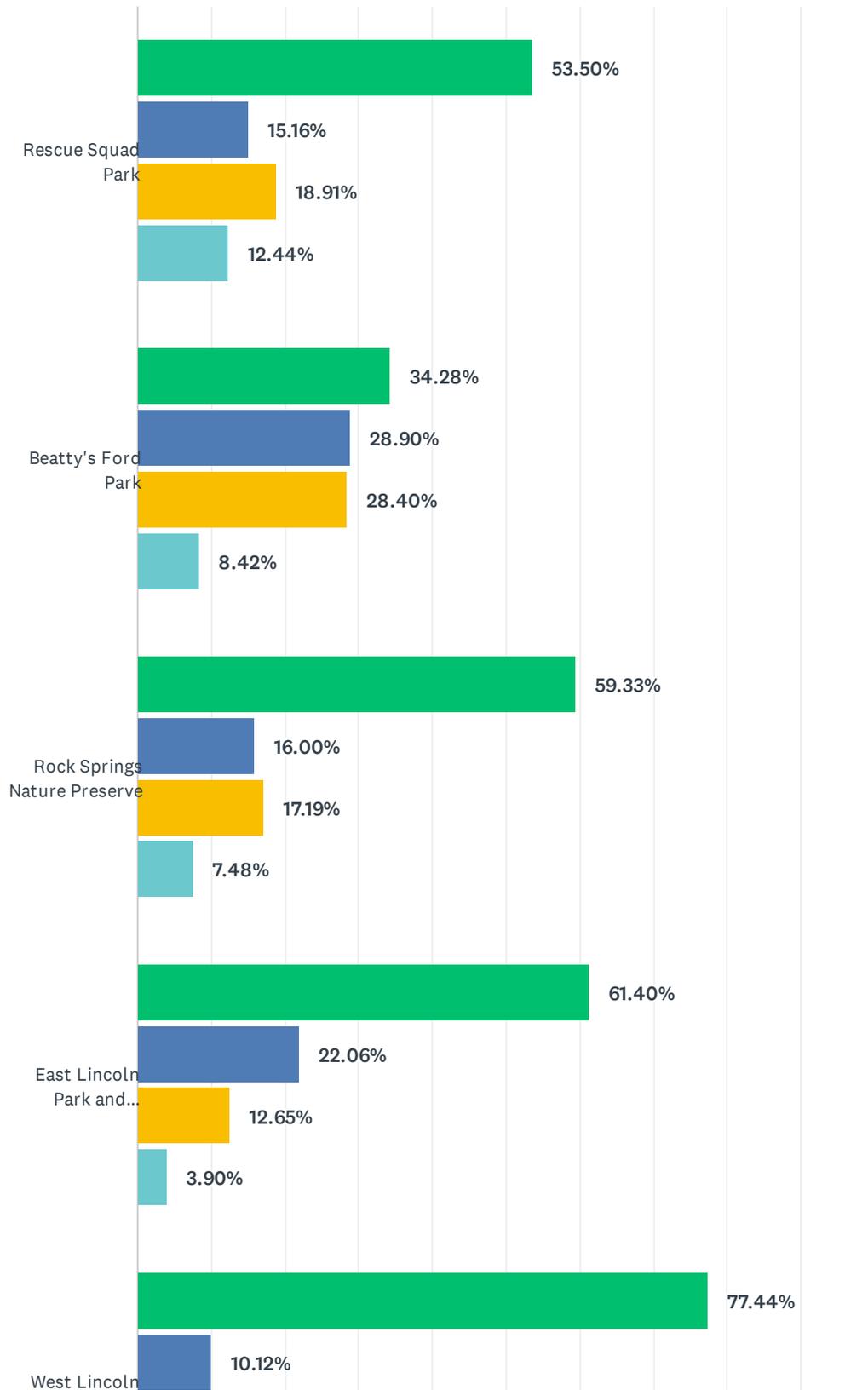
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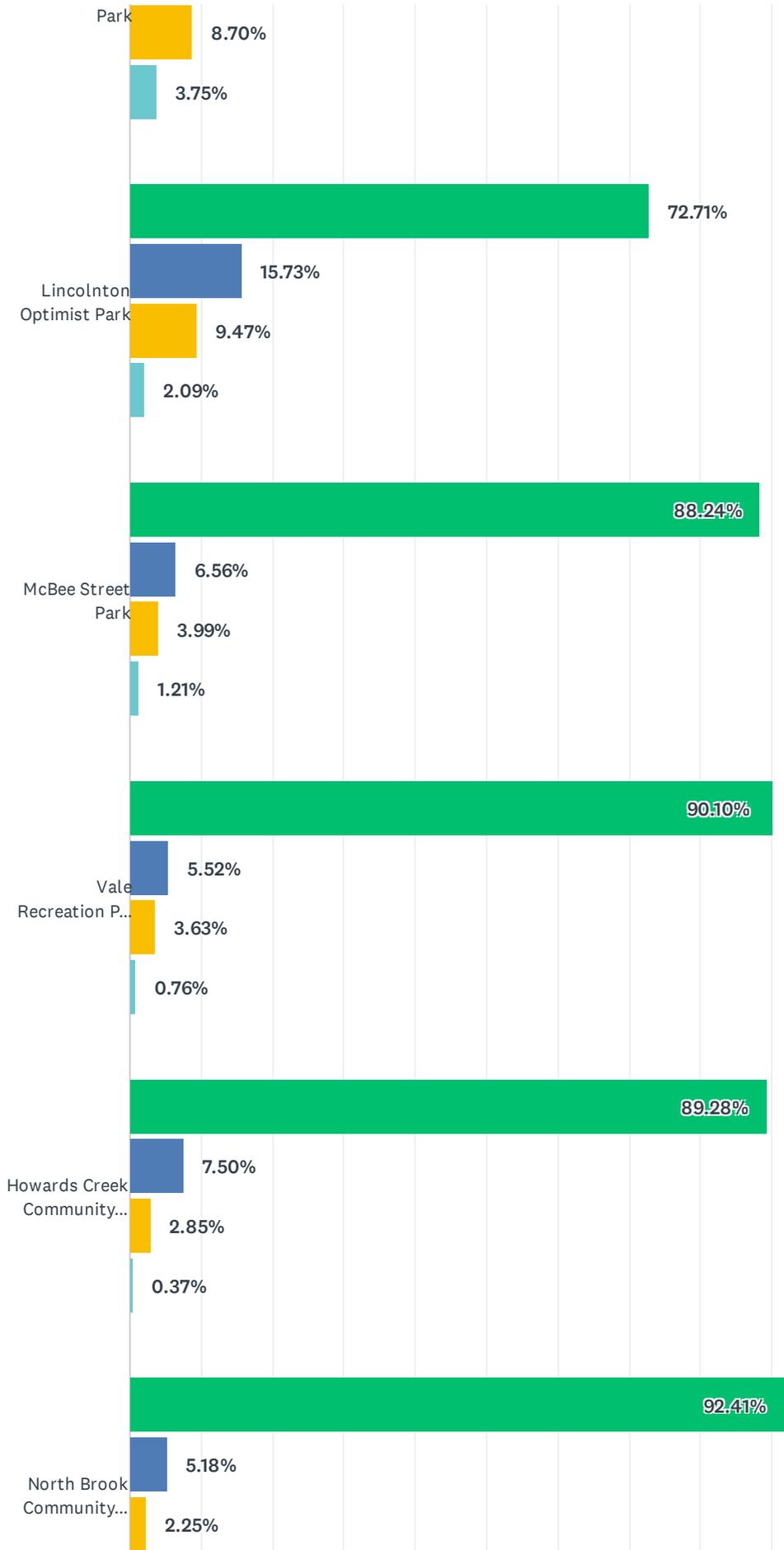
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.44%	689
No	39.56%	451
TOTAL		1,140

Q9 Check below how frequently you or others in your household have visited the following Lincoln County facilities in the past year.

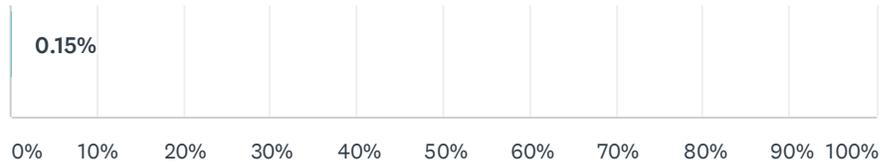
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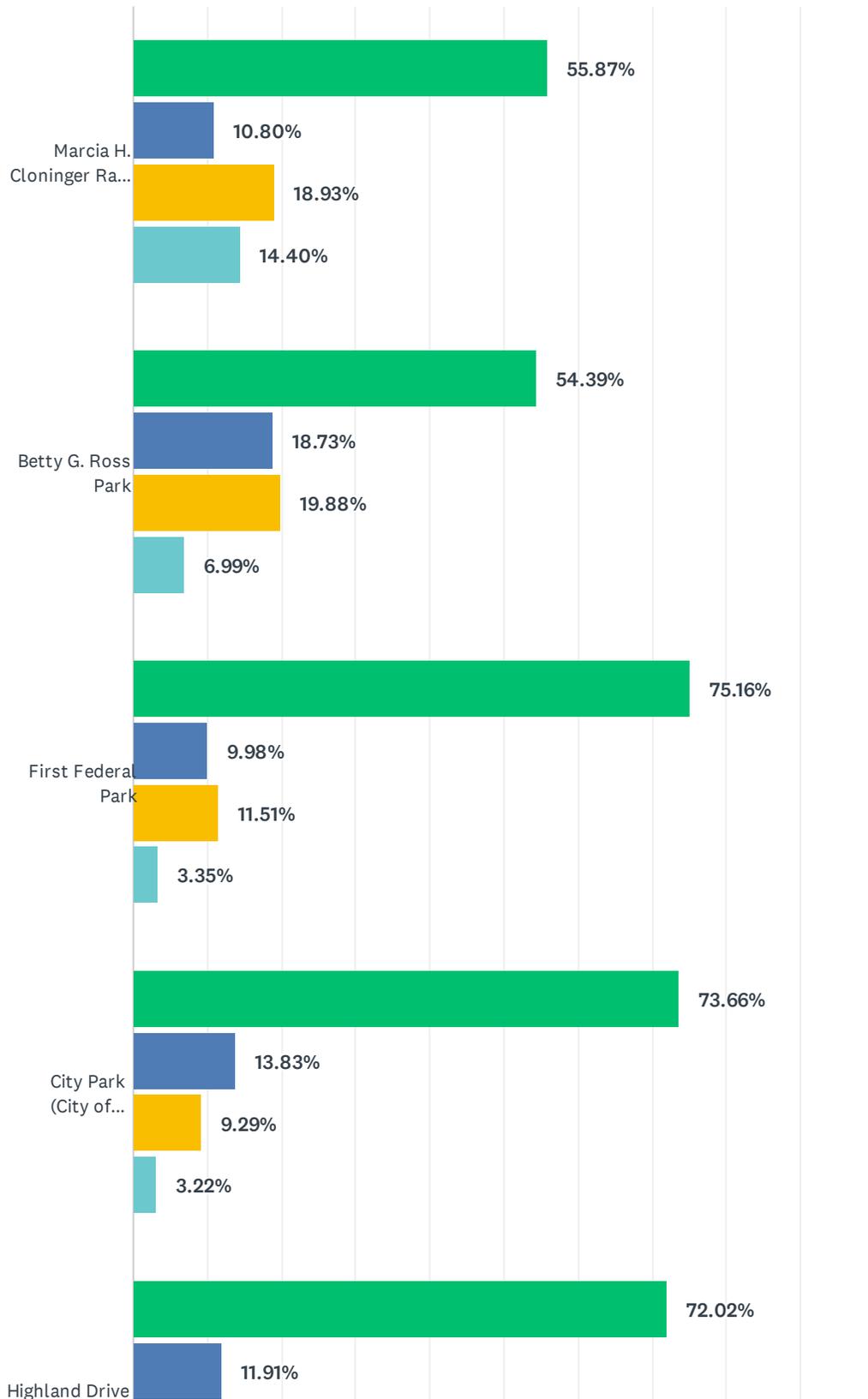


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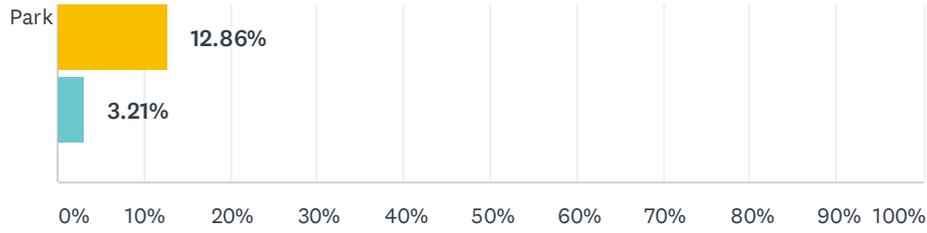
	NEVER	RARELY	OCCASIONALLY	REGULARLY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Rescue Squad Park	53.50% 727	15.16% 206	18.91% 257	12.44% 169	1,359	1.90
Beatty's Ford Park	34.28% 472	28.90% 398	28.40% 391	8.42% 116	1,377	2.11
Rock Springs Nature Preserve	59.33% 801	16.00% 216	17.19% 232	7.48% 101	1,350	1.73
East Lincoln Park and Community Center	61.40% 835	22.06% 300	12.65% 172	3.90% 53	1,360	1.59
West Lincoln Park	77.44% 1,033	10.12% 135	8.70% 116	3.75% 50	1,334	1.39
Lincolnton Optimist Park	72.71% 975	15.73% 211	9.47% 127	2.09% 28	1,341	1.41
McBee Street Park	88.24% 1,171	6.56% 87	3.99% 53	1.21% 16	1,327	1.18
Vale Recreation Park	90.10% 1,192	5.52% 73	3.63% 48	0.76% 10	1,323	1.15
Howards Creek Community Center	89.28% 1,191	7.50% 100	2.85% 38	0.37% 5	1,334	1.14
North Brook Community Center	92.41% 1,230	5.18% 69	2.25% 30	0.15% 2	1,331	1.10

Q10 Check below how frequently you or others in your household have visited the following City of Lincolnton facilities in the past year.

Answered: 1,407 Skipped: 13



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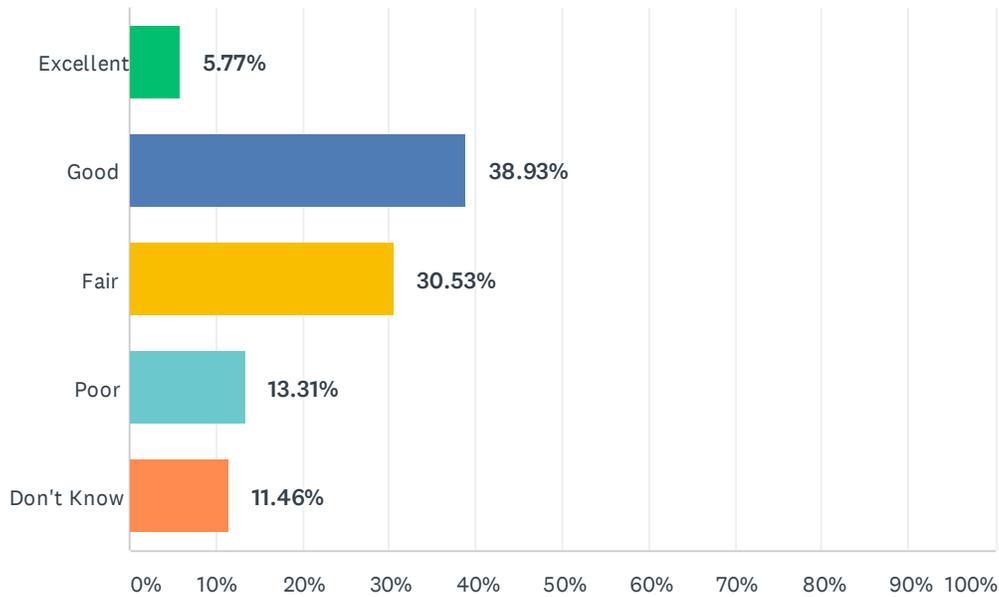


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	NEVER	RARELY	OCCASIONALLY	REGULARLY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail	55.87% 776	10.80% 150	18.93% 263	14.40% 200	1,389	1.92
Betty G. Ross Park	54.39% 755	18.73% 260	19.88% 276	6.99% 97	1,388	1.79
First Federal Park	75.16% 1,032	9.98% 137	11.51% 158	3.35% 46	1,373	1.43
City Park (City of Lincolnton - 1000 N Aspen St.)	73.66% 1,007	13.83% 189	9.29% 127	3.22% 44	1,367	1.42
Highland Drive Park	72.02% 986	11.91% 163	12.86% 176	3.21% 44	1,369	1.47

Q11 Overall, how would you rate the existing Lincoln County recreation facilities?

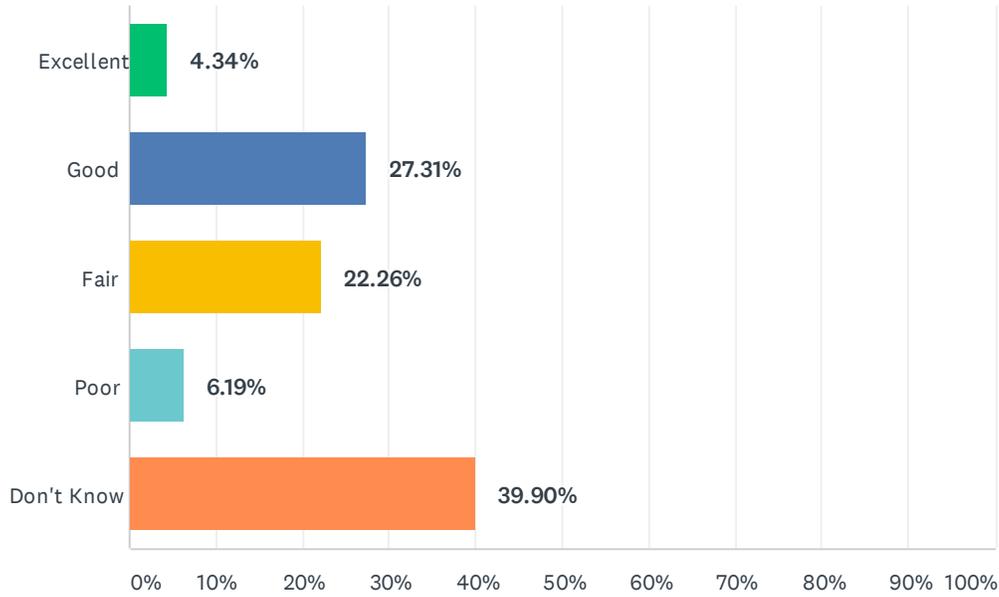
Answered: 1,405 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	5.77%	81
Good	38.93%	547
Fair	30.53%	429
Poor	13.31%	187
Don't Know	11.46%	161
TOTAL		1,405

Q12 Overall, how would you rate the existing City of Lincolnton recreation facilities?

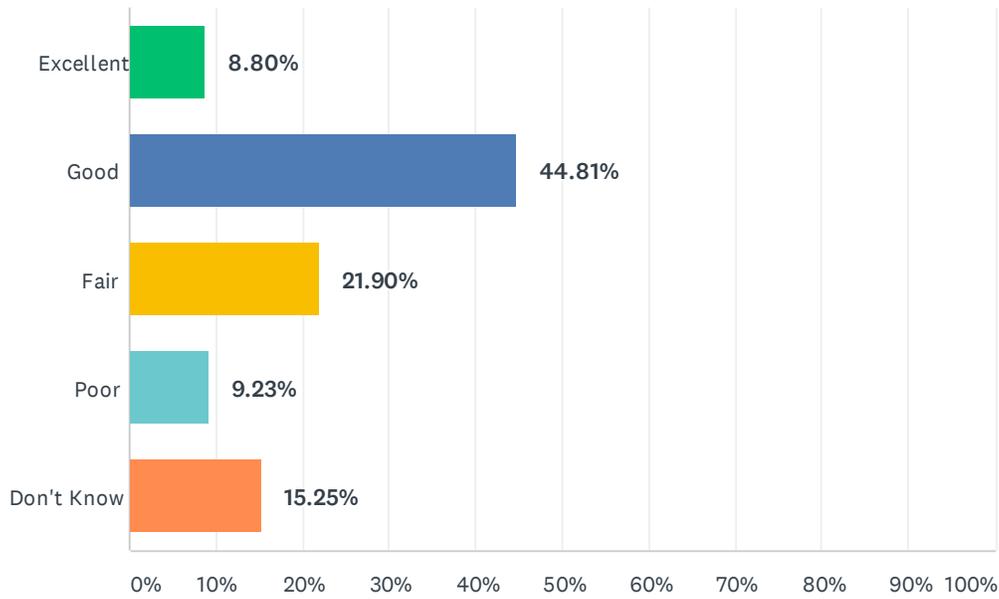
Answered: 1,406 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	4.34%	61
Good	27.31%	384
Fair	22.26%	313
Poor	6.19%	87
Don't Know	39.90%	561
TOTAL		1,406

Q13 Overall, how would you rate accessibility at existing Lincoln County recreation facilities?

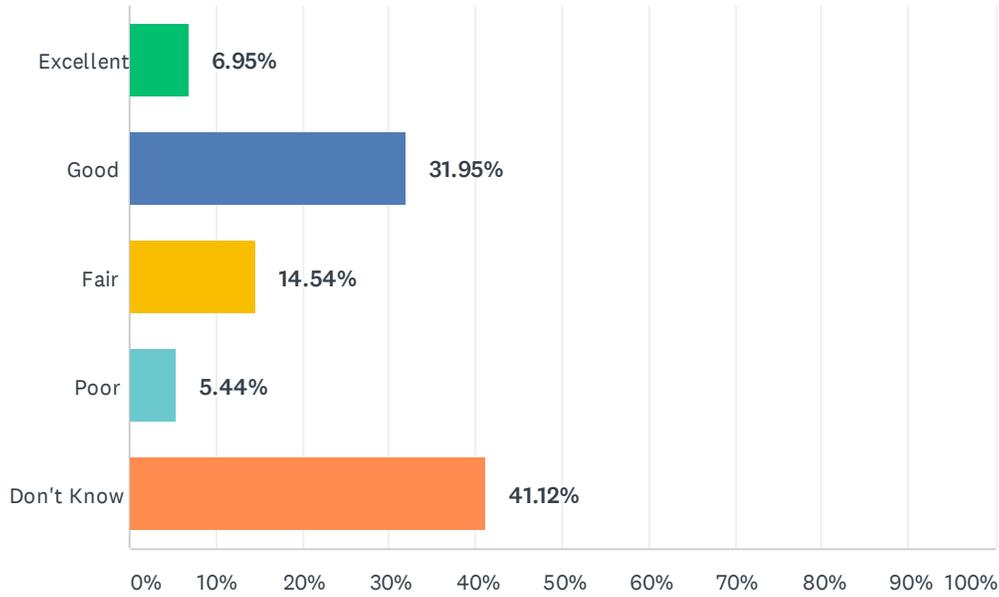
Answered: 1,397 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	8.80%	123
Good	44.81%	626
Fair	21.90%	306
Poor	9.23%	129
Don't Know	15.25%	213
TOTAL		1,397

Q14 Overall, how would you rate accessibility at existing City of Lincolnton recreation facilities?

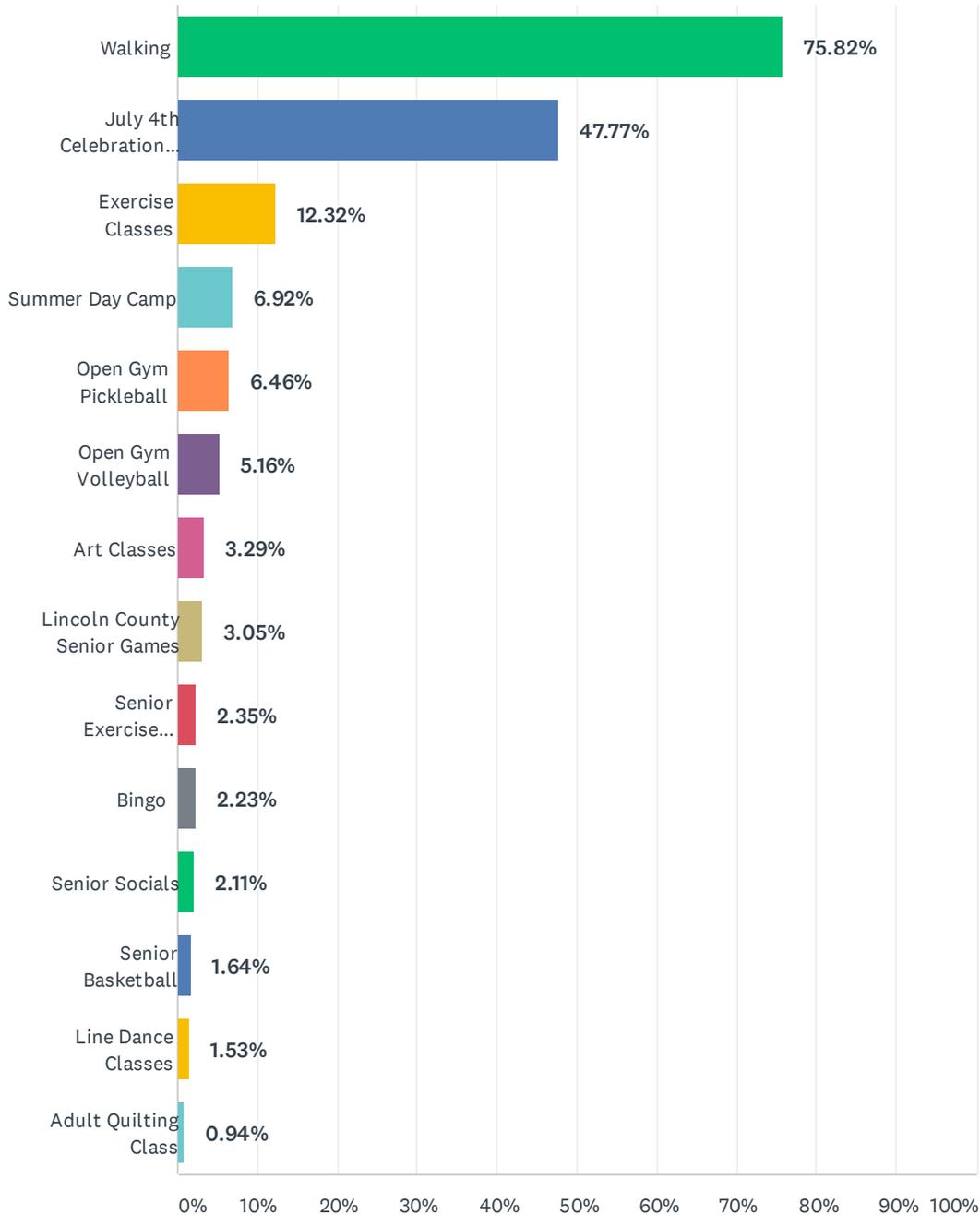
Answered: 1,396 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	6.95%	97
Good	31.95%	446
Fair	14.54%	203
Poor	5.44%	76
Don't Know	41.12%	574
TOTAL		1,396

Q15 In which of the following Lincoln County recreation programs and special events do you or others in your household participate on a regular basis?

Answered: 852 Skipped: 568

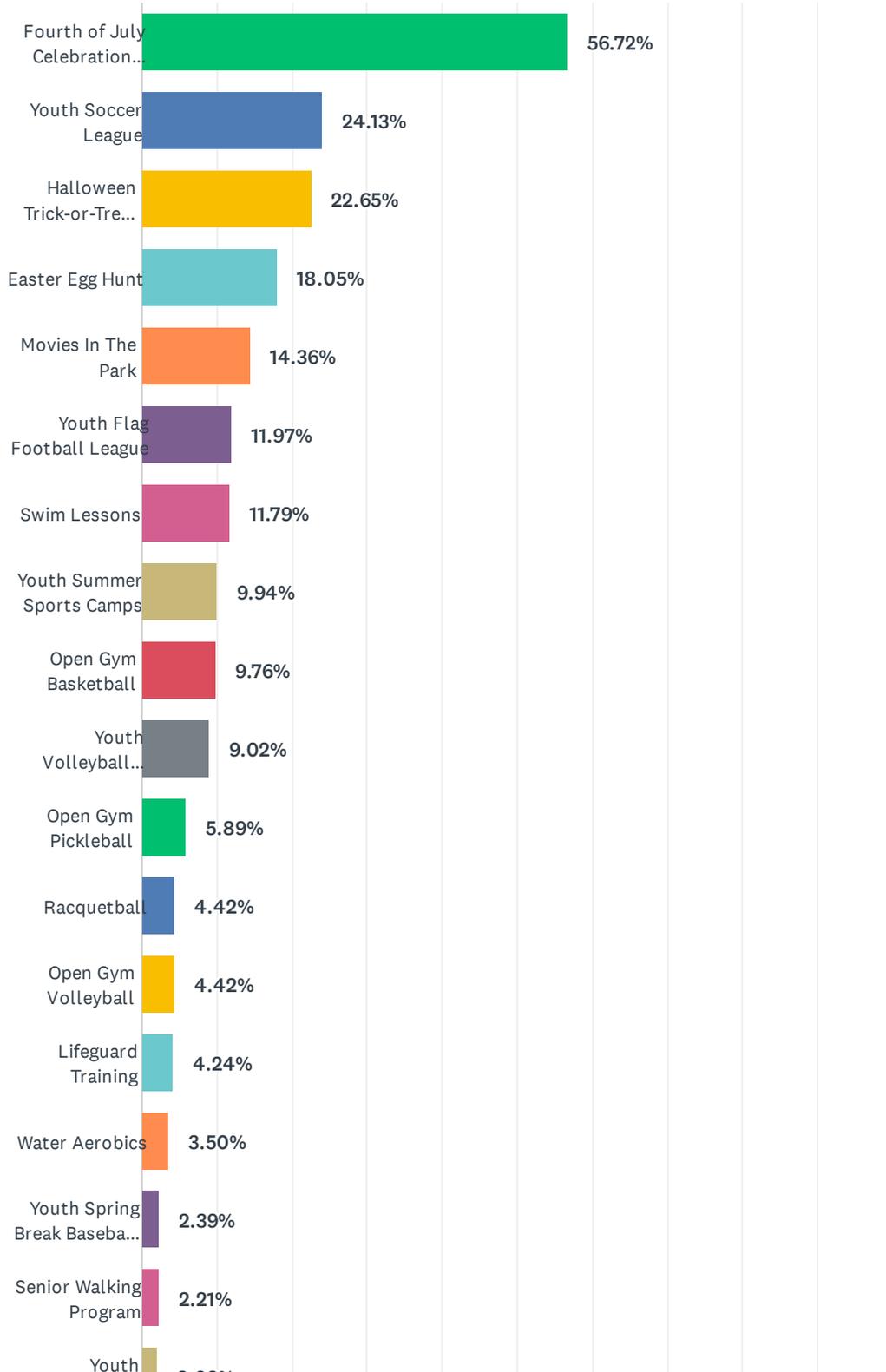


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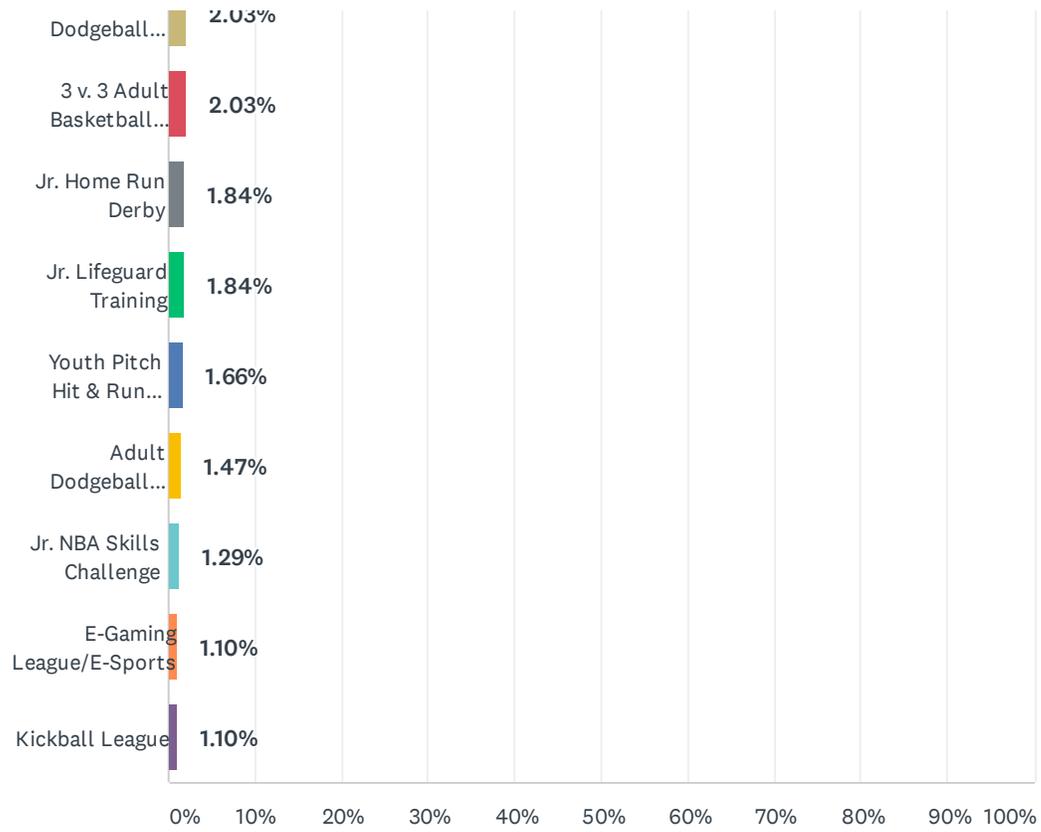
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking	75.82%	646
July 4th Celebration (joint City/County event)	47.77%	407
Exercise Classes	12.32%	105
Summer Day Camp	6.92%	59
Open Gym Pickleball	6.46%	55
Open Gym Volleyball	5.16%	44
Art Classes	3.29%	28
Lincoln County Senior Games	3.05%	26
Senior Exercise Classes	2.35%	20
Bingo	2.23%	19
Senior Socials	2.11%	18
Senior Basketball	1.64%	14
Line Dance Classes	1.53%	13
Adult Quilting Class	0.94%	8
Total Respondents: 852		

Q16 In which of the following City of Lincolnton recreation programs and special events do you or others in your household participate on a regular basis?

Answered: 543 Skipped: 877



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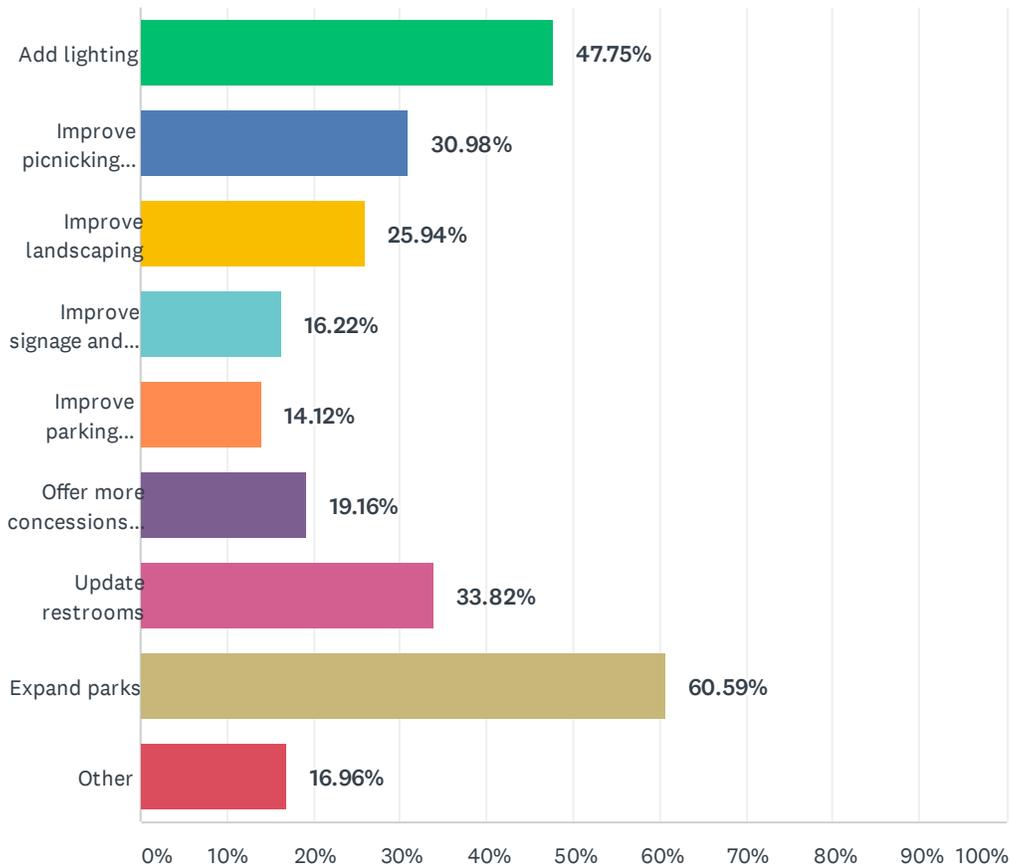


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Fourth of July Celebration (Joint City/County event)	56.72%	308
Youth Soccer League	24.13%	131
Halloween Trick-or-Treating Event	22.65%	123
Easter Egg Hunt	18.05%	98
Movies In The Park	14.36%	78
Youth Flag Football League	11.97%	65
Swim Lessons	11.79%	64
Youth Summer Sports Camps	9.94%	54
Open Gym Basketball	9.76%	53
Youth Volleyball League	9.02%	49
Open Gym Pickleball	5.89%	32
Racquetball	4.42%	24
Open Gym Volleyball	4.42%	24
Lifeguard Training	4.24%	23
Water Aerobics	3.50%	19
Youth Spring Break Baseball Camp	2.39%	13
Senior Walking Program	2.21%	12
Youth Dodgeball League	2.03%	11
3 v. 3 Adult Basketball Tournament	2.03%	11
Jr. Home Run Derby	1.84%	10
Jr. Lifeguard Training	1.84%	10
Youth Pitch Hit & Run Competition	1.66%	9
Adult Dodgeball League	1.47%	8
Jr. NBA Skills Challenge	1.29%	7
E-Gaming League/E-Sports	1.10%	6
Kickball League	1.10%	6
Total Respondents: 543		

Q17 Check below improvements that could be made to EXISTING Lincoln County Parks.

Answered: 1,091 Skipped: 329



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Add lighting	47.75%	521
Improve picnicking areas	30.98%	338
Improve landscaping	25.94%	283
Improve signage and way-finding	16.22%	177
Improve parking opportunities	14.12%	154
Offer more concessions (food or drink)	19.16%	209
Update restrooms	33.82%	369
Expand parks	60.59%	661
Other	16.96%	185
Total Respondents: 1,091		

Q18 Please specify which Lincoln County facilities you would like to see improvements for in the space provided.

Answered: 633 Skipped: 787

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Offer senior events at Optimist.	2/21/2021 6:37 PM
2	Rock Springs Nature Park - .4 mile loop only half paved.	2/19/2021 2:12 PM
3	All of them	2/6/2021 10:22 AM
4	Betty G Ross; Highland Drive	2/3/2021 11:47 AM
5	I am not familiar with all County parks. I feel there should be strong anchor parks strategically placed on either side of the County with smaller peripheral parks in other places	2/2/2021 12:15 PM
6	West Lincoln	2/1/2021 1:37 PM
7	All	1/30/2021 7:25 PM
8	Highland park. Betty Ross. We need major inner city addition to park and recreation possible even a branded name for youth competitive sports like "CSA" or "LASA" except LASA is failing due to lack of organization and professionalism but Lincoln county park and recreation has the capacity and expertise to do this!	1/30/2021 11:40 AM
9	Betty G.	1/29/2021 4:39 PM
10	Beatty's Ford Park and Boat Launch	1/29/2021 4:16 PM
11	Rescue park needs lighting	1/29/2021 7:36 AM
12	Pickleball courts	1/28/2021 11:26 PM
13	Vale rec. park	1/28/2021 9:45 PM
14	All	1/28/2021 4:43 PM
15	west lincoln park	1/28/2021 3:54 PM
16	Update bathroom at Lincolnnton City Park	1/28/2021 3:22 PM
17	There are limited soccer fields and the condition of the ones they do provide are in terrible shape	1/28/2021 2:42 PM
18	Rescue Squad or a new facility designed for youth sports	1/28/2021 2:01 PM
19	West Lincoln Park	1/28/2021 1:43 PM
20	Soccer fields	1/28/2021 12:14 PM
21	Rescue squad park and East Lincoln optimist	1/28/2021 8:36 AM
22	More fields / facilities - for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey	1/28/2021 7:07 AM
23	Pool outdoor basketball courts. Skateboarding park	1/27/2021 8:08 PM
24	Highland drive parking and lights on fields fence so soccer balls don't keep going down the hill	1/27/2021 6:59 PM
25	Betty G. Ross to open	1/27/2021 5:27 PM
26	More pickleball courts	1/27/2021 3:39 PM
27	Beattys Ford Park	1/27/2021 1:59 PM
28	Highland Drive	1/27/2021 11:00 AM
29	hiking trails	1/27/2021 9:42 AM

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30	Swimming bubble or aquatic center	1/27/2021 9:10 AM
31	West Lincoln	1/27/2021 8:35 AM
32	rock springs nature preserve- frisbee golf course. beatty's ford- installation of a fishing pier. rescue squad park - frisbee golf course expansion to 18 hole.	1/27/2021 8:34 AM
33	Bathrooms at Betty g Ross, west Lincoln always has spider webs and water fountains once covid is over would be great	1/27/2021 5:40 AM
34	West Lincoln	1/27/2021 5:14 AM
35	Nature preserve trail areas.	1/27/2021 4:47 AM
36	more greenway trails, dirt-biking trails, well-lit tennis courts	1/26/2021 10:46 PM
37	Betty g Ross	1/26/2021 9:23 PM
38	We love the Aspen Park but noticed we get ate up with mosquitoes in the summer. They are really bad in that park. Getting it mosquito sprayed would be amazing!!	1/26/2021 8:32 PM
39	East Lincoln rescue squad	1/26/2021 8:14 PM
40	I can't think of any off the top of my head for the county	1/26/2021 8:12 PM
41	Betty G	1/26/2021 8:03 PM
42	West Lincoln	1/26/2021 7:02 PM
43	BGRoss	1/26/2021 7:01 PM
44	Update playground equipment	1/26/2021 6:58 PM
45	Betty G Ross	1/26/2021 6:56 PM
46	highland parking is terrible!	1/26/2021 6:33 PM
47	Main Betty Ross	1/26/2021 6:29 PM
48	Highland- parking	1/26/2021 6:27 PM
49	Betty Ross fields seating opportunities	1/26/2021 6:09 PM
50	Highland park needs a play area for kids older than 5	1/26/2021 6:05 PM
51	Highland soccer field	1/26/2021 6:00 PM
52	Highland Drive	1/26/2021 5:59 PM
53	WL park needs swings!!!	1/26/2021 5:57 PM
54	Betty Ross	1/26/2021 5:50 PM
55	Highland Park	1/26/2021 5:47 PM
56	Highland dr during sporting events	1/26/2021 5:42 PM
57	Highland and city park	1/26/2021 5:40 PM
58	The nature preserve	1/26/2021 2:46 PM
59	Betty Ross / Highland Drive	1/25/2021 4:59 PM
60	all	1/25/2021 1:04 PM
61	Rescue Park	1/24/2021 8:08 PM
62	Highland Drive Park.	1/23/2021 10:23 PM
63	Any would work	1/23/2021 3:33 PM
64	Betty Ross, first federal, west lincoln	1/23/2021 11:18 AM
65	Optimist Park	1/21/2021 8:40 PM

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66	Utilization of Betty Ross Park indoors	1/20/2021 2:57 PM
67	Howard's Creek	1/20/2021 1:01 PM
68	East Lincoln Optimist Club	1/19/2021 8:49 PM
69	East side of the county	1/19/2021 7:47 PM
70	Denver	1/19/2021 6:55 PM
71	Rescue squad	1/19/2021 1:53 PM
72	West Lincoln	1/19/2021 7:06 AM
73	Rescue Squad, Beatties Park	1/17/2021 7:29 PM
74	West Lincoln Park, park at Union School and lights updated and lights added to walking path, Park at West Lincoln Library completed,	1/17/2021 10:08 AM
75	Rescue Squad- lights	1/16/2021 9:14 AM
76	Add denver fields	1/16/2021 6:03 AM
77	It would be nice to see the Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail extended (in either or both directions).	1/15/2021 6:02 PM
78	Rock springs nature preserve	1/15/2021 9:26 AM
79	Rescue Squad Park	1/15/2021 9:18 AM
80	East Lincoln Optimist Club	1/15/2021 8:52 AM
81	Highland park	1/15/2021 5:32 AM
82	How about baseball park and practice fields	1/15/2021 5:11 AM
83	Rescue squad park f soccer fields need lights for play	1/14/2021 6:52 PM
84	Rescue Squad Park	1/14/2021 6:29 PM
85	All	1/14/2021 1:35 PM
86	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	1/14/2021 1:14 PM
87	Rescue squad park	1/14/2021 11:54 AM
88	Rescue Squad	1/14/2021 11:37 AM
89	All.	1/14/2021 10:23 AM
90	Rescue needs trees and grass & fields need lights and grass needs maintained.	1/14/2021 9:48 AM
91	Optimist , rescue park and perhaps an additional soccer complex .	1/14/2021 9:10 AM
92	Rescue Squad Park	1/14/2021 8:59 AM
93	Lighting and accessibility for use of fields for Rescue squad park	1/14/2021 8:46 AM
94	Turf on soccer fields. Resque squad park	1/14/2021 8:23 AM
95	There are no good soccer fields or outdoor multiplexes.	1/14/2021 8:14 AM
96	Need a turf lighted field	1/14/2021 7:44 AM
97	Rescue Squad Park	1/14/2021 7:11 AM
98	Rescue Squad Park	1/14/2021 6:11 AM
99	East lincoln area needs more fields	1/14/2021 12:30 AM
100	Rescue Squad Park - lights on fields and better turf	1/13/2021 11:07 PM
101	Betty Ross Park	1/13/2021 8:18 PM
102	Tennis	1/13/2021 7:20 PM
103	West Lincoln Park	1/13/2021 4:04 PM

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104	Highland Park	1/13/2021 12:49 PM
105	Betty Ross	1/13/2021 11:59 AM
106	Betty G Ross	1/13/2021 6:20 AM
107	More library facilities, library on wheels	1/13/2021 12:30 AM
108	Walking trail at West Lincoln Library and playground equipment.	1/12/2021 11:13 PM
109	All city of Lincolnton Facilities need work.	1/12/2021 9:31 PM
110	More cross walks in downtown and on rail trail	1/12/2021 8:46 PM
111	All	1/12/2021 12:26 AM
112	All west lincoln facilities	1/11/2021 11:45 PM
113	West Lincoln Park and Vale Park across from Union	1/11/2021 1:11 PM
114	Optimist	1/11/2021 12:14 PM
115	First federal park. Highland park. Betty Ross.	1/10/2021 10:38 PM
116	Would like a dog park in Denver	1/10/2021 1:41 PM
117	Beatty's Ford	1/9/2021 6:38 PM
118	Better pools and bigger	1/9/2021 2:34 PM
119	Add a kayak drop in at Beaty Ford	1/9/2021 1:03 PM
120	Mtb trails, pump tracks, skate parks	1/9/2021 9:44 AM
121	East lincoln community	1/8/2021 5:15 PM
122	Rescue squad park	1/8/2021 10:43 AM
123	West Lincoln park	1/7/2021 10:31 PM
124	Beattys Ford	1/7/2021 10:25 PM
125	Mcbee park I think it is. It doesn't have a bathroom. Would be nice to add more picnic tables and a bathroom.	1/7/2021 9:59 PM
126	Rescue Squad Park	1/7/2021 8:39 PM
127	All	1/7/2021 3:35 PM
128	Water fountains and restroom accessibility	1/7/2021 3:13 PM
129	Expand parks	1/7/2021 2:07 PM
130	West Lincoln Park	1/7/2021 1:32 PM
131	All East Lincoln County (Denver) facilities	1/7/2021 7:51 AM
132	Rescue squad park and Beaties Ford	1/7/2021 7:18 AM
133	Betty G Ross	1/6/2021 11:32 PM
134	The Beatty's Ford playgrounds updated. More parks with walking and bike trails in Denver. A greenway in Denver would be nice. A greenway in lincolnton that doesn't go through busy traffic. An indoor aquatics center and gym in Denver would be great!	1/6/2021 11:12 PM
135	We need more passive parks with walking trails that protect existing forests and meadows and wet lands. And we need dog parks.	1/6/2021 10:32 PM
136	Rail trail	1/6/2021 10:07 PM
137	Betty G Ross	1/6/2021 9:56 PM
138	All	1/6/2021 6:29 PM
139	Betty Ford	1/6/2021 5:09 PM

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140	Rescue park	1/6/2021 4:59 PM
141	City Park, First Federal, Betty Ross	1/6/2021 4:09 PM
142	Any one	1/6/2021 3:06 PM
143	We would love to have more fields in the Denver area	1/6/2021 1:59 PM
144	Rescue Squad Park	1/6/2021 10:22 AM
145	Create paved greenway connecting neighborhoods and or businesses.	1/6/2021 9:53 AM
146	Beatty's ford	1/6/2021 9:29 AM
147	Lincolnton walking trails	1/6/2021 9:13 AM
148	Forney creek	1/6/2021 8:58 AM
149	Rescue Squad Park	1/6/2021 8:35 AM
150	Most	1/6/2021 8:33 AM
151	Rescue	1/6/2021 8:16 AM
152	Rock Springs, Beatty Ford, Rescue Squad	1/6/2021 8:16 AM
153	EL Optimist & Rescue Squad Park	1/6/2021 6:58 AM
154	Rescue Park dog park water area fixed so it not a mud hole	1/5/2021 11:15 PM
155	East Lincoln community	1/5/2021 11:10 PM
156	West lincoln psrk	1/5/2021 11:04 PM
157	East vs West, no comparison	1/5/2021 10:08 PM
158	More splash pads that are on during covid	1/5/2021 8:46 PM
159	Beaty Ford Park	1/5/2021 8:22 PM
160	Beatty's Ford park, Rescue squad park	1/5/2021 6:29 PM
161	Rescue squad park and rock springs nature preserve	1/5/2021 6:27 PM
162	additional facilities	1/5/2021 5:51 PM
163	East Lincoln Rec Ctr	1/5/2021 5:35 PM
164	We usually only use Denver parks	1/5/2021 5:09 PM
165	Beatty's Ford Park, Rescue Squad Park	1/5/2021 4:46 PM
166	More opportunities for senior activities at East Lincoln community center. Pickle ball at Resque squad	1/5/2021 4:46 PM
167	Denver area parks	1/5/2021 4:41 PM
168	Rescue Squad, Beatty's Ford	1/5/2021 2:53 PM
169	Betty Ford	1/5/2021 2:46 PM
170	Rescue Squad	1/5/2021 2:05 PM
171	-----	1/5/2021 11:37 AM
172	Rock Springs, Rescue Squad and Beatties Ford.	1/5/2021 11:05 AM
173	Vale/West Lincoln	1/5/2021 11:01 AM
174	Rescue Squad Park and Beatty's Ford Park	1/5/2021 9:03 AM
175	Beatty's Ford Parks	1/4/2021 4:33 PM
176	All	1/4/2021 10:38 AM
177	All but Beattys Ford Park would be great	1/4/2021 10:24 AM

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178	Rescue Squad Park	1/4/2021 6:52 AM
179	Beatty's Ford Park	1/3/2021 2:48 PM
180	beattys ford	1/3/2021 11:47 AM
181	expand programming in Denver	1/3/2021 10:36 AM
182	none	1/2/2021 6:34 PM
183	Optomist Sr Center	1/2/2021 6:26 PM
184	Rescue squad park more fields	1/2/2021 6:13 PM
185	Can't	1/2/2021 5:43 PM
186	Denver area	1/2/2021 4:08 PM
187	Sidewalks on Fairfield Forest Road! It will save lives and open up the oldest community on the Lake	1/2/2021 3:50 PM
188	Parks / greenways / walking	1/2/2021 2:37 PM
189	ALL	12/30/2020 8:25 AM
190	West Lincoln Park	12/29/2020 10:53 AM
191	Off lease Dog park	12/28/2020 8:16 PM
192	Turf rescue squad park, install lights at rescue squad park, build soccer fields, baseball fields and basketball courts.	12/27/2020 10:38 PM
193	rescue squad	12/26/2020 7:04 AM
194	West Lincoln park	12/24/2020 11:42 PM
195	Add trails in East Lincoln	12/23/2020 2:43 PM
196	Rocky River	12/22/2020 9:27 AM
197	Rescue squad. Create new access road to enter (not the same as schools) and add outdoor pickle ball courts. All ages can play	12/22/2020 8:40 AM
198	Add additional park facilities	12/21/2020 10:55 AM
199	outdoor tennis, paddle and pickle ball courts at the optimist community center and/or rescue park center. An indoor pool.	12/20/2020 3:50 PM
200	Tennis facilities	12/20/2020 3:19 PM
201	Thread trails connecting	12/20/2020 3:18 PM
202	Beattys Ford	12/20/2020 2:16 PM
203	East Lincoln Park and Community Center	12/20/2020 12:50 PM
204	Optimist Club. Make it available for all ages w more fun stuff to do.	12/20/2020 12:07 PM
205	Optimist	12/20/2020 10:25 AM
206	Am and artist...would love to create classes for children	12/20/2020 9:36 AM
207	Close to Denver	12/20/2020 7:22 AM
208	More attention facilities, events, c lm asses in East Lincoln, North Lincoln.	12/19/2020 9:45 PM
209	rescue park	12/19/2020 8:03 PM
210	Rescue Squad Park	12/19/2020 6:27 PM
211	N/A	12/19/2020 2:39 PM
212	Beatty's Ford	12/19/2020 2:20 PM
213	Aquatic center	12/19/2020 1:28 PM

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214	Rescue park	12/19/2020 1:09 PM
215	Rescue squad park	12/19/2020 1:08 PM
216	Beatys Ford. Rock Springs.	12/19/2020 12:30 PM
217	Denver	12/18/2020 1:52 PM
218	Highland park	12/18/2020 2:06 AM
219	Fireman's Park	12/17/2020 8:44 PM
220	West Lincoln Park	12/17/2020 5:27 PM
221	Highland park needs repair	12/17/2020 12:43 PM
222	All of them. Need to allow those with legal permits to carry legal personal protection	12/17/2020 11:48 AM
223	Walking trail	12/17/2020 10:08 AM
224	West Lincoln Park	12/17/2020 8:02 AM
225	Betty G. Ross Park	12/17/2020 7:50 AM
226	facilities in east lincoln area	12/16/2020 8:57 AM
227	Beatty Ford Park	12/14/2020 10:29 PM
228	Rail Trail	12/14/2020 4:48 PM
229	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	12/14/2020 11:44 AM
230	Soccer and the football program	12/14/2020 6:20 AM
231	Betty Ross needs a lot of improvements -- bathrooms and all of the land also,and Ross Trail	12/14/2020 12:24 AM
232	West Lincoln Park	12/13/2020 8:35 PM
233	Beaty Ford	12/13/2020 6:36 PM
234	Beattys ford	12/13/2020 5:26 PM
235	Pickle ball and racquet ball courts	12/13/2020 4:26 PM
236	Betty G Ross	12/13/2020 2:42 PM
237	More options at lake norma area	12/13/2020 2:31 PM
238	East Lincoln Optimist Club	12/13/2020 1:55 PM
239	Swim beach	12/13/2020 12:53 PM
240	Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail	12/13/2020 10:35 AM
241	Walking trails at beaties ford	12/13/2020 8:15 AM
242	Betty g Ross park	12/12/2020 8:03 PM
243	West Lincoln Park	12/12/2020 7:39 PM
244	First federal park.	12/12/2020 6:41 PM
245	I'd like the rails to trails expanded	12/12/2020 4:32 PM
246	Highland park.and park at startown rd	12/11/2020 8:10 PM
247	Betty G Ross	12/11/2020 7:44 PM
248	Beatty Ford Park	12/10/2020 4:42 PM
249	Any	12/9/2020 7:37 PM
250	West Lincoln Park	12/9/2020 7:25 PM
251	Highland drive park, Betty g Ross	12/9/2020 4:04 PM

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252	Highland Park	12/9/2020 1:29 PM
253	Highland- update/ expand the playground and add an actual splash pad, clean the restrooms	12/9/2020 1:18 PM
254	All	12/9/2020 7:37 AM
255	The Rec needs to be updated. There needs to be turf football field put in at city park	12/8/2020 11:14 PM
256	Betty Ross and Highland	12/8/2020 10:19 PM
257	Rock Springs Nature Preserve - larger greenways that connect	12/8/2020 9:24 PM
258	Beatties Ford Park- ramps for kayaks or area for swimming	12/8/2020 9:21 PM
259	Betty g Ross	12/8/2020 8:56 PM
260	A new one	12/8/2020 8:51 PM
261	All	12/8/2020 7:45 PM
262	Parks and trails	12/8/2020 7:33 PM
263	Near the high shoals	12/8/2020 6:31 PM
264	Rescue Squad	12/8/2020 5:50 PM
265	Dog park	12/8/2020 5:48 PM
266	I would love to see a decent park beside the splash pad downtown in the grassy area. Great location!	12/8/2020 5:20 PM
267	All	12/8/2020 4:38 PM
268	Recreation center, boys & girls club, big brother/big sister programs, music jam sessions (open for anyone who wants to join others playing and singing) P.A.L. program(police auxiliary League) bike / skate park, dances,	12/8/2020 4:32 PM
269	East Lincoln Senior center isn't open after 5 or on the weekends	12/8/2020 4:20 PM
270	All	12/8/2020 4:16 PM
271	All	12/8/2020 4:13 PM
272	Lincolnton Optimist Park	12/8/2020 3:57 PM
273	All	12/8/2020 3:07 PM
274	More trails, bike paths, tennis courts	12/8/2020 2:51 PM
275	Betty Ross bathrooms, need more covered picnic areas	12/8/2020 2:49 PM
276	More signs at Rescue Park and directional arro	12/8/2020 2:33 PM
277	Beattys Ford or Highland	12/8/2020 2:20 PM
278	Restrooms at Beatty.	12/8/2020 2:19 PM
279	All parks in Denver	12/8/2020 1:34 PM
280	Betty G	12/8/2020 1:26 PM
281	Longer rail trails and cycling lanes.	12/8/2020 1:23 PM
282	Rail trail	12/8/2020 1:23 PM
283	Mcbee park especially, a covered area at the splash pad, picnic tables at the first federal park, update Betty Ross play equipment. Make the first Presbyterian playground a public space ?	12/8/2020 1:22 PM
284	Betty Ross Park outdoors	12/8/2020 1:21 PM
285	All of them!	12/8/2020 12:57 PM
286	Betty Ross park	12/8/2020 12:54 PM
287	Betty Ross, Highland Drive, mcBee	12/8/2020 12:52 PM

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288	Highland park, would love lighting to walk at night. Security would be nice also	12/8/2020 12:49 PM
289	Betty G Ross	12/8/2020 12:49 PM
290	Beatty's Ford Park	12/8/2020 12:47 PM
291	Rail trail	12/8/2020 12:46 PM
292	All	12/8/2020 12:45 PM
293	Dog Park	12/8/2020 12:45 PM
294	Rail Trail	12/8/2020 12:43 PM
295	Yes...	12/8/2020 12:29 PM
296	Betty G Ross Park	12/8/2020 11:30 AM
297	Basketball	12/8/2020 10:54 AM
298	West Lincoln Park	12/8/2020 9:00 AM
299	Betty g Ross, highland drive park	12/8/2020 8:30 AM
300	new baseball/softball complex with courts/walking trails	12/8/2020 8:17 AM
301	More pickle ball courts	12/8/2020 7:05 AM
302	All	12/8/2020 6:53 AM
303	Denver located areas	12/7/2020 8:35 PM
304	Rescue Park	12/7/2020 8:28 PM
305	Lighting @ Rescue squad	12/7/2020 7:32 PM
306	Beach at Beatty Ford with a bike trail to the rescue park. So the community can ride from one park to the other on a bike trail a win win for both the old and young	12/7/2020 7:08 PM
307	East lincoln optimist	12/7/2020 6:49 PM
308	Rock Springs	12/7/2020 6:07 PM
309	Rescue Squad	12/7/2020 5:51 PM
310	Hiking and biking	12/7/2020 5:18 PM
311	bike trail longer than Marsha Cloninger trail which is only a couple miles. Great for walking, not for biking. Indoor swimming pool, disc golf course	12/7/2020 4:01 PM
312	Beattys Ford Park	12/7/2020 3:35 PM
313	Longer rail trail that loops, biking trails added	12/7/2020 3:33 PM
314	We need more parks in the Denver area	12/7/2020 3:10 PM
315	Complete Westwinds Park before starting new projects, all playground surfaces need improvements	12/7/2020 3:09 PM
316	City of Lincolnnton and Highland Drive	12/7/2020 2:36 PM
317	None	12/7/2020 1:59 PM
318	Beatty's Ford and Rock Springs Nature	12/7/2020 1:38 PM
319	All, but especially West Lincoln, Betty G. Ross, Highland	12/7/2020 12:12 PM
320	Betty Ross, McBee, highland drive	12/7/2020 11:15 AM
321	Any	12/7/2020 11:09 AM
322	Betty G Ross	12/7/2020 10:47 AM
323	It would be nice to see a park dedicated solely to ball fields. Similar to East Lincoln Optimist but including soccer fields.	12/7/2020 10:40 AM

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324	Mountain bike trails	12/7/2020 10:39 AM
325	West Lincoln Park	12/7/2020 10:36 AM
326	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	12/7/2020 10:30 AM
327	More trails in the Denver area.	12/7/2020 10:29 AM
328	West Lincoln Park- we need the area kids to use the fields for sport events- soccer, football, baseball, softball	12/7/2020 10:13 AM
329	Betty G. Ross	12/7/2020 10:12 AM
330	Rail Trail	12/7/2020 10:09 AM
331	More extensive network of walking/running trails	12/7/2020 9:43 AM
332	Betty G Ross	12/7/2020 9:42 AM
333	All facilities	12/7/2020 9:22 AM
334	Another splash pad (like Maiden with covered seating and a big fence to contain the kids) would be great in East Lincoln. The one down there is always slam packed.	12/7/2020 9:20 AM
335	West Lincoln Park	12/7/2020 9:17 AM
336	Betty G. Ross Park	12/7/2020 9:09 AM
337	senior center	12/7/2020 9:07 AM
338	South Fork Rail Trail	12/7/2020 8:50 AM
339	lighting at West Lincoln Park	12/7/2020 8:49 AM
340	Rescue park, Beatties Ford	12/7/2020 8:40 AM
341	Pickleball courts please!!	12/7/2020 8:40 AM
342	More sports/activities and facilities for children in the western part of the county.	12/7/2020 8:30 AM
343	all facilities that have playground equipment should have handicap accessible playground equipment.	12/7/2020 8:27 AM
344	Highland Drive Park	12/7/2020 8:25 AM
345	WL Park	12/7/2020 8:24 AM
346	West Lincoln Park	12/7/2020 8:24 AM
347	Howard's Creek Community Center	12/7/2020 8:23 AM
348	anywhere	12/7/2020 8:18 AM
349	Betty Ross	12/7/2020 8:18 AM
350	there is trash on the rail trail at times, expanded walking/hiking trails, mountain bike trail	12/7/2020 8:08 AM
351	More playground equipment and trails with lights at betty g ross park	12/7/2020 8:07 AM
352	More advertising in general.	12/7/2020 8:06 AM
353	I like the idea of movies in the park	12/7/2020 8:04 AM
354	I like how the Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail connects parts of Lincolnton. I would like to see that in Denver between Rock Spring Nature Preserve, Rescue Squad & Beatty's Ford	12/7/2020 8:03 AM
355	Highland Drive	12/7/2020 8:01 AM
356	West Lincoln Park	12/7/2020 7:52 AM
357	Beatty's Ford Park	12/7/2020 6:53 AM
358	Lighting Rescue Park fields	12/6/2020 8:35 PM
359	Rescue park, rock springs park	12/6/2020 7:00 PM

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360	Beatty's Ford, Rescue Squad (would like to see a splash park added here)	12/6/2020 2:45 PM
361	Betty Ross	12/6/2020 2:16 PM
362	Optimist Club & Beatty's Road Park	12/6/2020 1:40 PM
363	Build a large beach area for people to enjoy swimming in a clean safe area. Enjoy the largest draw to the area , Lake Norman.	12/6/2020 9:15 AM
364	Rescue squad has some dark spots and love to have a baseball/softball field. No room unless you lost a soccer field.	12/6/2020 8:43 AM
365	Lighted soccer fields	12/6/2020 8:33 AM
366	Beatties Ford Park	12/6/2020 8:28 AM
367	Denver facilities	12/6/2020 8:09 AM
368	In all the parks to add Pickleball, like they are doing in Mecklenburg county.	12/6/2020 7:23 AM
369	Rescue park expansion and lights	12/5/2020 10:33 PM
370	Expand Rocks springs trail offerings	12/5/2020 7:36 PM
371	Beatty's Ford	12/5/2020 6:41 PM
372	Eastern Lincoln County. If that whole list of recreation programs are offered in the City of Lincolnton then they should be offered in Eastern Lincoln County where most of the population is and is growing.	12/5/2020 5:54 PM
373	beat ties Ford	12/5/2020 5:03 PM
374	Any and all East Lincoln County parks	12/5/2020 3:33 PM
375	Beatty's Ford	12/5/2020 1:26 PM
376	extend Cloninger trail to Rhyne trail	12/5/2020 12:51 PM
377	Highland drive (closest to me)	12/5/2020 10:33 AM
378	Carolina thread trail	12/5/2020 10:06 AM
379	Tennis courts at Betty G Ross	12/5/2020 9:56 AM
380	Beatties ford	12/5/2020 9:22 AM
381	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	12/5/2020 8:50 AM
382	Beatty Ford Park	12/4/2020 5:22 PM
383	WEST LINCOLN- What on earth are you doing with all that space? Put in gardens and trees and places to sit under. Make it an outdoor lounge area. Maybe play music. It would be an AMAZING music venue area...just saying.	12/4/2020 4:49 PM
384	Rescue Squad Park, add steps in the disc golf course holes 2, 4, 5, 7, & especially 8.	12/4/2020 1:46 PM
385	there needs to be a facility built in East Lincoln with athletic fields.	12/4/2020 1:18 PM
386	City Park	12/4/2020 12:42 PM
387	Would love to have indoor pool facilities somewhere!	12/4/2020 11:12 AM
388	East Lincoln area	12/4/2020 10:20 AM
389	Betty G. Ross	12/4/2020 9:50 AM
390	West Lincoln	12/4/2020 9:40 AM
391	Rescue Park or a New Park	12/4/2020 9:24 AM
392	The Rail trail	12/4/2020 9:14 AM
393	Rock springs nature	12/4/2020 5:17 AM
394	All	12/3/2020 10:04 PM

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395	Rock Springs	12/3/2020 6:15 PM
396	East Lincoln Optimist	12/3/2020 3:48 PM
397	Bicycle trails that are longer than a mile or two	12/3/2020 3:30 PM
398	Beatys ford and rescue squad	12/3/2020 2:40 PM
399	Pump Track, improved fishing pier access	12/3/2020 12:04 PM
400	More Open/Green Spaces to use i.e., hike, observe nature, etc.	12/3/2020 11:54 AM
401	Betty G Ross	12/3/2020 11:54 AM
402	Betty Ross	12/3/2020 10:35 AM
403	West Lincoln Park needs soccer goals installed that were purchased for the park and ballfields need to groomed so teams from optimist can play on them. Gym Needs to be added either at WL park or develop one in Howards Creek area (actually should have one in both areas)	12/3/2020 8:56 AM
404	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	12/3/2020 8:53 AM
405	Rock springs preserve	12/3/2020 8:28 AM
406	Terrible question. Build more parks	12/3/2020 8:19 AM
407	East Lincoln Community Center and Rescue Park	12/3/2020 7:48 AM
408	Rail Trail	12/2/2020 10:09 PM
409	More nature trails—better access to lake	12/2/2020 9:46 PM
410	East Lincoln	12/2/2020 8:22 PM
411	Nothing in our area suited to the type of outdoor activities we regularly participate in	12/2/2020 8:13 PM
412	Beatty's Ford Park Rescue Squad Park	12/2/2020 8:09 PM
413	Extend the rail trail	12/2/2020 7:39 PM
414	Add a new facility similar to Frank Liske parks that can host baseball/softball, soccer cross country events and tournaments as well as serve the general public. This increases revenue as well as appeal to live here/home values. A park like this near Hwy 16 makes it easily accessible from surrounding areas to attract visitors.	12/2/2020 7:29 PM
415	6 Tennis courts at rescue squad park for league play	12/2/2020 7:27 PM
416	Beatty's Ford	12/2/2020 7:17 PM
417	Rescue Squad Park	12/2/2020 3:52 PM
418	Beatty's Ford	12/2/2020 3:46 PM
419	Besties Ford landing, Little Creek landing	12/2/2020 3:44 PM
420	Betty G.	12/2/2020 2:57 PM
421	Betty G Ross park, and The Rail Trail	12/2/2020 2:41 PM
422	rail trail betty g ross park	12/2/2020 11:59 AM
423	expand rock springs, add more trails	12/2/2020 11:29 AM
424	parks and programs in east lincoln	12/2/2020 10:39 AM
425	I didn't realize Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton offered these programs. More marketing and communication around events and offerings is needed in the Denver area to know they are available.	12/2/2020 10:17 AM
426	Would like to see a park in the City of Lincolnton similar to Stowe Park located in the town of Belmont.	12/2/2020 8:51 AM
427	Not enough information to answer	12/2/2020 8:28 AM

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428	ELOC	12/2/2020 7:50 AM
429	The Rail Trail	12/2/2020 7:44 AM
430	Lighting! Almost impossible to use during winter due to getting dark at 5pm	12/2/2020 7:22 AM
431	Sidewalk on Fairfield Forest road	12/2/2020 5:45 AM
432	Beatty Ford	12/2/2020 12:41 AM
433	Rescue Park	12/1/2020 11:14 PM
434	East Lincoln	12/1/2020 6:21 PM
435	More greenways	12/1/2020 3:55 PM
436	West Lincoln Optimist	12/1/2020 3:34 PM
437	Public access tennis courts on the east end of the county	12/1/2020 3:23 PM
438	A dedicated senior center where seniors can go every day to socialize and do activities together.	12/1/2020 3:05 PM
439	None! We need road upgraded first!	12/1/2020 2:45 PM
440	Rock Springs Nature Preserve, Beatty's Ford Park	12/1/2020 2:30 PM
441	The county should manage and promote the farmers markets	12/1/2020 2:21 PM
442	It is great that a canoe/kayak launch was installed at the Betty G. Ross Park, the only problem is that often times there's a chain blocking access	12/1/2020 2:00 PM
443	West Lincoln Park	12/1/2020 1:42 PM
444	union	12/1/2020 1:31 PM
445	West Lincoln Park	12/1/2020 11:19 AM
446	west lincoln park	12/1/2020 10:55 AM
447	Walking areas to restaurants and shopping. Safer crosswalks.	12/1/2020 10:54 AM
448	Betty Ross Disk Golf	12/1/2020 10:44 AM
449	Denver area parks	12/1/2020 10:37 AM
450	doesn't really matter to me because i will be telling people to go out of town	12/1/2020 10:31 AM
451	a pool	12/1/2020 9:25 AM
452	West Lincoln park	12/1/2020 7:18 AM
453	add the bike trails to any of the parks, especially in the western part of the county.	11/30/2020 8:46 PM
454	All of them or none of them.	11/30/2020 7:43 PM
455	Rescue Squad Park	11/30/2020 6:02 PM
456	Splash pad is too small	11/30/2020 4:44 PM
457	rescue squad park	11/30/2020 4:25 PM
458	n/a (see above)	11/30/2020 3:25 PM
459	West Lincoln park	11/30/2020 11:33 AM
460	West Lincoln Park	11/30/2020 10:36 AM
461	West Lincoln	11/29/2020 9:41 PM
462	Betty G ross	11/29/2020 9:17 PM
463	Better walking trails	11/29/2020 8:44 PM
464	Highland Park	11/29/2020 7:42 PM

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465	Betty G Ross	11/29/2020 7:33 PM
466	Rescue squad or East Lincoln	11/29/2020 12:26 PM
467	Howards Creek Community Center	11/29/2020 11:46 AM
468	West Lincoln Park	11/28/2020 7:53 PM
469	Build indoor pool	11/28/2020 12:12 PM
470	Rescue Park athletic fields and add lighting	11/27/2020 4:13 PM
471	All Denver locations	11/26/2020 10:09 PM
472	Rescue Squad	11/26/2020 5:49 PM
473	All	11/26/2020 2:49 PM
474	Send some money west	11/26/2020 1:14 PM
475	None all good	11/26/2020 11:01 AM
476	More high end soccer fields	11/26/2020 7:55 AM
477	All	11/26/2020 7:32 AM
478	West Lincoln Park	11/26/2020 6:42 AM
479	Ball field needs to finally be finished at WL park	11/26/2020 3:35 AM
480	West Lincoln park	11/25/2020 11:20 PM
481	.	11/25/2020 11:12 PM
482	A public pool	11/25/2020 10:46 PM
483	Beatty's Ford and Rock Springs	11/25/2020 10:38 PM
484	E. Lincoln Optimist Club	11/25/2020 9:36 PM
485	Highland Drive Park needs lights.	11/25/2020 9:03 PM
486	None. It seems all parks and recreation facilities go to Eastern, Lincoln, and Western Ends of Lincoln County.	11/25/2020 8:58 PM
487	Rescue Squad Park.	11/25/2020 8:23 PM
488	Rescue Squad Park	11/25/2020 8:00 PM
489	Bubble Betty Ross park pool for year round use	11/25/2020 7:51 PM
490	Tennis courts in the west lincoln area. Biking trails at one of the parks.	11/25/2020 6:48 PM
491	W L Park and WL library	11/25/2020 6:18 PM
492	Rescue Squad Park.	11/25/2020 5:55 PM
493	Rescue Squad Park	11/25/2020 5:47 PM
494	The Rec Center at B Ross needs a face lift	11/25/2020 4:50 PM
495	Rescue Squad Park	11/25/2020 4:22 PM
496	Pool	11/25/2020 4:14 PM
497	Rescue squad park	11/25/2020 4:00 PM
498	Rescue Squad Park	11/25/2020 3:14 PM
499	Optomist club	11/25/2020 2:03 PM
500	Beatys Ford	11/25/2020 1:47 PM
501	Betty Ross Park & Highland Drive Park	11/25/2020 1:44 PM
502	West Lincoln Park	11/25/2020 1:37 PM

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503	Skate park	11/25/2020 1:28 PM
504	none	11/25/2020 1:13 PM
505	All	11/25/2020 12:58 PM
506	Beatty's Ford park	11/25/2020 12:55 PM
507	Anything with soccer. Pool.	11/25/2020 12:53 PM
508	West Lincoln Park	11/25/2020 12:44 PM
509	Would love to have water aerobics offered in eastern LC	11/25/2020 12:32 PM
510	Highland Park needs baby swings and one of the slides needs fixing	11/25/2020 12:27 PM
511	East Lincoln ball fields needs lighting	11/25/2020 12:22 PM
512	To include linked bike trails	11/23/2020 10:34 AM
513	none	11/21/2020 8:21 AM
514	..	11/19/2020 8:14 AM
515	don't know	11/16/2020 11:42 PM
516	We need more	11/13/2020 10:05 PM
517	Rescue squad park	11/13/2020 10:37 AM
518	Lights at Rescue Squad Park	11/13/2020 8:26 AM
519	Rescue Squad Park	11/10/2020 5:45 PM
520	Beatty's Ford Park, Rescue Squad Park	11/10/2020 12:33 PM
521	Beatty's, Rescue Squad, and Rock Springs Nature Preserve	11/10/2020 11:38 AM
522	A little more lighting at rescue squad.	11/10/2020 10:08 AM
523	Rescue Squad Park	11/10/2020 10:04 AM
524	Beatty's ford park could use updated restrooms as well the park with the splash pad in Denver should have more soap, walking trail along the water would be nice but with rail guard to help keep kids safe	11/9/2020 9:42 PM
525	Accessibility of east Lincoln facilities for public use.	11/9/2020 9:37 PM
526	Rescue park	11/9/2020 8:52 PM
527	Add new	11/9/2020 8:40 PM
528	Just want to see the library park done.	11/9/2020 7:53 PM
529	Rescue squad park	11/9/2020 7:05 PM
530	all	11/9/2020 4:34 PM
531	more parks	11/9/2020 4:05 PM
532	Rescue Park	11/9/2020 3:04 PM
533	Not interested	11/9/2020 2:51 PM
534	None	11/9/2020 2:51 PM
535	East Lincoln	11/9/2020 2:10 PM
536	Baseball	11/9/2020 2:09 PM
537	Rescue squad park	11/9/2020 1:06 PM
538	Beattys	11/9/2020 12:16 PM
539	Optimist Club - Beatties Ford Park	11/9/2020 12:14 PM

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540	East lincoln Optimist	11/9/2020 12:10 PM
541	Not sure if possible but take over the ELOC, that place is a gold mine that the people currently running cannot take advantage of, light the two fields by the gym, get rid of the multi purpose field and turn it into another ball field, add cages, concession and bathrooms.	11/9/2020 11:55 AM
542	Rock Springs	11/9/2020 11:42 AM
543	Baseball fields	11/9/2020 11:00 AM
544	Rescue Park	11/9/2020 10:16 AM
545	East Lincoln Optimist Club	11/9/2020 10:00 AM
546	Optimist club old run down, Beaty Ford lack of lake viewing / beach	11/9/2020 9:59 AM
547	Major sports complex	11/9/2020 9:39 AM
548	East Lincoln Optimist	11/9/2020 9:36 AM
549	Update baseball parks	11/9/2020 9:34 AM
550	East Lincoln Optimist	11/9/2020 9:29 AM
551	East Lincoln Park & Community Center	11/9/2020 9:10 AM
552	East Lincoln optimist	11/9/2020 9:02 AM
553	Denver	11/9/2020 8:47 AM
554	East Lincoln Community Center, Lights, better use of fields at Rescue Park...you can have baseball fields there.	11/9/2020 8:42 AM
555	ELOC	11/9/2020 8:42 AM
556	Anywhere in Lincoln county	11/9/2020 8:34 AM
557	East Lincoln Park	11/9/2020 8:33 AM
558	East lincoln	11/9/2020 8:32 AM
559	Baseball fields near ELOC	11/9/2020 8:30 AM
560	Rescue park add tennis courts on both sides of arbor	11/9/2020 8:09 AM
561	Beatys Ford	11/9/2020 8:01 AM
562	All! Denver especially	11/9/2020 7:57 AM
563	Tennis facilities	11/9/2020 7:40 AM
564	Anything in denver	11/9/2020 7:32 AM
565	East Lincoln Community Center (and Optimist)	11/9/2020 7:29 AM
566	Rescue squad for sure; would love to see youth soccer offered there. Also more shade/trees maybe?	11/9/2020 7:03 AM
567	Beauties Ford and EL Rescue Squad Park	11/9/2020 2:46 AM
568	Rescue Squad Park and Beatty's Ford Park	11/8/2020 11:39 PM
569	I'd like to see new east Lincoln facilities	11/8/2020 11:02 PM
570	More walking trails.	11/8/2020 10:33 PM
571	Rescue park more walking paths	11/8/2020 9:58 PM
572	Beauties Ford, Rescue Squad Park	11/8/2020 9:57 PM
573	We need east Lincoln county outdoor and indoor community life that is recreational, affordable, not "who you know" baseball like east Lincoln optimist and east Lincoln basketball, and have more fun activities and educational, and nature activities	11/8/2020 9:36 PM
574	Beatty's Ford Park	11/8/2020 9:35 PM

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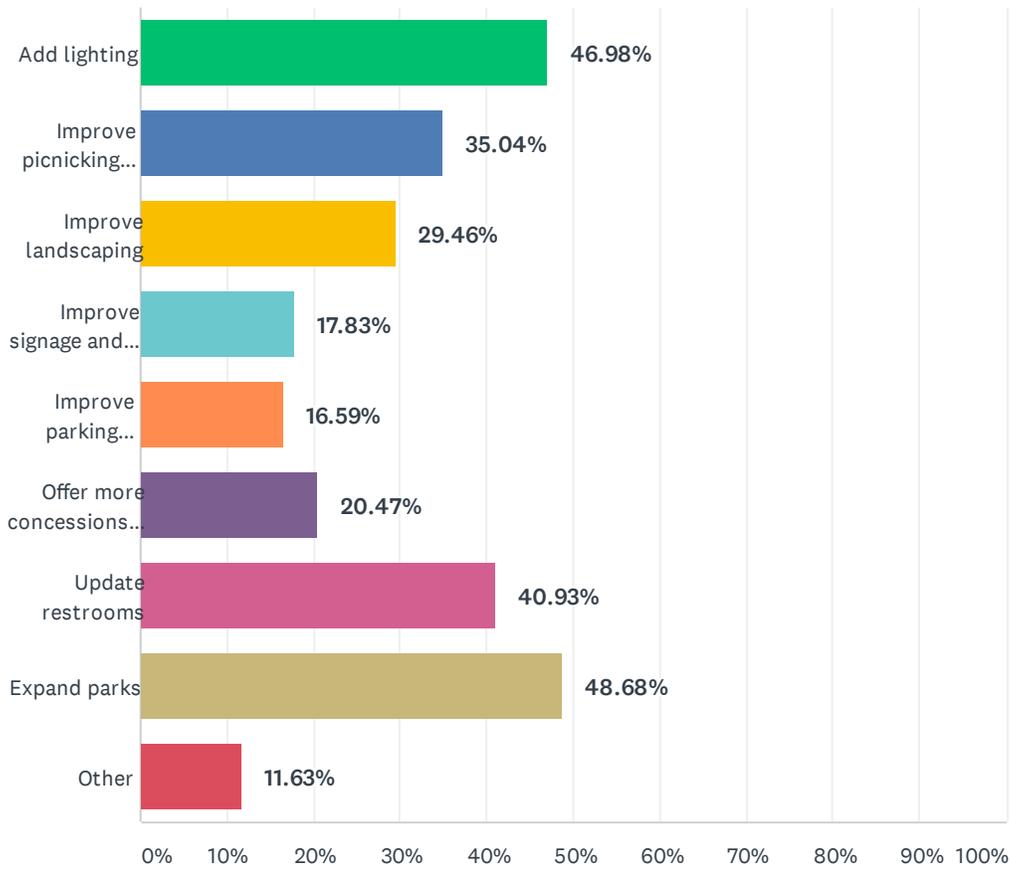
575	Lights on ALL baseball fields at the ELOC.	11/8/2020 9:28 PM
576	I would love to have public tennis courts in Denver!!!	11/8/2020 9:16 PM
577	East Lincoln community center and fields	11/8/2020 9:10 PM
578	More shade at Rock Springs Nature Preserve and Rescue Squad. More shade at the dog park at rescue squad.	11/8/2020 9:04 PM
579	Increase attractiveness and natural surroundings. Walking around a field on a sidewalk hardly feels like spending time in nature.	11/8/2020 8:52 PM
580	Better fields for sports in Denver	11/8/2020 8:48 PM
581	Rescue Squad Park and Beatties Ford Park both appear to be PERFECT for tennis courts. they have the room and the need is definately there.	11/8/2020 8:43 PM
582	Beatty's Ford, Rescue Squad or Rock Springs NP	11/8/2020 8:41 PM
583	East lincoln	11/8/2020 8:41 PM
584	Volleyball courts, tennis courts, bike paths, more baseball fields, soccer fields, football fields, a dog park!	11/8/2020 8:25 PM
585	Betty G Ross	11/8/2020 8:17 PM
586	Beatty's Ford and Rescue.	11/8/2020 8:08 PM
587	Tennis	11/8/2020 8:01 PM
588	Let's build a new park near/in Denver with floral garden, wheelchair accessible trails, trash cans, and no playground, as a quiet place for adults to get exercise	11/8/2020 8:00 PM
589	Optomist	11/8/2020 7:58 PM
590	Add 6 tennis at rescue park.	11/8/2020 7:46 PM
591	Rescue Squad, Beatty's Ford	11/8/2020 6:34 PM
592	rock springs	11/8/2020 5:57 PM
593	Rescue Squad Park	11/8/2020 5:34 PM
594	Rescue squad park and SmithStone and or Villages of Denver access via sidewalk, and cross walk, bike trails, or bike lane!!! Bike lake to Beatty's Ford park on Unity church. Clean up Beatty's Ford add proper disposal bins for parks and water access areas.	11/8/2020 2:32 PM
595	Rock springs	11/8/2020 12:32 PM
596	East Lincoln Community center is way undersized for the community.	11/8/2020 11:17 AM
597	Don't care	11/8/2020 7:49 AM
598	Not a very useful question...What is available in each park? What options are being considered?	11/7/2020 10:16 PM
599	Beatty's Ford	11/7/2020 9:36 PM
600	All East Lincoln Parks	11/7/2020 12:31 PM
601	Additional expanded parks in eastern lincoln county	11/7/2020 12:11 PM
602	Tennis courts	11/7/2020 11:22 AM
603	New ones	11/7/2020 10:41 AM
604	Optimist Center	11/7/2020 7:58 AM
605	East Lincoln Optimist	11/7/2020 7:53 AM
606	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	11/7/2020 7:42 AM
607	Would love more trails in Denver	11/7/2020 7:39 AM

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608	Rescue squad	11/7/2020 7:20 AM
609	Rescue squad	11/7/2020 4:25 AM
610	Bathrooms need updating, more picnic areas and more walking trails.	11/6/2020 10:46 PM
611	Beatty's Ford, rescue squad needs trees	11/6/2020 10:08 PM
612	Swimming pool, functional fields, an indoor gym that can be used in the East	11/6/2020 10:04 PM
613	Rock Springs - more trails	11/6/2020 10:00 PM
614	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	11/6/2020 10:00 PM
615	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	11/6/2020 9:41 PM
616	Walking trails	11/6/2020 9:32 PM
617	Recreation Center, playgrounds, swimming pools, hiking trails	11/6/2020 8:11 PM
618	All parks and recreation facilities should be SMOKE-FREE!	11/6/2020 7:39 PM
619	All	11/6/2020 7:38 PM
620	I don't know.	11/6/2020 7:36 PM
621	Rock springs needs more shade over play area	11/6/2020 7:26 PM
622	Optimist parks. And EL Community park	11/6/2020 6:37 PM
623	East Lincoln area	11/6/2020 6:30 PM
624	Lincoln Optimist Park, Betty G and Rail Trail	11/6/2020 9:57 AM
625	West Lincoln Park	11/4/2020 6:57 AM
626	East Lincoln	11/2/2020 5:20 AM
627	Landscaping at all parks and rec facilities	11/1/2020 9:30 PM
628	Betty Ross	10/31/2020 5:22 PM
629	Ball fields/Sports Complex. See expanded use of the thread trails or create new spaces, look at what our neighboring counties to the north are doing in partnering with the state. The push is to get people outside. Trails in most cases and more active outdoor activities walking/hiking/biking/paddling. Area counties offer all of that and we can too.	10/31/2020 9:30 AM
630	Playgrounds	10/30/2020 6:57 PM
631	N/A	10/30/2020 1:52 PM
632	Rescue squad park-lights	10/30/2020 12:20 PM
633	na	10/30/2020 12:04 PM

Q19 Check below improvements that could be made to EXISTING City of Lincolnton Parks.

Answered: 645 Skipped: 775



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Add lighting	46.98%	303
Improve picnicking areas	35.04%	226
Improve landscaping	29.46%	190
Improve signage and way-finding	17.83%	115
Improve parking opportunities	16.59%	107
Offer more concessions (food or drink)	20.47%	132
Update restrooms	40.93%	264
Expand parks	48.68%	314
Other	11.63%	75
Total Respondents: 645		

Q20 Please specify which City of Lincolnton facilities you would like to see improvements for in the space provided.

Answered: 349 Skipped: 1,071

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail	2/19/2021 2:12 PM
2	Highland Park	2/11/2021 2:00 PM
3	All of them	2/6/2021 10:22 AM
4	Bette Ross Park, City of Park, Highland Drive	2/2/2021 12:15 PM
5	All	2/1/2021 1:37 PM
6	Rail trail	1/31/2021 5:26 PM
7	All	1/30/2021 7:25 PM
8	Betty Ross park	1/30/2021 9:45 AM
9	Pickleball courts	1/28/2021 11:26 PM
10	Highland Drive, Railtrail	1/28/2021 5:59 PM
11	Betty Ross	1/28/2021 4:43 PM
12	Update bathroom at Lincolnton City Park	1/28/2021 3:22 PM
13	The addition of a turf field for lacrosse soccer and other recreational uses would allow for all season playing conditions	1/28/2021 2:42 PM
14	Denver	1/28/2021 2:19 PM
15	City Park	1/27/2021 8:08 PM
16	Betty's g Ross, highland drive, west Lincoln near new library	1/27/2021 6:59 PM
17	Betty Ross	1/27/2021 5:58 PM
18	Betty G Ross	1/27/2021 5:47 PM
19	Betty Ross	1/27/2021 3:39 PM
20	Betty G Ross	1/27/2021 1:59 PM
21	Highland and city park need better parking, lighting, and field maintenance	1/27/2021 12:30 PM
22	Betty G. Ross	1/27/2021 11:00 AM
23	East Linoln	1/27/2021 9:42 AM
24	Highland Drive	1/27/2021 8:35 AM
25	Betty G. Ross, Highland Drive	1/27/2021 7:08 AM
26	Betty Ross	1/27/2021 5:14 AM
27	Continue rail trail.	1/27/2021 4:47 AM
28	more greenway trails, dirt-biking trails, well-lit tennis courts Also the tennis courts at Betty R have been hard for our family to use because of their location beside the basketball court (which has been uncomfortable more than once for my daughter and niece) and because of their separation from the playground preventing the adults from playing on the courts while the kids are far off across the parking lot driveway.	1/26/2021 10:46 PM
29	Betty Ross Park	1/26/2021 8:48 PM

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30	East Lincoln rescue squad	1/26/2021 8:14 PM
31	Highland Park	1/26/2021 8:12 PM
32	Betty g	1/26/2021 8:03 PM
33	Betty G Ross	1/26/2021 7:52 PM
34	City park. More regular lighting. Basketball courts. Maybe some permanent resin/concrete cornhole boards like you'd see at ocean lakes.	1/26/2021 7:36 PM
35	Betty Ross, highland dr	1/26/2021 7:02 PM
36	Betty G Ross	1/26/2021 6:56 PM
37	Betty Ross	1/26/2021 6:29 PM
38	Highland	1/26/2021 6:27 PM
39	Highland first federal	1/26/2021 6:27 PM
40	Betty g Ross and highland parks	1/26/2021 6:05 PM
41	Federal bank park	1/26/2021 5:57 PM
42	Highland Drive, City Park	1/26/2021 5:54 PM
43	Rail trail expansion	1/26/2021 5:46 PM
44	East lincoln	1/26/2021 11:00 AM
45	Provide wind screen for pickleball courts at Betty Ross	1/25/2021 4:59 PM
46	Betty Ross Park, Highland Drive, City	1/25/2021 1:04 PM
47	Highland Drive Park	1/23/2021 10:23 PM
48	Extra basketball gyms	1/21/2021 9:55 PM
49	Betty G Ross Park.	1/21/2021 8:40 PM
50	Rail Trail	1/21/2021 8:16 AM
51	Betty Ross	1/20/2021 2:57 PM
52	Betty G Ross, Highland Park, especially but they all need improvements	1/17/2021 10:08 AM
53	Rescue squad	1/16/2021 9:14 AM
54	Fields denver	1/16/2021 6:03 AM
55	Betty Ross needs new equipment, City Park needs a lot , First Federal (Needs to be expanded, and the hill beside first federal is hideous), rail trail needs improvement to creek and landscaping	1/15/2021 11:50 AM
56	East Lincoln Optimist Club	1/15/2021 8:52 AM
57	Highland drive	1/15/2021 5:32 AM
58	Betty Ross park is sketchy- needs a lot of work	1/14/2021 6:36 PM
59	All	1/14/2021 1:35 PM
60	None. Invest in Denver and the eastern part of the county.	1/14/2021 11:37 AM
61	I'm unfamiliar with these facilities.	1/14/2021 10:23 AM
62	n/a	1/14/2021 9:48 AM
63	multisport complex and walking/playgrounds	1/14/2021 8:14 AM
64	Highland Drive, Betty G Ross , and City Park	1/14/2021 12:17 AM
65	Betty Ross Park	1/13/2021 8:18 PM

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66	Rail Trail	1/13/2021 4:04 PM
67	Betty Ross	1/13/2021 12:49 PM
68	Expand the bike trail. It's great, but too short.	1/12/2021 11:36 AM
69	please add a bathroom at the half way point on the rail trail or at the other end.	1/11/2021 1:11 PM
70	Denver	1/11/2021 12:14 PM
71	Betty Ross. Highland park. First federal.	1/10/2021 10:38 PM
72	Beatty disc golf	1/10/2021 6:44 PM
73	Bigger splash pads	1/9/2021 2:34 PM
74	Betty G Ross, Beatty Ford	1/9/2021 1:03 PM
75	Aquatics	1/8/2021 9:20 AM
76	McBee St. Park needs updates and better access. Possible lightning needs too.	1/7/2021 11:02 PM
77	Lights at highland drive, and ability to use the soccer fields for practice/training. Better field conditions at city park (has lights) but bathrooms and field is awful! Lots of holes, dangerous to train at for football or soccer or softball.	1/7/2021 10:31 PM
78	All	1/7/2021 3:35 PM
79	Parks	1/7/2021 2:07 PM
80	Rescue Squad park. East Lincoln Rec Center.	1/7/2021 7:51 AM
81	N/a	1/7/2021 7:18 AM
82	We need a "Grand Central Park" for Lincolnton.	1/6/2021 10:32 PM
83	West Lincoln Park	1/6/2021 10:07 PM
84	Highland Drive	1/6/2021 9:56 PM
85	Need more river access for fishing and boating	1/6/2021 8:28 PM
86	All	1/6/2021 6:29 PM
87	All city parks	1/6/2021 4:09 PM
88	Betty Ross park	1/6/2021 3:06 PM
89	First Federal Park	1/6/2021 2:08 PM
90	Betty G Ross	1/6/2021 12:35 PM
91	na	1/6/2021 10:22 AM
92	Most	1/6/2021 8:33 AM
93	Betty Ross and City Park	1/6/2021 3:46 AM
94	Rescue Park	1/5/2021 11:15 PM
95	Walking trail, safety, lighting, access to safety	1/5/2021 10:08 PM
96	No comment. Not convenient to Denver	1/5/2021 11:05 AM
97	All ~ Don't feel very safe in Lincolnton	1/4/2021 10:24 AM
98	none	1/2/2021 6:34 PM
99	Nome	1/2/2021 6:13 PM
100	No comment	1/2/2021 5:43 PM
101	Nothing	1/2/2021 3:50 PM
102	Highland Drive Park / Rail Trail	12/31/2020 1:27 PM

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103	ALL	12/30/2020 8:25 AM
104	Betty G Ross	12/24/2020 11:42 PM
105	Betty Ross Park	12/20/2020 3:50 PM
106	don't know	12/20/2020 2:16 PM
107	West Lincoln	12/20/2020 12:50 PM
108	Do not know	12/20/2020 11:08 AM
109	don't use	12/20/2020 10:25 AM
110	Art classes for children...any age	12/20/2020 9:36 AM
111	Betty G Ross Park	12/19/2020 9:46 PM
112	N/A	12/19/2020 2:39 PM
113	Na	12/19/2020 1:09 PM
114	All	12/18/2020 2:06 AM
115	All	12/17/2020 12:36 PM
116	Betty Ross, Highland Drive	12/17/2020 12:33 PM
117	Cloniger Trail downtown	12/17/2020 11:48 AM
118	Walking trail	12/17/2020 10:08 AM
119	Betty Ross Park.	12/17/2020 8:26 AM
120	Rail Trail	12/17/2020 8:02 AM
121	Betty G. Ross	12/17/2020 7:50 AM
122	Improvements to make Betty Ross more inviting and engaging and better utilization of land	12/16/2020 8:45 AM
123	Not sure	12/14/2020 10:29 PM
124	First Federal Park bathrooms MUST have baby changing tables. The kids get wet, they need their diaper changed immediately.	12/14/2020 3:49 PM
125	Betty G Ross and Highland Drive	12/14/2020 11:44 AM
126	Betty Ross	12/14/2020 8:43 AM
127	Betty Ross and the Nature Trail	12/14/2020 12:24 AM
128	Betty Ross	12/13/2020 10:53 PM
129	Betty G Ross	12/13/2020 2:42 PM
130	Stop the beach!	12/13/2020 1:28 PM
131	Rail Trail	12/13/2020 12:53 PM
132	Walking trails downtown	12/13/2020 8:15 AM
133	Betty G Ross	12/13/2020 7:48 AM
134	Betty g Ross	12/12/2020 8:03 PM
135	Betty Ross Park	12/12/2020 7:39 PM
136	First federal park.	12/12/2020 6:41 PM
137	Highland/startown park	12/11/2020 8:10 PM
138	Betty G Ross	12/11/2020 7:44 PM
139	Betty Ross Park, Highland Drive Park	12/11/2020 1:01 PM
140	city park	12/11/2020 10:03 AM

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141	First Federal Park - shaded seating	12/10/2020 10:09 PM
142	Betty Ross	12/9/2020 9:15 PM
143	Betty Ross Park, Rail trail (lighting)	12/9/2020 1:29 PM
144	Downtown parks need a playground. We love to walk the rail trail but the little ones are antsy to find something to climb on.	12/9/2020 12:43 PM
145	All	12/9/2020 7:37 AM
146	Turf field at city park	12/8/2020 11:41 PM
147	The Rec, and city park needs to be converted over to a turf football/soccer field	12/8/2020 11:14 PM
148	All	12/8/2020 9:24 PM
149	N/A	12/8/2020 8:51 PM
150	All	12/8/2020 7:45 PM
151	Older Parks	12/8/2020 7:13 PM
152	Boger city optimist and Lincolnnton optimist	12/8/2020 7:00 PM
153	Highland dr	12/8/2020 6:31 PM
154	Dog park	12/8/2020 5:48 PM
155	all more out at first federal the splash pad is basic... My kids prefer maiden splash pad cause they have more to do there.	12/8/2020 5:40 PM
156	Highland drive park. Betty Ross park	12/8/2020 5:20 PM
157	All	12/8/2020 4:38 PM
158	Once the new courthouse is open. Use the existing for the communities use. Child care center, after school center, historial museum, AA, NA & Alanon meetings. The old gym behind the college. The old hospital on Aspen.	12/8/2020 4:32 PM
159	All	12/8/2020 4:16 PM
160	All	12/8/2020 4:13 PM
161	Rail Trail	12/8/2020 3:57 PM
162	All	12/8/2020 3:07 PM
163	City park, Beatty g ross(also the disc golf course needs help major),	12/8/2020 2:54 PM
164	e signs at Rescue Park and directional arrows	12/8/2020 2:33 PM
165	Betty Ross Park	12/8/2020 2:12 PM
166	Lighting on the Marcia H Cloninger rail trail could be better	12/8/2020 1:34 PM
167	First federal park needs more to do & restrooms at mcbee	12/8/2020 1:24 PM
168	MH Cloning trail, Laboratory trail, cycling lanes.	12/8/2020 1:23 PM
169	Betty Ross Park	12/8/2020 1:21 PM
170	All of them!	12/8/2020 12:57 PM
171	McBee, Betty Ross	12/8/2020 12:52 PM
172	Betty G Ross	12/8/2020 12:49 PM
173	Betty G. Ross park	12/8/2020 12:47 PM
174	Rail trail	12/8/2020 12:46 PM
175	N/A	12/8/2020 12:45 PM
176	Highland Park	12/8/2020 12:41 PM

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177	Yes...	12/8/2020 12:29 PM
178	kayak access points for south fork	12/8/2020 11:30 AM
179	Add some outdoor basketball facilities	12/8/2020 10:54 AM
180	Highland drive	12/8/2020 10:03 AM
181	Betty g Ross, highland drive park	12/8/2020 8:30 AM
182	All	12/8/2020 6:53 AM
183	Outdoor theater in the park movies	12/7/2020 7:08 PM
184	Betty Ross	12/7/2020 5:18 PM
185	BGR Park and Highland	12/7/2020 3:09 PM
186	Rail Trail	12/7/2020 2:41 PM
187	None	12/7/2020 1:59 PM
188	Betty G Ross	12/7/2020 1:38 PM
189	Betty G Ross	12/7/2020 12:40 PM
190	west lincoln park-softball/baseball field completed with dirt infield, gym at WL as well	12/7/2020 12:33 PM
191	Rail Trail	12/7/2020 12:16 PM
192	All All, but especially West Lincoln, Betty G. Ross, Highland. These facilities are used a lot by the schools for events that are put on by the city and county departments.	12/7/2020 12:12 PM
193	Highland Drive	12/7/2020 11:23 AM
194	Highland Drive, Betty G, City Park	12/7/2020 11:09 AM
195	Betty J Ross	12/7/2020 10:47 AM
196	mountain bike trails	12/7/2020 10:39 AM
197	Betty Ross Park	12/7/2020 10:36 AM
198	Betty G. Ross and along the walking trail	12/7/2020 10:12 AM
199	All	12/7/2020 9:22 AM
200	senior center	12/7/2020 9:07 AM
201	I would like to see the Cloninger Rail Trail extended	12/7/2020 9:02 AM
202	Betty Ross	12/7/2020 8:40 AM
203	Picnic areas, public fishing at the pond near the hospital, playground	12/7/2020 8:28 AM
204	all facilities that have playground equipment should have handicap accessible playground equipment.	12/7/2020 8:27 AM
205	City Park	12/7/2020 8:25 AM
206	Betty G. Ross	12/7/2020 8:18 AM
207	Rail way and park	12/7/2020 8:09 AM
208	expanded walking/hiking trails	12/7/2020 8:08 AM
209	Betty g ross	12/7/2020 8:04 AM
210	Betty G Ross Park is the park that is in the biggest need of attention	12/7/2020 8:03 AM
211	Highland Drive	12/7/2020 8:01 AM
212	Highland Drive Park	12/7/2020 7:57 AM
213	City of Lincolnton, Highland	12/6/2020 2:16 PM

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214	Don't know haven't been/ didn't know about them .	12/6/2020 10:23 AM
215	Build a bike / walking/ jogging path along CSX tracks across Lincoln county	12/6/2020 9:15 AM
216	None too far from my house	12/6/2020 8:09 AM
217	All the parks	12/6/2020 7:23 AM
218	None	12/5/2020 10:33 PM
219	None	12/5/2020 5:03 PM
220	extend Cloninger trail to Rhyne trail	12/5/2020 12:51 PM
221	Betty G Ross	12/5/2020 9:56 AM
222	Denver	12/5/2020 9:41 AM
223	Rock Springs Nature Preserve	12/5/2020 8:50 AM
224	Highland Park	12/5/2020 8:21 AM
225	City Park, rail trail	12/4/2020 10:04 PM
226	Betty G Ross. It needs a bit of a makeover. KLCB can help with murals. :)	12/4/2020 4:49 PM
227	No opinion	12/4/2020 11:12 AM
228	First Federal and Betty Ross	12/4/2020 10:30 AM
229	Highland drive needs a better play area for the kids. Maybe some swings added.	12/4/2020 9:46 AM
230	na	12/4/2020 9:40 AM
231	Rail trail	12/4/2020 9:14 AM
232	All	12/3/2020 10:04 PM
233	Rail Trail, City Park	12/3/2020 11:54 AM
234	Rail Trail	12/3/2020 11:54 AM
235	n/a	12/3/2020 10:17 AM
236	Highland drive and rail trail	12/3/2020 9:12 AM
237	Maybe add a skate park in the Lincolnton area that has been requested for years and have volunteers that will maintain	12/3/2020 8:56 AM
238	No comment	12/3/2020 7:48 AM
239	Rail Trail	12/2/2020 10:09 PM
240	Rail trail	12/2/2020 8:22 PM
241	Repeated questions Beatty'sFord Park	12/2/2020 8:09 PM
242	extend the rail trail along the rail line to meet with the rail line in Maiden	12/2/2020 7:39 PM
243	Betty G Ross Park	12/2/2020 3:02 PM
244	Betty G Ross park, and The Rail Trail	12/2/2020 2:41 PM
245	rail trail betty g ross park	12/2/2020 11:59 AM
246	betty ross park	12/2/2020 11:29 AM
247	McBee and Rescue	12/2/2020 10:59 AM
248	n/a	12/2/2020 10:39 AM
249	Unaware of the facts to allow me to answer	12/2/2020 8:28 AM
250	sidewalk on fairfield forest road	12/2/2020 5:45 AM
251	UNK	12/2/2020 12:41 AM

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252	I am not interested in the City of Lincolnton - we need facilities in Denver!	12/1/2020 7:42 PM
253	Betty Ross	12/1/2020 6:39 PM
254	All	12/1/2020 5:43 PM
255	City Park at the end of the rail trail	12/1/2020 3:35 PM
256	NONE	12/1/2020 2:45 PM
257	no notes	12/1/2020 2:21 PM
258	It is great that a canoe/kayak launch was installed at the Betty G. Ross Park, the only problem is that often times there's a chain blocking access	12/1/2020 2:00 PM
259	city park	12/1/2020 1:31 PM
260	FFP	12/1/2020 1:13 PM
261	East Lincoln community center	12/1/2020 11:56 AM
262	Love the rail trail! Concerns of safety	12/1/2020 11:51 AM
263	none	12/1/2020 11:19 AM
264	Betty G. Ross, Rail Trail	12/1/2020 11:03 AM
265	Betty Ross	12/1/2020 10:55 AM
266	Highland Park	12/1/2020 10:47 AM
267	Highland Drive	12/1/2020 10:45 AM
268	Betty Ross Disk Golf... if it is city.	12/1/2020 10:44 AM
269	all of them if you won't Lincolnton to thrive in the future	12/1/2020 10:31 AM
270	betty g ross needs some mountain bike trails at her park	11/30/2020 8:46 PM
271	All of them or none of them	11/30/2020 7:43 PM
272	Lighting needs to be added at Highland Drive Park; shade needs to be added at First Federal Park/Splash Pad; recreation center at Betty G Ross Park needs a general update and facade improvement;	11/30/2020 3:25 PM
273	Rail trail	11/30/2020 11:33 AM
274	Update restrooms	11/30/2020 10:36 AM
275	Na	11/29/2020 7:33 PM
276	Highland Drive Park	11/28/2020 9:54 PM
277	Betty G Ross	11/28/2020 7:53 PM
278	None	11/26/2020 11:01 AM
279	Betty G. Ross	11/26/2020 10:11 AM
280	All	11/26/2020 7:32 AM
281	Highland park. Playground is dangerous and in need of repair	11/25/2020 11:12 PM
282	Public pool	11/25/2020 10:46 PM
283	E Lincoln optimist club	11/25/2020 9:36 PM
284	Betty Ross Baseball field bathrooms	11/25/2020 9:22 PM
285	See above	11/25/2020 8:58 PM
286	Indoor pool needed for year round swimming	11/25/2020 7:51 PM
287	Rescue Squad Park	11/25/2020 4:22 PM

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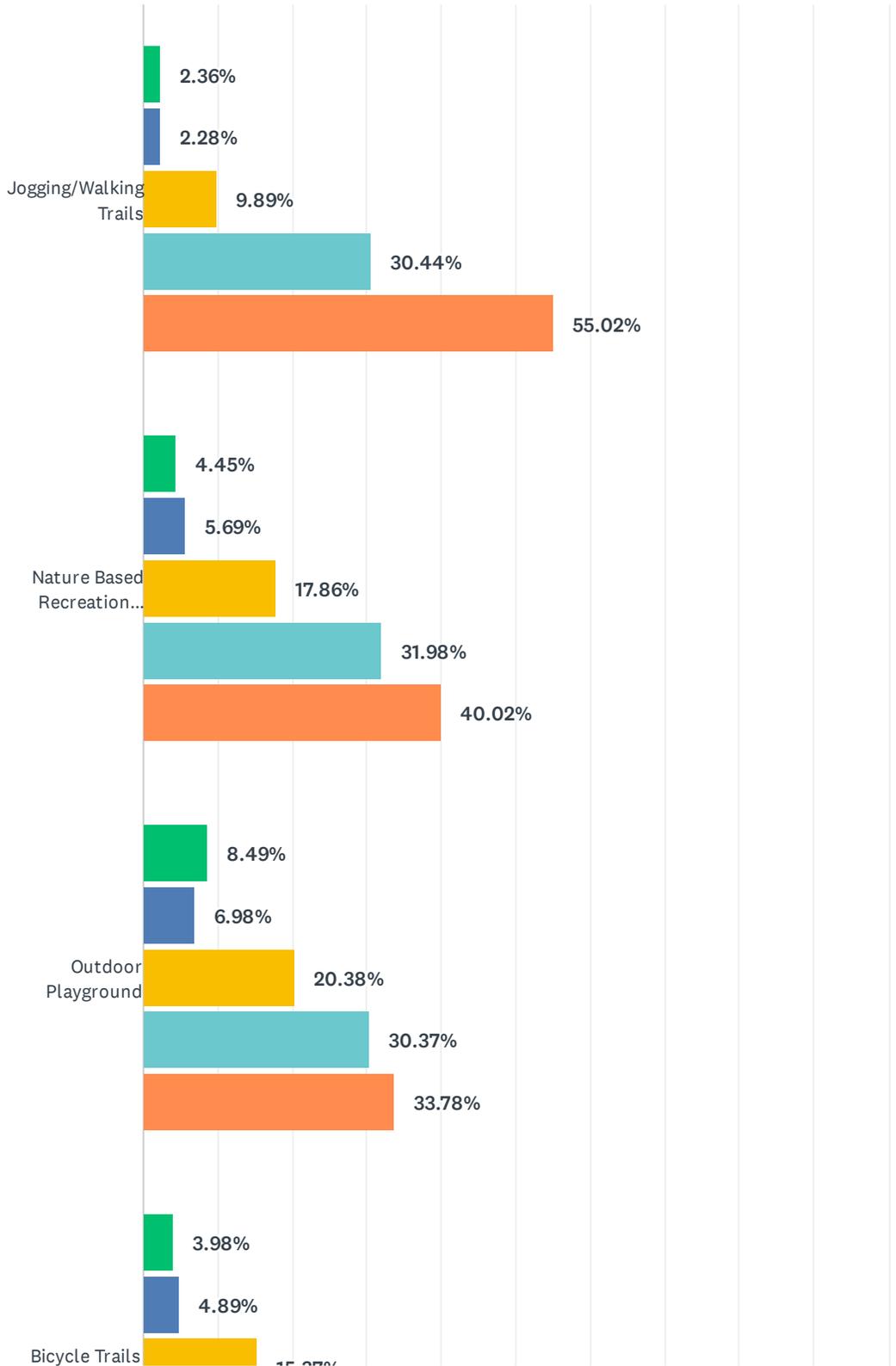
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293	Vale	11/25/2020 1:28 PM
294	Betty Ross	11/25/2020 1:13 PM
295	Highland Drive Park	11/25/2020 12:50 PM
296	Highland Drive and Betty G Ross	11/25/2020 12:27 PM
297	Highland Park needs baby swings and one of the slides needs fixing	11/25/2020 12:27 PM
298	none	11/21/2020 8:21 AM
299	...	11/19/2020 8:14 AM
300	don't know	11/16/2020 11:42 PM
301	City Park	11/16/2020 9:41 AM
302	We need more parks	11/13/2020 10:05 PM
303	City Park, Highland Drive	11/10/2020 2:27 PM
304	Don't live in lincolnton	11/9/2020 7:25 PM
305	None	11/9/2020 7:05 PM
306	Betty G. Ross	11/9/2020 5:13 PM
307	all	11/9/2020 4:34 PM
308	Highland and City park - need lights and goals	11/9/2020 3:59 PM
309	Not interested	11/9/2020 2:51 PM
310	None	11/9/2020 2:51 PM
311	Betty Ross	11/9/2020 2:10 PM
312	NA	11/9/2020 12:14 PM
313	I would just like to see an up to date baseball/softball facility that offers the same amenities that you see in Charlotte, Hickory, Huntersville area	11/9/2020 11:55 AM
314	Do not live in Lincolnton	11/9/2020 9:36 AM
315	East Lincoln optimist	11/9/2020 9:34 AM
316	Indoor pool in Denver	11/9/2020 9:12 AM
317	East lincoln optimist and rescue park	11/9/2020 8:32 AM
318	All	11/9/2020 7:57 AM
319	All	11/9/2020 7:29 AM
320	N/A	11/9/2020 7:03 AM
321	N/A	11/8/2020 11:39 PM
322	Rescue Squad, Rock Hill	11/8/2020 8:52 PM
323	na	11/8/2020 8:43 PM
324	N/a	11/8/2020 8:41 PM
325	Betty G Ross	11/8/2020 8:17 PM

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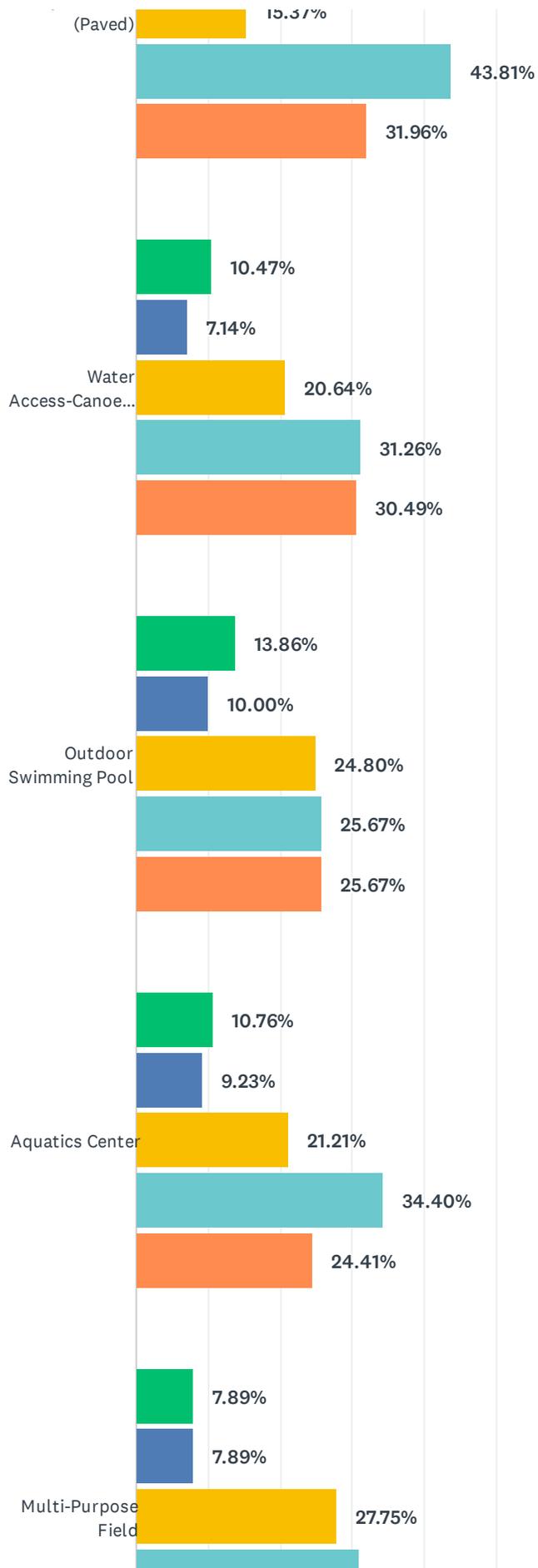
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328	Marcia Cloninger rail trail	11/8/2020 5:57 PM
329	Denver	11/8/2020 8:23 AM
330	Ditto	11/7/2020 10:16 PM
331	Tennis courts	11/7/2020 11:22 AM
332	Highland drive park parking	11/7/2020 9:40 AM
333	Rock springs	11/7/2020 6:25 AM
334	Western Lincoln County and Ironton area	11/6/2020 10:46 PM
335	NA	11/6/2020 10:29 PM
336	Rescue squad	11/6/2020 9:32 PM
337	None	11/6/2020 8:11 PM
338	It is too far for me to drive to Lincoln to exercise.	11/6/2020 7:36 PM
339	Na	11/6/2020 7:26 PM
340	Highland Park - lighting for fields and leave soccer goals out, add some soccer goals to City Park and turn lights on field	11/6/2020 7:25 PM
341	Lincoln Optimist Park, Betty G and Rail Trail	11/6/2020 9:57 AM
342	Upgrade of City Park with lighting, fields, children's play equipment	11/5/2020 11:19 AM
343	East Lincoln area	11/2/2020 5:20 AM
344	I would like to see the rail trail expanded. Both north and south. Best investment in downtown that Lincoln has made.	10/31/2020 9:30 AM
345	Highland Drive; Betty G and Lentz	10/30/2020 9:21 PM
346	Playgrounds	10/30/2020 6:57 PM
347	Betty G Ross, First Federal, McBee St	10/30/2020 1:52 PM
348	McBee, playground And splash pad better at first federal, Betty ross cleaned up,	10/30/2020 12:30 PM
349	Rail Trail	10/30/2020 12:04 PM

Q21 The following is a list of recreation features/amenities that could be offered at a public park or recreation facility. Select from "Least" to "Most" important. Please consider other members of your household.

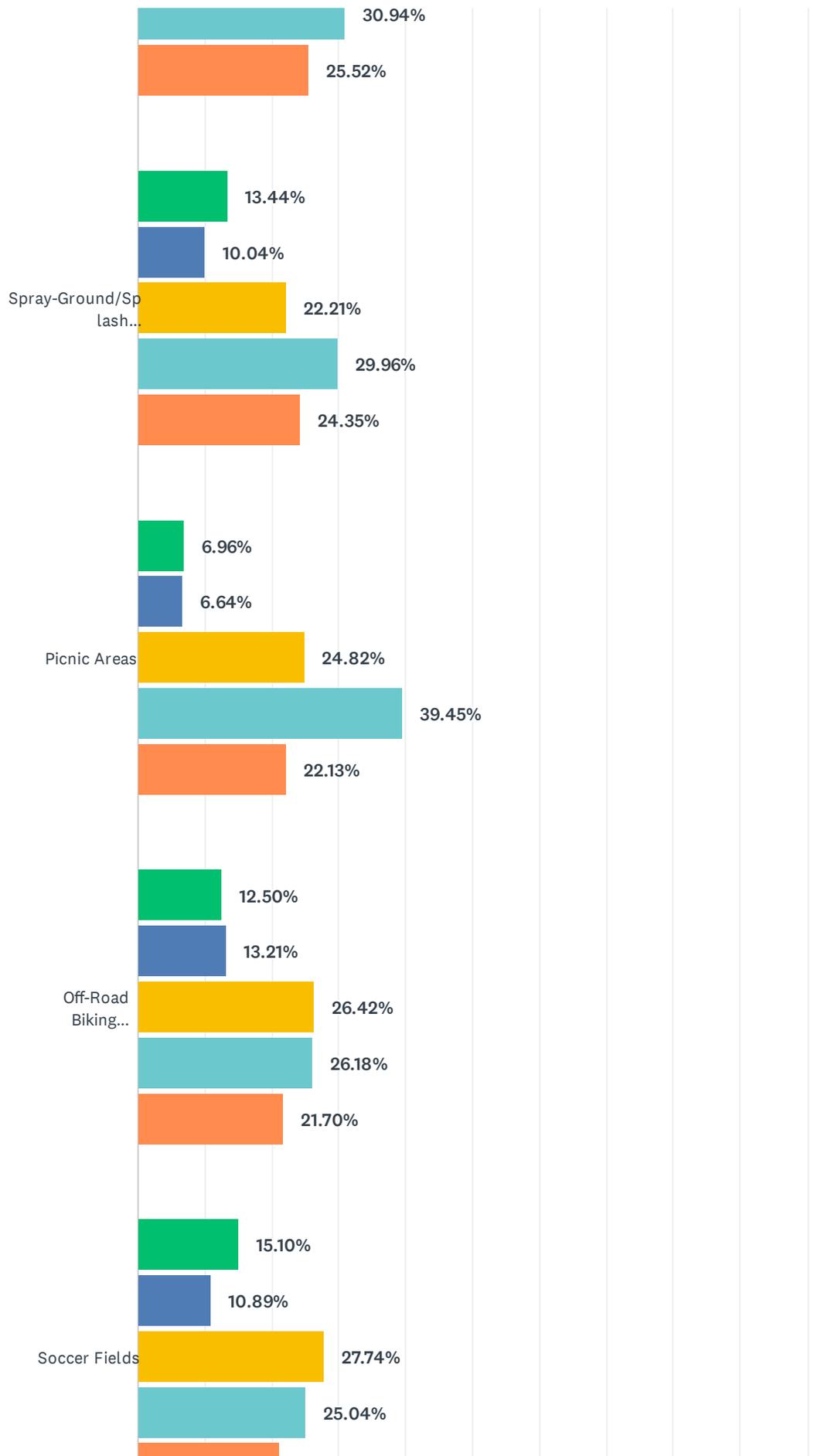
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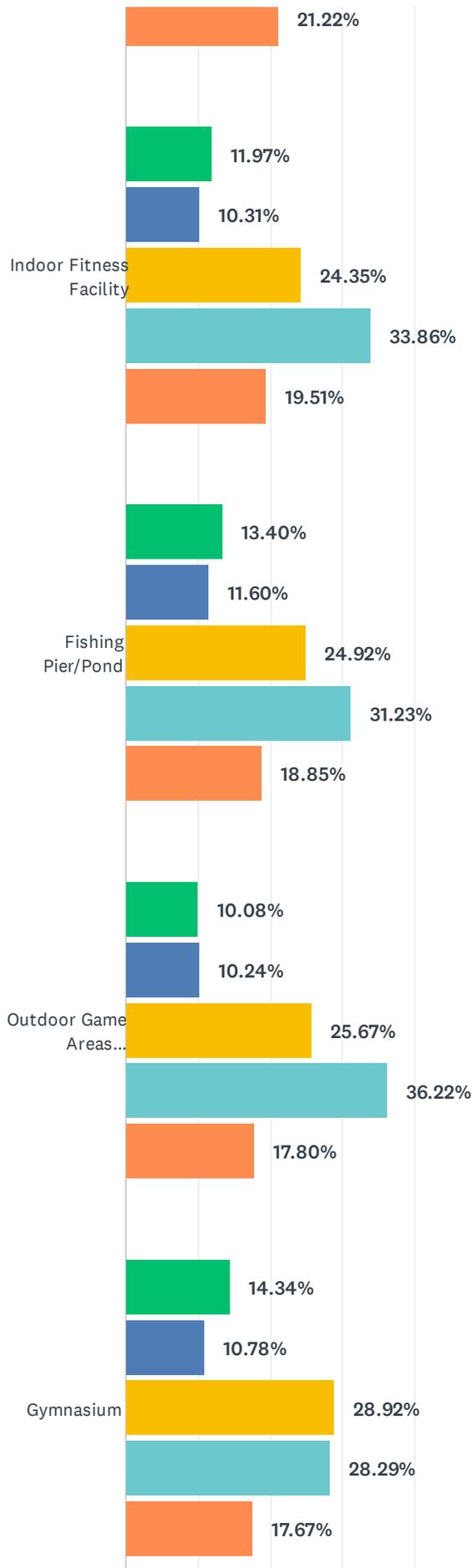
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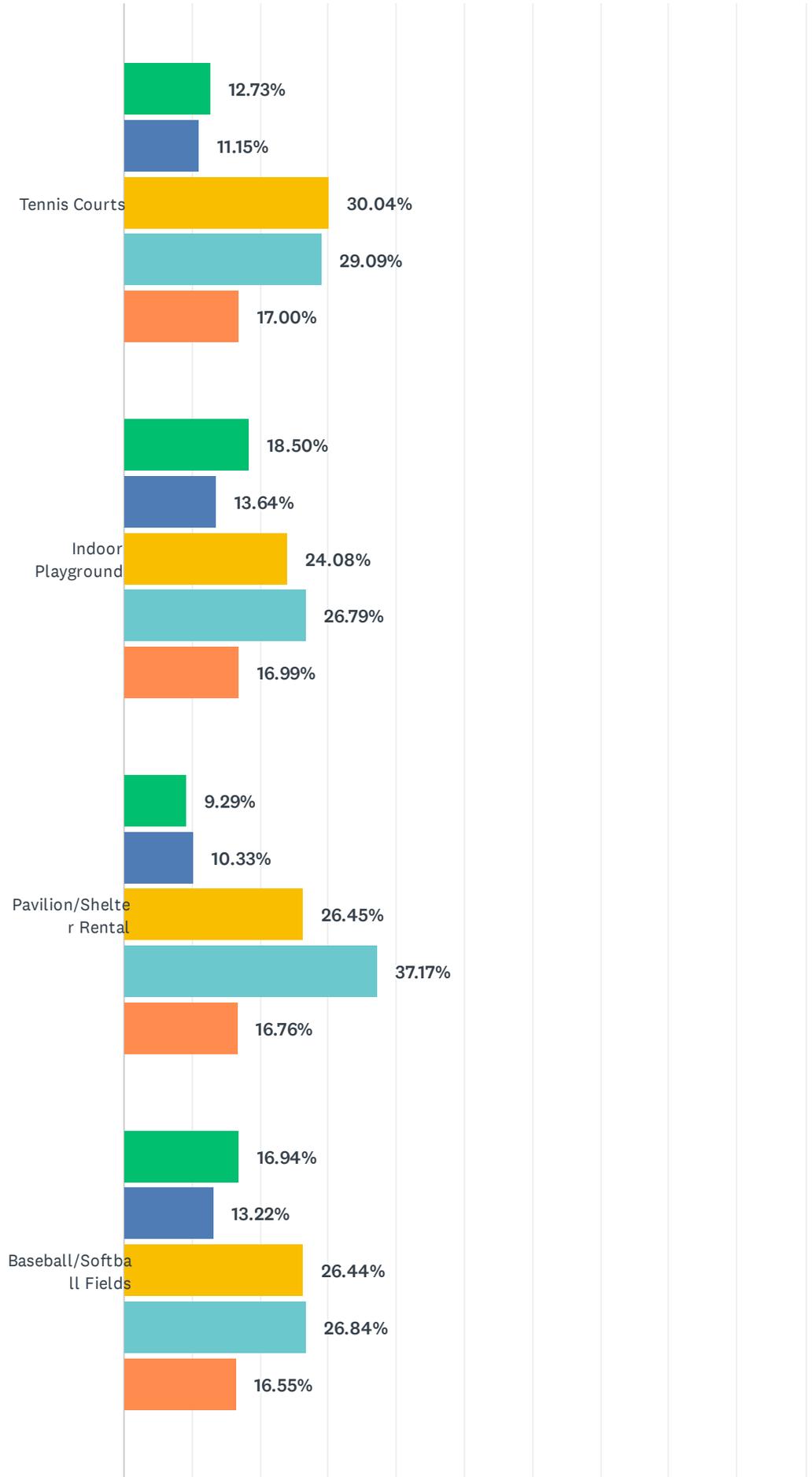
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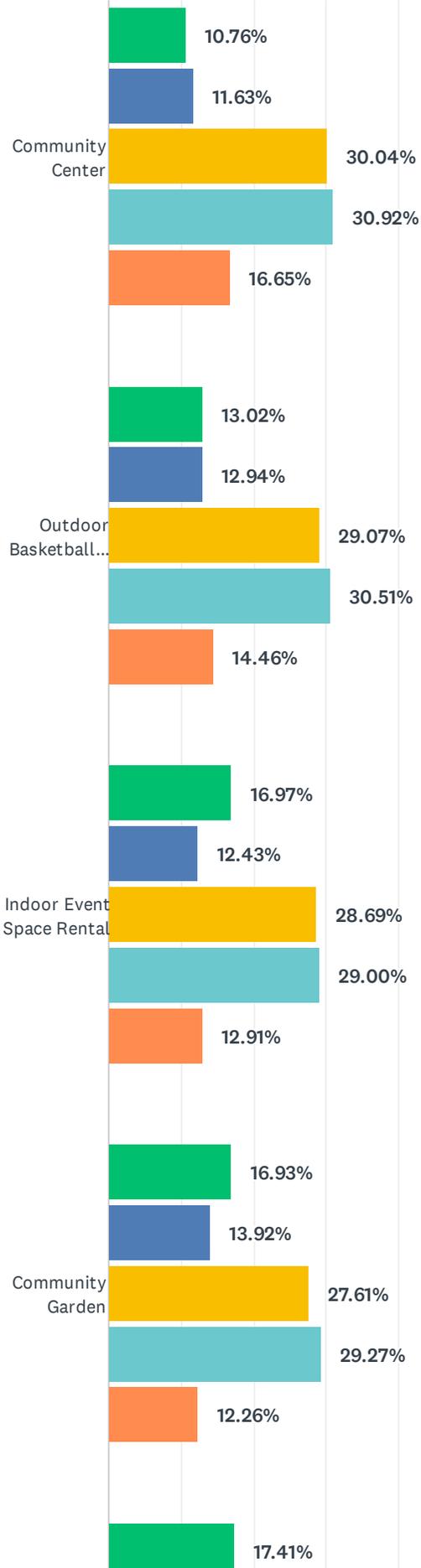
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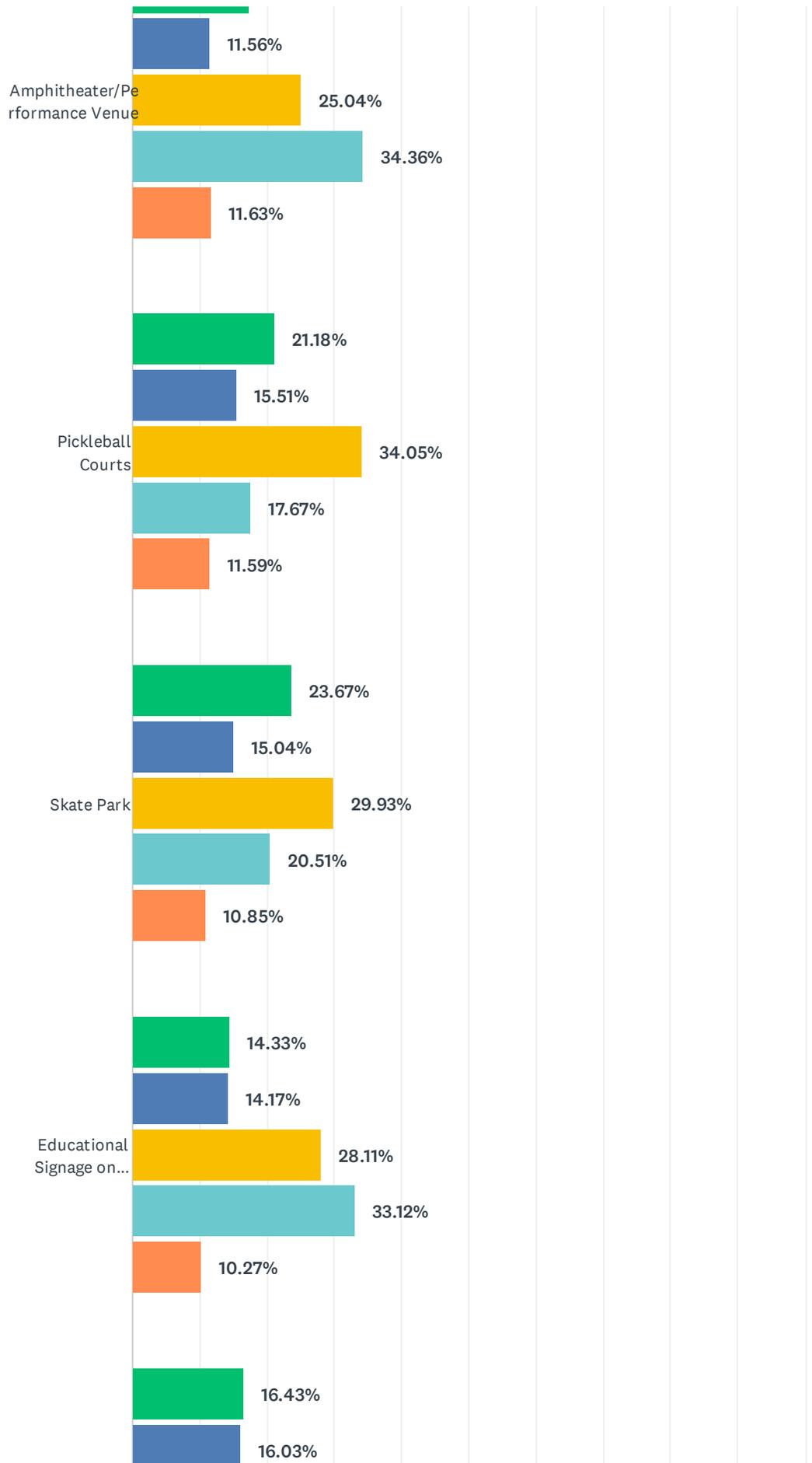
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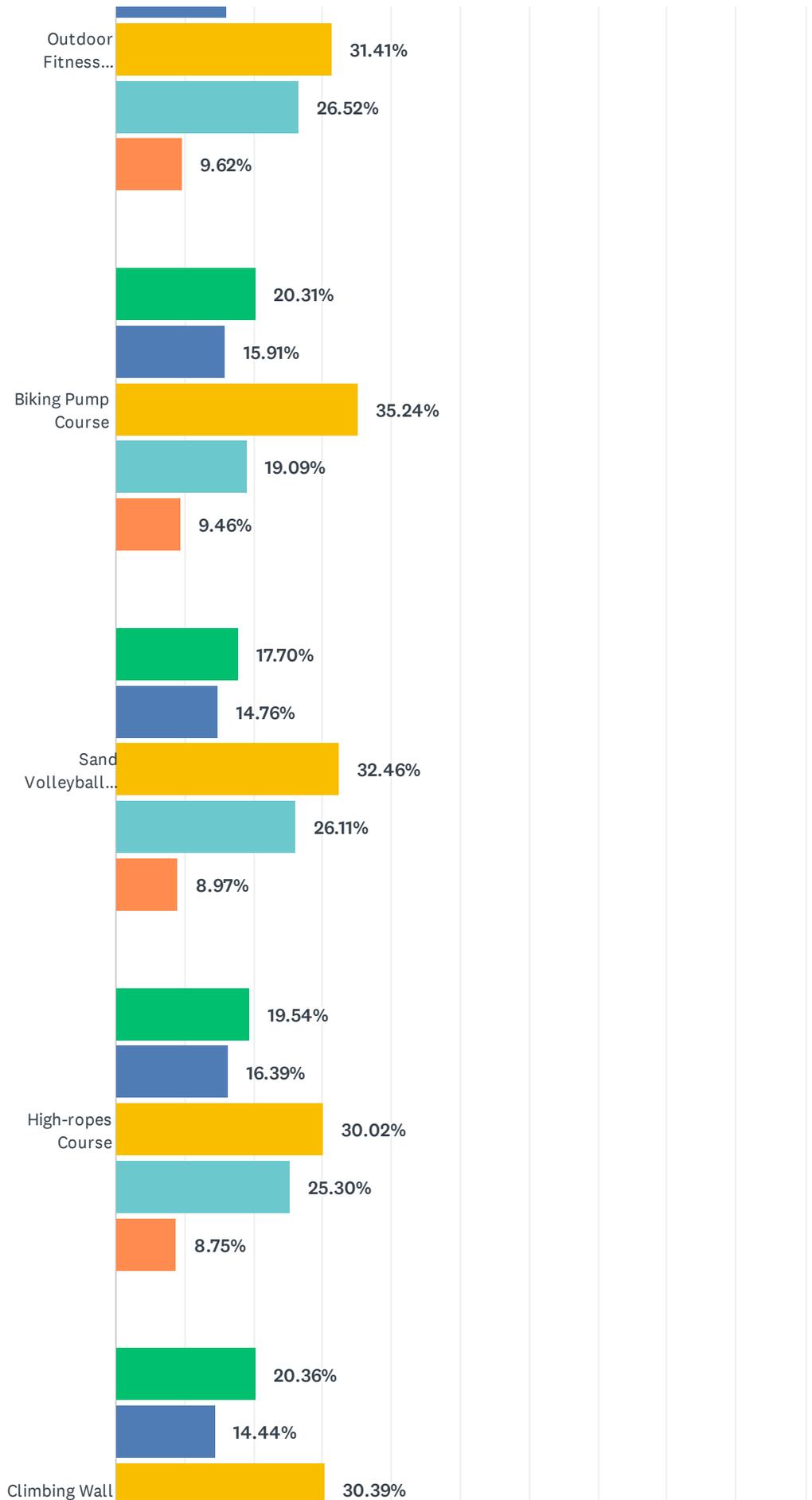
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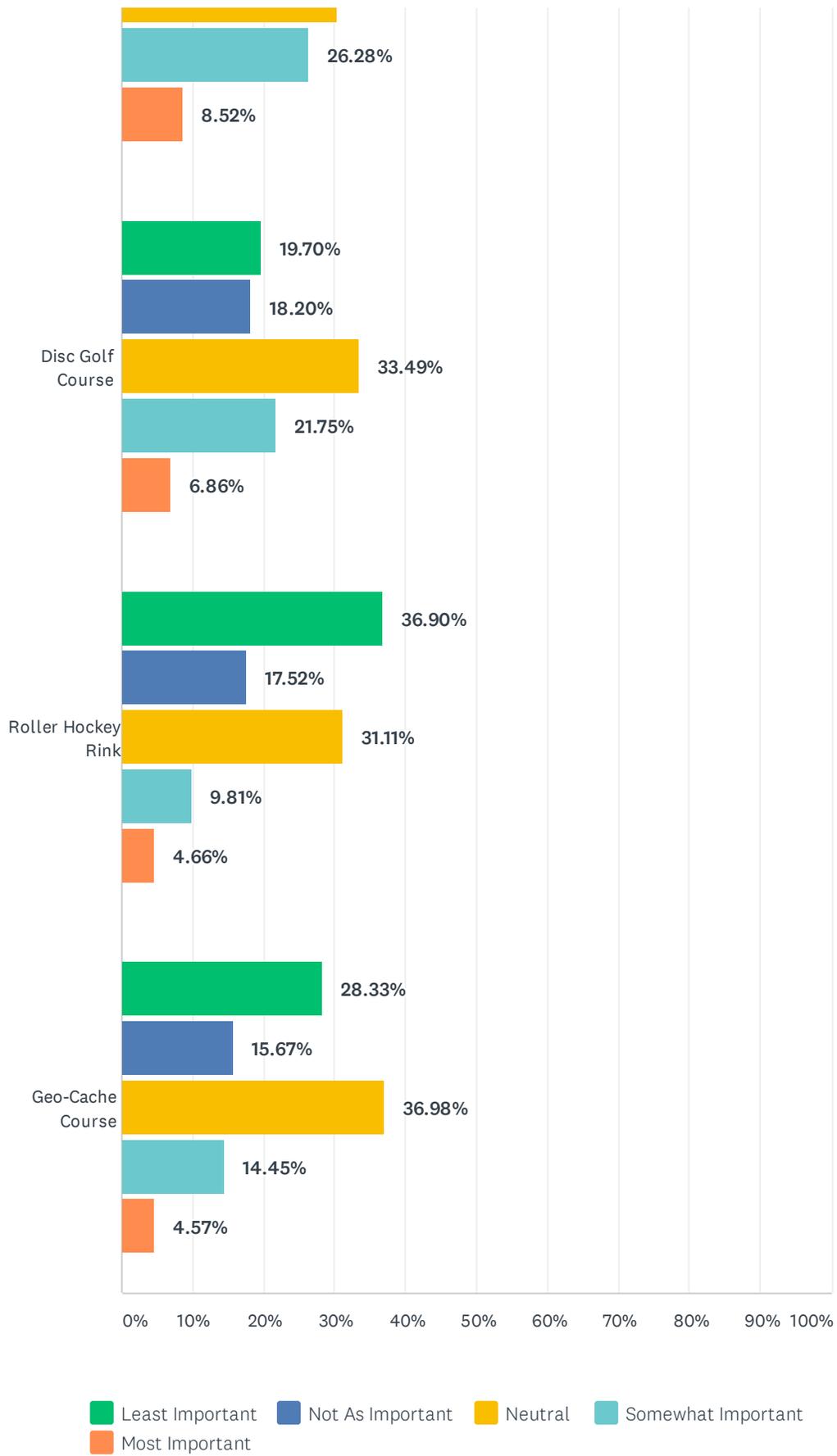
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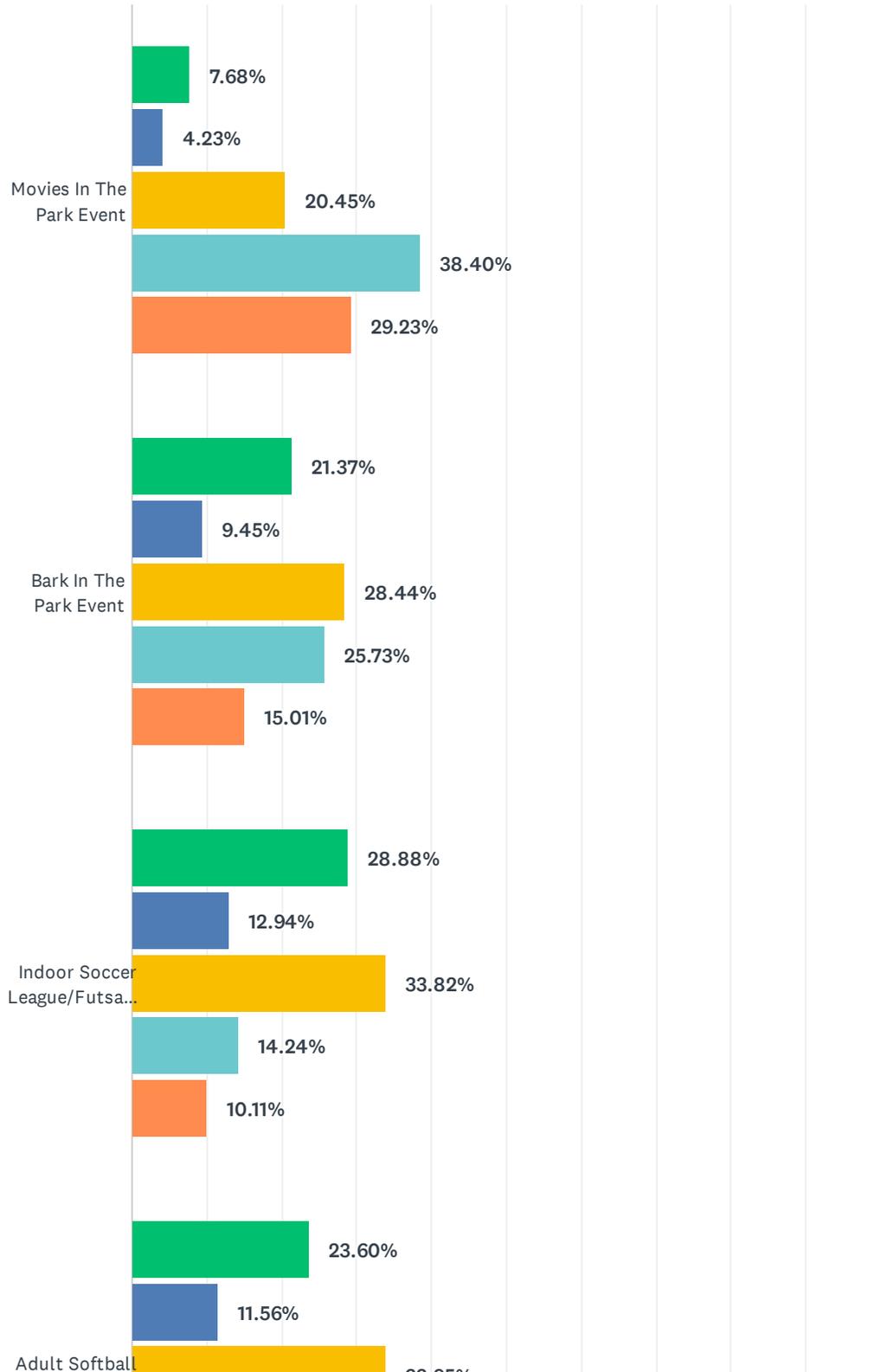
	LEAST IMPORTANT	NOT AS IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	MOST IMPORTANT	TOTAL
Jogging/Walking Trails	2.36% 31	2.28% 30	9.89% 130	30.44% 400	55.02% 723	1,314
Nature Based Recreation (Open Green Space, Nature Walks, Wildlife Observation Areas, Environmental Center)	4.45% 57	5.69% 73	17.86% 229	31.98% 410	40.02% 513	1,282
Outdoor Playground	8.49% 107	6.98% 88	20.38% 257	30.37% 383	33.78% 426	1,261
Bicycle Trails (Paved)	3.98% 52	4.89% 64	15.37% 201	43.81% 573	31.96% 418	1,308
Water Access-Canoe/Kayak Launch	10.47% 135	7.14% 92	20.64% 266	31.26% 403	30.49% 393	1,289
Outdoor Swimming Pool	13.86% 176	10.00% 127	24.80% 315	25.67% 326	25.67% 326	1,270
Aquatics Center	10.76% 141	9.23% 121	21.21% 278	34.40% 451	24.41% 320	1,311
Multi-Purpose Field	7.89% 99	7.89% 99	27.75% 348	30.94% 388	25.52% 320	1,254
Spray-Ground/Splash Pad/Interactive Water Feature	13.44% 170	10.04% 127	22.21% 281	29.96% 379	24.35% 308	1,265
Picnic Areas	6.96% 88	6.64% 84	24.82% 314	39.45% 499	22.13% 280	1,265
Off-Road Biking (Mountain Bike Course)	12.50% 159	13.21% 168	26.42% 336	26.18% 333	21.70% 276	1,272
Soccer Fields	15.10% 190	10.89% 137	27.74% 349	25.04% 315	21.22% 267	1,258
Indoor Fitness Facility	11.97% 151	10.31% 130	24.35% 307	33.86% 427	19.51% 246	1,261
Fishing Pier/Pond	13.40% 172	11.60% 149	24.92% 320	31.23% 401	18.85% 242	1,284
Outdoor Game Areas (Shuffleboard Courts, Corn Hole, Horseshoe Pits, Bocce Ball, Over-Sized Outdoor Chess Board)	10.08% 128	10.24% 130	25.67% 326	36.22% 460	17.80% 226	1,270
Gymnasium	14.34% 181	10.78% 136	28.92% 365	28.29% 357	17.67% 223	1,262
Tennis Courts	12.73% 161	11.15% 141	30.04% 380	29.09% 368	17.00% 215	1,265
Indoor Playground	18.50% 232	13.64% 171	24.08% 302	26.79% 336	16.99% 213	1,254
Pavilion/Shelter Rental	9.29% 117	10.33% 130	26.45% 333	37.17% 468	16.76% 211	1,259
Baseball/Softball Fields	16.94% 214	13.22% 167	26.44% 334	26.84% 339	16.55% 209	1,263
Community Center	10.76% 135	11.63% 146	30.04% 377	30.92% 388	16.65% 209	1,255
Outdoor Basketball Courts	13.02% 163	12.94% 162	29.07% 364	30.51% 382	14.46% 181	1,252

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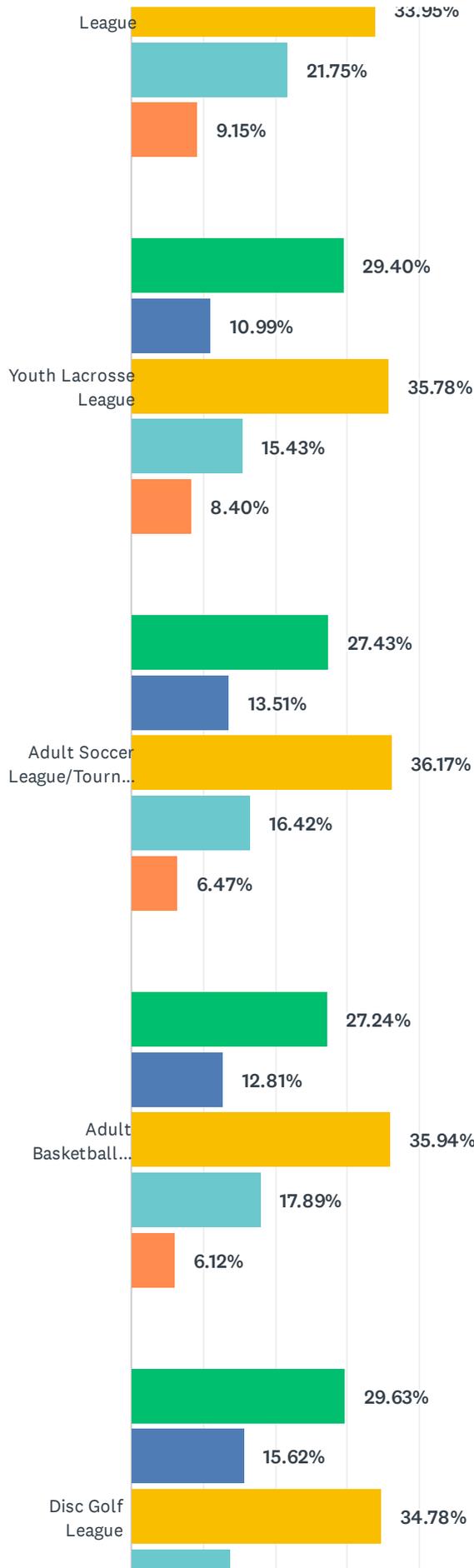
Indoor Event Space Rental	16.97% 213	12.43% 156	28.69% 360	29.00% 364	12.91% 162	1,255
Community Garden	16.93% 214	13.92% 176	27.61% 349	29.27% 370	12.26% 155	1,264
Amphitheater/Performance Venue	17.41% 226	11.56% 150	25.04% 325	34.36% 446	11.63% 151	1,298
Pickleball Courts	21.18% 265	15.51% 194	34.05% 426	17.67% 221	11.59% 145	1,251
Skate Park	23.67% 299	15.04% 190	29.93% 378	20.51% 259	10.85% 137	1,263
Educational Signage on Trails	14.33% 180	14.17% 178	28.11% 353	33.12% 416	10.27% 129	1,256
Outdoor Fitness Equipment Stations	16.43% 205	16.03% 200	31.41% 392	26.52% 331	9.62% 120	1,248
Biking Pump Course	20.31% 249	15.91% 195	35.24% 432	19.09% 234	9.46% 116	1,226
Sand Volleyball Courts	17.70% 223	14.76% 186	32.46% 409	26.11% 329	8.97% 113	1,260
High-ropes Course	19.54% 248	16.39% 208	30.02% 381	25.30% 321	8.75% 111	1,269
Climbing Wall	20.36% 258	14.44% 183	30.39% 385	26.28% 333	8.52% 108	1,267
Disc Golf Course	19.70% 250	18.20% 231	33.49% 425	21.75% 276	6.86% 87	1,269
Roller Hockey Rink	36.90% 459	17.52% 218	31.11% 387	9.81% 122	4.66% 58	1,244
Geo-Cache Course	28.33% 347	15.67% 192	36.98% 453	14.45% 177	4.57% 56	1,225

Q22 The following is a list of recreation programs or activities that could be offered at a public park or recreation facility. Select from "Least" to "Most" important. Please consider other members of your household.

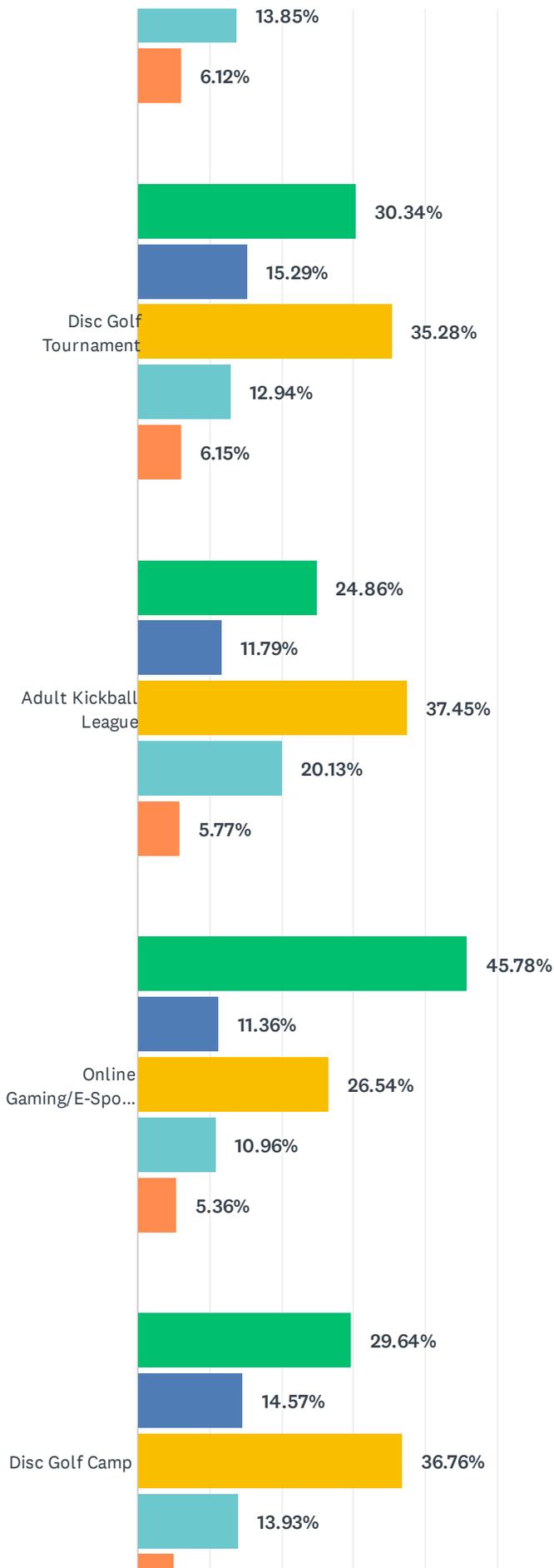
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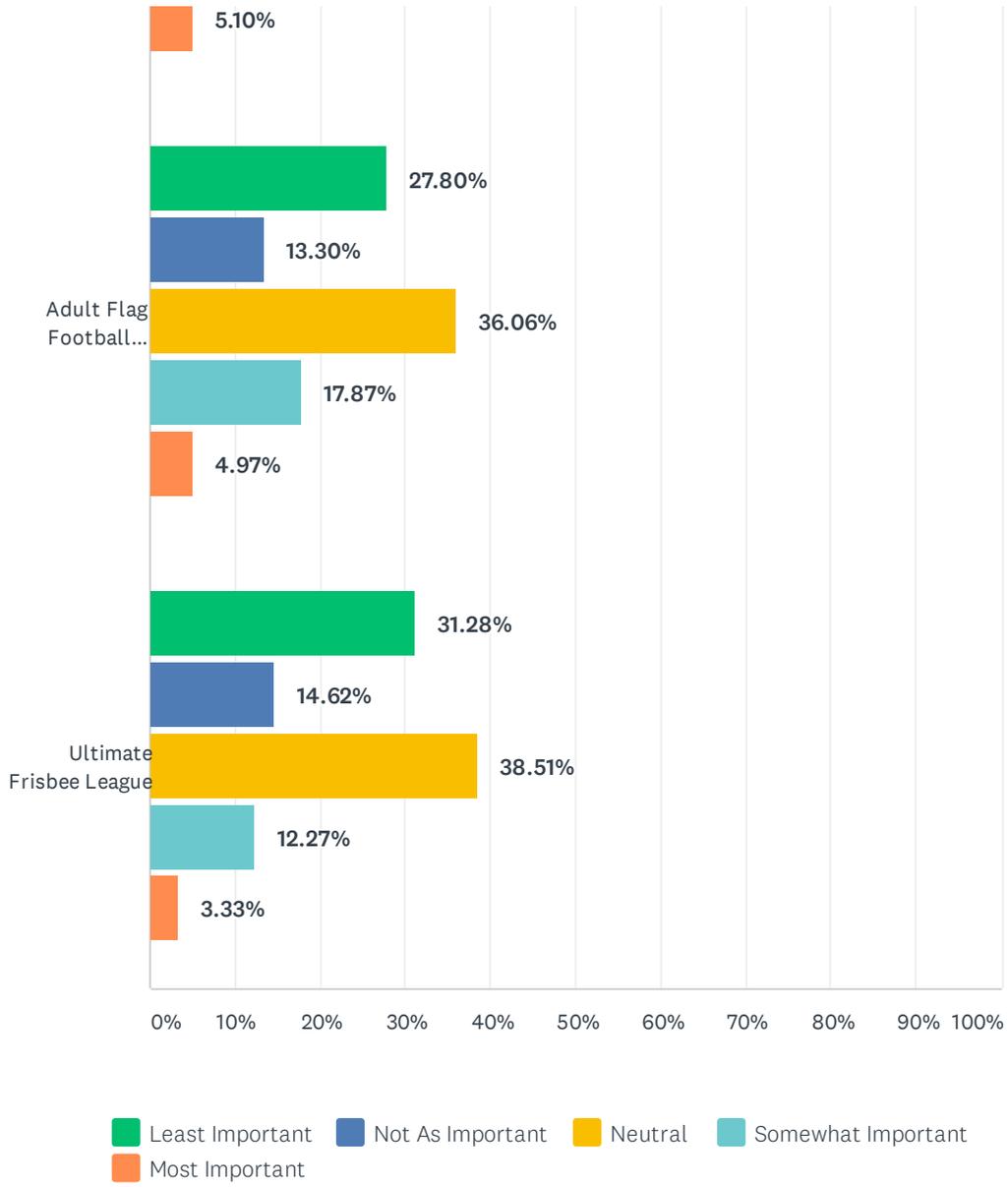
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Movies In The Park Event	7.68% 98	4.23% 54	20.45% 261	38.40% 490	29.23% 373	1,276
Bark In The Park Event	21.37% 269	9.45% 119	28.44% 358	25.73% 324	15.01% 189	1,259
Indoor Soccer League/Futsal League	28.88% 357	12.94% 160	33.82% 418	14.24% 176	10.11% 125	1,236
Adult Softball League	23.60% 294	11.56% 144	33.95% 423	21.75% 271	9.15% 114	1,246
Youth Lacrosse League	29.40% 364	10.99% 136	35.78% 443	15.43% 191	8.40% 104	1,238
Adult Soccer League/Tournament	27.43% 339	13.51% 167	36.17% 447	16.42% 203	6.47% 80	1,236
Adult Basketball Tournament	27.24% 338	12.81% 159	35.94% 446	17.89% 222	6.12% 76	1,241
Disc Golf League	29.63% 368	15.62% 194	34.78% 432	13.85% 172	6.12% 76	1,242
Disc Golf Tournament	30.34% 375	15.29% 189	35.28% 436	12.94% 160	6.15% 76	1,236
Adult Kickball League	24.86% 310	11.79% 147	37.45% 467	20.13% 251	5.77% 72	1,247
Online Gaming/E-Sports League	45.78% 564	11.36% 140	26.54% 327	10.96% 135	5.36% 66	1,232
Disc Golf Camp	29.64% 366	14.57% 180	36.76% 454	13.93% 172	5.10% 63	1,235
Adult Flag Football League/Tournament	27.80% 347	13.30% 166	36.06% 450	17.87% 223	4.97% 62	1,248
Ultimate Frisbee League	31.28% 385	14.62% 180	38.51% 474	12.27% 151	3.33% 41	1,231

Q23 Please list below, any recreation programs or special events that you would like to see offered within the community:

Answered: 405 Skipped: 1,015

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Dance, ballroom, square dance...	2/21/2021 6:37 PM
2	Football	2/15/2021 8:35 PM
3	Outdoor story times from the library. A dog park. Educational nature programs (library). Historical programs (history center). Outdoor movies. Canning and fermentation/food preservation classes. Gardening classes. Fruit and berry planting/maintenance classes.	2/11/2021 2:00 PM
4	Youth chess league. Youth Parkour classes Outdoor Jungle gym and ropes course/ obstacle course	2/6/2021 1:06 PM
5	horseback riding trails similar to those at Latta Plantation	2/4/2021 7:25 PM
6	Basketball camps, softball/pitching camps	1/31/2021 2:03 PM
7	We need a superior competitor league under parks and recreation for soccer and basketball	1/30/2021 11:40 AM
8	Outdoor music venues	1/30/2021 9:45 AM
9	Pickleball tournament	1/28/2021 11:26 PM
10	more outdoor living programs! hunting , fishing, survival, gardening, etc.	1/28/2021 9:45 PM
11	More pickle ball	1/28/2021 4:43 PM
12	Access to athletic fields for rec and club sports	1/28/2021 2:01 PM
13	Youth Flag football	1/27/2021 7:17 PM
14	I would just like to see more buildings available for indoor parties available to rent.	1/27/2021 1:59 PM
15	We would love a skate park or anything that will give older kids something to do after school	1/27/2021 12:30 PM
16	hiking	1/27/2021 9:42 AM
17	disc golf tournament	1/27/2021 8:34 AM
18	rec baseball/softball, running club for kids/teens	1/26/2021 10:46 PM
19	Softball	1/26/2021 8:03 PM
20	Youth soccer for all ages	1/26/2021 7:52 PM
21	Swim camps, skateboard tournaments. Lessons for all sports/activities	1/26/2021 7:02 PM
22	Ice Hockey!	1/26/2021 7:00 PM
23	Youth martial arts/karate	1/26/2021 6:58 PM
24	Pickleball tournament	1/26/2021 6:36 PM
25	Bring Soccer back!	1/26/2021 6:33 PM
26	Cheer/gymnastics/karate	1/26/2021 6:16 PM
27	Lincoln county needs and indoor batting facility	1/26/2021 5:57 PM
28	Walking and hiking programs	1/26/2021 5:52 PM
29	Shooting like gun range	1/26/2021 5:50 PM
30	Adult Dodgeball	1/26/2021 5:48 PM

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31	Flea Market, Car Shows.	1/23/2021 6:58 PM
32	Wiffle ball tournaments	1/21/2021 9:55 PM
33	I'm all for adult league basketball and soccer programs. There's a lot of people who live in the area and travel around just to play in adult leagues.	1/21/2021 8:40 PM
34	Hiking groups for youth, rock climbing instruction	1/21/2021 8:16 AM
35	Fishing club for youth	1/19/2021 8:49 PM
36	Youth soccer	1/19/2021 1:53 PM
37	Chair exercises for Seniors	1/17/2021 10:08 AM
38	Tennis	1/16/2021 9:14 AM
39	Work with the breweries and restaurants in town to establish a tournament that ends with a celebration at a local business downtown.	1/15/2021 11:50 AM
40	Adult and youth roller hockey leagues.	1/14/2021 8:39 PM
41	Indoor futsal	1/14/2021 6:52 PM
42	Soccer facilities for area soccer club and recreation use as well as competitive tournaments/games to be played. Turf preferred but could offer both grass and turf.	1/14/2021 1:35 PM
43	We have the whitewater center that provides a ton of wonderfully done activities . A lot of the activities mentioned (pickle ball , tennis swim) are already offered in Westport, trilogy , Sailview, etc . We would love sports facilities that can accommodate soccer, baseball , basketball , a place for older children & adults to enjoy! Many families already have their own outdoor play set, trampoline or pool , but there is no where for older kids, teens & adults to play sports ! Denver health & fitness & other gyms offer fitness classes etc, so the county doesn't need to offer those programs ! They probably would not be able to compete with the quality of programs offered through private companies .	1/14/2021 9:10 AM
44	We need lighted fields In the eastern part of the county	1/14/2021 7:44 AM
45	youth soccer (outdoor and futsal) in the eastern part of the county;	1/13/2021 11:07 PM
46	Dog park opening!	1/13/2021 4:04 PM
47	Basketball leagues. Basketball camps. Basketball training facility. Football camps. Football training. All sports training	1/13/2021 6:20 AM
48	Running	1/12/2021 8:46 PM
49	West Lincoln gym with racket ball courts. Weight and exercise facility. Concerts. Vendor shows. Religious partnership for concerts and activities.	1/11/2021 11:45 PM
50	I'd just like to see some county youth programs, and not just City of Lincolnton.	1/11/2021 5:33 PM
51	Outdoor basketball for youth in the western end. Soccer in the western part of the county.	1/11/2021 1:11 PM
52	Girls lacrosse/ tennis/	1/11/2021 12:14 PM
53	Adult soccer would be huge. There's a league that plays on a private land every Sunday excluding COVID times of course. As much as youth soccer exploded adult is just as big. Several guys even go as far as Charlotte to play at Strikers every week and they pay money to reserve the fields.	1/10/2021 10:38 PM
54	Yoga	1/10/2021 4:19 PM
55	Adult volleyball - indoor and outdoor	1/10/2021 10:32 AM
56	An indoor and outdoor pool somewhere west of town would be nice. It would provide jobs for teens in the summer, life saving lessons for kids, seniors classes, and a place for West Lincoln to practice and have a swim team.	1/10/2021 3:09 AM
57	Lincolnton is so behind with improvements. Old stuff never updated. Nothing for teens to do.	1/9/2021 2:34 PM
58	Mtb trails, pump tracks, skate parks	1/9/2021 9:44 AM

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59	Pickleball tournament for seniors	1/8/2021 5:15 PM
60	Indoor aquatics-lessons and coaching	1/8/2021 9:20 AM
61	Would love to see camps both summer and school breaks, not daycare camps, actual learning skill camps. Hitting camps, goal making camps, etc.	1/7/2021 10:31 PM
62	Festivals	1/7/2021 10:25 PM
63	Outdoor volleyball nets	1/7/2021 9:59 PM
64	Horseback riding trails	1/7/2021 7:03 PM
65	Equine Trail in County	1/7/2021 3:35 PM
66	Adult Tennis Classes	1/7/2021 1:53 PM
67	Please add horseback accessible trails, similar to Latta Park in Huntersville.	1/7/2021 1:45 PM
68	5k events that are scheduled on Week day or Saturday afternoons that people who work can participate in	1/7/2021 1:32 PM
69	Horse trails in parks.	1/7/2021 9:35 AM
70	N/a	1/7/2021 7:18 AM
71	A dog park. Several community gardens. Expanded protection of watersheds, forests, natural areas.	1/6/2021 10:32 PM
72	River access for fishing and boating	1/6/2021 10:07 PM
73	Fishing, nature walks, historical walks, nature studies, art	1/6/2021 9:15 PM
74	photography opportunities and sites	1/6/2021 8:34 PM
75	Need more river access for fishing and boating	1/6/2021 8:28 PM
76	Swimming	1/6/2021 6:29 PM
77	Volleyball for youth, flag football for youth, swimming for youth, track for youth, homeschool programs for youth in East Lincoln	1/6/2021 5:09 PM
78	Water safety for home pool owners	1/6/2021 3:06 PM
79	Shakespeare in the Park Belly dancing classes ie adult education action courses that are fun	1/6/2021 1:49 PM
80	food truck events, arts festivals, holiday festivals, concert events	1/6/2021 1:24 PM
81	Habitat preservation group, hiking group	1/6/2021 1:07 PM
82	Charity walk/ride to raise money for Lincoln Christian Ministries or to go back into parks	1/6/2021 12:35 PM
83	Nature courses/events for families	1/6/2021 10:51 AM
84	concerts	1/6/2021 10:22 AM
85	Connecting walking, biking jogging trails to connect the city a d parks	1/6/2021 8:33 AM
86	Field Hockey Girls Lacrosse	1/6/2021 8:16 AM
87	aquatics in east lincoln county, 5k or bike races	1/5/2021 11:32 PM
88	Youth baseball soccer football basketball in east Lincoln.	1/5/2021 11:10 PM
89	Some kind of soccer program for rec leagues. We need a pool of some kind for all to use - outdoor with possible bubble for winter use	1/5/2021 8:22 PM
90	Senior activities	1/5/2021 5:51 PM
91	Tennis & bike trails	1/5/2021 4:20 PM
92	Swimming lessons, soccer for kids	1/5/2021 3:11 PM
93	Concerts in an amphitheater with sound system	1/5/2021 2:21 PM

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94	Camp sites. Youth summer camp	1/4/2021 4:33 PM
95	Dog training	1/4/2021 12:51 PM
96	Karate and self defense	1/4/2021 10:24 AM
97	Work with state to improve roads for safe bicycling. Add berms, real lanes and other improvements.	1/3/2021 1:09 PM
98	Pickle ball	1/3/2021 11:09 AM
99	overall fitness classes	1/2/2021 6:50 PM
100	No comment	1/2/2021 5:43 PM
101	Shooting range (trap/skeet/rifle/pistol)	1/2/2021 4:15 PM
102	It would be nice if we could walk safely in our neighborhood!	1/2/2021 3:50 PM
103	Year-round swimming lessons and practice facilities for local school teams.	1/2/2021 1:42 PM
104	Soccer tournaments, baseball tournaments and basketball tournaments that would include new fields for all in East Lincoln.	12/27/2020 10:38 PM
105	Called 3 years ago to let you know kids were slipping on the algae overgrowth in the hot summer months and getting injured, I was told something would be done to fix it and NOTHING was done, it's been years now. I believe I spoke to a person named Barbara. PLEASE FIX THIS ISSUE!!!!	12/26/2020 3:28 PM
106	Concerts in the park	12/23/2020 2:43 PM
107	Water aerobics	12/23/2020 2:38 PM
108	Mountain Bike Trails	12/22/2020 9:29 AM
109	More movies and events.	12/22/2020 9:27 AM
110	Adult and youth pickle ball league	12/22/2020 8:40 AM
111	Lacrosse Referee training program	12/21/2020 10:55 AM
112	Outdoor basketball courts, year round leagues and tournaments; safe outdoor walking trails; community fitness classes ; sports camps for kids..all in Denver	12/20/2020 5:31 PM
113	Indoor pool, high school swim teams	12/20/2020 3:50 PM
114	athletic events/programs that are open to kids that are not offered in schools. activities and programs that utilize the natural resources here	12/20/2020 2:16 PM
115	Park and/or area for special needs children and adults.	12/20/2020 12:50 PM
116	hiking clubs	12/20/2020 11:34 AM
117	baseball/softball leagues	12/20/2020 10:25 AM
118	Art classes free for children...volunteer teachers	12/20/2020 9:36 AM
119	Arts Festival with local artists given first dibs at booths/demos; street festivals with arts & crafts and professional (PAID) entertainment; outdoor concerts that are NOT country music	12/19/2020 9:46 PM
120	Fairs, art shows, music , childrens events	12/19/2020 9:45 PM
121	Quilting classes, running events, community events where you can meet your neighbors.	12/19/2020 6:58 PM
122	Tennis tournaments	12/19/2020 5:06 PM
123	East Lincoln is now home to an increasing number of 55+ communities, but lacks dedicated facilities for Seniors. My mother founded Denver Bridge Group for Seniors years ago which was frequently shut down due to competing youth sports during summer camps. The group is still active, but ultimately had to relocate to a church facility. Seniors make up a large segment of Lincoln Co tax payers, and should not have to compete for space with youth activities.	12/19/2020 2:39 PM
124	Swim lessons.	12/19/2020 2:20 PM

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125	art classes- painting photography classes	12/19/2020 1:28 PM
126	Indoor swimming Safe bike and running lanes or trails Longer walking/hiking traiks	12/19/2020 12:45 PM
127	Sheltered rental, handicapped equipment playground, movies at the park, safe environment, push button emergency poles with lights on them throughout the park to push in case of medical or unsafe emergencies.	12/18/2020 2:06 AM
128	Special needs sports, basketball courts at highland park	12/17/2020 11:23 PM
129	Rugby (union rules)	12/17/2020 11:48 AM
130	The dog park is a total waste of our tax paying money.	12/17/2020 10:08 AM
131	Mountain bike races. Trail Running races.	12/16/2020 8:57 AM
132	Yoga	12/14/2020 11:19 PM
133	Activities geared to older persons with associated health, physical issues. It is difficult to participate in many activities as they are geared to a wider, younger age group.	12/14/2020 10:29 PM
134	City/County Rec led 5k walks, weight loss program w/teams	12/14/2020 3:49 PM
135	I would like to see more trails connecting public areas	12/14/2020 2:57 PM
136	I would love to see a Dog Park Most of all; Others things are Art Walks; craft events; Informational Demonstrations; Cooking Classes; Tours of Homes and Businesses;	12/14/2020 12:24 AM
137	Splash pad, flag football, youth baseball	12/13/2020 10:53 PM
138	Shot range	12/13/2020 2:31 PM
139	Tennis and Soccer in Denver pretty please!	12/13/2020 1:55 PM
140	Organized Bike Rides	12/13/2020 10:35 AM
141	Fishing clubs, kayak and conoe classes, tubing.	12/13/2020 7:48 AM
142	Little league baseball	12/12/2020 8:18 PM
143	Toddler sports (for 2 year olds)	12/12/2020 8:03 PM
144	skeet shooting location in eastern Lincoln	12/12/2020 7:59 PM
145	Other gaming events, Chess, Cards, Boardgames	12/12/2020 5:57 PM
146	Sand volleyball	12/11/2020 8:10 PM
147	More Open Space for Nature Hikes and Education	12/11/2020 6:37 PM
148	Music	12/9/2020 8:54 PM
149	Fishing guides and tournaments	12/9/2020 4:04 PM
150	?	12/9/2020 1:18 PM
151	badminton	12/9/2020 11:35 AM
152	Biking, walking and running trails	12/9/2020 6:11 AM
153	Provide more programs for kids living in the city. A youth football league, not a two hand touch league, should be offered.	12/8/2020 11:14 PM
154	Softball league for adults	12/8/2020 8:45 PM
155	More dog events	12/8/2020 8:30 PM
156	Bluegrass Event	12/8/2020 7:13 PM
157	Zumba	12/8/2020 6:31 PM
158	Well maintained spaces for recreation are needed and not organized activities.	12/8/2020 5:47 PM
159	Dance team for kids	12/8/2020 5:40 PM

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160	Recreation center, boys & girls club, big brother/big sister programs, music jam sessions (open for anyone who wants to join others playing and singing) P.A.L. program(police auxiliary League) bike / skate park, dances,	12/8/2020 4:32 PM
161	I think that the county can offer sport leagues that	12/8/2020 4:20 PM
162	Guided Nature Exploration, Indoor exercise classes/yoga	12/8/2020 2:51 PM
163	Disc golf league/community	12/8/2020 2:33 PM
164	Car Shows, Christmas Celebrations (similar to what Forest City has or the Christmas Crawl), Ice Skating Rink in the Winter, Bowling Alley, Lake Access is huge because we have no public access on Lincoln County's side	12/8/2020 2:20 PM
165	Pro Soccer fields for competitive soccer events like Cherry Park in Rock Hill. This would bring more people/business to our town/county for hotels/shopping/restaurants/ etc!	12/8/2020 1:27 PM
166	Skate park- Lots of kids in our area skate. Paved walk ways for biking and exercise. During this time families need to be outside together. The health of our kids should be a priority and providing these facilities would encourage kids to get outside to play. Catawba meadows, goat island, Martha rivers, etc are excellent parks in our area to use as reference.	12/8/2020 1:22 PM
167	Exercise classes, art, dance,	12/8/2020 12:57 PM
168	Dance	12/8/2020 12:54 PM
169	Camps for youth	12/8/2020 12:47 PM
170	Animal events	12/8/2020 12:45 PM
171	Movies in the park!	12/8/2020 12:43 PM
172	Disc golf	12/8/2020 12:29 PM
173	I wish I knew more about what is already offered. In addition, my family enjoys nature based activities and kayaking.	12/8/2020 12:10 PM
174	Lacrosse	12/8/2020 8:17 AM
175	Pickleball	12/8/2020 7:05 AM
176	None	12/8/2020 6:53 AM
177	Running trails/programs	12/7/2020 8:35 PM
178	Biking, kayaking, hiking, outdoor theater camps, teaching bike safety courses and archery	12/7/2020 7:08 PM
179	Indoor swimming lessons for eastern side of county, adult learning centers for reading, educational nature events	12/7/2020 5:43 PM
180	Hiking and biking	12/7/2020 5:18 PM
181	Cycling, Triathlons	12/7/2020 4:16 PM
182	online gaming/esports league free yoga	12/7/2020 3:35 PM
183	Running events Triathlons	12/7/2020 3:10 PM
184	More holiday events for community, Movies in the Park, more senior games opportunities	12/7/2020 3:09 PM
185	Youth League football basketball baseball in the North Lincoln community	12/7/2020 2:24 PM
186	softball camps, volleyball camps	12/7/2020 12:33 PM
187	Pickle ball, softball and football camps.	12/7/2020 12:12 PM
188	More stuff with dogs	12/7/2020 11:15 AM
189	Farmers Market	12/7/2020 10:36 AM
190	movie in the park	12/7/2020 10:09 AM
191	more soccer for toddlers/gymnastics	12/7/2020 9:21 AM

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192	Teen programs like Dungeons and Dragons. Gaming league for smash bros. Mountain bike trails.	12/7/2020 8:50 AM
193	Pickleball	12/7/2020 8:40 AM
194	Inclusion sports teams for children who need a little extra coaching (ex ADD, ADHD kids)	12/7/2020 8:37 AM
195	I'd love some sort of arts/performance program offered at an outdoor facility at a park. More family-friendly events, especially for younger children.	12/7/2020 8:30 AM
196	Organized pickleball events	12/7/2020 8:27 AM
197	Outdoor theater	12/7/2020 8:25 AM
198	Denver needs a pool badly! The high schools could use them in addition to kids learning how to swim. You can't even do flip turns in the YMCA pool because it is so shallow. A major drawback to younger families moving here is that sense of a community, which a pool would help.	12/7/2020 8:23 AM
199	I would love to see more hiking, biking, running trails. Also, making use of the water with kayaking and canoeing. Please make rental of Kayaks and canoes affordable for families.	12/7/2020 8:20 AM
200	idk	12/7/2020 8:18 AM
201	A skate park would be awesome!; Nicer splash pad in central Lincoln County, disc golf leagues and/or camps	12/7/2020 8:17 AM
202	Table top game leagues-War Hammer, Dungeons and Dragons, Magic the Gathering-big interest in these at high school level...no one in the county offers anything-big need, expand gaming league to Smash Brothers and other games.	12/7/2020 8:08 AM
203	Contra Dancing and Salsa Dancing classes.	12/7/2020 8:06 AM
204	I'd like to see utilization of the river at Betty G--it would be nice to tube or kayak on that resource	12/7/2020 8:04 AM
205	raquetball league	12/7/2020 8:03 AM
206	Fitness challenges (run/walk); maybe coaching for improving fitness; expanded rail trail; expanded recreation leagues for kids that are not necessarily into organized sports	12/6/2020 2:16 PM
207	Please add indoor & outdoor regulation pickleball courts. Courts need to be lighted & have bathroom facilities close by. Room for parking as well!	12/6/2020 1:40 PM
208	Baseball	12/6/2020 12:35 PM
209	Youth Rugby program in connection with USA RUGBY. Adult county rugby program (touch rugby).	12/6/2020 10:23 AM
210	Boy scout and Girl scout camping facility and area, some islands in lake could accommodate	12/6/2020 9:15 AM
211	Regular golf accessible to young folks through organized program	12/6/2020 8:09 AM
212	Pickleball	12/6/2020 7:23 AM
213	Summer programs for middle schoolers 11-15.	12/5/2020 8:21 PM
214	Orienteering and outdoor survival education	12/5/2020 7:36 PM
215	youth soccer, dance in the Denver area	12/5/2020 6:41 PM
216	Activities like crocheting, knitting, calligraphy, using technology.	12/5/2020 5:54 PM
217	Soccer Leagues (adults and children), Outdoor educational programs from children	12/5/2020 3:33 PM
218	10k race.	12/5/2020 12:51 PM
219	Adult Classes Zumba, Dance, Line Dancing Craft Shows	12/5/2020 12:20 PM
220	shooting and skeet, similar to Foothills in Cherryville, include gun safety classes.	12/5/2020 11:59 AM
221	Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the country.	12/5/2020 10:08 AM
222	Tennis or pickle ball	12/5/2020 9:56 AM

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223	Hockey, swimming, pickleball	12/5/2020 9:41 AM
224	Tennis competitions	12/5/2020 8:50 AM
225	Fireworks	12/4/2020 5:22 PM
226	Theater	12/4/2020 5:06 PM
227	Plogging 5k. Dog Events. Outdoor Movies. Outdoor Kids Games- Field Day. Earth Day Events. Recycling Bins.	12/4/2020 4:49 PM
228	I think adding an Amphitheater where we could have live performances and music would be a wonderful addition since there's nowhere outside now that fits that atmosphere	12/4/2020 2:27 PM
229	Duplicate bridge club, when Covid allows same. Over 60 years old disc golf club/tournament.	12/4/2020 1:46 PM
230	More Music in the park	12/4/2020 12:10 PM
231	Master swimmer	12/4/2020 11:12 AM
232	Sports lessons. There are adults, teens, and children who don't know how to play certain sports games and the idea of joining a league is not attractive because they don't know the basics. Perhaps a series of sign up classes during the summer to teach sports from a zero knowledge base. Just a few hours per class, sign ups encouraged but allow people to drop in since a lot of times information doesn't get circulated well and people don't see the information until the day before.	12/4/2020 10:30 AM
233	yoga, tai chi	12/4/2020 9:38 AM
234	Community 5ks	12/4/2020 9:24 AM
235	N/a	12/4/2020 9:14 AM
236	Educational nature trail program for kids/adults. Creek side educational program for aquatic life within creeks. Fishing tournaments for kids and adults outside of the lake.	12/3/2020 11:51 PM
237	Love the idea of movie in the park	12/3/2020 2:40 PM
238	Movies in the Park	12/3/2020 1:56 PM
239	BMX racing like Hornets Nest Park or Mountain Bike/Trail racing events	12/3/2020 12:04 PM
240	Pottery, History, more emphasis on Battle of Ramsours Mill and Lincoln county Historical property and Historical figures.	12/3/2020 11:54 AM
241	The county needs to have a Rec person stationed at each optimist to help run the day to day operations. This could be a partnership. If this would happen then loading of teams would not occur because outside supervision would keep teams neutral. This would also allow for planning for more sport opportunities for youth across the county soccer, baseball, football and lacrosse could be expanded to all areas of the county through partnership with optimist clubs. County has rec employees that could manage these programs and improve them all.	12/3/2020 8:56 AM
242	Yoga, fitness,	12/3/2020 7:48 AM
243	Lincoln County Running Championship based on age group finishes in County Road Races over the year	12/2/2020 10:09 PM
244	Pickle ball tournament and league	12/2/2020 8:09 PM
245	I would like to see facilities that can host events such as lacrosse, baseball/softball, soccer, basketball etc tournaments that can draw teams from out of the area on weekends. It can also be rented during the week to teams for practices. Turf fields, while higher initial cost, provide the ability to host even in inclement weather without ruining them. They are also multi-functional allowing different sports to be played to ensure most weekends can be filled.	12/2/2020 7:29 PM
246	Adult Basketball League Disc Gold League	12/2/2020 7:17 PM
247	Tennis club, yoga in the parks	12/2/2020 5:44 PM
248	Skateboard, BMX, Scooter competitions	12/2/2020 5:01 PM
249	Outdoor concert or movies.	12/2/2020 3:46 PM

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250	E-Sports and online gaming sounds amazing. It'll give teens, kids, and some adults to get out of their house and interact with other people with the same interest.	12/2/2020 2:57 PM
251	E-sports is a definite for me i feel like it could possibly put lincolnton on the map due to it's popularity with the youth people would come from all around just to watch the teams play if handled correctly and planned uniquely	12/2/2020 2:41 PM
252	concerts, more of the 4-H programs like the Frosty Farm Tour	12/2/2020 12:48 PM
253	more rail-trails in county, especially east and west	12/2/2020 11:29 AM
254	shooting range	12/2/2020 11:25 AM
255	wild life programs and gardening programs	12/2/2020 10:59 AM
256	arts program	12/2/2020 10:39 AM
257	We would love to see a pickleball court and recreation club set up! Also, more outdoor camp options for younger children between ages 3-5.	12/2/2020 10:17 AM
258	Bike riding groups are always fun. For leisurely bike rides.	12/2/2020 8:51 AM
259	I live too far away to participate in any activities	12/2/2020 8:28 AM
260	Adult dodgeball league	12/2/2020 7:44 AM
261	Master's swimming	12/2/2020 7:22 AM
262	Kayak clubs	12/1/2020 7:42 PM
263	Concerts, cultural events, food events	12/1/2020 6:39 PM
264	Kayaking/Canoeing events	12/1/2020 3:35 PM
265	None! Improve roads first because this will only make the traffic problem worse. We need roads!	12/1/2020 2:45 PM
266	no notes	12/1/2020 2:21 PM
267	Kayaking or stand up paddle board. A lake just for these activities and not boats. Like Price Lake in Blowing Rock. with walking trails and dog park.	12/1/2020 1:42 PM
268	softball league	12/1/2020 1:31 PM
269	MUSIC EVENTS	12/1/2020 1:17 PM
270	more 5k runs (color runs) community trash/litter clean up sports tournaments movie in the park! community garden builds	12/1/2020 1:16 PM
271	Think you could have an ice skating rink in FFP in the winter	12/1/2020 1:13 PM
272	Year round swimming...access to a heated pool in cooler months.	12/1/2020 12:58 PM
273	N/a	12/1/2020 12:42 PM
274	Youth basketball, soccer, and volleyball from the county not the optimist club.	12/1/2020 11:56 AM
275	5 or 10K's for charity Community clean up/give back days live music events outdoor movies for families	12/1/2020 10:58 AM
276	Safe walking in Town, Hiking, Nature Preserves.	12/1/2020 10:54 AM
277	youth basketball again	12/1/2020 10:31 AM
278	Adult Basketball league Softball league	12/1/2020 10:30 AM
279	Lap swimming in west lincoln.	12/1/2020 7:18 AM
280	I would like to see more stuff for mountain bikers.	11/30/2020 8:46 PM
281	All of them	11/30/2020 7:43 PM
282	It would be really nice to have indoor/ swimming , in the highly growing Denver area !	11/30/2020 6:02 PM

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283	Splash pad and toddler area	11/30/2020 4:44 PM
284	Lacrosse	11/30/2020 4:25 PM
285	Pool access	11/30/2020 4:06 PM
286	Bark in the Park event, Movies in the Park event, Food Truck Rally event, Adult Basketball League	11/30/2020 3:25 PM
287	Indoor swimming pool	11/30/2020 2:42 PM
288	Ice Hockey Program. Swim Team Homeschool programs!!!	11/30/2020 1:02 PM
289	Environmental Education classes	11/29/2020 9:41 PM
290	Programs and/or inclusive events for individuals (especially youth and young adults) who use wheelchairs or who have physical limitations and use assistive devices	11/29/2020 7:13 AM
291	Aerobic classes	11/28/2020 4:42 PM
292	East Lincoln Community Center needs to be available for teens and young adults. Dozens of kids were at ELMS 2-3 nights a week	11/28/2020 2:39 PM
293	Youth flag football, holiday events, summer outdoor events	11/28/2020 12:42 PM
294	Youth LAX Theatrical classes for youth; Lots of events/mixers for senior citizens. Advocation seminars for our Senior Citizens.	11/28/2020 10:24 AM
295	Indoor pool for winter use	11/26/2020 2:49 PM
296	Dog park up and running	11/26/2020 2:17 PM
297	Bmx race	11/26/2020 11:01 AM
298	Indoor and outdoor 50 meter X 25 yard Olympic size pools with 10 meter diving tower that would lead to swim team for club and fir high schools to practice at.	11/26/2020 7:32 AM
299	Exercise programs for seniors	11/25/2020 11:20 PM
300	More nature and beauty less frivolous games that are used by a few.	11/25/2020 8:58 PM
301	More live music or movies outdoors.	11/25/2020 8:45 PM
302	More youth lacrosse!	11/25/2020 8:23 PM
303	Indoor pool for lessons, swim competition, water safety	11/25/2020 7:51 PM
304	As a kid parks were full with tournaments, events, and people. Now parks and trails are near empty and good health is declining. I just want that to change.	11/25/2020 4:50 PM
305	Youth lacrosse is a growing sport. We need more facilities to accommodate this. As the sport grows parks and rec could profit from lacrosse tournaments they could host	11/25/2020 4:22 PM
306	Adult Flag football	11/25/2020 4:14 PM
307	Skating / ice hockey rink indoor or outdoor	11/25/2020 3:58 PM
308	N/A	11/25/2020 3:14 PM
309	Adult Softball and Basketball in East Lincoln optimist. Field 1 could be used for adult Softball.	11/25/2020 3:00 PM
310	Indoor Senior activity year round ex: Bingo, board games, Crafts etc	11/25/2020 2:12 PM
311	Youth flag football, basketball and volleyball	11/25/2020 2:03 PM
312	Soccer programs	11/25/2020 1:42 PM
313	Skating park	11/25/2020 1:28 PM
314	Children's art classes, children's dance classes, childrens gymnastic and tumbling classes. Children's photography classes, children's coding classes, children's cooking and baking classes, holiday children parties (pancakes with Santa type events), winter iceskating, tree lighting, toddler enrichment classes, toddler music experience, children's music classes, children's performance classes (music and theater), family yoga, children's etiquette classes,	11/25/2020 12:55 PM

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	teen skill development classes (finance management, screenwriting, video production, graphic design) children's choir, creative writing workshop, cake/cookie decorating for holidays,	
315	Pool and decent soccer fields.	11/25/2020 12:53 PM
316	More exercise classes and things directed to young/middle aged adults. It seems like everything is for children and old people.	11/25/2020 12:45 PM
317	Water Aerobics	11/25/2020 12:39 PM
318	none	11/21/2020 8:21 AM
319	..	11/19/2020 8:14 AM
320	Bark in the park	11/13/2020 10:05 PM
321	Pickle Ball League and tournaments	11/11/2020 12:49 PM
322	Tournaments for flag football and soccer. Concerts.	11/10/2020 2:27 PM
323	SOCCKER	11/10/2020 12:33 PM
324	Master gardening courses	11/10/2020 10:04 AM
325	Dance classes, sewing/knitting/quilting classes, offered at times other than work day hours	11/9/2020 8:09 PM
326	Out door learning spaces and gathering space for events.	11/9/2020 7:53 PM
327	Soccer tennis basketball	11/9/2020 7:25 PM
328	I would love to see the baseball/softball fields used for travel ball tournaments. I feel this could bring a lot of money to our city/county.	11/9/2020 5:13 PM
329	Adult volleyball league	11/9/2020 3:41 PM
330	More pickleball opportunities Public tennis courts not at a high school	11/9/2020 3:34 PM
331	Not interested	11/9/2020 2:51 PM
332	None	11/9/2020 2:51 PM
333	NA	11/9/2020 12:14 PM
334	Community yoga classes	11/9/2020 10:16 AM
335	Those facilities which benefit area but are also valued by leagues outside area which can be used for tournaments. We have the land... use it to make money and facilities become "free" to residents	11/9/2020 9:59 AM
336	Outdoor basketball and baseball facilities	11/9/2020 9:36 AM
337	Hosting travel ball tournament	11/9/2020 9:34 AM
338	Travel Baseball Tournaments. The surrounding areas bring in a lot of revenue by hosting these. It would be nice to keep those dollars closer to home. We have several teams locally and numerous others within driving distance of Lincoln County. We travel up to an hour on occasion and play in other counties on fields not nearly as nice as Lincoln County could offer.	11/9/2020 9:10 AM
339	Tennis programs and softball leagues	11/9/2020 9:08 AM
340	Baseball Fields besides ELOC.. A park similar to Huntersville/Cornelius	11/9/2020 8:55 AM
341	Did I mention baseball? We are losing revenue to other counties who have made investments into quality baseball parks.	11/9/2020 8:43 AM
342	Youth Flag football, tennis tournaments, adult and youth	11/9/2020 8:42 AM
343	Chess tornaments	11/9/2020 8:32 AM
344	Tennis leasons, leagues, and tournaments.	11/9/2020 8:09 AM
345	We need soccer fields and club in the area for youth	11/9/2020 8:03 AM
346	Tennis courts	11/9/2020 8:01 AM

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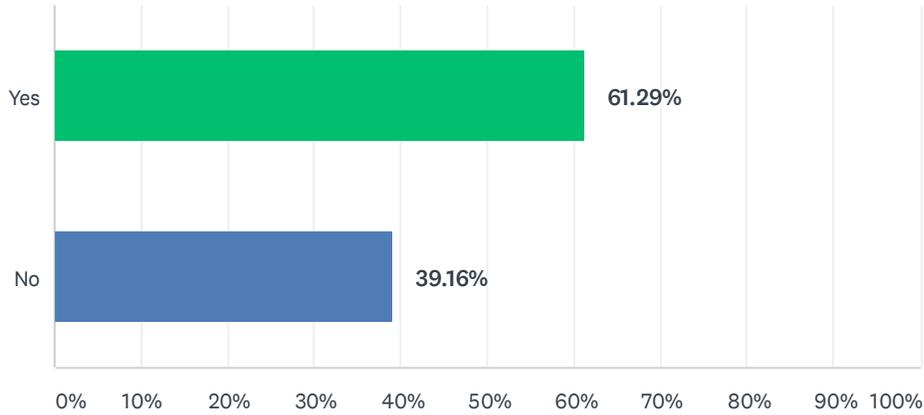
347	More baseball/softball (kids/adults) for tournaments/leagues. Flag football too	11/9/2020 7:57 AM
348	Tennis lessons	11/9/2020 7:40 AM
349	Shooting & Archery	11/9/2020 7:29 AM
350	Youth soccer in East Lincoln, other youth sports. An indoor pool in East Lincoln would be amazing!!	11/9/2020 7:03 AM
351	Turf fields for soccer, football and lacrosse	11/8/2020 11:39 PM
352	Line dancing for seniors	11/8/2020 11:33 PM
353	Tennis, mountain biking, movies at the park, music at the park	11/8/2020 10:33 PM
354	Exercise classes or coordinated clubs/groups like a walking group, biking, tennis, etc. many folks can't afford membership to Westport or verdict ridge clubs and would like the opportunity to play tennis at a nice venue.	11/8/2020 9:57 PM
355	Pickle ball, ultimate frisbee, Book clubs, art groups, play production, live music events, soccer, chess clubs,	11/8/2020 9:36 PM
356	Pickle Ball, Soccer & Tennis	11/8/2020 9:26 PM
357	Anything tennis!	11/8/2020 9:16 PM
358	Nature hikes	11/8/2020 9:04 PM
359	Fall festival, Christmas something	11/8/2020 8:46 PM
360	We need to open up the non-traditional sports/activities. Swimming, tennis, volleyball, etc	11/8/2020 8:43 PM
361	Baseball tournament capability in east Lincoln	11/8/2020 8:41 PM
362	Pickle ball camp/ lessons in east lincoln	11/8/2020 8:23 PM
363	Yoga classes	11/8/2020 8:08 PM
364	Tennis	11/8/2020 8:01 PM
365	Little library book exchange, heritage/history center and events, wildlife observation areas	11/8/2020 8:00 PM
366	Tennis, bike trails	11/8/2020 7:58 PM
367	Tennis teams - USTA has grants for new tennis courts	11/8/2020 7:46 PM
368	educational history and walking tours	11/8/2020 5:57 PM
369	Mountain Bike or cyclocross races especially for youth. Girls field hockey or lacrosse for girls. Tennis programs for all ages. LC swim. Complex for travel ball tournament to bring in revenue for parks and Rec.	11/8/2020 2:32 PM
370	Guided nature hikes discussing flora and fauna. Dog parks.	11/8/2020 12:32 PM
371	Youth sports is severely underserved or non-existent. East Lincoln Optimist is the only youth sports program. There are not enough baseball/softball fields, indoor basketball courts. There are 1000+ homes under construction in Denver.	11/8/2020 11:17 AM
372	Public Adult Tennis Tournaments	11/8/2020 11:14 AM
373	Lincoln county should be embarrassed that we can't even offer our kids a Rex basketball program because there are not enough gyms to have practice. Our paved trails are non-existent and we don't even have sidewalks to compensate for anything. No soccer field. Etc. more focus is need in the eastern part of the county. Stop bringing everything to Lincolnton. We can't enjoy it on a daily basis because it is simply too far to drive	11/8/2020 8:59 AM
374	Public tennis courts would be great in th Denver area.	11/8/2020 8:23 AM
375	Tennis	11/8/2020 7:49 AM
376	Nature center, environmental educational programs	11/7/2020 9:36 PM
377	Horseshoe league	11/7/2020 12:11 PM

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378	Would love to see tennis programs offered in Lincoln county. There are so many people that play tennis in Lincoln County.	11/7/2020 11:23 AM
379	Tennis	11/7/2020 11:22 AM
380	Chair Yoga, Regular yoga Game nights Fitness classes for seniors	11/7/2020 9:53 AM
381	Mountain bike races	11/7/2020 7:53 AM
382	More hiking trails that are challenging	11/7/2020 7:42 AM
383	BMX track and BMX racing like Hornets nest park	11/7/2020 7:20 AM
384	Trap and skeet fields, currently I go to Gastonia. 3 fields, managed by one employee. Currently they throw 4 trailer loads of targets a year. Excellent youth programs working with schools , has produced national champions. Very affordable prices for residents of Gastonia and senior citizens.	11/7/2020 1:02 AM
385	I would just like to see a recreation program offered in the east	11/6/2020 10:04 PM
386	Dog parks	11/6/2020 9:44 PM
387	Senior Citizens activities	11/6/2020 9:41 PM
388	Inside events for Seniors. We need a Senior center for East Lincoln Residents.	11/6/2020 9:32 PM
389	Somewhere for the Performing Arts Community to perform. There are so few options and in the dance world, we all perform at the same time.	11/6/2020 8:53 PM
390	Environmental education initiatives	11/6/2020 7:38 PM
391	Indoor water aerobics in eastern Lincoln County.	11/6/2020 7:36 PM
392	I would like more athletics available for youth specifically In Denver	11/6/2020 7:26 PM
393	Youth running programs, youth speed and agility programs, youth conditioning programs, year round soccer fields, indoor soccer or outdoor soccer that mimics indoor (see Strikers Soccer Center in Huntersville facility - they also rent their fields out for pickup games)	11/6/2020 7:25 PM
394	Tennis programs	11/6/2020 7:10 PM
395	Yoga	11/6/2020 7:04 PM
396	Baseball, Softball, Basketball tournaments and facilities for youth.	11/6/2020 9:57 AM
397	Canoe / raft event from Betty Ross. Food trucks at park....Lunch and Launch	11/5/2020 11:19 AM
398	pottery classes since that is something of significance to this area	11/4/2020 6:57 AM
399	Something for Families. Not just adults or just children	11/2/2020 5:20 AM
400	Youth sports, swimming and other aquatic activities, festivals, evening programs.	11/1/2020 9:30 PM
401	Indoor aquatic center is a huge need!	10/30/2020 2:44 PM
402	Zumba	10/30/2020 1:52 PM
403	Adult sports leagues, wider range of kid leagues, outdoor equipment, nature park	10/30/2020 12:30 PM
404	Soccer	10/30/2020 12:20 PM
405	More youth sports (for ages 3 through 10) such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, tumbling/dance	10/30/2020 11:15 AM

Q24 Do you use any school or private facilities (Lincolnton High School tennis courts, elementary school playgrounds, YMCAs, private fitness clubs, etc.) for recreation or leisure activities?

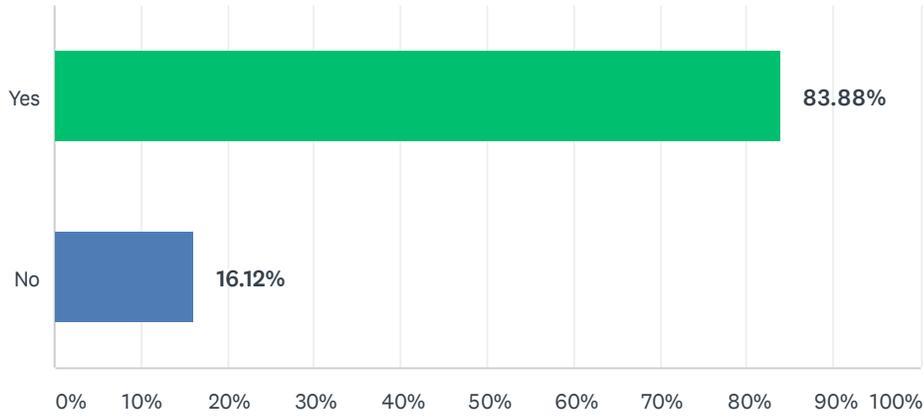
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.29%	828
No	39.16%	529
Total Respondents: 1,351		

Q25 Do you feel there is a need for additional recreational park space in Lincoln County?

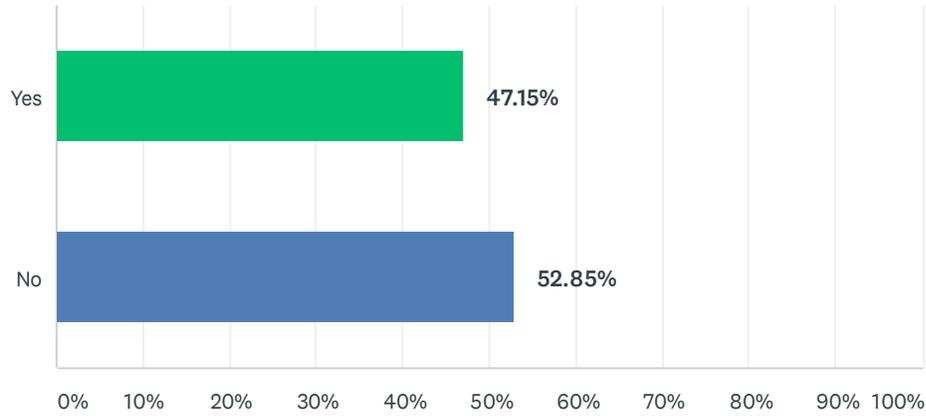
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.88%	1,129
No	16.12%	217
TOTAL		1,346

Q26 Do you feel there is a need for additional recreational park space within the City of Lincolnnton?

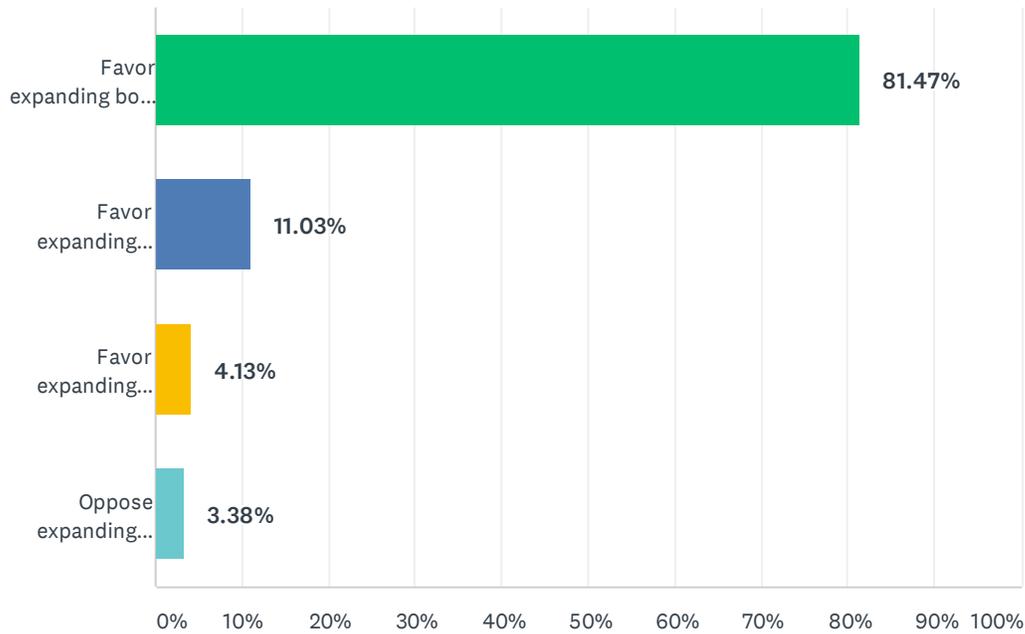
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.15%	579
No	52.85%	649
TOTAL		1,228

Q27 Would you favor or oppose expanding recreational opportunities (facilities and/or programming) in Lincoln County?

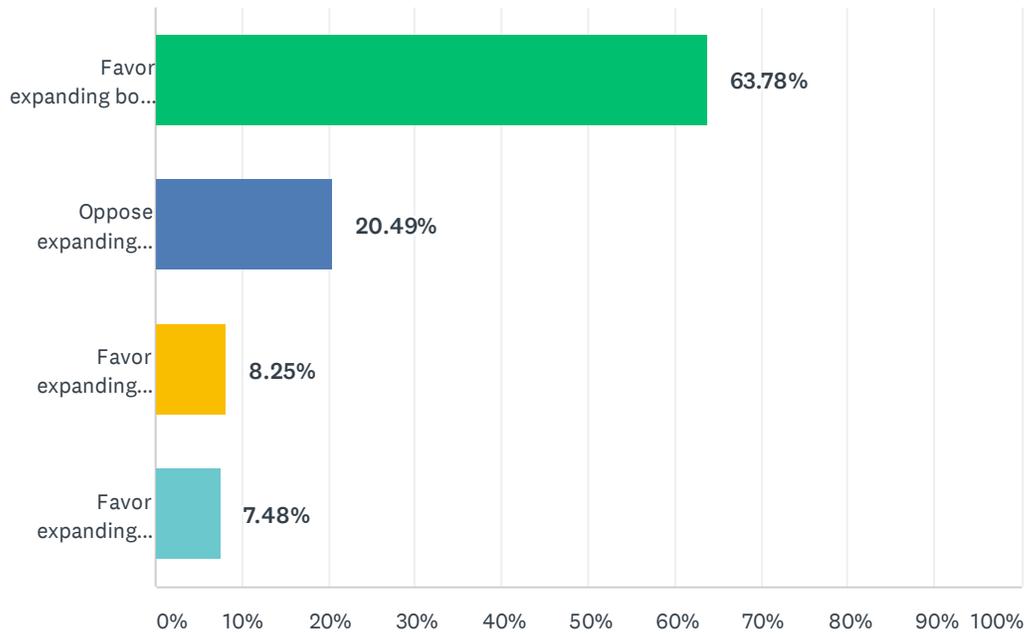
Answered: 1,333 Skipped: 87



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor expanding both facilities & programming	81.47%	1,086
Favor expanding facilities only	11.03%	147
Favor expanding programming only	4.13%	55
Oppose expanding facilities & programming	3.38%	45
TOTAL		1,333

Q28 Would you favor or oppose expanding recreational opportunities (facilities and/or programming) in the City of Lincolnton?

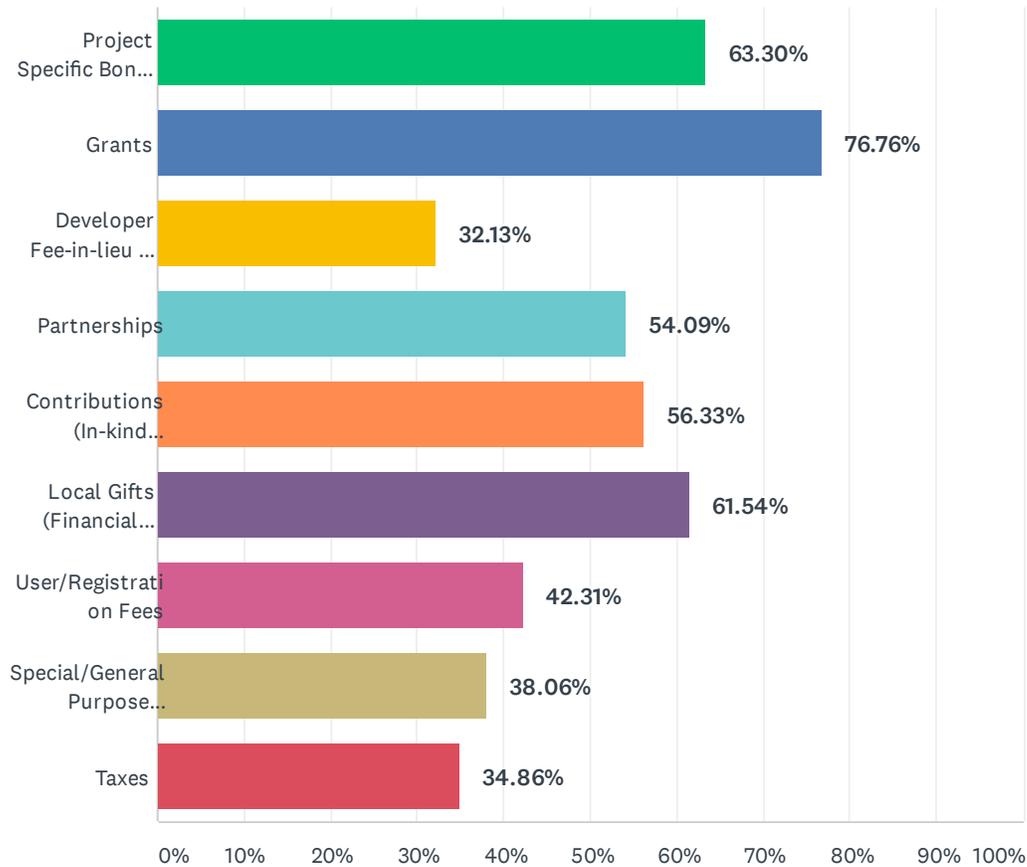
Answered: 1,176 Skipped: 244



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Favor expanding both facilities & programming	63.78%	750
Oppose expanding facilities & programming	20.49%	241
Favor expanding programming only	8.25%	97
Favor expanding facilities only	7.48%	88
TOTAL		1,176

Q29 What, if any, sources of funding are you willing to support in order to make improvements, build new facilities, and create programs? Check all that apply.

Answered: 1,248 Skipped: 172



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Project Specific Bond Referendums (A bond referendum gives voters the power to decide if the governing body should be authorized to borrow funding for capital projects with General Obligation (G.O.) bonds that are backed by a pledge of the full faith and credit, the taxing power, of the governing body. G.O. bonds are debt instruments authorized by the public that can be issued by the governing body during a 7-year period (which can be extended to 10 years). The Town will pay back the principal and interest over time, like a home mortgage, from the governing body's general funds.)	63.30%	790
Grants	76.76%	958
Developer Fee-in-lieu of Park Construction	32.13%	401
Partnerships	54.09%	675
Contributions (In-kind property donations)	56.33%	703
Local Gifts (Financial donations)	61.54%	768
User/Registration Fees	42.31%	528
Special/General Purpose Foundations	38.06%	475
Taxes	34.86%	435
Total Respondents: 1,248		

Q30 Additional Comments:

Answered: 248 Skipped: 1,172

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Duplicate City of Lincolnton programs at Optimist site.	2/21/2021 6:37 PM
2	Rock Springs Nature Park landscaping and maintenance is in dire need, removal of fallen dead trees, shrub care, proper mulching round playground picnic area, pave the whole .4 mile loop trail, improve poor drainage areas, add more natural trees to replace dead ones, mulch forest trails to cover tree roots, etc.	2/19/2021 2:12 PM
3	I would love to see more programs related to food preservation, gardening, fruit tree growing and maintenance. I would also love to see more outdoor programs offered by the library (nature and literacy) and historical association. We love walking trails and would benefit from adding more hiking trails to our area. I would also love to have a dog park. I would also like more opportunities for kayaking.	2/11/2021 2:00 PM
4	I feel there are various ways but I mean user fees are the most ideal. I personally pay fees to go to Charlotte but would much rather stay local and pay fees but no have to travel two hours three days a week by going to other facilities or programs outside of the county	1/30/2021 11:40 AM
5	Opening up indoor facility at Betty Ross park for pickleball.	1/30/2021 9:45 AM
6	Vale park needs to be updated badly! parking lot needs to be paved and more activities. only thing there is playground, ballfields and walking track. I believe if it offered more it would be used more.	1/28/2021 9:45 PM
7	I don't know enough to comment on the last questions because I am not knowledgeable about budget availability/needs to expand programming/facilities. I would think that keeping the existing ones well maintained and equipped would be first priority such as the gym, pool, disc golf course, courts and nets... would love to see more comfortable chairs and shade at the pool?	1/28/2021 12:32 PM
8	We need maintained and playable soccer fields in Denver!!!	1/28/2021 12:14 PM
9	Need more fields. Turf fields are expensive, but are very convenient and require less maintenance, etc.	1/28/2021 7:07 AM
10	Raise Taxes	1/27/2021 6:03 PM
11	I believe it's important to open up Betty G. Ross Park as cities and states, all over the country, are opening up.	1/27/2021 5:27 PM
12	The county has too many facilities that are not being utilized. I'd rather see the money go towards improving the city facilities and programs that are used regularly. Unless there is an expansion of county programming that utilizes facilities such as the parks in west Lincoln and Vale, it is a complete waste of money to maintain these facilities.	1/27/2021 12:30 PM
13	Thanks	1/27/2021 9:10 AM
14	I really couldn't say what sources of funding I'd be willing to support without further information about them.	1/26/2021 10:46 PM
15	Taxes are too high now especially in the city!!! Do not allow the gym at Betty Ross Park to be used as a voting facility!!! They should use the City Hall or Citizen Center instead!!!	1/26/2021 8:48 PM
16	Within the city of Lincolnton we don't need to expand the parks we just need to overhaul and improve the space that is there.	1/26/2021 7:36 PM
17	Would love to see hiking/biking trails with picnic/grilling shelters in western Lincoln county	1/26/2021 7:15 PM
18	Get rid of covid restrictions and you can get money again.	1/26/2021 5:50 PM
19	The county needs to take West Lincoln Optimist back into the recreation dept. It needs to be	1/26/2021 5:48 PM

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	funded by the county.	
20	Proper use of funds already allocated.	1/25/2021 1:04 PM
21	#29 is that not why we pay taxes? To have stuff in tip top shape? Sorta what it should be dont ya think. Oh and get rid of Wayne Howard at The Lincoln Herald. He is extremely liberal and tries for forcibly make people believe his way is the right way. I have told him where to shove his liberal one sided opinion several times. People are seriously getting fed up with him.	1/23/2021 10:23 PM
22	No new taxes.	1/23/2021 6:58 PM
23	This survey seems like it hardly applies to Lincoln county (roller derby rink?). I would like to think our leaders could think of more specific and helpful examples than this survey. Lincoln county is a unique place and the survey should reflect it	1/21/2021 9:55 PM
24	Would like to see a disc golf course in western lincoln county. The only viable course in the county is in the eastern part of the county. Betty Ross is often flooded.	1/19/2021 7:06 AM
25	Please provide an online searchable map with all the parks & rec locations that's searchable by type of feature (playground, picnic shelter, splash pad, etc.) and also a printable pdf map of all the parks & rec locations (with addresses) with a map "key" or legend with the features at each location. For example, I can't find any reference to the rail trail on your web page and had no idea such a park existed in the county. I could find no comprehensive list online of the parks locations.	1/16/2021 5:16 PM
26	Would likr to havr Longer connected hiking & bike paths, possibly utilizing land below/next to Duke power towers	1/16/2021 12:06 PM
27	Especially now with the pandemic there are a lot more people walking and running on Main Street in Lincolnton on the sidewalks. It struck me the other day when I was running through town that both pedestrians and folks in cars have to really watch out for each other. I'd love to see Main Street from the Police Station to past the library be transformed into one big pedestrian only area. It would take some coordination with City Planning (as far as parking), but I think it could even enhance our business environment. Customers can park nearby and walk to the Main Street businesses. Walkers, runners and bike riders could enjoy beautiful Main Street without having to dodge cars and trucks. Just an idea. Thanks for your time. Eric Nachamie 1507 Bumgarner James Lane Lincolnton NC 28092	1/15/2021 6:02 PM
28	Don't forget our high schools have talented students who take courses in horticulture, masonry, etc. You can work with the schools to develop service projects.	1/15/2021 11:50 AM
29	I am now afraid to walk alone at rock springs nature preserve because of unleashed aggressive dogs and their owners. At age 69 and 113# I do not need this hassle. One man when asked to leash his dog that charged me started bullying my husband and I calling him "Sheriff" and "leash police".	1/15/2021 9:26 AM
30	So many kids go to Mecklenburg County or Gaston or Iredell counties to participate in youth activities simply because Lincoln county does not have the facilities to support competitive programs. It would be great to have local programs supported with appropriate facilities so our kids can be close to home.	1/15/2021 9:18 AM
31	I will likely be homeschooling my children so we will continue to rely heavily on county parks and rec for play, nature walks, family activities, and sports (ie soccer). My kids are both under 4 years old so programs geared towards younger kids would be nice. So far, we've participated in small soccer clubs at the parks. We have visited the pool at Betty Ross and found it to be disgusting. The water was hot, too many people allowed in at once, and not enough swim lessons offered. I wish East Lincoln had a community pool for those of us who don't live in developments with pool access.	1/14/2021 6:36 PM
32	Need a modern (permanent lights) and multipurpose athletics complex in eastern Lincoln county.	1/14/2021 6:29 PM
33	The area soccer community would love to be able to have a place for home fields/games/tournaments. It would also bring surrounding area folks to our community and benefit the small businesses, restaurants and lodging industries.	1/14/2021 1:35 PM
34	From taking this survey, it appears that the City of Lincolnton has the most facilities and they are unknown outside of the City so probably are sitting unused. It makes me mad that the City has so many facilities and no one else is being informed and welcomed to use them. Maybe a	1/14/2021 9:48 AM

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campaign to let residence know what is available for ALL county residents to use, including hours of operation, events, classes, facilities. Cawtaba county does a great job in their classes for farming, planting etc. They could be a good model.

35	We need better facilities in Lincoln county . We have so many families here that would benefit ! Many of the senior programs are offered through their neighborhoods already , but we don't have facilities for kids, teens & young adults! We don't have adequate fields for sports (soccer /basketball courts) , I'm sure the baseball fields at optimist could use some updating as well , and offering some lacrosse options too!! We're thankful for what we have , but I feel it could be so much better. I would even support personal funding , like a pay it forward for the next generation of kids . I personally would help fund it as an investment opportunity	1/14/2021 9:10 AM
36	Need public outdoor basketball courts (possibly with lights) and soccer fields with lights	1/14/2021 7:11 AM
37	Lincoln County outside of Lincolnton is VERY far behind surrounding counties in terms of athletic complexes and youth sports programs. The continued growth, especially in the eastern half of the county, further drives the need for county facilities.	1/13/2021 11:07 PM
38	When will the dog park open? It's a wonderful idea!!! But why isn't it open? Also, the city of Lincolnton does a great job! Thanks for all you do!	1/13/2021 4:04 PM
39	Parks are under used. Covid restrictions will skew results of this survey heavily.	1/13/2021 11:59 AM
40	I would like to see some enforcement of the dog leash rules on the Thread Trails.	1/13/2021 9:06 AM
41	Fees for out of county users	1/13/2021 12:30 AM
42	I walk at the West Lincoln Park. The Land at the West Lincoln Library is a perfect opportunity to create a park with walking trails and playground equipment.	1/12/2021 11:13 PM
43	I just moved to the area and never heard of 90% of those parks, advertstiment would help. Others who have been here tell me go back to cabarus if you want nice parks.	1/12/2021 12:26 AM
44	East Lincoln county does not have an indoor pool. Everyone drives to mooreville or huntersville for soccer, swimming, lacrosse and volleyball. I would much rather support our county if these activities were available/ closer.	1/11/2021 12:14 PM
45	Need more park and rec in Denver!!!!	1/9/2021 5:41 PM
46	Do not raise taxes for any of this.	1/9/2021 3:39 PM
47	Will not support people painting streets that tax dollars pay for.	1/9/2021 2:34 PM
48	We have a lot of good parks, but they could easily become great with. Little bit of improvement. Ps city of gastonia has skeet and trap too 😊 probably go to that at least 4 times a month. It's always packed too!	1/9/2021 1:03 PM
49	I think park spaces are great but seem to lack people due to lack of resources or ability of use. Programs to get people to the parks for different things or special events brings in more people on regular days as well. Also reaching out to youth teams/travel teams for practice space (even charging for rentals) would bring in revenue and get people on the fields (soccer especially, also softball, baseball) just views I've heard from my kids coaches, needing practice space, willing to pay.	1/7/2021 10:31 PM
50	Please add horseback riding trails	1/7/2021 7:03 PM
51	I would like to see walking trail at West Lincoln Library completed	1/7/2021 1:32 PM
52	Lincoln County has an abundance of horses and horseback riders. A trail system, similar to the one at Latta Plantation, would be a great addition to the area.	1/7/2021 9:35 AM
53	I think eastern Lincoln County needs much more recreational development to keep up with the fast growing population in the eastern part of the county. It is lagging a little right now.	1/7/2021 7:51 AM
54	Farmland conservation, expand the Thread Trail, an experimental/teaching farm.	1/6/2021 10:32 PM
55	Like to see more boating and fishing access	1/6/2021 10:07 PM
56	Need more river access for fishing and boating	1/6/2021 8:28 PM
57	This survey is too long.	1/6/2021 6:29 PM

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58	Need more in East Lincoln	1/6/2021 5:09 PM
59	You do much during normal times, thank you. There is always more that can be done. An indoor aquatic center could be used by public and schools.	1/6/2021 3:06 PM
60	Residential development is adversely affecting our natural habitats and resources. We need to preserve Woodlands, especially in the eastern part of Lincoln county.	1/6/2021 1:07 PM
61	I plan to use the park and rec options more now that I know there are more available than I thought.	1/6/2021 12:35 PM
62	This is a great start and very well thought of initiative	1/5/2021 10:08 PM
63	I appreciate that parks in Lincoln County are clean and updated, and I have two options near me.	1/5/2021 8:46 PM
64	Let's get the sewer situation taken care of but parks are important.	1/5/2021 8:22 PM
65	Need an indoor pool for students and seniors	1/5/2021 5:51 PM
66	Shutting down the EL Rec Ctr in the summer so that Day Camp can have exclusive use is detrimental to regular programs that taxpayers expect to have year-round. Day Camp can easily be offered at an Elementary School with minor improvements to the Gym / Cafeteria area.	1/5/2021 5:35 PM
67	we have nice facilities today, let's keep it up ... my kids say the only thing to do in denver is eat or go to walmart	1/5/2021 4:41 PM
68	Love the existing parks. Just got bikes and plan to get out there more.	1/5/2021 4:20 PM
69	Please don't ignore Denver! Our population base is significant and growing, thanks to all the building permits. Let's make Denver a great place to live with great parks and recreation!	1/5/2021 2:21 PM
70	It is good to see that this conversation is being discussed. The overwhelming development in the East Lincoln area (Denver) is concerning as it relates to outdoor access and hiking/biking opportunities that do not require interactions with automobiles. This is a very HEALTHY topic!	1/5/2021 11:05 AM
71	#3 you have listed 3 genders..... there is only 2 in my Bible	1/3/2021 10:09 PM
72	The beach at Beatty's Ford would be AMAZING for our community and more importantly PAID FOR by Duke Energy.	1/3/2021 2:48 PM
73	Balanced representation for Denver area so incorporation movement is stifled	1/2/2021 6:13 PM
74	I'm afraid that as a person in my 70s, a lot of the above questions just don't fit in with our lifestyle.	1/2/2021 5:43 PM
75	Our taxes go to Lincolnton and we get nothing ☹	1/2/2021 3:50 PM
76	As a former resident of the City of Gastonia, I've watched their county grow in the initiative of developing parks and recreation. I don't like that I have to drive to a separate county to enjoy a good running trail. It's not that Lincolnton doesn't have a good one, it's the fact that Lincolnton needs to invest in providing more. Gaston County has a variety to choose from and we fall short of that in Lincolnton. I'd love to see the trail at Highland Drive Park expanded to the hospital. I'd love to see Lincolnton offer more for its residents.	12/31/2020 1:27 PM
77	Called 3 years ago to let you know kids were slipping on the algae overgrowth in the hot summer months and getting injured, I was told something would be done to fix it and NOTHING was done, it's been years now. I believe I spoke to a person named Barbara. PLEASE FIX THIS ISSUE!!!!	12/26/2020 3:28 PM
78	Lincoln county has great terrain. I would love to see a collaboration with the local bike shops to create some greenways and/or trail systems somewhere in the county. Meck. county has some great trails.	12/23/2020 5:21 PM
79	Incorporate Denver. This will allow more incentives for business to move to Denver and more tax revenue to fund the county and build parks.	12/22/2020 9:29 AM
80	Expand and fund the parks for the people of Lincoln County. Well needed in the county!	12/20/2020 12:50 PM
81	ONLY IF DENVER BENEFITS!!! YOU KNOW THE CITY OF LINCOLNTON GETS ALL THE BENEFITS AND NO ONE CARES ABOUT DENVER! TRUTH AND YOU KNOW IT.	12/20/2020 11:34 AM

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82	I would go along with #29 to support an indoor swim pool....note: not supported by only higher income residents....shared by ALL taxpayers.	12/20/2020 9:36 AM
83	The arts are very important to our family and we feel that is very lacking in Lincoln County. When there is music at an outdoor event, it's always country and we hate country music! *sorry*	12/19/2020 9:46 PM
84	When my kids were young we really missed having soccer fields and rec soccer.	12/19/2020 5:15 PM
85	survey to long and repetative	12/19/2020 3:41 PM
86	Lincoln County is growing at a fast pace. In fact, exponential growth has exceeded basic infrastructure relative to roads, sewer, water and other critical county services. Recreation expenditures should be a low priority in the Lincoln County budget, and new facility or expansion of existing facilities coming from developer fees, or private sector contributions.	12/19/2020 2:39 PM
87	I was disappointed to see that the public beach was approved at the current Beatty's Ford Park. It is a wonderful spot for those of us in the eastern side of the county and I use it frequently. Not only will we lose a great spot but the added traffic will make the already congested area worse.	12/19/2020 9:19 AM
88	An increase in taxes will ensure vandalism and a lack of care by the general population. Don't be dumbasses.	12/17/2020 11:48 AM
89	Dog park is a waste of money. Our downtown splash pad is called "the sad pad". An embarrassment to our city. When the dog park is on half an acre and goes unused. Dog park needs to be turned into another playground/splash pad. A splash pad that is not an embarrassment to our town.	12/17/2020 10:08 AM
90	I am against the expansion of Beatty Ford park to accommodate swimming, fishing, etc.	12/16/2020 3:27 PM
91	I feel the parks we have are good with tons of potential for growth with the space that's already there. Safety of the park spaces are concerning with not only the play equipment but the lighting and general safety and could be improved upon. A dog park in Lincoln county would be beneficial. Maybe also have a more efficient way to view all of the options and locations, I've lived here my whole life and have never heard of a lot of these places.	12/16/2020 7:42 AM
92	Corporate Social Responsibility companies are fantastic sources for revenue, as you well know. There are also more grants at the Federal and State level since Covid-19 has hit. Outdoor activities are welcomed with the pandemic.	12/14/2020 3:49 PM
93	Let's educate the employees that we already have and get them proper training. Take away all of those luxury company cars and use that money to build up the community so our kids will have places to attend.	12/14/2020 6:20 AM
94	I know I have mentioned this many times during this survey; but I feel Lincolnton really needs to pay more attention to the trash along the highways and in the parks. The West Lincoln Park is the only one I have visited that did not have trash everywhere. I really am ashamed and disgusted at how dirty the parks, public facilities, and the highways are in Lincolnton and Lincoln County.	12/14/2020 12:24 AM
95	This may not be the correct forum, but the leadership at ELOC (especially Kevin Helms) is discouraging participation by families in the community. Many many families are seeking baseball and basketball elsewhere due to their attitudes and their unwillingness to hear & consider ideas and input from the community about to ways to improve programs.	12/13/2020 1:55 PM
96	Stop the beach!	12/13/2020 1:28 PM
97	Stop the Beatty's Ford beach!	12/13/2020 1:15 PM
98	Sidewalks in denver	12/11/2020 8:22 PM
99	With the rapid over development of Catawba Springs, it is critical that the county set aside more Open Space for the community to enjoy.	12/11/2020 6:37 PM
100	Greenways and sidewalks most important for me and family and for safety of kids in community	12/9/2020 6:11 AM
101	Get off the stick and ball sports and adapt to the times. Not all kids enjoy the traditional sports. We as a community have to take that into consideration and make it possible. We	12/8/2020 8:51 PM

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have plenty of courts, ball fields and walking paths. Start looking into the other activities kids do that they enjoy. Riding a bike on a off road mountain bike trail, pump track experience, skatepark for skateboards and bicycles. These things will help tremendously if not more in the long run for troubled kids and young adults find their way in life. Also all these activities are for any age not just kids or adults. Whole families will benefit.

102	People pay enough in taxes and you just raised them last year. No tax increase, we are taxed at every turn, regardless of whether it is Federal, State or County, everyone has a hand in our pockets, find another way, get creative or don't bother.	12/8/2020 8:45 PM
103	Surrounding counties and cities have far superior parks and recreation facilities. Please study those areas and improve our parks and rec. Thank you.	12/8/2020 4:38 PM
104	Lincoln County needs to have the necessary resources and entertainment venues to give its residents the ability to Shop, Eat and Play right here in Lincoln County all while supporting ourselves locally.	12/8/2020 4:32 PM
105	I think that in order for the county to offer tournament opportunities, we need to provide an environment where these can occur. If we don't have space to move and grow, where will folks go? I think that we need to have well-staffed facilities and hours that allow people to use the facilities.	12/8/2020 4:20 PM
106	I am excited to see what the city and county offer in regards to parks and recreation opportunities. Hopefully, once covid is under control, I can get out more and see what is offered!	12/8/2020 4:02 PM
107	Please try to improve the disc golf course at Betty G Ross, especially the back 9 holes, which are very poor.	12/8/2020 2:33 PM
108	Lincolnton is such a wonderful place and has so much potential it's a shame it gets wasted year after year	12/8/2020 2:20 PM
109	Stand-Up Paddle Board rental and marauding permissions in aquatic facilities/areas, please!	12/8/2020 1:06 PM
110	The old building by the Iron Station post office(old school) would be an excellent place to have a community center! We desperately need one ion this side of the county!!!	12/8/2020 12:57 PM
111	I like the idea of the splash pad but I feel it's too small and homeless people hang out there too much. Should have been larger with different types of water spouts	12/8/2020 12:50 PM
112	There needs to be better promotion of all the facilities and activities that are offered.	12/8/2020 12:10 PM
113	The growth is on the east side of the county. That is where this effort needs to focus.	12/8/2020 10:54 AM
114	Use of existing tax surplus benefitting source	12/7/2020 8:28 PM
115	The developers building homes apartments etc should be required to sponsor or make sidewalks so as the people living in a dense populated area can walk to public parks. Improving negotiations with the builders would make for a great start.	12/7/2020 7:08 PM
116	I feel that expanding the trail system will give access to more people for use.	12/7/2020 5:18 PM
117	I've lived in areas where the Park and rec Department writes grants during the winter to fund trips hiking and kayaking around the state along with other activities and projects. (Rocky Mount)	12/7/2020 4:01 PM
118	Leverage partners in the community to utilize their current resources and offerings to benefit both county/city & partner.	12/7/2020 3:33 PM
119	I have not been too many of these facilities within this past year due to time/busyness but I think overall if signage was improved, it would allow people in the community go more. Also, this year, people are less likely to congregate with the coronavirus.	12/7/2020 3:11 PM
120	There is great potential in Lincoln County/Lincolnton to expand recreation for residents and for visitors. With new parks and programs will come the need for more staff too...both departments need more people to accomplish their plans for offering new programs for the community. Hopefully you all will get support from elected officials to continue building recreation in our community!	12/7/2020 3:09 PM
121	I would be in favor funding through bonds or taxes if the money was going to be used to create a recreation league for youth sports in the North Lincoln Community.	12/7/2020 2:24 PM

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122	Don't add the swim park at the end of Unity Church road until after scheduled improvements to SR16/Unity Church are completed	12/7/2020 1:59 PM
123	Opportunities for recreation volleyball, basketball, flag football, and softball for those in the western part of Lincoln county. This would add to the number of young athletes to participate because it's closer to their homes. Those could compete with those in the city and eastern end of the county.	12/7/2020 12:12 PM
124	Make homeless people clean up after themselves and more consequences for not. More police enforcing this	12/7/2020 11:42 AM
125	Sidewalks in Denver would be nice too... Unity Church Road.	12/7/2020 8:40 AM
126	More parks/recreation spaces in the western end of the county would be great.	12/7/2020 8:23 AM
127	The City of Lincolnton needs improvements. The eastern part of the district gets all of the frills and Lincolnton is left out. I am adamant about this.	12/7/2020 8:18 AM
128	Teens in the area that are not as sports oriented could benefit from expanded e-games and table top game leagues.	12/7/2020 8:08 AM
129	No--we have enough we just need to renovate the ones we have--parks on every corner are not the answer	12/7/2020 8:04 AM
130	Last year's property tax increase is generating a large county funding surplus. There shouldn't be any additional taxes raised for county services any time soon.	12/6/2020 9:41 PM
131	Where I used to live in upper Michigan we had lots of hiking/biking trails in the woods, trails that went for miles and miles. And in Illinois we had the Rock Island Trail, which was a Rail-to-Trail project that was 26 miles long that went through five small towns. Very popular with locals and outdoor enthusiasts/tourists. Would love to see the county work with landowners and create a major trail network that connects Denver to Lincolnton and other surrounding small towns from Lincoln and surrounding counties before all the land developers gobble it up and turn it into more subdivisions.	12/6/2020 2:45 PM
132	1) The recreation / park system has made excellent improvements over the years! 2) Although, I recognize that parks should always include activities for kids, I don't think that every park has to have a splash pad or playground. Take a look at Freedom Park's obstacle course for kids. Of course, it was created with Panthers money leading to its very high quality, but the kids LOVE it! 3) Could a Lincoln County or Lincolnton history game or scavenger hunt be added to the Rail Trail? 4) A skate park would be awesome!!! 5) A teen center would be great - gaming systems, charging stations, big-screen tvs, gathering spaces.	12/6/2020 2:16 PM
133	Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. Lincoln Co. is growing quickly & there are not enough facilities to accommodate this sport. Thank you!	12/6/2020 1:40 PM
134	Make Lincoln County the place to come on this side of the lake for soccer, rugby, football and other sports. At the great new mixed sports complex. Other none sport events could also be had at this place and bring in additional funding for the parks system. You build it they will come. Bring our parks system into the 21st century and places that the people want to visit from all over the county, state , and neighboring states . Place the park somewhere between hwy 321 and hwy 16 for easy access. The visitors can either spend money and stay in Lincolnton or Denver area while using the sports plex . Jobs, jobs, jobs and win , win , win !!!!	12/6/2020 10:23 AM
135	The area is beautiful if kept clean and safe. Pave shoulders on designated routes with DOT. People take their lives in jeopardy when biking Jogging walking.	12/6/2020 9:15 AM
136	Focus on the areas Of growth not Lincolnton	12/5/2020 10:33 PM
137	Need to better allocate the funds with county. Use some of the park and Rec budget to improve the playgrounds at the local schools. We used these in the past so why not help the schools instead of them being forced to not only raise money for teacher supplies, but to make repairs to playgrounds. Help bring those up to code.	12/5/2020 8:21 PM
138	Really wish Denver would incorporate so we could bring a "City of Denver" interest into this conversation	12/5/2020 7:36 PM
139	Most our county grown is in the Eastern Lincoln portion. Most of the county revenue also comes from there. That is where the money needs to go for parks and programs. To be fair,	12/5/2020 5:54 PM

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base it on where revenue / sales tax gets generated. If city of Lincolnton is 20% of county's revenue / sales tax then they get 20% of budget for parks. Same for Eastern Lincoln County. Charge Developers who are making a ton on housing, a sizeable fee to help offset parks and rec costs. There should be some ratio involved. Ex. For every 400 homes there should be a park. Based on that charge the developer in these housing neighborhoods.

140	As a primary care physician and father of two young children, I feel we are dreadfully lacking when it comes to recreational spaces in Lincoln County, particularly on the east side of county. Open spaces means more opportunity outdoor exercise, cultural/educational gatherings of all ages. This shortcoming has never been more apparent than during the pandemic, where outdoor spaces have been deemed the safest for activity outside of the home. We owe it to the health of our community to greatly expand the space and types of offerings for use by all ages, using whatever means for funding we have at our disposal. Thank you.	12/5/2020 3:33 PM
141	feel free to contact me for support, committee, planning. chris von dohlen, chris.vondohlen@cpwm.com	12/5/2020 11:59 AM
142	Thanks for doing this. Parks & Rex, public parks are important to the quality of life. Even at a financial loss to local government, programs and facilities are invaluable.	12/5/2020 10:08 AM
143	Indoor swimming pool (aquatics center) or skating rink (ice or roller) for hockey would be amazing!	12/5/2020 9:41 AM
144	We love using the public parks, and usually spend at least 2-3hours per week enjoying them because we are retired. The weather here is perfect for year round enjoyment of the public parks.	12/5/2020 8:50 AM
145	Do not use Eastern lincoln tax money for city of Lincolnton facilities.	12/5/2020 7:20 AM
146	I feel that increasing recreation facilities and programs in both the city and county will attract new residents which will result in new development and an increase in shopping, dining, and other economic development.	12/4/2020 10:04 PM
147	We need an amphitheater	12/4/2020 5:45 PM
148	Build an amphitheatre for various outdoor events.	12/4/2020 1:46 PM
149	I would be available to help lay out any new or redesigned disc golf course, via site inspection.	12/4/2020 1:46 PM
150	I would like the county to look into acquiring a greenway easement on the recently built PNG Pipeline right of way (I live off of Everwood Ln in Iron Station where the right of way runs). I am currently one of the property owners for which the easement has impacted, and I just think it would be a great idea to take advantage of the path PNG has made.	12/4/2020 12:47 PM
151	A beach at the end of Unity Church with no corresponding update to infrastructure makes no sense. Add sidewalks and widen Unity then add a beach.	12/4/2020 12:10 PM
152	Please please please consider aquatic center facilities!!!	12/4/2020 11:12 AM
153	Ready for the amazing dog park in Lincolnton to open. It looks awesome!!	12/4/2020 10:35 AM
154	I am in favor of putting leverage on the development companies that keep coming to build housing developments to contribute to the county as a whole. Give them all the tax credits they ask for, but in return they must develop parks and recreation facilities and assist in digital infrastructure development all across the county, not just the communities they build in. I am opposed to new taxes because there is nothing to prevent new taxes from being used for something else.	12/4/2020 10:30 AM
155	I'd love to see a more active adult community area, with tai chi and yoga or exercise programs. Thanks	12/4/2020 9:38 AM
156	I would really like to see the Greenway system in Lincolnton expanded. The Rail Trail is incredibly popular and more accesses /expanded trails would do well.	12/4/2020 9:14 AM
157	There are existing areas within the city limits that could be used (without much cost to expand accessibility to the public). There is a creek behind S Ray louder school that could be made open to the public (outside of school hours of course) just trim back existing trails and inform the public it's open to the public during certain times. There is also a creek near the high School stadium with existing trails why not make it accessible to the public and perhaps add a few wooden steps going into the creek? Perhaps add more fishing docks at Betty g Ross	12/3/2020 11:51 PM

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Park? Also please add more security measures and police presence at Betty g Ross... We quit going there due to it becoming less safe.. teens smoking pot is one thing and we weren't worried about them however harder drug users have been seen there and the reason we stopped going.. focus in on them and get them gone. I don't want my 8 year old finding needles..

158	where do you get 3 types of gender on question 3?????	12/3/2020 9:12 PM
159	I think the county should attempt to get a greenway on the PNG gas pipeline right of way very soon via easement that goes to Marshall steam station soon because nothing has been built on it yet. Please work with the property owners to compensate them if needed to open a Greenway through the whole path of the pipeline in the county. This would connect communities east and west of 4 lane 16 easily, because right now the property is cleared. Interest rates are low right now, so I would support a county bond to expand recreation.	12/3/2020 12:04 PM
160	Picknik tables on the court square would be nice.	12/3/2020 11:54 AM
161	Would love to see some "greenway" spaces in the county for walking, hiking, biking, etc.	12/3/2020 10:32 AM
162	We tax everything else small fee yearly to support parks would go along way. But we need park communities to work together. We could probably save a lot if we went back and consolidated Parks and Rec in City of Lincolnton and Lincoln County. We have dual positions doing same thing.	12/3/2020 8:56 AM
163	14 years is too long to review. Every 5 years and provide the facilities/programs where the population is located. Change the focus from the seniors to the youth	12/3/2020 8:19 AM
164	Our county is 20 years behind in infrastructure and amenities for its citizens. Other than groceries, 80% of my spending goes to Meckenburg County because that's where my family spends our time. You have to spend money to make money!	12/3/2020 7:48 AM
165	As you can see from previous comments my main interest is expanding the Rail Trail from Gaston to Catawba Counties. The Trail is the Jewell of Lincolnton. When extended it will be a Regional attraction and would support new businesses as food and recreational supplies. Thank you	12/2/2020 10:09 PM
166	Especially in these times, I think it's beneficial to give people an outlet to have fun & enjoy themselves. While I am biased toward the eastern end of the county, I do believe they need more places & opportunities for kids to play. It can be a difference maker for them.	12/2/2020 8:22 PM
167	Public	12/2/2020 8:09 PM
168	I have traveled to Greenville SC to use the Swamp Rabbit trail, and to Virginia to use The Creeper Trail. Both are longer trails that connect towns, and have businesses that do a good business with the people that use the trails. Imagine if the rail trail connected with Maiden and then Newton (the rail line is there and not used to my knowledge). The rail trail in Lincolnton is nice, but not long enough and does not really connect to anything else.	12/2/2020 7:39 PM
169	Bike lanes would be great in East Lincoln. To go anywhere in Denver, Hwy 16 is the route. It is dangerous to ride bicycles on 16. Separate bike lanes would be safe, cut down on traffic & keep people healthier.	12/2/2020 7:37 PM
170	Assess a tax on all new construction as a way to increase funding, seek private and corporate donations. This is one of the fastest growing areas but we need more facilities. Surrounding counties have done better to provide recreational facilities, we can and should do better while the land is still available.	12/2/2020 7:29 PM
171	The county needs to look at the water supply issue in the eastern part of county it is horrible	12/2/2020 5:16 PM
172	I'm really hoping you guys push for E-Sports i feel as if it would possibly get a good response from everyone. If you have any doubts you could always find a way to test it as a school based club or extracurricular activity.	12/2/2020 2:41 PM
173	Lincoln County taxes need to be raised. Many people are moving to the area and the property taxes in this county should be in line the surrounding counties.	12/2/2020 8:51 AM
174	Perhaps county resident will support.	12/2/2020 8:28 AM
175	Any extra money should go to improving roads.	12/1/2020 2:45 PM

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176	I would like to see the County partner with the Carolina Thread trail and connect the Marcia Cloninger Rail Trail to the Laboratory Rail trail. It would be great if we could connect Lincoln County to Catawba and Gaston Counties with one bike/walking trail. It would also be beneficial to put a Canoe/Kayak Launch on Reepsville Rd and at the Laboratory Trail. PID12714 on Killian Rd is owned by Catawba Land Conservancy, this would make a park, it's got a fishing pond and access to the South Fork River.	12/1/2020 2:00 PM
177	Swimming & Hiking are my only current activities of personal interest...please improve and expand these two areas.	12/1/2020 12:58 PM
178	The banks of Highland park need major attention. Also the rocks place at the water shed drain lines at the base of the drains, lower track, are misplaced due to leaf buildup and heavy rain and rain water is eroding the sides of the track in other places. There is only one part time employee at Highland Park and there needs to be at least one full time employee at Highland Park. There is much to do to the landscaping at Highland Park.	12/1/2020 10:47 AM
179	Lincolnton should hold in the summer time an outside basketball tournament for the youth like they do in other cities. Build more outside basketball courts to give the kids of all races something to do instead of going to other counties.. This would keep the money in Lincolnton.	12/1/2020 10:31 AM
180	An indoor 50-meter pool like HFFA in Huntersville would be a great asset for the county for year-round health. Swimming is a full-body exercise for young and old. It offers excellent therapy opportunities for an aging population. It offers team activities for our schools and communities which, I believe have rented HFFA for years. Could Lincoln County and City also expect revenue from nearby counties and groups wishing to rent our facility? I would be an active supporter of the drive to build an indoor 50-meter facility. onside.it.	12/1/2020 8:12 AM
181	fund those bike trails!	11/30/2020 8:46 PM
182	I would like to see the city/county to take a trip to Catawba Meadows Park in Morganton for example. I think its a great example of what a park should be and what the City of Lincolnton and county deserve. Has most of the features you have asked about in this survey. Quit spending money and resources on so many facilities across the county that aren't significantly used. I'd rather see them do one park extremely well instead of the small areas across the county that aren't really used. For example, whats the point of Lincolnton Optimist Park. Its not used. How much money is used for up-keep. City Park really isn't a park. Its on old run down ball field and a parking lot. First Federal Park might be the smallest Park in the whole world. Build a large park with green space with options to be used. Build baseball facilities where tournaments can be hosted and bring some tourism into town on the weekends and help our local economy and small businesses. Quit allocating money to boger city and west Lincoln. They aren't good facilities. Just a couple of mud pits and really crappy fields. And people constantly have concern about where the money from dues go. I have never understood why the city and county don't have control of the basketball and baseball programs instead of community "clubs". Go to Catawba Meadows. A really great example. Lincoln County and its Parks and services could be much better.	11/30/2020 7:43 PM
183	Would love to see something like pump track or skate park... actually both. Not all kids/adults are into typical sports like baseball and soccer. Nothing caters to them. So we have to travel outside our county to visit parks with these amenities. All Lincoln county parks are the same and offer nothing different.	11/30/2020 6:46 PM
184	Would like to see an indoor swimming pool as an added feature, and public-access broadband/wifi provided at all parks in County & City	11/30/2020 3:25 PM
185	With the expansion of our area so many families need a place to spend recreational time. While there are parks to visit they do not have the space and facilities that many of our surrounding counties offer. Football and lacrosse have used the open land area at Walmart and local churches have filled other needs. To have public facilities provided by the county would elevate our area.	11/29/2020 12:26 PM
186	While I support the physical expansion of parks and green spaces, we also need to improve what we have. Quality over quantity (e.g. First Federal Park). In addition, spaces/places need to be connected by sidewalk/trail/path. Consider adding large scale art to attract people. Sports and programming are important but so are the physical features and facilities. In eastern LC, I think we need public access to the lake (via trails) and a concession for canoe/kayak/paddle board rental.	11/29/2020 7:13 AM
187	More greenways and sidewalks please!	11/28/2020 12:42 PM

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188	The county needs an indoor pool in eastern Lincoln county	11/28/2020 12:12 PM
189	My concern if the ongoing upkeep of any new facilities. A plan must be in place to maintain those facilities or the construction is worthless. Proper management of funds. Concern is that the management of already existing public funds is not well managed. Otherwise, i am happy to grant, contribute, and do whatever would help. But, I'd first like to see the budget and expenses. And allocation of budget dollars. Does the City of Lincolnton get a large amount of dollars? Can i donate specific to East Lincoln area? Lack of trust in our country's management and allocation of tax dollars is, honestly, an issue for constituents across the board. So! I gave comments on the specific survey, as well as general comments you may or may not want or need. HA! Hope theses surveys help and give insight.	11/28/2020 10:24 AM
190	Lincoln Co desperately needs paved bike trails.	11/27/2020 9:18 AM
191	More important things to spend peoples money on. No new taxes, bonds or anything the community will have to pay the bill for. Tax only for necessity such as emergency services and infrastructure.	11/26/2020 1:14 PM
192	Lincoln county needs to build an Indoor and outdoor 50 meter X 25 yard Olympic size pools with 10 meter diving tower that would lead to swim teams for club and for high schools to practice at. With that they need to include a warm pool for adult aquatic classes and child learn to swim programs.	11/26/2020 7:32 AM
193	While bombs are a great tool used unwisely can be a nightmare. I prefer taxes if any government funds are needed to build buying power.	11/25/2020 9:17 PM
194	Facilities are needed for Iron Station Area. We pay taxes too and enough has been spent for the Eastern End, City of Lincolnton, and Western End of Lincoln County. There is absolutely no parks, community center, and recreation facilities in the Iron Station Area.	11/25/2020 8:58 PM
195	This community needs an aquatic center. High schools are limited by the poor pool facilities at the Y, there is no where for swim meet competitions, adult masters swimming, lessons or water safety. This is a serious need in LC. Many swimmers drive to Meck, Cleveland or Gaston counties to swim. The \$\$ should stay in LC.	11/25/2020 7:51 PM
196	We are losing green space at an alarming rate in Lincoln County. We need to preserve natural areas both for wildlife and the enjoyment of future generations before it is too late.	11/25/2020 7:51 PM
197	Very often, only baseball and soccer fields get lights. But sand volleyball and other sports would greatly benefit from the same consideration.	11/25/2020 5:55 PM
198	With the right type of recreational facilities, youth soccer, flag football, lacrosse, baseball and tennis clubs could host tournaments and this would help offset the cost and maintenance of such facilities.	11/25/2020 4:22 PM
199	Skating rink and better facilities for lacrosse top priorities	11/25/2020 3:58 PM
200	Fields & Lights!!	11/25/2020 3:14 PM
201	More needs and can be done to build up east lincoln county. Especially in Denver area. Plenty of people travel to Cornelius or Charlotte adult rec leagues.	11/25/2020 3:00 PM
202	Thank you for all that Lincoln County Parks and Rec offers!	11/25/2020 1:07 PM
203	The quality of available facilities and fields in Lincoln County is poor! We need to spend some money in this area badly!!	11/25/2020 12:53 PM
204	If the Highland drive Park was expanded with turf fields for soccer and baseball and lights like other area parks, it would allow several area organizations to host tournaments in our area. In turn, this would bring people in to support local businesses.	11/25/2020 12:50 PM
205	Do not raise taxes	11/21/2020 8:21 AM
206	East Lincoln should receive its' share of recreational facilities. Growth is in the East, tax generation is in the East but somehow the East never gets the fund allocations	11/20/2020 8:51 PM
207	The park system here is under developed, and many people have to go to other counties to swim or play soccer, which shouldn't happen.	11/13/2020 8:26 AM
208	I am not yet retired until next year and look forward to be able to use the Parks. It is also hard	11/11/2020 12:49 PM

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to give my opinion on some of this questioner.

209	We don't need taxes raised. People are already struggling.	11/10/2020 9:34 PM
210	It would be amazing if we could use the facilities in our own county. Right now to take our family to a park, we generally go out of county to parks in Huntersville or Cornelius.	11/10/2020 12:33 PM
211	My sister's high school in Michigan had an Olympic size pool that was used for meets/ training during school year but during the summer it was a 5 dollar fee for kids to come swim that helped pay for upkeep/lifeguard and swim lessons for the community.	11/9/2020 9:42 PM
212	The Iron Station area and West Lincoln Library Park construction should be the top priorities. There is an imbalance in parks on each end. There are a number of parks and even a recreation center in the Denver community. Why are there no ball fields in West Lincoln - what about the original West Lincoln Park?	11/9/2020 7:53 PM
213	We have actually considered moving away from Denver due to lack of good recreational opportunities for my family. Tennis and basketball as well as biking are much needed.	11/9/2020 7:25 PM
214	None	11/9/2020 4:40 PM
215	None	11/9/2020 2:51 PM
216	None	11/9/2020 2:51 PM
217	Would LOVE to see a large lakefront park in Denver, NC with walking, biking, hiking, picnics, etc. like Jetton park. We have to drive out to Jetton to have a day out and that's quite a drive from our home.	11/9/2020 10:48 AM
218	Facilities for sports must have ability to pay for them selves by local registration fees or by out of area leagues coming in for tournaments.	11/9/2020 9:59 AM
219	Every weekend we travel to places outside of Lincoln County to play baseball. Having well designed, properly appointed park with thoughtful parking, convenient facilities and well maintained fields would bring in opportunities for travel tournaments and provide local teams a place to practice. There also needs to be a fair management of the system to prevent sub-leasing etc.	11/9/2020 8:43 AM
220	I think rec programs and opportunities are vital to a community.	11/9/2020 8:42 AM
221	Thanks for putting this together. I look forward to seeing Lincoln Counties facilities and programs grow!	11/9/2020 8:33 AM
222	Let's do this and get some great parks here. Priorities should be walking and biking trails and picnic areas... stuff all families can use	11/9/2020 8:32 AM
223	Every newly approved housing development should be required to invest in green space parks, or outdoor sports facilities, etc. Every new business should have a sustainability plan and they should apply it to the Lincoln County communities that they reside in. We spend billions annually at Lincoln County businesses, they should be supporting us similarly.	11/9/2020 7:29 AM
224	Very willing to pay a little more in taxes if it means having first class facilities in our county!	11/9/2020 7:03 AM
225	Parks and recreation are so important and something Lincoln county really needs to improve! Please, we really need public tennis courts in Denver!!!	11/8/2020 9:16 PM
226	We need to expand the access to tennis across this county. Youth need to be exposed to things besides what I would call "core sports". Right now in East Lincoln, that tennis exposure is limited to a club. A private facility. Not every family can afford those club dues. Why do we limit the exposure of tennis to our youth based on their ability to pay a private facility? We shouldn't. As a sport great Arthur Ashe once said: "From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life." We are all getting what we need to make a living. What can we do to introduce something to youth that might make their life? That's the question we must ask ourselves.	11/8/2020 8:43 PM
227	YMCA could partner with County for East Lincoln indoor pool	11/8/2020 8:08 PM
228	Denver area needs sports fields with lights - soccer, baseball & indoor basketball space	11/8/2020 6:34 PM
229	promote donations and gifts from "donor advised funds"	11/8/2020 5:57 PM

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230	All options should be on the table. The time to act is now as land availability and pricing will become more challenging. I think partnerships with an outside business by offering incentives is probably most effective. The reality is eastern Lincoln county is 10 years behind on facilities esp for youth sports. There is one gym for basket ball games for an optimist league with over 400 kids.	11/8/2020 11:17 AM
231	Please help us in the eastern part of the county!!!	11/8/2020 8:59 AM
232	We really enjoy Jetton park, bailey road park and catawba meadows.	11/8/2020 8:35 AM
233	Denver area parks are generally lacking and have very few nature-based walking/hiking trails compared to other counties. Rock Springs trails have improved but could use much more expansion. The playgrounds are ok, but generally all equipment appears weathered and in need of maintenance. Denver should take better advantage of lakefront parks and offer more walking trails and features like Jetton Park in Huntersville. Other parks worth referencing for comparison for features are Catawba Meadows Park in Morganton (ropes course, greenway, excellent playground) and Bailey Road Park in Cornelius (community events, rec fields, nice playground). We unfortunately leave the area in search of better parks more often than not. It would improve the allure and value of our county to offer better parks and greens paces. Horse trails would also be a nice feature that could be a draw to the area. Therefore, we would be open to paying slightly more each year to help fund this.	11/8/2020 8:17 AM
234	There are no public tennis courts in our county although there are many many tennis players but Jr and Adult that are traveling all over the lake to play tennis. There is league play opportunity which generates income for the facility. I would be happy to speak further about this.	11/8/2020 7:49 AM
235	Parks should be free to use except for special events/services. I am willing to pay additional taxes for park expansion/additions.	11/7/2020 9:36 PM
236	The facilities in Denver do not match the population and tax revenue Denver contributes to the county	11/7/2020 11:31 AM
237	One of the nicest facilities I have seen is in Apache Junction Arizona called the Multi Gen Center. It is a facility with a walking track, fitness equipment, a small and large gym, climbing wall, class roomspace, games rooms , yoga classes, etc. It would be wonderful to see a space that provided multiple programs for all ages. There is a membership fee if using the fitness facility (quite reasonable) and for other programs or for seniors no charge.	11/7/2020 9:53 AM
238	I would support a raise in property tax to have better facilities and recreational programs. Better access to quality outdoor and indoor recreation has a direct impact on my property value and I am willing to pay for it. I do not support a sales tax increase as that unfairly taxes people who do not live here or who do not have funds to own property.	11/7/2020 8:26 AM
239	The existing parks are fine. No increase in taxes. The recent real estate tax grab was ridiculous.	11/7/2020 8:19 AM
240	Thank you for your work in this area. Look at Catawba Couby's Mountain Creek Park as an example of a good Mountain Bike Park. Look at Mecklenberg's North Meck Park's tennis facility as a great revenue generating model and quality facility. Look at the tennis facility at the Spartan Park (aka Community School of Davidson Huntersville Athletic Park) as a quality facility)	11/7/2020 7:53 AM
241	North Carolina Wildlife will supply all needed equipment (Foothills Shooting Facilitate in Cherryville) built on a landfill A smaller facility could generate income by holding tournaments that would benefit local businesses, food,and lodging.	11/7/2020 1:02 AM
242	Parks and recreation programming is non existent in Eastern Lincoln county. The EL community center isn't usable and we desperately need a swimming pool and rec league.	11/6/2020 10:04 PM
243	I would like to see more tails in the Denver area. For example, how about a paved (or safe) trail from Rescue Squad to villages of Denver. A lot of kids and runners use the trail that's there now and it's very unsafe, hill especially. Also at any point the coal train tracks are no longer in use, will that be used for trails?	11/6/2020 9:32 PM
244	For Facilities and Recreation for East Lincoln only.	11/6/2020 9:32 PM
245	Soccer fields are desperately needed as well as fields and parks with lights.	11/6/2020 7:25 PM

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246	Buy up green space in Catawba Springs for nature preserves. We kick in half the county's revenues; spend some money here!	11/6/2020 7:01 PM
247	Thank you for asking and seeking what residents want!!	10/30/2020 12:30 PM
248	I would love to have a long (10+ mile) trail in Lincoln County for biking/running/walking. I would also love a see a great outdoor performance venue that could be utilized for festivals, school/community performances, etc...	10/30/2020 12:04 PM

APPENDIX D

Marcia H. Cloninger Rail Trail												
Address erosion issues along trail	\$50,000	\$50,000										
Update trail signage	\$2,000			\$2,000								
Extend trail based on existing Lincolnton Urban Area CTP	\$1,030,000					\$30,000		\$500,000		\$500,000		
Sub-total	\$1,082,000											
Future Community Park												
Future park development	\$4,000,000											\$4,000,000
Sub-total	\$4,000,000											
Future Neighborhood Park												
Future park development	\$2,000,000											\$2,000,000
Sub-total	\$2,000,000											
Future Mini Park												
Future park development	\$800,000											\$800,000
Sub-total	\$800,000											
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Future park development	\$800,000											\$800,000
Sub-total	\$800,000											
Grand Total	\$11,496,500	\$368,000	\$135,000	\$403,500	\$640,000	\$310,000	\$110,000	\$290,000	\$1,100,000	\$15,000	\$525,000	\$7,600,000

APPENDIX E

Project Areas

Lincolnton, NC - City Level Report

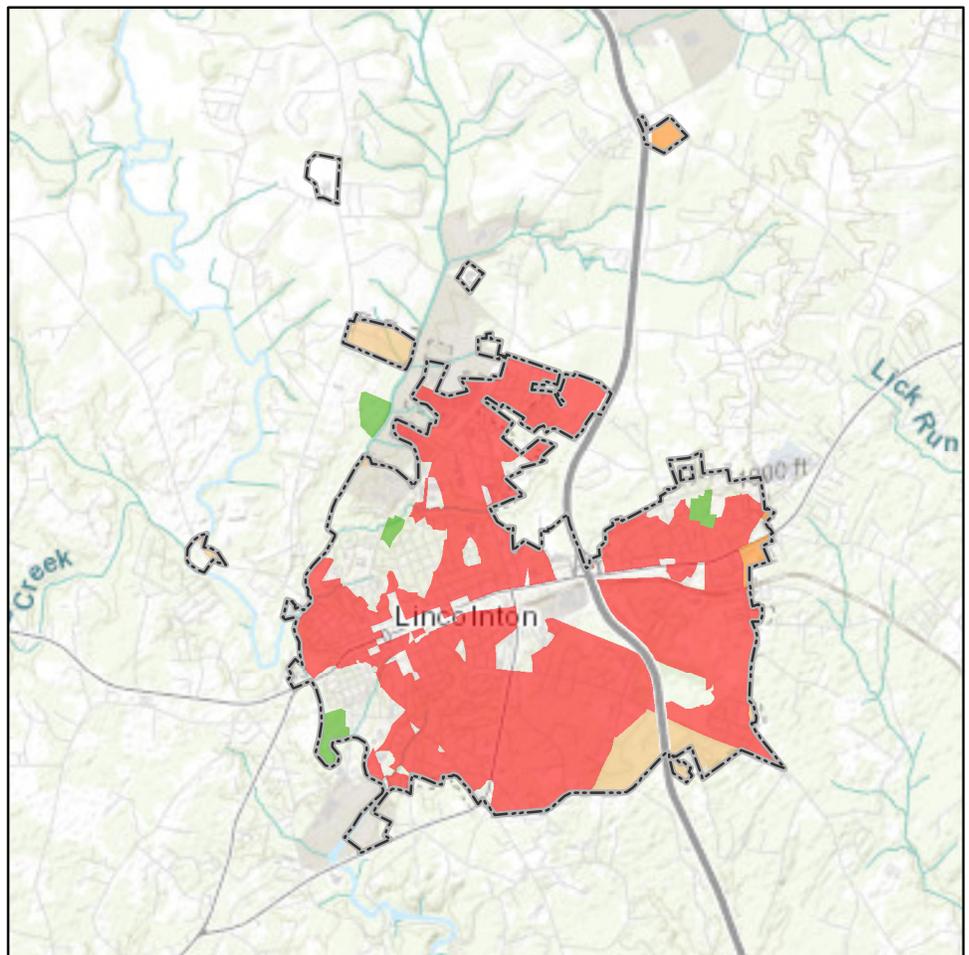
All statistical results are aggregated for the listed project areas and their service areas. Service areas are based on 10-minute (1/2 mile) walk times from project access points defined for each project area and based upon the walkable network.

City Statistics Current

City: Lincolnton, NC	
Park Acres	78
Total Population	11,188
Served Population	1,933
Percent Served	17.3%

Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Parks
- Park Need**
-  High
-  Moderate To High
-  Moderate

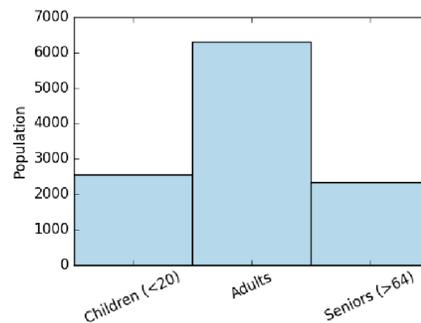


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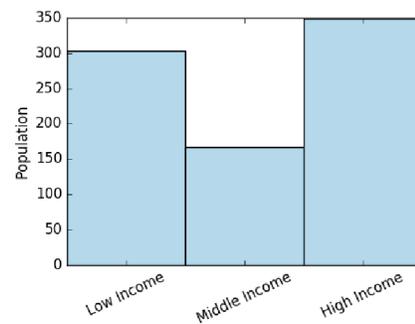
Population	Served
Total Population	1,933

Age	Served
Children (less than age 20)	2,549
Adults (age 20 to age 64)	6,316
Seniors (age 65 and up)	2,322

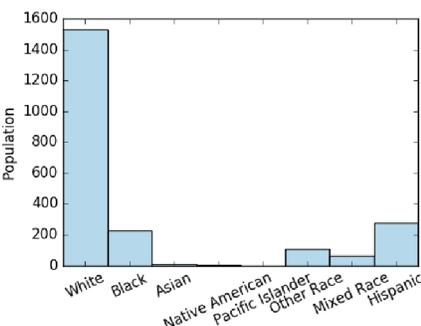


Household Income	Served
Low income	303
Middle income	167
High income	349

(Generated From Regional Median Incomes)



Race/Ethnicity	Served
White	1,529
Black	227
Asian	7
Native American	4
Pacific Islander	0
Other Race	105
Mixed Race	61
Hispanic*	274



* U.S. Census captures Hispanic Origin separate from race

Demographic information is derived from ESRI 2019 Demographic Forecast Block Groups data.

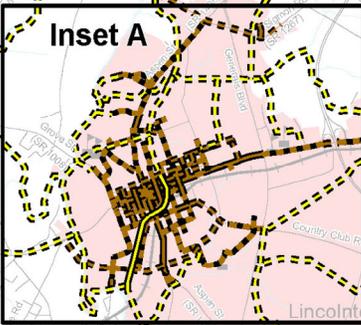
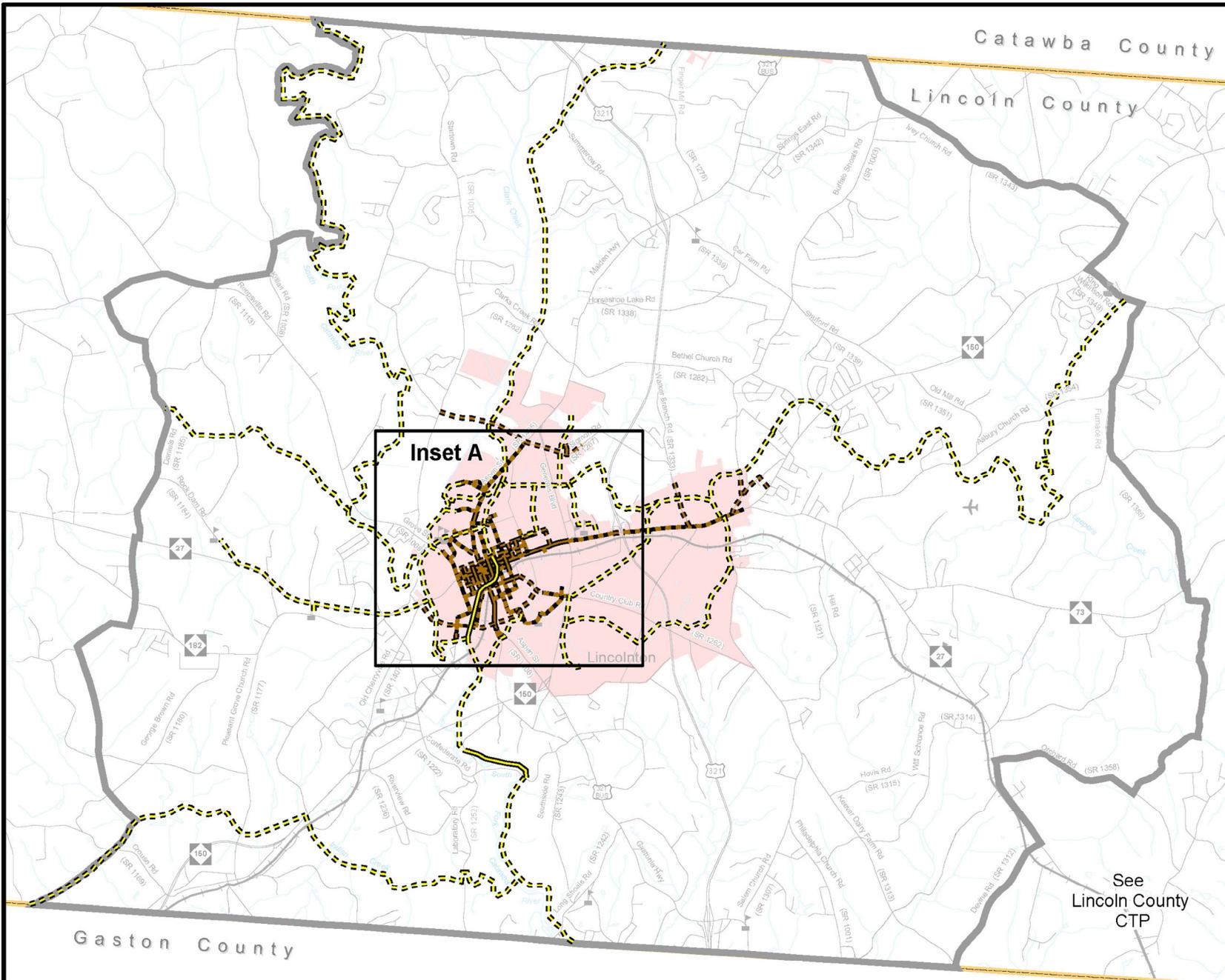
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APPENDIX F

Pedestrian Map Lincolnton Urban Area

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Plan date: December 14, 2012



- Sidewalks**
 - Existing
 - Needs Improvement
 - Recommended
- Off-road**
 - Existing
 - Needs Improvement
 - Recommended
- Multi-Use Paths**
 - Existing
 - Needs Improvement
 - Recommended
- Grade Separation**
 - Existing Grade Separation
 - Proposed Grade Separation



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Base map date: October 1, 2011

Refer to CTP document for more details

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