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## Appendices

### INTRODUCTION

The appendices to the Parks and Recreation Five-Year Plan contain the total aggregate data that was collected, analyzed, and compiled to inform the recommendations outlined within the text of the plan.

The data includes raw notes which have not been fully edited, as well as comments that were recorded verbatim. However, profanity and personal names have been removed. This appendix is only meant to be used as supplemental evidence, and should not be shared on its own as a finished report or quoted without context.

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# KICKOFF MEETING NOTES

## RUNDELL ERNSTBERGER ASSOCIATES

### Meeting Notes

**Date Prepared:** May 26, 2022  
**Prepared By:** Pete Andriot

**Project Number:** 2022-1657  
**Project Name:** Evansville Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan

**Meeting Date:** May 24, 2022  
**Meeting Time:** 10:00 AM CST  
**Meeting Location:** CK Newsome Community Center Conference Room  
**Attendees:** EPR: Steve Schaefer, Danielle Crook, Scott Fankhouser  
REA: Pete Andriot  
Hafer: Jeff Justice

### Items of Discussion:



- A. Introductions were made.
  - 1. Chief points of contact for EPR will be Steve S, Danielle C, and Scott F.
  - 2. Chief points of contact for the design team will be Pete A and Jeff J.
  - 3. Other individuals from REA who will be involved in the plan will be Tricia McClellan, Andy Gudgeon, Catherine Kazmierczak, and Travis Johnson.
- B. Schedule was discussed.
  - 1. Tuesdays at 10:30 AM CST are a good time for meetings.
- C. Goals for the master plan were discussed.
  - 1. The number one priority is to get a plan in place with IN DNR for funding opportunities and compliance.
  - 2. A secondary goal for the plan should focus on actionable items. Past plans did not include this.
    - a. A schedule of actionable goals for each year is desired
    - b. Facilities does not have enough funding to make everything right at one time, so a priority list would be vital.
  - 3. A theme of "Restoring and Reinventing" was suggested
    - a. Take care of what we have
    - b. Eliminate what we don't need
    - c. Improve the quality of parks system as a whole
- D. There is a pending proposal to restructure the parks department before the mayor.
- E. There is a desire to rebrand the parks department and update their signage standards.
  - 1. This could be done as an amendment to the current contract if desired.
  - 2. Current signage may not be that old.
- F. Action Items
  - 1. REA to send list of needed information to EPR.
  - 2. REA to develop first draft of Community Input survey for review.
  - 3. EPR to develop Steering Committee membership.
  - 4. EPR to confirm date and time for first Steering Committee Meeting - first week in July.
  - 5. EPR to confirm date and time for first public meeting - last week in July.

*These notes are intended to summarize the pertinent discussion without compiling a detailed set of minutes. Should you notice any errors or omissions, please contact our office. If no comments are received within one week of distribution, these notes will be considered final.*

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## Meeting Sign-in

Meeting Date: May 24, 2022  
Meeting Time: 10:00 AM  
Meeting Location: Evansville Parks and Recreation, CK Newsome Center  
Project Number: 2022-1657  
Project Name: Evansville Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan  
Subject: Kickoff Meeting



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# PARK INVENTORY NOTES



## RUNDELL ERNSTBERGER ASSOCIATES Evansville Parks & Recreation Five - Year Master Plan

Park Name: Akin Park

Date: 6/28

Address: Madison + Park Dr.

Acreage: 9.72

### Amenties Checklist:

- Playground newer, cared-for. match low.
- Parking lot on-street
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports basketball 1/2 court
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### General Notes

Many mature trees. Well cared for. Clean.  
No sidewalks or walking paths. Ample room.  
Picnic Tables.

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Park Name: Anthony Oates Park

Date: 6/28/2022

Address: Sunburst Blvd + Beech Dr

Acreage: 0.76

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground 2+ swings. Moderate age, decent repair. Low metal
- Parking lot pull-off + on-street
- Shelters double sided w/ fire places. severe disrepair
- Restroom
- Court Sports pad; no goals
- Field Sports
- Bike Racks
- Walking Paths sidewalk. ADA issues.
- Pool
- Splash Pad
- Other:

**General Notes**

built features in disrepair.  
• broken lights, shelter in disrepair, peeling paint,  
service area door kicked in. sidewalks heaved.  
lots of medium sized trees.  
Good size; could be a great park.



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Park Name: Bayard Park Date: 6/28  
 Address: Kentucky Ave + Powell Ave Acreage: 10.73

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground large; vandalized, lots of trash. Swings.
- Parking lot on-street parking
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports derelict basketball NW of library
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths gravel; not accessible
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Library

**General Notes**

Picnic tables + lots of mature trees.  
Zero trash cans.  
No accessible areas. No sidewalk on Kentucky Ave.  
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Park could desperately use an accessible walking loop.



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Park Name: Bellemead Park

Date: 6/28

Address: Bellemead Ave + Evans Ave

Acreage: 7.05

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground new mulch
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters new
- Restroom new
- Court Sports partially renovated
- Field Sports baseball w/ syn turf
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths mid-block path
- Pool Rockelle Pool adjacent
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

Renovations ongoing; nearly complete.  
Not all ADA walks installed yet.

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Park Name: Caldwell Park

Date: 6/28/2022

Address: Governor & Sweetser

Acreage: 1.03

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground multiple small areas. Mulch low. Moderate age.
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters picnic tables.
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports basketball: full + half
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

Drinking fountain. Operational but leaking.  
Fully fenced. No ADA entrance.

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Park Name: Casselberry Park Date: 8.16.2022  
Address: Casselberry Ave + Iowa St Acreage: 0.95

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground wood style w/ rock mulch, swings, not accessible
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports horseshoes
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: one bench

**General Notes**

Partial sidewalks  
No picnic tables  
Fair condition overall



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Park Name: Diamond Valley Park

Date: 8.11.2022

Address: 3rd Ave + Fulton Pkwy

Acreage: 6.23

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground newer, good condition, needs more safety mulch
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters no tables
- Restroom
- Court Sports basketball
- Field Sports
- Bike Racks
- Walking Paths
- Pool
- Splash Pad
- Other: picnic areas in groves  
lake w/ fishing piers

**General Notes**

leaving bridges over water w/ accessible routes nearby  
limited accessibility - lots of steps, ramps w/ no rails

chalkboard paint on shelter walls



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Park Name: Eleventh Ave Park

Date: 8.16.2022

Address: 11th Ave + Iowa St

Acreage: 1.75

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground one newer structure, one old. + swings, wood makh
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports basketball
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: picnic tables + benches  
limited lighting

**General Notes**

some swings missing  
several mature trees  
second grassy lot across street  
Fair condition overall



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Park Name: Fulton Park

Date: 7.28

Address: Fulton & Franklin

Acreage: 1.85

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground several areas, deteriorated, swings,
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters softit failing, 4 picnic tables
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports basketball
- Field Sports horse shoes
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: drinking fountain  
dedication garden w/ poison ivy

**General Notes**

Not accessible, safety surface rutted, missing

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Park Name: Garvin Park

Date: 7.28

Address: Main + Morgan

Acreage: 40.64

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground small, older, + swings, not accessible
- Parking lot on street + Bosse + Daconessc
- Shelters 2 one historic, neither accessible
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports baseball x 2
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths lake loop, greenway
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: lake w/ fishing, story trail, historic fountain picnic, benches, greenway trailhead

**General Notes**

Six entrances; lake loop road. very Olmstedian  
Large classic park, mostly turf + trees w/ views of lake.

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Park Name: Goebel Soccer Complex Date: 2022.10.06  
 Address: Green River Road + Heckel Rd Acreage: 61.4

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot massive
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom assumed; building locked
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports soccer x 10
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths to shelters, not comprehensive
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: retention / detention area w/ naturalized edge. nice drinking fountain

**General Notes**

Coated tournament facility.  
Owned by Parks, run by CVB.  
Some accessible bleachers.

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Park Name: Golfmoor Park

Date: 8.16.2022

Address: Golfmoor Rd + Seward Ave

Acres: 28.75

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot multiple. paved/gravel
- Shelters e ballfields
- Restroom "
- Court Sports 2x basketball, 2x tennis, 4x handball
- Field Sports many baseball/softball
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

baseball fields are accessible + well maintained  
basketball + tennis are remote + not accessible  
parking lot in need of resurfacing  
hand ball is scary area

hard to find



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Park Name: Goosetown Park

Date: 6/28/2022

Address: Adams + Putnam

Acreage: 0.61

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground mulch area not wide enough at swings
- Parking lot
- Shelters gazebo
- Restroom
- Court Sports
- Field Sports
- Bike Racks
- Walking Paths sidewalks
- Pool
- Splash Pad
- Other:

**General Notes**

Mature trees on half.  
Raised planter on other half.  
Partially accessible



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Park Name: Helfride Park

Date: 8.16.2022

Address: St Joseph Ave + Maryland St

Acreage: 6.51

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground swings only
- Parking lot paved
- Shelters one small
- Restroom e ball diamonds + at pool
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports soccer, baseball
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool closed, historic building
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: historic gateway, gardens, fountain

**General Notes**

historic gateway at intersection  
historic pool building could be re-used  
multiple well-used + maintained fields  
gaga pit - might belong to school  
adjacent to STEM school - boundary unclear



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Park Name: Homestead Park

Date: 7.12.2022

Address: Evergreen + Homestead

Acreage: 0.88

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground mid-age, swings
- Parking lot none
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: picnic table

**General Notes**

stone mulch @ playground  
wood mulch @ swings  
could use more trees





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Park Name: Howell Mini Park

Date: 8.16.2022

Address: Barker Ave + Emerson St

Acreage: 0.37

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground dated, vandalized, swings, rusty, wood mulch on street? very low
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: picnic table

**General Notes**

2 mature oak trees  
nothing accessible  
very weedy, poorly maintained  
big fence, small park



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Park Name: Howell Park

Date: 8.16.2022

Address: Barker Ave + Floyd St

Acreage: 77.74

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground multiple, (dated), swings, geo dome, climbing rock
- Parking lot large paved
- Shelters 3 open air, 1 enclosed w/ restrooms
- Restroom old, park + pool, drinking fountain
- Court Sports basketball
- Field Sports baseball
- Bike Racks
- Walking Paths connects to Howell Wetlands
- Pool Norman "Red" Mosby Pool. newer.
- Splash Pad ↑ at pool
- Other: Par 3 Golf, Mini Golf  
maintenance barn

**General Notes**

Run by Booster Club, well maintained.  
limited accessible areas  
high school sports fields next door. shared parking?

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Park Name: Howell Wetlands Date: 8-16-2022  
Address: Tekoppel Ave + Broadway Ave Acreage: 23.09

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot paved
- Shelters locked
- Restroom locked?
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths wetland, prairie, woods
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: small amphitheater

**General Notes**

Nature park, ecology focus  
Shelter is fully enclosed + locked.

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Park Name: Lytleheart Park

Date: 8.11.2022

Address: First Ave + Rueger Dr

Acreage: 45.03

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground large, older, shaded, well-used
- Parking lot 3 paved
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom closed, porta-pot
- Court Sports basketball, 3x tennis
- Field Sports baseball
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths nature trail
- Pool closed
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: closed Lloyd pool facility  
little library, picnic areas

**General Notes**

very nice park. a little dated, but could easily be updated.

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Park Name: Jacobsville Park

Date: 7.28

Address: Maryland + Baker

Acreage: 0.44

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground newer, climber, some graffiti, swings
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: benches, picnic tables

**General Notes**

Great new play equipment; no fall surface. exposed subgrade

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Park Name: Kleymeyer Park Date: 8-11  
 Address: First Ave + Diamond Ave (south) Acreage: 72.35

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground swings
- Parking lot gravel x 2
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom porta-pot @ dog park
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports Football  
soccer, baseball x 3
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: dog park, gated, 3 areas

**General Notes**

severe level of disrepair @ sports fields  
dog park in fair condition.

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is driving range part of park or adjacent facility?



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Park Name: Lanier Park

Date: 7.28

Address: 7th Ave + Iowa St

Acreage: 9.35

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground dated, swings. mulch OK
- Parking lot two
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports baseball - 1 diamond
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths greenway connection + trailhead
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: skate park. poor condition. rust + deterioration

**General Notes**

Really two areas: park + trailhead. separate entrances  
Ball field is in use but run down.  
Solar lights @ trailhead

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Park Name: Line Street Park

Date: 6/28/2022

Address: Line St + Gum St

Acreage: 0.57

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground dated, trash in area + in mulch; mulch low
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters 4 picnic table
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

Partially fenced play area.

Picnic tables + benches.

Mature trees.

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Park Name: Lorraine Park

Date: 7.22<sup>12</sup>. 2022

Address: Boeke Rd + Adams Ave

Acreage: 3.33

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground two + swings, one newer, one old
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters newer
- Restroom in pool area
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports baseball backstop w/ turf field
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

mature trees + lawn

walk of pride

stone mulch @ playground

old playground is falling apart - loose chairs

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Park Name: Meskar Park

Date: 8.16.2022

Address: Meskar Park Dr + Winberg Ave

Acreage: 50.19

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground very dated, not accessible, rock mulch
- Parking lot multiple, some paved, some gravel
- Shelters multiple, some accessible
- Restroom at shelters (some)
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths one way driving loop - many walkers
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: disc golf course  
picnic tables

**General Notes**

very hilly dispersed park w/ multiple shelters  
roads need gravel shoulder infill, dangerous dropoffs  
beautiful area - mature trees, grassy glades, picnic areas

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Park Name: Mickey's Kingdom  
 Address: Veterans + Water St

Date: 6/28  
 Acreage: 30.22  
"Riverfront Esplanade"

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground Multiple areas, accessible
- Parking lot shared
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths Born Learning Trail
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Communitree, lighting

**General Notes**

Dinosaur - Sue -  
Drinking Fountain  
Emergency Phones  
Picnic Tables  
Bench Swings



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Park Name: Montoux Park  
 Address: St Joseph Ave + Mill Rd - SW

Date: 8-10-2022  
 Acreage: 104.26

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground old, wood mulch low, older swings
- Parking lot paved, long entry drive
- Shelters w/ concession area
- Restroom at shelter
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports soccer - a lot, fenced
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths around lake, unimproved
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: lake (fishing?)

**General Notes**

some accessible walks to fields + shelter  
path to lake not accessible, fall protection needed @ bridge  
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Park Name: Olmsted Park

Date: 7.28

Address: Heidelbach + Van Dusen Ave

Acreage: 0.56

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground swings x 2, climbing bars
- Parking lot on some streets
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

Overhead transmission lines  
swings well used. mulch rutted  
Not accessible.



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Park Name: Price Park Date: 6/28/2022  
 Address: Covert Ave Seasons Ridge Blvd Acreage: 24.21

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground dated. ADA full entry. faded, rusting, paint chipped
- Parking lot extensive, paved
- Shelters multiple
- Restroom open, dated - needs update. drinking ftn marks.
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports soccer
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths sidewalks along parking
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

Lots of medium trees. Ash trees need removed + replaced.  
Back of park gated. No access.  
Lots of dead space around playground.



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Park Name: Riverfront Esplanade  
 Address: Riverside Drive + Walnut St.  
Water

Date: 2022-10-06  
 Acreage: 30.22

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground Mickey's Kingdom
- Parking lot Museums
- Shelters Pagoda
- Restroom Museums + Pagoda + MK.
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths Greenway
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: benches, trailhead, memorials

**General Notes**

Lots of memorials + monuments. Korean War, 4 Freedoms  
Multiple buildings - Pagoda + Museum + Train Museum  
Numerous seating areas + small plazas

Clean + in good repair  
Except red stone spheres - all cracked





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Park Name: Riverfront Park

Date: 2022-10-06

Address: Riverside Drive + Court St

Acreage: 4.47

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom in LST MUSEUM \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths GREENWAY \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Plaza space, small amphitheater, benches \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

Small spaces around museum LST + casino building.  
Small event spaces.

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**Evansville Parks & Recreation Five - Year Master Plan**

Park Name: Roberts Park

Date: 7.12.2022

Address: Boeke & Franklin

Acreage: 40.87

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths dirt \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool Hartke adjacent \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

open field w/ reforestation tree plantings  
adjacent to: school athletic fields  
Wesselman Park, Wesselman Woods  
Swonder Ice Arena & Hartke Pool



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Park Name: Sheridan Park

Date: 8.11.2002

Address: Sheridan Rd + Stratford Road  
Fairway Dr. - SE

Acreage: 1.51

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground swings, tot lot, climbing wall
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: drainage ditch - eroded

**General Notes**

play equip is old, match OK

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Park Name: Shirley James Plaza

Date: 2022.10.06

Address: Fulton Ave + John St

Acreage: 3.92

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths major trailhead
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: sculpture plaza w/ history info + donors  
bike repair station, picnic tables, benches

**General Notes**

Difficult to find; GPS doesn't recognize John St.  
Hidden Gem

Picnic Tables - drag out into parking lot.



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Park Name: Sixth Ave Park

Date: 7-28

Address: Sixth + Iowa Ave

Acreage: 0.57

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground wood style, not accessible, swings
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters 2 picnic tables
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

No curbs, failing 4x4 posts  
One massive red oak  
Edge between neighborhood + industrial/commercial



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Park Name: State Hospital Grounds

Date: 2022.10.25

Address: Vann Ave + Lincoln Ave

Acreeage: 57.11

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot gravel. disorganized
- Shelters @ baseball
- Restroom @ baseball
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports Baseball + Soccer
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths gravel; 3/4 loop, story trail
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Ped Bridge over Lloyd  
storage buildings

**General Notes**

Parking lots need to be paved; entrances need aligned w/ streets

Walking along Vann = no good. Narrow sidewalk, fast traffic.  
sidepath?





**RUNDELL ERNSTBERGER ASSOCIATES**  
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Park Name: Stevenson Park

Date: 6/28

Address: Cherry & Morton Ave

Acreage: 0.72

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground Dated; mulch low
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

Picnic tables broken

No benches

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Park Name: Stockwell Park

Date: 7.12.2022

Address: Stockwell Rd + Timber View Dr

Acreage: 9.29

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground multiple areas, many swings
- Parking lot gravel
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports former tennis courts, abandoned
- Field Sports soccer
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: picnic table, portable sheds

**General Notes**

adjacent to school  
playground has stone mulch  
mature trees, oaks have galls



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Park Name: Sunset ~~West~~ East

Date: 0/21/2022

Address: Sunset + Shawnee

Acreage: 8.3

**Amenties Checklist:**

Playground

dated; paint faded + chipped; mulch low

Parking lot

no, but available on-street

Shelters

Restroom

Court Sports

Field Sports

Bike Racks

Walking Paths

Pool

Splash Pad

Other:

benches, picnic tables, drinking ftn.

**General Notes**

No sidewalks, no ADA facilities, ftn not operational  
Open lawn mostly, fence along Veterans Pkwy. 4' chainlink  
Trees on grid - mitigation?  
Good number of mature trees & new tree plantings



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Park Name: Topo Park

Date: 6/28/2022

Address: Garvin + Monroe

Acreage: 1.25

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground moderate age. mulch containment missing.
- Parking lot
- Shelters
- Restroom
- Court Sports basketball
- Field Sports
- Bike Racks
- Walking Paths
- Pool
- Splash Pad
- Other: historic house

**General Notes**

No accessible paths to features.

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Park Name: Vann Park

Date: 7.22.2022<sup>12</sup>

Address: Vann Ave + Gum St

Acreage: 3.96

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground new
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports horse shoes
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths sidewalks
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: picnic tables + benches  
drinking fountain

**General Notes**

old swings w/ pebble mulch

mature trees

sidewalks old, not accessible

tree markers - falling apart, unreadable

flower beds

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Park Name: Vann Pollack Park

Date: 6/28/2022

Address: Vann + Pollack

Acreage: 9.43

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground newer, good condition. mulch low @ swings
- Parking lot 2. one paved, one gravel
- Shelters small. 4 picnic table. could be 6.
- Restroom locked
- Court Sports basketball
- Field Sports 3 ball diamonds. 1 in use
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

General disrepair. Debris & trash behind buildings.  
Falling fencing.  
Batting cages fabric falling off.  
Weeds - mowed but not trimmed.  
Lack of accessible paths.

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Park Name: Wesselman Park

Date: 7.12.2022

Address: Boeke + Iowa

Acreage: 99.2

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground ADA full entry. Newer
- Parking lot multiple
- Shelters older, multiple, fireplaces
- Restroom dated.
- Court Sports basketball, tennis complex
- Field Sports baseball, volleyball
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths people walking on roads
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: adjacent to Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve

**General Notes**

large, older, but well-used. ~12 people @ playground  
lots of walkers + joggers  
mature wet woods on north property  
many dying oak trees + stumps



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**Evansville Parks & Recreation Five - Year Master Plan**

Park Name: Wesselman Woods

Date: 7.28

Address: Boeke + Iowa

Acreage: 232.45

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground nature play scape
- Parking lot
- Shelters
- Restroom
- Court Sports
- Field Sports
- Bike Racks
- Walking Paths
- Pool
- Splash Pad
- Other: Nature center, classrooms, bird rehab  
Paid entry fee

**General Notes**

large old growth forest w/ walking trails  
ecology / environmental focus  
nature center is staffed + offers summer camps

- reptiles
- bird watching
- bird rehab
- sugar maple tapping festival



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**Evansville Parks & Recreation Five - Year Master Plan**

Park Name: Westside Library Park  
Address: Franklin St + Flag Ave

Date: 8.16.2022  
Acreage: 2.82

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom in library
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks + bike rental
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: picnic tables - lots

**General Notes**

Carnegie library grounds.  
mature trees on turf. asphalt paths

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lack of younger trees - planting should be a priority.

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Park Name: Westside Nat Club Park Date: 8.16.2022  
 Address: Indiana St + 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Acreage: 0.81

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground multiple, varying ages: new to 1990s. multiple swings
- Parking lot on street
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports basketball half courts in abandoned street
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: picnic tables + benches  
dedication wall

**General Notes**

fencing swings, seems too high off ground, spin chair  
too much play equipment, looks like playground graveyard  
none are accessible, wood mulch  
abandoned baseball backstop

Could be really nice if old equipment was removed + sidewalks  
extended to new equipment



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Park Name: Williard Library Park

Date: 7.28

Address: First Ave + Division

Acreage: 4.64

**Amenties Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot library \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: picnic tables, benches, formal gardens \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

Park surrounding historic library.  
Mainly turf + trees.  
Unclear where park vs library maintenance delineation occurs.

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Park Name: Woodmore Disc Golf

Date: 7.12.2022

Address: Vann + Lincoln  
at State Hospital Grounds

Acreage: 41.7

**Amenities Checklist:**

- Playground \_\_\_\_\_
- Parking lot \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelters \_\_\_\_\_
- Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Court Sports \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Sports Disc Golf \_\_\_\_\_
- Bike Racks \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking Paths \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool \_\_\_\_\_
- Splash Pad \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Notes**

well maintained  
turf, trees, & verge  
rolling topography

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# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS



JULY 12, 2022

## EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 01



### MEETING AGENDA

1. Plan Purpose
2. Schedule
3. Relevant Studies
4. Community Survey
5. Stakeholder Meetings
6. Public Forum
7. Next Steps



## PLAN PURPOSE

1. Long range guide for the direction of parks and programming growth.
2. Per Indiana DNR requirements, must include at minimum:
  - a. Inventory and analysis of current parks system
  - b. Public participation
  - c. New facilities, priorities and schedule for improvements
  - d. Updated every 5 years
3. Guides the direction of investments.
4. Provides the basis to support your priorities for the next five years.
5. Used by the City Administration and Parks & Recreation Department when budgeting for maintenance of existing parks and programs while accommodating new facilities for the community.
6. May include recommendations for maintenance and upgrades to existing facilities.

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PHASE / TASK DESCRIPTION	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
<b>Task 1   Investigation, Inventory, and Analysis</b>	<b>2 months</b>								
Kick-Off Meeting									
Community Survey Draft									
Compile Project Base Plan, AutoCad and GIS Data									
Existing Conditions Inventory									
Existing Facility Analysis									
Previous and Current Studies Review									
Complete Task 1 Deliverables									
<b>Task 2   Obtaining Public Input</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>								
Website, User Survey									
Steering Committee Meeting #1									
Community Forum #1									
Stakeholder Interviews									
<b>Task 3   Planning and Design</b>	<b>2 months</b>								
Conduct Benchmark Study									
Prepare Level of Service Standards									
Summary of User Survey (In Progress)									
Complete Task 3 Deliverables									
<b>Task 4   Recommendations</b>	<b>2 Months</b>								
Community Survey Closed									
Proposed Physical Improvements									
Steering Committee Meeting #2									
Community Forum #2									
Draft Plan Development									
Complete Task 4 Deliverables									

PHASE / TASK DESCRIPTION	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
<b>Task 4   Recommendations</b>	<b>2 Months</b>								
Community Survey Closed				■					
Proposed Physical Improvements			■	■	■	■			
Steering Committee Meeting #2					■				
Community Forum #2					■				
Draft Plan Development				■	■	■	■		
Complete Task 4 Deliverables						■	■		
<b>Task 5   Priorities and Action Plan</b>	<b>1 month</b>								
Develop Implementation Strategy						■	■	■	
Steering Committee Meeting #3							■		
Complete Task 5 Deliverables							■	■	
<b>Task 6   Plan Submittal and Adoption</b>	<b>2 months</b>								
Develop Final Master Plan							■	■	■
Develop Plan Priorities							■	■	■
Steering Committee Meeting #4								■	
Complete Task 6 Deliverables								■	■
Plan Presentation - Park Board									■
Plan Presentation - City Council									■
Plan Submittal/Approval with IDNR - 1st Submittal Jan. 2023, Final Submittal April 2023									■

■ REA Team Work

■ REA Team Submittal

■ Public Input Opportunity (Website, Survey, Community Event)

■ Public Forum

■ Steering Committee Meeting

### RELEVANT STUDIES

1. Prior Five-Year Master Plan (2015)
2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Master Plan (2015)
3. Wesselman Woods Strategic Plan (2022)
4. Recreation Program Plan (?)



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## COMMUNITY SURVEY / PROJECT WEBSITE

- Community Survey Draft - July 12
- Launch Survey/Project Website - July 26
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), City Website
- Key Topics to Include
  - Perception of parks and trails condition
  - Missing facilities/programs
  - Support for potential future amenities
  - Barriers to using parks more
  - Priorities for future spending
  - Support for funding options
  - Perception of communication and opportunities

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## STAKEHOLDERS / FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

- **Suggested Groups**
  - Elected Officials / Parks Board (2 time slots to avoid quorum)
  - Parks & Recreation Staff
  - Special Interest User Groups (golf, aquatics, etc)
  - Community Groups (Lions Club, Rotary, Schools)
- **45-minute meetings**
  - At 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
  - Option to schedule similar groups at same time
  - Do we need a virtual meeting option?
- **Will include proposed questions with invitation**
  - REA will coordinate with EPR to gather contact information
- **Opportunities for comments**
  - Provide opportunity to email comments
  - Submit comments through project website


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## GOALS

### What do you hope to accomplish with this plan?



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CONCEPTUAL RENDERING

### NEXT STEPS

- **Information needed from EPR**
  - Staff organization chart
  - Recreation program and activity list
  - Budget (verify)
  - Photography of events and facilities for website and plan
- **Base Plan / Map Development**
  - GIS data received 7/11
- **Stakeholder Group Development**
  - REA will coordinate with EPR to gather contact information
- **Public Meeting #1 - August 9 @ CK Newsome, 4pm-8pm**
  - REA will deliver draft boards / activities 7/26
- **Steering Committee Meeting #2 - August 23, 1pm**
  - Report on public meeting and website feedback
  - First Draft of Existing Conditions Chapter

### Questions?

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**RUNDELL ERNSTBERGER ASSOCIATES**

**Meeting Sign-in**

Meeting Date: July 12, 2022  
 Meeting Time: 1:00 PM  
 Meeting Location: CK Newsome Community Center

Project Number: 2022-1657  
 Project Name: Evansville Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan

Subject: Steering Committee Meeting 01



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SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

# EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 02



## MEETING AGENDA

1. Community Survey
2. Project Website
3. Focus Group Meetings
4. Community Open House
5. Key Takeaways
6. Next Steps



## COMMUNITY SURVEY

1. Went Live - August 2, 2022
2. Social Media Blast, City Website, Facebook
3. Survey Numbers  
1095 responses as of September 12, 2022

(REVIEW OF SURVEY DATA TO DATE)

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## PROJECT WEBSITE

1. Went live - August 2, 2022
2. Website Numbers  
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### Evansville Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Welcome to the project website for the Evansville Parks and Recreation Master Plan! Check back often for project updates.

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## FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

Thursday, August 25, 2022 from 9am to 3pm

5 focus group meetings  
23 attendees signed in (more were present)

Parks Board, City Council, Trails Coalition, Mesker Zoo, Swonder Ice Arena, Community One, Welborn Foundation, Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Evansville Regional Economic Partnership, Economic Improvement District, Keep Evansville Beautiful, Parks Foundation, Healthy Communities

Meeting notes will be distributed to Steering Committee.

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At CK Newsome Community Center  
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**TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY.** There is overwhelming desire for more walking paths within parks, from neighborhoods to parks, and from park to park.

**RESTROOMS.** Clean, accessible, open restrooms. Additional restroom facilities.

**SAFETY.** Increased lighting and emergency call stations.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS.** Events for all ages. Music in the park, Movies in the park, Theater in the park. Spring festival to compliment Fall Festival.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:** Riverfront activation, splash pads, dog parks.

### NEXT STEPS

Develop Preliminary Recommendations  
- review with Staff  
- review with Steering Committee on 10/18

Open House #2 - 10/27 - Present Recommendations

Ongoing:  
Develop Benchmark Study  
Develop Level of Service Study  
Writing Introduction and Existing Conditions Chapters

Draft Document DNR Submittal - January 16, 2023

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October 18, 2022

# **EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Steering Committee Meeting 03



## Agenda

1. Number of Facilities and Acreage
2. Benchmark Study
3. Level of Service Standards
4. Review Open House Materials
5. Next Steps

## NUMBER OF FACILITIES AND ACREAGE

The City of Evansville Parks and Recreation website states that the department “coordinates and oversees the operation of 67 parks, 21 recreation facilities, and 2,500 acres of land.”

After field inventory of all listed parks and review of city GIS, we do not believe that these numbers are accurate. I believe that the correct numbers are as follows:

46 parks  
22 recreation facilities  
1600 acres of land +/-

A breakdown of facilities and acreage is on the following pages.



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### PARKS

1. Akin Park
2. Anthony Oates Park
3. Bayard Park
4. Bellemeade Park
5. Caldwell Park
6. Casselberry Park
7. Diamond Valley Park
8. Eleventh Avenue Park
9. 4th and Main Park (future)
10. Fulton Park
11. Garvin Park
12. Goebel Soccer Complex
13. Golfmoor Park
14. Goosetown Park
15. Haynie's Corner
16. Helfrich Park
17. Homestead Park
18. Howell Mini Park
19. Howell Park
20. Howell Wetlands
21. Iglehart Park
22. Jacobsville Park
23. Kleymeyer Park
24. Lamasco Park
25. Line Street Park
26. Lorraine Park
27. Mesker Park
28. Moutoux Park
29. Olmstead Park
30. Price Park
31. Riverfront (Park / Dress Plaza / Esplanade / Mickey's Kingdom)
32. Roberts Park
33. Sheridan Park
34. Sixth Avenue Park
35. State Hospital Grounds (parks owns western 1/3 +/- inc. Woodmere Disc Golf Course)
36. Stevenson Park
37. Stockwell Park
38. Sunset Park
39. Tepe Park
40. Vann Park
41. Vann-Pollack Park
42. Wesselman Park
43. Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve
44. Westside Library Park
45. West Side Nut Club Park (Stop Light City)
46. Willard Library Park

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### RECREATION FACILITIES

#### Facilities

1. Angel Mounds Boat Ramp
2. Dress Plaza / Four Freedoms Monument
3. CK Newsome Community Center
4. Dogtown Boat Ramp
5. Greenway Passage
6. Mesker Park Zoo
7. The Pagoda
8. Riverfront Skatepark (future)
9. Shirley James Gateway Plaza
10. Swonder Ice Arena

#### Pools

1. Deaconess Aquatic Center at Garvin Park
2. Hartke Pool at Roberts Park
3. Helfrich Pool at Helfrich Park
4. Lorraine Pool at Lorraine Park
5. Norman Red Mosby Pool at Howell Park
6. Rochelle Landers Pool at Bellemeade Park

#### Golf Courses

1. Helfrick Golf Course
2. Howell Par 3 and Mini Golf
3. Fendrich Golf Course
4. McDonald Golf Course

#### Disc Golf Courses

1. Mesker Park Disc Golf
2. Woodmere Disc Golf at State Hospital Grounds

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Name	Acres	Category	Location
AKIN PARK	9.72	Neighborhood	Madison Ave & Park Dr
Angel Mounds Boat Launch	28	Special Use Facility	Lynn Rd. & Ohio River
ANTHONY OATES PARK	6.76	Neighborhood	Sunburst Blvd & Beech Dr
BAYARD PARK	10.73	Neighborhood	Kentucky Ave & Powell Ave
BELLMEADE PARK	7.05	Neighborhood	Bellemeade Ave & Evans Ave
Boulevards (various locations, maintained)	24.98	Special Use Facility	various
C.K. Newsome Community Center	3.66	Special Use Facility	100 E Walnut St
CALDWELL PARK	1.03	Pocket	Governor St & Sweetser Ave
CASSELBERRY PARK	0.95	Pocket	Casselberry Ave & Iowa St
DIAMOND VALLEY PARK	6.23	Neighborhood	Third Ave & Fulton Pkwy
Dogtown Boat Ramp	22.73	Special Use Facility	Old Henderson Rd & Bayou Creek Rd (to sc
Dress Plaza	0	Special Use Facility	Riverfront Esplanade
ELEVENTH AVENUE PARK	1.75	Neighborhood	Eleventh Ave & Iowa St
Fendrich Golf Course	94.3	Special Use Facility	1900 E Diamond Ave
Four Freedoms Monument	0	Special Use Facility	Riverfront Esplanade
Fourth and Main Park	0.58	Pocket	Fourth & Main Streets
FULTON PARK	1.85	Neighborhood	Fulton Ave & Franklin St
GARVIN PARK	40.64	Community	Main St & Morgan St
Goebel Soccer Complex (leased)	61.4	Special Use Facility	Green River Rd and Heckel Rd (to northwe
GOLFMOOR PARK	28.75	Community	Golfmoor Rd & Seward Ave
GOOSETOWN PARK	0.61	Pocket	Adams Ave & Putnam St
Haynie's Corner	0.86	Pocket	Adams Ave & Second St
Helfrich Golf Course	158.68	Special Use Facility	1550 Mesker Park Dr.
HELFRICH PARK	6.51	Neighborhood	St Joseph Ave & Maryland St
HOMESTEAD PARK	0.88	Neighborhood	Homestead Ave & Evergreen Ave
HOWELL MINI PARK	0.37	Pocket	Barker Ave & Emerson St
HOWELL PARK	77.74	Regional	Barker Ave & Floyd St
Howell Wetlands	23.09	Community	Tekoppel Ave & Broadway Ave
IGLEHEART PARK	45.03	Community	First Ave & Rueger Dr
JACOBSVILLE PARK	0.44	Pocket	Baker Ave & Maryland St
Kenny Kent Disc Golf Course	0	Special Use Facility	Mesker Park
KLEYMAYER PARK	72.35	Regional	First Ave & Diamond Ave (to southeast)
Kleymeyer Driving Range and Mini Golf (leased)	18.14	Special Use Facility	First Ave & Diamond Ave (to southeast)
LAMASCO PARK	9.35	Neighborhood	Seventh Ave & Iowa St
LINE STREET PARK	0.57	Pocket	Line St & Gum St
LORRAINE PARK	3.33	Neighborhood	Boeke Rd & Adams Ave
McDonald Golf Course	69.46	Special Use Facility	2905 E Morgan Ave
MESKER PARK	50.19	Community	Mesker Park Dr & Wimberg Ave
MESKER PARK ZOO	55.19	Special Use Facility	Mesker Bement & St. Joseph Aves
Mickey's Kingdom	0	Special Use Facility	Riverfront Esplanade
MOUTOUX PARK	104.26	Community	St Joseph Ave & Mill Rd (to southwest)
Norman "Red" Mosby Pool	0	Special Use Facility	Howell Park
OLMSTEAD PARK	0.56	Pocket	Heidelbach Ave & Van Dusen Ave
Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage		Special Use Facility	

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Price Park	24.21 Community	Covert Ave & Seasons Ridge Rd
Riverfront Esplanade	30.22 Community	Riverside Dr from Walnut St to Sunset Park
RIVERFRONT PLAZA	4.91 Neighborhood	Riverside Dr from Court St to Walnut St
Roberts Park	40.87 Community	Boeke Rd & Franklin St
Rochelle/Landers Pool	0 Special Use Facility	Bellemeade Park
SHERIDAN PARK	1.51 Neighborhood	Sheridan Rd & Fairway Dr (to southeast)
Shirley James Gateway Plaza	3.92 Special Use Facility	Fulton Ave & John Street
SIXTH AVENUE PARK	0.57 Pocket	Sixth Ave and Iowa St
State Hospital Grounds	41.7 Community	Lincoln Ave & Vann Ave
STEVENSON PARK	0.72 Pocket	Cherry St & Morton Ave
STOCKWELL PARK	9.29 Neighborhood	Stockwell Rd & Timber View Dr
Sunset Park East & West	8.3 Neighborhood	Shawnee Dr and Sunset Ave
Swonder Ice Arena & Hartke Pool	25.6 Special Use Facility	Boeke Rd & Division St
TEPE PARK	1.23 Neighborhood	Garvin St & Monroe Ave
VANN PARK	3.96 Neighborhood	Vann Ave & Gum St
VANN POLLACK PARK	9.43 Neighborhood	Vann Ave & Pollack Ave
WESSELMAN PARK	99.2 Regional	Boeke Rd & Iowa St
WESSELMAN WOODS Nature Preserve	232.43 Regional	Boeke Rd & Iowa St
WESTSIDE LIBRARY PARK	2.82 Neighborhood	Franklin St & Flag Ave
Westside Nut Club Park	0.81 Pocket	Eleventh Ave & Indiana St
WILLARD LIBRARY PARK	4.64 Neighborhood	First Ave & Division St
Woodmere Disc Golf Course	0 Special Use Facility	State Hospital Grounds, Vann Ave
Total Acreage	1595.06	

## RECOMMENDATION

Change the website and messaging in conjunction with the 2022 5-Year Plan adoption (or prior).

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**BENCHMARK STUDY**

This benchmark study compares the City of Evansville’s Parks and Recreation funding and staffing relative to other Indiana cities.

	Indianapolis	Fort Wayne	Evansville	South Bend	Carmel	Bloomington	NRPA Standards
Population (2020)	864,447	263,886	117,298	103,453	99,757	79,168	
<b>Population Growth (2010-2020)</b>	5.36%	4.02%	-0.11%	2.26%	25.97%	-1.54%	
Total Land Area (square miles)	368	110.8	47.85	42.4	50.17	23.42	
Total Land Area per 1,000 population	0.43	0.42	0.41	0.41	0.50	0.30	
Number of Parks	212	87	46	58	15	37	
Total Park Acreage	11,254	2,840	1,600	1,296	535	2,342	NA
Total park Acreage per 1,000 population	13.02	10.76	13.64	12.53	5.36	29.58	10.40
Residents per Park	4077.58	3033.17	2549.96	1783.67	6650.47	2139.68	2,323.00
Full Time Employees	125	120	38	115	30	53	
Part Time Employees	400	325	80	236	121	405	
Total Employees	525	445	118	351	151	458	
Full Time Equivalent	325	217.5	78	290.5	90.5	255.5	104.40
Number of FTE per Acre of Parks	0.03	0.08	0.05	0.22	0.17	0.11	
Number of FTE Employees per 10,000 Residents	3.76	8.24	6.65	28.08	9.07	32.27	8.90
Annual Parks Operating Budget *	\$ 23,730,503.00	\$ 22,831,590.00	\$ 10,189,855.00	\$ 28,976,722.00	\$ 11,478,757.00	\$ 8,419,208.00	
Operating Budget per capita *	\$ 27.45	\$ 86.52	\$ 86.87	\$ 280.10	\$ 115.07	\$ 106.35	\$93.01
Human Resources and Payroll Manager	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	

\* Includes Mesker Zoo expenses as well. Excluding Mesker Zoo, the numbers are very different.

Annual Operating Budget excluding Zoo			\$ 5,054,824.00				
Operating Budget per capita excluding Zoo			\$ 43.09				\$93.01

Per NRPA, less than 5% of Parks and Recreation Agencies in the USA manage a Zoo. Most zoos are now 501c3 Public/Private Partnerships.

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### **BENCHMARK STUDY**

#### **BUDGET**

At a glance, Evansville is spending \$86.87 per capita annually on parks and recreation, compared to the national average of \$93.01. Not bad.

However, unlike the vast majority of cities nationwide, Evansville still includes a zoo within its parks and recreation (and zoo) budget. When funding for the zoo is excluded, Evansville is funding the remainder of its parks and recreation department at a rate of \$43.09 per capita, less than half the national average and well below other cities in Indiana.

The vast majority of public zoos in the USA have been reorganized as 501c3 zoological society organizations which still receive annual city funding, but exists separate from parks and recreation. As a case study, South Bend, Indiana reorganized their zoo from parks & recreation department to a zoological society in 2014.

Based on NRPA's national average index, a city the size of Evansville should expect to have an average annual budget of +/- \$11,000,000.00 for parks and recreation, not including any zoo expenses. This baseline number would still place Evansville behind other Indiana cities in parks spending per capita.

#### **STAFFING**

- based on preliminary numbers -

Evansville's parks and recreation staffing is deficient compared to other Indiana cities and the national average. Evansville employs 38 full time employees and (80) part time employees, for an average of (78) full-time equivalent employees.

Based on the NRPA's national average index, a city the size of Evansville should expect to employ 104 full-time equivalent parks and recreation employees. Comparable cities in Indiana have over 200 full-time equivalent employees.

On average, operations and maintenance accounts for nearly 50% of full-time equivalent staffing in parks and recreation departments. Based on these findings, it is not surprising at all that Evansville's park facilities are so far behind on maintenance and upkeep.

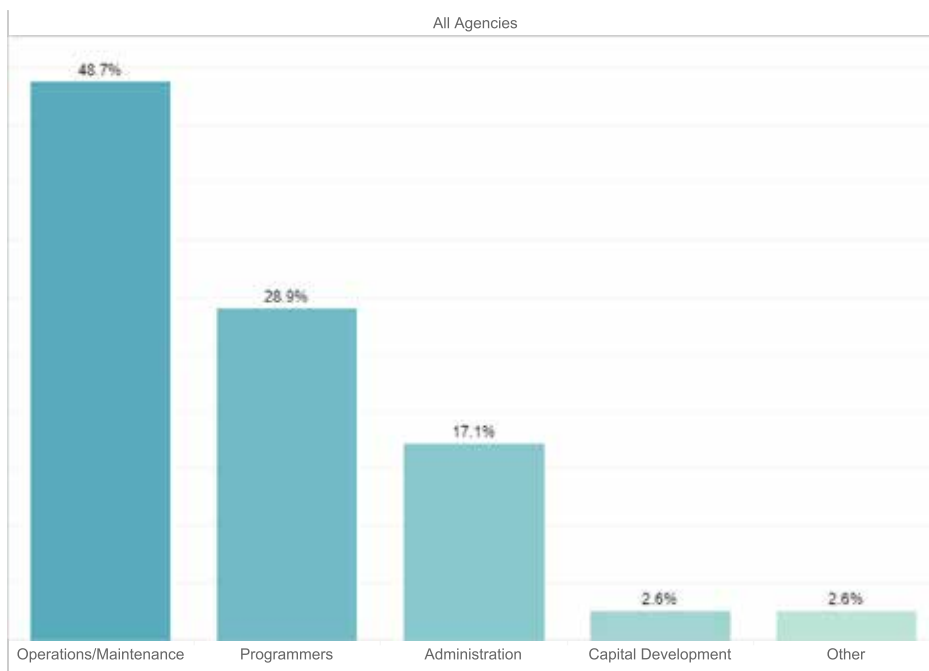


## RECOMMENDATIONS

Request that the city make a renewed commitment to parks and recreation by increasing the annual budget to \$11 million (not including the zoo) over a period of three years. This is still below the funding level of other cities in Indiana.

Utilize this funding to make maintenance priority number one. Maintenance alone in a city this size should have an annual budget of +/- \$5 million.

Operations/Maintenance tends to make up **nearly half** of all full-time equivalent (FTE) staff responsibilities in a park and recreation agency.



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**LEVEL OF SERVICE STUDY**

This level of service study compares the City of Evansville’s Parks and Recreation facilities to the national average, to evaluate what facilities may be overbuilt and/or under-served. It does not account for local preferences, nor does it tell us if these facilities are correctly located within the park system.

Evansville Population 2020: **117,298**

Amenity	Current Inventory	NRPA Index Average	Target Number	Surplus / Deficit
Playground	37	3,750	31	6
Skate Park	1	53,708	2	-1
Dog Parks	1	43,586	3	-2
Golf Course, Regulation 18 Hole	3	86,277	1	2
Outdoor Performance Venue	0	68,181	2	-2
Basketball Court	15	7,403	16	-1
Tennis Court	18	7,264	16	2
Volleyball Court	6	18,232	6	0
Pickleball Court	0	14,714	8	-8
Baseball & Softball Fields *	29	7,000	17	12
Soccer Fields *	25	13,200	9	16
Football Fields	3	26,493	4	-1
Trails - Paved (Miles)	24	27	27	-3
Splash Pad (stand alone)	0	38,000	3	-3
Swimming Pool (Outdoor)	5	38,000	3	2
Aquatic Center (Indoor)	1	53,025	2	-1
Community Center	1	55,136	2	-1
Nature Center	1	114,696	1	0
Ice Rink	2	50,863	2	0

\* Does not include Deaconess Sports Park or Goebel Soccer Park.

This report is based on national averages compiled in the 2022 NRPA Agency Performance Review. It does not account for local preferences and trends, only national averages.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Evansville is significantly overbuilt for baseball, softball, and soccer compared to national averages. To a lesser extent golf, outdoor pools, playgrounds, and tennis are slightly over national averages. These facilities should receive lower priority for new facilities.

Evansville has a notable deficit of outdoor performance venues, pickleball courts, splash pads, and dog parks. To a lesser extent paved trails, skate parks, basketball, and football are slightly below national averages. These facilities should receive higher priority for future facilities.

Indoor athletic facilities including aquatic centers and community centers are also slightly under served compared to national average. However, both Deaconess Aquatic Center and CK Newsome Community Center are larger than average facilities.

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**NEXT STEPS**

Review of Open House Materials

Open House #2 - October 27, 2022

Next SC Meeting - November 15, 2022

Lots of Writing!

Draft Document DNR Submittal - January 16, 2023



NOVEMBER 29, 2022

# EVANSVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION FIVE-YEAR MASTER PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 04



## MEETING AGENDA

1. Community Engagement
2. Key Takeaways
3. Open House 2 Materials
4. Next Steps





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Public Open House #1

- social media shared 2444 times
- 58 signed-in attendees

### Virtual Open House

- 5603 views
- 1807 unique users
- 6 responses on recommendations

### Community Survey Numbers

- 1095 responses prior to open house #2
- 1161 responses to date
- will be closed in December (date?)

### Public Open House #2

- social media shared 665 times
- 11 signed-in attendees

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

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# FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS



## EVANSVILLE 5-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

### Focus Group Meeting Invitation

Dear Parks Supporter:

The Evansville Parks and Recreation Department has begun the process of updating their 5-Year Master Plan. The Evansville 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan will take a fresh and holistic look at parks and recreation for the Parks and Recreation Department. The project will engage residents and community leaders to provide recommendations that seek to improve the current parks system. The plan's recommendations will include physical improvements for parks but will also include recommendations for new programs and activities, maintenance and operations, funding sources, and long-term planning addressing the life-cycle of existing park elements. The recommendations will provide an action plan for the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize over the next 5 years and beyond.

Your help is needed as we begin this process. Please join us to hear about the project and, most importantly, to share your ideas, opinions, and concerns with regards to the parks and recreation system within the community. We have scheduled a series of small group meetings on Thursday, August 25th. These will be in-person meetings limited to 45 minutes.

We are also happy to receive comments and questions by email to the contacts listed below. Your comments are very important in determining the recommendations for the master plan.

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Evansville, IN 47713  
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Louisville, KY 40202  
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If you are not able to make any of the focus group meeting times we will also be holding a Community Open House to gather input. The Open House is open to all and will include several interactive exercises for input.

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2022  
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Open House - Come any time and stay as long as you like)  
Location: CK Newsome Community Center  
100 E Walnut Street  
Evansville, IN 47713

Please visit the project website at: [www.evansvilleparksplan.com](http://www.evansvilleparksplan.com) to take the Community Survey and stay informed of the latest project news.

We look forward to seeing you on August 25th!



## EVANSVILLE 5-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

### Focus Group Meeting Questions

The following questions will be used to guide the conversation during the focus group meetings. Please come prepared to discuss the following and any other topics regarding parks and recreation in Evansville.

1. What do you like about the existing park system in terms of facilities and programs? (What are the assets of the parks?)
2. Are there gaps in the existing network? (park facilities and/or recreational programs)
3. Imagine for a moment what your ideal park would look like and have in it. If that ideal park were an Evansville park, what would that park include?
4. Of parks that you have visited elsewhere, what have you seen that you would like to have in the Evansville parks?
5. What improvements, if any, are needed at any of the parks?
6. How do you receive information about park programs and activities?
7. Do you believe information concerning parks and programming is easy to find and communicated well?
8. How do you view the maintenance of parks?

## RUNDELL ERNSTBERGER ASSOCIATES

### Meeting Notes

**Date Prepared:** September 13, 2022  
**Prepared By:** Pete Andriot

**Project Number:** 2022-1657  
**Project Name:** Evansville Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan

**Meeting Date:** August 25, 2022  
**Meeting Time:** 9:00 am  
**Meeting Location:** CK Newsome Community Center  
**Attendees:** Refer to sign in sheet

#### Items of Discussion:

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- A. What works, what doesn't work currently
    - 1. Concerns of accessibility were raised. Many facilities not accessible. Some areas are less/under served.
    - 2. Greenway is a great resource to limit traffic interaction
    - 3. Lorraine pool was an example. Pools bring diverse groups together for recreation.
    - 4. Parks should be beautiful and well-maintained. Freedman Park in Owensboro as an example.
    - 5. The ideal park has multiple uses - walking paths, places to sit and read or watch nature, family activities.
    - 6. Parks are destinations for low-income families who cannot afford extravagant vacations.
    - 7. Explore non-traditional events at parks - cornhole tournaments, etc.
      - a. Pickleball tournaments can help generate revenue
  - B. Where do you get information about parks
    - 1. Online, mostly via Facebook
    - 2. Neighborhood associations
    - 3. Churches
    - 4. Schools
  - C. Maintenance
    - 1. There is not enough maintenance currently, this contributes to a lack of pride in facilities.
      - a. All acknowledged that this was due to a lack of workers.
      - b. Park renovations to help raise parks pride
      - c. Specific needs currently - lawn mowing and removal of dead trees/hazards
      - d. Should some current parks be redefined as greenspaces to help with maintenance?
    - 2. Need to identify funding sources
    - 3. Old playground equipment is not inviting
    - 4. Boat ramps need some attention and improvement
  - D. COVID set the city back
    - 1. There was a lack of direction in parks, specifically volunteering, before
    - 2. People will turn out to help if invited
  - E. Parks needs a re-brand
    - 1. New logo, new signage, refreshed
    - 2. New effort to engage community
    - 3. Get the enthusiasm back again
    - 4. Bring in a spokesperson/people from the community
    - 5. Work with neighborhood associations to raise awareness/provide help

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**Prepared By:** Pete Andriot

**Project Number:** 2022-1657  
**Project Name:** Evansville Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan

**Meeting Date:** August 25, 2022  
**Meeting Time:** 10:00 am  
**Meeting Location:** CK Newsome Community Center  
**Attendees:** Refer to sign in sheet

#### Items of Discussion:

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- A. What works, what doesn't work currently
    - 1. Existing parks quality is good
    - 2. Hospitality - parks need to be invigorated to make them inviting
    - 3. Connectivity - so critical to quality of life and place
    - 4. Lack of hospitality plantings, and maintenance of horticulture
    - 5. Need more maintenance staff, and specialization of staff
    - 6. Need to generate more usage
    - 7. Intramural sports have seen a big decline in participation
    - 8. City has good geographic coverage of parks
    - 9. Tree canopy in parks is mature in most places; is there a forestry plan in place to maintain and replace as mature trees die off?
  - B. Ideas
    - 1. More partnerships between parks and neighborhood associations
    - 2. Coordinate with the Trails coalition to improve connectivity, organize events, and raise attendance
    - 3. More people using parks = more support for parks
    - 4. Strategies
      - a. Reinvest in what you have
      - b. Mix of improvements and additions
      - c. Improve messaging - showcase smaller renovations and projects
    - 5. Sports groups serve their facilities, but what about "unadopted" parks?
    - 6. Work days in parks? Block parties? Youth Service Days?
  - C. Ideal Park
    - 1. Beautiful trees, strong canopy, picnics, playgrounds, fields, dog parks
    - 2. Welcoming features at entrance, feels safe, community policing
    - 3. Well used, people presence, sense of place, unique identity of parks
    - 4. Art in parks, memorial groves
  - D. Maintain parks at level - focus on maintenance

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**Meeting Date:** August 25, 2022  
**Meeting Time:** 11:00 am  
**Meeting Location:** CK Newsome Community Center  
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#### Items of Discussion:

- A. What works, what doesn't work currently
  - 1. Upkeep and maintenance is lacking
  - 2. General lack of safety
- B. Swonder Ice Arena
  - 1. Mechanical equipment needs to be replaced
    - a. Scoreboard
    - b. Sound system
    - c. Dehumidifier
    - d. Heaters at stands
  - 2. Locker rooms need updates, general upkeep
  - 3. Short span of availability for roller derby events
  - 4. Lack of access to community for open events
    - a. Ice hockey events
    - b. Figure skating year round
    - c. Girls hockey - fastest growing youth league - needs more support
  - 5. Third sheet of ice would allow more events
    - a. Bidding for 2024 figure skating competition
  - 6. Additional cleaning needed
  - 7. Multi-purpose room and office space and storage needed as well
- C. Pools
  - 1. Highly utilized, close too early in summer, can they be kept open later and longer in season?
- D. Information
  - 1. Not enough advertising
  - 2. Need more integration of information, central hub for sharing events
  - 3. If your new to town, no way to get info
- E. Quality of Place
  - 1. Drives community support
  - 2. Finish the projects that are on the books
  - 3. Maintain the projects that exist
  - 4. Finish Roberts Park
  - 5. Renovate Harkey Park
  - 6. Revitalize Garvin Park
  - 7. Connectivity - finish the greenway
- F. What does your Ideal Park look like





1. Encourages mobility and walking
  2. Simple and maintainable
  3. Connectivity between facilities
  4. Safety, public participation
  5. Signal lights at busy intersections so pedestrian can get to parks (Boeke @ Wesselman)
- G. Maintenance
1. Assess and remove dead and dying trees (Akin and Tepee Parks especially, but in general for the whole city)
  2. Parks are not currently acting as magnets
  3. Put together a plan to address maintenance issues at parks and upkeep
  4. Facilities have to look nice to draw tournaments and competitions
  5. Best avenue for private investment
  6. Priority key indicator - focus on underserved neighborhoods



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## RUNDELL ERNSTBERGER ASSOCIATES


### Meeting Notes

**Date Prepared:** September 13, 2022  
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**Project Number:** 2022-1657  
**Project Name:** Evansville Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan

**Meeting Date:** August 25, 2022  
**Meeting Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Meeting Location:** CK Newsome Community Center  
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#### Items of Discussion:

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- A. Current Assets
    - 1. Greenway is a major asset
    - 2. Sports facilities - brings in revenue
    - 3. Multiple small parks
    - 4. Historic design of some parks (Garvin)
  - B. Current Liabilities
    - 1. Dead trees in many parks
    - 2. Not much charm - no sculpture, no horticulture
    - 3. Lack of maintenance personnel
    - 4. Not a lot of adult activities
    - 5. No pool on the north side now
    - 6. Lack of artificial turf baseball field(s)
      - a. start season in March
      - b. rainouts on grass fields
    - 7. Lack of programs in parks
    - 8. Helfrich golf course is unplayable
      - a. Irrigation needs replaced
    - 9. Can there be repair blitzes - get existing facilities up to shape?
    - 10. KEB used to adopt 2-3 parks per year and refurbish them, touch up paint and plantings
  - C. Gaps in the current system
    - 1. Lack of a true riverfront park
    - 2. No Instagram hot-spots
    - 3. No large acreage parks south of the Lloyd Expressway
      - a. Also few small acreage neighborhood parks north of the Lloyd
    - 4. Parks as a whole is inadequately budgeted and staffed
    - 5. Could Garvin Park be pedestrian only sometimes?
    - 6. Lack of service for High School & collegiate level sports/people
    - 7. Increase number of baseball fields - accommodate growth
    - 8. Eco-tourism is a growing trend, can Evansville capitalize on it?
  - D. Ideals for parks
    - 1. Less is more.
    - 2. Equitable and accessible with a variety of experiences - not all park users are children
    - 3. Educational programming individualized for the communities
    - 4. Children's theater
    - 5.

6. More horticulture
  7. More charm
  8. Riverfront space to rival Owensboro
  9. Increased connectivity
  10. Organized sports taking place
- E. Specialty parks
1. Currently no festival grounds location
  2. Mesker Amphitheater is an eyesore
  3. How can we leverage parks for community growth and as a tool for economic and tourist growth
  4. Budget is inadequate
- F. Receiving Information
1. Social media - highlight updates
  2. Information is not commonly distributed to everyone



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- A. What works, what doesn't work currently
    - 1. Lack of focus on exercise
      - a. Health and fitness - mentally and physically
    - 2. Lack of soft trails (not paved)
    - 3. Lack of simple amenities
      - a. Emergency call phones
      - b. Drinking fountains
      - c. Lighting
      - d. Open, clean restrooms
  - B. Gaps in the current system
    - 1. Free events and facilities
    - 2. Concerts in the parks
    - 3. Parks with purpose - how to use intentionally
    - 4. Improve sidewalks
    - 5. Improve safety of Angel Mounds
    - 6. Outdoor exercise equipment - currently none
  - C. Opportunities
    - 1. 5k or 10k route past the parks, end at large park
    - 2. Website - list by amenities (such as dog park), not just by location
    - 3. Key fobs to access Wesselmann Woods before and after hours
    - 4. More splash pads
  - D. What does your Ideal Park look like?
    - 1. Simple & natural
    - 2. Restrooms and emergency call phones
    - 3. Drinking fountains and bottle filler stations
    - 4. Cleanliness
    - 5. Horticulture
    - 6. Special design parks - all wood, etc
  - E. How do you get information?
    - 1. Paid marketing on social media
    - 2. Partner with EVSC to share info
    - 3. Keep website up to date
  - F. Focus on health through parks
  - G. Look for partnerships and sponsorships to help improve maintenance
  - H. Precedent ideas
    - 1. Boise, Idaho -great trails
    - 2. Williamsburg. VA rec center
    - 3. Cornwill Park - trails
    - 4. Kansas City Parks - has themes

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# ENVIROKINETICS REPORT



## 2022 Envirokinetics, Inc. Community Input

### FINAL REPORT

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding entered into on September 22, 2022, by Envirokinetics, Inc. (EKI), the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) and Rundell Ernstberger and Associates, Inc. (REA), this report serves to fulfill the contracted obligation upon EKI to solicit and collect community input and share its findings with REA to be included in the *Evansville 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

EKI sought out quality and supportive input from low-income and minority community residents regarding the *Evansville 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan*. EKI facilitated multiple community meetings alongside staff from the Parks Departments, city officials and others, who introduced the project and answered any questions addressed by residents.

Moreover, the facilitation process enhanced participants' understanding of how proposed outcomes can impact their quality of life, while providing an opportunity to identify their ideas about underutilized recreational resources and shared vision for the future.

#### MEETING SUMMARY

This public engagement rollout strategy was designed for minority and underserved populations to meet them where they are, in a comfortable setting with familiar surroundings, while also providing respondents an opportunity for input at Open Houses held at EVPL East Branch Library and Bosse High School.

Meeting locations and surveyed groups were chosen based on proximity to and relationship with targeted community members and neighborhoods. These groups included Akin Park Neighborhood Association, Bellemeade Bayard Park Neighborhood Association, Glenwood Neighborhood Association, Goosetown Neighborhood Association, Southern Indiana Mentoring Academy (SIMA) and other individual and group stakeholders and thought leaders.

Attendance at meetings varied from one-on-one to 100 participants. One hundred youth were surveyed at Bosse High School with more than 70 responses collected. A total of 100 \$10. McDonald Gift Cards were distributed to the youth respondents during the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lunch periods. (See the Evansville Youth Parks Survey section below.) Other groups consisted of a variety of age levels.

#### SURVEY SUMMARY

Two types of surveys were disseminated throughout the community for four to five months. Residents were encouraged to complete the survey in its entirety and return it, preferably in person and prior to departure of the meetings. Residents were also given the opportunity to return the surveys to EVPL East Branch library, the library adjacent to Bayard Park.

Of the surveys administered, 85 *Underutilized Facilities Surveys* were completed and 73 *Evansville Youth Parks Surveys* were completed. These 158 total surveys were collected, compiled into a comprehensive report and represented by charts and infographics.

This report reflects the well-thought, genuine and practical responses of residents who live, work and play in the area where the facilities upon which surveys focused exist. Their input, ideas and insights are presented here to complement the additional information collected in the *Evansville 5-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update Community Survey*.





# Underutilized Facilities

## Evansville Parks & Area Facilities

We asked Evansville residents for their ideas and feedback in order to help us improve experiences in Evansville parks and other area facilities in the community. Here is what they said!

### TOP COMMUNITY FACILITY ADDITIONS



#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Half of survey respondents mentioned youth programs and services for youth as a desired addition to Evansville facilities.

### TOP PARKS ADDITIONS



#### WALKING PATHS

More than one third of survey respondents mentioned pathways, walking paths, or sidewalks as something to be added or improved in local parks.

### PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

Below are the most commonly mentioned features survey respondents mentioned as possible improvements to local Evansville parks.



#### TREE CARE

Over 10% of survey respondents want to see improvements to tree and lawn maintenance.



#### WATER FEATURES

Water fountains, water features, ponds and even pools were recommended as additions.



#### SPORTS FACILITIES

Basketball and tennis courts, baseball fields, and playground equipment.



#### RESTROOMS

Restroom facilities that open/close at specific times were either very much wanted or NOT wanted at all.

### C.K. Newsome Center

Survey respondents were asked what they would like to see improved or added at the C.K. Newsome Center located at 100 E. Walnut Street. The three top results are described below.



#### WI-FI

Over 12% of survey respondents mentioned Wi-Fi accessibility as an important feature.



#### ADULT HEALTH & FITNESS

Almost 20% of survey respondents requested adult health and fitness programs.



#### FOOD SERVICE

Over 10% of respondents wished to see food drives, cookouts or a contracted food service provider.

## UNDERUTILIZED FACILITIES SURVEY

158 total surveys were collected, compiled into a comprehensive spreadsheet and represented by pie charts and infographics (see below). The following section summarizes the survey questions.

### Identifying Underutilized Facilities

Respondents were asked to select from a list of community and neighborhood facilities which ones they felt were underutilized when it comes to programming for residents living nearby. The list below contains the facilities noted and percentage of respondents who selected each:

- Evansville African American Museum - **10.5%**
- C.K. Newsome Center - **9.6%**
- Greater St. James CREC - **9.4%**
- The Annex - **7.9%**
- Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rec Center - **7.9%**
- Jerome C. Kissell Community Center (at Buckner Towers) - **6.4%**
- Potter's Wheel - **6.1%**
- CenterPoint Energy YMCA - **5.6%**
- Young & Established Community Center - **5.0%**
- Tepe Park Clubhouse - **5.0%**
- Small Business Industrial Center - **4.4%**
- Patchwork Central - **3.8%**
- Former Faith Heritage Christian School - **1.8%**
- Other:
  - Caldwell Park - **5.6%**
  - Resurgence Church - **.3%**
  - Dream Center - **.3%**

### Desired Improvements to Noted Facilities

Respondents were asked to select from a list of four options which they would like to see added to their noted facilities in Question #1. The options offered are listed below, along with the percentage of respondents who selected each:

- Youth Programs & Sports - **24.9%**
- Adult Wellness & Fitness - **21.5%**
- Academic Programs for Youth - **19.8%**
- Senior Services Assistance i.e., \*Applying for Medicare/ Medicaid \*Seeking volunteer opportunities - **15.3%**
- Other: **22.8%**

### Recruitment of Culturally Competent Staff

Respondents were asked how they thought funding should be obtained for culturally competent staff to be hired and retained by the Parks Department. The three multiple choice options are listed below along with the percentage of residents who selected them:

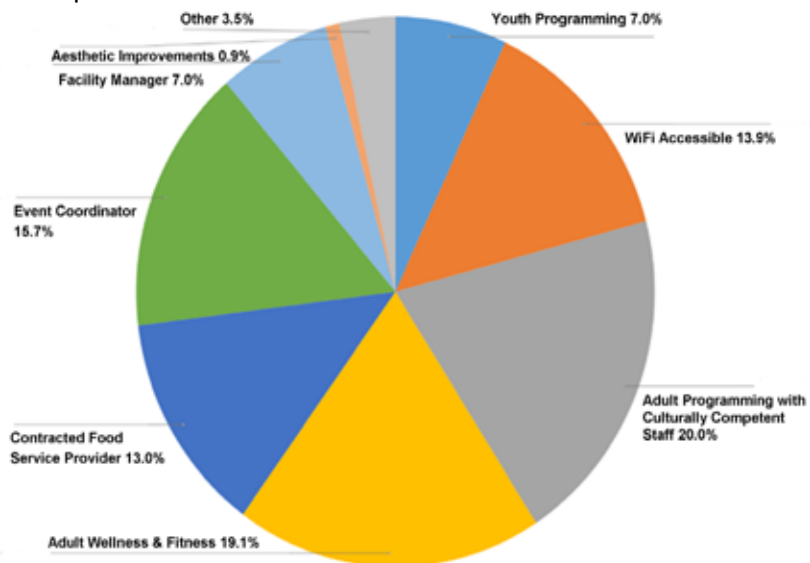
- The Department of Parks and Recreation should offer grants to facility leadership for the hiring of culturally competent program staff - **40.3%**
- The Department of Parks and Recreation should recruit/hire culturally competent staff to lead such programs - **31.3%**
- The owners/leadership of the facility should recruit/hire culturally competent program staff with their own funding - **20.2%**
- Other: **8.4%**

**QUESTION: When you think of the C.K. Newsome Community Center, what improvements would you like to see?**

The chart below is a visual summary of the general categories from comments.

Comments from Respondents via the Survey

- After-school academic programs, tutoring for kids
- Wi-Fi accessibility and food service could lead to loitering problems by homeless residents, similar to Central Library.
- Wi-Fi, event coordinator and facility manager are already at the center.
- Tutoring for elementary students
- Open CK Newsome Center 5-6 days a week with structured activities, because there's nothing in the city for kids to do. If no funds available to hire competent Counselors or Rec Aides, then give Southern Indiana Mentoring Academy permission to do it for free.
- Need a full-time staff to make activities happen.
- More diverse leadership roles and positions
- Building needs to be remodeled and updated.
- Improve the cosmetics of the center.
- Aesthetic updates
- Improve gym, outside patio and snack bar.
- Address the public's image and paranoia about going there.
- Provide better information on what's available.
- Each organization has its own mission, so the government can help them, but not do it for them.
- Install a co-operative grocery.
- More usage of the atrium with cookouts
- More recreation, hiring events, food drives and youth programs
- Utilize equipment similar to the Boys and Girls Club.
- More events that include after-school and summer activities
- More programs geared toward youth with supervision
- More programs for the youth and adults
- Bring back basketball and field trips.
- More diverse activities
- It needs more usage.
- More activities



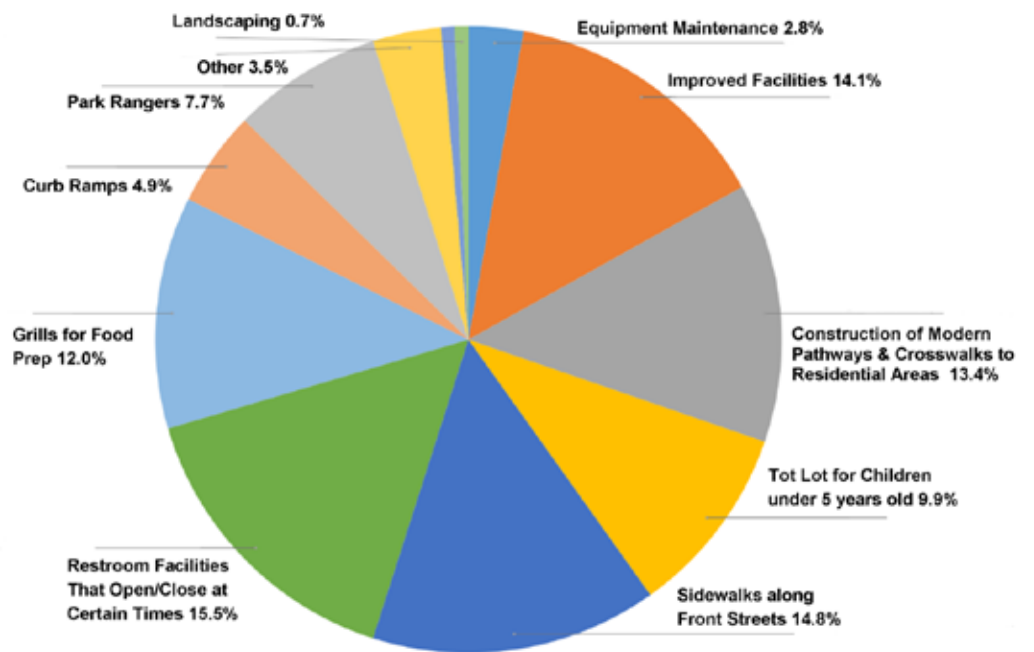
**QUESTION: If Bayard Park were to become the capstone for the inner city, what ideas do you have for making this a reality?**

The chart below is a visual summary of the general categories from comments.

Comments from Respondents via the Survey

- Repurpose the tennis courts.
- Sculptures, flowers, water gardens... Get rid of dead wood.
- More police rounds and drive-throughs
- Definitely sidewalks on Kentucky Avenue
- Remodel, update basketball and tennis courts.
- Add a walk, run and skate path.
- Garden and water features
- Water features, flowering trees and cultural art
- Sidewalks along Kentucky Avenue
- Not sure what this means
- Bocce courts; Bloomington has them
- Construction of modern pathways and crosswalks to residential areas
- Fix the broken equipment and use good mulch, not sand. Sand is a dirty mess and kitty litter.
- Road diet at constriction of Kentucky Avenue as it expands by Bayard Park Drive
- NO restrooms, grills for food prep, curb ramps or park rangers
- Friday night family events, e.g. music in the park
- Free parks programming in the summer for kids
- More use of the tennis courts; more music festivals
- I don't know for sure, having a recreation center, pool table, games and reading area
- Tennis courts, a shelter building and tether ball pole
- Put a bathroom there with water to drink.
- Have a ball court, shelter house, park equipment.
- Build a gym or outdoor multi-sport facility; certainly, too small now
- Better police protection (Bring back Officer Friendly.)
- Modern equipment, various types of spaces to do a variety of things
- Helping the community know and be more aware that Bayard Park is the capstone for the inner-city.  
More publicity!
- Continuous cleaning teams
- Put the basketball courts back.
- More activities to do

- ADA compliance
- Water features
- Music in program
- Restrooms
- Tennis
- Signage





### Comments Offered Verbally by the Audience at the Open House

- Basketball courts belong to Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library not Parks and Recreation—need a possible sign of a collaborative efforts; Need to develop an MOU between EVPL East Branch Library and the Department of Parks and Recreation to engage the basketball courts.
- Speed bumps are needed. Need speed bumps on Powell Street and near the Vann Ave. recreation parks
- People/ volunteers used to come out and clean the parks themselves.
- *Lincolnshire Front Porch Festival* has brought lots of people together. Music brings people to the park—great project, but can get out of hand.
  - People took advantage of the fest and took it too far: music too loud; grills and furniture left out in park; and fights.
  - What about park managers?
  - EPD Precinct Officer responded: We've tried to deal with these issues, but it's up to the Park's Department, yet effective collaboration with that hasn't been very effective.
- Who is responsible for security of these spaces? Who keeps the keys?
- EPD Precinct Officer: I don't see a benefit to having "closes at night" signs.
- Bathrooms seem to be a double-edge sword: Bathrooms are easier to clean; People are less likely to use inappropriate places such as slides as facilities.
- Wouldn't bathrooms look bad in the park?
- Upkeep of trees is a safety issue.
- Portland Oregon promotes crime prevention through environmental designs. Their bathrooms are designed to provide the minimum amount of privacy to do your business.
- People don't know you can have alcohol in the park as long as it's in aluminum cans, not glass.
- Better signage!!
- If you do sports activities, light up the space sufficiently.
- Manpower for upkeep and surveillance.
- What are the other parks doing right that we can emulate, e.g. Tepe Park?
- There is neighborhood buy-in and responsibility needed to keep an eye on the parks.
- Some residents near the parks historically actually complain that the sports were too loud.
- It would be good for youth in the community to have some sports or something to do instead of just walking up and down the street.
- What's the timeline? Can a lot of these wishes be completed in the next 5 years?
- Some don't want paved paths in the park, because it destroys the natural aesthetics.

Comments from Current/Former City Leaders

- Cut the grass. Add water sprinkler & fountains, benches, no sidewalks/ pathways Install tot lots for 2 to 6 years to play accessibility, etc.
- Improve facilities, bathrooms, grills for food preparation, restroom facilities that open and closes at specified times patrolled by park rangers.

- **Bellemeade Bayard Park Neighborhood Association**

Upgrade the basketball facility at Bellemeade Park to reflect the Rucker' Park in New York City. This location is significantly unique because of its annual Dust Bowls, proximity to Lincoln School., Rochelle Swimming Pool, the African American Museum and the Boys and Girls Club.

- **The Evansville African American Museum** would like to see a small fountain and park on the island across from the facility located on Garvin and Lincoln Avenue.

- Consider upgrading the outdoor basketball court to resemble to the famous one pictured here of Rucker's Park in Harlem, New York.

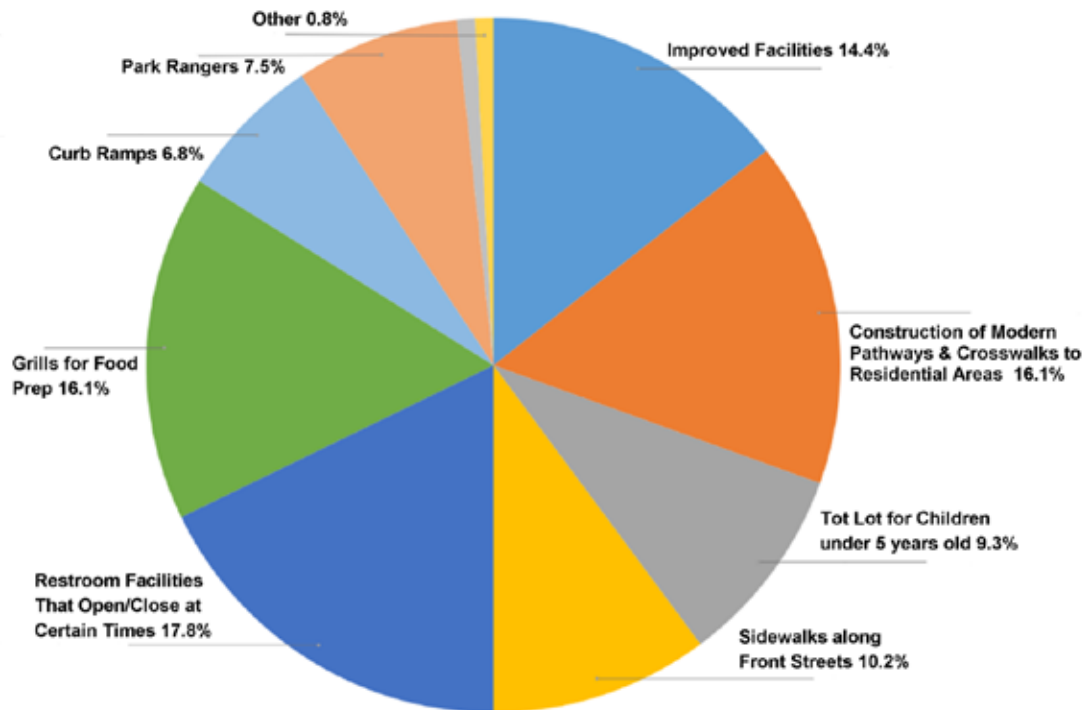


**QUESTION: If Akin Park were to become the capstone for the inner city, what ideas do you have for making this a reality?**

The chart below is a visual summary of the general categories from comments.

Comments from Respondents via the Survey

- Water garden, flowers, sculptures need better care
- Garden and water features
- Water features
- Plant smaller trees for canopy and shade as older growth trees die off.
- Actually, replace trees that have been cut down.
- Water bottle fountain, pet waste and disposal and other water features
- Fix the broken equipment and use good mulch not sand. Sand is a dirty mess and kitty litter.
- Remove excess lighting.
- Maintenance!
- Repair signage.
- No grills for food prep; Park Rangers # 1
- No restrooms
- Be courteous of homeowners around park with decisions. They live there and have to deal with decisions made.



**QUESTION: If Caldwell Park were to become the capstone for the inner city, what ideas do you have for making this a reality?**

Comments Offered from Respondents via the Survey

- More things for kids to play
- More events
- Restroom
- Working water fountain/restroom
- Bathroom, water fountain
- Working water fountain & restrooms
- Restroom facilities that open & close at certain times
- Upkeep
- Lights
- Better lighting
- Fence improvement backside
- Governor & Sweetser Avenues: new fence, entirely inclusive at end of park going northwest end
- Playground equipment, grills, restrooms
- Better upkeep, sidewalk, rec center, volunteers

Comments from Current/Former City Leaders

The vast open green space along Cass Avenue and Culver behind Bee Slough facing Veterans Memorial Parkway should be considered as an outdoor environmental learning laboratory to reflect the water and sewer utility 's advanced facilities improvements. While also providing outdoor space for activities and festivals such as the Annual Juneteenth Festival.

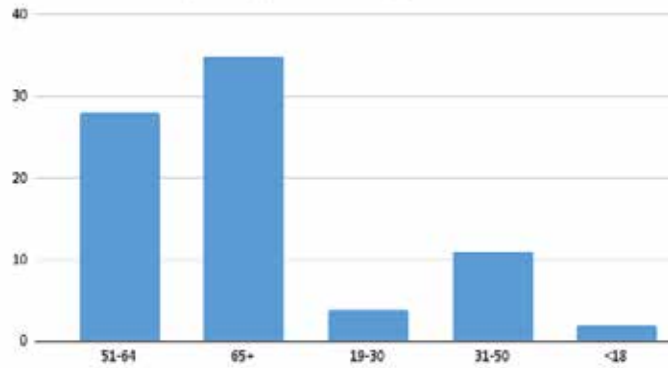
**Anthony Oates Park, Sunburst Blvd:**

Trash is everywhere. We also want to know who is responsible to clear the grass from the curb on Sunburst Blvd. that has been overgrown for 4 or more years. Images were sent to the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation by residents of the Anthony Oates area.

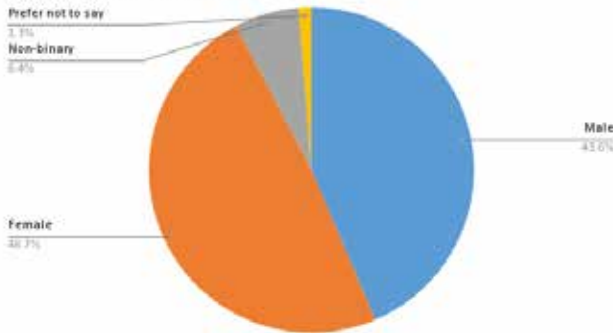
**RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS**  
for the *Underutilized Facilities Survey*

**QUESTION:**  
What is your approximate age?

See the diagram for responses and percentages regarding age groups of respondents.



Count of What is your gender?

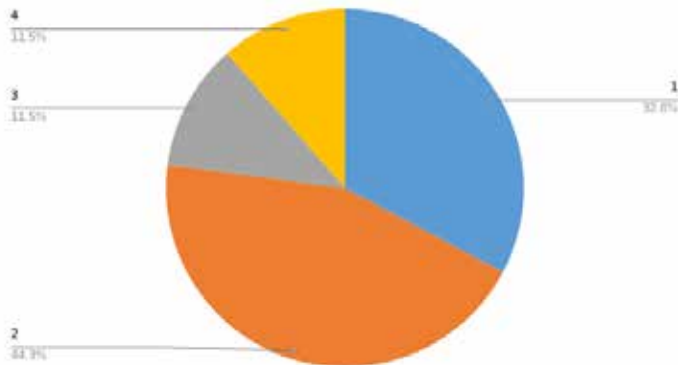
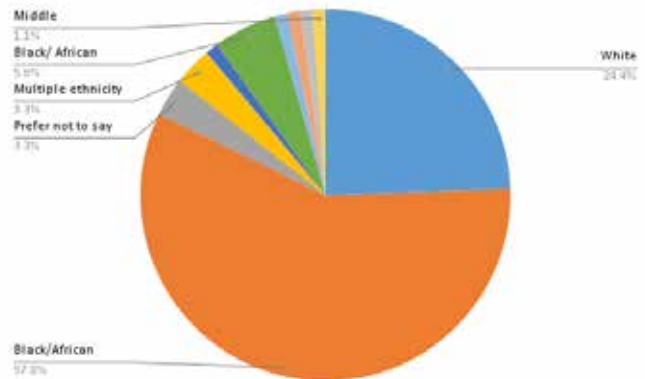


**QUESTION:**  
What is your gender?

See diagram for responses and percentages regarding gender of respondents.

**QUESTION:**  
Which race/ethnicity best describes you?

See diagram for responses and percentages regarding race/ethnicity of respondents.



**QUESTION:**  
Counting yourself, how many people are in your household?

See diagram for responses and percentages regarding household size of respondents.

## EVANSILLE YOUTH PARKS SURVEYS

For purposes of conducting our Youth Survey, EnviroKinetics teamed with Cultural Concepts Consulting (CCC) which utilized analytical frameworks and paradigms to interpret the research exhibits contained within the surveys administered to students at Bosse High School. CCC's approach is designed to identify conclusions using personal accounts of Evansville residents and the researcher's vast community experiences.

One generalization of youth and activities in public parks is the basketball emporium consisting of food vendors, clothing and other vendors. This most impactful yearly occurrence is known as the Dust Bowl. This activity attracts thousands of youth from various zip codes throughout the city and surrounding towns in Kentucky (Owensboro, Madisonville, Henderson, Hopkinsville and others)

Evansville parks and culturally relevant recreation activities are nonexistent. This void of engaging activities is a deficit for Evansville's urban tourism economy. The survey reveals a need to engage youthful minds to develop and manage profitable activities and events that are socially engaging for teenagers in this community.

### Evansville Youth Parks Survey Questions & Responses

1. Over 2,000 youth patronized the Dust Bowl at Bellemeade Park over a three-day period. Would you like to see more events which are of interest to youth in your age group?

**77.8% of the respondents want to experience more age-appropriate events for youth.**

2. Would you like to learn how to plan events that can be held in local parks?

**97.2% of the respondents favorably responded to wanting to learn more about event planning.**

3. Outdoor events generate millions of dollars for Evansville, would you like to learn how to become an entrepreneur of outdoor events?

**70.4% of the respondents want to learn entrepreneurship that involves outdoor event planning.**

4. Would you like to see a concrete roller-skating rink encircle a local park?

**83.1% of the respondents are in favor of having a roller rink installed in local parks.**

5. Would you like to learn how to operate a food truck?

**73.6% of the respondents are in favor of entrepreneurial food truck vending.**

6. Do you feel there are enough opportunities for youth your age to gather at local parks?

**52.8% feel enough park recreation is provided at local parks.**

7. Do you think if enough activities were hosted in local parks that it would help with crime prevention for youth your age?

**94.4% of the respondents feel that crime prevention is associated with recreation opportunities.**



8. How old are you? **Respondents' ages ranged from 14 to 19 years.**

9. Do you know anyone your age that attends the Academy for Innovative Studies (AIS)

**43.0% know someone that attends the Academy for Innovative Studies (AIS)**

10. Would you be willing to attend a community meeting with youth your age to plan for use of local parks?

**74.6% of the respondents would like to attend a community meeting concerning youth recreation planning.**

11. What community neighborhood leagues would you like to see most?

<b>Hockey</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>40.8%</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>Baseball</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
<b>Track</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Tennis</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>Football</b>	<b>21.5%</b>

12. Would you participate? **maybe - 3.0% no - 19.7%**

13. Have you ever visited CK Newsome Center? **Yes - 40.0%**

14. If yes, how many times over the last year?

<b>1-3 times - 67.8%</b>	<b>7-8 times - 10.8%</b>
<b>4-6 times - 8.1%</b>	<b>10+ times - 10.8%</b>

## **SUMMARY COMMENTS**

The questions administered to the youth research base are a partial list of information the researcher can extract.

Understanding that cultural event planning in Southwestern Indiana is characterized by many deficits and opportunities is imperative, and, at best, a sporadic existence throughout the calendar year. Opportunities for youth to exercise options for healthy socialization in the area parks, which aid with embracing their cultural norms, are needed.

From 1960–1970, Evansville's inner-city hosted competitive swimming at Millers Pool on the corner of Elliot and Mulberry. From 1972–1995, the CK Newsome Center was open seven days a week for inner-city adult and youth recreation and various group programs. Organized inner-city softball teams, a skating rink and a track club were also available.

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the input of the survey respondents, the Evansville Department of Parks Recreation is encouraged to consider the following recommendations from community members.

### **CK Newsome Recreation Center**

Overwhelming community response indicates that the CK Newsome Recreation Center needs to be returned back to the community with less occupation by the police Department. It should include adult programs, wellness and fitness for adults contracted food service providers, event coordinators and culturally sensitive facility managers.

Recognizing a safe environment with structured, recreational programs/activities promotes healthy socialization, growth and development for today's youth and intergenerational health wellness and fitness.

Programs may include academic programs for youth and senior citizens. More activities for adults and those applying for social services and seeking volunteer opportunities. The outdoor atrium needs to be redesigned to reflect modern and practical architectural design features. The Snack Room needs to retain the historic bar and retrofitted with modern kitchen appliances to facilitate cooking and refrigeration needs

Finally, the tile basketball floor should be replaced with a "wooden court" in order to attract tri-state and national tournament competition. The Audio Recording Studio needs a complete overhaul to include modern equipment, an actual recording room and seating. The community Conference Room should be expanded along with Wi-Fi access and modern audio-visual equipment. Also, should include more after school and summer activities.

- Gauge the neighborhood household generational composition through direct mailings via the neighborhood associations, and then develop age-appropriate park activities to meet the needs of the neighborhood. The person assigned to this task should be highly skilled in educational and recreational program development.
- Eliminate the present inadequacies which are associated with the neighborhood parks.
- Identify and engage entrepreneurial endeavors within the community that could be associated with park recreational and leisure programming.
- Collaborate with nonprofit organizations and community leaders at underutilized facilities, such as those listed in the survey, to develop and provide structured, culturally-sensitive programs that are open to area residents. These programs should also take into consideration entering into Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) that include clearly defined insurance liabilities, maintenance agreements and pay for personnel, whether the staff members are employed by the Parks Department or the facility.
- Develop tournament competitions among residents of the city's sectors (as per EPD sectors) for boxing, pickle ball, football, swimming, basketball and other local sports.
- Replace the basketball court in the C.K. Newsome Community Center with a wooden floor.
- Provide a safe environment for children of all ages in all existing parks.

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Underutilized Facilities Survey**

**UNDERUTILIZED FACILITIES & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SURVEY**

in association with the *Evansville 5-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update Community Survey*

We would appreciate hearing your ideas, opinions and feedback to the following questions in order to help us improve your experiences in Evansville parks and other area facilities in the community for the next five years and beyond. All results gathered in this survey will be anonymous and all information is completely confidential. Information from these surveys will be used solely for park planning and metropolitan development.

**What facilities throughout the Center City bordered by Lloyd Expressway-north, US41-east and Riverside Dr.-southwest are underutilized when it comes to programming for residents living nearby?** (Check all that apply).

- Greater St. James CREC, 484 S Governor St
  - Evansville African American Museum, 579 S Garvin St
  - C.K. Newsome Center, 100 E Walnut
  - Carver Senior Center, 508 SE 8<sup>th</sup> St
  - Jerome C. Kissell Community Center, 413 SE 8<sup>th</sup> St (at Buckner Towers)
  - The Annex, 315 Taylor Ave
  - Patchwork Central, 100 Washington Ave
  - Tepe Park Clubhouse, 1212 S Garvin St
  - Potter's Wheel, 333 Jefferson Ave
  - Small Business Industrial Center, 2 Riverside Dr
  - Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Rec Center, 1800 S Governor St
  - CenterPoint Energy YMCA (Caldwell), 1930 S Garvin St
  - former Faith Heritage Christian School, 1613 Pollack Ave
  - Young & Established Community Center, 1308 Vann Ave
  - Other (please specify below)
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**2. Describe how you would like to see those marked facilities used in an improved way and/or programs you would like to see held at these facilities. (check all that applies)**

- Youth Programs & Sports
- Academic Programs for Youth
- Adult Wellness & Fitness
- Senior Services Assistance i.e., \*Applying for Medicare /Medicaid \*Seeking volunteer opportunities

**3. In order to expand programming at the aforementioned facilities, funding is needed for staff. (check all that apply).**

- The owners/leadership of the facility should recruit/hire culturally diverse program staff with their own funding.
  - The Department of Parks & Recreation should recruit/hire staff to lead such programs that meets youth where they are..
  - The Dept. of Parks & Rec. should offer grants to facility leadership for the hiring of appropriate program staff.
  - Other (Please describe.): \_\_\_\_\_
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**4. When you think of the C.K. Newsome Center, 100 E Walnut, what improvements would you like to see?** (Check all that apply).

- Wi-Fi accessible
- Adult programming with culturally competent staff
- Wellness & fitness for adults
- Contracted food service provider
- Event coordinator

- Facility manager

- Other please describe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. If Bayard Park were to become the capstone for the inner city, what ideas do you have for making this a reality?** (Check all that apply).

- Improved facilities
- Construction of modern pathways and crosswalks to residential areas
- Tot lot for kids under 5-years old
- Sidewalks along front streets
- Restroom facilities that open & close at certain times

- Grills for food preparation
- curb ramps
- Park Rangers.
- Other (please describe)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6. If Akin Park were to become the capstone for the inner city, what ideas do you have for making this a reality?** (Check all that apply).

- Improved facilities
- Construction of modern pathways and crosswalks to residential areas
- Tot lot for kids under 5-years old
- Sidewalks along front streets
- Restroom facilities that open & close at certain times

- Grills for food preparation
- curb ramps
- Park Rangers.
- Other (please describe)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Select the local parks near you.**

- |                                               |                                         |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Akin Park            | <input type="checkbox"/> Fulton Park    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset Park           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Oates Park   | <input type="checkbox"/> Helfrich Park  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tepe Park             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bayard Park          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lamasco Park   | <input type="checkbox"/> Vann Park             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bellemeade Park      | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorraine Park  | <input type="checkbox"/> Van Pollack Park      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Valley Park  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheridan Park  | <input type="checkbox"/> Westside Library Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eleventh Avenue Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Stockwell Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Willard Library Park  |

**7. What improvements, facilities, equipment, programs, etc. are needed at the local parks listed above?**

Park Name or Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Park Name or Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Park Name or Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**ABOUT YOU (optional)**

**8. What is your approximate age? (Check one)**  < 18  19-30  31-50  51-64  65+

**9. What is your gender? (Check one)**  Male  Female  Non-binary  Prefer not to say

**10. Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose all that apply.)**

- Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous
- Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American/African
- Hispanic
- White
- Middle Eastern/North African
- Prefer not to say
- Multiple ethnicity/Other (please specify)

11. Counting yourself, how many people are in your household? (Select one.)  1  2  3  4  5+

12. If you would like to be updated about Evansville Parks & Recreation's parks, please provide your email address: (Please print.)

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# EVANSVILLE 5-YEAR PARKS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14th  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

## Location East Branch Library

840 E Chandler Ave  
Evansville, IN 47713

## Project Website

[www.evansvilleparksplan.com](http://www.evansvilleparksplan.com)

Questions?  
Email James Mosley with  
EnviroKinetics, Inc. at  
[mosleyjas@aol.com](mailto:mosleyjas@aol.com)

You're invited! We want to hear from you to better understand what improvements you would like to see for the Evansville parks system.

This Community Open House will invite locals to provide input regarding **Bayard and Akin Parks** including your wants and wishes for the future of these community green spaces.

Surveys will be distributed at the open house and also available at East Branch Library.

Please complete surveys by Saturday, November 19th and return to East Branch Library or email responses to James Mosley at [mosleyjas@aol.com](mailto:mosleyjas@aol.com).



YOU'RE INVITED!





APPENDIX 3

Evansville Youth Parks Survey



Please provide your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Over two thousand youth patronized the Dust Bowl at Bellemeade Park over a three-day period; would you like to see more events which are of interest to youth in your age group?

Yes  No

2. Would you like to learn how to plan events that can be held in local parks?

Yes  No

3. Outdoor events generate millions of dollars for Evansville, would you like to learn how to become an entrepreneur of outdoor events?

Yes  No

4. Would you like to see a concrete roller skating rink encircle a local park?

Yes  No

5. Would you like to learn how to operate a food truck?

Yes  No

6. Do you feel there are enough opportunities for youth your age to gather at local parks?

Yes  No

7. Do you think if enough activities were hosted in local parks that it would help with crime prevention for youth your age?

Yes  No

8. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you know anyone your age that attends the Academy for Innovative Studies (AIS)

Yes  No

10. Would you be willing to attend a community meeting with youth your age to plan for use of local parks?

Yes  No

11. What community/neighborhood leagues would you most like to see?

Baseball  Basketball  
 Football  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tennis

12. Would you participate?

Yes  No

13. Have you ever visited CK Newsome Center?

Yes  No

14. If yes, how often have you visited it over the past year?

1-3 times  7-9 times  
 4-6 times  10 or more

Thank you!

# PROJECT WEBSITE



## Evansville Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Welcome to the project website for the Evansville Parks and Recreation Master Plan! Check back often for project updates.

The Department of Parks and Recreation has begun the process of updating their 3-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The new Plan will take a fresh and holistic look at parks and recreation for the City of Evansville. The project will engage residents and community leaders to provide recommendations that seek to improve the current parks system. The plan's recommendations will include physical improvements for parks but will also include recommendations for new programs and activities, maintenance and operations, funding sources, and long term planning addressing the life-cycle of existing park elements. The recommendations will provide an action plan for the Parks and Recreation Department to utilize over the next 5 years and beyond. The planning process will include a review of existing conditions and documents, public input, and recommendations for infrastructure improvements and policy changes.

On this website you will find information to keep you up to date with where we are in the process. You will find interactive exercises to provide your input and information for meetings to attend. Thank you for taking the time to visit our website and learn more about this exciting project!

### Learn More and Provide Your Feedback

Surveys are now CLOSED. Thank you for participating.  
Click the buttons below each image to learn more and provide your opinion regarding parks in Evansville.



#### Upcoming Events

Stay up to date with upcoming meetings and events.

[Click Here!](#)



#### Virtual Open House

[Click Here!](#)



#### Parks and Recreation Website

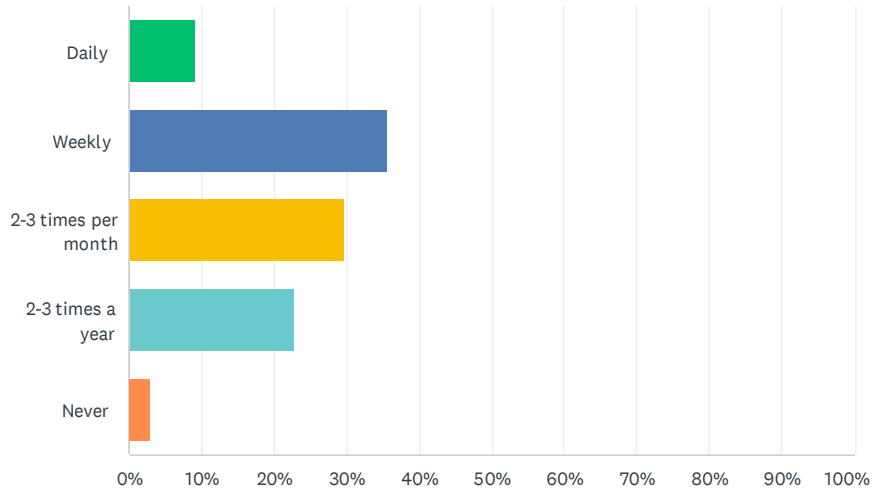
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# COMMUNITY SURVEY

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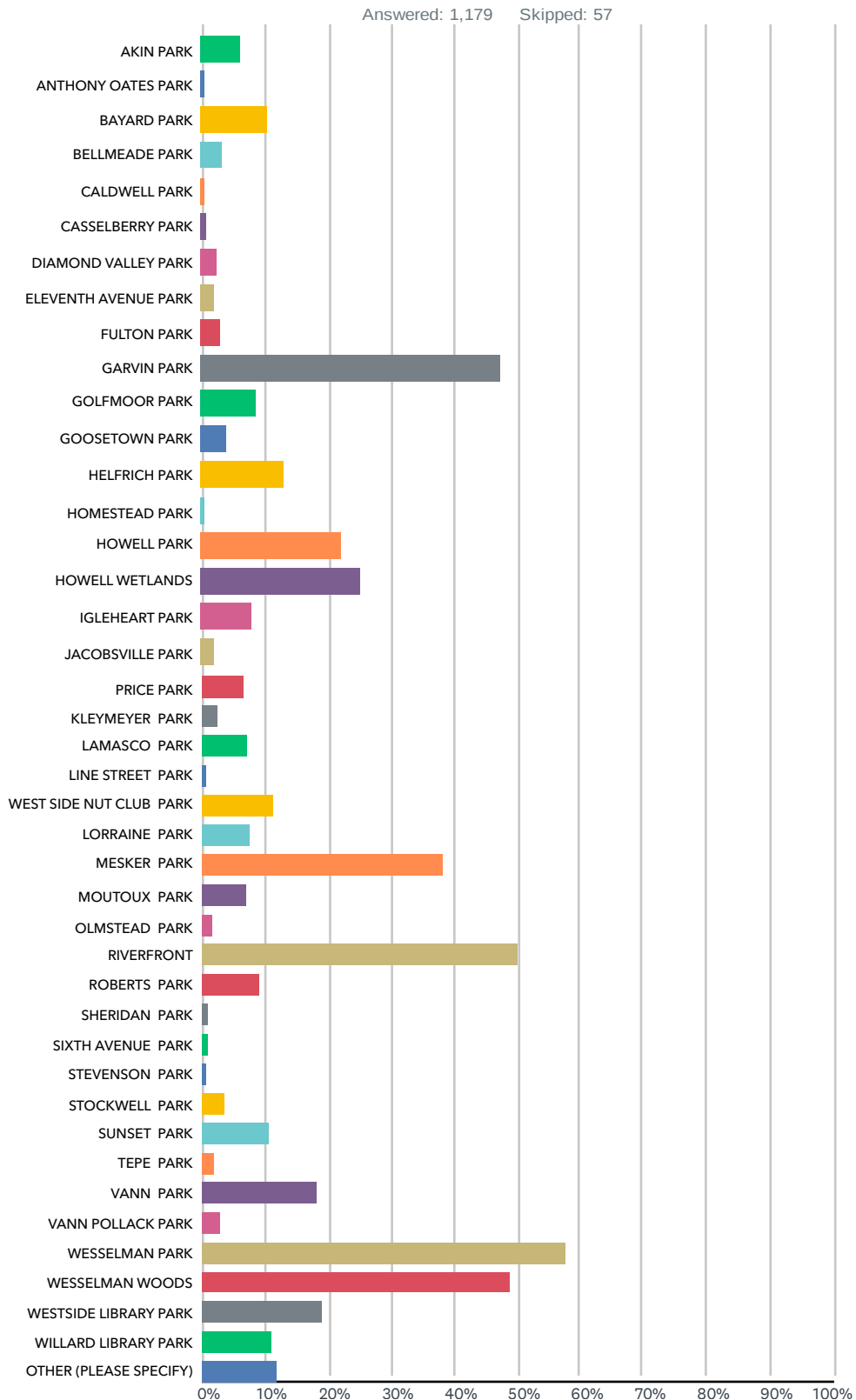
## Q1 How often do you use the Evansville Parks and Recreation Department's parks? (select one)

Answered: 1,215 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	9.22%	112
Weekly	35.56%	432
2-3 times per month	29.63%	360
2-3 times a year	22.72%	276
Never	2.88%	35
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,215</b>

Q2 Which Evansville Parks and Recreation Department's park(s) have you visited within the last 6 months? (check all that apply)

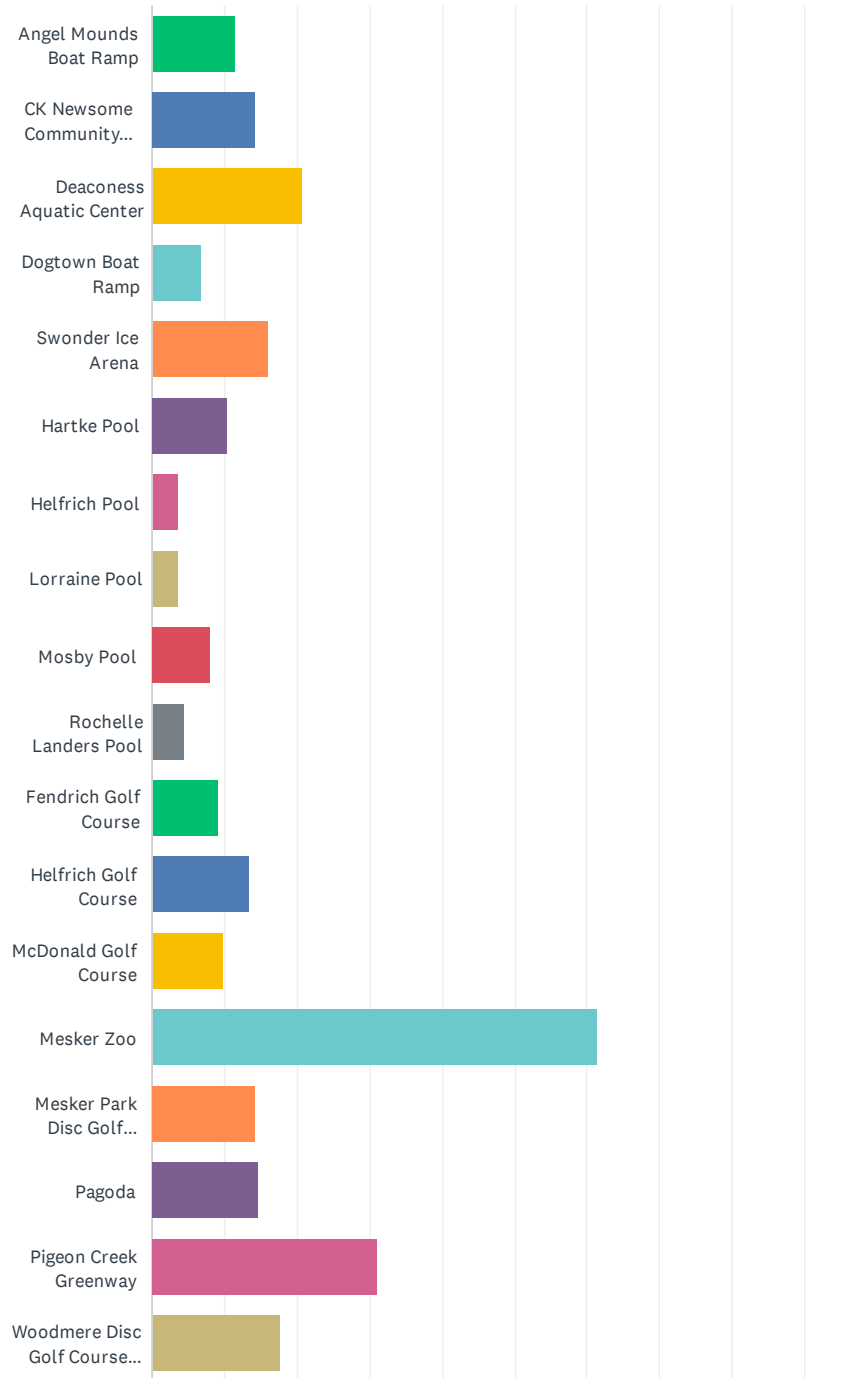


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Akin Park	6.19%	73
Anthony Oates Park	0.42%	5
Bayard Park	10.60%	125
Bellmeade Park	3.48%	41
Caldwell Park	0.68%	8
Casselberry Park	0.76%	9
Diamond Valley Park	2.54%	30
Eleventh Avenue Park	2.04%	24
Fulton Park	2.97%	35
Garvin Park	47.58%	561
Golfmoor Park	8.74%	103
Goosetown Park	3.99%	47
Helfrich Park	13.06%	154
Homestead Park	0.34%	4
Howell Park	22.22%	262
Howell Wetlands	25.45%	300
Igleheart Park	8.06%	95
Jacobsville Park	2.21%	26
Price Park	6.53%	77
Kleymeyer Park	2.46%	29
Lamasco Park	7.21%	85
Line Street Park	0.34%	4
Westside Nut Club Park (Stoplight City)	11.03%	130
Lorraine Park	7.38%	87
Mesker Park	37.91%	447
Moutoux Park	6.79%	80
Olmstead Park	1.53%	18
Riverfront	49.96%	589
Roberts Park	8.99%	106
Sheridan Park	0.76%	9
Sixth Avenue Park	0.85%	10
Stevenson Park	0.34%	4
Stockwell Park	3.39%	40
Sunset Park	10.35%	122
Tepe Park	1.95%	23
Vann Park	18.07%	213
Vann Pollack Park	2.80%	33
Wesselman Park	57.51%	678
Wesselman Woods	48.69%	574
Westside Library Park	19.00%	224
Willard Library Park	10.77%	127
Other (please specify)	12.04%	142
Total Respondents: 1,179		

### Q3 Which Evansville Parks and Recreation Department's special use facilities have you visited in the last 6 months? (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,050 Skipped: 186



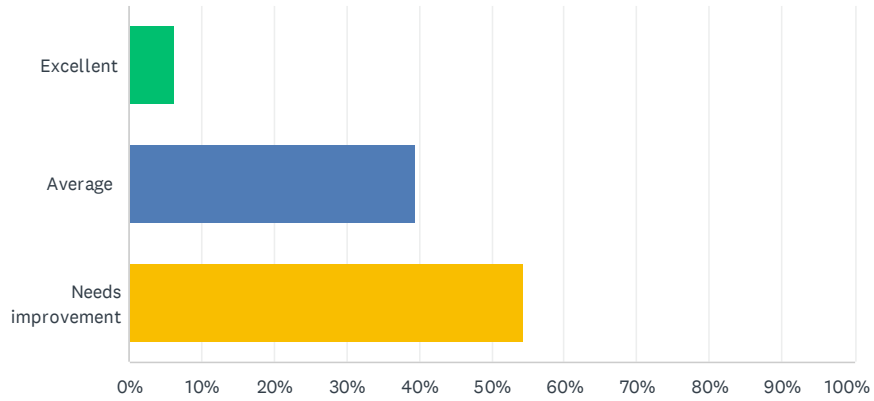


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Angel Mounds Boat Ramp	11.43%	120
CK Newsome Community Center	14.19%	149
Deaconess Aquatic Center	20.67%	217
Dogtown Boat Ramp	6.86%	72
Swonder Ice Arena	16.00%	168
Hartke Pool	10.38%	109
Helfrich Pool	3.71%	39
Lorraine Pool	3.71%	39
Mosby Pool	8.19%	86
Rochelle Landers Pool	4.48%	47
Fendrich Golf Course	9.24%	97
Helfrich Golf Course	13.33%	140
McDonald Golf Course	9.71%	102
Mesker Zoo	61.43%	645
Mesker Park Disc Golf Course	14.29%	150
Pagoda	14.67%	154
Pigeon Creek Greenway	31.14%	327
Woodmere Disc Golf Course (State Hospital Grounds)	17.62%	185
Total Respondents: 1,050		

### Q4 How would you rate the physical condition of Evansville Parks and Recreation Department's parks and facilities? (select one)

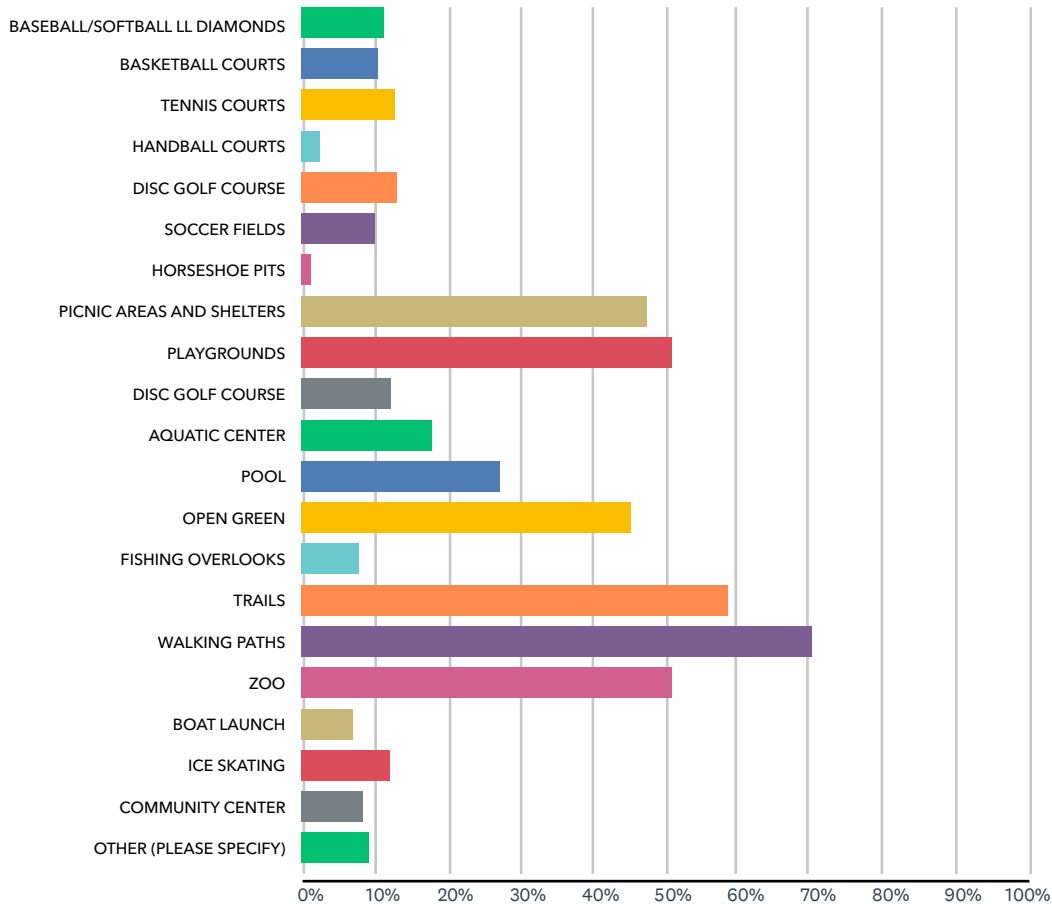
Answered: 1,201 Skipped: 35



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	6.16%	74
Average	39.38%	473
Needs improvement	54.45%	654
TOTAL		1,201

### Q5 What facilities do you use in Evansville Parks and Recreation Department's parks? (check all that apply)

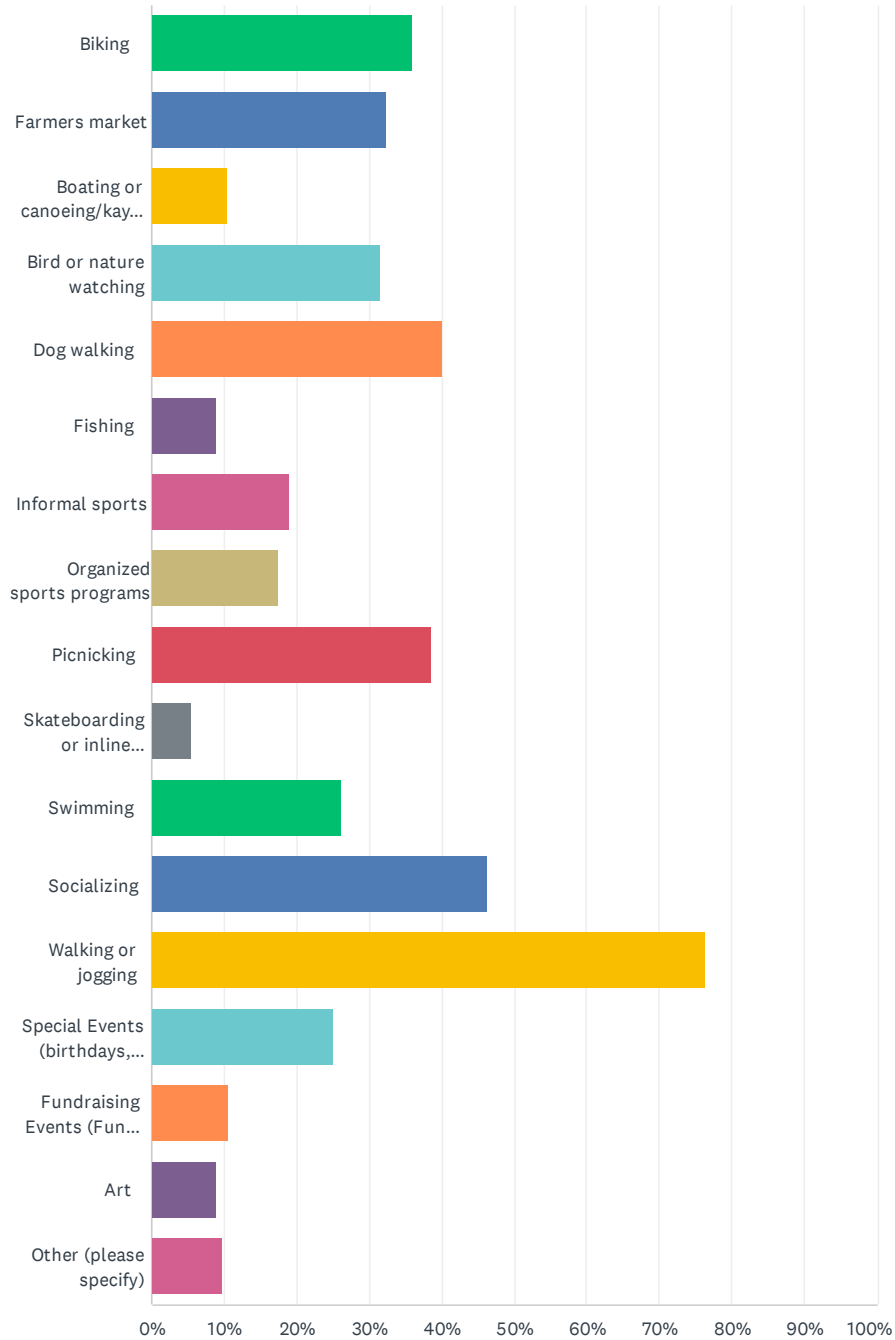
Answered: 1,186 Skipped: 50



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Baseball/softball diamonds	11.30%	134
Basketball courts	10.37%	123
Tennis Courts	12.73%	151
Handball Courts	2.36%	28
Disc Golf Course	13.32%	158
Soccer Fields	10.12%	120
Horseshoe Pits	1.35%	16
Picnic areas and shelters	47.55%	564
Playgrounds	50.76%	602
Disc Golf Course	12.14%	144
Aquatic Center	17.62%	209
Pool	27.07%	321
Open green space	45.36%	538
Fishing Overlooks	8.01%	95
Trails	58.94%	699
Walking Paths	70.40%	835
Zoo	51.01%	605
Boat Launch	7.00%	83
Ice Skating	12.14%	144
Community Center	8.52%	101
Other (please specify)	9.27%	110
Total Respondents: 1,186		

### Q6 What types of activities do you use Evansville Parks and Recreation Department's parks for? (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,185 Skipped: 51



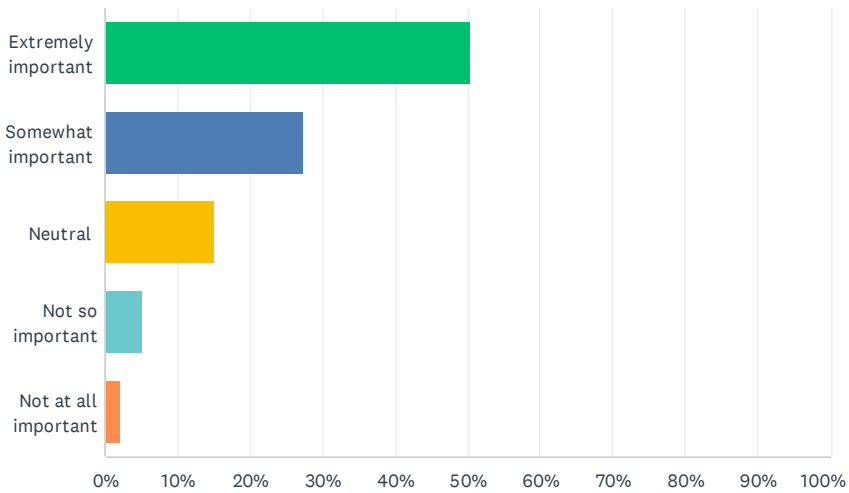
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Biking	36.03%	427
Farmers market	32.49%	385
Boating or canoeing/kayaking	10.55%	125
Bird or nature watching	31.65%	375
Dog walking	40.17%	476
Fishing	8.86%	105
Informal sports	18.90%	224
Organized sports programs	17.55%	208
Picnicking	38.57%	457
Skateboarding or inline skating	5.49%	65
Swimming	26.33%	312
Socializing	46.33%	549
Walking or jogging	76.29%	904
Special Events (birthdays, reunions)	25.15%	298
Fundraising Events (Fun runs, races)	10.63%	126
Art	8.86%	105
Other (please specify)	9.87%	117
Total Respondents: 1,185		



### Q7 How important is it to you to have park/trail facilities and activities within walking distance of your home? (select one)

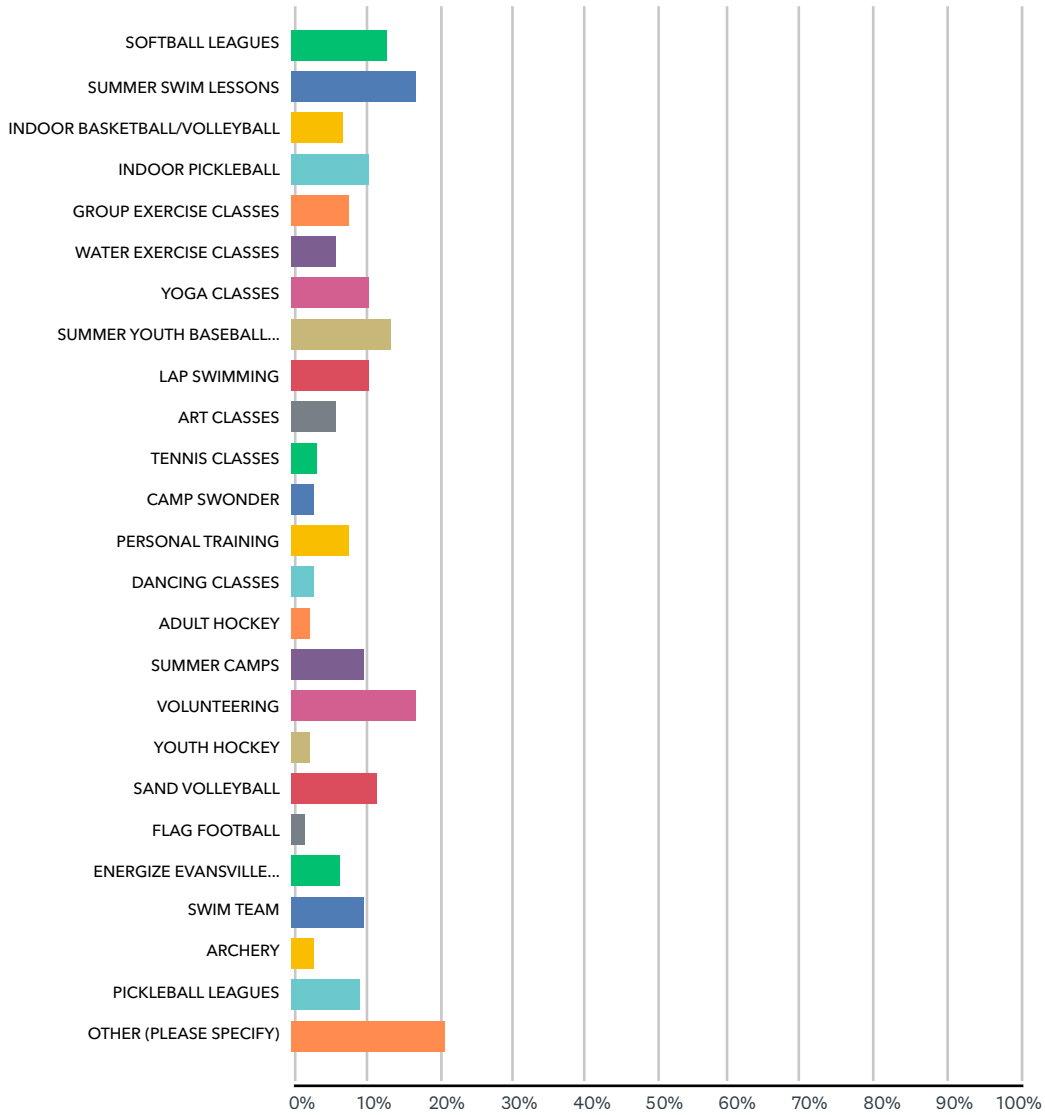
Answered: 1,222 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	50.25%	614
Somewhat important	27.25%	333
Neutral	15.22%	186
Not so important	5.07%	62
Not at all important	2.21%	27
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,222</b>

### Q8 What Evansville Parks and Recreation Department programs do you participate in? (check all that apply)

Answered: 505 Skipped: 731

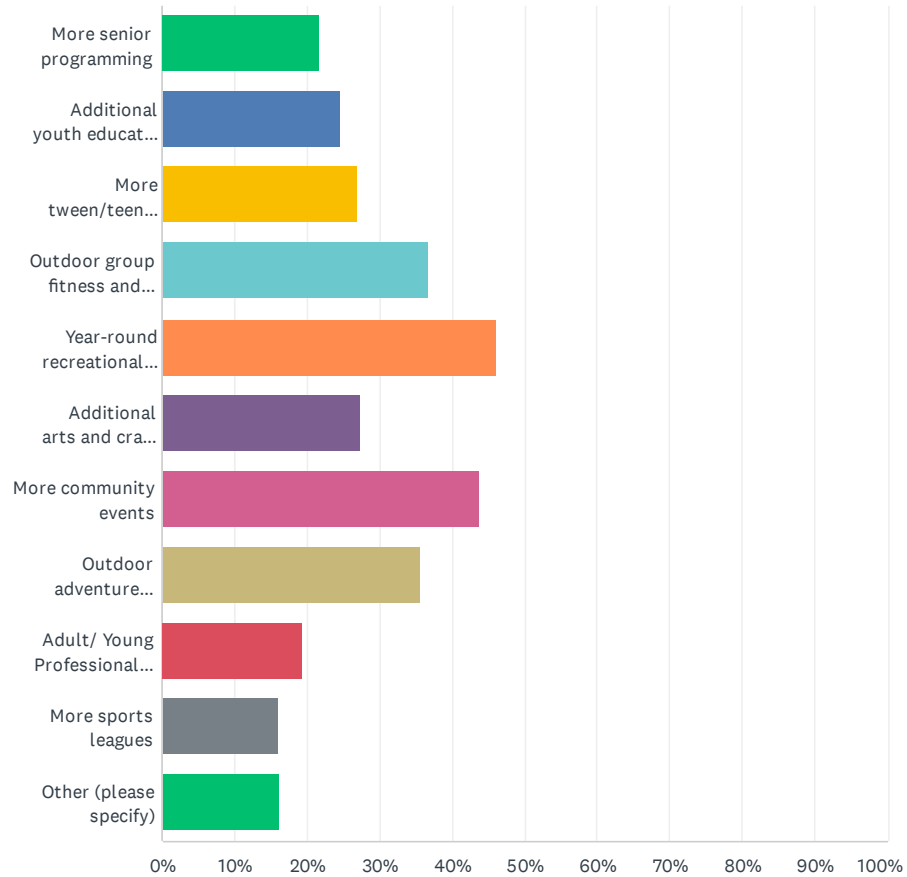


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Softball leagues	13.47%	68
Summer swim lessons/water aerobics	17.03%	86
Indoor Basketball/Volleyball	7.33%	37
Indoor Pickleball	10.89%	55
Group exercise classes	7.72%	39
Water exercise classes	6.14%	31
Yoga classes	10.69%	54
Summer youth baseball and/or softball	13.47%	68
Lap swimming	10.69%	54
Art classes	6.34%	32
Tennis classes	3.76%	19
Camp Swonder	3.37%	17
Personal training	8.32%	42
Dancing Classes	3.17%	16
Adult Hockey	2.77%	14
Summer Camp	10.30%	52
Volunteering	17.43%	88
Youth Hockey	2.77%	14
Sand Volleyball	11.68%	59
Flag football	2.18%	11
Energize Evansville/ Fitness in the Park	6.34%	32
Swim Team	9.90%	50
Archery	2.97%	15
Pickleball Leagues	9.11%	46
Other (please specify)	20.99%	106
Total Respondents: 505		

### Q9 What programs or activities would you like Evansville Parks and Recreation to add? (select all that apply)

Answered: 972 Skipped: 264

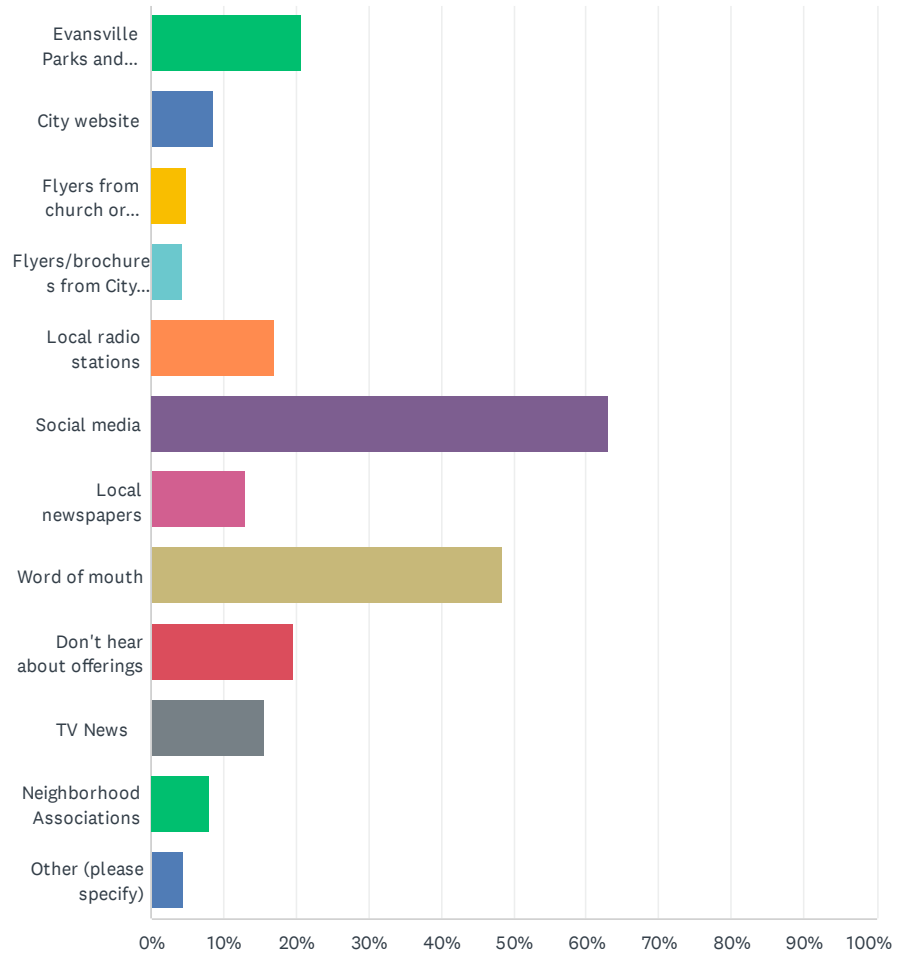


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More senior programming	21.71%	211
Additional youth education programs	24.49%	238
More tween/teen programs	26.85%	261
Outdoor group fitness and wellness classes	36.63%	356
Year-round recreational activities	45.99%	447
Additional arts and crafts programs	27.26%	265
More community events	43.62%	424
Outdoor adventure programming	35.60%	346
Adult/ Young Professional programming	19.44%	189
More sports leagues	15.95%	155
Other (please specify)	16.26%	158
Total Respondents: 972		

### Q10 How do you learn about park program and facility offerings in Evansville? (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,103 Skipped: 133



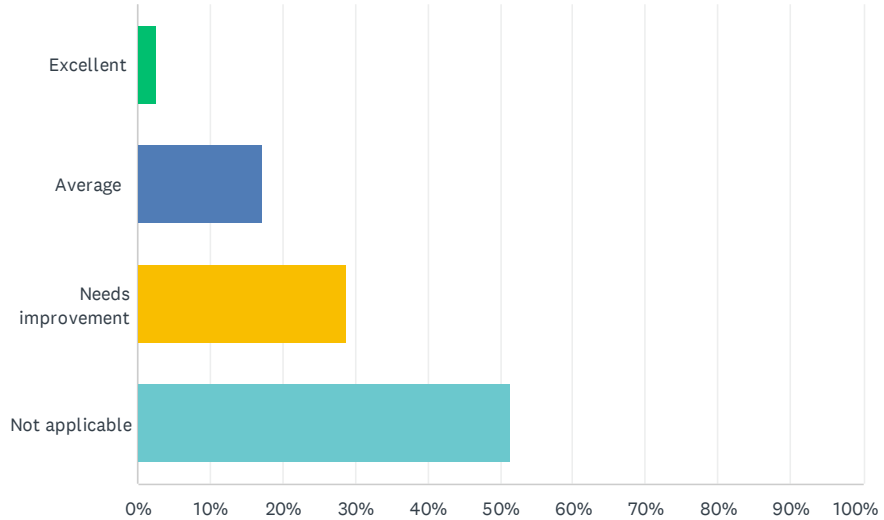


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Evansville Parks and Recreation website	20.76%	229
City website	8.43%	93
Flyers from church or community group	4.99%	55
Flyers/brochures from City Hall or Parks	4.26%	47
Local radio stations	16.95%	187
Social media	63.10%	696
Local newspapers	12.96%	143
Word of mouth	48.32%	533
Don't hear about offerings	19.67%	217
TV News	15.50%	171
Neighborhood Associations	8.16%	90
Other (please specify)	4.53%	50
Total Respondents: 1,103		

**Q11 If you or someone you know has a disability, please rate the accessibility of parks and facilities in Evansville for people in wheel chairs or with limited mobility? (select one)**

Answered: 1,056 Skipped: 180

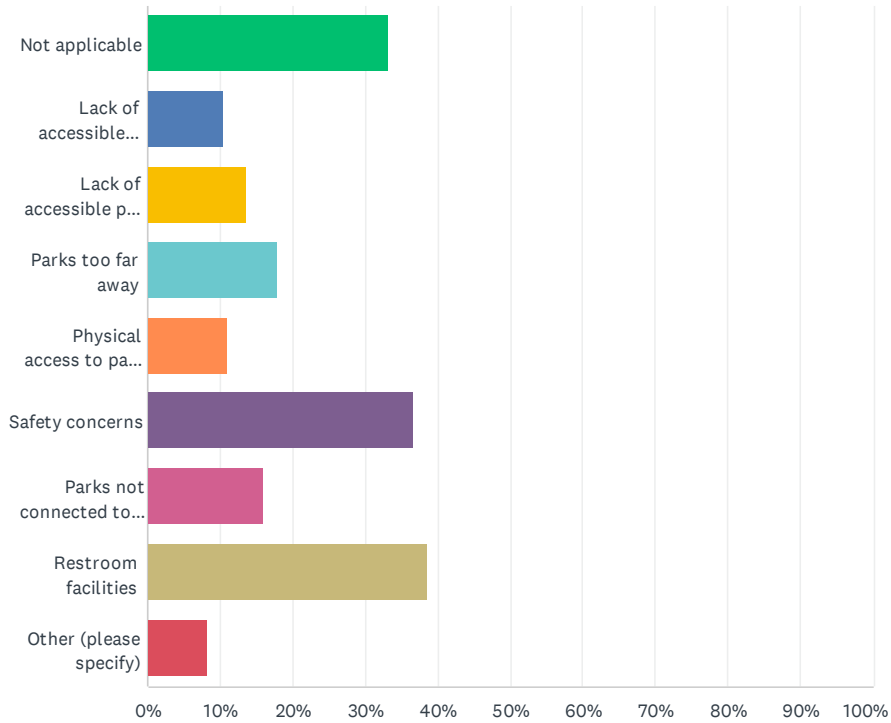


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	2.46%	26
Average	17.33%	183
Needs improvement	28.88%	305
Not applicable	51.33%	542
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,056</b>

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Q12 Which of these physical barriers restrict or prevent your using the parks or programs? (check all that apply)

Answered: 962 Skipped: 274

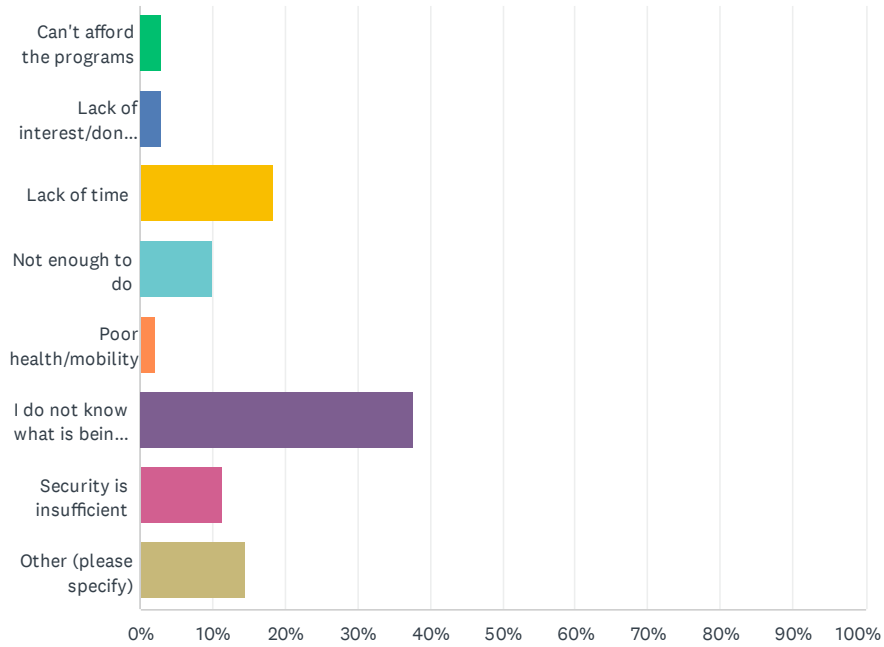


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not applicable	33.37%	321
Lack of accessible parking and ramps	10.50%	101
Lack of accessible play equipment	13.62%	131
Parks too far away	17.88%	172
Physical access to parks or facilities	11.02%	106
Safety concerns	36.59%	352
Parks not connected to neighborhoods	15.90%	153
Restroom facilities	38.57%	371
Other (please specify)	8.32%	80
Total Respondents: 962		

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Q13 What is the single most important thing that prevents you from using the parks or programs more? (check one)

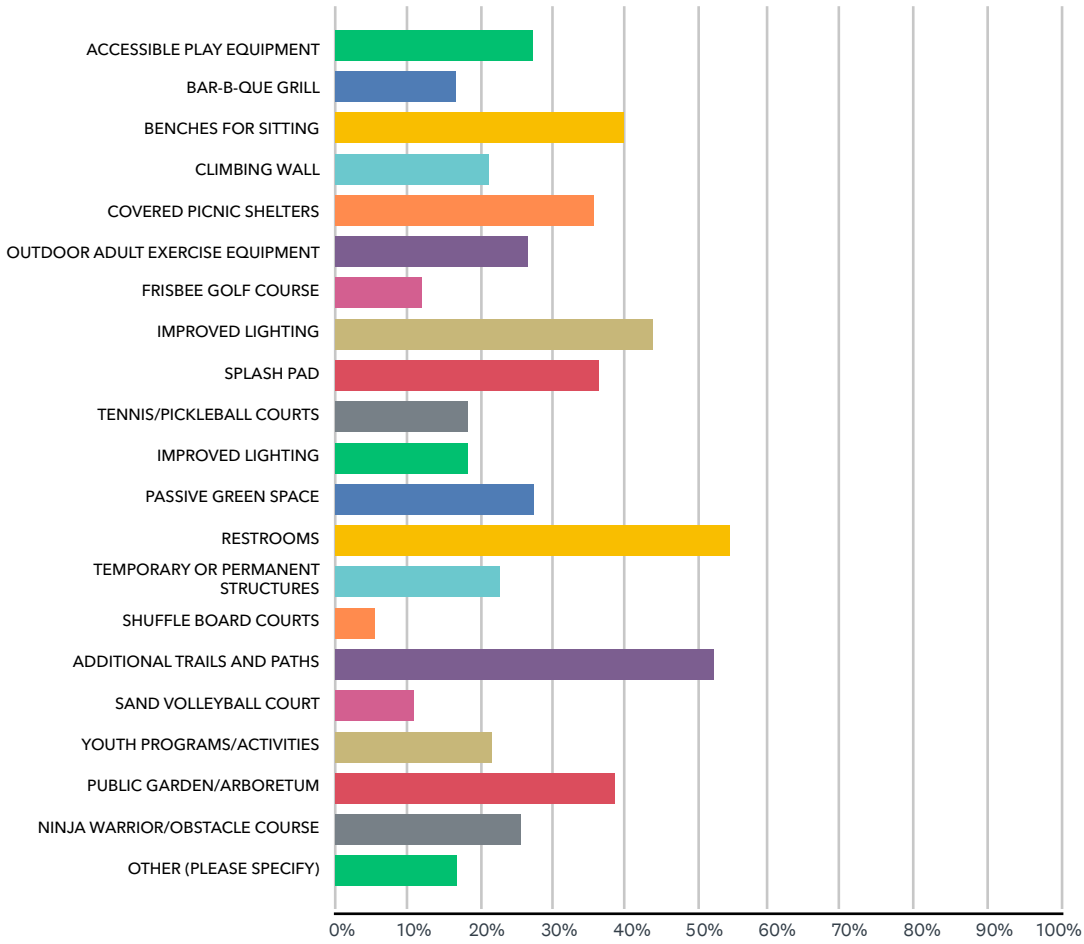
Answered: 985 Skipped: 251



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Can't afford the programs	3.05%	30
Lack of interest/don't want to	3.05%	30
Lack of time	18.38%	181
Not enough to do	9.95%	98
Poor health/mobility	2.13%	21
I do not know what is being offered	37.66%	371
Security is insufficient	11.37%	112
Other (please specify)	14.42%	142
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>985</b>

### Q14 I would like to see the Evansville Parks and Recreation Department add the following things: (check all that apply)

Answered: 1,083 Skipped: 153

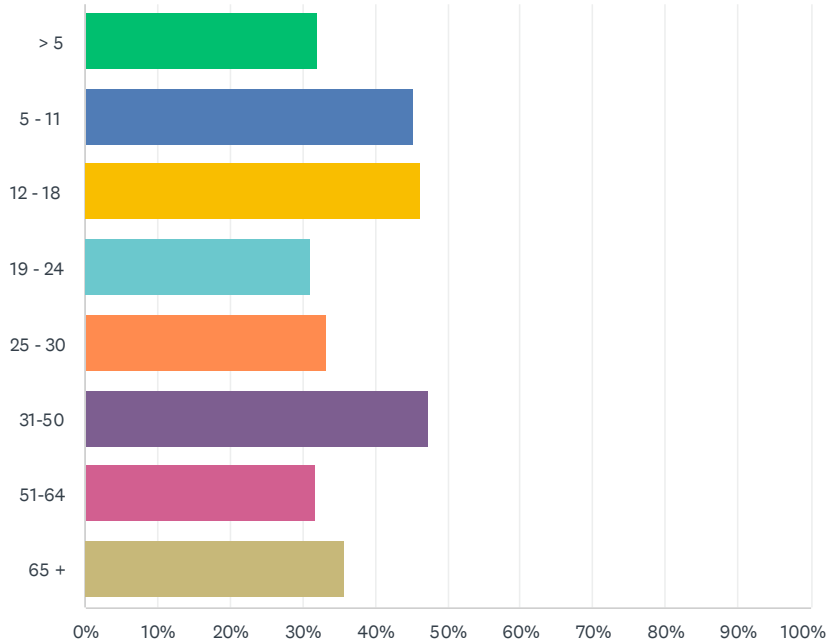


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Accessible play equipment	27.70%	300
Bar-B-Que grills	17.45%	189
Benches for sitting	40.72%	441
Climbing wall	21.70%	235
Covered picnic shelters	36.29%	393
Outdoor adult exercise equipment	27.24%	295
Frisbee golf course	12.28%	133
Improved lighting	44.51%	482
Splash pad	37.12%	402
Tennis/Pickleball Courts	18.65%	202
Improved parking	19.02%	206
Passive green space	33.52%	363
Restrooms	55.40%	600
Temporary or Permanent Stage for events	24.10%	261
Shuffle board courts	6.93%	75
Additional trails and paths for walking/jogging/biking	52.45%	568
Sand Volleyball court	11.73%	127
Youth programs/ activities	22.35%	242
Public garden/arboretum	39.70%	430
Ninja Warrior/Obstacle Course	25.76%	279
Other (please specify)	17.82%	193
Total Respondents: 1,083		

**Q15 I would like to see the Evansville Parks and Recreation Department add new programs and activities for the following age groups: (check all that apply)**

Answered: 933 Skipped: 303

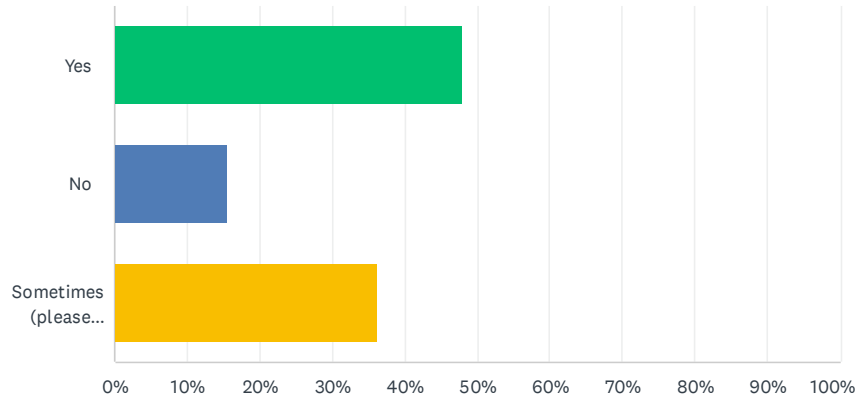


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
> 5	31.94%	298
5 - 11	45.23%	422
12 - 18	46.20%	431
19 - 24	31.19%	291
25 - 30	33.23%	310
31-50	47.27%	441
51-64	31.83%	297
65 +	35.80%	334
Total Respondents: 933		



### Q16 Do you feel safe when you are visiting the parks and trails in Evansville?

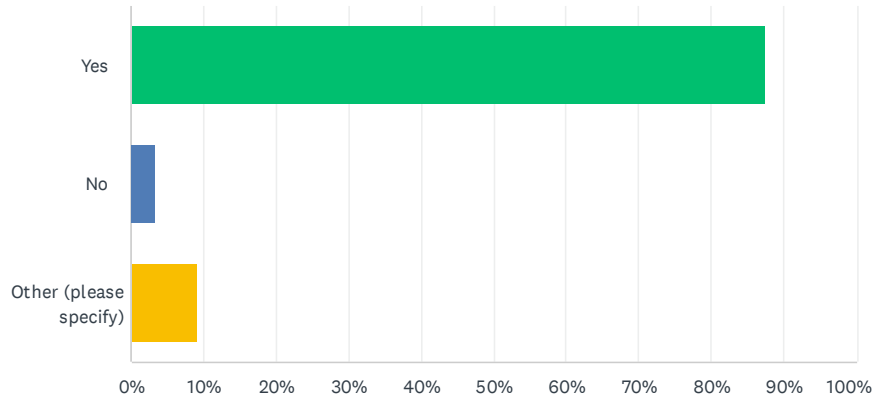
Answered: 1,093 Skipped: 143



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	48.03%	525
No	15.65%	171
Sometimes (please specify)	36.32%	397
TOTAL		1,093

### Q17 Would you like Evansville to invest more money in the parks and recreation? (check one)

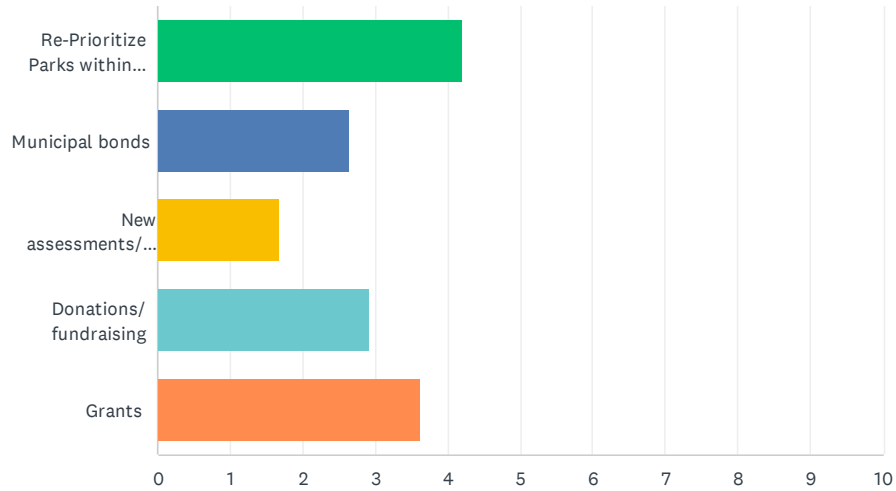
Answered: 1,042 Skipped: 194



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.43%	911
No	3.45%	36
Other (please specify)	9.12%	95
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,042</b>

### Q18 How would you like Evansville Parks and Recreation to pay for new amenities in the park? (rate in order with 1 being most important)

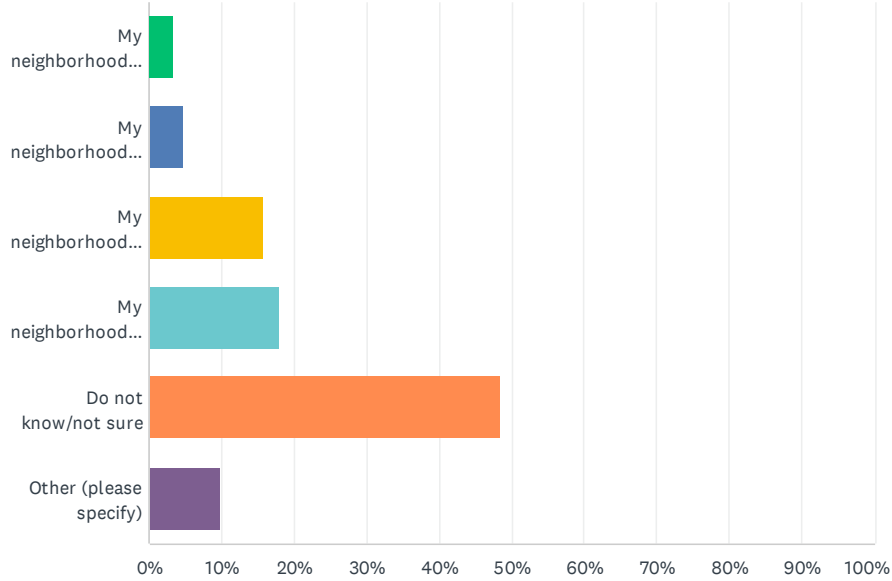
Answered: 1,017 Skipped: 219



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Re-Prioritize Parks within City budget	58.99% 587	15.98% 159	14.37% 143	7.14% 71	3.52% 35	995	4.20
Municipal bonds	6.55% 63	18.71% 180	22.35% 215	36.69% 353	15.70% 151	962	2.64
New assessments/fees	2.49% 24	6.13% 59	10.49% 101	20.15% 194	60.75% 585	963	1.69
Donations/ fundraising	9.92% 98	23.28% 230	27.94% 276	26.72% 264	12.15% 120	988	2.92
Grants	24.01% 237	36.58% 361	24.32% 240	8.41% 83	6.69% 66	987	3.63

**Q19 Thinking about how public money has been spent on parks and facilities in the past 5 to 10 years, which of the following statements is most accurate? (select one)**

Answered: 1,026 Skipped: 210

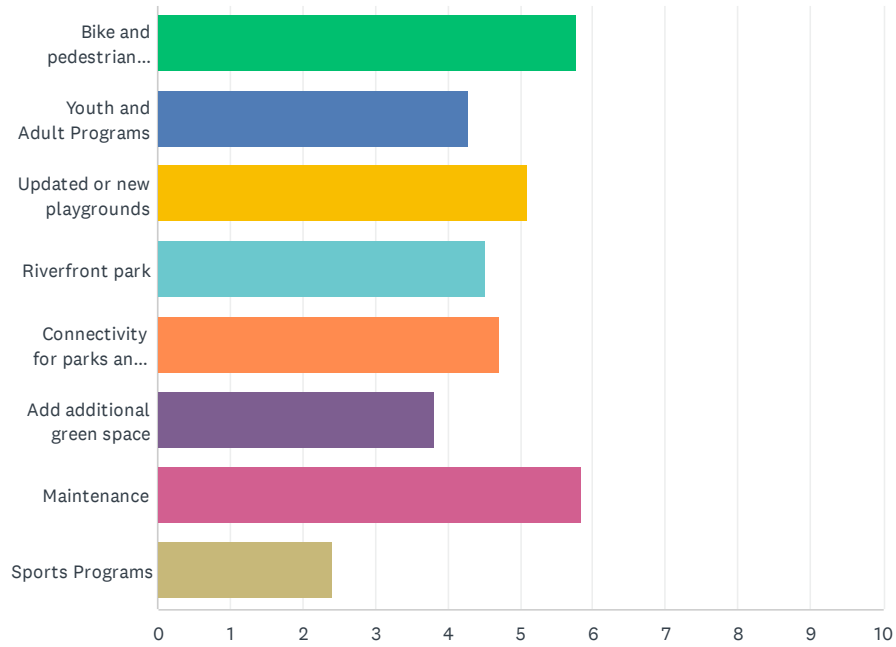


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My neighborhood often gets its fair share	3.41%	35
My neighborhood almost always gets its fair share	4.68%	48
My neighborhood seldom gets its fair share	15.79%	162
My neighborhood never gets its fair share	17.93%	184
Do not know/not sure	48.44%	497
Other (please specify)	9.75%	100
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,026</b>

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Q20 Where would you like the city to focus funds for parks? (rate in order with 1 being the most important)

Answered: 1,031 Skipped: 205



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Bike and pedestrian trails and facilities	20.84% 203	24.23% 236	17.45% 170	11.81% 115	11.19% 109	7.29% 71	4.11% 40	3.08% 30	974	5.78
Youth and Adult Programs	5.77% 55	9.44% 90	14.06% 134	15.84% 151	17.10% 163	15.32% 146	16.58% 158	5.88% 56	953	4.29
Updated or new playgrounds	16.56% 158	15.72% 150	13.73% 131	14.78% 141	11.74% 112	12.79% 122	10.69% 102	3.98% 38	954	5.10
Riverfront park	12.71% 123	12.29% 119	11.47% 111	12.40% 120	12.50% 121	14.88% 144	13.64% 132	10.12% 98	968	4.51
Connectivity for parks and trails to neighborhoods	7.20% 69	15.76% 151	16.60% 159	15.03% 144	16.28% 156	12.42% 119	10.54% 101	6.16% 59	958	4.72
Add additional green space	5.09% 49	6.33% 61	12.46% 120	11.84% 114	13.50% 130	19.94% 192	16.93% 163	13.91% 134	963	3.81
Maintenance	33.30% 337	15.51% 157	12.06% 122	12.55% 127	8.99% 91	5.04% 51	10.18% 103	2.37% 24	1,012	5.84
Sports Programs	3.46% 33	3.35% 32	3.98% 38	5.13% 49	7.12% 68	10.26% 98	14.35% 137	52.36% 500	955	2.41

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## Q21 If you could change one thing about the Evansville Parks and Recreation Department's parks, it would be? (write in space provided)

Answered: 700 Skipped: 536

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No pickleball additions to Wesselman Park! The wetlands are right next to it, particularly the vernal pools, and the salamanders are very sensitive! Put the courts somewhere else.	12/14/2022 8:53 PM
2	Don't put pickleball in Wesselman	12/13/2022 11:52 PM
3	More funds budgeted for general upkeep to prevent parks falling into disrepair	12/8/2022 12:17 AM
4	Where the pickleball courts are going - no need to ruin a quiet green area years before any "replacement" is ready	12/5/2022 3:39 PM
5	Dog park	12/4/2022 8:41 PM
6	Greenway expansion	12/1/2022 10:44 PM
7	To be in pristine condition	12/1/2022 3:27 PM
8	Many of the older park in Evansville are dilapidated, especially paths, streets, and vegetation. The maintenance of these parks seems to be lacking, which I know is very difficult for the city to pay for and retain workers to do this. Many cities across the nation have a reactive maintenance plan for parks, I believe proactive maintenance plans, although much more difficult to pull off, is overall better for site amenities and vegetation.	12/1/2022 2:12 PM
9	They need to get input from the folks who use the park. They didn't do that when they decided to put pickleball in Wesselman.	11/30/2022 11:02 PM
10	add more youth programs for 14-18	11/30/2022 5:01 PM
11	More sports for teens	11/30/2022 4:57 PM
12	Keeping them clean and up to date.	11/30/2022 11:17 AM
13	I would like to see the parks department listen to residents' voices more than who has the money to make such decisions.	11/30/2022 9:57 AM
14	Bathrooms need to be available and accessible all year, not only in the summer. My family frequents our park at a minimum of once a week, and having my child pee on the trees in the freezing cold is really not great.	11/30/2022 9:47 AM
15	I'd love for the libraries to each have parks or playgrounds. An outdoor space to relax and play.	11/30/2022 7:03 AM
16	Restrooms available all the time	11/30/2022 12:11 AM
17	Would make it less focused on using existing park land which is already extremely limited for ball parks. I'd consciously put these ball parks on acquired vacant land in neighborhoods (theres a lot in Evansville), which is more suited for them and also would have the dual effect of improving neighborhoods and better connecting the overall park system which is disjointed. It would also help get residents excited about these programs as a net gain rather than just feeling like we're butchering one of the best things the park system currently has going for it to a multimillion dollar sports development.	11/29/2022 11:52 PM
18	Hire a qualified leader not a corrupt former priest because hes a friend of a friend. It will be difficult to attract a quality leader when the city is only interested in doing legacy projects to line their friends pockets with sponsorships and kick backs etc. [REDACTED] the pickle ball [REDACTED]	11/29/2022 11:30 PM
19	I think having more green! Plants and trees!! More paths to run/walk and jog with pets! I'm a avid runner and I walk my dog a lot and Evansville is a place where there seems to be alot of fit people that live here and I just feel like there needs to be more green	11/29/2022 11:29 PM
20	I think that we should have dog parks. It is very frustrating to live in an upwardly mobile city	11/29/2022 11:15 PM

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that is not prioritizing dog parks, which seemed to be ubiquitous in other cities.

21	They should be in pristine condition.	11/29/2022 11:10 PM
22	More native plants	11/29/2022 11:00 PM
23	Using the money that the softball teams bring in to actually do something with the fields	11/29/2022 10:50 PM
24	Safety and maintenance should be a priority. Stoplight park always has open gates leading to the highway, Wesslemans playground needs cleaned up, Mickleys Kingdom needs cleaned up, the riverfront needs cleaned up, just to name a few. It seems to me that fresh paint, mulch, fences and cleaning would go a long way to make our parks and playgrounds more appealing for use. THEN look to adding & updating for new spaces/activities. It seems we are always hearing about building something new, specifically to bring in new people (from out of town to boost tourism) when we don't even have the funds/staff it appears to maintain what we already have in place.	11/29/2022 10:30 PM
25	I would like the Parks & Rec Department to be creative in trying to solve some of the issues with summer access to outdoor pools. I understand there is a lack of lifeguards, but maybe if you worked with the local universities, perhaps offering college credit for participating as a lifeguard.	11/29/2022 9:18 PM
26	More covered spaces (pavilions, etc)	11/29/2022 8:00 PM
27	Build Roberts park and keep Wesselman's as green and natural as possible. No building more concrete areas in Wesselman	11/29/2022 7:44 PM
28	Expanded open swim hours at the aquatic center	11/29/2022 7:44 PM
29	That they listen to the community and save Wesselman's park! Pickle ball is a "sport of the hour" Do not damage the cities natural areas and animal/reptile/etc. environments. Any outdoor sporting areas should look towards downtown or the north side!	11/29/2022 7:34 PM
30	Parks maintenance seems to be ignored. Parks are often damaged and trash is an issue. As homeschoolers we utilize the parks several times a week and can see that some parks get attention while others seem completely ignored.	11/29/2022 7:22 PM
31	The speed limit around the parks. Slow it down, especially around the playgrounds	11/29/2022 6:51 PM
32	Better maintenance of the parks	11/29/2022 5:45 PM
33	More light	11/29/2022 4:40 PM
34	Regular maintainable.	11/29/2022 4:28 PM
35	We need neighborhood accessibility in LOW INCOME neighborhoods	11/29/2022 4:25 PM
36	More green area and natural shade, stop removing trees near picnic tables	11/29/2022 4:13 PM
37	Create more user friendly biking and walking trails	11/29/2022 3:07 PM
38	Increased maintenance and bathroom facilities	11/29/2022 2:07 PM
39	Summer activities planned in the parks like they were in the 60's. Pay UE and USI Teacher majors to schedule games, arts, teach classes and free time play. Work with the neighborhood	11/29/2022 1:50 PM
40	Make the walking areas safe and beautiful	11/29/2022 1:16 PM
41	Not enough " soft surface" trails and green space.	11/29/2022 10:58 AM
42	Keeping up with maintenance and improvements better. There are tons of parks, but MANY of them are falling apart or aren't maintained well. Instead of building new things or having "programs" I'd rather just be able to actually utilize spaces like Howell Wetlands without worrying that the things I am using (boardwalk in that case) are going to fall apart.	11/29/2022 10:47 AM
43	Maintain them. Not just cutting grass. The sidewalks are cracked, playgrounds are old. Update and maintain. Hire more people to do this.	11/29/2022 10:37 AM
44	That the people had voice on how to spend monies. Not on a pickle ball court. Use to save the Nature Center .	11/29/2022 10:29 AM
45	Do not want pickle ball courts in the Wesselman Park meadow.	11/29/2022 10:28 AM



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46	No corporate logos allowed!!!	11/29/2022 10:05 AM
47	Build Lots of Pickleball Courts!!!!	11/28/2022 10:55 PM
48	Recreation and competitive leagues	11/28/2022 10:10 AM
49	Do something at Roberts Park! Playground or sand volleyball courts. And build the pickleball courts in Wesselman Park. Lighting and restrooms need to be improved.	11/28/2022 9:38 AM
50	Protect existing greenspace; don't use Wesselman Park for pickleball	11/24/2022 11:42 PM
51	Take care of what we have before building new	11/17/2022 2:51 PM
52	Better maintain and improve on existing parks and facilities.	11/17/2022 1:55 PM
53	Increase repair and maintenance.	11/15/2022 4:06 PM
54	Splash Pads, Pickleball Courts at Wesselman Park, More Trails in neighborhood parks, Finally build something at Roberts Park	11/9/2022 4:50 PM
55	More pickleball courts	11/9/2022 3:05 PM
56	<span style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">pickleball</span> Get some pickleball courts	11/8/2022 9:43 AM
57	<span style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">pickleball</span> Less tennis courts more pickleball courts	11/8/2022 6:06 AM
58	<span style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">pickleball</span> follow thru on plans! Pickleball courts outdoor. Take care of the parks we have!	11/7/2022 11:10 PM
59	Take care of existing parks.	11/7/2022 8:58 PM
60	<span style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">pickleball</span> Add pickleball courts	11/7/2022 6:14 PM
61	<span style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">pickleball</span> More Pickleball courts	11/7/2022 12:21 PM
62	Soft fitness trails like the one at eagle creek	11/6/2022 6:07 PM
63	I wish the parks department would start taking better care of our already existing parks in low income neighborhoods.	11/6/2022 4:46 PM
64	More maintenance and security	11/3/2022 11:28 AM
65	More inner city programs	10/29/2022 8:33 AM
66	Take better care of what we already have	10/28/2022 11:44 AM
67	<span style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">pickleball</span> Condition of existing tennis courts at burdette Condition of handball and basketball courts at wesselmans. Dedicated Pickleball courts added at wesselmans and burdette	10/28/2022 10:34 AM
68	Need to bring back park rangers	10/27/2022 3:40 PM
69	Do more in communities that have been left astray	10/27/2022 9:26 AM
70	Better accessibility for those in wheelchairs	10/27/2022 7:48 AM
71	Clean, accessible, modern restrooms.	10/22/2022 9:51 AM
72	none	10/17/2022 8:32 PM
73	Leadership	10/15/2022 8:22 PM
74	Instead of only worrying about what is making money, serve the purpose for the public.	10/8/2022 9:04 PM
75	Cleaner, safer	10/6/2022 6:20 PM
76	Nothing but save Helfrich pool!	10/6/2022 3:13 PM
77	More trails; More benches along the trails.	10/6/2022 12:13 PM
78	More interesting playground for older children with ninja type areas and sand volleyball	10/5/2022 7:44 PM
79	Get the community, residents, and businesses involved in upkeep. There are too many parks for the small city staff to maintain effectively.	10/5/2022 4:04 PM
80	avoid destroying the areas of the parks that hold a serene calming place that I can take my family for picnics without the loud noises of games such as pickle ball.	10/5/2022 10:46 AM

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81	Renovate or build a new recreational sports complex. The scorekeepers booths, fences, basketball courts, lighting on softball fields and volleyball courts, lack of working scoreboards and lack of security lighting are terrible. If you built a new sports complex with three new softball fields with irrigation, restrooms for the public, storage facility for maintenance, a decent size playground for the kids, outdoor exercise facility, 4 new basketball courts, 8 new sand volleyball courts, sufficient lighting all the way around, open field for lacrosse/football/ultimate frisbee, and a parking lot that connects to division street. You would see a massive turnaround in your recreational sports programs.	10/3/2022 7:08 PM
82	clean up trash, mow grass, maintain the facility	9/23/2022 12:48 PM
83	1. Fix everything that's broke. 2. Budget to maintain everything we have. Don't build more parks until everything we have is maintained. 3a. Give Roberts Park to Wesselmans Park to expand their Nature Reserve. So that the city is not burdened with mowing the property every week if developed into a green area park. 3.b OR turn Roberts Park into Roberts City Lake. (30 acre lake with picnic tables all around, shelter buildings, concert area, water spray park, swimming area, fishing area, boating area.) Charge for special fishing permit, charge to swim, rent boats, rent out concert area. This would be a much better use than a big green space with some baseball fields in it. It'd be less maintenance as well.	9/22/2022 8:42 PM
84	clean up Wesselman's. The ball fields are embarrassing.	9/16/2022 2:48 PM
85	Keep park areas clean of unsanitary items	9/14/2022 9:36 PM
86	This is a tough one... just one thing? I guess if I can only change one thing, I would put attractive, sturdy fencing around playgrounds. As the mother of an autistic child who is prone to talking off suddenly, and sometimes running into the street, it's difficult for me to relax even little while my child is playing on the playground. Wesselman park has the only fully fenced playground that I'm aware of.	9/14/2022 6:57 PM
87	Expansion of biking and walking trails would greatly improve quality of life for many people. They provide mental and physical health benefits as well as practical transportation benefits.	9/12/2022 11:39 AM
88	We need to NAME the park at the state hospital grounds. I suggest Centennial Tree Park. That park (- is it even a park?) needs fountains to fill water bottles and bathroom facilities. The Display Garden needs better road access ( is it possible to add access from Stockwell and widen the road from park interior?) and parking. The extension of the greenway along Walnut will improve pedestrian access, but there should be a sidewalk on the north side of Lincoln Ave and then along the drive to connect to the storybook path.	9/11/2022 10:18 PM
89	<b>pickleball</b> Use the Revenue from Shelter's and Pickleball to help to pay for park upkeepes.	9/11/2022 1:56 PM
90	Leave Robert's Park alone. No additional money needs to be put into it until the other parks in the community are fully taken care of and corrected!!	9/8/2022 12:31 AM
91	landscaping and more aesthetic use of flowers and shrubbery	9/4/2022 8:25 AM
92	Either renovate the current sports complex at Wesselmans or build a new complex. Deaconess is not the answer as you cannot use these facilities at will like our current facility. Wesselmans/Roberts is located in the perfect spot for the citizens in Evansville to be able to exercise and play sports.	9/3/2022 7:56 PM
93	Develop a 30 acre lake where Roberts Park is located. Swimming, fishing, concerts at the lake, paddle boats, picnic tables etc. It would save alot of money in mowing.	9/2/2022 12:46 AM
94	The recreational sports complex needs to be completely renovated due to years of neglect. The fields while better this year are still past saving due to the neglect. These are the only fields we have that we can play on at any given time. You cannot go to Deaconess to practice and while the turf fields are nice, they are extremely hot and get slick when wet. The current fields at Wesselmans have paid for themselves time and time again without any money or correct maintenance being put into the fields. Evansville used to be the softball capital of the midwest and now you can barely fill leagues. The players are still here, however after looking at the state of the facilities I understand why nobody wants to pay money to play on these fields. The time has come to stop looking at the short term and finally look at the long term. Yes, the initial cost up front will be expensive but if built and maintained correctly the upkeep will be minimal.	9/1/2022 5:49 PM
95	<b>riverfront</b> More riverfront amenities- ice cream, snacks, drinks etc.	9/1/2022 12:49 PM

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96	Rather than maintaining a bunch of small projects I would focus on larger highlight areas. When I have family or friends in ots tougher to take them to and brag about several average parks. Showing off 1-3 fabulous highly rated parks would be ideal	9/1/2022 6:22 AM
97	Regular cleaning and maintenance	8/31/2022 10:02 PM
98	Build a sidewalk along the west side of Heidelbach in Garvin Park the entire length from Maxwell to Herndon and add more pathways that connect to Heidelbach so people don't have to walk in the road to get to the pathway around the lake.	8/31/2022 6:04 PM
99	They would be better maintained, better safety measures would be in place not meaning a higher cop presence, the biodiversity would be protected, the public transit and traffic flow would support walking and biking etc to access, restrooms, water features, and pet friendliness would increase accessibility, increase trees and shade in parks and along the routes to get there including bus benches, yall prolly not even reading this lolol	8/31/2022 4:43 PM
100	I would provide more accessible natural areas to most parks. I would provide more benches and picnic tables for people to sit and rest.	8/31/2022 10:41 AM
101	Unfortunately, I think we need to reduce the overall number of parks in order to make them accessible and maintain them properly.	8/31/2022 9:39 AM
102	Apparently who runs it walk around Garvin Park lake needs clean playground extremely unsafe pathetic when u get an expensive aquatic center and the beautiful bosse field	8/31/2022 5:54 AM
103	I think adding larger or greener trash containers would be great. I've seen it quite a few times where trash is overflowing out of the cans, or cleaned a picnic table because someone grabbed a bag of trash and dug through it then left it there. It's uninviting.	8/31/2022 2:25 AM
104	Expanded pool season and hours. Many more benches along paths and greenway.	8/31/2022 12:17 AM
105	Finish the Greenway loop. Would be a nice way to get around the center of town.	8/30/2022 11:38 PM
106	Take care of what is already in place before adding new parks or equipment	8/30/2022 5:16 PM
107	Fix the ones we have first.	8/30/2022 4:07 PM
108	More dog friendly areas	8/30/2022 2:56 PM
109	cleanliness, maintenance, communication	8/30/2022 2:45 PM
110	Garvin's Park should be the kingpin of our parks and geese make this a disaster. Often there are downed limbs from poorly maintained or dead trees. Fix Garvin's park to make it wonderful.	8/30/2022 2:31 PM
111	Prioritize MAINTENANCE of existing parks with less focus on building new ones. We have a lot of parks now, they just need to be repaired and updated.	8/30/2022 2:29 PM
112	I would allocate more time, money and care to the park's maintenance. We have wonderful space but they often look worn down, with a lot of weeds and the up keep us just not there. I also would highlight our city events in the parks and feature them more.	8/30/2022 2:17 PM
113	Have restrooms open year round.	8/30/2022 2:17 PM
114	Maintain what we have.	8/30/2022 1:08 PM
115	More personnel for current upkeep and repair	8/30/2022 12:45 PM
116	do away with small parks that are not used waste to much money for the use	8/30/2022 12:08 PM
117	<span style="background-color: yellow;">riverfront</span> Everyone loves the riverfront, but it's not very useful	8/30/2022 11:57 AM
118	The apparent lack of concern, funding, and maintenance for city parks over larger vanity projects.	8/30/2022 11:42 AM
119	N/A	8/30/2022 9:14 AM
120	Better upkeep to existing parks, more overall attention to what is already there.	8/29/2022 2:59 PM
121	Maintenance, additional personnel	8/29/2022 11:01 AM
122	they need to be significantly better maintained; also addition of east side dog park	8/29/2022 10:30 AM
123	Pull out the zoo as a stand-alone operation and budget.	8/29/2022 9:53 AM

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124	Updated playground equipment similar to Smothers Park in Owensboro.	8/29/2022 8:39 AM
125	Focus on bike paths that connect the city for work commuting, exercise and pleasure.	8/28/2022 2:20 PM
126	Longer trails in Evansville. More hiking style	8/28/2022 11:32 AM
127	More attention to Gavin park. Fixing the fountain better mowing schedule. And have a unities for dogs.	8/28/2022 9:13 AM
128	Maintenance of the parks. Stockwell isn't used too much because it's in very poor condition.	8/28/2022 8:34 AM
129	More offerings in each park. Each park should have a climbing wall, adult exercise area, covered picnic area, and play area. This is basic for family gatherings.	8/28/2022 8:15 AM
130	Keep the pools open longer in the summer. It has never made sense to me! It's hot as balls out there and we're just telling folks it's not our problem. Honestly it probably contributes to crime. People are hot and cranky.	8/28/2022 4:20 AM
131	Need more connected bike trails	8/27/2022 10:39 PM
132	More pet friendly amenities, like water fountains for that work for dogs when walking in parks or along trails/ paths.	8/27/2022 4:26 PM
133	N/a	8/27/2022 3:11 PM
134	I think the parks should be better maintained and pollinator plants added!	8/27/2022 3:08 PM
135	Better / more consistent distribution of trash cans and containers.	8/27/2022 11:45 AM
136	Less Litter, replant Trees, add water features	8/27/2022 10:26 AM
137	Better sustained maintenance, even if that requires hiring more Parks Dept. laborers.	8/27/2022 10:07 AM
138	Make them more senior and handicapped friendly. Paved paths are essential for this. Signage. Bikes need their own trails. Are not compatible with walkers. Teens need more "play" & exercise opportunities. They're still kids. They shouldn't have to play on little kid equipment, except with little brothers & sisters. Think exercise	8/27/2022 10:00 AM
139	Fix the basketball courts.	8/27/2022 8:32 AM
140	The fact that there is no batting cages in the parks kids have to play on basketball courts with grass coming through the pavement there is no maintenance done we need to try and get kids back in the parks there is nothing that makes them want to go but we keep putting and building things we don't need like pickle ball Indiana claims to be a basketball state but doesn't have a basketball court in the city that is playable. I grew up playing three sports and I couldn't even take my daughter to a batting cage. The parks and recreation like to take care of the things that don't matter to me.	8/27/2022 5:31 AM
141	Make them a safer environment for families to visit without worry of being robbed, shot, vehicle broken into, or children being exposed to drug use	8/27/2022 1:49 AM
142	More trash cans and water stations	8/27/2022 1:17 AM
143	Improving city park by new swim center Bosse field	8/27/2022 12:41 AM
144	More long term planning for routine maintenance and grounds keepers. Lighting, Trash, and landscaping etc.	8/26/2022 11:34 PM
145	Safe biking paths for families that are separated from roads	8/26/2022 11:26 PM
146	better maintenance and timely trash pick-up	8/26/2022 11:24 PM
147	finish the Greenway as originally planned and extend Greenway to Newburgh	8/26/2022 11:23 PM
148	More disc golf courses. Maybe a lighted course? Charge money? Like \$3 to play?	8/26/2022 10:34 PM
149	Outdoor recreation should be accessible and safe for everyone. They should be within SAFE walking distance of neighborhoods, especially low income (those not as likely to be enrolled in sports, have transportation and time to travel to visit a park, have own yard and play equipment, etc). Patrolled and cleaned, no more needles, trash, used condoms, etc for kids to find. With safe maintained equipment and facilities. Including seating, accessible trails for wheelchairs.	8/26/2022 9:34 PM

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150	Utilize old railroad tracks for walking/biking pathways.	8/26/2022 8:22 PM
151	I would reduce the number of parks so resources could be focused on the cities flagship parks... Garvin Park, Wesselman park, van park, etc. It seems like the city simply doesn't have enough funding or personnel devoted to maintaining such a large number of parks, so all of them get the short end of the stick.	8/26/2022 6:56 PM
152	Stay on top of cleanup and care. I have seen downed trees laying around for months and grass that can get 4-5" high.	8/26/2022 6:13 PM
153	More disc golf and signage for disc golf, especially at woodmere.	8/26/2022 5:45 PM
154	-	8/26/2022 5:14 PM
155	Better leadership.	8/26/2022 4:48 PM
156	The cleanliness of the park and maintenance of equipment must be a priority. I would much rather drive to Owensboro to enjoy a safe, clean, updated , beautiful river front park than go to any park in Evansville.	8/26/2022 4:30 PM
157	Improve shelters and restrooms at Wesselman Par	8/26/2022 4:17 PM
158	More disc golf courses	8/26/2022 3:34 PM
159	Security increased	8/26/2022 3:33 PM
160	improved playgrounds with age appropriate areas for children <5, add shade structures over the equipment for hot days, cleaner/newer restrooms with baby changing stations, more water fountains, adequate/close parking	8/26/2022 3:17 PM
161	More disc golf courses. A longer course including par 5 holes would be nice. Would also attract more disc golfers to Evansville for tournaments.	8/26/2022 2:57 PM
162	maintenance to be more of a focus	8/26/2022 2:51 PM
163	Make it a City/County Dept. folding Burdette, Motto & Goebel Soccer Complex into the system.	8/26/2022 2:18 PM
164	More green space and trees. Better trash pickup. Regular mowing.	8/26/2022 2:06 PM
165	Take care of what we already have and stop funneling money to politicians cronies. NOT EVERYTHING IS ABOUT SPORTS.	8/26/2022 1:57 PM
166	Keeping areas maintained and expanding Parks/green spaces to help reduce pollution/heat impact to community/ bring people together	8/26/2022 1:10 PM
167	Take care of what is already in progress. We have lots of great places now. Encourage neighborhood associations to adopt parks like Howell has done.	8/26/2022 12:35 PM
168	Have nice bathroom facilities	8/26/2022 12:32 PM
169	<b>pickleball</b> Get Roberts Park off the ground. That's a lot of valuable space that's unused. Put in pickleball courts, a dog park, spray pads, etc.	8/26/2022 12:30 PM
170	More music events that are free to the public	8/26/2022 12:27 PM
171	more disc golf courses	8/26/2022 12:11 PM
172	The amount of trash continues to amaze me on why. I would PUSH the voice from the city and public that it is unacceptable and is not an option.	8/26/2022 11:51 AM
173	More biking and walking trails that are safe in regards to traffic. Many people have a desire to bike/run/walk more and even use trails for commutes but do not do so because of safety concerns.	8/26/2022 11:48 AM
174	It really needs to be two things. One is information, creating a transparent way for the community to know both activities AND maintenance schedule of when parks are being mowed, limbs removed, mulch or rocks being added to playgrounds, etc.. The last thing people want to do is come to a park that hasn't been mowed for a week or 10 days. Secondly, I think playground equipment needs to be updated and expanded as that is what I see being used more than anything else.	8/26/2022 11:45 AM

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175	More disc gold courses!	8/26/2022 11:10 AM
176	I would like to see some type of park with playground and green space on the East side. There is a lot of shopping and eating. I think if there was a park it would draw more people for longer which could bring more revenue as well.	8/26/2022 10:58 AM
177	Have more social events like concerts and farmers markets.	8/26/2022 10:49 AM
178	Open Lorraine pool back up on a daily basis	8/26/2022 10:43 AM
179	Connectivity to local clubs for help and guidance for both parties	8/26/2022 10:42 AM
180	Need more walking trails!	8/26/2022 10:36 AM
181	A better director and more community involvement, volunteering and meetings.	8/26/2022 9:52 AM
182	Maintain and keep them clean. Make them all a priority. Often time Im ashamed of the care not given to some parks and too much on some.	8/26/2022 9:46 AM
183	More opportunities For citizen involvement	8/26/2022 9:41 AM
184	Safety in the parks and maintaining the parks is a huge concern. I don't feel safe even walking around Wesselmans in the early evening.	8/26/2022 9:40 AM
185	how people use the space, its upsetting when people go in and destroy things.	8/26/2022 9:39 AM
186	Keep what you have an improve with monies you have	8/26/2022 9:29 AM
187	More discgolf courses	8/26/2022 9:21 AM
188	Make them safe to go to.	8/26/2022 9:19 AM
189	<span style="background-color: yellow;">riverfront</span> Upgrades/updates to the Riverfront to better utilize this space.	8/26/2022 9:12 AM
190	Make sure parks are maintained before buildings new facilities	8/26/2022 9:09 AM
191	Make playground maintenance a priority especially mickey's kingdom where alot of the special needs equipment is broken or not working properly	8/26/2022 9:04 AM
192	Create access to Pigeon Creek fishing points throughout Evansville . Great asset to the city not being addressed that I believe would attract more folks . Creek needs periodic maintenance clearing .	8/26/2022 8:45 AM
193	More transparency in how the money is being spent	8/26/2022 8:44 AM
194	Spend more money on the Zoo	8/26/2022 8:41 AM
195	Keep nature areas, trees, trails	8/26/2022 8:33 AM
196	Better maintenance	8/26/2022 8:08 AM
197	Cleaner, better patrol/security	8/26/2022 8:05 AM
198	Hold more events to raise money to help keep our parks clean	8/26/2022 8:02 AM
199	Maintain the parks	8/26/2022 8:01 AM
200	Focus on quality, not quantity.	8/26/2022 7:53 AM
201	They need to be more responsive to public	8/26/2022 7:49 AM
202	Add a "block park" for sitting and dogs in downtown on Main St where abandon building or torn down building now exists!	8/26/2022 7:49 AM
203	They need to be cleaner and more accessible. The Mickey Kingdom playground is disgusting and dangerous. Most parks in this town are full of trash and shrapnel that can hurt people. Outdoor activities need to be funded equally everywhere in the city as well, not just the north and east side where all the rich yuppies live. Poor people deserve community gardens and playgrounds for their kids and fun. Let's not fund the parks like we fund out schools.	8/26/2022 7:36 AM
204	Safer	8/26/2022 7:29 AM
205	Clean. Park benches that won't give you splinters or put rust on your clothes. No trash or remnants of drug usage.	8/26/2022 7:25 AM

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206	Public restrooms, Most parks are not user friendly for any length of time because they don't have restroom access	8/25/2022 11:02 PM
207	North side not to be ignored	8/25/2022 10:38 PM
208	We have a lot of great parks . We used to be in the Colorado springs,co area and they had great use of the parks . Events going on free music in parks , activities , petting zoo's, small fairs, craft fairs, things that engaged to community.	8/25/2022 10:38 PM
209	Clean and maintain them.	8/25/2022 10:18 PM
210	More attention given to upkeep, maintenance	8/25/2022 10:11 PM
211	More trees planted and maintained, more environmentally friendly/wild animal-friendly landscaping, more wildflowers, benches, and picnic tables. Community gardens.	8/25/2022 9:57 PM
212	Better insight to what is happening	8/25/2022 9:52 PM
213	Pay attention to Howell Park. It is falling apart to the point that we stopped going, it's not fun, many things are broken/dangerous on the playground, there are many wasps at the picnic shelter, and bathrooms are in need of maintenance and care. An update would be an upgrade. Worse neighborhoods have way better parks than ours. It's sad.	8/25/2022 8:48 PM
214	Whoever runs the parks because they aren't doing the best job. Get someone with ideas and a game plan in there. There's so much potential here.	8/25/2022 8:41 PM
215	More accessible to people with disabilities and low income	8/25/2022 8:38 PM
216	For our parks to be taken care of. As of right not it's embarrassing.	8/25/2022 8:22 PM
217	The maintenance upkeep and cleanliness	8/25/2022 8:17 PM
218	Not sure	8/25/2022 8:13 PM
219	Would love to see a green way in northern parts of Vanderburgh county. Too risky walking on roads most of the time and very little sidewalks.	8/25/2022 7:41 PM
220	Community involvement. We are losing our young people. They are leaving for college and not coming back. Even the families that take jobs here use Evansville as a springboard to better communities. Thus, the older median age. We have to make Evansville a more appealing community to live and stay.	8/25/2022 7:22 PM
221	Replace the weeds with actual grass and add more flowers and trees to the center city parks. This would enhance the neighborhoods as well.	8/25/2022 6:58 PM
222	N/A	8/25/2022 6:02 PM
223	More to do than just green space.	8/25/2022 5:52 PM
224	More public restrooms	8/25/2022 5:51 PM
225	Better lighting and more seating	8/25/2022 5:51 PM
226	Focus on getting the parks we have in good shape and then plan on maintaining and adding more in the future.	8/25/2022 5:47 PM
227	Include resident ownership and participation in neighborhood parks, while resourcing the community to bring their vision to life.	8/25/2022 5:30 PM
228	better playgrounds and better landscaping / maintenance	8/25/2022 5:16 PM
229	Build a new complex at the back of the old roberts stadium parking lot. Put in 3 new softball fields, a playground in the center, bathrooms and storage facility for maintenance, 6-8 new sand volleyball courts, 3 new basketball courts, parking lot that can be accessed from division street as well as through the park.	8/25/2022 4:23 PM
230	Maintain & update what you have before you add more to the parks department.	8/25/2022 4:18 PM
231	More focus on Parks Maintenance. Take care of what we have first before adding new things.	8/25/2022 4:05 PM
232	Clean reatrooms	8/25/2022 3:48 PM



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233	Focus on keeping what's currently there clean and tidy. Restrooms need to be kept clean. Trash needs picked up.	8/25/2022 3:34 PM
234	More parks within neighborhoods	8/25/2022 3:33 PM
235	Hire more people to maintain the parks. Our parks used to be well maintained and beautiful now due to staffing issues they are not attractive. Also, need more trash receptacles	8/25/2022 3:24 PM
236	better signs about what is offered at the park, more social media presence on programs going on at the park,	8/25/2022 3:22 PM
237	The vandalism and litter	8/25/2022 3:01 PM
238	Maintenance and improvement of current parks. Lighting! New play grounds!	8/25/2022 2:32 PM
239	Taken better care of and with safer (more routine maintenance) equipment	8/25/2022 1:58 PM
240	Seems like the city gets something new, then it's forgotten. We forget existing infrastructure and by the time we look at fixing it, it's too late and it's demolished with nothing to replace it.	8/25/2022 1:05 PM
241	Add more dog parks. I think Evansville has 1 and it's not free. Maybe a 2nd somewhere	8/25/2022 12:00 PM
242	Upkeep not done regularly	8/25/2022 11:51 AM
243	Cleaner, better maintained.	8/25/2022 11:44 AM
244	No.1- Fix Helfrich Pool- people will use it!!! It is in walking distance for so many children and has served the area well for decades/half century, the ol girl is worth the attention! Give it some and people will come!!!!!! 2.Existing basketball, tennis/pickle ball courts need to be resurfaced/painted rather than putting huge amount of money for new ones and not maintaining what we have. 3.Trash pick up is not done on a regular basis at Stoplight, 11th Ave, Csatleberry. Cans often overflowing. The other day my grandkids and I saw a rat rummaging by overflow! Needless to say park playtime was over! No sense in this! City pays contractor for this service, see that it gets done!	8/25/2022 11:04 AM
245	1.) Trimming and maintaining existing trees for beauty and life of the trees and it would avoid major damage during storms. 2.)Clean up the debris and mowing in many parks not consistent and not often enough in the Summer.	8/25/2022 11:03 AM
246	Just more maintenance and attention to detail. These parks were once new. They should, for the most part, always look new.	8/25/2022 11:00 AM
247	Better maintenance! Take some pride in our parks no matter what neighborhood they're in!	8/25/2022 9:56 AM
248	Please create more dog parks.	8/25/2022 9:31 AM
249	I think admin salaries are a bit aggressive!	8/25/2022 9:18 AM
250	Maintain clean and safe spaces	8/25/2022 9:04 AM
251	Stop adding and care for what exists and provide what has been promised. And quit the pickle ball idea.. It seems that image is all that matters here.	8/25/2022 8:52 AM
252	And now it's time for the real reason why I'm here. Let's talk Mesker Amphitheater. This year marked the 10th anniversary of the official shuttering of the beloved venue, and it is my personal belief that its being allowed to deteriorate for as long as it has is absolutely shameful, unacceptable, and appalling. As demand for open-air entertainment venues increased because of the pandemic, we as a city could not deliver because the best asset to fill that need has fallen victim to neglect. I understand that money is one of the key factors as to why no one will lift a finger to save this venue, but be warned, as time continues to take its toll, it will only get more and more expensive to save until it's too late. That's the lesson we should've learned from 420 Main, and it's time to put it into practice here. The best time to save Mesker was yesterday, but the second best time is now.	8/25/2022 8:52 AM
253	<b>riverfront</b> Provide more dog poop bags for public use and trash cans. There is always dog poop on the riverfront. Better lighting and more of the blue emergency lights would also be an improvement in most areas	8/25/2022 8:33 AM
254	The State would allow the City to care for the State-owned portion of the State Hospital park. I was so impressed with the efforts made to plant trees on the city side. On the State-run side, countless trees have been taken down in the past ten years and none replanted. So many	8/25/2022 8:09 AM

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people use and love that park for its shade and beauty. It is central to our city and should be treasured.

255	Add steps to river front so elderly can access all area of downtown river front	8/25/2022 8:00 AM
256	Water park and cover for outdoor dining	8/25/2022 7:59 AM
257	Safer neighborhoods	8/25/2022 7:14 AM
258	The city has its properties so wrong	8/25/2022 7:13 AM
259	Increase staff and budget to better maintain parks we already have.	8/25/2022 6:53 AM
260	I don't ever see the community pocket parks being used, even when I lived next to Akin Park. The equipment is outdated and the park space is unattractive. The green space is a bumpy field left unmaintained except for mowing. And if there are activities going on for anyone other than sports or Wesselman Woods activities for kids, I know nothing about them.	8/25/2022 6:42 AM
261	More groundskeeping. They're not always inviting.	8/25/2022 5:58 AM
262	I feel like we have a pretty [REDACTED] good Parks and rec department.	8/25/2022 5:28 AM
263	Maintenance/curb appeal. In general, our parks are not well maintained or inviting.	8/25/2022 12:26 AM
264	How they are taken care of.	8/25/2022 12:21 AM
265	Better maintainance of existing space with tree care, mowing, replanting and weeding.	8/25/2022 12:17 AM
266	Create safe parks that are well taken care of Sports programming should be well taken care. The investment players put in, we do not get anything for it but a schedule. Golf courses need investment in the courses and facilities.	8/25/2022 12:14 AM
267	<b>riverfront</b> Strategically focusing on modernizing the parks we have. I do not feel like I know at all what the parks and recreation department does which is not good. Our parks, our pools, and our riverfront are in poor shape and are not comfortable or fun to be at.	8/24/2022 11:40 PM
268	They would be better maintained in regards to equipment, cleanliness, and safety.	8/24/2022 11:21 PM
269	<b>splash</b> Would love to have a downtown kids playground and splash pad, along with entertainment space like Owensboro	8/24/2022 11:11 PM
270	Add more disc golf courses	8/24/2022 10:26 PM
271	More priority on upkeep and cleanliness	8/24/2022 10:25 PM
272	More Trails	8/24/2022 10:17 PM
273	Find me a girlfriend	8/24/2022 10:14 PM
274	Take care of trash and facilities, hire summer aquatic staff that actually knows about pools,	8/24/2022 10:03 PM
275	Clean, mowed, safe and inviting.	8/24/2022 9:59 PM
276	Playgrounds that are not falling apart	8/24/2022 9:57 PM
277	Some of them are in really poor shape. Garvin Park has dangerous/broken playground equipment and I've seen homeless people passed out in the grass nearby. Like a vehicle, regular maintenance is required so that they don't get it a point of being dilapidated.	8/24/2022 9:56 PM
278	better maintainance	8/24/2022 9:31 PM
279	Bathroom and water access at every park.	8/24/2022 9:07 PM
280	Safe and accessible	8/24/2022 8:56 PM
281	Connecting trails from north side	8/24/2022 8:48 PM
282	Building walking or biking trails connecting parks would be really neat.	8/24/2022 8:30 PM
283	To maintain what we have before building new stuff	8/24/2022 8:27 PM
284	We have a great park system, however, the parks lack bike and walk paths. We still have ride and walk in the roads at the park.	8/24/2022 8:07 PM

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285	Having a plan to update and revitalize the parks we have. Recruiting from the neighborhood to paint murals or for group projects would help bring pride and ownership to each area. It would be nice to have a liaison to facilitate community involvement.	8/24/2022 8:03 PM
286	Mesker Park amphitheater reopen	8/24/2022 7:45 PM
287	<b>pickleball</b> Move the planned pickleball courts to Roberts Park instead of Wesselman Park	8/24/2022 7:15 PM
288	NA	8/24/2022 7:11 PM
289	Make it known Wesselman Woods is different than Wesselman Park	8/24/2022 7:09 PM
290	<b>riverfront</b> Our riverfront	8/24/2022 6:41 PM
291	Maintain things better. You build things and then don't take care of it.	8/24/2022 6:13 PM
292	Update playground equipment... Even my highly imaginative niece and nephew had a hard time finding a way to have fun at the Howell park and Howell mini park	8/24/2022 6:11 PM
293	Upkeep not being done	8/24/2022 6:09 PM
294	Having nice walking paths and green space.	8/24/2022 6:06 PM
295	Improved maintenance of existing structures and grounds.	8/24/2022 6:00 PM
296	Improve current golf courses and add others	8/24/2022 5:58 PM
297	More disc golf courses and a variety of layouts on each course	8/24/2022 5:48 PM
298	Lorraine pool needs to be open	8/24/2022 5:37 PM
299	<b>splash</b> More disc golf, fewer parks with better upkeep, larger splash pads that are free to the community, and make Wesselmans woods free entry	8/24/2022 5:32 PM
300	More public restrooms	8/24/2022 5:31 PM
301	The response time for things like falling trees	8/24/2022 5:17 PM
302	Cleaner safer areas for kids to play.	8/24/2022 5:09 PM
303	Maintain what we have before we invest in new!	8/24/2022 5:07 PM
304	Upkeep and maintenance is severely lacking.	8/24/2022 4:38 PM
305	Continued upkeep of the current parks and less spending on new projects	8/24/2022 4:31 PM
306	More trails for sure. Woodmere always has people walking because of the improved trail/walking paths and would be great to see that spread out more in the city	8/24/2022 4:26 PM
307	I love how many parks there are, but I feel like the city has too many parks for the size of staff to adequately manage and maintain. I think increasing the maintenance staff with some mechanisms of oversight over staff (within union agreement) is the top priority. To me it's either add staff, or sell off some parks.	8/24/2022 4:19 PM
308	Outdoor stage for music	8/24/2022 4:16 PM
309	Emphasis on weekly routine upkeep, like cleaning the equipment, picking up trash, and keeping the landscape maintained. Uncut grass and weeds are uninviting.	8/24/2022 4:16 PM
310	Fix Mesker Amphtheater	8/24/2022 4:08 PM
311	Update and fix, have more activities available in all parks. Maybe we would not have as much violence on the streets!	8/24/2022 4:07 PM
312	Garvin park has such huge potential. If the park could add a couple of play areas and maybe a once a month food truck event that would align with otters home games. Its a beautiful park and the deaconess aquatic center added, its time to align that parks potential with the new beautiful build of Lily's olympian style pool she will come back to in her lifetime! Cease this graat opportunity to bring additional revenue from all over. Peoplw love League of their own, its inly smart to present that fun history with signs and such around Garvin.	8/24/2022 3:55 PM
313	I would like to see more of them dotted throughout the city. They could be smaller and hopefully be connected via trails that would feature local attractions/architecture etc	8/24/2022 3:34 PM

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314	Nicer facilities to rent out	8/24/2022 3:32 PM
315	Add lighted basketball courts throughout the city.	8/24/2022 3:24 PM
316	<b>riverfront</b> That there are parks falling down across the city. Funds should be invested in what we already have. Don't do anything to Riverfront til the promised parks are in better shape.	8/24/2022 3:19 PM
317	Something available to the far north side	8/24/2022 3:11 PM
318	<b>riverfront</b> <b>splash</b> More interest in our parks, build/update Wesselman park by including Kid's Kingdom playground Splash Park on Dress Park. AND Improving Riverfront. Better Riverfront like in Owensboro!!!!	8/24/2022 3:10 PM
319	CLEANLINESS AND SECURITY	8/24/2022 3:04 PM
320	Do more for the zoo	8/24/2022 3:03 PM
321	more flowers and plants and trees in the area.	8/24/2022 3:01 PM
322	Up keep us the biggest issue!!	8/24/2022 3:00 PM
323	The old Roberts stadium space is worthless. And it must be mowed. It is wet and would make a great spot for a recreational lake with swimming, paddlboats and fishing. Go look at Pride's Creek. Sand volleyball courts. This would be a home run for the parks department.	8/24/2022 2:56 PM
324	We DO have beautiful parks - we do NOT have appropriated maintenance because citizens do not do their part. Old people NEED safe restrooms.	8/24/2022 2:45 PM
325	TAKE CARE OF WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE	8/24/2022 2:43 PM
326	Make someone get off their butts and out of their offices and visit when they are being used - like when they play softball games. See how bad it really is - worse now with no repair on site for the fields. We miss the days when you would see management - [REDACTED] - actually watching and taking advice!!!	8/24/2022 2:38 PM
327	Improve maintenance, lighting, & security of existing facilities	8/24/2022 2:34 PM
328	We need fenced in dog parks, there is not a single one. We need sidewalks from the neighborhoods to the parks or a bike greenway around the city to connect those who do not have a car.	8/24/2022 2:27 PM
329	More knowledge of the dept, more community engagement	8/24/2022 2:10 PM
330	More pickle ball courts	8/24/2022 2:04 PM
331	Encourage neighborhood involvement by offering park improvements to the parks that have people that volunteer to help with upkeep.	8/24/2022 2:00 PM
332	I know that in these times it's hard to find people to work. Maybe consider asking people to volunteer. I know a lot of the parks are over grown and there are sometimes lack of trash bins, maybe putting out there that you need people to help they will volunteer.	8/24/2022 1:56 PM
333	City Pools open longer Better maintenance of existing equipment	8/24/2022 1:52 PM
334	Connectivity. There is no safe access to bike trails near me, and none for kayaks.	8/24/2022 1:43 PM
335	Updating/making Hartke pool what it used to be...fixing diving boards/area.	8/24/2022 1:40 PM
336	Improved playgrounds, safety	8/24/2022 1:38 PM
337	Pay more attention to MAINTENANCE	8/24/2022 1:35 PM
338	Bring back Park Rangers!	8/24/2022 1:35 PM
339	correctly spend funds and not let someone do a pet project and blow money	8/24/2022 1:31 PM
340	Communication with the parks department. We have tried to rent the softball fields but can't get people to reply back.	8/24/2022 1:28 PM
341	Better maintenance on existing parks	8/24/2022 1:28 PM
342	More engagement. More engaging toys for kids, more engaging equipment for adults, more engagement of maintenance/ upkeep, more encouragement of engagement.	8/24/2022 1:27 PM

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343	Parks need to have better upkeep and more security. I just do not feel safe taking my grandkids to the parks anymore. Drugs & prostitution have taken over.	8/24/2022 1:26 PM
344	they keep up with parks maintenance better overall	8/24/2022 1:19 PM
345	Hiring Leslie Knope	8/24/2022 12:44 PM
346	Clean up Angel Mounds	8/24/2022 11:40 AM
347	stop cutting down mature trees	8/24/2022 11:04 AM
348	BRING BACK PARK RANGERS TO POLICE AND EDUCATE CITIZENS ABOUT THE USE OF PUBLIC SPACE	8/24/2022 11:01 AM
349	Update boating areas	8/24/2022 10:56 AM
350	Prioritize maintenance on existing parks	8/24/2022 10:55 AM
351	Just mow the lawns!	8/24/2022 10:38 AM
352	Usable restrooms and garbage receptacles	8/24/2022 10:36 AM
353	Get the grass mowed.	8/24/2022 10:18 AM
354	Have more people working and cleaning up the parks we have. There have been so many times we have been to Wesselman's and the trash was overflowing in the bins. Garvin just looks sad. We walk around the lake and you can tell nobody cares about it anymore or even tries to do any maintenance. The benches are falling apart, the covered picnic area is always has trash left over (you can tell some of that has been there awhile.) It is infuriating knowing that brand new Aquatic Center is directly across the street, but the City can't take care of property they already have. We travel a lot, and almost everywhere else we go, their parks are nice, clean and maintained. That should be a priority before adding anything new.	8/24/2022 10:15 AM
355	Allocation of funds to support lower socioeconomic citizens in the community, including increased security, lighting and maintenance of facilities.	8/24/2022 9:57 AM
356	For the department to listen to it's citizens and act accordingly rather than listen to the citizens and then do what the department has already decided on.	8/24/2022 9:35 AM
357	Maintenance on existing areas.	8/24/2022 9:32 AM
358	More grants and funding for additional programs and improvements	8/24/2022 9:27 AM
359	Maintenance and keeping things up to date.	8/24/2022 9:26 AM
360	More security!	8/24/2022 9:09 AM
361	Poor lighting	8/24/2022 8:56 AM
362	Please get the lights working at Golfmoor basketball and tennis courts again! And spend a little time/money repaving them. They are an eyesore and dangerous but are very busy and a nice thing to have on the west side when everything else is downtown or east.	8/24/2022 8:52 AM
363	Maintain your parks and restrooms! We travel quite a bit and I haven't been to another town that neglects the parks the way Evansville does. I stopped going to Mickeys kingdom after the last time we went their was vomit in the playground, un-usable restrooms, trash everywhere, and other safety concerns. People want to be outside but it needs to be safe.	8/24/2022 7:01 AM
364	Public horticulture so the appearance of the parks is more welcoming. Our green spaces lack the attention to beauty seen in comparable cities.	8/24/2022 6:49 AM
365	Maintenance and security	8/24/2022 6:23 AM
366	Install dog bags! People constantly bring pets but never clean up after them	8/24/2022 5:18 AM
367	Maintenance and modernization	8/24/2022 3:57 AM
368	For people to feel safe.	8/24/2022 2:49 AM
369	Greater community support and maintenance. Also bathrooms that are open more.	8/24/2022 2:22 AM
370	Triple maintenance staff, empty trash daily, bring back Park Rangers	8/24/2022 1:56 AM

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371	One thing I would change is to have a spot for families to get together and celebrate a special occasion or people could hang out!	8/24/2022 1:37 AM
372	Completely rethink the plan for tennis and pickle ball courts at Wesselman's Park. The current plan will remove more mature trees and take a greater percentage of the park for a small percentage of people who will get use of this activity overall. With the charge to get into the woods, there is already much less space for many people to enjoy. This was never the original intention of the Wesselman's family when they donated this land to the city.	8/24/2022 1:22 AM
373	Better up keep	8/24/2022 12:47 AM
374	Their cleanliness and feeling of safety. Germs are one thing, drug paraphernalia and empty alcohol bottles is not something for children to discover on the playground.	8/24/2022 12:43 AM
375	How neighborhood pools are ran	8/24/2022 12:34 AM
376	Adding extra security such as fencing and gates around playground areas	8/24/2022 12:24 AM
377	Restore Historic Bayard Park to it's once grandeur with a pavilion, fountains, flowers and walking paths. Shelter house and picnic tables for families and Churches to gather the way it use to be.	8/24/2022 12:22 AM
378	Hire employees from each neighborhood to keep up with maintenance on that neighborhood's park.	8/24/2022 12:20 AM
379	It's image	8/23/2022 11:43 PM
380	Give me more places to take my baby and get my older kids involved and off their electronics. Make this a space that feels safe.	8/23/2022 11:42 PM
381	maintenance. garvin park has trash everywhere & just does not look clean. also activities for different age groups.	8/23/2022 11:41 PM
382	A water park for kids restrooms for convenience	8/23/2022 11:40 PM
383	Demand more funding from the city/county to maintain and clean.	8/23/2022 11:36 PM
384	<b>riverfront</b> Financial management. Also, make them a more community-centric place. Increase safety. Have casual sports days or leagues. The riverfront in Owensboro is beautiful - regarding riverfront specifically.	8/23/2022 11:34 PM
385	Become like a big city and offer green spaces and playgrounds in walking distance. There is nothing past Lynch before Scott township. Work with townships to make parks accessible. My kids have almost outgrown, but others could enjoy	8/23/2022 11:18 PM
386	Please actually put a shelter and trails at Roberts Park	8/23/2022 11:10 PM
387	Safety	8/23/2022 10:56 PM
388	Take care of the parks we have now. Most are poorly cared for.	8/23/2022 10:46 PM
389	The care taken of the playground equipment, especially in lower income areas	8/23/2022 10:38 PM
390	A little more security around the river front. Also, I would like to see a variety of activities for multiple age groups, including adults in the same area. More aesthetic appeal such as fountains and lights, like they have in Owensboro would be nice too.	8/23/2022 10:37 PM
391	Spend money in safe areas. Families have almost nowhere safe to go play anymore. Every new thing we get is in a highly congested area overrun with drug use and/or unsafe areas for kids.	8/23/2022 10:14 PM
392	It would help to hire people to run the department that doesn't steal and misuse the funds. Everything else could be solved by that happening.	8/23/2022 10:14 PM
393	police presence or regular maintenance and cleaning	8/23/2022 10:01 PM
394	Why are there no parks maintained in the county? There is a very large influx of homes, people to the northeast but focus is on building up latest chain restaurants and businesses but not nearly enough on green space and things to bring people to those areas. I'm more likely to spend more money if I have a safe place for my kids to play nearby.	8/23/2022 9:55 PM
395	Need NICE FREE walking park at Roberts. See Friedman Park in Newburgh. A city our size	8/23/2022 9:53 PM

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should have a much nicer, larger park. The Roberts space looks dumpy and isn't being utilized. It could be a wonderful space like Friedman Park in Newburgh.

396	Clean the parks and fields. Looks so trashy and unkept	8/23/2022 9:52 PM
397	More nature like flowers	8/23/2022 9:51 PM
398	<b>riverfront</b> Picnic like tables near riverfront. My husband and I love going to the river and just walking the trails or taking our food there to eat.	8/23/2022 9:47 PM
399	Keep them maintained	8/23/2022 9:47 PM
400	Safety	8/23/2022 9:40 PM
401	Bring back and maintain parks in low-income neighborhoods. Bring back basketball hoops and revitalized event shelter-houses. LIGHT SUCH AREAS ALL NIGHT LONG AND REMOVE CURFEWS.	8/23/2022 9:38 PM
402	Quit building new and maintain what we have!	8/23/2022 9:36 PM
403	Bringing back the park rangers to clean up the terrible condition of the parks, EPD just simply driving around the parks provides no security and they are short staffed.	8/23/2022 9:34 PM
404	Maintenance and upkeep with what we have.	8/23/2022 9:29 PM
405	<b>riverfront</b> <b>splash</b> Better up keep, improved riverfront, splash park	8/23/2022 9:28 PM
406	We need more multipurpose parks that have a lot of activists in one place for all ages. We also need dog parks. There are barely any dog parks in Evansville!	8/23/2022 9:27 PM
407	I would take better care of them.	8/23/2022 9:25 PM
408	I think they do the best they can with what they have.	8/23/2022 9:25 PM
409	Be more open minded. A lot more can be to offer than baseball fields and basic playgrounds	8/23/2022 9:21 PM
410	More security	8/23/2022 9:18 PM
411	<b>splash</b> Nicer river front we drive all the way to Owensboro because we love the fountains park/ splash pad and all the events I wish we had a nicer river front we could have done so much more with our park	8/23/2022 9:17 PM
412	More staff and perhaps new staff. Need new people with passion and new ideas. So many parks are neglected and ran down. High feelings of danger, not safe. The city is changing.	8/23/2022 9:13 PM
413	Improve upkeep. Parks look neglected. Dead trees, unkept grass, trash, ect.	8/23/2022 9:10 PM
414	The lack of up keep.	8/23/2022 9:07 PM
415	Keeping up with the small neighborhood parks	8/23/2022 9:05 PM
416	Adding more toddler equipment	8/23/2022 9:05 PM
417	Investment in what we currently have. I'm an avid golfer and was extremely sad to see Helfrichs turn of events this year. I also run and am with a large running group - we always hope for new trails that connect all sides of the city.	8/23/2022 9:00 PM
418	Better maintenance. The grass needs to be cut more often and weeds need to be sprayed or pulled.	8/23/2022 8:42 PM
419	Safety	8/23/2022 8:26 PM
420	Better upkeep, add lighting and more attractive landscaping along walking paths	8/23/2022 8:25 PM
421	<b>riverfront</b> In regards to downtown Evansville riverfront I think we could glean from/mimic the downtown spaces in areas such as Downtown Cincinnati and Owensboro	8/23/2022 8:21 PM
422	Community/people not taking care of nice areas.	8/23/2022 8:01 PM
423	Update equipment and security measures	8/23/2022 8:00 PM
424	<b>riverfront</b> Improve the riverfront look at Owensboro it is amazing. We have Evansville residents driving to Owensboro to play at smothers park. Evansville should be equally as nice	8/23/2022 7:46 PM



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425	Safer	8/23/2022 7:21 PM
426	<b>riverfront</b> We'd have riverfront green space with grass and trees where there is also a river view.	8/23/2022 7:13 PM
427	Provide more restrooms.	8/23/2022 7:12 PM
428	More community friendly/safer environment.	8/23/2022 6:56 PM
429	Maintenance and improvements to existing parks. Maintain and upgrade the existing Parks and facilities.	8/23/2022 6:35 PM
430	How all departments should be prioritized as equally and parks.	8/23/2022 6:32 PM
431	More activities for under 2 years old, shaded from the sun	8/23/2022 6:28 PM
432	<b>riverfront</b> The riverfront is the most important draw to Evansville. Currently, Owensboro's riverfront is much more inviting and aesthetically pleasing. Evansville has double the population and should find ways to project itself as bigger and better.	8/23/2022 6:25 PM
433	More safe for children of all ages, more security, more activities for all ages a lot of maintance or tear downs for the ones we have now that have just been rotting.	8/23/2022 6:23 PM
434	I would invest in maintaining all existing basketball and tennis courts prior to investing in new facilities.	8/23/2022 6:22 PM
435	More accessible. lights, trails, parking	8/23/2022 6:06 PM
436	<b>riverfront</b> I would love if we had some swings overlooking the river. Also more attractions for our Riverfront, Lights, live music, movies, somethings for families.	8/23/2022 5:56 PM
437	<b>riverfront</b> Focus on the Riverfront first	8/23/2022 5:45 PM
438	Funding for more staff to patrol and maintain parks.	8/23/2022 5:44 PM
439	Utilize the greenspace we have more effectively. Roberts Park could be beautiful, if politics weren't involved.	8/23/2022 5:05 PM
440	Just to maintain the existing parks better. My littles love Bayard Park but it's not very accessible to my wheelchair and the benches are broken and dangerous. Tree limbs and dead trees lay there for way too long. Grass sometimes gets so high it seems like it's an abandoned park. I like to rotate the parks I take my littles to so they still feel excitement over the park and don't get bored with them.	8/23/2022 4:33 PM
441	Make it more appealing!!! If it's not fun why would people Want to bring their family there	8/23/2022 3:39 PM
442	Leave Wesselman as is. No pickle ball or tree removal. Let it be natural.	8/23/2022 1:24 PM
443	More Pickleboard courts.	8/23/2022 1:11 PM
444	Need more maintenance on current parks.	8/23/2022 1:02 PM
445	Finding more funding to allow for more improvements and maintenance of parks and community outreach.	8/23/2022 12:41 PM
446	Clean up our current parks. Better utilize green spaces. More community events/engagement.	8/23/2022 12:40 PM
447	please start taking care of and maintaining what we already have. Including streets and sidewalks.	8/23/2022 12:19 PM
448	Cleaner safer areas	8/23/2022 12:12 PM
449	Repair, maintain and use Mesker Amphitheater.	8/23/2022 11:41 AM
450	More shade trees planted	8/23/2022 11:19 AM
451	We aren't taking care of what we have. The greenery along the greenway is often overgrown and just looks terrible. Our pools all over the city are rundown and not accessible for neighborhood use. Yet we feel we need to add to the already long-list of parks that aren't in a complete utter disaray.	8/23/2022 11:13 AM
452	<b>riverfront</b> Maintain the park grounds and equipment better and focus on a large riverfront play area for families. Our downtown is beautiful for adults...need more for families to encourage	8/23/2022 10:32 AM

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	downtown activity.	
453	More native grasses, flowers, trees and water gardens	8/23/2022 10:26 AM
454	More Bathrooms!! And accessible year round!!	8/23/2022 10:13 AM
455	Have the bathroom facilities open, cleaned and more pleasant to use. Also make the playgrounds safer for all children and adults.	8/23/2022 9:19 AM
456	Invest in attractive, user friendly amenities and facilities that make the parks a destination. We can invest in existing assets/improvements, while also building new items or actually parks.	8/23/2022 9:01 AM
457	Have the person in charge of sports there or a phone call away if anything needs answered.	8/23/2022 8:49 AM
458	Lower the speed limit around neighborhood parks for sure!!	8/23/2022 7:17 AM
459	Improve grounds maintenance	8/23/2022 7:02 AM
460	Security	8/23/2022 6:58 AM
461	REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 15-20 MPH AROUND ALL PARKS. A child, walker or jogger are going to be seriously hurt with the speed the drivers go down Parkside Dr and East Park Dr. Reduce the speeds around all parks before someone is seriously hurt. Add speed bumps near the playground.	8/23/2022 6:41 AM
462	Communication	8/23/2022 4:36 AM
463	Keep them ALL up to date, safe and accessible. Don't build new and hope people won't notice the current parks being neglected.	8/23/2022 12:31 AM
464	<b>splash</b> New playgrounds, more for young children. Splash pads, climbing area.	8/23/2022 12:21 AM
465	Safety	8/23/2022 12:11 AM
466	More safe play ground equipment for kids	8/23/2022 12:10 AM
467	Prioritize proper maintenance	8/23/2022 12:00 AM
468	MAINTAIN WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE TRYING TO DEVELOP MORE PARKS OR PROGRAMS. INCREASE SECURITY IN SOME ie; pollack and Vann park.	8/22/2022 11:50 PM
469	To have a new park put in somewhere north of lynch!!	8/22/2022 10:52 PM
470	Maintenance on existing playground equipment! Stop pouring money in Mickeys Kingdom-put more money in better neighborhoods where it will be appreciated more	8/22/2022 10:50 PM
471	Better management and maintaining them	8/22/2022 10:39 PM
472	More lighting and activities	8/22/2022 8:24 PM
473	I would love to see our current parks kept up better. Even the deaconess aquatic center is already showing the lack of upkeep. Garvin park is not safe for families due to homeless loitering in and around playgrounds. I've been told by police officers it's not safe to bring my kids there alone.	8/22/2022 8:13 PM
474	Need better maintenance of golf courses	8/22/2022 8:09 PM
475	<b>splash</b> Splash pad	8/22/2022 7:22 PM
476	More public restrooms/porta-potties at the parks that are open year round.	8/22/2022 7:09 PM
477	Please maintain parks better	8/22/2022 6:34 PM
478	Fostering community pride in the parks through programs that meet needs of the park and community (i.e a summer program for youth to beautify/perform age-appropriate maintenance to parks, community garden spaces within the park)	8/22/2022 5:38 PM
479	Rather than creating new projects; focus on better maintenance/care of existing facilities. Increasing pay for seasonal workers and better supervision would remedy most of the issues I encounter which are excessive trash/litter and overgrown weeds.	8/22/2022 5:33 PM
480	SLOW DOWN THE TRAFFIC! Clean up the playgrounds The equipment is falling apart, the grass rarely gets mowed, it's just not safe for children anymore.	8/22/2022 5:21 PM

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481	The north side of town has few parks/recreational areas. I would like to see more investment on the northeast side of town (north Green River Road/Burkhardt corridor) where the population is growing the most. I would love to see a playground, basketball, and especially tennis courts around the Goebel Soccer Complex/Deaconess Sports Park area. I think these would be highly utilized.	8/22/2022 5:16 PM
482	<b>riverfront</b> Riverfront destination park with reduced traffic lanes/speed	8/22/2022 4:55 PM
483	More access to parks in or around subdivisions in McCutchanville area. There are no parks on the far north side of town.	8/22/2022 4:18 PM
484	They should keep up with what they currently have rather than building more that'll be trashed in a few short years.	8/22/2022 4:08 PM
485	I wish they were something we could take pride in; for the most part the ones I use are run-down, in need of maintenance/broken.	8/22/2022 3:18 PM
486	I would love a playground on the north side of Evansville. We used to frequent the 4-H center playground and they removed it.	8/22/2022 3:13 PM
487	More walking/biking paths.	8/22/2022 3:03 PM
488	Invest in maintenance like replacing light bulbs, cleaning trash, etc.	8/22/2022 2:50 PM
489	Real bike lanes, not shared lanes.	8/22/2022 2:45 PM
490	They need to take care of what they have now before adding anything new. The state of several of the parks is just sad	8/22/2022 2:33 PM
491	Better connectivity to neighborhoods, linking parks and trails with commuting routes. Even if it was less direct, I'd rather be able to cycle or run commute, and given the state of the roads it seems most appropriate to use parks as safe areas for non-auto commuters	8/22/2022 2:28 PM
492	Keep playgrounds maintained	8/22/2022 2:28 PM
493	Maintenance!!!!!!!!!! The kids playgrounds are so dangerous!	8/22/2022 2:08 PM
494	Better upkeep	8/22/2022 2:03 PM
495	Security, and maintenance.	8/22/2022 1:54 PM
496	MaintenanceA	8/22/2022 1:49 PM
497	General maintenance - trash cans emptied, clean bathrooms, grass mowed, equipment clean and safe to play on.	8/22/2022 1:45 PM
498	Updated, safer equipment.	8/22/2022 1:27 PM
499	Kids can play without safety concerns from equipment. Need more police presence and vugger playscapes!!	8/22/2022 1:21 PM
500	Promote health and wellness. It's great to be ambitious, but maintain what you've got first then make improvements. Our playgrounds are sad, unfinished and unsafe specifically Stoplight City. It would only take some fill dirt and mulch for little improvements that make a huge impact. It's pathetic to have to drive all the way from the far westside of Evansville and cross the whole city of Evansville to get to Newburgh's Friedmans park because it's the best one in the Tri state because it's clean, safe and maintained. It's not in a bad part of town or in the downtown area where you have to park half a mile to get to something.	8/22/2022 1:21 PM
501	Connect them via trails which are interconnected with each neighborhood.	8/22/2022 1:18 PM
502	More greenway and trails throughout the city to improve access to the parks and allow for safer exercise (biking, walking, running). Improve maintenance of existing parks!	8/22/2022 1:18 PM
503	Maintain parks to look/function better, especially those that have been poorly tended to of late.	8/22/2022 12:44 PM
504	More awareness about events and activities happening in our city's parks.	8/22/2022 12:27 PM
505	Make the need Deconess pool accessible to more people.	8/22/2022 12:07 PM
506	More native plantings that would help eliminate or reduce the need to maintain by mowing. Enhance the natural landscape to make it appealing.	8/22/2022 11:12 AM

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507	Triple the budget	8/22/2022 11:11 AM
508	Keep the grass mowed so the spaces CAN be used. a few more benches. Green space, open space, picnic space at the river front.	8/22/2022 11:09 AM
509	More outdoor activities like exercise stations	8/22/2022 11:06 AM
510	Separate the Recreation from the Parks. Also increase marketing of the available facilities. Reduce the amount of small neighborhood parks and provide one nice park in each area of town.	8/22/2022 11:03 AM
511	Updated and cleanness and roller rink	8/22/2022 10:58 AM
512	Feeling Safer / Park Upkeep (mowed, trash picked up, sidewalks maintained, etc	8/22/2022 10:50 AM
513	Updated play equipment (Mickey's is great!)	8/22/2022 10:42 AM
514	<b>riverfront</b> It would be nice to have more green and park space downtown. I saw a rendering of changes to the riverfront which looked amazing.	8/22/2022 10:40 AM
515	<b>splash</b> splash pads	8/22/2022 10:26 AM
516	<b>riverfront</b> A nice riverfront space/park - I know you probably hear this a lot, but ...like Owensboro's Smother's Park and playground. Would love a lot of safe space for kids to run around and walk.	8/22/2022 10:12 AM
517	Historically, Evansville does not maintain the parks they have already. Playground equipment is in disrepair; the green areas are unkept, not enough trash receptacles or pick up often enough, and certain areas are constantly being vandalized. Security is also a concern. Use monies available on maintaining our present parks before developing new parks.	8/22/2022 9:48 AM
518	Clean up the parks and the restrooms. Quit building ANY anew park, including Roberts Park until you get the current parks up to a decent standard. Restrooms are horrible, I usually look for a tree.	8/22/2022 9:29 AM
519	We miss Wesselman 3 par golf course. Roberts Park need to be used so it is not sold by future administrations. Putting the dog park there instead of St Hospital would be an easy start. St Hospital is already quite busy with youth sports disc golf and leisure usage. Also, a lake could be put in since it is a low area to make it like a Garvin Park and put in some covered picnic tables. Also, get rid of the motor cycle classes held there on the weekend. They get mad at people using trail connecting Wesselmans to St Hospital.	8/22/2022 9:13 AM
520	<b>splash</b> I live on the north side in Mccutchanville and I feel like there's no sense of community here. And I love this area and I know everyone else that lives here does too. I would love a park that connects to neighborhoods so everyone can enjoy it. There are so many people who would utilize this, including the growing number of young families with children. I drive to Newburgh for their park splash pad and other events. I would love to spend that time in my own community	8/21/2022 11:11 PM
521	Less structured activities and equipment!!! Less programming!!!	8/21/2022 7:33 PM
522	Add bathrooms and maintain them.	8/21/2022 5:28 PM
523	More help with the maintenance of the disc golf courses. Especially at Woodmere and Mesker Park	8/21/2022 4:42 PM
524	Disc golf is growing and we're positioned to host more major events bringing thousands of players to the tristate and we need more quality courses in this area. Its a low buy in but is cheap to maintain and has potential to do wonders for the city. Our courses are often busy and we need some more varieties.	8/21/2022 3:39 PM
525	Restroom facilities. Sure, it's a maintenance burden, and people will do unseemly things inside them, but men & boys have to use the trees, and women & girls are just completely out of luck.	8/21/2022 3:07 PM
526	More sports things to draw people in like a beach volleyball court etc. disc golf as well.	8/21/2022 2:57 PM
527	Safety for our family would be priority!	8/21/2022 1:05 PM
528	More trails, cleaner	8/21/2022 1:04 PM

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529	It would great to have more disc golf courses to manage the growing amount of players on our local courses.	8/21/2022 11:40 AM
530	upkeep of current parks. updated play ground equipment	8/21/2022 11:07 AM
531	<b>pickleball</b> could some of the tennis courts at Wesselman be used for pickleball most of the time? I am over there a lot and the tennis area seems quiet much of the time, except when there is a tournament	8/21/2022 11:01 AM
532	Better maintenance of what is there now. More smaller neighborhood parks/ playgrounds. We don't need 25 basketball goals in the neighborhood, we need a close park, where neighborhood kids can play basketball, and get to these facilities safely.	8/21/2022 10:06 AM
533	Rebuilding the recreational sports complex and quit trying to push everything to deaconess sports complex.	8/21/2022 6:50 AM
534	<b>riverfront</b> We must prioritize a bigger plan for our downtown riverfront, especially near Main Street. We need a plan and need to work towards it instead of one off investments along it that don't connect to the bigger plan like the skate park and LST move.	8/20/2022 10:14 PM
535	They actually cared about green spaces, nice parks and kept them nice	8/20/2022 9:50 PM
536	The amount of destruction, drug-use or paraphernalia found, the defacing of the property really steers people from coming to the parks. It's not fun when I have to make sure the park is "safe" before my kids can play!	8/20/2022 9:05 PM
537	Please stop putting parks in poverty areas. I understand wanting to revitalize areas but when it is the center of shootings, I don't feel comfortable taking my kids in those areas.	8/20/2022 8:27 PM
538	CLEAN Restrooms! They are disgraceful.	8/20/2022 7:55 PM
539	Improve communications- I am relatively well-informed but never know about anything going on/programming.	8/20/2022 4:28 PM
540	They they were cleaner.	8/20/2022 4:10 PM
541	Better maintenance of the parks we have. There are SO many playgrounds that have been just neglected. They are broken, dangerous or just dirty.	8/20/2022 2:59 PM
542	Parks on Evansville north side (near north high school )	8/20/2022 1:19 PM
543	Living on the northeast part of town, there is nothing near us. Technically we are county so I expect a small distance but the closest park is wesselmans and it is about 15 minutes away and is in disrepair	8/20/2022 12:51 PM
544	Keeping them maintained. The one by Lloyd Pool had weeds as tall as adult knee height. It also had bees around all the trashcans and equipment that no longer worked and wasn't safe.	8/20/2022 12:49 PM
545	Stop spending money on NEW facilities when our existing facilities are literally crumbling. Save Hartke pool before it suffers the same fate as Lloyd. Do something with the Robert's Stadium area (instead of using it as a dumping ground for trash), maybe add a big lake or something. Fix the fountain in Garvin Park; if you can spend millions on an aquatic center, you can spend a thousand more to get the fountain running again.	8/20/2022 12:27 PM
546	I would like to see increased funds for maintenance and upkeep of existing parks and playgrounds. Many show years of wear and abuse with little signs of repair or investment.	8/20/2022 11:59 AM
547	We live in the McCutchanville area and there are no options for playgrounds/parks close by. The playground at the deaconess sports park is not accessible. Most church and school playgrounds are fenced in as well and not for public use. The nearest playground is in Scott township and it is too far in the woods for my comfort. Since the Vanderburgh County 4H grounds tore their park down there just aren't options for us in the county. I don't know the Evansville Parks Department jurisdiction but something needs to be done out here.	8/20/2022 11:32 AM
548	I would get more maintenance regularly scheduled for the existing parks instead of adding new ones. Or canvas the surrounding communities and see which communities need more amenities for kids of seniors. Out of inner city parks, seems like they are the last thought and hardly ever groomed and maintained. (Ex: Motoux Park)	8/20/2022 11:07 AM
549	Diversity of park equipment	8/20/2022 10:30 AM

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550	Safety	8/20/2022 10:23 AM
551	Update existing equipment, have the city quit cutting their budget so they can maintain the parks	8/20/2022 10:09 AM
552	<b>splash</b> Definitely maintenance, lack of shade, and lack of restrooms at many of the parks. It would be amazing to see more water available- splash pads and things like that. It's hard during the summer to stay cool around here and with little kids, it's not easy to be outside unless there is water involved	8/20/2022 9:06 AM
553	Hire more people to keep grass mowed. Weed eat areas so it looks neat and pick up trash	8/20/2022 8:22 AM
554	Maintain high-visibility property in a way that shows that Evansville is proud to have nice things, not "good enough".	8/20/2022 7:56 AM
555	Modernize restrooms. Hand washing and fountains accessible outside and available. Toilet in accessible stalls for families, not gender specific.	8/20/2022 7:23 AM
556	improve upkeep and maintenance	8/20/2022 5:51 AM
557	Update the parks that we already have.	8/19/2022 9:13 PM
558	1. Better leadership, the past 20 years have been status quo.....do doing. 2. Better maintenance and a plan to keep the maintenance ongoing. 3. DO NOT BUILD ANY MORE PARKS!!!! You can not and do not maintain the ones you have. 4. Get baseball OUT of Deaconess Sports Complex. This was built to be a softball complex. But baseball has tried everything they can to take it over. Build a baseball complex for them.make it a multi-use facility so it can be utilized for all ages. 5. Turf the outfields at Deaconess. You should have did this when you did the infields. Cost more now to go back and do.....but that is the way we do everything in Evansville, especially with the parks department.	8/19/2022 5:10 PM
559	That they would be trimmed more regularly.	8/19/2022 4:44 PM
560	Add bathrooms	8/19/2022 4:22 PM
561	More restrooms!	8/19/2022 4:15 PM
562	They are SO run down. Especially wesslemans and along the greenway. Parts of the greenway really need re-paved.	8/19/2022 4:13 PM
563	maintenance of the spaces	8/19/2022 3:51 PM
564	Maintenance The condition of our parks are unacceptable. Sure, it's on us to help with the upkeep of our parks, but I haven't seen a parks employee in a park at all this summer.	8/19/2022 3:11 PM
565	Iglehart park is scarey and in no way does anyone feel safe the way the courts are in the far back out of view from anything . The north side needs the pool and the park to remain but updated!	8/19/2022 9:52 AM
566	Improved park maintenance adding staff for maintenance	8/19/2022 5:38 AM
567	<b>pickleball</b> I'm 32 of age. My mom got me into pickleball back in 2016. It has become my only outside of work hobby and is a health benefit for the obvious as I play at a more competitive style of play than what people think of this sport. I have not been able to attend any pickleball meetings as I work. I live in 47714 and drive around 20 minutes to play ... when time is little spending 40 min round trip is not idea. Also, I'm paying at tennis center to play and would prefer a public option.	8/19/2022 3:03 AM
568	<b>splash</b> Splash pad(s)	8/18/2022 9:18 PM
569	The gravel trail at the state hospital has shrunk down to nothing out by Lincoln Ave and along Vann. On Vann there are limbs hanging down and blocking the gravel trail and the view of oncoming walkers and runners. Please keep these types of trail maintained. Don't let grass overtake the path please. Also the one gravel path at Roberts Park is overgrown and shrunk down to a very narrow path. The Robert's Park gravel path entry near the Lloyd needs to have the weeds and trees trimmed so it has a more open and safe feel.	8/18/2022 8:20 PM
570	I would implement the proposed improvements focused on integrating Robert's Park, Wesselman's Park and Woods & State Hospital grounds as designed and presented several years ago at Swonder Ice.	8/18/2022 8:17 PM

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571	More space, access and offerings for outdoor fitness	8/18/2022 5:54 PM
572	More equipment in Olmstead park, please, please, please. maybe just a slide?	8/18/2022 4:55 PM
573	Visible and consistently present security so that everyone feels safe.	8/18/2022 3:02 PM
574	Owensboro has multiple high quality parks with activities for kids to enjoy. Evansville has essential one quality playground. Investment in upgrades to park playground equipment is badly needed.	8/18/2022 9:10 AM
575	More knowledge about parks. What is available at each. Also- keep pools open longer, until labor day.	8/17/2022 10:50 PM
576	<b>riverfront</b> Evansville is known as a good place to raise a family. Many young professionals only stayed here or moved back here because of this fact - to raise their families in the community. That said, it's such a shame how little focus is on making our parks desirable, clean, modern spaces for families to spend their time. In other cities I've lived, people will literally live in a particular neighborhood just for the parks. It's where families spend their time and it's important. In Evansville, our parks seem to be an afterthought. As a parent of young children, we basically have two parks to go to - Vann park or the riverfront with mickeys kingdom. There are very few other parks with playgrounds that I feel are safe, clean, free of drug-using individuals, etc. Newburgh and even Henderson have much better parks than Evansville. Essentially, I'd love it if Evansville had a park with the same amount of care, thought, and funding as Friedman Park in Newburgh - it's incredible.	8/17/2022 8:46 PM
577	Don't spend so much on the zoo,	8/17/2022 8:24 PM
578	Update Garvin Park already!	8/17/2022 8:00 PM
579	Maintain what parks already exist	8/17/2022 7:11 PM
580	Maintenance/upkeep of playgrounds and trash removal.	8/17/2022 6:32 PM
581	Do something with Robert's park	8/17/2022 6:11 PM
582	They would put more resources maintaining what we have.	8/17/2022 5:56 PM
583	As I believe Parks make a difference to our current and future community members, I would like the parks to have priority of investment of city funds that reflect their importance.	8/17/2022 5:53 PM
584	<b>riverfront</b> Playgrounds, including fencing to keep kids away from busy streets. There are VERY few playgrounds with updated equipment. Even those that have updated equipment do not seem to have been designed with all ages and play levels in mind. For ex., my neighborhood park, Jacobsville, has good equipment, but most of it is not appropriate for younger kids, so we rarely go there. Our other close park, Garvin, is beautiful for the scenery - but the playground is very damaged and small. I'd like to see the focus shift to making the "big" parks that everyone knows about - Garvin, Wesselman, etc., top local and even regional draws, like Owensboro Riverfront Parks, Mickey's Kingdom, and Friedman Park.	8/17/2022 5:27 PM
585	Basic Up keep. Each park getting more individual attention	8/17/2022 5:04 PM
586	More maintenance	8/17/2022 5:02 PM
587	Clean up and miw	8/17/2022 4:51 PM
588	Maintain and upgrade what we already have. Add more natural elements that are easier to maintain and visually attractive.	8/17/2022 4:30 PM
589	Better playgrounds, safety.	8/17/2022 3:55 PM
590	There is very little to do at the Evansville Parks, especially if you do not have kids.	8/17/2022 3:36 PM
591	Better maintenance, better connectivity	8/17/2022 3:04 PM
592	Mesker park Amphitheater, do something with. Letting it rot isn't the answer. Restore it, sell it, tear it down, or put it in a mothball condition so it won't get worse.	8/17/2022 3:03 PM
593	Take better care of the existing parks before adding anything new.	8/17/2022 2:56 PM
594	A stronger, more defined and robust maintenance program. The parks that are used less tend to be last on the maintenance and priorities list.	8/17/2022 2:40 PM



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595	<b>riverfront</b> Really nice safe parks like owensboros riverfront park - well Maintained and a really safe family destination spot.	8/17/2022 1:43 PM
596	A park in 47715	8/17/2022 1:41 PM
597	More greenspace	8/17/2022 1:32 PM
598	Better maintenance on golf courses. Better communication with golfers, and reaching out for their feedback	8/17/2022 12:05 PM
599	Overall maintenance issues and lack of awareness.	8/17/2022 11:30 AM
600	Better communication about opportunities to join in activities that are being offered.	8/17/2022 11:29 AM
601	More space for dogs, whether a dog park or trails	8/17/2022 11:25 AM
602	Better communication with all projects	8/17/2022 11:23 AM
603	more trees	8/17/2022 11:12 AM
604	Way more native greenspaces	8/17/2022 10:42 AM
605	Let's make something that people actually want to visit.	8/17/2022 10:36 AM
606	<b>splash</b> lighting on volleyball courts, add a splash pad	8/17/2022 10:31 AM
607	Better Bike paths around Oak Hill and Morgan	8/17/2022 10:30 AM
608	I would have them maintained the way they should be. Improvements are great but if you don't maintain them, then what is the point. You tout that everyone but there really isn't much to do in the city. Especially in terms of free or low cost activities. Adding more farmers markets or Vendor fairs would be great in boosting the local economy and encourage local small business and artisans to selling locally. Kids events are another great way to help the community. Why not add some parent and me fitness classes or activities so that people can be out and active.	8/17/2022 10:13 AM
609	Na	8/17/2022 10:12 AM
610	Better lighting and install animal proof trash cans. People are going to bring food/water on the trails and if you don't give them a place to throw it away they litter.	8/17/2022 10:09 AM
611	Easier to host events without so much red tape to work around.	8/17/2022 9:59 AM
612	<b>riverfront</b> More lights along the riverfront, more bathrooms, and getting the fountain at garvin working again.	8/17/2022 9:57 AM
613	For now? Maintenance. While the parks near me on the East Side are generally in decent shape, I've seen that this is not the case city-wide. Ensuring that existing parks are safe, clean, mowed, and have functional equipment should be top priority.	8/17/2022 8:56 AM
614	Frequent mowing of green spaces	8/17/2022 8:50 AM
615	N/A	8/17/2022 8:17 AM
616	<b>riverfront</b> Please update the parks we have and do less on the RiverFront.	8/17/2022 8:16 AM
617	replace basketball court & Little Otters playground at Garvin Park. More Police patrol.	8/17/2022 8:16 AM
618	trash pickup before cutting grass and make the restrooms open and fit for using	8/17/2022 8:00 AM
619	I wish it looks like the city cared. We understand the need to attract tourism for local economy, but quality of life is poor around this area. Having safe parks and programs could really help heal and grow a healthy community	8/17/2022 4:05 AM
620	More transparency to the public!	8/17/2022 1:49 AM
621	<b>riverfront</b> I am from Jasper, IN and I user their Parklands Park and Riverwalk daily. There's just not a good equivalent to that in Evansville, even though its a much larger city. The closets is Wesselman Woods, but there is no place to throw away dog waste bags in the main park. The riverfront doesn't have enough shade either, so I can't bring my dogs there in the summer because it's too hot.	8/17/2022 12:52 AM
622	The politics.	8/17/2022 12:46 AM

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623	Additional and connected dedicated bike paths. More pickle ball. More gardens would be nice. Free mulch offered after storm cleanup.	8/17/2022 12:16 AM
624	You need to survey the existing parks. Howell is incredibly outdated, broken, graffiti drawn everywhere. Akin park has broken slides. Garvin has broken equipment, overgrowth, trash.	8/16/2022 11:56 PM
625	Fix tennis courts in disrepair and do something with Lloyd pool area	8/16/2022 11:09 PM
626	I would like to see the parks maintained. Our parks and playground's are nasty and dirty. Try getting the grass cut.	8/16/2022 10:48 PM
627	Nothing	8/16/2022 10:47 PM
628	More craft shows	8/16/2022 10:44 PM
629	More of them on the west side with large shaded areas with sidewalks and or roads for walking or biking!	8/16/2022 10:43 PM
630	Do not build another park or green space until the current parks and green spaces are FULLY maintained and refreshed.	8/16/2022 10:30 PM
631	More wildlife habitat to visit/explore	8/16/2022 10:24 PM
632	Maintain and beautify current spaces we have first.	8/16/2022 10:20 PM
633	It seems like advertising. I didn't know about like any of the things you said, but they all sound fun!	8/16/2022 10:16 PM
634	Safety! The whole town is a safety concern but if we are going to bring community back people have to feel secure	8/16/2022 10:14 PM
635	More native plants, through coordinated wildflower/native landscaping! Things like pollinator gardens, bird watering features, etc.	8/16/2022 10:11 PM
636	More & better security	8/16/2022 9:45 PM
637	I would update the city's tennis courts. The condition of the city's tennis courts are deplorable. We really only have Wesselmans that are safe and playable but they are so often used for private groups, schools, leagues, tournaments, etc that regular citizens cannot even play. It's amazing no one has been injured trying to play at Igleheart or Golfmoor.	8/16/2022 9:03 PM
638	Awareness	8/16/2022 8:18 PM
639	<b>riverfront</b> Start focusing on the neighborhood parks, and less focus on the riverfront	8/16/2022 8:15 PM
640	More trails	8/16/2022 7:45 PM
641	The city would benefit from more adult workout equipment in each park.	8/16/2022 7:41 PM
642	Not out everything on the east side where downtown and west side do not go. Utilize Robert's Park, Burdette and Mesker Park amphitheater.	8/16/2022 7:36 PM
643	Real bike paths, not just signs saying share the road and trails to connect neighborhoods to parks and to bike trails	8/16/2022 7:22 PM
644	Take a look at Smothers Park in Owensboro. Bench swings at park overlooking water, clean bathrooms, nice	8/16/2022 7:08 PM
645	Think outside the box, be open to new ideas, look at what other big cities are doing. Don't be boring. Change is good.	8/16/2022 7:02 PM
646	Would love to see the old Robert's Stadium space mature into a large green space adjacent to Wesselman woods with bike trails.	8/16/2022 6:54 PM
647	The parks are all unkept. The facilities are run down, the landscaping is overgrown and weedy. Everything just looks in bad shape. We need to clean up and maintain what we have so it's more enjoyable and something to be proud of. No sense in building anything new because it's just going to look awful in a few years time.	8/16/2022 6:49 PM
648	More parks and playground that are safe and maintained. Think Hamilton county	8/16/2022 6:36 PM
649	Try to hire enough summer staff that all neighborhood pools can be open for swim team,	8/16/2022 6:26 PM

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	lessons, and open swims.	
650	<b>pickleball</b> Don't put pickleball courts in Wesselman Park. There is open land available in the Roberts Park area that would be more appropriate for the noise and congestion caused by pickleball.	8/16/2022 6:23 PM
651	I would have them keep the parks up. Trash , landscaping. Weeds are horrible . No flowers planted .	8/16/2022 5:59 PM
652	Maintain the parks that we already have - keep them clean with well-functioning equipment.	8/16/2022 5:51 PM
653	Better park director who responds to emails and calls from community members	8/16/2022 5:46 PM
654	Better use/care of what we currently have! Before building/adding more fix the current. Bring back neighborhood pools. Swim team was amazing this yr and the money out toward pool upkeep and training to get more lifeguards is lacking.	8/16/2022 5:28 PM
655	Southside needs mowed more than once a month. The grass is always so high. didnt use to be but has been this year.	8/16/2022 5:26 PM
656	More unique offerings giving more people a reason to visit	8/16/2022 5:24 PM
657	Surveillance first and youth programs/ maybe concerts in parks Example: In Nashville, Centennial Park has area for sports, picnics, play equipment, concerts surrounding concrete, grassy area and so many people enjoy going there	8/16/2022 5:24 PM
658	Have them be better maintained.	8/16/2022 5:15 PM
659	Increase awareness, communicate benefits, incentivize participation	8/16/2022 5:12 PM
660	Keep our parks clean and safe for people to enjoy.	8/16/2022 4:54 PM
661	stop mowing the grass as much it's unnecessary and harmful to local insect populations which are already in global decline	8/16/2022 4:45 PM
662	The maintenance of the existing parks would be a priority.	8/16/2022 4:43 PM
663	Not stealing taxpayer money	8/16/2022 4:35 PM
664	Have better clean up	8/16/2022 4:24 PM
665	Update/Maintain existing parks/facilities if there is no budget for expansion.	8/16/2022 4:21 PM
666	More Maintenance.	8/16/2022 4:19 PM
667	Maintain the parks we already have instead of building new parks.	8/16/2022 4:16 PM
668	Person in charge	8/16/2022 3:59 PM
669	Increase upkeep and investment in Swonder Ice Arena	8/16/2022 3:52 PM
670	I take my boys 8 and 10 to the Promise Zone areas because they have the best playgrounds.	8/16/2022 3:40 PM
671	More bathrooms	8/16/2022 3:18 PM
672	My sister lives near Stevenson Park. I rarely see children at this park (and other inner city parks.) However, you can find plenty of men hanging around drinking, etc. If I lived near one of these parks and had small children, I would not feel safe taking my children to these parks nor letting them go to these parks by themselves. That's my biggest concern for ALL of the parks	8/16/2022 3:18 PM
673	Clean up all parks. Create more neighborhood parks and partner with appropriate neighborhood association. Where possible have a template design to duplicate parks. For larger parks, the needs will be different but should capture items for all age groups.	8/16/2022 3:14 PM
674	greater connectivity between parks	8/16/2022 3:13 PM
675	Invest in and maintain the parks you have. Facilities are getting run down.	8/16/2022 3:13 PM
676	Making the parks more disability and sensory friendly. A ton of people love outdoors, but won't go to parks because there's not a dedicated place for quiet. People with sensory issues aren't included.	8/16/2022 3:09 PM
677	Once again the recreational sports complex at Wesselmans park is terrible. No money has	8/16/2022 3:09 PM

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been spent on the facility which is why there is a decline in leagues. Evansville is also listed as one of the most overweight cities in America. Rebuilding Wesselmans/ Roberts sports complex will not only bring in more revenue for the Parks Department it will also give the residents more opportunities to be healthy.

678	Less vandalism	8/16/2022 2:56 PM
679	Better playgrounds for kids. Better sporting facilities for all. More year round programming.	8/16/2022 2:52 PM
680	Management. Indiana's quality of life rating is low and it's reflected in the parks. The people in charge have no clue how to have fun or be inclusive of everyone. I grew up playing in the park. Hire me. I know what fun is. And no, we don't want an outside amphitheater at Wesselmans. Fire, remove, restructure anyone associated with the parks. Put the Parks dept under a new oversight. All of the current oversight people have a proven track record that they just don't get it. Same for Burdette. Start the change at the top.	8/16/2022 2:49 PM
681	There needs to be a more laid back league for adult sports. I've had friends participate in leagues before where Parks & Rec staff were vocally unhappy, almost to the point of anger, if anyone from their team was missing or they had to miss a week. It's made me entirely dismiss ever giving one of your leagues a try.	8/16/2022 2:37 PM
682	Increase funding and full time staff at Deaconess Aquatic Center	8/16/2022 2:23 PM
683	Build nothing new until we can take care of what we already have	8/16/2022 2:19 PM
684	the Parks and Rec department needs more funding. It's terrible that the pools are barely open in the summer and the parks are just run down.	8/16/2022 2:18 PM
685	Regular upkeep and cleanliness of park areas.	8/16/2022 2:09 PM
686	Intentional spaces dedicated to developing their strengths and eliminating a one-size fits all mentality (essentially accentuating the strengths of each park and defining its uniqueness).	8/16/2022 2:01 PM
687	Designated maintenance teams for park upkeep	8/16/2022 1:58 PM
688	Transparency in finances. Better buy-in from the community.	8/16/2022 1:41 PM
689	The parks just need better maintenance. What we have is great. Benches may need painted or refinished. Concrete may need reported. Weeds need sprayed in sidewalk cracks and grass need cut. Shelters need painted and may need new wood. We have everything we need, we just need to take care of it.	8/16/2022 1:19 PM
690	Funding for the zoo and parks seems like a low priority for the city budget. We have a great zoo, but maintenance and keeping exhibit nice is a problem area. I would love to see more grants, business partnerships, business volunteerism, and more community activities held at our zoo.	8/16/2022 12:37 PM
691	I have visited several of our local parks and they are in terrible condition. I am a preschool teacher and would love to utilize our local parks throughout the year but every time we have taken our classes to the parks they are VERY dirty and are in need of maintenance. We have some great spaces that just need to be taken care of by our our and not left and run down. Offer more community events and ask for a monetary donation for the funds to be used to upgrade and take care of our parks.	8/16/2022 12:22 PM
692	Increased budgets for maintenance and upkeep	8/16/2022 10:19 AM
693	Maintaining what we already have.	8/16/2022 9:51 AM
694	Care more about our parks especially the zoo	8/16/2022 9:50 AM
695	Reduce the number of parks that need to be cared for	8/15/2022 1:44 PM
696	The much needed soft surface trails. Not every runner and walker likes hard concrete surfaces. And trees!	8/15/2022 1:41 PM
697	Spend money to finally finish the 18 mile Greenway loop around Evansville.	8/12/2022 10:25 PM
698	<b>pickleball</b> Include the public before designs are presented. The Pickleball courts plan was done without public input. I feel the Parks Dept tried to slip it by the public. Shame on you.	8/12/2022 7:43 AM
699	I'd probably try consolidating so that the ones remaining could really be dynamic. Maintenance	8/5/2022 12:15 PM

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and improvements to the remaining parks would help to improve public perception of the Parks Department.

700	4X the budget, add year round staff	8/5/2022 12:05 PM
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## Q22 Please share any additional comments.

Answered: 380 Skipped: 856

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No pickleball additions to Wesselman Park! The wetlands are right next to it, particularly the vernal pools, and the salamanders are very sensitive! Put the courts somewhere else.	12/14/2022 8:53 PM
2	Put pickleball in Roberts Park	12/13/2022 11:52 PM
3	Parks are for everyone - not just a few chosen "stakeholders"	12/5/2022 3:39 PM
4	I would love to see outdoor pickleball courts added at Robert's Park or at the former Par 3 course at Wesselman's, but not by the tennis courts.	12/1/2022 10:44 PM
5	Evansville has nice parks. We have enough programs we have enough playgrounds and trails but they're not taken care of. Why add more to just let get over grown and an eyesore	12/1/2022 3:27 PM
6	I would like to see Evansville parks integrating better infrastructure for ecology and nature. Many parks have great opportunities to be highly ecologically valuable, but I have not found any, other than Howell Wetlands, to be reaching that potential. In this time of climate change and environmental degradation, we must use these spaces to help offset those coming problems and try to use these spaces as ecological havens that can then be used to raise awareness amongst the general population, especially the young population who will be the most valuable problem solvers in the decades to come.	12/1/2022 2:12 PM
7	I used to drive through Wesselman when my husband had Alzheimer's. It was nice to have a peaceful place to go and stop to have a sandwich. I'm glad there wasn't pickleball back there then.	11/30/2022 11:02 PM
8	Are we ever going to get that new skate park or is Owensboro going to build there's first?	11/30/2022 11:17 AM
9	The direction Evansville is taking from parks to housing is becoming more hostile for the average to low-income residents and caters to outside wealth. Whether it is creating financial barriers with entry fees or designs that do not include the most basic needs like bathrooms more and more people feel locked out of spaces that should be fully accessible and FREE.	11/30/2022 9:57 AM
10	No one wants a pickleball court at Wessleman Park. You are ringing a natural green space that wildlife thrives in and needs to survive. I am a local to the Wessleman area and absolutely none of us want this court built. People love walking their dogs, playing Frisbee, and just strolling through that pasture. It's perfectly fine as a beautiful open green space. Stop the pickleball courts going up. No one in our neighborhood is rich or pompous enough to give a [REDACTED] what pickleball even is. Stop killing nature to satisfy the rich [REDACTED] McCutchanville can have the pickleball if they need it so [REDACTED] bad.	11/30/2022 9:47 AM
11	I didn't see the State Hospital Park and Master Garden area on the list of parks, but perhaps that is not run by the parks dept. just wanted to mention, as it's one of our favorite parks.	11/30/2022 7:03 AM
12	Up keep on the parks- Wesslemans park looks terrible	11/30/2022 12:11 AM
13	Would love to see more picnic tables and public restrooms in snall urban parks like Fulton, Bayard, Lorraine, and Akin Parks which are often the only public spaces and green spaces for these communities.	11/29/2022 11:52 PM
14	I wish our city leaders had integrity. No realtors should be allowed to hold public office.	11/29/2022 11:30 PM
15	Do not get rid of wesselsmens!! That's the only place that's close to my house that I actually feel safe to run and lit!	11/29/2022 11:29 PM
16	I would love to see programs and equipment that would be useful for teens and young adults. I have a 12-year-old who is growing up and is too large for playground equipment, but he would still enjoy it. A parkour class would be awesome!	11/29/2022 11:15 PM
17	No pickleball courts at wesslemans park!!!! Terrible idea.	11/29/2022 11:00 PM

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18	Maybe Evansville could look at other cities for examples for its park system, e.g., Lake Metroparks and Cleveland Metroparks.	11/29/2022 9:18 PM
19	Restrooms should be added and open year round. Also water bottle filling stations should be added and available year round.	11/29/2022 7:44 PM
20	No Pickleball courts at Wesselman's or way fewer... use the tennis courts and update them.	11/29/2022 6:51 PM
21	SAVE WESSELMAN PARK! NO PICKLEBALL	11/29/2022 4:25 PM
22	The pickleball facility is a waste of money that serves nobody in the local communities, many people use the field at wesselmans for a myriad of activities and putting in such an ugly facility will only reduce that use the park	11/29/2022 4:13 PM
23	We have some great parks in Evansville, but they are poorly maintained due to lack of budget, and the restroom facilities are inadequate or nonexistent. It's hard to spend a day at the park when there is no bathroom to use or it's too filthy to use, broken, or locked. We need to focus on maintaining and improving what we already have before spending a bunch of money on one type of facility that caters to a single demographic and gives the mayor a photo op.	11/29/2022 2:07 PM
24	I used to run at Price Park 3-4 times a week. Now it is locked up so as a tax payer I am shut out. Shameful!	11/29/2022 10:58 AM
25	No new parks until we can take care of what we have! Why do we need 30 squash courts on the east side? Plant trees and incorporate the old gold course into the nature preserve. Do the same with "Roberts Park." We need more trees and walking paths that are well maintained. Fix the sidewalks. Make the playground equipment safe and accessible. A dog park would be nice as well.	11/29/2022 10:37 AM
26	The sleazy way pickleball was proposed is beneath the integrity of this city.	11/29/2022 10:05 AM
27	The playground in Wesselman needs to be replaced	11/28/2022 10:55 PM
28	Please consider building the pickleball courts next to the tennis courts	11/28/2022 10:10 AM
29	Pickleball should not be placed in Wesselman Park	11/24/2022 11:42 PM
30	Neighborhood parks are an important aspect of improving the quality of life for residents.	11/17/2022 1:55 PM
31	I'm all for progress and adding new facilities. But it seems we still can not maintain what we have. Garvin sidewalks are covered in goose poo. So much so the lake reeks in the summer. The side walk around the lake is also in such bad shape to be dangerous. Golfmore is completely run down. The shelter houses in Wesselman leak when it rains and the bathrooms are not good. New spending in capital need to be connected to a operating budget line.	11/15/2022 4:06 PM
32	Thanks for all you do.	11/9/2022 9:32 PM
33	Fix the Four Freedom Monument	11/9/2022 4:50 PM
34	<b>pickleball</b> Waiting for pickleball courts. Booneville has them Scott has them Newburgh is getting them. Get on board Evansville! Get kids in to pickleball not drugs!	11/8/2022 6:06 AM
35	<b>pickleball</b> It is a shame that Evansville doesn't have any public inside or outside dedicated pickleball courts when scott township has 8 dedicated courts.	11/7/2022 7:06 PM
36	<b>pickleball</b> Evansville is falling behind in the pickleball world	11/7/2022 6:49 PM
37	The city needs to show a focus upon Parks and Rec.	11/7/2022 12:21 PM
38	Has anyone from the parks dept been to Garvin Park lately? All the playground equipment is broken, dirty and not safe at all. As one of the oldest parks in Evansville AND with all the money deaconess gave, others stadium gives and the revenue from fantasy of lights one would think Garvin would be a priority. Speaking of fantasy of lights, why aren't they held responsible for the damage they cause to Garvin Park? There are giant divets in the ground from the structures they put up, the road is falling apart due to the increased traffic during the cold weather and the horses being dragged the roadway 100's of time a day during the fantasy of lights. We seriously need to do better. While Garvin is a priority for me we should also look at the other parks in low incomes neighborhoods like wesselman Park. I'm 28 and that is still the same play equipment that was put in when I was in elementary school	11/6/2022 4:46 PM
39	<b>splash</b> Pickle ball courts at Lloyd pool along with splash pads and children's play area for	11/3/2022 11:28 AM



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young and old. Small pool with splash area and baby area.

40	<b>pickleball</b> more team oriented sports. Or more affordable games. Pickleball and Tennis are expensive sports. Most regular people cant afford, while the ones with money who could build thier own facilities are getting free access with tax payer money.	10/29/2022 8:33 AM
41	I think being a better steward of what we already have before adding more parks is an appropriate approach to the current situation. Money should be spent on improving the quality of existing parks as many are in poor shape in terms of and play equipment, bathroom access or poorly maintained, i.e. trash and safety.	10/28/2022 11:44 AM
42	Afraid to go to garvun park or trail due to homeless and no where to go to bathroom ever No help stations for emergency nothing to draw people to Evansville regarding outdoor activities year round	10/28/2022 10:34 AM
43	I started using Moutoux Park about 10 to 15 years ago. At that time the grass was being mowed around the lake and other areas. It was really being kept nice. Then all of a sudden maintenance completely stopped in all areas except soccer fields. It is so overgrown that it is very difficult for someone like me to enjoy the lake. I used to go there and just sit and walk even if not fishing. Now it is so overgrown for me it is unusable. Thank You	10/27/2022 4:26 PM
44	Need at least 4 maintenance crews	10/27/2022 3:40 PM
45	Klymeyer football field is in very bad shape those kids deserve better	10/27/2022 9:26 AM
46	More volleyball courts	10/27/2022 7:48 AM
47	Hopefully I can do that at the Open House	10/22/2022 9:51 AM
48	no	10/17/2022 8:32 PM
49	Speaking for Helfrich golf course only. It needs a change from the pro to the superintendent. Its an easy fix with minimal money involved I will help when the time is right.	10/15/2022 8:22 PM
50	<b>pickleball</b> I think a Pickleball facility would be a great addition to the parks, but it is essential that it be open to all participants and not controlled by a select group.	10/14/2022 10:51 AM
51	Although I use the public parks for walking once a month or so, I play golf weekly at Helfrich Hills Golf Course so that is my main vantage point here. I know the issues with the greens this year were related to an equipment failure at the course. My main concern is that I don't have reason to believe something like this couldn't happen again in a year or two if another critical piece of equipment goes down. And I don't mean to sound critical, I truly don't know enough to have a strong opinion on it, I just hope that something has been put in place to help prevent another occurrence whether it be, money in the budget to quickly repair key pieces of equipment if they go down that can quickly be accessed as I know timing can be critical, routine checkups of equipment, etc. I'm sure these preventative measures have been given consideration, I'd just love to hear about them so I can have more confidence going forward that Helfrich will be in good shape. I don't want to join a country club and municipal golf has played an important part of my life. Hopefully in the future the city courses can not only be good amenities for the community, but also a source of income. Thank you for taking the time to collect feedback. I can't imagine how hard it is to try to sort through such a vast range of opinions and put actionable plans in place to please a large percentage of the population, to whoever is reading this best of luck and I appreciate your public service!	10/13/2022 2:16 PM
52	Save Helfrich pool and swim team there!!!	10/6/2022 3:13 PM
53	Roberts Park needs some development besides just open green space.	10/6/2022 12:13 PM
54	I feel like the space that was once Robert Stadium would be more appropriate for Pickle Ball instead of using Wesselman's Park. Also I think, the community should be advised of project prior to spending money of tax payers money on plans and to avoid using a park known for its nature to make it a sports park. At the very least have a referendum on the ballet to see who is interested in the pickle ball sport going into the Rober's Park.	10/5/2022 10:46 AM
55	This idea of putting pickle ball in Wesselman Park is stupid and a waste of beautiful green space/trees. Why not use the land from Roberts Stadium?!	10/5/2022 9:59 AM
56	<b>pickleball</b> The plan I have heard about putting pickleball courts in the open green space in Wesselman Park is a horrible idea. Please do not do this. We don't need or want it. We need more peaceful green space.	10/5/2022 9:53 AM

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57	Please consider this and get input from your employees who takes care of the fields at Wesselmans and Lamasco now about what is needed. This will give you the greatest insight on to what is actually needed. Have them physically walk through and show you the issues that are currently holding your program back.	10/3/2022 7:08 PM
58	clean up trash, city is too trashed out	9/23/2022 12:48 PM
59	Many of our older parks like Akin, Bayard, Vann, and Garvin have huge, beautiful trees. I'd like to see more trees planted in parks that don't have very many trees. My family does not have endless financial resources, but I think we would absolutely be willing to somewhat pay higher property taxes, if we could really see it was making a difference in maintenance at the parks and other facilities under the Parks umbrella, like the zoo. Thank you for creating opportunities for us to share our thoughts. I hope you're really listening.	9/14/2022 6:57 PM
60	I would like to see the Neighborhood pools stay open. Helfrich should be open to the public not just swim team. Global warming is happening so its more important that ever for our city residents to have a place to cool themselves.	9/12/2022 3:23 PM
61	Now that Lloyd Pool is closed, Iglehart Park is available for a fresh look to benefit residents living on the North side of the city. Tennis courts are much needed and should be separated from basketball courts at Iglehart.	9/12/2022 11:39 AM
62	I'd love to see a bicycle safety town ( seen in Peoria, IL) added to one of the parks, where little ones can learn bike safety.	9/11/2022 10:18 PM
63	Nothing can be done to improve the situation until they receive more funds.	9/11/2022 1:56 PM
64	Allocate funds and remove the fee to the nature preserve	9/4/2022 8:25 AM
65	If the facilities were renovated or rebuilt, not only would your leagues prosper like they once did, but also your rentals for the fields and courts would go up resulting in more money and allowing the fields/courts to need substantially less funding or being able to fully fund themselves.	9/3/2022 7:56 PM
66	Please, finally put money into a recreational sports complex and give the residents of this city a facility they can be proud of. I'm sure your staff and field crew will be more than happy to explain what needs to be done instead of some "consulting" firm that thinks they know.	9/1/2022 5:49 PM
67	I didn't mention this above, but dog parks are also nice amenities	9/1/2022 6:22 AM
68	The goose problem in Garvin Park is getting out of control. I recommend putting fake swans in the lake there as geese do not like swans. Additionally, some of the sidewalks around the lake are suffering from flooding and subsequent mudflows.	8/31/2022 6:04 PM
69	Stop being such corrupt and petty capitalists omg	8/31/2022 4:43 PM
70	In recent weeks I've felt like the parks department has worked to displace the community members who frequently use Fulton Park. It is a community gathering place, and one of the only green spaces in an otherwise industrial, working class community. I'd like to see the parks department return the picnic tables they took from the park. You already largely divest in Fulton Park for the bigger parks and parks in wealthier neighborhoods enough without also removing benches and picnic tables which have been there for years and were bought out of pocket by community members.	8/31/2022 10:41 AM
71	Things need to change stop building unnecessary skate parks clean our lakes fix our playgrounds so the kids can safely play	8/31/2022 5:54 AM
72	The parks and libraries are a huge part of my childhood and I'd love to have my girls experience the same. I think that downtown is gorgeous. It draws a lot of attention, very inviting, but there's an entire town on the other side of the Lloyd and 41. It would be nice to see every area get a little more.	8/31/2022 2:25 AM
73	Senior play ground equipment. Make the neighborhood parks inviting and safe for kids and seniors.	8/31/2022 12:17 AM
74	<b>riverfront</b> Fix the ones we have first. Riverfront . GARVIN PARK WESSELMANS PARK FIRST.	8/30/2022 4:07 PM
75	bayard park last time we visited had feces and urine at the end of the slides, litter on the	8/30/2022 2:45 PM

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grounds, and body parts with phone numbers written on the equipment. we live closest to wesslelmans part but the equipment at bayard is newer and bigger so the kids prefer it. i was appalled at the condition last time. 5 attempts contacting the parks and mayors office got ignored as well as 2 mssages to my city council person. pretty disappointing. my kids are 5&8 and love the city parkts -- were lucky to have so many... but the attnetion needs to be placed on getting these repaired and cleaned up before we add bike paths or anything new. thank you.

76	<span style="background-color: #e6f2ff;">pickleball</span> Pickleball courts should NOT be in Wesselmans. Put them in the old Roberts Stadium acreage along with other softball/tennis facilities.	8/30/2022 2:31 PM
77	See how other cities like Owensboro and Henderson build their parks. Fun for everyone. Safe. Clean restrooms.	8/30/2022 2:17 PM
78	We have great spaces but they are in terrible shape. It's sad.	8/30/2022 12:45 PM
79	parks take over bike lane to much rocks and trash in them	8/30/2022 12:08 PM
80	Our youth need safe spaces for recreation and to enjoy time with friends and family in their own neighborhoods. Our city parks are essential to promoting happiness and wellbeing for our citizens. It is far past time to revive these parks and direct funding to them, including all of the city pools. Many people purchase homes in these areas due to the vicinity of these parks and their amenities, only to watch them fall into disrepair. We feel that our tax dollars are being used for vanity projects rather than maintaining and improving our current recreational areas. Requiring people to apply for financial assistance to utilize a pool that is in their own neighborhood is deplorable. Especially when there was an affordable pool there to begin with. Swimming lessons should be offered at every city pool all Summer rather than focusing mainly on Swim Teams. We need to develop strong new swimmers to replenish the swim teams for years to come.	8/30/2022 11:42 AM
81	N/A	8/30/2022 9:14 AM
82	Would love to see more parks out by the airport also including the 4H	8/29/2022 8:51 PM
83	Parks make a city a good place to live and grow a family	8/29/2022 11:01 AM
84	The goose population and their goose poop really make it gross to walk on a lot of the paths in the parks. The State Hospital grounds should get a playground and more parking.	8/29/2022 8:39 AM
85	Utilize what we have.	8/28/2022 9:13 AM
86	Wesselman is well maintained but appears to be at the expense of most neighborhood parks.	8/28/2022 8:34 AM
87	The parks board President is a forced birther. Two thumbs down. 10/10 am disappointed. Please remove.	8/28/2022 4:20 AM
88	Thank you	8/27/2022 10:39 PM
89	N/a	8/27/2022 3:11 PM
90	Dividing walking paths from roadways is key to increasing foot and bike traffic. Drivers speed through (or drive the wrong way) in Garvin Park often.	8/27/2022 11:45 AM
91	Please consider adding a butterfly garden and butterfly education program. Have the community volunteer to plant the milkweed!! There are so many butterfly lovers in the community!	8/27/2022 11:24 AM
92	Let's stop adding new parks, maybe even decommission some if needed, and prioritize funding for improvements on current parks.	8/27/2022 10:33 AM
93	Regard MPZBG as an educational,rather than entertainment, entity and drastically increase funding as such.	8/27/2022 10:07 AM
94	We haven't used the parks as much as we'd like simce our grandkids were smaller. There just isn't much offered for kids 12-18 or more. Id love to walk more, but I use a walker. I need to rest at times, not in the sun, and need a paved, smooth path for safety. My teens rely on me for transportation, & most activities. We've really missed using parks as the kids have grown to teens.	8/27/2022 10:00 AM
95	the new Green River Road trail is useless, way too many intersections. a trail along Pollock to Angel Mounds or S Weinbach and Waterworks to Downtown would have been a better project	8/26/2022 11:23 PM

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96	Disc golf is a growing sport and with Evansville recently hosting the world amateur championship I believe a couple of new courses could be added to existing parks. The cost to install tee pads and baskets wouldn't be too bad and you could host tournaments with the existing courses to help raise money to install.	8/26/2022 11:13 PM
97	Need another disc golf corse	8/26/2022 10:34 PM
98	Promotion! I never hear about any programs unless i happen to stumble upon it. I see people playing all kinds of things at parks, but no idea how they come about	8/26/2022 9:34 PM
99	Community gardens and lessons for the public to learn. Higher frequency of green space/walkways amongst the shopping areas. Ideally, everywhere would be walkable with proper sidewalks and pedestrian bridges.	8/26/2022 8:22 PM
100	Maintenance! It is depressing to see weeds, peeling paint, overflowing trash cans, and poor lighting at our city parks.	8/26/2022 6:56 PM
101	I truly believe the disc golf community in the Evansville area is teeming with people who want to grow the sport and be a part of something special starting in Evansville. Connect with the ACE EAGLE DISC GOLF CLUB on more projects	8/26/2022 5:50 PM
102	Need signage and better parking for non disc golf players.	8/26/2022 5:45 PM
103	-	8/26/2022 5:14 PM
104	<b>riverfront</b> Better leadership. That money should have never went missing. Someone should always double, triple check the books. How come the nicest areas in town don't have any parks? The riverfront is a lost cause. It's trashy and over ran with homeless. Why put all that time in money into something and not properly clean it? Being a mother of 2 small boys; I would never go downtown without my husband. But if I had a park out by my house, I'd go without a doubt.	8/26/2022 4:48 PM
105	There need to be more disc golf courses throughout the city	8/26/2022 3:34 PM
106	I appreciate the maintenance that is done on the parks that I regularly visit. It is much appreciated.	8/26/2022 2:57 PM
107	We for the Parks to help in expanding the tree canopy and to help with increasing biodiversity.	8/26/2022 2:18 PM
108	Don't take down trees or lose any green space	8/26/2022 2:06 PM
109	Work with arborist to keep tree population balanced as well	8/26/2022 1:10 PM
110	Be transparent about the recent misappropriation of funds	8/26/2022 12:35 PM
111	<b>splash</b> The zoo could have more activities for kids like splash area and obstacle course like Louisville zoo also has snack shops might help zoo make more and people get more for the admission fee	8/26/2022 12:32 PM
112	I'm sorry I was unable with my computer to answer all these questions. I am concerned about wanting to exercise more and do more activities in a park with my grandchildren on the Northside of Evansville. Why can't we have something here. We are left out for the most part and now Lloyd pool is gone and the pool that has replaced it is not in a safe area for women	8/26/2022 12:18 PM
113	Evansville is a top 70 disc golf area in the nation and we've just held a world championship. With the adding of more courses we can continue to grow the city, sport, use of parks, and physical activity	8/26/2022 12:11 PM
114	Have a public clean up day at all locations to assist in removal of trash, limbs and brush. I currently participate with a group to maintain several discgolf courses. We commit to a hole or two at several courses in our community.	8/26/2022 11:51 AM
115	I think there are enough youth sports programs that I'm not sure the parks department needs to spend time running them, but rather focus on maintaining the facilities themselves.	8/26/2022 11:45 AM
116	Keep up the good work.	8/26/2022 11:10 AM
117	Would like to see the pigeon Creek walking trail for further	8/26/2022 10:36 AM
118	<b>splash</b> I would like to see the city and the parks department work towards updating the river front to be more connected to the rest of downtown. If not that then a focus on more east side	8/26/2022 9:40 AM

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parks. New park on the east side is needed (new playground, splash pad, walking area). Something that is well lit in a safe area of town that Evansville residents can be proud of and people from out of town will want to go to

119	Please do something with Wesselman Park and "Roberts Park"!!! It's embarrassing it's taking this long to get it cleaned up and the other one even built. SMH	8/26/2022 9:19 AM
120	I love our city parks and appreciate all the time that gets put into keeping them mowed and attractive. I know that is a huge job for a small staff. This may be something for the neighborhood associations to organize but I would love opportunities where my family could help serve - like a work day. Bayard Park playground needs some love. Pieces on the play set have been broken for years. Mulch needs to be added. It looks like someone added some sand under a couple of the swings - mulch is much better. No one wants sand in their kids shoes or hair. Maybe neighborhood associations could collaborate with the parks department on maintenance and have a neighborhood work day:-)	8/26/2022 9:16 AM
121	Thank you for doing this!	8/26/2022 9:12 AM
122	Evansville has a rapidly growing disc golf community/following and I don't think it could hurt to foster that to get more people into our parks	8/26/2022 8:44 AM
123	Get more animals at the Zoo	8/26/2022 8:41 AM
124	Evansville has the potential to have great parks, but as of know we often go to Henderson or Owensboro. Take a look at their beautiful parks.	8/26/2022 8:01 AM
125	A big shout out to Shawn Dickerson! He is amazing to work with and does a very important job!	8/26/2022 7:49 AM
126	Don't forget to maintain downtown and Ohio river parks. Homeless and drug activities are increasing in the area	8/26/2022 7:49 AM
127	I love this city and I want to see it be better. We could have things like Forest Park in Saint Louis and Bardstown in Louisville, thr money and the time and effort just has to go in to it to make it so.	8/26/2022 7:36 AM
128	<b>riverfront</b> <b>splash</b> I take my grand children to Newburgh to Lou Dennis park. I love their splash pad and the playground. Everything is right there if you want to play basketball, volleyball a game of catch or a picnic. I don't have to pay to use their park. The kids love it. Plenty of parking and I feel safe. The benches have covered umbrellas which is nice for me. I also love their riverfront in Newburgh. It's a shame I have to that distance to go to Newburgh. I've heard Owensboro has a wonderful riverfront but haven't made it there yet.	8/26/2022 7:25 AM
129	Hightail Greenway has a significant number of light out, they have been out almost from the beginning in 2018 and have been reported a couple of times by myself	8/25/2022 11:02 PM
130	Thank you to the employees who work there. The parks are essential for our city.	8/25/2022 10:57 PM
131	We need to use the old Robert stadium. Make people want to go	8/25/2022 10:38 PM
132	I feel we have a lot of corporations in town that could sponsor and maybe even partner with smaller business to get their names out in the community to put on more events .	8/25/2022 10:38 PM
133	<b>splash</b> Splash pad at the River Front would be great. Owensboro has a great river front with many events in the summer including concerts and festivals	8/25/2022 10:13 PM
134	Better marketing/publicity of what is offered is deperately needed. And stop funding pet projects using vendors who have given campaign donations. Follow the rules of bidding out projects. Invest in our city's green spaces.	8/25/2022 10:11 PM
135	I've stated many times that I'd like to see Garvin Park updated. I feel like the existing playground could be taken out and a new one put in. Bench swings and regular benches for parents there. A shelter house in the same area, and bathrooms. The back area with an existing shelter should be updated and add an accessible playground. Update restrooms to not look sketchy/scary. Clean around the lake and add more benches and bench swings. Mural the retaining wall on the park side, so people will take photos with it and attract others to the park. Buy Crawford Doors and keep the wall that says it, but build up the rest to b a parking garage for Otters games and the aquatic center. There's so much potential at this park.	8/25/2022 8:41 PM
136	I enjoy volunteering and would certainly welcome more opportunities to help after work and on	8/25/2022 8:13 PM

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	weekends.	
137	Start with the little kids in school. Need woodsy the owl- type character. Stop litter and teach civics to children again. People need to be taught that being clean is the way to be and laziness is un-American.	8/25/2022 7:22 PM
138	Right now the center city parks have so much potential. It would be nice to see a major facelift of the center city parks.	8/25/2022 6:58 PM
139	Solar panels for shelters. Available water for people and animals, history markers for the parks , identification markers for trees. Sheltered benches.	8/25/2022 6:47 PM
140	Have a volunteer team, to help clean up parks on a monthly bases	8/25/2022 6:02 PM
141	I deeply appreciate the time and effort of everyone in the department and wish you had way more funding!	8/25/2022 5:51 PM
142	Thanks!	8/25/2022 5:47 PM
143	Appreciate all who work in this difficult arena	8/25/2022 5:30 PM
144	Communicate with your sports program and get their input on what is needed.	8/25/2022 4:23 PM
145	Helfrich Pool needs to be opened to the neighborhood and not just to the swim team.	8/25/2022 4:18 PM
146	<b>pickleball</b> I am so excited about the pickleball project at Wesselman Park. Can not wait for more people of all ages to enjoy the fastest growing sport.	8/25/2022 3:48 PM
147	Recently visited Swonder Ice Arena. While there, two people were in need of a first aid kit. The facility did not have one at all. How is it possible (especially a business like that) to not have one? It should be required. They host sports and birthday parties.	8/25/2022 3:34 PM
148	I really hope howell mini park gets some attention it needs.	8/25/2022 3:01 PM
149	Allocate more funds to maintenance and play equipment.	8/25/2022 2:32 PM
150	<b>riverfront</b> Please invest in neighborhood parks. The downtown riverfront is fine. Neighborhood parks are where memories are made, where friendships develop and where families spend time together. So many neighborhood parks haven't looked great in a long time.	8/25/2022 1:05 PM
151	Everyone has dogs. Literally everyone.	8/25/2022 12:00 PM
152	<b>splash</b> Maybe we could park one of those police surveillance trailers at some of the parks that get trashed to catch the drunks and drug addicts that are leaving their paraphernalia around. Also even though my kids are grown, I think Evansville needs a splash park. When my kids were little we'd play in ONB's fountain or drive to Boonville. Poor families will small children need more free, safe activities.	8/25/2022 11:44 AM
153	Appreciate the survey, please listen to results. Thank you	8/25/2022 11:04 AM
154	PLEASE do NOT ADD any more b/c we are NOT maintaining what we have!! We understand there are Director challenges now, but this has been going on for years. Preserve what we have and be proud of the work that was done; instead of discarding or giving lack of attention and wanting to build more. We would rather see more money spent to clean-up, preserve, restore, and beautify the parks and please do it more often until they are better under control.	8/25/2022 11:03 AM
155	Love our community. Upset about what happened to Helfrich Hills Golf Course. Total mismanagement. Even the restaurant/bar is in total shambles. The west side golf community deserves better.	8/25/2022 11:00 AM
156	What good does it do to attract more businesses and residents to the area when there's nothing affordable to do when they get here?	8/25/2022 9:56 AM
157	More things to do and announced for 30+ up. Seems if it's not ball related it isn't important to the parks department.	8/25/2022 9:18 AM
158	When will the damaged trees be removed from every park?	8/25/2022 8:52 AM
159	The old, unused and already fenced golf course would be a preferable location for the discussed dog park. There is already plenty of parking and a shelter with water. The state hospital already supports soccer, baseball, boy scouts, disc golf (which runs through the	8/25/2022 8:09 AM

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proposed location), and master gardeners. Please leave some green space for families to enjoy.

160	<b>riverfront</b> Need to fine personnel who break bottles and trash the riverfront need to build a new boat launch where the LST was and not downtown Add restroom and trash can	8/25/2022 8:00 AM
161	More for small kids can play on	8/25/2022 7:59 AM
162	The city needs to maintain our stress, trash, alleys. It'sPSTHETIC	8/25/2022 7:13 AM
163	Abort all plans for Roberts field forever! The city cannot maintain the parks facilities they currently have! The current parks are in terrible condition now!	8/25/2022 6:53 AM
164	Garvin Park will specifically benefit from updates. It's heavily used by the VHS which is near and residents of that area.	8/25/2022 5:58 AM
165	Connection between Burdette and the Greenway via Broadway avenue would bring amazing benefits to the west side.	8/25/2022 5:28 AM
166	The value a city places upon the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health of its citizenry is reflected in those spaces that are provided for the people to gather together and enjoy family or community, exercise, find solitude, or simply take a break from the busyness of life.	8/25/2022 12:26 AM
167	Please consider using the boat ramp area to create a safe and tranquil place for families and individuals to enjoy. Look at what Owensboro did and do it just as well or better!	8/24/2022 11:21 PM
168	I want a draw for my family to go downtown to spend weekends at. We have driven over to Owensboro more than our river front sense we have had kids.	8/24/2022 11:11 PM
169	I'm so lonely	8/24/2022 10:14 PM
170	N/A	8/24/2022 8:56 PM
171	I love to see the support for the Evansville disc golf courses from the Parks Dept. Pretty sure there are a couple safety or major drainage type issues at Woodmere & Mesker park that could probably use some help from the city.	8/24/2022 8:30 PM
172	Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.	8/24/2022 8:07 PM
173	It seems to me that many of the projects that get completed are just a start to what the city needs to revitalize the parks. I think a grounds keeping expert or firm may be needed to assess the health of the forest and fauna of each park. Right now it seems as if there is only enough money to cover a quick mowing and trash collection plus a grandiose project. A bigger budget for maintenance and restoration needs to happen. A secondary observation is about the aquatic center: while it is a very nice facility for swim meets it really pales in comparison to Lloyd pool for community swimming. I personally would love to see a push for a year round swimming facility for community use possibly in the Robert's park area.	8/24/2022 8:03 PM
174	<b>pickleball</b> I was extremely disappointed that the public was not informed of the plans to locate the pickleball courts in Wesselman Park prior to the vote to expend significant funds on plans for this location.	8/24/2022 7:15 PM
175	NA	8/24/2022 7:11 PM
176	Updating or even cleaning up the parks in my neighborhood are a long time overdue	8/24/2022 6:11 PM
177	Evansville is being passed by.	8/24/2022 6:09 PM
178	<b>riverfront</b> Owensboro has such a nice riverfront and with Evansville being a much bigger city I feel that is something we would use and appreciate a lot more. The river front is in the middle of town and accessible to most people. Having it become more of an event space for people to gather would help with community engagement as well	8/24/2022 6:06 PM
179	More Disc Golf	8/24/2022 5:32 PM
180	1.) Taking a bond for nearly \$10,000,000 for maintenance and building new only to tie up money for YEARS to come is not the answer. RETHINK THE BUDGET. RETHINK THE PLAN! Put money in the budget every year for maintenance and new equipment - mowers, weed eaters, playgrounds, etc. - MONEY THAT MAKES SENSE, not what has been budgeted the last 10 years because it is NO WHERE NEAR ENOUGH! 2.) With all of the discussion and	8/24/2022 5:07 PM



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surveys and reports and plans concerning quality of life that COULD bring people to Evansville to live, work and play the parks have been grossly overlooked. Park are a part of all of the quality of life pillars LIFE, WORK and FUN. 3.) Get it together so people can get together where they feel safe, included, and where their quality of life has meaning! Bring pride back to the neighborhoods through the parks as gathering places with shelters, basketball courts, flowers, fishing in the lakes, bike trials for those who would use them...but DO NOT build new make the old the best it has ever been! Make the last year of this administration count because right now, your light is no longer shining.

181	There needs to be some sort of permanent stage or amphitheater built at at least one major park besides the bandstand at Garvin. Improvements could be made to the Garvin bandstand and surrounding area to make it more feasible for events. There is a horrific lack of public restrooms at city parks.	8/24/2022 4:19 PM
182	With the addition of the aquatics center at Garvin, there needs to be added attention to the rest of the park, including repaving and landscape upkeep. Repaving the park could bring back more events, like the Evansville Bicycle Classic.	8/24/2022 4:16 PM
183	Keep all parks mowed and looking there best. Have more transparency about the funds that should be allocated to the parks.	8/24/2022 4:07 PM
184	I love Evansville. It's our family's new hometown and I wish to spend my remaining years here (God willing). Part of our concerns is the safety of certain parks/areas; but, I suppose that is a bigger problem than what this department can address. Keep up the great work!	8/24/2022 3:34 PM
185	I moved here from a bigger city. The green spaces and parks are a huge part of a healthy city. I would like to see more community events in parks. I would like to see an improvement in the facilities and landscaping. More trash receptacles are needed and serviced. Parks are currently filled with trash. Connect bike trails. Take care of old trees, maybe have a new tree program. Finally, can we get a dog parks that are safe, clean, and centrally located?	8/24/2022 3:24 PM
186	The parks dept should not be given funding for something new til what already exists is updated and trust restored in the dept. The Olmstead Ave park is especially sad. It's by my dad's house and an eye sore.	8/24/2022 3:19 PM
187	<b>splash</b> Kid's Kingdom is a great park and a lot of people use it. and is Very crowded at times! We need another Kid's Kingdom & Splash Park!!!! It should be build at the Old Roberts Stadium area!! It's next to Wesselman's which that park needs a big improvement or update! From their playground, volleyball, picnic areas & etc. Wesselman park, Harke pool, Ice Rink could all be connected! Everyone from ALL parts of Evansville could use it & it would be more accessible to Everyone!!! Please do this!!!!	8/24/2022 3:10 PM
188	The zoo need more backing and to be remodeled.	8/24/2022 3:03 PM
189	The up keep is terrible. █████ destroyed the department!!	8/24/2022 3:00 PM
190	Love Wesselmans playground but desperately needs an update.	8/24/2022 2:54 PM
191	I think it would be horrible and IS to charge citizens an entrance fee.	8/24/2022 2:45 PM
192	HORRIBLE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF EXISTING PROPERTIES. OFFER MORE RECREATIONAL SPORTS AND ADVERTISE AVAILABILITY OF SAME--OFFER TO PUT INDIVIDUALS ON TEAMS INSTEAD OF REQUIRING PEOPLE COME WITH A FULL ORGANIZED TEAM. USE SOME COMMON SENSE	8/24/2022 2:43 PM
193	<b>pickleball</b> Pickleball courts - someone get some common sense and if you're going to build it do it! Don't let ONE person try to organize against it like they did back in the day of the softball park. And common sense also - build it on the backside of the par 3 near to parking lot. Tennis people do not want it near them. Have no clue who decided that but that was down right stupid. AND BUILD/REPAIR softball fields. There's people wanting to play - and money to be made if you built it right.	8/24/2022 2:38 PM
194	Reopen Mesker Amphitheater!	8/24/2022 2:34 PM
195	Nashville TN has a greenway that is 16 miles long that wraps around the city and connects to multiple neighborhoods and parks so biking and walking around the city becomes a choice - currently in evansville there is no way to get from the East Side to the North Side or the Southside to the Westside or Central Evansville to anywhere without riding on side streets, highways.. etc.. and alot of parts of the city do not even have sidewalks. We need to	8/24/2022 2:27 PM

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drastically increase the "walkability and bikeability" score in this city. Also the marketing for events and clubs and "things" happening at the parks and in the city needs to be improved. Their should be one single website with all the things going on in Evansville - dates and times - sign ups..etc.. it is super disjointed right now and makes it impossible to know what is going on and when. Finally, we need more parks like Mickeys Kingdom in other parts of the city.

196	I would love to go to the parks more often but there are not many near me on the north side and I don't know where most of them are or what is available at each park. I would love more nature parks, trails, walking paths, biking paths, dog parks, areas to kayak, gardens. I would like to go to the parks I have been to more often but they feel desolate and unsafe to go alone, and they are not maintained well, seem outdated. I would love to go to a pool in the summer but don't know of any or what is needed to access them. I'd like to get involved in classes or other events but do not know of them. Please add more parks and facilities on the upper north side, maybe near 41 or in direction of north high school. There are so many homes in this area but not enough parks and none able to walk to. It would really improve the mental and physical health of the community.	8/24/2022 2:10 PM
197	Mesker Amphitheater - do something! Seek retail sponsors, local volunteers, contractors to donate their time, talent and resources to bring back this iconic venue that our younger generation never got the opportunity to experience! This seems so much more worthwhile than funding "Roberts Park", making that property a "park" is so much more than planting trees. Sell that property and invest the money into the parks that already exist!	8/24/2022 2:00 PM
198	Please make Wesselman Park a priority by keeping or making more green spaces and trails for biking not taking away green space.	8/24/2022 1:40 PM
199	Bring back Park Rangers! It's important for visitors - tourists and locals to feel safe in CLEAN, well-maintained parks.	8/24/2022 1:35 PM
200	mesker amphitheater? roberts park? do not blow all money on more downtown things. you have no parking as it is. fix other areas of town	8/24/2022 1:31 PM
201	Need to concentrate on existing parks before adding any more parks to the program	8/24/2022 1:28 PM
202	Give our youth a safe place to play and you'll change the future of Evansville for the better. Kids on the Southside NEED a safe place to grow up. Our elder adults also need safe and accessible places to walk. The money is already in Evansville and the city budget. It's a matter of utilizing it.	8/24/2022 1:27 PM
203	I use to love to go down by the river and park but even that doesn't feel safe anymore	8/24/2022 1:26 PM
204	I grew up in the parks, I'd love to take my Grandkids to the parks. They really need to be cleaned up and cared for. We see issues all the time. They also need policed more.	8/24/2022 11:01 AM
205	More staff and maintenance to keep parks clean and serviced	8/24/2022 10:36 AM
206	I don't understand why there are not sidewalks on Theater Drive by Good Shepard School and on the way to Stockwell School. Children walk to both of these schools and they have to walk and or stand on the street to wait for their bus. The entire neighborhood needs sidewalks. Theater Drive is way too busy for children not to have access to them.	8/24/2022 10:15 AM
207	PLEASE update Mesker Amphitheater - this is a hidden jewel in our city and needs to be revitalized. PLEASE.	8/24/2022 9:35 AM
208	Do not add anything as current areas are left to deteriorate. Get rid of the non-binary crap, follow the science.	8/24/2022 9:32 AM
209	<span style="background-color: #FFD700;">riverfront</span> Would love to see maintenance done to the parks and then doing something with the riverfront.	8/24/2022 9:26 AM
210	Beautification of roadway medians	8/24/2022 7:11 AM
211	cart paths at Fendrich need paving. Debris at Stockwell Park needs to be removed	8/24/2022 6:23 AM
212	<span style="background-color: #FFD700;">riverfront</span> We are missing opportunity at the riverfront to make that a more of destination in Evansville.	8/24/2022 5:58 AM
213	Every library should have displays of all activities or a perpetual calendar of things their city park offers Create city park selfie spots Request city park influencers that are reflective of	8/24/2022 3:57 AM

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every park so that your constituents are advertising for you Ask local churches to help advertise

214	I love the parks so much and am glad for the chance to participate in the survey. Thank you!	8/24/2022 2:22 AM
215	Wesselman's Woods should be free of charge to ALL residents of the city. Charge out of town people if you must, but this land was donated to be cherished by all residents of Evansville, not just those who can afford it. It should be open to all and residents should be encouraged to spend time there. Also, pick up the trash in the cans. The last few times I was there, it's overflowing. It looks BAD!	8/24/2022 1:22 AM
216	There are many cool playgrounds around town for children, but not many of them feel safe.	8/24/2022 12:43 AM
217	No new parks when our city cannot maintain the parks we have! Bayard Park getting little to no maintenance which has created safety issues with dangerous dead branches and poison ivy growing at base of trees from lack of trimming. We have been told Bayard Park cannot have more than one picnic table together to prevent gathering. That defeats the purpose of a park! Bike paths are a waste that is seldom seen being used.	8/24/2022 12:22 AM
218	More walking trails the better	8/23/2022 11:40 PM
219	Would love to hear more about everything happening. We should start a parks and rec social media.	8/23/2022 11:34 PM
220	Roberts park should be a priority	8/23/2022 11:10 PM
221	<b>riverfront</b> I miss the unique entertainment The Fire People used to bring to the riverfront, but I understand the issues. It would be fun to have more family activities in the parks (movies, concerts, concessions). I really wish a carousel can be added downtown, like was once talked about.	8/23/2022 10:37 PM
222	Stop concentrating on Downtown. We get it, you like rich people, but the majority of the city doesn't go Downtown to go to a park and if you do it's too crowded because it's your only option. Parks are meant to be in your community, within walking distance. Which used to be the case until the city stopped maintaining the parks and they have become unusable.	8/23/2022 10:14 PM
223	Mickey's kingdom has turned into a hangout for older kids and homeless people. I don't take my kids even though they beg me because there are fights, broken glass syringes, the bathrooms are gross, and my kids get over run by older kids.	8/23/2022 10:01 PM
224	Please keep closer track of funding. Losing over half a million dollars is just poor management/oversight.	8/23/2022 9:55 PM
225	Need NICE FREE walking park at Roberts. See Friedman Park in Newburgh.	8/23/2022 9:53 PM
226	The Greenway feels very unsafe. Have been approached by many homeless men and do not feel comfortable there. Also, more parks need doggie bags installed	8/23/2022 9:51 PM
227	<b>riverfront</b> The riverfront is a treasure. It's sad it's not used to it's full potential. Need boat docks and restaurant's	8/23/2022 9:47 PM
228	Sickens me to see that the park on Sunburst isn't even listed as a city park any more. It was one of the first parke I visited in Evansville, and the pool that was there was one of my favorites.	8/23/2022 9:38 PM
229	Far in park should be in tip top shape & really happening. With Bosse Field & the Aquatic center right there, it could be a gold mine	8/23/2022 9:36 PM
230	<b>riverfront</b> <b>splash</b> Need connectivity from the north side of Morgan. Walking path to deaconess sports park and connectivity to wesselmans woods. I also think a riverfront park like owensboro has would draw attention with a splash pad and things for adults as well. A space for out door concerts would be cool since mesker no longer has their amphitheater.	8/23/2022 9:25 PM
231	I highly suggest checking out the Saint Charles Youth Kinetic Park near Saint Louis. This is a free park with several youth programs. It has the countries best asphalt bike pump track, a skatepark, rock climbing walls, and much more. It's very busy every time I go and provides a place for kids and adults who would rather ride bikes than play a sport to have fun and be active	8/23/2022 9:21 PM
232	<b>riverfront</b> Would like to see a more pedestrian friendly riverfront. Why is there a 4 lane road	8/23/2022 9:18 PM

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directly along one of the most scenic spots in the city? Cars routinely speed along this road, making it very unsafe for pedestrians. Maybe a road diet or traffic calming measures could be looked at?

233	It would be nice to see beautiful parks made in safer, better neighborhoods. Everything seems to tilt towards bad neighborhoods so many many people don't go. Avoiding crime and poverty shouldn't make people feel neglected.	8/23/2022 9:13 PM
234	Parks have great potential. As stated above, need to focus on basic upkeep and maintenance.	8/23/2022 9:10 PM
235	Garvin Park has such potential and history and it has been sorely neglected. It needs updated and maintained.	8/23/2022 9:07 PM
236	Please look at upgrading or replacing play equipment at Sheridan Park. It is a great neighborhood with lots of kiddos and the park os extremely outdated and disappointing	8/23/2022 9:05 PM
237	A toddler playground would be amazing, or more things for toddlers to do	8/23/2022 9:05 PM
238	Thank you for all your continued hard work and asking for places to improve. I know it's probably difficult to process and formulate a plan - but I am appreciative for all the parks we have and know we are capable of more!	8/23/2022 9:00 PM
239	Outdoor amphitheater is much needed in the Evansville area.	8/23/2022 8:58 PM
240	I think the zoo should be discontinued. Animals should be sold. That is a money pit.	8/23/2022 8:42 PM
241	I don't feel safe going alone. As a working adult with kids, opportunities are limited so feeling safe to go when I can is important.	8/23/2022 8:26 PM
242	Better upkeep	8/23/2022 8:25 PM
243	<b>riverfront splash</b> Make it a cool spot to hang down town at the riverfront. Restrooms, splash pad, stage, water features, benches, swings.	8/23/2022 7:12 PM
244	Please make more parks accessible and inclusive equipment	8/23/2022 6:32 PM
245	I believe Evansville has the potential to become the best town around. We already have the shops and restraunts around the east side but what about downtown? We could use so many more little shops and restaurants to make downtown the perfect movie picture scene with its potential.	8/23/2022 6:23 PM
246	I think the city needs to look into securing some private funding for the restoration of the Mesker Park Amphitheater. I am too young to have ever been to a concert there, but I have heard stories from my older family members about awesome bands coming there. This could be a major draw for the city. I am old enough to remember attending community movie nights there when I was young. That was an awesome experience and I think showing movies for cheap would be a great benefit for some of Evansvilles lower income families.	8/23/2022 6:22 PM
247	There needs to be bathrooms and water fountains at all parks along with shaded seating to get out of the sun. More lighting and handicap accessible paths. More businesses downtown open in the evenings. Like vendors with drinks, food, entertainment.	8/23/2022 6:06 PM
248	Secondly, focus on existing sites for improvements. Roberts Park, Mesker Park	8/23/2022 5:44 PM
249	<b>riverfront</b> The riverfront desperately needs activation. We are years behind many of our peer cities, which effects our region's ability to attract young talent.	8/23/2022 5:05 PM
250	I love Evansville and appreciate the parks and the changes to downtown. Looks much better now. Also really love how the city accepts the rain barrels from donors and passes them on to citizens. I love the whole Refuse, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle movement and the rain barrels are a great way to promote a healthier earth, save water, and encourage planting gardens to help with food costs.	8/23/2022 4:33 PM
251	I truly think we should have put a place for free bands and food trucks where Roberts Stadium is. It's a shame Owensboro has so much but we don't	8/23/2022 3:39 PM
252	Wesselmans is one of a kind. Leave it that way.	8/23/2022 1:24 PM
253	Close lesser used parks and use funds to maintain higher use parks.	8/23/2022 11:41 AM
254	We do not need to add any additional parks or features until we can learn to take care of what	8/23/2022 11:13 AM

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we have.

255	I love our parks!	8/23/2022 10:13 AM
256	<b>riverfront</b> A revitalized Riverfront Park is in much need. Access to trails/walking from all neighborhoods.	8/23/2022 10:06 AM
257	I think it's terrible that the city has completely closed down all hopes of an outdoor pool at Iglehart Park. The old Lloyd definitely needs to be raised, but there are thousands of children and their families who no longer have an accessible pool within a safe walking distance. It just seems like the northside of Evansville is ignored by our present city government.	8/23/2022 9:19 AM
258	The changes over the past year have been a great move in the right direction. More needs to be done, but the new leadership is doing a good job.	8/23/2022 9:01 AM
259	I hope I don't see the sports program fail. I know with the changes Hannah was thrown in and done her best, but so many are upset by the lack of communication and scheduling that they might not return.	8/23/2022 8:49 AM
260	Maybe a path around the outside of parks for walkers or for people that walk their dogs so they aren't walking in the street.	8/23/2022 6:41 AM
261	Spend money on your community that can be used for free. Not everyone can afford to go and do. If there are free or low cost things to do, more people will take advantage of programs.	8/23/2022 12:31 AM
262	STOP advertising the Woodmere Disc golf as being on State hospital grounds. It isn't and it's address is NOT 3400 Lincoln.	8/22/2022 11:50 PM
263	With the small amount of maintenance personnel, they are doing a good job. Just quit pouring money into parks that are getting torn up by the patrons	8/22/2022 10:50 PM
264	During The current mayor's run, all the existing parks went down hill. And the amphitheater wasn't taken care of so now it would take to much too fix.	8/22/2022 10:39 PM
265	Please bring tennis courts and basketball courts to the northeast side of Evansville/Vanderburgh County.	8/22/2022 5:16 PM
266	My sensory friendly equipment at playgrounds or a playground specifically for special needs children and adults.	8/22/2022 4:18 PM
267	Even before the Aug 1 storm, the lights at Wesselman sand vb courts were only 1/2 working on some of the courts. Now there are courts with no working lights at all.	8/22/2022 3:18 PM
268	Let's keep going for best not good enough.	8/22/2022 2:45 PM
269	<b>splash</b> I recently moved back to the area after being in Central Illinois for several years. The Bloomington/Normal, IL parks are SO nice! I'm sure funding is different there, but it would be nice to have similar opportunities around Evansville which is a larger city. Several splash pads, new playground equipment with toddler areas, places for picnics, etc.	8/22/2022 1:27 PM
270	It's great to finally ask the opinion of citizens who actually use the parks and playgrounds vs city officials who don't.	8/22/2022 1:21 PM
271	<b>riverfront</b> Update the riverfront! We have so much potential there. The current buildout doesn't seem ideal for what we have and could have. So much development for downtown could be achieved. Check out what Chicago did with their downtown riverfront. We could have something similar, but on our own scale, of course.	8/22/2022 1:18 PM
272	The Stoplight City playground equipment seems unfinished and really high off the ground, which is weird. LOVE the Greenway, and we use it daily. Would love to see it expanded even more and possibly connect to the Newburgh trail if possible.	8/22/2022 12:27 PM
273	Work with area churches and For Evansville to have a city wide "parks" day to clean up parks, pick up trash, limbs, leaves. Our church has done one day events in a singular park to help clean it up in the inner city area. I visited Dearborn Michigan several years ago and it was awesome to see so many people in the parks there in the evenings. walking, playing, sitting together talking.	8/22/2022 11:09 AM
274	If a neighborhood would like to keep a park (instead of selling off that land) - they can have their neighborhood association maintain the park and fundraise for additional funds. There are so many statistics that need to be discovered and compiled before you can make a 5 year	8/22/2022 11:03 AM

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plan. What parks are being used, there shouldn't be any park closer then 5 miles from each other. In my area alone there are approx 7 parks in a 2-3 mile radius and no children at these parks. There needs to be an advisory board that includes participants for all the areas. There also needs to be offloading of some of these facilities to ther organizations to maintain as the City doesn't have the budget to maintain all of these facilities. It only takes a drive to all of these parks to know the poor conditions at these parks.

275	I would love to see Garvin Park get more funding. With the Lily King Aquatic center, Bosse Field & the opportunities with the MLB, I want to see it REALLY get connected to downtown and continue to have the success and revitalization of downtown extend down to Garvin Park.	8/22/2022 10:50 AM
276	<b>riverfront</b> A Riverfront area like Owensboro would create a destination for families to play, eat, walk, and enjoy the city.	8/22/2022 10:42 AM
277	Someone at the Parks Department should answer a phone when you call there. At the least return phone calls in a prompt manner, neither happens now.	8/22/2022 9:29 AM
278	Thanks for taking the time to gather community feedback!	8/21/2022 3:07 PM
279	Thanks for all you do.	8/21/2022 11:40 AM
280	I live in a good safe neighborhood. My park is treated very well by the people that use it. The parks in the lower income areas have more people that don't respect the property so I think they need the most amount of maintenance.	8/21/2022 11:24 AM
281	need to focus of keeping the neighborhood parks attractive and well maintained,	8/21/2022 11:01 AM
282	There is a difference between what Visit Evansville's goals and objectives are and City Parks. Visit Evansville wants people to come to Evansville to bring dollars to Evansville, while Parks department should 1) look to privatize those venues: baseball venues greater 4 fields, golf, specialty ( skating, frisbee golf), kids kingdom, zoo, Burdette, swonder, and pools; while focusing parks on green space, walkways, etc. if new ideas emerge, like paddleball, use private/ public funding, and lease out venue for operation/ ongoing maintenance. Finish projects you've already committed to, and maintain them...it's not politically fashionable, but it's what people want. Don't start new projects without commitments long term private commitments to help build/ operate and maintain them. Foster that approach for the master plan.	8/21/2022 10:06 AM
283	The fields and volleyball courts are dilapidated at best. There are plenty of softball and volleyball players in this town that want to play however the state of these facilities due to below minimal money being spent and subpar maintenance being performed at best within the last 5-10yrs has drove people away. Evansville is also listed as one of the most obese cities in the USA. If you give the citizens a place to exercise and play along with having proper upkeep on the fields you will not only see your sports program( which is your revenue) prosper, but also the overall health of the citizens in Evansville.	8/21/2022 6:50 AM
284	<b>riverfront</b> I'm a mom and, personally, we use many of our City's parks on a regular basis but never use programming. I truly hope hope this plan helps with coming up with a better and bigger master plan for our downtown riverfront.	8/20/2022 10:14 PM
285	Evansville's parks and rec is the worst I've ever seen and I've lived and visited a lot of places	8/20/2022 9:50 PM
286	For those of us who take care of the equipment, thank you for trying to better our parks. Sadly, I believe the many who continue to trash our parks really ruins it for the rest of us. The times we have been to parks and witnessed paraphernalia or graffiti at the parks is enough to turn us away and just play at friends' yards.	8/20/2022 9:05 PM
287	A small fee for new attractions would keep out crowds that cause problems.	8/20/2022 8:27 PM
288	Keep the restrooms cleaned!	8/20/2022 7:55 PM
289	<b>riverfront</b> Owensboro's riverfront park is first class. Also, Mesker Amphitheater is a wasteland with such possibilities.	8/20/2022 4:28 PM
290	Parent is a retired city-county employee.	8/20/2022 3:23 PM
291	<b>riverfront</b> <b>splash</b> I would rather see money invested into the playgrounds we have now. Many of them can use major upgrades. There is more to Evansville than just the Riverfront. Also, a community splash pad. Why is Newburgh able to provide this and Evansville is not?	8/20/2022 2:59 PM



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292	I would love to see more playgrounds with swings specifically on the westside. I would love for the parks website to show the playgrounds in a better format.	8/20/2022 12:49 PM
293	Thank you for allowing the community to voice their concerns through this survey.	8/20/2022 12:27 PM
294	It's so hard to get people to care about the environment and get the city to approve money towards free recreation, but this city desperately needs to help bring the community together. And what better way than honoring our city and investing in its future? You guys are great and the increasing festivals and concert nights are really great.	8/20/2022 11:07 AM
295	Sheridan Park needs to be updated and cleaned. Great neighborhood but crappy park	8/20/2022 9:58 AM
296	I live near Vann pollack park. It is scruffy looking always. Too many baseball diamonds that are not being used (yes years ago they were but not now). This park needs attention with more trees walking paths and benches make it look like a park. The playground needs attention. There is a couple of mounds of dirt that have been there for years. Why? PThe entrance from Margybeth is blocked with a portion of chain link fence that looks awful and serves absolutely no purpose. When people want to enter park they simply walk around it by going in residential yards. It is silly and ugly. The former parks director had it installed and this neighborhood asked him not to.	8/20/2022 8:22 AM
297	It's a battle against vandalism and inertia, or vice-versa. Simply buying fixtures is not the answer (stoplight city playground, example). Well-maintained green space and trees will get people out of their houses and lunch routines to be outside. Green space does not mean a treeless grass expanse. Multi-use trails away from high-traffic roads feel more welcoming and less stressful to use. More people will use them. I don't know how to do anything about the city's homeless population, but unfortunately, city parks become a campground. How can the city ethically discourage this behavior?	8/20/2022 7:56 AM
298	Parks are an important community asset. They are key to overall quality of life and are essential to economic development, healthy lifestyles, and community building.	8/20/2022 5:51 AM
299	Did you really think [REDACTED] was a good hire? The person that decide to hire him should be replaced. You really trust a person who gets his brother wife pregnant when he is still a ordain priest? What were you all thinking? Obviously you didn't do a very good back ground check, or ignored it. That sure come back to bite you in the butt. Nice job [REDACTED]!!!	8/19/2022 5:10 PM
300	Still waiting on the dog park by the state hospital. Other cities I've lived in have much smaller budgets with much nicer amenities. Not sure why that's such a problem for Evansville. Honestly I've lived in this city for 5 years and I hate it here. Only here for school and maybe would like to stay here forever but if this city continues to crumble and never do anything about it I am not gonna hesitate to relocate somewhere much, much, much nicer lol. Hopefully better folks can come in and replace some of you and do a much better job of managing what could be an amazing city but until then I'll be contacting my realtor to get the hell out of this dump!	8/19/2022 4:15 PM
301	<b>riverfront</b> It would be so nice to finally get started on the long touted plan to connect the greenway to the USI trail. Any updates and improvement to the riverfront area would be a much welcomed change. There is so much concrete and waste of space currently. I get this area flood constantly, but there has to be some kind of solution to lighten up and bring some rejuvenation to this area	8/19/2022 4:13 PM
302	They have been trying to get a dog park at State hospital grounds. Why not let them use part of the old Wesselman Park Par 3 golf course? They could use the existing fence that is on the east and north side of former golf course. They would just have to pay for a fence on West and South area of the dog park.	8/19/2022 2:40 PM
303	Park maintenance has too few employees to maintain the number of parks	8/19/2022 5:38 AM
304	Please add paths across Roberts Park and the defunct Par 3 at Wesselman Park. The grass gets too high and paths would be really nice!	8/18/2022 8:20 PM
305	Keep going on the Greenway.	8/18/2022 8:17 PM
306	thanks for all you do!	8/18/2022 4:55 PM
307	I think families events should be encouraged, rather than specific age groups; although, teens need more to do in Evansville overall.	8/18/2022 3:02 PM
308	Just want somewhere safe to walk the dog at night	8/18/2022 12:49 PM



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309	<b>riverfront</b> One of the physical elements Evansville has to differentiate itself is the riverfront area. Improvements have definitely been made to that area. Would love to see continued investment (public and private) in making the downtown riverfront a destination for families, young professionals, aging couples, etc.	8/18/2022 9:10 AM
310	Thanks!	8/17/2022 10:50 PM
311	<b>splash</b> Need a good splash pad	8/17/2022 8:24 PM
312	We have a beautiful baseball field and brand new aquatic center next to Garvin Park, which is a complete eyesore. Playground is unsafe and not usable. There's constantly trash everywhere. I don't feel safe walking around the lake. Add more light fixtures and have cops patrolling the area. It has so much potential to be a beautiful park.	8/17/2022 8:00 PM
313	There were almost no parks planned north of Highland Elementary before all of the subdivisions popped up. Scott township baseball and McCutchanville baseball. Is there recreational soccer in the McCutchanville park anymore? My kids are all adults now but they probably won't live close to a neighborhood park except for maybe Wesselman Woods. That's sad to me. All those subdivision kids that have to be driven all over Evansville to play sports. My kids played baseball at Garvin Park. I don't know if they even have a baseball program anymore. City parks are not a priority in Evansville because "successful" people don't use them because they all live in subdivisions or neighborhoods on the east side that are not close to a park. I wouldn't go to Tepe Park during the daytime and my kids played ball at Garvin Park.....same thing with Atkins Park. There are tough decisions to be made.	8/17/2022 6:32 PM
314	The greenway should always be lit up. Always.	8/17/2022 5:56 PM
315	What other free community resources are so readily available to all citizens?	8/17/2022 5:53 PM
316	I was not aware of any parks dept. programs other than sports leagues. I think sports leagues are great, but other than that, I don't think my family would want/need many parks programs. I'd much rather see funds going to equipment and amenities rather than programming.	8/17/2022 5:27 PM
317	If you wouldn't wait multiple weeks, or months to upkeep the downtown playground then the other parks should be looked at in the same light. I understand that when people visit that is where they will gravitate but the people of Evansville are what make this place home and to go multiple years without updated equipment, trash all over the parks for weeks at a time, and obvious neglect of the restrooms and picnic tables feels like people like me who have lived	8/17/2022 5:04 PM
318	Maintenance is a priority, as well better playgrounds. Some are unsafe or broken	8/17/2022 5:02 PM
319	Leverage off of neighborhood associations and their volunteers to plan or upgrade parks that fit their neighborhood and utilize the stakeholders nearest to the park.	8/17/2022 4:30 PM
320	My husband and I are young adults who love to be outside and active...we love also love our city. However, we have concluded after visiting other cities Evansville severely lacks in it's parks department. There are time when the grass is so high you can't walk through it, there are not many events at the parks...and if you do not have young kids (which we do not), there is very little, if not anything to do besides walk around. I would love to see Evansville become more creative on how we can use these spaces to foster community in our city.	8/17/2022 3:36 PM
321	Our parks are not maintained at all! Over grown weeds/grass, downed trees. We seem to have a history of letting things go until it costs so much to make repairs, the city decides to just get rid of things. Nothing new until we learn to take care of what we already have!	8/17/2022 2:56 PM
322	Wessleman park is in horrible shape. We've recently moved to the area and we're sho Jed at the lack of wonderful parks for kids. I do not feel safe taking my kids to Evansville parks. We travel to Newburgh or Owensboro or Henderson to play.	8/17/2022 1:43 PM
323	Get a park on the east side	8/17/2022 1:41 PM
324	No need for dog park at esh. Move it to a less prominent area.	8/17/2022 1:32 PM
325	I've seen a lot of chatter online about the lack of maintenance being done to the Parks at this time. Hopefully this will be addressed soon.	8/17/2022 11:29 AM
326	Thank you for all you do!	8/17/2022 10:30 AM
327	Na	8/17/2022 10:12 AM

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328	Please consider extending the hours of the zoo for walkers. It's a safe beautiful place to walk but nearly impossible to go to with the hours it currently has. Maybe consider adding a early morning upgrade or extended hour upgrade to membership for those who would like the option to walk? I understand the difficulties of staffing but I truly think it could be a benefit.	8/17/2022 10:09 AM
329	At goosetown, itd be nice if the little shelter house was redone, or the planter in the middle of the park was used for something since it tends to just be overgrown	8/17/2022 9:57 AM
330	<b>riverfront</b> Over the past week, it's been really enlightening to learn about the state of city parks and especially which ones are most neglected. I would really like to see Evansville do better, but most importantly, to do so EQUITABLY. A new Riverfront park while neighborhood parks are falling apart would be a slap in the face to residents who deserve better. I see gathering this information as a step in the right direction, but I truly hope that this information is applied with equity and inclusivity in mind.	8/17/2022 8:56 AM
331	Glad the embezzlers are out so we can finally put the focus back into the parks :)	8/17/2022 8:17 AM
332	I understand there were issues from the criminal activity with funds. Please show the community you are committed to change.	8/17/2022 8:16 AM
333	Lower the admission price at the Deaconess Pool so the poor Jacobsville children can swim!!!!	8/17/2022 8:16 AM
334	Just really wanting to see this city turns itself around. Too much of citizen's well-being is being sacrificed for the greed of those in charge and because we seem to sell our soul to capitalism more and more. Everyone wants to live away—doesn't really look good to those who may visit.	8/17/2022 4:05 AM
335	<b>pickleball</b> Greater respect for what the city has to offer by way of Wesselman Park/Woods. It should be our pride and joy due to its uniqueness. It's a beautiful, safe, quiet place for families to picnic, hold reunions and parties and special events, play ball, take walks, playground, enjoy nature. Don't take that away by pandering to the desires of the few, ignoring the wishes of the many. (ie: Pickleball courts)	8/17/2022 1:49 AM
336	Our parks would be better run by literally anyone other than what's going on there right now.	8/17/2022 12:46 AM
337	Please don't put the dog park at woodmere. It would waste alot of beautiful open green space that is for the public. Please put it where the old wesselmans golf course used to be.	8/17/2022 12:27 AM
338	Thank you for taking care of our green spaces and trees.	8/17/2022 12:16 AM
339	No public place near central high school to play tennis. Courts have been neglected since precovid	8/16/2022 11:09 PM
340	Looking forward to a new mayor. Our parks need to be cleaned, trash picked up. The pools are in terrible shape. What will happen to Hartke pool and Helfrich park pool? What about Helfrich Hills golf course? Do your job.	8/16/2022 10:48 PM
341	Sidewalks to get to parks from neighborhoods. I enjoying biking, but it is not safe to bike Evansville roads.	8/16/2022 10:43 PM
342	ReOpen Lloyd Pool or allow someone to purchase it and upgrade/ update it for usage.	8/16/2022 10:30 PM
343	I am pretty connected to Evansville activities on instagram but I have yet to see anything about these. Maybe a collaboration with downtown Evansville would help boost?	8/16/2022 10:16 PM
344	A community garden with fruit trees would be great.	8/16/2022 10:14 PM
345	Love the greenway! Extend it!	8/16/2022 10:12 PM
346	Please move forward with plans for Roberts Park to improve our environment and quality of life.	8/16/2022 9:45 PM
347	<b>pickleball</b> The Mayor's website boasts Evansville as Indiana's third largest city and "a great place to live, work, and play." For a city our size the options for "play" are actually quite limited. To have no TRUE public tennis or pickleball courts is ridiculous. In recent years, Vanderburgh County has ranked as one of Indiana's least healthy counties so one would think the county/city would be trying to increase accessibility to affordable exercise such as tennis courts.	8/16/2022 9:03 PM
348	Parks maintenance is less than needed to keep things inviting to public. Built new indoor pool and took away possible employees for city pools. Who is running the million dollar pool that	8/16/2022 8:08 PM

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was just built, how long before it ends up like Lloyd pool.

349	Pit green spaces in old Washington square mall parking	8/16/2022 7:45 PM
350	We need additional bench swings for adults along the river front and in more parks.	8/16/2022 7:41 PM
351	Utilize the parks we have, update no need to buy and build new when we can't take care of what we have	8/16/2022 7:36 PM
352	Keep up the forward thinking. Progress not perfection.	8/16/2022 7:02 PM
353	If we add anything it should be trails. Bike and walking trails and extremely important. Check out Bentonville AZ. That's impressive.	8/16/2022 6:49 PM
354	Have your work cut out as it has been let go for too long	8/16/2022 5:59 PM
355	Every citizen in Evansville deserves to have a safe and clean park that they can use near their home.	8/16/2022 5:51 PM
356	St James blvd needs stucco gates rebuilt	8/16/2022 5:46 PM
357	We also use Wesselmans ball fields. They used to be beautifully kept and well used by many. Now people don't know where/how to find info on teams.	8/16/2022 5:28 PM
358	I would love to see any new landscaping added prioritizing native plants.	8/16/2022 5:24 PM
359	N/A	8/16/2022 5:15 PM
360	No phone zones. Gotta get kids off couches.	8/16/2022 5:12 PM
361	there's a lot of trash in the bodies of water in many of our parks, i feel as though there would be more people willing to help clean if they didn't feel so helpless and alone in wanting clean parks, organizing city wide park clean up day or something of the sort could encourage people to get together and help keep our parks clean and make a better habitat for the aquatic and non aquatic animals that call our parks home. If there was wading equipment provided and maybe a small amount of guidance from a local environmental expert as to not further threaten these habitats they would be wading into, im sure that some people would be willing to get in the water and help clean it(i would).	8/16/2022 4:45 PM
362	-	8/16/2022 4:43 PM
363	I would use the parks more if they were repaired. I would love to use Stockwell Park's tennis court, but it's terrible.	8/16/2022 4:16 PM
364	Helfrich golf course is a dumpster fire from the pro to the superintendent.. easy fix, replace both	8/16/2022 3:59 PM
365	Plant more trees. I love the walking/bike paths but it gets hot and people are less likely to use them if they are dying in the heat.	8/16/2022 3:40 PM
366	I had to move away from Evansville to realize how special our community is to have so many parks and playgrounds. I LOVE that we have this available to us and I appreciate all of the hard work that goes into maintaining these parks. I am concerned that there is not enough safety. I think Garvin and Wesselman Parks need more speed bumps because of how quickly people drive through them. I think all of the parks need more security/police patrols. And for especially dark parks like Wesselmans, we also need Blue Light Emergency Phones. But truly, thank you.	8/16/2022 3:18 PM
367	I'm a transplant to Evansville. When I first moved here, I played tennis and eventually took my children to tennis courts. I am very disappointed with the removal of tennis courts at bayard park and sunset. Sometimes this may be one of the few outlets for children/adults to experience something new and different.	8/16/2022 3:14 PM
368	Really need to better enforce dogs on leashes. I'm personally not worried about violent dogs, because most dogs aren't violent, but dogs shouldn't be able to run up to any random person. Not everyone likes dogs, and dog owners shouldn't be given special treatment.	8/16/2022 3:09 PM
369	Fix the recreational sports complex at Wesselmans. The facility has been underfunded and went without maintenance for far too long!	8/16/2022 3:09 PM
370	Thanks for the survey.	8/16/2022 2:52 PM

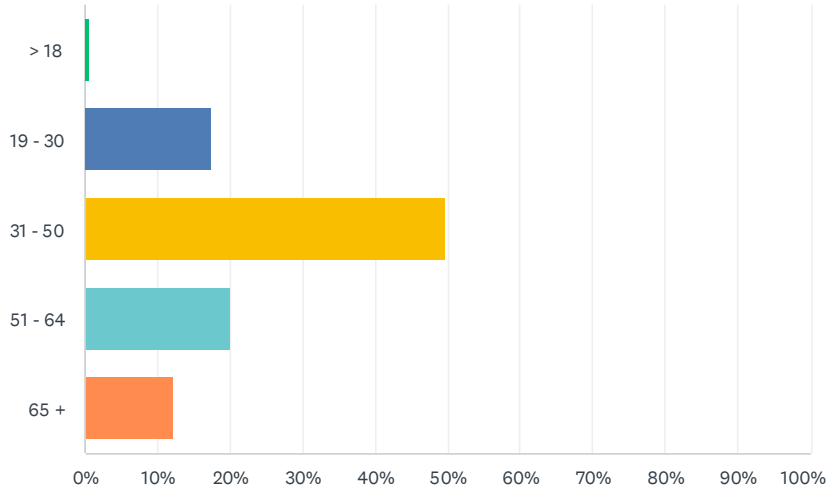
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371	I saw the explanation about redoing a master plan every so many years, but we keep talking about the same thing. And we have very little to show for it. Please, please, please hire somebody and not just anyone. Where can we submit applications? I want it because I don't live in a bubble with only my type of people. I know what all the demographic groups want. I know how to cater to everyone. I know how to have fun. For the love of God already.	8/16/2022 2:49 PM
372	Make Roberts Park happen	8/16/2022 2:37 PM
373	I think updating what we have and maintaining those are of the utmost importance.	8/16/2022 2:09 PM
374	Thank you. I just took a video the other day of Mesker park's playground of the swing set bar moving while my child was swinging & there are other parts of the playground that have not been maintained, for example. But this is a great first step for showing our park's & community great care again.	8/16/2022 1:41 PM
375	Need to update the Zambonis at swonder. Allow Tristate Hockey Academy to have the entire area that used to be the indoor skate park.	8/16/2022 11:22 AM
376	allocate funds for consistent cleanliness, and trash pick up, make the parks that are still available (in strategic areas of the city) awesome with bathrooms and adequate parking with unique features that bring people to the park	8/15/2022 1:44 PM
377	Evansville area population is extremely overweight and unhealthy. The most cost effective health care is walking running and biking outdoors. Evansville is not a "fitness friendly" city.	8/15/2022 1:41 PM
378	1. Bayard Park: replace broken/missing pieces of playground equipment; maintenance: weed control, mulch placement, litter pick up (especially before mowing); add walking path within/ around inside of park to playground area 2. Hartke pool: return high dive and second diving board; return slide; additional staff for security/litter clean up. 3. Open bathrooms at Mickey's Kingdom on days when weather is forecasted to be nice during off season. 4. Add playground equipment aimed at kids 10-16 years of age. Older kids like the playground, too! 5. Add a large playground, shade, walking/biking paths to Roberts park. 6. Continue Music in the Park	8/15/2022 9:58 AM
379	Finish the Greenway. Been waiting since the inception of the project for it to be finished	8/12/2022 10:25 PM
380	I think an opportunity for the Parks Department is to highlight what improvements are being/have been made. So often the public hears about new park plans and the immediate response is, "But we can't maintain the parks we currently have."	8/5/2022 12:15 PM

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### Q23 What is your approximate age? (check one)

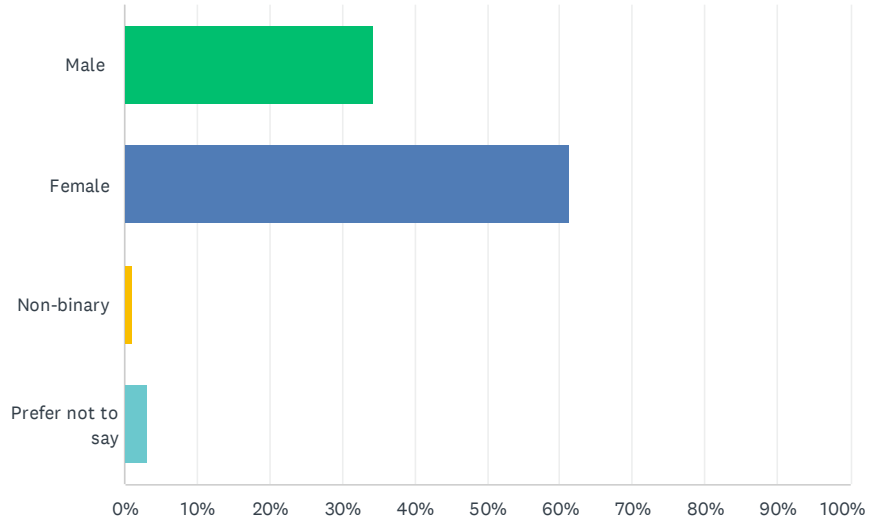
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
> 18	0.58%	6
19 - 30	17.47%	181
31 - 50	49.61%	514
51 - 64	20.08%	208
65 +	12.26%	127
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,036</b>

### Q24 What is your gender? (check one)

Answered: 1,040 Skipped: 196

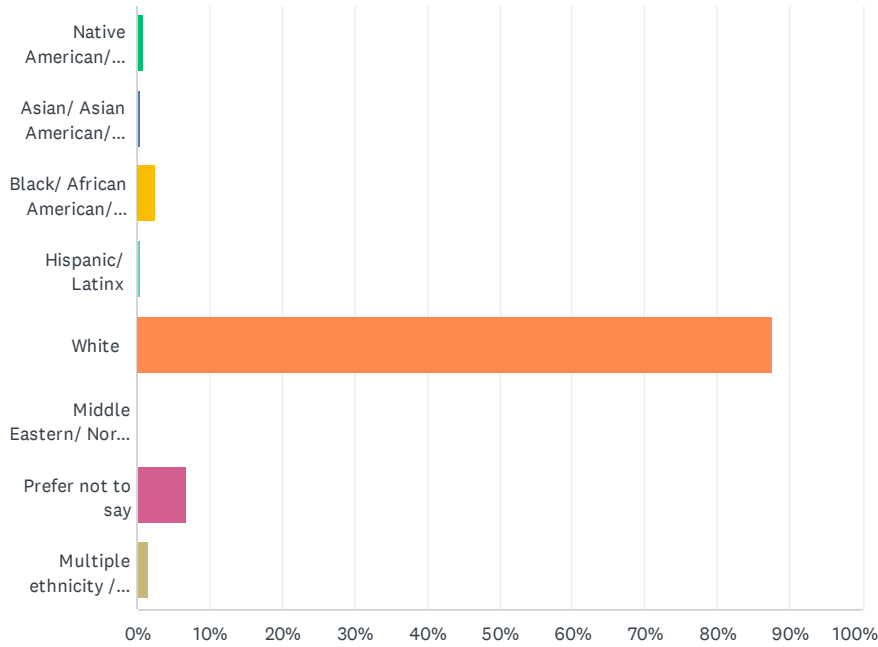


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	34.33%	357
Female	61.35%	638
Non-binary	1.06%	11
Prefer not to say	3.27%	34
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,040</b>

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Q25 Which race/ethnicity best describes you? (Please choose all that apply.)

Answered: 1,037 Skipped: 199



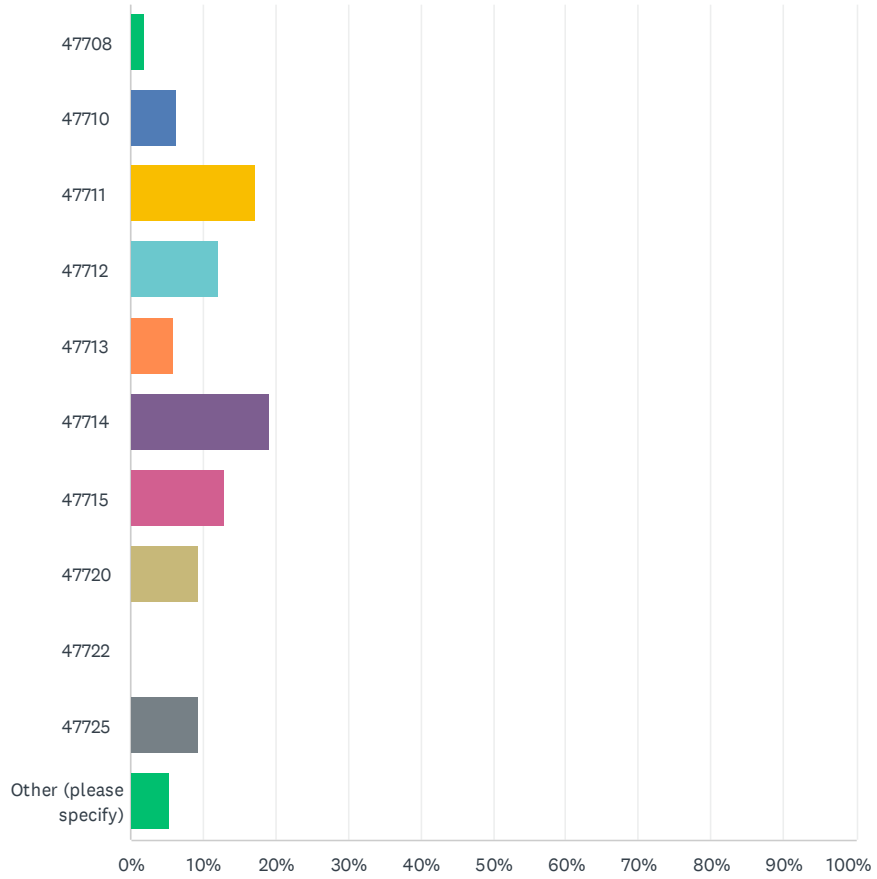
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Native American/ Alaska Native/ Indigenous	0.77% 8
Asian/ Asian American/ Pacific Islander	0.39% 4
Black/ African American/ African	2.51% 26
Hispanic/ Latinx	0.39% 4
White	87.56% 908
Middle Eastern/ North African	0.00% 0
Prefer not to say	6.85% 71
Multiple ethnicity / Other (please specify)	1.54% 16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,037</b>



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### Q26 Where do you live? (select your zip code)

Answered: 1,031 Skipped: 205

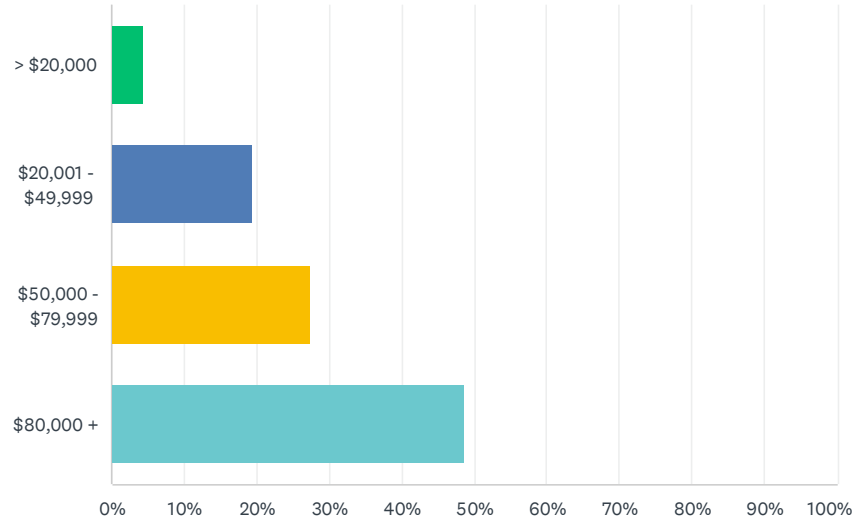


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
47708	1.94%	20
47710	6.50%	67
47711	17.17%	177
47712	12.22%	126
47713	5.92%	61
47714	19.11%	197
47715	13.09%	135
47720	9.31%	96
47722	0.00%	0
47725	9.41%	97
Other (please specify)	5.33%	55
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,031</b>

### Q27 What is your approximate annual household income? (check one)

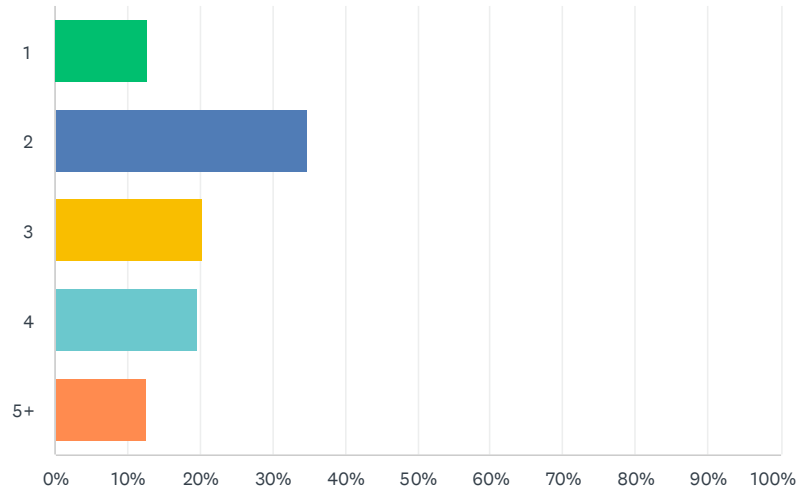
Answered: 989 Skipped: 247



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
> \$20,000	4.45%	44
\$20,001 - \$49,999	19.41%	192
\$50,000 - \$79,999	27.60%	273
\$80,000 +	48.53%	480
TOTAL		989

### Q28 Counting yourself, how many people are in your household? (select one)

Answered: 1,027 Skipped: 209



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	12.85%	132
2	34.86%	358
3	20.16%	207
4	19.57%	201
5+	12.56%	129
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,027</b>

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# PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #1

## EVANSVILLE 5-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



We want to hear from you to understand what improvements are needed for the Evansville parks system.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Attend the Community Open House on Thursday, August 25 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the CK Newsome Center to tell us your wants and desires for current and future parks.

Visit the official 5-year Parks Master Plan website at [www.evansvilleparksplan.com](http://www.evansvilleparksplan.com) to complete a brief survey and provide your feedback.



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# Programs and Events

What programs would you like to see added to the Evansville Parks & Recreation Department's offerings?

Please use dot stickers to select up to six (6) options.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES	SELECTION
More youth programs (i.e. Boys and Girls Club)	● ● ● ● ●
Art classes (painting, ceramics, pottery, etc.)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Free Wifi in Parks	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Additional adult recreation leagues	● ● ● ● ●
More recreational events (fun runs, group bike rides, fishing contests)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Trail events (hiking with dogs, story trails, ecology on the trails)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Educational programming ("green" living, history of habitats, composting, reducing your carbon footprint, tree health classes)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
More after school programs	● ● ● ● ●
More community events and programming	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Additional summer camps	● ● ● ●
Additional programming for winter months	● ● ● ● ●
Performance art classes (music, theater, video production)	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
More volunteer opportunities within the parks	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●





# Program Awareness

The Evansville Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of programs. How many of these have you heard of?

Please use dot stickers to select up to six (6) options.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES	SELECTION
Adult Sports: Flag Football, Pickleball, Soccer, Volleyball, Softball, etc.	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Youth Summer Adventures Too	● ● ●
Camp Swonder	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Youth/Adult Ice Hockey Leagues	● ● ● ● ●
Youth Swim Lessons (indoor/outdoor)	● ● ● ● ● ●
Ice Skating Lessons	● ● ● ● ● ●
Swim Teams	● ● ● ● ●
Energize Evansville/Fitness in the Park	● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●
Public Skating	● ● ● ● ●







# My ONE wish for Evansville Parks is...

Maintain what we have	Maintain existing parks. Keep them mowed, trees trimmed.	Mow the grass often and keep the trees and weeds trimmed. Look at Vann and Lloyd, what an embarrassment.	Cleaner Parks trash/debris clean-ups? Volunteer Disc Golf Courses - Ace Eagle Disc Golf is available to help	To have more organized activities at the parks during summer and after school hours	Training kids in the inner city. From age of 5 year to 18 year. Different sports.	Please add safe bike trails
Connect parks via walking and biking trails.	Improve maintenance at Garvin Park - landscaping - dog waste stations - dog water stations - fix fountain	My wish is for Tepe Park basketball court to have lights, like other kids, on the north, west, and eastside. I have been back home in Evansville for 2 year. I no one is hearing my wish. Please let them see to play.	Better access for pedestrians.	Maintain our existing parks - make them a relaxing place for a walk or picnic. Beautify what we have.	Maintain neighborhood parks	Cultivate environment for a flourishing city by raising relational connection in public green spaces.
Indoor/Outdoor pool	To foster the community and better promote usage of outdoors/protection of these spaces.	Fix the Garvin Park fountains.	Good restrooms, well lit and well maintained. Not porta potties. Single stall within looks for safety.	protect green space	To have more music festivals. Music raises the vibrations, if done correctly, we all can come together in love and maybe some of the violence would go down	A reallocation of funds to ensure better, consistent maintenance.
Extend bike paths.	Keep green space green - plant more trees (but take care of them)	More dog amenities in current parks. Waste stations, water stations, dog friendly, community signage.	Dog Friendly - water stations waste stations activities for people and pets Dog Parks	add and maintain more tennis courts to some/more parks	Maintain our existing parks. Make them safe, comfortable natural place with sanitary facilities.	Maintain what you have, no need more!
All parks in the city to close @ dusk! Mickey's Kingdom and skatepark - noise. Mow parks we have!	More parks, more dog friendly	Dog friendly - water stations waste stations, dog friendly, community signage.	More trash cans and dog waste stations. More recycling containers.	Make parks user friendly with convenient parking, shelters, restrooms and security.	Work with other entities to secure one 41 bridge for a pedestrian bridge that could connect the greenway to Audubon, preserve the Twins	Maintenance via a real professional parks foundation
Please maintain our parks.	A safer place for people to be outside					remember the Fulton Westside area
Price Park - given away and fenced in - public can't use.						
That every neighborhood looks as good of care as the Gateway Gardens at St. Joe and Maryland.						

If this plan can only accomplish one thing, what would you like it to be? Please use a sticky note to record your idea and add it to the board.



# Dream BIG...

Connectivity between parks, making them more biker and dog walker friendly (restrooms, dog poo stations, watering fountains, etc)

create or remodel a park that would be a "showcase park" NY - central park Chicago - the Bean

Riverside activities like Owensboro

Every park amenity and program would be accessible and built/operated by the residents who "own" them through participation.

more dedicated paved bike paths not on roads. connect the ones we have and not build new ones that don't connect.

bike trails connecting Evansville to surrounding cities. example - New Harmony

utilize Riverfront - more activities

Riverfront Park complete set up to include real solid restrooms and concessions, not porta-potential safety

indoor/outdoor pool

convert abandoned rail line to bike path thru Wesselman Park to downtown

Have more parks, with more activities. Skating, tennis, volleyball, restrooms and trashcans.

provide free public transportation to and from all parks so everyone can enjoy them

save Helfrich Park, pool and bathhouse

Improve the connectivity between state hospital park and Wesselman park and woods

connect all trails and parks with accessible pathways - making traveling and exploration easier!

use your local clubs for help and suggestions. the local disc golf members do a lot of cleanup at a course if it is in the park. More disc golf courses and support we were promised

use Klegmeier for small MLB replica ballparks and use Roberts for a Rod-erys Stadium replica. Streetball courts, take advantage of our sports history.

disc golf park was promised with grant money - then covid, where did the money go?

skatepark - but first money to maintain parks

all facilities would be friendly to people of all ages - not just to youth. all facilities would incorporate areas for mobility impaired.

state hospital ground are great asset to Evansville. In 100 years our 3 golf course and Roberts Park should look like that

Please utilize space that is the Mesker Amphitheater, and lookint at vintage pictures of the Park, there were much more trees. Obviously the trees have depleted in numbers. Please review pictures of the Parks from history and restore the number of trees.

I agree Mesker is a treasure and we should explore historic for money for repairs

If money and time were not a consideration, what park facility or program would you like to see in Evansville....Dream Big!

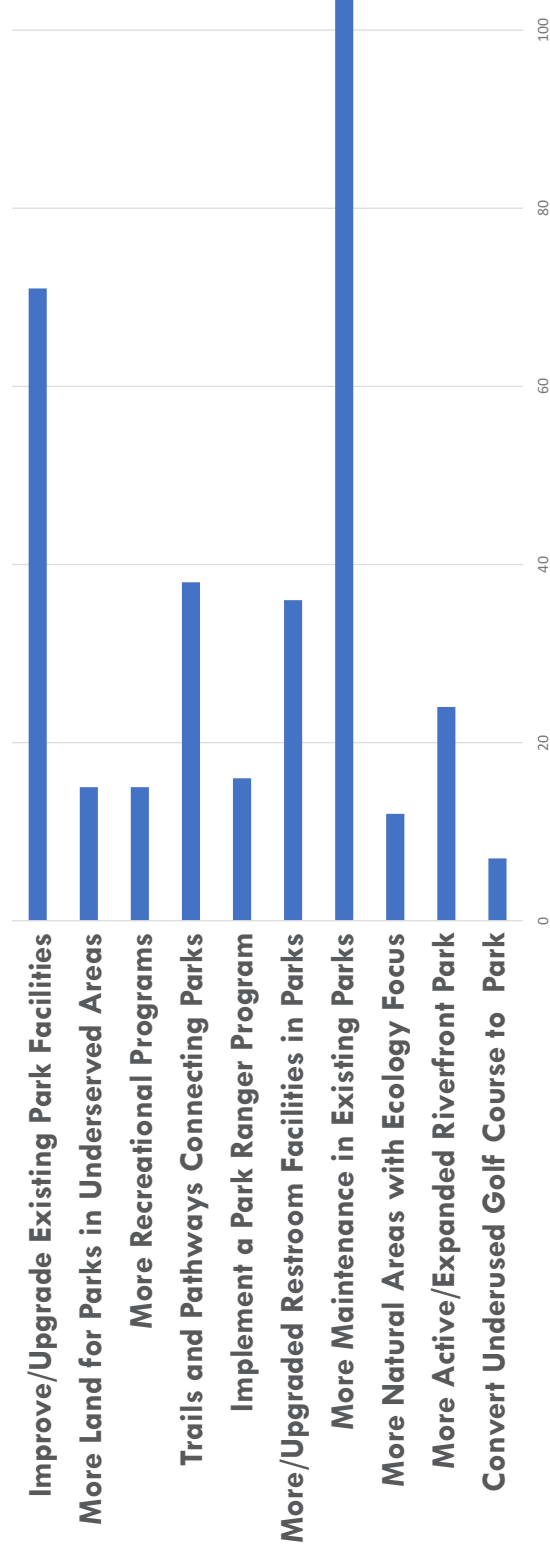


# Getting Invested



How do we want to allocate funds for our Parks & Recreation System?  
 Take 5 coins 🪙 - each coin 🪙 is worth \$20.

If you had \$100 to spend to the Evansville Parks and Recreation Department, which of these items on the table would you like to see your money invested in?



# Evansville Parks Safety

## Do you feel safe when you are visiting parks and trails in Evansville?

Yes, I do!



Use a dot to mark your response:



Please explain your answer:

Only visit Garvin during daytime hours



No, I don't.



Use a dot to mark your response:



Please explain your answer:

Limited security on greenway  
Tepe Park, no lighting, we need cameras in the parks



I do sometimes.



Use a dot to mark your response:



Please explain your answer:

Depends on the time of day and crowd utilizing the park  
Smaller parks need to be considered closed at night in high risk areas  
Greenway in areas are to secluded - will not walk or bike it alone



Use dots to show your response and use the post-it notes to explain your response!



# PRECEDENT IMAGERY

Which features would you like to see improved or added to Evansville Parks & Recreation?

Please use dot stickers to select up to six (6) options.



**UPDATE AND MODERNIZE EXISTING PLAYGROUNDS**



**NATURE-BASED PLAY**



**OUTDOOR GAMES/CHESS/CHECKERS TABLES**



**SPLASH PAD/ SPRAY PARK**



**SPORT COURTS (BASKETBALL, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL)**



**PICKLEBALL COURTS**





# PRECEDENT IMAGERY

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CLIMBING WALL




OUTDOOR AGILITY/OBSTACLE COURSE




TRAILHEADS




PAVED TRAILS




MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS




DISC GOLF COURSE




# PRECEDENT IMAGERY

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**DOG PARKS**



**SHELTERS/PICNIC AREAS**



**RESTROOM BUILDINGS**



**FLEXIBLE GREENSPACE**



**COMMUNITY GARDENS**



**NATURAL TRAILS & BOARDWALKS**





# PARK INVENTORY

Let us know things you like or dislike about the park/facility? What could make for a better experience?

Example: Great playground, but needs more places to sit.



New trees.  
Finish basketball court.  
Too many trees, no open space, lack of maintenance  
a gem. shame on parks dept!!  
Keep the grass cut with maintenance.  
Bright lights.  
Fruit trees

**AKIN PARK**



Public restroom.  
clean-safe-groomed  
Cameras.  
Swimming pool - volleyball courts  
Keep the grass cut. Fruit Trees  
A sheltered basketball court, outdoor stadium?  
Bright lights.

**ANTHONY OATES PARK**



This equipment is extremely tall for some youth. The dome shaped structure is old and outdated and possibly could cause severe harm to a youth.  
Historic park - next to historic Carnegie library - must be maintained, groomed, tended.  
Too many trees, poorly maintained, no open space. Nope this was that park, used to be a pretty park - need promised maintenance. From previous admin.  
Public bathroom.  
keep the grass cut  
Shelter houses, and improved lighting.

**BAYARD PARK**



More things to do.  
Organized summer activities.  
More trees.  
Baseball fields used more by neighborhoods.  
Maintenance of grass and improved lighting.  
Nice bathrooms/building  
keep the grass cut, bright lights, sheltered court.  
Quality basketball court/gear  
public art  
what park? the boys and girls club property - ask them

**BELLMEADE PARK**



Organized summer activities.  
Lights on basketball court, more things for kids to do, as far as having playing equipment.  
Volleyball nets.  
Cameras, groomed, keep the grass cut  
Maintenance and improved lighting.  
New shelter house

**CALDWELL PARK**



all parks need better mowing - more crews to care for them endowed funds can help and this city supports its arts, cultural and green entities: just ask for the money.  
keep the grass cut!

**CASSELBERRY PARK**



# PARK INVENTORY

Let us know things you like or dislike about the park/  
facility? What could make for a better experience?

Example: Great playground, but needs more places to sit.



The paint could be maintained better to be more appealing. There could be more play equipment and seating.  
I haven't been there in years, but I know it needs repair.

**DIAMOND VALLEY PARK**



**ELEVENTH AVENUE PARK**



Please restore the park to the splendor of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Pictures show us there were more trees, benches and bandstand.

**FULTON PARK**



Parks Foundation needs to raise endowed funds, it is not hard, restore the number of trees that have gradually declined in numbers over time.  
connect to Kiley Weger with pedestrian bridge (in '03 masterplan) redo fountain, more tables and benches  
Too many dead trees, bring the Joseph Capels memorial behind the fountain back to life, restore jacked up pavilion  
reduce cost of indoor pool so kids can use it - the same kids that used to swim at Garvin pool you closed.  
improve drainage for newly rebuilt stretch of N. Main, classic city park - maintain it, outdoor ice skating rink, canoes or paddle boarding,  
restore historic character  
dog waste stations, dog water stations, VHS volunteers use this park daily for dog walking, mow and weed cut - weigh in, pick up limits,  
fix fountain  
dog waste stations, recycling bins, open restrooms, maintain pathways and trails, more patrols-safety, water fountains and dog watering provisions,  
keep shelter area clean, spread out trash cans - instead of leaving them all together, bike rack by restrooms, what a gem - shame on us, it looks terrible there, it needs maintained better, re-home the geese, they leave a mess and are aggressive.

**GARVIN PARK**



Replace tennis courts with green playground area.  
Well used park.

**GOLFMOOR PARK**



Needs spray park - it was promised to them in 2005.  
Parks Foundation project.

**GOOSETOWN PARK**



# PARK INVENTORY

Let us know things you like or dislike about the park/facility? What could make for a better experience?

Example: Great playground, but needs more places to sit.



Maintain the building.  
 Make the westside loop more of a walking path.  
 WPA building essentials to keep the WPA building  
 Neighbors cares for park - At hooray  
 The ballfield backstop needs to be covered with ivy.  
 Fix bathhouse to accommodate.  
 Dog waste station along the loop.  
 New pool and spray park.  
 Westside improvements does great job maintaining

**HELFRICH PARK**



Shade structure.

**HOMESTEAD PARK**



Well stewarded - neighbors boosters - replicate this with KEB or trails coalition help

**HOWELL PARK**



Extend walking trail along Tekoppel and over rail yards to connect to Burdette.  
 Create nature center with interpretive panels and information on biology and importance of protecting this area.

**HOWELL WETLAND**



Trail maintenance is required.  
 Remove tennis courts with green playground, put basketball court back on hill top.  
 We miss the indoor pool.  
 Feels isolated, not accessible to pedestrians/bike riders.  
 Splashpad.

**IGLEHEART PARK**



Neighborhood parks - essential for livable city.  
 Public restroom.

**JACOBVILLE PARK**





# PARK INVENTORY

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Example: Great playground, but needs more places to sit.



**KLEIMEYER PARK**



ballfield complex needs to be upgraded ahead of MLB games. Field should replicate MLB parks, work with Cal Ripkins RBI program.  
Pedestrian bridge, connecting MLB theme parks to Don Mattingly way, was in '03 master plan.  
Terrible playground  
pole light needed at entrance to dog park (bulb replaced in an entrance  
move football field (for pee-wee or pop wanner) to back of park into unused baseball fields - dangerous now for parking along gravel road to dog park: small children dart in and out of cars parked along both side of road. police called at least twice.  
more trash bins for football field - see trash there



**LAMASCO PARK**



More kid friendly structures could be added and seating for those individuals supervising.  
Maintenance - get volunteers for cleanup and for planting beds.  
Park foundation can raise money. they do all across USA



**LINE STREET PARK**



KEB - led mural on shelter is cool. has held up, neighbor church is helpful - reinvigorate park volunteers. this is an example that seems to work.  
Bright lights.



**WESTSIDE NUT CLUB PARK (STOPLIGHT CITY)**



Take old school stoplights when removed from city streets and put them in this park.  
Future maintenance: parks foundation led endowments.



**LORRAINE PARK**



Neighborhood park: with pool essential to livable city.  
Open pool and have open after school starts on weekends.  
Love this park, clean it up and keep the pool.



**MESKER PARK**



Please use space that is now amphitheater, historic park - maintenance money can be easily raised by a well run parks foundation. this is how others do it. it is not rocket science.  
restore amphitheater  
picnic shelter reservations online and free like on EVP (conference room)  
restore amphitheater, bring back events and add stage shows (like theater plays)  
usable public restroom/trashcans  
please bring the amphitheater back to its glory.  
Amphitheater  
give amphitheater to the Zoo for Zoo program



# PARK INVENTORY

Let us know things you like or dislike about the park/facility? What could make for a better experience?

Example: Great playground, but needs more places to sit.



**MOUTOUX PARK**



Under used - better promotion.  
Mow around the lake - so it can be walked around.



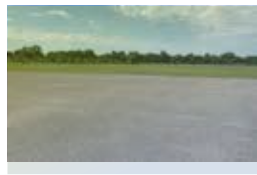
**OLMSTEAD PARK**



Neighborhood parks essential.  
Needs trees back (low/shorter) for shade.



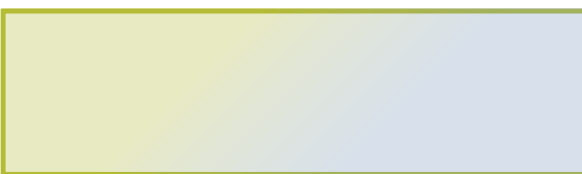
**ROBERTS PARK**



Needs to be basketball themed - Roberts stadium replica basketball court and street ball courts, murals to communicate Robert's history, street ball tournaments, lake and covered picnic tables, great place for pickleball since it is already built.  
expand soccer fields into the N.E. parking area just a little.  
reforest the area to protect vesicoman woods, paved trails throughout  
walk paths, new volleyball courts, redo basketball courts, new 5-12 year old playground, redo handball courts, clear out debris so you can walk through and place picnic tables, upgrade bathrooms.  
before this - money to maintain, just dog park here instead of state hospital, create interactive green space for community connect to plans for park  
add parking spaces on west edge of park adjacent to Harter Pool, add obstacles to vehicular vandalism, add shallow concrete stream bed, unsafe to get there on foot or bike - make this a park for everyone.  
Roberts park needs to promised lake - as a destination and to help control run-off from pigeon creek that works its way through the nature center area and vesicoman woods down to the lake.  
needs trails for walking and biking, build the rail trail, needs safe areas from neighborhoods, connect the activities - pool-ice skating, vesicoman-neighborhoods bike trails, from neighborhood parks.  
please keep the pool Harter, beautiful lake, put in infrastructure for future, plant trees and landscape, build a large park like buildings for events, private, government events, build a lake discovery lodge at Bardsheer, the property the lodge is build on used to be a big farm.  
don't build anything here until everything else has been fixed and maintained correctly.



**SHERIDAN PARK**



**SIXTH AVENUE PARK**



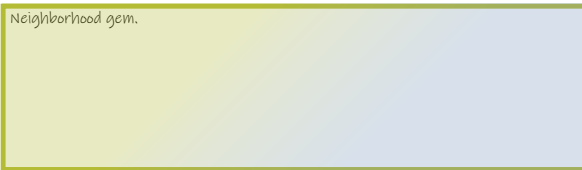
Neighborhood gem.  
Shade structure.



**STEVENSON PARK**



Neighborhood gem.



# PARK INVENTORY

Let us know things you like or dislike about the park/facility? What could make for a better experience?

Example: Great playground, but needs more places to sit.



Needs to be cleaned up regularly.

VANN POLLACK PARK



Need bike trails in and out of the park from neighborhoods.  
Need maintained - like all City Parks!  
Possible dog park?  
Mow and maintain what we have. New trees dying and weed infested!  
What about the gardens on south end?

SUNSET PARK



Water Feature/splashpad.  
Multi-purpose sports field.  
Walking trails. Skate area (done right!)  
Lights and seating.  
Public restroom.  
Vital community asset.  
Park endowments will help with maintaining all

TEPE PARK



More trees - they have depleted overtime.  
Lighting for basketball court (please) kids need to be able to see. kids have been playing ball for years not lighting.  
Playground equipment for kids.  
More seating, trash cans for trash.  
Checkerboard seating, dominoes.  
Volleyball/tennis courts.  
Too many trees

VANN PARK



For the pickle ball courts where the golf course is, do we cut down anymore trees, maintain the park better. Looking pretty rough and has been for years.  
Repair park roads, crossing signage and lights to the park  
No pickleball in our small amount of green space currently used for family softball and medieval cosplay groups, incorporate Roberts into Wesselman  
open concessions stand near old golf course/restrooms or near vending  
keep pickleball out of this park, add picnic tables for picnicking in open grassy area by tennis courts and shade trees  
connect this park and its trails to larger trail system - yes - use this to create connectivity with state hospital trails and Roberts Park  
Picketball is too loud and will result in too much traffic for this park  
more maintenance personnel to maintain facilities  
Free access to Wessos woods - I miss going there, also during covid the woods was opened earlier, that was nice, birds are up early  
Do not cut any more trees for a pickleball court, use Roberts parking lot for that.  
We need the lake that was promised years ago - what happened  
Roberts park and Wesselman park should be one park, connect the parks ice rink - Wesselman neighborhoods  
keep restrooms open and trash picked up, dog waste receptacles, place garbage cans spaced around the park, they are usually clustered in one area, water fountain, dog watering area, more security/patrols  
Make the "Beebe Street crossing signs larger and make vehicles.

WESSELMAN PARK



Well cared for park.

WESTSIDE LIBRARY PARK





# PARK INVENTORY

Let us know things you like or dislike about the park/facility? What could make for a better experience?

Example: Great playground, but needs more places to sit.



Better parking.  
Love it.  
Beautiful greenscape, needs more trees to replace the ones they've lost from storms.  
Please replace the missing trees!

**WILLARD LIBRARY PARK**



Neighborhood parks are crucial - livable city  
Security drive bys and cameras - questionable activity in parking lot at all times.  
Bike racks!  
The city should maintain this park and take away the soccer fence.  
No access from/ to neighborhoods.  
No trails why?  
Please take down the fence  
Why is most of the park fenced off closed to users?  
The city should maintain this park and take away the soccer fence

**PRICE PARK**



Add space for entertainment for people to enjoy while at the riverfront.  
Tennis courts (bring back tennis courts).  
A dog park for our furry friends.  
Public restrooms.  
Dog waste stations added.  
Bring back unlimited hydroplane races and good airshows.  
Needs more frequent litter cleaning, needs KEB to step up, needs paint and ball replacement is needs a parks foundation.  
Can't see the river - real restrooms, safety amphitheater or place for music, concessions

**RIVERFRONT AREA**



Neighborhood parks are essential to reduce crime and vandalism.  
Needs easier access for neighbor kids to get to that live across.  
Theater Drive - too dangerous - traffic is awful.

**STOCKWELL PARK**



Keep it maintained, Great asset to downtown.  
Bathroom open year round during daylight hours. Provide security if needed.  
Cleaned - No hours posted or enforced, big kids partying and drugs.  
To many Instagram folks when smaller children present, adults need to mind their kiddos.

**MICKEY'S KINGDOM**



Consider expansion  
More signage - New entrance sign.  
Great space, This needs outside restrooms - more benches, shelters, etc.  
Expand into Roberts Park, Par 3, and McDonald golf course - protect this space - largest in county and should be big attraction (both for recreation and careers)  
Needs endowed fund to maintain.  
Make it free - at least 1 day a week.  
Open the hiking/woods earlier for birders.

**WESSELMAN WOODS NATURE PRESERVE**





# PARK INVENTORY

Let us know things you like or dislike about the park/facility? What could make for a better experience?

Example: Great playground, but needs more places to sit.



More activities (organized for 12-18 priority) more active Music Fest.  
Need male and female volunteer for kids with education reading and math.  
Neat/central location - underused  
Renovate

## CK NEWSOME COMMUNITY CENTER



Angel mound dock is in bad shape, dock was not out this weekend, pathway to dock is in bad shape.  
Important for a River City.  
Angel mounds is and has been in terrible condition  
No downtown dock for recreational boaters.  
Henderson and Owensboro are years ahead of EVV. What a joke our riverfront and docks are! - Yes, why did we let this happen?

## BOAT RAMPS



Indoor/outdoor pool @ Hartke - DAC drive parents have to pay even though they don't swim.  
Important life skill: swimming for a city with creeks and rivers, safety issue, need neighborhood pools  
Have Family free nights.  
Do not know where the pools are located  
Add another indoor pool for lap swimming and skills.  
City swim teams are a plus and teach skills used for all ages 3-100. Safety skills.  
Revitalize Helfrich pool and bath house.

## POOLS & AQUATIC CENTER



Re-open Wesselman 3 par course.  
Consider closing one or more municipal golf courses.  
Re-open golf course or put in driving range and Wesselman's.  
Celebrate Helfrich Golf Course 100 year birthday.  
Plant 100 trees at Helfrich.

## GOLF COURSES



More activities, more things to do.  
Love it - Line the west facing roof with solar to offset electric costs.  
Great facility, our kids and their friends love this year round activity.

## SWONDER ICE ARENA



Better informational signs on exhibits with facts about the animals.  
Love it - city treasure, needs more money.  
Free days for residents.  
Would like to see the animals put back in their natural habitat.  
Close the zoo, city can't afford it.

## MESKER ZOO



## RUNDELL ERNSTBERGER ASSOCIATES

### Meeting Notes

**Date:** August 25, 2022

**Project Number:** 2022-1657  
**Project Name:** Evansville 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

**From:** Pete Andriot  
**To:** Steering Committee

**Subject:** Comment Cards from Public Open house

#### Public Comments:

- A. The Evansville community needs more dog parks.
- B. As a representative of AARP Indiana, we believe that increased emphasis on facilities for older citizens and those with physical disabilities.
- C. Make Roberts Park a street ball court park with a Roberts Stadium Replica memorial.
- D. Make the ballfields at Kleymeyer MLB themed ahead of the MLB game.
- E. Build pedestrian bridge between Kleymeyer and Garvin.
- F. Secure US 41 bridge to connect greenway to Henderson.
- G. Playgrounds need shade structures like I saw all over Austin, TX. With climate change, that will soon be us.
- H. Restrooms available year-round all daylight hours. Especially Wesselaman Park and Mickeys Kingdom. Provide cameras and security if needed, vandals no excuse. We deserve nice things. Water fountains too like Friedman Park. No wonder population is moving to Newburgh.
- I. Picnic shelters costing \$90 is outrageous. Provide more picnic shelters. Allow reservation same as the library system uses to reserve conference rooms. Free with library card.
- J. Allow free admissions at zoo, museum, and nature center with an EVPL card at any time. We deserve nice things.
- K. Renters/low-income households pay 2x the property tax rate as homeowners yet the city amenities they pay for are out of their reach.
- L. Do not allow corporate names on any amenities that our tax dollars also go to. Only if they fund the entire project do they earn a name. Also if they receive any tax abatements the donation must exceed the tax break. We are not servants of the corporations.
- M. The grass area of Wesselman's to be covered with Pickleball is used for family softball and groups of medieval cosplay. Find a space other than over the little bit of green space to pave.
- N. Open the concession stand at Wesselman's near the restrooms or at least have vending machines. Ice cream trucks stopping there do great business. Don't let vandals be an excuse. Provide Security.
- O. Tepe Park - provide lights at the basketball court.
- P. Provide activities for teens and tweens.
- Q. Money can be raised to fund some solid endowments. It can be done.
- R. Population decline can be abated with good greenspace.
- S. Underserved neighborhoods need maintenance first.
- T. 1 wish = Parks Foundation doing its job. Money to maintain and expand.
- U. The Vanderburgh Humane Society's "Cardio for Canines" and "Mutts Morning Out" programs use Garvin Park every single weekend, and we are two blocks from there. We would absolutely love to be part of the planning process for Garvin (and other pet-related parks amenities city-wide). Please get in touch with us with questions. Thank you!
- V. More maintenance of what exists.



- W. Why are there not more restrooms?
- X. Why is the EVSC not involved with this?
- Y. We do not need more green space until we take care of what we have. Is there still a hiring freeze on parks department employees?
- Z. Please take care of the parks we have now before we build anything new. Please mow the grass and trim the trees.
- AA. Finish bike paths before building new ones.
- BB. Bike paths on the road lanes are just plain stupid.
- CC. Streetlights at Wesselman's are all out.
- DD. Need more emergency call stations.
- EE. Drainage issues need to be corrected.
- FF. Dogs need to be kept on leashes, provide more dog waste stations.
- GG. Provide more picnic tables in parks.
- HH. Homeless people are using the shelters.
- II. Need an aggressive campaign for funding for a full-time staffed Parks Association/Foundation.
- JJ. Provide strong youth recreation programs.
- KK. Top priority should be Garvin Park. Contact the state about the geese. Needs to be done yesterday.
- LL. Need a maintenance priority list – prioritize and tackle in order.
- MM. Link Cedar Hall and other schools to Greenway.
- NN. Charge higher fees for out of county golfers.
- OO. Restore Mesker Amphitheater.



# PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE #2

## EVANSVILLE 5-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



We want to hear from you to understand what improvements are needed for the Evansville parks system.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Attend the second Community Open House on Thursday, October 27 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the CK Newsome Center to tell us your wants and desires for the parks system.

Visit the official 5-year Parks Master Plan website at [www.evansvilleparksplan.com](http://www.evansvilleparksplan.com) to complete a brief survey and provide your feedback.



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# COMMUNITY INPUT

Public Input to date:

- Public Open House #1
  - 58 sign-in attendees
- Virtual Open House
  - 5,603 views/1,807 unique users
- Surveys
  - Community Survey - 1,134 responses



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

**These are the most common topics and themes from the community survey, website, focus groups, and open house.**

**MAINTENANCE.** Improved maintenance of existing facilities was the top response on the survey, voting exercise at the open house, and a topic at all focus groups.

**IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITIES.** Re-invest in what already exists: modernize playgrounds, maintain sports courts and fields, clean and open restrooms, etc.

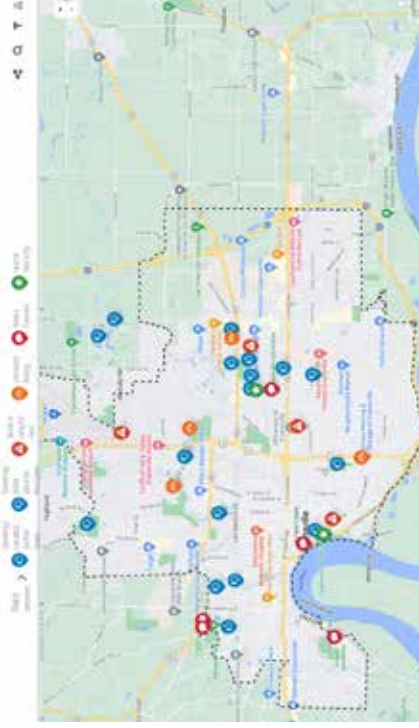
**TRAILS AND CONNECTIVITY.** There is overwhelming desire for more walking paths within parks; from neighborhoods to parks, and from park to park.

**RESTROOMS.** Clean, accessible, open restrooms. Additional restroom facilities.

**SAFETY.** Increased lighting and emergency call stations.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS.** Events for all ages. Music in the park, Movies in the park, Theater in the park. A Spring Festival to compliment the Fall Festival.

**HONORABLE MENTIONS:** Riverfront activation, splash pads, and dog parks.





## Did we forget anything...

Considering the placement of 24 pickleball courts in a location other than Wesselman Park.

PLACE STICKY  
NOTES HERE

Was there a new park or improvement to an existing park that you were expecting to see and didn't? Did we miss something you believe is needed in the parks system?



**REA**

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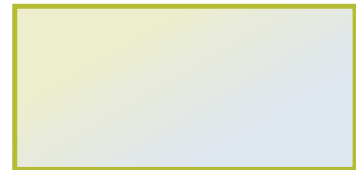
- Upgrade Playground Surface to poure-in-place rubber
- Add accessible perimeter sidewalks
- Add accessible paths to park amenities



**AKIN PARK**



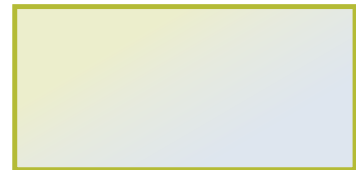
- Replace/repair inaccessible sidewalk at perimeter
- Add accessible path to playgrounds
- Renovate or replace shelter
- Remove old lights



**ANTHONY OATES PARK**



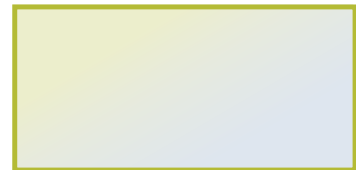
- Add accessible walking loop and path to playground
- Add sidewalk on Kentucky Ave.
- Remove old play structure
- Add poured-in-place safety surface at remaining play equipment



**BAYARD PARK**



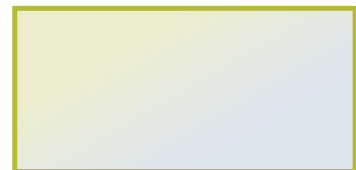
- Resurface and renovate basketball courts
- Add lighting
- Replace old property fence
- Ensure parking lot accessibility



**BELLMEADE PARK**



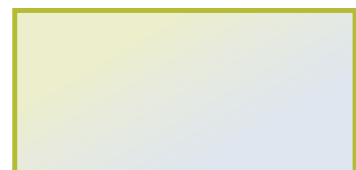
- Add accessible walk to shelter
- Consolidate play equipment and basketball courts
- Remove older outdated playground equipment
- Make playgrounds safer by replacing stone mulch and add a safety surface to all swings



**CALDWELL PARK**



- Make playgrounds safer by replacing stone mulch
- Add picnic tables
- Add sidewalk on 9th Ave
- Evaluate need for playground given proximity to 11th Avenue Park



**CASSELBERRY PARK**



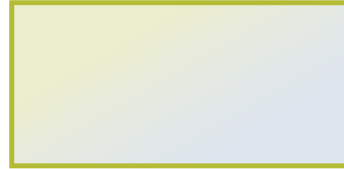
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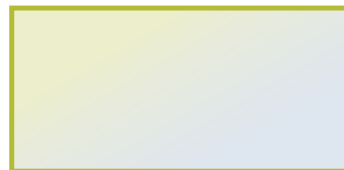
- Replace lighting and goals at basketball courts
- Replace the safety surface at playground with poured-in-place rubber
- Renovate or replace shelter
- Ensure ADA accessibility at bridges, ramps, and piers



**DIAMOND VALLEY PARK**



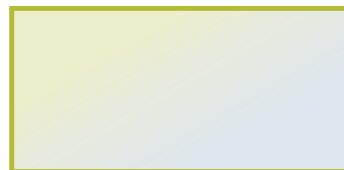
- Provide accessible route to playground
- Remove older equipment and reduce the safety surface footprint
- Install pavement and recovery zone around basketball court



**ELEVENTH AVENUE PARK**



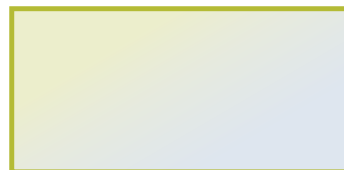
- DESIGN WORK ON HOLD
- Will proceed when developer secured.
- Flexible programmed urban park with ice rink



**FOURTH AND MAIN PARK**



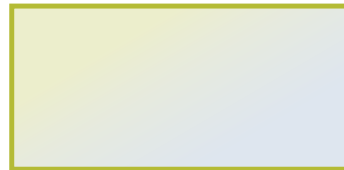
- Consolidate playground equipment and remove older play structures
- Provide accessible route to park amenities
- Renovate shelter
- Replant and weed garden



**FULTON PARK**



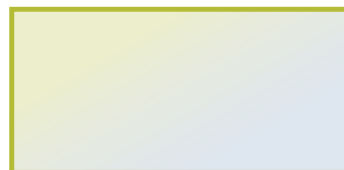
- Renovate historic fountain
- Add drinking fountains and dog waste stations
- Replace restroom, north shelter house, and playground with new facilities
- Repair erosion along shoreline, lake walk, and bridges
- Establish pedestrian connection to Kleymer Park



**GARVIN PARK**



- Complete perimeter walking path
- Add pedestrian entrance off Green River Road



**GOEBEL SOCCER COMPLEX**



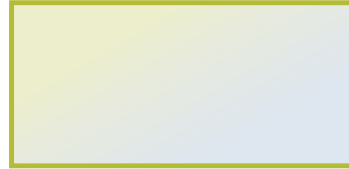
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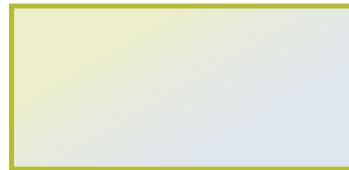
- Remove old sports courts
- Restore hilltop park to a natural condition
- Resurface and stripe Golfmoor Road parking lot



**GOLFMOOR PARK**



- Expand safety surface at the swings and slide
- Remove weeds from raised planter and convert to garden



**GOOSETOWN PARK**



- Modernize curb ramps on streets
- Maintain plant beds along plaza

Trash cans get full, overflow.  
Homeless people sleep here at night.

**HAYNIE'S CORNER**



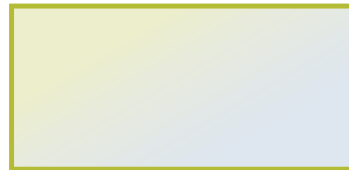
- Replace pool with splash pad
- Renovate pool house to have restrooms and community room
- Provide accessible route from parking to baseball facility

Replace pool, open splashpad for small children.  
Remove pool house, general consensus of westside.

**HELFRICH PARK**



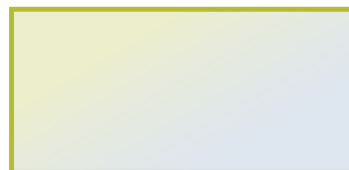
- Make playgrounds safer by replacing stone mulch
- Add shade with a shade structure and/or more trees



**HOMESTEAD PARK**



- Rename park to prevent confusion
- Remove or restore old play equipment
- Re-establish safety surface at swings.



**HOWELL MINI PARK**





# PARK-BY-PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Remove old play equipment to reduce maintenance
- Re-establish safety surface around swings & play structures
- Modernize restrooms
- Provide accessible paths and ensure parking lot is fully accessible
- Ideal dog park location

**HOWELL PARK**



- Provide accessible paved path to building
- Replace aging boardwalks to ensure safety
- Renovate building to operate as a nature center

**HOWELL WETLANDS**



- Replace Lloyd Pool and old restroom building with splash pad and a new restroom building
- Ensure parking lots are fully ADA accessible
- Resurface and update lighting at sports courts
- Add soft trails in the east woods

**IGLEHEART PARK**



- Install concrete curbs and poured-in-place safety surface around new equipment
- Replace broken picnic tables
- Install concrete pads under benches

**JACOBVILLE PARK**



- Reduce pavement at entrance to define park road
- Remove brush piles and debris
- Refurbish ball fields and buildings
- Pave remainder of park road to the dog park
- Add soft trails and boardwalks in wooded areas
- Pedestrian connection to Garvin

Add running water to dog park. gut softball and re-do, softball is huge in EVV & someplace additional would be incredible.

**KLEYMEYER PARK**



- Refurbish ball field buildings
- Coordinate with EWSU to stabilize slopes
- Convert turf areas to meadow to reduce maintenance

Skatepark could be removed and/or replaced w/ different amenities.  
New infield dirt - current dirt is dangerous.

**LAMASCO PARK**



# PARK-BY-PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Replace outdated swings and play structures with right-sized equipment for the space

**LINE STREET PARK**



- Make playgrounds safer by replacing stone mulch
- Remove old play structures and reduce mulch requirements
- Provide paved accessible route to shelter house

**LORRAINE PARK**



- Make playgrounds safer by replacing stone mulch
- Refurbish shelters and modernize restrooms
- Reinforce shoulders and slopes along road
- Pave gravel parking lot

Yes, modernize the restrooms.

**MESKER PARK**



- Keep restrooms open during park hours
- Spot repairs on poured-in-place safety surface
- Add trash bin corral

Yes, keep restrooms open during park hours.

**MICKEY'S KINGDOM**



- Update safety surface at playground
- Make path to the lake fully accessible w/ node at lake loop
- Add fall protection railings at pedestrian bridge approaches

**MOUTOUX PARK**



- Add shade with more trees and/or a shade structure
- Remove outdated play equipment
- Add accessible walk

**OLMSTEAD PARK**



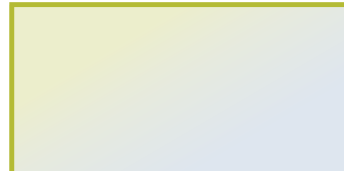
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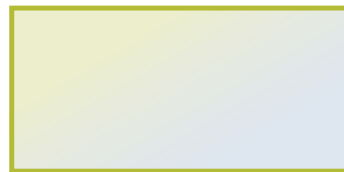
- Replace outdated playground equipment
- Repair and update restroom facilities
- Add perimeter trail
- Reduce fencing



**PRICE PARK**



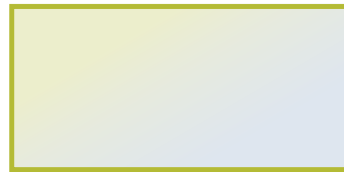
- Provide more public restrooms
- Provide more programming to energize the space
- Provide more trash cans and dog waste stations
- Address the broken red stone spheres



**RIVERFRONT CORRIDOR**



- DESIGN COMPLETE
- Construction begins this year!



**RIVERFRONT SKATE PARK**



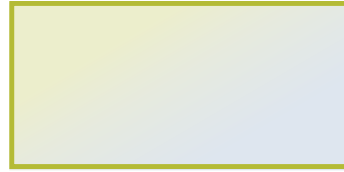
- Greenway from Lloyd pedestrian bridge to future rail-trail
- 10-acre festival grounds
- Plant more trees to provide shade
- Ideal dog park location



**ROBERTS PARK**



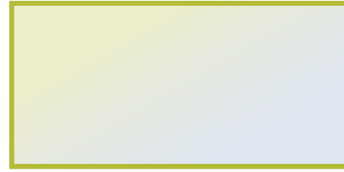
- Provide paved accessible route to play structures
- Replace outdated playground equipment
- Plant more trees



**SHERIDAN PARK**



- Make playgrounds safer by replacing stone mulch
- Provide accessible route to park amenities
- Plant more trees to provide shade



**SIXTH AVENUE PARK**





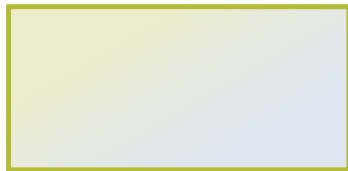
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- Add picnic tables and trash cans
- Add paved accessible route to playground
- Add safety surface at all swings



STEVENSON PARK



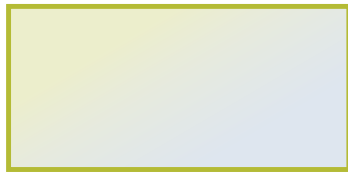
- Complete western walking loop - gap from Lloyd pedestrian bridge to disc golf hole #1
- Pave gravel parking lots along Vann Ave - align entrances with cross streets

More Trails.

STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS



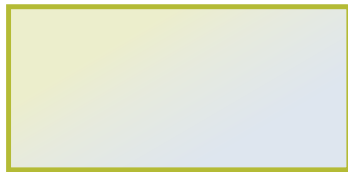
- Pave gravel parking lot
- Upgrade old tennis courts into futsal court
- Add public restroom



STOCKWELL PARK



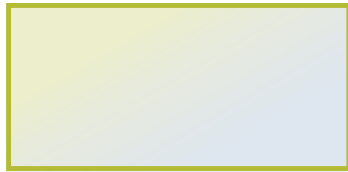
- Remove outdated play equipment
- Add accessible walking paths and sidewalk along Sunset Ave



SUNSET PARK



- Provide paved accessible route to shelter and playground
- Provide additional seating and lighting at basketball court
- Accessible ramp to house has been rebuilt.



TEPE PARK



- Make playgrounds safer by replacing stone mulch
- Provide paved accessible route to park amenities
- Provide outdoor games (chess, table tennis, etc)

Improve landscaping around signage of gazebo.

VANN PARK



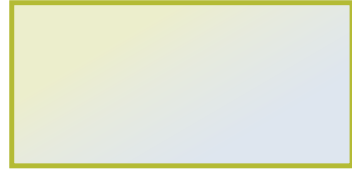
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- Provide paved accessible routes to park amenities
- Provide lighting at basketball court
- Repair and update baseball fields, buildings, and fences



VANN POLLACK PARK



- New park entry and signage
- Greenway connection from rail trail to Lloyd pedestrian bridge
- Internal walking paths to connect facilities
- Upgrade restroom facilities
- Refurbish softball, basketball, volleyball
- Add pickleball
- Replace outdated playground

Bathrooms by softball fields.  
Change softball infield soil - dangerous.  
Have independent study of feasibility of holding large tournament in pickleball area. 48 courts, hundreds of players, room for support facilities, reception tent, port-a-pots, EMS, waste stations, etc?  
Please put pickleball some place else. This is currently a beautiful, peaceful area, please do not destroy it.  
Ensure ADA playground.

WESSELMAN PARK



- New park entry and signage
- New Nature Center Facility with restrooms
- Expansion into old golf course w/ successional forest

Remove loading dock next to local recycling building.

WESSELMAN WOODS NATURE PRESERVE



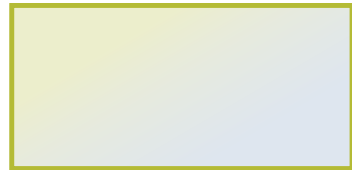
- Plant new trees
- Enhance horticulture in front of library entrance
- Coordinate with Street Dept to update curb ramps around property

Create designated spot for trash cans - so not spreadout.  
Plant several new trees.

WESTSIDE LIBRARY PARK



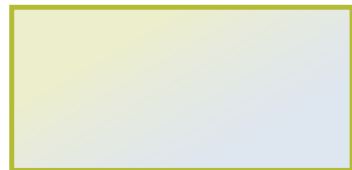
- Remove old outdated play equipment
- Install poured-in-place rubber safety surface at new play equipment
- Provide accessible routes to playground
- Resurface basketball half-courts



WESTSIDE NUT CLUB PARK (STOPLIGHT CITY)



- Plant new trees
- Expand soft-surface walking paths



WILLARD LIBRARY PARK



# FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS

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- New program director in 2023.
- More activities and programming

Renovate building.  
More wood gym floors and add additional volleyball cart to accommodate tournaments.

## CK NEWSOME COMMUNITY CENTER



- Repave Angel Mounds boat ramp - DONE!
- Angel Mounds parking to be repaved 2023.
- Plant more trees.

Add trails.  
Maintain mowing throughout year at both.

## BOAT RAMPS



- Red Mosby pool needs new lounge chairs
- Demo Lloyd Pool facility
- Renovate Hartke bath house

Helfrich needs pool liner remodel to fit.  
New pool - Helfrich.  
Spray park - Helfrich

## OUTDOOR POOLS & AQUATIC CENTER



- Replace irrigation at Helfrich
- Repave cart paths
- Update bunkers
- Drainage improvements at Fendrich

Remove dead trees at Helfrich.

## GOLF COURSES



- Mechanical equipment needs replaced
- Add heaters at stands
- Locker rooms need refreshed
- Needs more storage
- Long-term goal: third sheet of ice

## SWONDER ICE ARENA



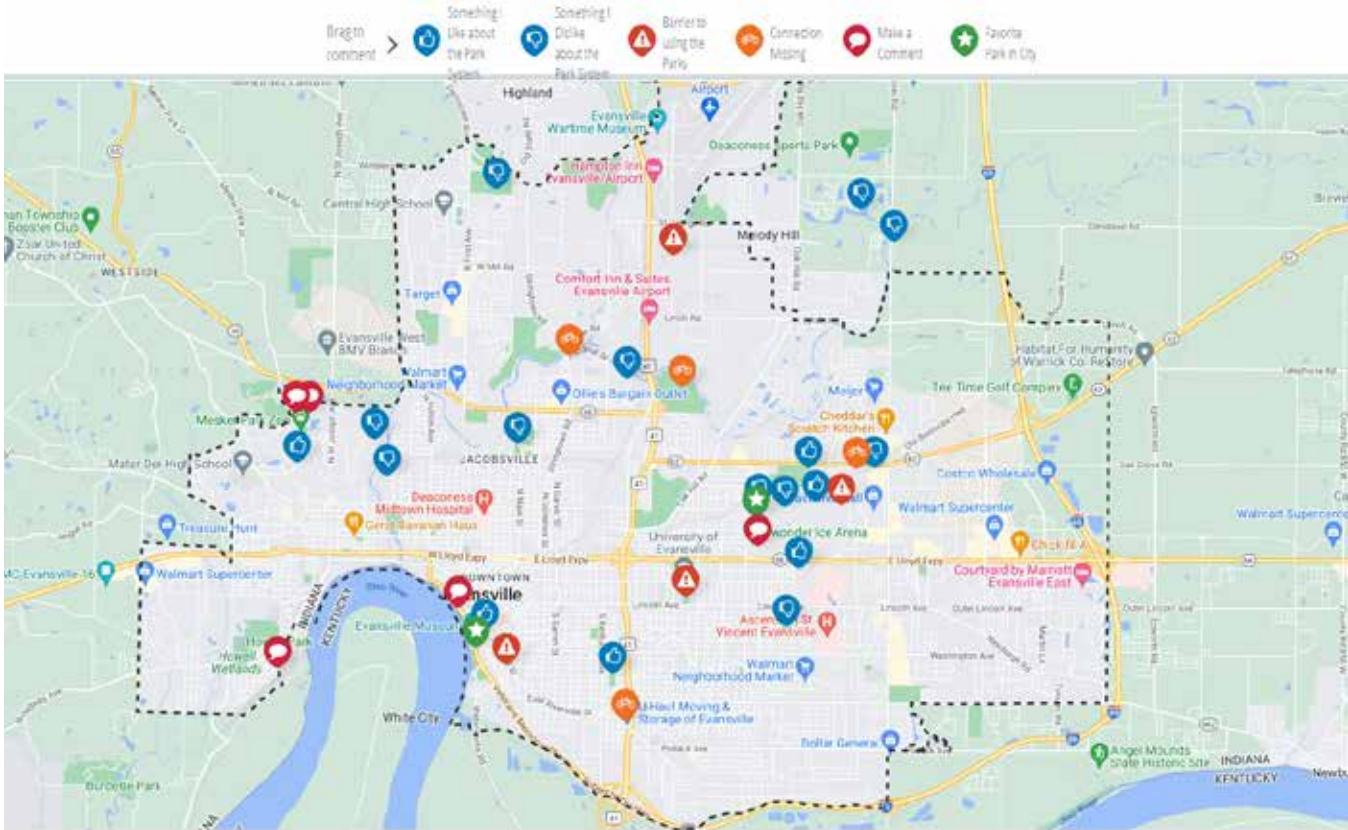
- New emergency blue phones installed.
- More on the way.
- Continue to pursue grants to complete planned segments

## GREENWAY PASSAGE





# VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE #1



Something I Dislike about the Park System	I love Garvin Park, it's one of the only fully accessible parks for me (disabled and unable to walk far, uneven, distances) to park wherever along the drive. Disappointed the playground that was removed for new pool wasn't replaced. Was also disappointed in the available open swim times in this huge brand new project. I was looking forward to it, hoping it would be better, but it feels closed off and "not for" people who just want to swim for fun.
Barrier to using the Parks	Park at state hospital needs intermittent spaces to park and sit. Was told to "move on" when stopped along center path on other side of lake "plenty of parking" that is too far to walk from without a single bench for someone with a disability. Is it only for those fully capable?
Favorite Park in City	I love Wesselman Park. It's nearby, beautiful, and accessible. I understand the need for a fee to enter the nature trails, but please offer education about receiving assistance (library passes), or more opportunities to make accessible to everyone. Please limit any more recreation to Roberts Park, or par-3 course rather the cramped places being proposed for pickleball (and any future plans). Roberts park and par3 area are further from, and will be less intrusive in residential area nearby
Make a Comment	Improve riverfront by adding more "park space" rather than thousands of outdoor seating for attractions that no longer exist.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	10 +/- years ago, Iglehart Park had the only 4 decent public tennis courts north of Diamond Ave This poor situation took a major step backward when it was decided to move the separate basketball courts at Iglehart dsiplacn already low # of tennis courts serving all of the north side of Evansville. Central High has very nice courts but they are locked to the public. Tennis courts are very woefully inadequate. A joint arrangement w/EVSC and/or dedicated tennis courts. are greatly needed.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	I recently heard about the plans to put pickle ball courts in Wesselman Park. I don't understand why you would ruin the beauty and serenity of Wesselman Park when there is all that land where Roberts Stadium used to be that the city/county has done nothing with for 10 yrs!
Connection Missing	There are lots of amazing sidewalks being put in this area, however, if you live on the west side of highway 57, you have no way of accessing those sidewalks that will eventually lead to Goebel Soccer Complex and Deaconess Sports Park unless you take the risk of crossing Highway 57.
Make a Comment	This old golf course is could be an amazing park. Most residents already use the old paths for walking however, there is nothing official that says whether or not you can use it. There is also a private bridge that connects the Stonecreek subdivision to this area. Many residents use this bridge. It would be nice if it was an official bridge that was open to the public. It could also be a great path for all the kids in the subdivision to walk or even ride bikes to school at McCutchanville.

Type	Comment
Make a Comment	I do believe that the Zoo is severely under utilized and more expansion and planning should be done here. Including utilizing the amphitheater and shelter houses as part of the Zoo grounds.
Something I Like about the Park System.	Caring for trees and storm damage
Connection Missing	Connect 41 corridor trail to river front
Barrier to using the Parks	There is lots of local traffic along this stretch of Stockwell and the downed trees and trash give a bad impression of the park. In addition, I don't believe there is signage to direct people to the park entrance.
Favorite Park in City	Best playground, cleanest, and has parking close by. Near the Greenway too.
Something I Like about the Park System.	Protection of Wesselman Park and Wesselman Nature Preserve as an island of green space in the center of Evansville, Further developed recreation facilities should go to Roberts Park, retain Wesselman for informal, casual recreation and walking, bicycling, etc.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	Purchase all new lounge chairs for Mosby Pool.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	Open bathrooms and not charge to hike in the woods
Something I Like about the Park System.	Wesselman Woods is a treasure! The largest old growth stand in city limits! We need to showcase it better and build the habitat around the woods to keep it as intact and healthy as is possible.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	The bathrooms at Wesselman Woods are not open enough. This is a real problem for kids and disabled people effectively barred from going to the park when the bathrooms are not available. There are also plans to build more infrastructure there when the location needs more trees and restoration to support the woods already there--not more buildings and facilities without proper long term funds for upkeep. The woods should also be free to all. Our natural history is everyone's--not some luxury!
Barrier to using the Parks	Bathrooms closed when the park is teeming with kids? Come on Evansville! Spring is early and fall is late now. I have heard families all over town frustrated by this. Why build such a beautiful playground and then make it inaccessible to the very people who love it most? Nearly every other town has a bathroom for the kids in nice weather. We should be able to make the park accessible to people who need to use the bathroom, i.e. all of us!
Something I Like about the Park System.	I love the bike trails and only wish they went even further and finally connected all the way from USI to Angel Mounds. Other towns of a similar size have so many more trails. I wish we had similar infrastructure, but I do love what little we do have.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	Actively replace hardwood trees with new hardwoods through a consistent replacement plan.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	New paths are being built with no visible plans for maintenance. A large number of the solar lights along the us 41 bike path have not been working for a long period and there is little evidence of repair. Between walnut and Lincoln only two lights are currently working. Likewise trash cans at intersections (so they can easily be picked up) are solely needed on all paths.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	The zoo is sorely underfunded. Visitors have to walk pass numerous abandoned displays. The new additions are wonderful but much of the zoo does not show Evansville well. As much as I love the zoo, it is nearing the point where city leaders need to decide whether or not they are committed to having a zoo.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	The recent action by the parks department to over-expand the plan for pickle ball courts in wesselman park is a travesty. Players had asked for 10 courts near the existing tennis courts. All of a sudden it was 24 courts, parking and bleachers at the cost of taking out large trees. Leave wesselman park green and and put these convention and visitors bureau projects in roberts park where trees do not need to be removed.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	Projects like goebel sports park are not accessible to Evansville residents but rather to regional tournaments. Parks should be accessible to taxpayers.
Something I Like about the Park System.	The new path along walnut is wonderful. Ideas like this should continue to be developed but not at the expense of existing park facilities
Barrier to using the Parks	The newer paths are good but still have accessibility issues. There are places along the riverfront were bricks and sidewalks or not even and cause a tripping hazard. Parts of the river path by Mickey's kingdom have fallen away asphalt on the sides of the path. Some bike path Are not fully accessible. There are some walks leading Up to the bike paths 90° curbs - inaccessible Trees are not maintained so the branches are not hanging down onto the walking area. Make e for everyone
Connection Missing	utilize out of service railroad for connecting to the greenway system near 41N to green river road. This would allow foot traffic to divert from walking on Morgan ave where no pathway exist and expand the useage of the greenway system
Something I Dislike about the Park System	lighting needs updated for a more friendly and safer space in the evening, walking paths though out the park, better landscaping, electrical outlets
Make a Comment	I enjoy the frisbee golf courses in Mesker Park, but the park should be for multiple uses. The playground at the bottom of the hill was removed along with the surrounding picnic tables. It seems we are discouraging other uses of this very nice public land, which should be for everyone. Its great that the newer wooded course is being maintained by volunteers, but much of the understory trees & vegetation has been cleared. Trimming & tree cutting should be limited & guided by the City Arborist.
Connection Missing	Make greenway connection from Stringtown to Oak Hill
Connection Missing	Stringtown lacking sidewalks or paths does not allow access to the greenway.
Something I Like about the Park System.	Helfrich Golf Course is an absolute gem!!! It is the best public course we have in the City and could be one of the best in the midwest if improved & maintained properly. Lets show it some love, please.
Something I Dislike about the Park System	We need to be strategic when allocating resources for new bike/ped projects. The \$13 million sidewalk to nowhere along Green River Rd. will take us years to be able to connect it to the system. This is in contrast to the other much higher priority connections that are suggested on this map and are closer to the densely populated areas.
Make a Comment	Howell Par 3 is important to keep up now that our other City par 3 course has closed. It is a great place to go for those trying to learn the game. The Howell Booster Club is likely doing its best in running/maintaining it, but they need some help.
Make a Comment	Neighborhood pools are essential in the summer. People tend to rely on bigger attractions like Burdette but forget about those without the transportation that rely on neighborhood pools

The out of service rail road track that goes behind wesselman woods could be utilized as apart of the greenway system to divert people walking on Morgan ave where no path exist.

🗨️ Ideas | 25 days ago Like 🍌+5 Dislike 🗨️

Make the old Lloyd Pool a spray/splash area. The water is already there. The playground is used by many families. A spray park would be a great addition.

🗨️ Ideas | 24 days ago Like 🍌+3 Dislike 🗨️

At Wesselman Park, in the open grassy area to the east of the tennis courts put in a few picnic tables and shade trees - it's a nice area for family picnics, reading and relaxing away from traffic and surrounded by nature.

🗨️ Ideas | 25 days ago Like 🍌+2 Dislike 🗨️

We need to update our existing parks and provide more outdoor activities like exercise stations. Fix up what we currently have and update restrooms.

🗨️ General | a month ago Like 🍌+2 Dislike 🗨️

Mesker Festival. A yearly 3-4 day weekend music, arts, craft festival that incorporates Mesker Park, Zoo, AND Amphitheater. Half pot drawing. Local bands, local artists, + regional acts. Plays? Musicals? Partner with EVSC and their plays/musicals. This is a big country area, but PLEASE don't forget those of us who like rock, punk, etc! Could easily be an event for EVERYONE. In the spring for Memorial day to help set off the summer in the area, while the Fall Festival signals the end.

💰 Funding | 23 days ago Like 🍌+1 Dislike 🗨️

Offer group bike rides including the trails around Evansville so they get used more.

🗨️ Programs | a month ago Like 🍌 Dislike 🗨️

maintenance before new construction. start restricted funds via renewed parks foundation for maintenance.

🗨️ General | a month ago Like 🍌+5 Dislike 🗨️

In the Bicycle Connectivity master plan, maps that have been created that measure trail mileage that is not actually designated for bicycles. For example, the "Traffic Stress" map, color-coded from green to red, with green being the least-stressful, bicycle routes are shown to exist within the boundaries of Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve. No bicycle routes exist within Wesselman Woods Preserve. Howell Wetlands paths are not designated for bikes. Not a complaint, just an observation.

🗨️ General | a month ago Like 🍌+4 Dislike 🗨️

need a truly functioning Parks Foundation. The way it was originally envisioned in the 1980s. Dismantle and start fresh. This community supports parks — but needs to be asked and to see stewardship.

💰 Funding | a month ago Like 🍌+2 Dislike 🗨️

Please do something with Garvin Park - it has so much potential with the already mature trees and lakes, connectivity to the greenway and downtown, the new pool and Bosse field. Before the city spends one dime on Roberts Park, Garvin needs to be cleaned up and refurbished.

🗨️ General | 23 days ago Like 🍌+1 Dislike 🗨️

McDonald's and Fendrich golf courses seem to be maintained satisfactorily; however, there are several ongoing problems at Helfrich (in addition to the irrigation issue which has caused the loss of every green). The sand traps are rarely raked, weeds are growing within them, and they all need more sand to be added due to washout over the winter and spring. Weeds which have grown into trees surround the lake at the base of #6 green and the lake in front of #7 tee box. Golfers feel ignored

🗨️ Facilities | a month ago Like 🍌+1 Dislike 🗨️



At Wesselman Park, mark one side of the loop road as reserved for pedestrians and bicycles. It is supposed to be one-way so restricting motorized traffic to one lane should not be problematic and encourage slower travel and protection for the pedestrians and bicycles. Also remove the parking area in the back of the loop (north side) - this would improve safety in the park.

Ideas | a month ago

Like 4 Dislike

We have one of the largest old growth forest in city limits anywhere in the nation! This is unique and irreplaceable. That was the number one thing that stood out to me when I first moved here. But it does not seem like Evansville treats this gem with the respect it merits. It's one of a kind--not just another strip to be cluttered on every edge with concrete. An old growth forest needs ecosystemic support around it, but the city treats it like a hindrance to surround with human clutter.

Ideas | a month ago

Like 3 Dislike

I like that you're asking for feedback and I really hope the comments are taken seriously. This whole process of reaching out to the public is to be commended. It really troubles me, however, that there's hardly any mention of the golf courses in any of this material. They are a part of the Parks Dept. aren't they? Why wouldn't they be included with city parks, pools, zoo, etc.?

General | a month ago

Like 2 Dislike

Create a recreation center where the old golf course is at Wesselman Park. Make it an indoor center for winter time activities like indoor go-cart track, arcade, mini golf, paint gun, a place to bring your dogs, concessions, outdoor exercise stations, etc.

Ideas | a month ago

Like 1 Dislike

Have one main park that has great trail access, playground, or even pool/splash pad area that has a small daily fee like some larger parks in the nation. Could be the new Roberts Park.

Funding | a month ago

Like Dislike

Evansville has some of the least accessible park bathrooms of anywhere I have ever lived. They are often closed when use is high and the sun is still out. I understand worries about vandalism, but if every other town can find a way to make sure humans and their basic needs count at the park, surely we can too. Especially for kids or people with disabilities, no bathroom deeply limits access.

Facilities | a month ago

Like 4 Dislike

My thoughts on the parks & golf courses are when trees come down or r severely damaged in storms, replace those trees. There needs to be an on-going program for that. Instead of mowed grass along parts of the levee, I have seen other cities plant areas to create habitat for monarch butterflies, pollinators, etc. This would require some mgmt., but would reduce the amount of grass cutting. On Helfrich Golf Course, there are also areas that are not in play, and could be used for that as well.

Facilities | 24 days ago

Like 2 Dislike

Assign more law enforcement to be visible in the parks or patrol more often. If anything could be good safety stewards or enforce park rules as an emphasis to make them more enjoyable for all.

General | a month ago

Like 2 Dislike

Many people think of being active when they think of parks, which is great. But don't forget those who have limitations. Drivable parks like Garvin help those that can't walk to enjoy the nature. Seating areas, not just the ancient benches made of 4 pieces of wood, like at the state hospital park, periodically along trails is a great help for those who aren't in a wheelchair, but aren't able to walk for a long distance at once.

General | 22 days ago

Like 1 Dislike

Mosby Pool needs new lounge chairs. 3/4 of them are broken and won't sit up. Make the old Wesselman Golf Course into a dog park or water park and close down Hartke. Another thought would be to have an indoor recreational facility that offers a go-cart track, arcade, mini golf, paint gun, etc. Update and improve restroom facilities and have access even during winter months. Put up exercise stations in some of the parks. Have more stations with bags for picking up after your dog.



# VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE #2

## PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

### Typical Pocket Park

### Demonstration Improvements

#### JACOBSVILLE PARK PLAN

#### Evansville Pocket Parks:

- Caldwell Park
- Casselberry Park
- Goosetown Mini Park
- Haynie's Corner
- Homestead Park
- Howell Mini-Park
- Jacobsville Park
- Line Street Park
- Olmstead Park
- Sixth Avenue Park
- Stevenson Park
- Westside Nut Club Park



UPDATED PLANTING



OUTDOOR GAMES



UPGRADED PLAY SURFACE



ACCESSIBLE ROUTE WITH SEATING

#### SITE AMENITIES LEGEND

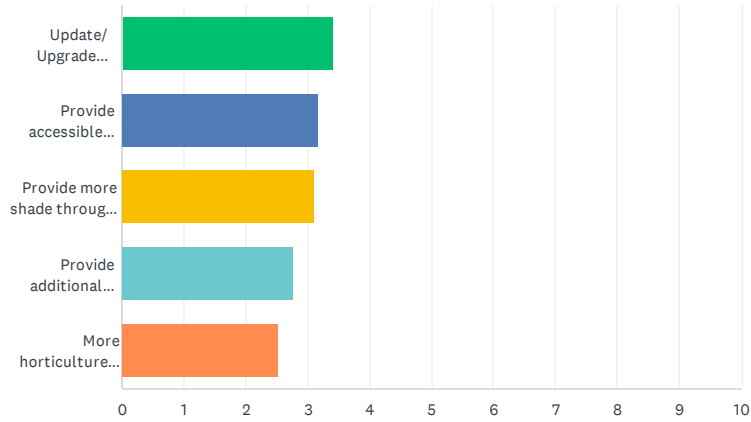
- (A) Upgrade Playground Surface to Poured in Place Rubber
- (B) Provide/Complete accessible route to all amenities
- (C) Re-establish Plantings
- (D) Provide picnic tables and trash cans at all parks



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Q1 These are features that need attention in the City's Pocket Parks. These are general recommendations for all pocket parks, not any one specific park. Please rank them from 1 = highest priority, to 5 = least priority.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 4



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Update/ Upgrade existing playground equipment and safety surfacing	33.33% 9	18.52% 5	18.52% 5	14.81% 4	14.81% 4	27	3.41
Provide accessible route to all park amenities	28.57% 8	14.29% 4	25.00% 7	10.71% 3	21.43% 6	28	3.18
Provide more shade through trees/shade structure	25.93% 7	22.22% 6	7.41% 2	25.93% 7	18.52% 5	27	3.11
Provide additional picnic tables and trash receptacles at all parks	11.54% 3	26.92% 7	11.54% 3	26.92% 7	23.08% 6	26	2.77
More horticulture - examples: planting, flower beds, etc.	0.00% 0	19.23% 5	38.46% 10	19.23% 5	23.08% 6	26	2.54

# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

## Typical Neighborhood Park

### Demonstration Improvements

#### FULTON PARK PLAN

#### Evansville Neighborhood Parks:

- Akin Park
- Anthony Oates Park
- Bayard Park
- Bellemeade Park
- Diamond Valley Park
- Eleventh Avenue Park
- Fulton Park
- Helfrich Park
- Lamasco Park
- Lorraine Park
- Sheridan Park
- Stockwell Park
- Sunset Park
- Tepe Park
- Vann park
- Van Pollack Park
- Westside Library Park
- Willard Library Park



OUTDOOR GAMES



UPDATED PLANTING



SHELTER



SPORTS COURTS

#### SITE AMENITIES LEGEND

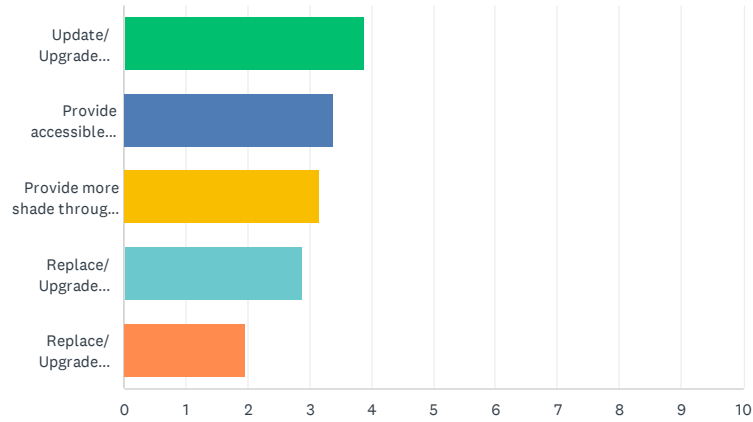
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| (A) Upgrade Playground Surface            | (E) Replace/Upgrade Shelter  |
| (B) Accessible perimeter walking path     | (F) Provide new park signage |
| (C) Accessible paths to park amenities    | (G) Resurface Sports Courts  |
| (D) Update playgrounds on a 20 year cycle |                              |



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Q2 These are features that need attention in the City's Neighborhood Parks. These are general recommendations for all neighborhood parks, not any one specific park. Please rank them from 1 = highest priority, to 5 = least priority.

Answered: 27 Skipped: 5



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Update/ Upgrade existing playground equipment and safety surfacing	44.00% 11	20.00% 5	20.00% 5	12.00% 3	4.00% 1	25	3.88
Provide accessible route to all park amenities	30.77% 8	26.92% 7	11.54% 3	11.54% 3	19.23% 5	26	3.38
Provide more shade through trees/shade structure	26.92% 7	19.23% 5	23.08% 6	3.85% 1	26.92% 7	26	3.15
Replace/ Upgrade existing basketball/tennis courts	4.00% 1	32.00% 8	24.00% 6	28.00% 7	12.00% 3	25	2.88
Replace/ Upgrade existing sports fields	0.00% 0	3.85% 1	23.08% 6	38.46% 10	34.62% 9	26	1.96



# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

## Typical Neighborhood Park

### Demonstration Improvements

#### AKIN PARK PLAN

#### Evansville Neighborhood Parks:

- Akin Park
- Anthony Oates Park
- Bayard Park
- Bellemeade Park
- Diamond Valley Park
- Eleventh Avenue Park
- Fulton Park
- Helfrich Park
- Lamasco Park
- Lorraine Park
- Sheridan Park
- Stockwell Park
- Sunset Park
- Tepe Park
- Vann park
- Van Pollack Park
- Westside Library Park
- Willard Library Park



**BASKETBALL**



**SHELTER/  
RESTROOM**



**PAVED PATHS**



**ACCESSIBLE ROUTE  
WITH SEATING**

#### SITE AMENITIES LEGEND

- |                                        |                                            |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| (A) Upgrade Playground Surface         | (E) Sculpture and/or Fountain Installation |
| (B) Accessible perimeter walking path  | (F) Resurface Sports Courts                |
| (C) Accessible paths to park amenities |                                            |
| (D) New Shelter                        |                                            |



# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

## Typical Community Park

### Demonstration Improvements

#### KLEYMEYER PARK PLAN

#### Evansville Regional Parks and Complexes:

- Howell Park & Wetlands
- Kley Meyer Park & Garvin Park
- Wesselman Park, Woods, & Roberts Park



**DOG PARK**



**ASPHALT PATHS**



**BASEBALL COMPLEX**



**WALKING TRAILS**

#### SITE AMENITIES LEGEND

- |                                        |                                                     |                                            |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| (A) Upgrade/install park signage       | (E) Improve connections to surrounding neighborhood | (H) Repair existing sports courts/field    |
| (B) Accessible perimeter walking path  | (F) Provide more locations for seating/gathering    | (I) Provide better parking and site access |
| (C) Accessible paths to park amenities | (G) Provide more locations for trash receptacles    |                                            |
| (D) Optional Bridge Connection         |                                                     |                                            |





# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

## Typical Community Park

### Demonstration Improvements

#### IGLEHEART PARK PLAN

#### Evansville Community Parks:

- Garvin Park
- Golfmoor Park
- Igleheart Park
- Mesker Park
- Moutoux Park
- Price Park
- Riverfront Corridor
- Roberts Park
- State Hospital Grounds



#### SITE AMENITIES LEGEND

- |                                        |                                                     |                                           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| (A) Upgrade Playground Surface         | (E) Improve connections to surrounding neighborhood | (H) Upgrade/install park signage          |
| (B) Accessible perimeter walking path  | (F) Provide more locations for seating/gathering    | (I) Repair existing sports courts/field   |
| (C) Accessible paths to park amenities | (G) Provide more locations for trash receptacles    | (J) Provide and updated restroom facility |
| (D) Add Spray Park                     |                                                     |                                           |



SPRAY PARK



PICKLEBALL COURTS



SPORTS COURTS



SHELTER



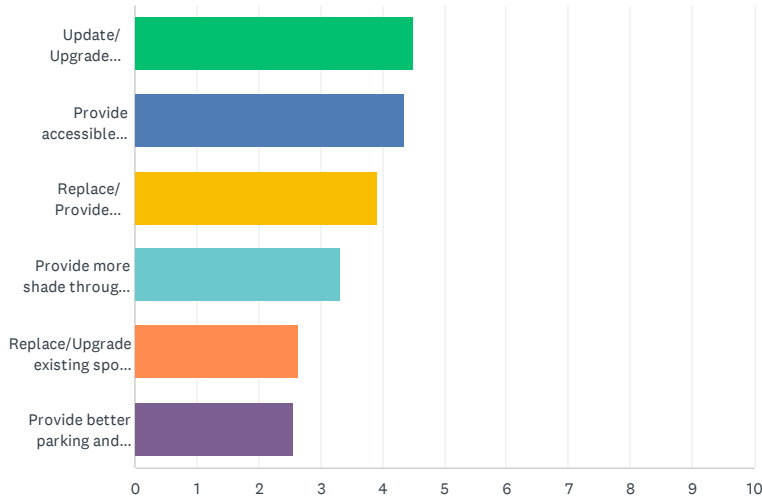
WALKING TRAILS



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Q3 These are features that need attention in the City's Community Parks. These are general recommendations for all community parks, not any one specific park. Please rank them from 1 = highest priority, to 6 = least priority.

Answered: 27 Skipped: 5



	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Update/ Upgrade existing playground equipment and provide poured in place safety surfacing	29.17% 7	29.17% 7	12.50% 3	20.83% 5	8.33% 2	0.00% 0	24	4.50
Provide accessible route to all park amenities	30.77% 8	23.08% 6	15.38% 4	15.38% 4	11.54% 3	3.85% 1	26	4.35
Replace/ Provide upgraded lighting and emergency call stations	23.08% 6	19.23% 5	26.92% 7	3.85% 1	11.54% 3	15.38% 4	26	3.92
Provide more shade through trees/shade structure	20.83% 5	16.67% 4	4.17% 1	12.50% 3	25.00% 6	20.83% 5	24	3.33
Replace/Upgrade existing sports facilities	4.35% 1	8.70% 2	17.39% 4	13.04% 3	30.43% 7	26.09% 6	23	2.65
Provide better parking and access to the park	0.00% 0	4.00% 1	24.00% 6	28.00% 7	12.00% 3	32.00% 8	25	2.56

# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

## Typical Regional Park

### Demonstration Improvements

#### ROBERTS & WESSLEMAN PARK PLAN

#### Evansville Regional Parks and Complexes:

- Howell Park & Wetlands
- Kleymeyer Park & Garvin Park
- Wesselman Park, Woods, & Roberts Park



#### SITE AMENITIES LEGEND

- |                              |                                 |                                                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| (A) 10 acre Festival Grounds | (E) Renovated Hartke Pool       | (I) Stormwater Wetlands                                         |
| (B) Dog Parks                | (F) Potential Future Rail Trail | (J) Successional Meadows                                        |
| (C) Sports Complex           | (G) Greenway Trail              | (K) New Nature Center                                           |
| (D) Playground and Splashpad | (H) Pickleball Courts           | (L) Future pedestrian connection to Morgan Avenue neighborhoods |



PLAYGROUND



PICKLEBALL COURTS



SPRAY PAD



DOG PARK



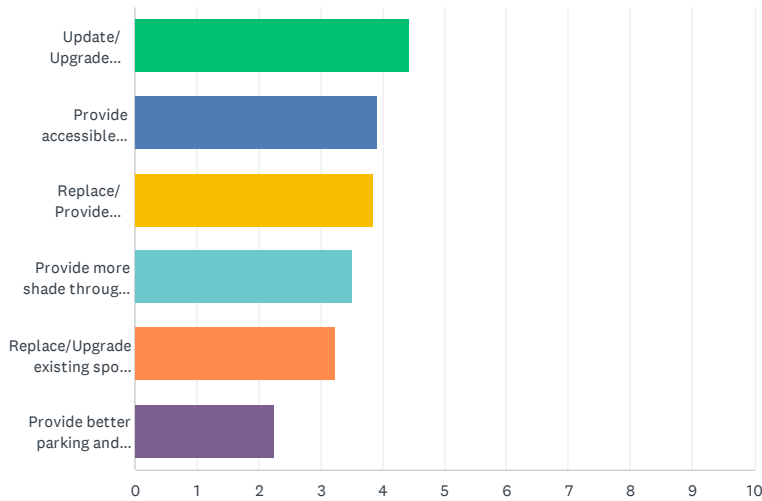
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Q4 These are features that need attention in the City's Regional Parks. These are general recommendations for all regional parks, not any one specific park. Please rank them from 1 = highest priority, to 6 = least priority.

Answered: 27 Skipped: 5



	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Update/ Upgrade existing playground equipment and provide poured in place safety surfacing	24.00% 6	32.00% 8	12.00% 3	28.00% 7	4.00% 1	0.00% 0	25	4.44
Provide accessible route to all park amenities	20.00% 5	20.00% 5	24.00% 6	12.00% 3	16.00% 4	8.00% 2	25	3.92
Replace/ Provide upgraded lighting and emergency call stations	30.77% 8	7.69% 2	19.23% 5	15.38% 4	11.54% 3	15.38% 4	26	3.85
Provide more shade through trees/shade structure	16.00% 4	20.00% 5	8.00% 2	24.00% 6	20.00% 5	12.00% 3	25	3.52
Replace/Upgrade existing sports facilities	16.00% 4	16.00% 4	12.00% 3	12.00% 3	20.00% 5	24.00% 6	25	3.24
Provide better parking and access to the park	0.00% 0	4.17% 1	20.83% 5	8.33% 2	29.17% 7	37.50% 9	24	2.25



# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

## System-Wide Recommendations



### Update & Upgrade Playgrounds

### Update & Upgrade Playgrounds

- Replace pea gravel mulch immediately for ADA accessibility.
- Remove and/or replace older playground equipment to prevent health and safety issues and reduce maintenance.
- Install poured in place surface on new and future facilities to increase accessibility and reduce maintenance.



### Lighting & Signage

### Lighting & Signage

- Update/Replace park lighting to ensure safety.
- Work with Centerpoint Energy to replace burned-out street lights around all parks.
- Upgrade and/or add lighting to sports courts.
- Create signage network/package at all scales.
- Install emergency call stations at all community and regional park facilities.



### Ensure Access to Restroom Facilities

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- Upgrade or replace failing infrastructure.
- Ensure restrooms are open for public use.
- Ensure facilities are ADA accessible.



### Increase Parks Maintenance

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- Add additional mowing crew to reduce service time to one week maximum between mowing in summer.
- Top off wood-fiber mulch at all playgrounds every two years minimum.
- Replace older play equipment annually. Two playgrounds per year average.
- Install trash can corrals in parks.



### Remove and Replant Trees

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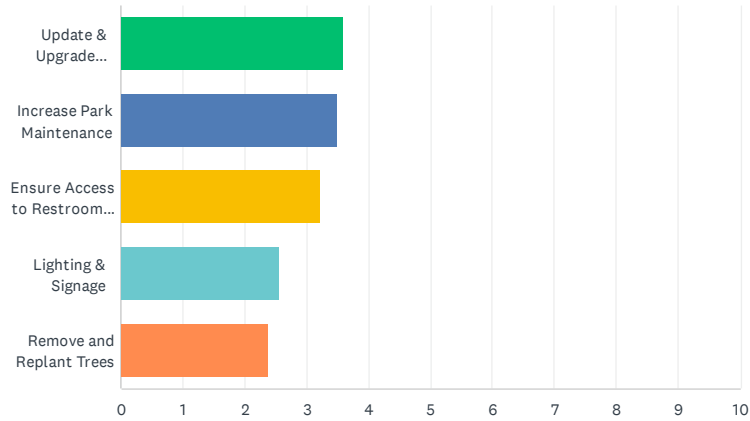
- Remove dead and dying mature trees, with priority on trees afflicted by emerald ash borer, oak galls, spotted lanternfly, and other invasive parasites.
- Partner with Urban Forestry to continue to plant young trees in parks on an annual basis.
- Establish a baseline minimum annual planting goal of planting 50 trees per year in parks!



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Q5 These are areas that need attention in the City's Parks. Please rank them from 1 = highest priority, to 5 = least priority.

Answered: 27 Skipped: 5

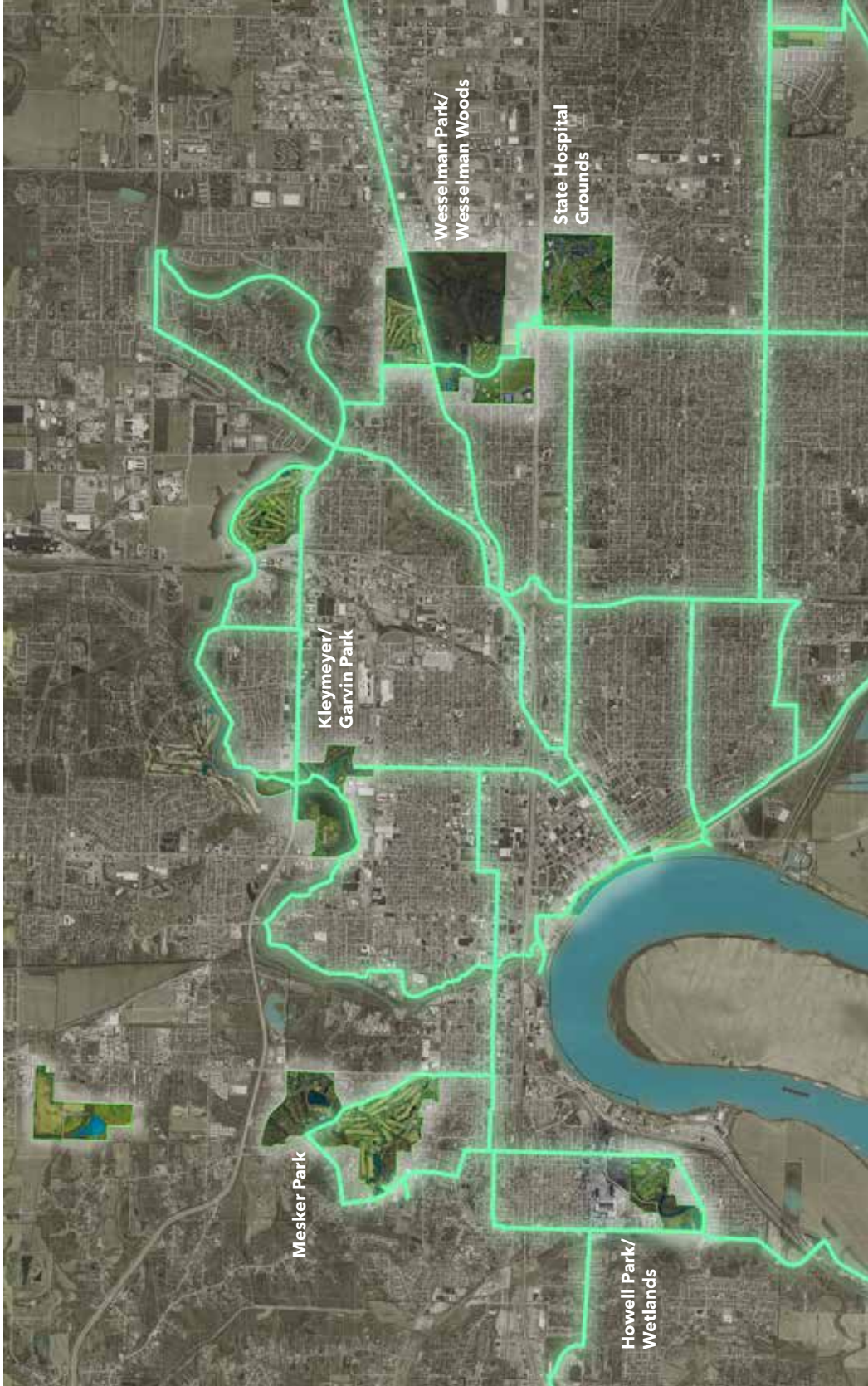


	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Update & Upgrade Playgrounds	32.00% 8	24.00% 6	20.00% 5	20.00% 5	4.00% 1	25	3.60
Increase Park Maintenance	34.62% 9	26.92% 7	11.54% 3	7.69% 2	19.23% 5	26	3.50
Ensure Access to Restroom Facilities	15.38% 4	23.08% 6	34.62% 9	23.08% 6	3.85% 1	26	3.23
Lighting & Signage	8.00% 2	16.00% 4	24.00% 6	28.00% 7	24.00% 6	25	2.56
Remove and Replant Trees	15.38% 4	11.54% 3	11.54% 3	19.23% 5	42.31% 11	26	2.38



# PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed Park Connections



# FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

## FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD...

The public is being provided one last opportunity to provide feedback and comment on the draft plan prior to its adoption by the park board. This provides a final opportunity for the public to check the accuracy of, and verify their agreement with the reported public input results, needs assessment and priorities of the DRAFT Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

SENIOR CITIZENS ARE LIVING LONGER  
They need to get out and exercise, socialize  
and meet new people  
That being said  
Thanks for building outdoor pickleball courts  
I think you were 5 years late  
Now we need dedicated pickleball courts inside  
to be built.  
Other things you should consider building  
outdoors:  
Horse shoe courts  
Corn hole courts  
Washer  
Shuffleboard courts

Whatever you build - please make sure you  
CAN maintain them going forward

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## RUNDELL ERNSTBERGER ASSOCIATES

### Final Public Comments

**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2023  
**Project Number:** 2022-1657  
**Project Name:** Evansville Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan  
**Subject:** Final Public Comments from website

Comments submitted through the comment box on the web page:

1. 9th Ave. park (Casselberry Park) is essential part of our neighborhood. Neighborhood Children play in groups. Currently only 2 can swing at a time at either swing set leaving 3 or more to go to the other swing set on the other side of the climbing set.  
My suggestion would be to replace the 2 bucket swings and replace them with regular swings so groups of more than 2 can play together promoting healthy relationships and exercise.  
Pea gravel is a pain to dig out of our shoe treads but not a game changer for me. The kids still love this park!  
A sidewalk would be great as well as picnic tables. Again, not a game changer.  
They really just want to play together and build friendships.  
Please, don't take our park away. Not so long ago the city investing in upgrading this park to give our kids a safer place to play. And They love it.
2. As a member of the Evansville Handball Club and a pickleball player I'd recommend that the handball courts in both golfmore and wesselmans be given some maintenance attention. These courts have been since the early 60s and for the most part haven't required much City money to maintain. The Club has spent time and members money to keep them usable. We've ask the Parks Dept to improve the access path at Golfmore, as it is a safety hazzard. The previous Director told us he was seeking bids to improve it, but we all know what happened with him. The old tennis courts are a mess and never used for tennis at Golfmore. I'd strongly suggest converting all or some to pickleball courts. I'm not aware of any city pickleball courts in this area of the west side. Director, we'd like an opportunity to meet with you to discuss our concerns if you have a few minutes. Thanks for your consideration of our position.
3. Do not make wesselman park into a pickleball court It will not be a park any more the traffic will be bad
4. Good afternoon. I'd like to voice a major safety concern regarding the Westside Nutclub Park, or Stop Light City Playground, that needs immediate attention. While there recently, I noticed a very large opening between the playground on the SW corner right next to the Lloyd Expressway. About 20 yards from the equipment. I understand it's open to access the alley alongside the park, but that needs to be closed to park accessibility asap. A solution could be to fence the alley off from the park, closing the park access from the Lloyd but leaving the alley open. Regardless of how it's resolved, something needs to be done asap. Too many children are capable of running directly towards that traffic with no safety measures in place, and parents should not have to worry about that while there. I've learned that it is something that has been deterring parents from going. This is an unacceptable safety hazard that has apparently been left that way for too long. It takes one moment for a tragedy to occur. Please resolve this immediately as the warmer weather is here.
5. I agree, all parks need attention. The Plan for Wessleman/Roberts Park are spot on. I would like to see Evansville citizens taking a more active role in cleaning up our parks.





6. I am opposed to the planned location of the pickleball courts. They should be moved to the old par 3 golf course area or to Roberts Park. My reasoning is that there is no expansion possibility at the planned location for more courts or for parking to attract tournaments.
7. I, as well as 30 other people, have played handball at the courts at golfmoor park for 10 years. Some have played for 40 years. They must not be torn down. Mater dei high school students learn how to play a sport they can play for the rest of their life and it needs to be preserved.
8. I'm still confused as to how skateboarders had to wait 20+ years for a proper skate park, yet the Pickleball Courts are on the fast track for sport that was virtually unheard of 5 years ago. We also went the same route as EPOC to ask the parks department for a skatepark and they gave us the bandaid known as Lamasco.  
Why can't the EPOC settle for some repurposed tennis courts and use the remaining money to do something with Roberts Field besides a rebranding and a wish list that currently has no funding?
9. In golfmoor park the handball courts are used quite regularly, they do need repairs. However they are used enough to warrant that they stay and not a hindrance to the local wildlife. It would be a travesty to remove them
10. I oppose the pickle ball courts at Wesselman Park. The noise and lights will further decrease the number of birds in the park. I rely the park for a safe place to exercise and bird watch to manage my mental health and it will be ruined with loud pickle ball courts. I live in a depressed neighborhood where it's often loud and dangerous for me to walk. I come to Wesselmans to escape and have peace.
11. I strongly oppose a skate park on the riverfront! Parking is an issue and noise is another. The closing hours of dusk must be enforced, especially at Mickey's Kingdom and park lights off. The employment of Park Rangers is essential as it is not the responsibility of the police. I do not see the hiring of rangers in the master plan. I also strongly believe that this entire project should be shelved until after the mayoral election and a permanent Parks Director is confirmed! Thank you.
12. I think that a visit needs to be made to Smothers park in Owensboro, KY. Find out the information on that park and planning behind it and followed their lead. Everyday Evansville families travel to Owensboro for that park alone. In turn while there they invest into Owensboro's community by purchasing fuel, food and shopping. We could keep all those resources in the Evansville area by improving the park's infrastructure and the amenities at them.
13. It is great to see that the city is looking at all parks and developing plans to address the conditions of the parks. I am extremely pleased that the city is looking at removing the sports courts and restoring Golfmoor park to its original condition. It has become nothing but an eye sore and a meeting destination at night for drug users. The cost to upgrade and or repair the park would be enormous. This park needs to be completely taken back to its natural beauty as a wooded wildlife sanctuary.
14. I totally disagree with the Pickelball location inside wesslemans Park. The noise generated from the courts will affect the quality of life for the residents inside Good Samaritan home, one of which is my father. Wesslemans Park is also a birding Hotspot. Bluebirds fly over the field, as well as numerous other birds. I don't find the pickleball sport being compatible with the birds and wildlife living there. I truly think there are better locations for a huge complex that is being planned.
15. I understand and agree that maintenance of what we have is definitely needed, but I'm not inspired by anything in this plan. The riverfront has long been the biggest opportunity we have as a city to improve our quality of place through parks, and there's very little attention given to it in this plan. I hope the Riverfront planning that is referenced here that the EID is doing leads to something more inspirational - our best natural asset needs to be highlighted and celebrated in our community!
16. On pg. 75, the plan mentions that the Par 3 course will become a meadow" -- hasn't this been planned for reforestation in the most recent plans discussed?



17. Regarding ADA accessibility, I notice that the State Hospital Grounds aren't really discussed but I wanted to note here that the sidewalk bordering the park grounds along Vann was recently rehabbed as light poles were replaced. These poles were moved to the sidewalk themselves impeding pedestrian flow but also making this otherwise level sidewalk much more difficult for those in wheelchairs to navigate (I've seen this). Perhaps this isn't the place to address it but it's worth noting as a consideration given that it abuts park property. "
18. Our city park Garvin Park has so much to work with and is an eye sore for our of town visiting the swim center and Bosse field and at the end of our Main Street. Go to Owensboro and look at their parks
19. Our parks need a lot of work, they should be improved and brought up to a point that they are being taken care of, right now they are not anything to be proud of. Spend money on cleaning and improving what we have before spending money on paving our green space.
20. Please build the pickleball courts at Wesselman Park. Thanks for all your work on this plan!
21. Please do NOT build pickleball courts at Wesslemans Park. I am not sure why we are paving over green space, and greening a paved space. The added noise and congestion is not compatible with other uses within the park. Many people are upset over this issue. The reason, we love wesslemans Park as it is.
22. Please do not tear down the handball courts at Golfmoor Park. It is still frequently used by the Evansville Handball Club several times weekly.
23. Please don't tear down Wesslemens park it's a part of our history and also would suggest a dog park at the old golf course!
24. Please fix Mesker Amphitheater. It could be such a wonderful asset to our community. I noticed it's not mentioned at all in these plans and that's sad. We often travel to Cincinnati to visit their outdoor amphitheater that is very similar. I agree with the majority of the comments. Stop creating new when we can't even afford to maintain the old. Put the stupid pickleball courts everyone is arguing about out at Igleheart. There is nothing over there to do now that they took away the pool.
25. Please reconsider the pickle ball courts being placed at Roberts Park. As a very long term city resident, I think when there's this much dissent to the proposed plan, it shouldn't be forced on residents. A master Plan is not set in stone and many never materialize so these plans can be adjusted to accommodate pickle ball and also appease those who wish to protect the beauty of Wesselman Park. Compromise is a good thing.
26. Repairs for safety of children should be top priority. Money for new projects should be available after repairs are made. And Pickleball courts should be put in Igelheart Park or Roberts Park - NOT Wesselman
27. So look at mesker ampitheatre now look at owensboro now look at northern indiana we need a stage so we can bring music to the park owensboro has Friday after 5 why can't we do sumthing like that mesker ampith was amazing pleade make Robert's park music spot
28. The city should replace the basketball courts at Garvin Park ! The basketball courts were removed for the new swimming pool. More and more children in the Jacobsville area are playing basketball in the streets. This is dangerous for the children and drivers. The new pool does not provide the poor children in the area a proper time and is too expensive . PLEASE replace the basketball courts for our children and citizens.  
The City Park sign on Heidelbach Ave. has a picture of a basketball. The neighbors were told before the pool was built that the basketball court and the Little Otters playground would be replaced.
29. The Evansville Handball club has called the courts at Golfmoor Park home for decades. We play a minimum of twice per week year round at these courts. I have so many amazing memories at the Golfmoor courts. if they were to be torn down, I would probably move my family out of the Evansville area entirely. Please reconsider.



30. The handball courts at Golfmoor Park need to be maintained. They are heavily used year round by the Evansville Handball Club and others. They are also used by Mater Dei students.
31. What is needed is continuing maintenance and upkeep of the parks. Improvements are great, but for far too long basic maintenance has been neglected.

Comments made directly in the Draft Plan PDF:



32. Page 1 - Needs work
33. Page 10 - Explain why the Goals and Objectives were not followed in the planning of the Pickleball Complex at Wesselman Park despite the goals and objectives remaining largely unchanged from the previous master plan issued in 2015. IDNR will be cross-comparing this plan to previous plans and this is a GLARING deviation
34. I have sent a more detailed email regarding Golfmoor Park, particularly in reference to the four handball courts. As i read the park departments master plan proposal regarding the handball courts i see that it states: "this area is isolated, deteriorated, and inaccessible."If these handball courts weren't as important to me as they are, this assessment would border on comical. As it stands, this assessment is ludicrous, ridiculous, and completely misleading with obvious intent of supporting a forgone conclusion that is the demolition of the handball courts; citizen input and objection be damned. If these courts are as isolated, and inaccessible as the assessment claims, how is it possible that i have been playing handball on these courts for over fifty years? How is it possible that the Evansville Handball Club has held tournaments there. EVERY YEAR, since 1971? Inaccessible? I'm 80 years old, and i attended a handball tournament there two weeks ago! These courts are no more isolated nor inaccessible than they were fifty years ago. The handball club has scheduled tournaments from March through November. Inaccessible?These players have raked leaves, re-painted lines, covered graffiti put there by non-handball players, picked up trash, built benches, sprayed intrusive weeds, and kept the courts in good playing condition. To state that these handball courts are inaccessible and isolated is nothing more than to state a political agenda, and not fact!
35. Page 14 - Cover the wetlands areas, especially in the wooded area south of the proposed pickleball site in Wesselman Park. Discuss the effect of the construction and water mitigation that will be needed, Discuss the displaced Box Turtle, salamander, owl, bat, and bluebird habitat addressed in the new facility planning process for that project
36. Page 16 - Note that old growth forest is not only in Wesselman Woods, but also Wesselman Park, surrounding the proposed picklebal project. Discuss how it will be protected during the project including water drainage measures to protect the wetlands and the surrounding neighborhood.
37. Page 20 - Berry Global is incorrectly referenced as Berry Plastics
38. Page 25 - Homestead Park vehicular traffic is indeed low, but few drivers (including residents) travel at a speed safe for pedestrians. Need "slow down" signage near the park.
39. Page 25 - All parks need a speed limit of 20mph. Parkside Dr and East Park Dr along side Akin Park is a crazy with all the drivers that come around a corner and take off as fast as they can go. A child is going to be killed one day or a car will lose control and crash into a house. I don't understand why the city can't put up a speed bump near the playground or just monitor the speed of cars for awhile and change the speed limit to 20.
40. Page 31 - The picture on page 31 is of state property, not city property.
41. Page 32 - The description of the Evansville Trails Coalition does not explain how it is (or isn't) organizationally and financially related to the Parks Department nor its legal structure.
42. Page 49 - C K Newsome has Parks and Recreation funded amenities and should be included- basketball, volleyball, and pickleball teams all pay to play there, so facilities must exist.
43. Page 63 - According to city ordinance Chapter 2.45 Division of Parks and Recreation, the board has jurisdiction over all Vanderburgh County excluding Burdette Park. That would include Scott Township Park which has 8 pickleball courts not captured.





44. Page 67 - The handball courts at Golfmoor Park are used by members of the Evansville Handball Club multiple times per week, all year round. Students from Mater Dei also use these courts. These courts are NOT inaccessible, and are heavily used. These courts should be maintained.
45. Page 81 - Why would the Department of Parks and Recreation own and maintain a facility, and provide capital improvements, when it is not open to the public? Please explain
46. Page 93 - What time period is applicable to the stated attendance numbers? 2021? 2022? Without a time period the numbers are meaningless.
47. Page 95 - It should be noted and explained that the public did not have access to the draft plan nor results from the Community Survey, Public Open House #1, and Public Open House #2 until April 5, 2023 and that the public was only given until April 12, 2023 to make comments on this 181 page draft plan and 437 pages of appendices. Note that April 5 - April 12, 2023 included the Easter holiday.
48. Page 96 - The picture on the Master Plan website and captured here is not of City of Evansville property. The park land shown in this picture is owned and maintained by the state of Indiana.
49. Page 115 - A metric used nationally, ParkScore, includes percent of population living with 1/4 mile of a park. The recent WSJ rated Evansville on this type metric in evaluation of top places for remote workers. That type measure used nationally needs to be included. You will find the eastside very underserved. This is why the public is revolting at the idea of the Wesselman Park family play area being paved over for pickleball courts. Neither the previous Parks and Recreation Plan, nor this Master Plan shows that pickleball is a priority for the public.
50. Page 115 - Specify contracted labor since city employees don't mow or do other Parks and Rec jobs. Data is meaningless without including contracted labor. Explain.
51. Page 115 - Specify what acreage is included. Are you including Wesselman Woods that that is leased to a non-profit and cost to enter? Are you including the Deaconess Sports Park/Goebel Soccer areas that are not open to the public? The soccer fields at Price Park that are not open to the public. The Soccer fields at State Hospital Park that are pasted as not for public use? Generally city parks means free and for everyone. Evansville doesn't have much of that. Everything is leased out and cost money even though the residents pay property taxes to maintain the facilities for the wealthier residents and visitors.
52. Page 117 - There are currently 5 pickleball courts. 3 indoor courts at CK Newsome and 2 outdoor courts at Howell Park (dual use basketball).
53. Page 130 - Spraying weeds should be minimized. Plants should be native. Replace non-natives if invasive.
54. Page 130 - Homestead Park: add both trees and shade structure. Besides youngsters playing, many adult walkers use the park as a resting point in the circuit around this neighborhood.
55. Page 139 - The far eastside has no neighborhood park. Add one or some.
56. Page 147 - Inventory large trees loss due to Parks decisions and due to storm damage. Include inventory of new trees.
57. Page 147 - Put an end to leasing out and or selling city property. It's ok to contract to maintain or fundraise, but leasing out our city parks is ripe for abuse and corruption. Provide a detailed accounting of which parks areas are currently under lease agreements such as with the Evansville Tennis Community Association, the group leasing Wesselman Woods, and all the other areas locked away from public use such as the softball fields south of the Wesselman Park entrance. We need and deserve transparency. Include a summary of the terms of the lease agreements. Shine light.
58. Page 147 - Price Park should NOT be fenced off. A Park Ranger/playground manager would be a nice presence.
59. Page 149 - The feedback from the public in the online survey and from the public open houses contradicts the recommendation for Pickleball courts in Wesselman Park. Specifically see Q14, Q20 and the write-in comments from the online survey. Additionally, see the Level of Service Study in the



appendices. Given the vast surplus of baseball/softball and soccer fields in the park system, it is an irresponsible recommendation to take away prime greenspace surrounded by tree canopy for placement of pickleball courts. Survey and feedback information show tremendous demand for open greenspace and opposition to the location of pickleball in this location. The recommendation of this location also contradicts the Public Engagement narrative presented in this plan, as there were no public meetings to allow the current users of Wesselman or the general public to provide input to the location of the pickleball courts prior to the location decision by the Parks Board on June 1, 2022. The IDNR should be make aware of this fact.

60. Page 151 - There is no justification for the pickleball courts. They were not indicated as a need by the old Plan. They new facility planning process indicated by the old plan was not followed. The city currently offers pickleball at CK Newsome, and although the daytime slots are filled, when they offered evening pickleball, no one showed up. The outdoor courts at Howell are not maintained. The ones painted at Golfmoor were not used and lines were removed. The open field is at Wesselman is well used and well loved. This makes no sense. DON't DO IT. DON'T DESTROY WESSELMAN PARK.
61. Page 151 - The 2 softball fields have outfields butting up against Boeke Road. Softballs hit over the fence will go into the road and hit cars. The fields will not work as laid out.
62. Page 153 - How do these plans even remotely line up with public wants and needs in the surveys? The last plan said the Parks and Rec should maintain the existing parks BEFORE new facilities and programs were added. Why is that now not a goal?
63. Page 153 - We don't need a new nature center. We just need access to the woods like we had before the Winnecke administration.
64. Page 153 - The Woods need to be free to the public as they were until 2016. You can charge for the building, but access to the woods should be for everyone. End the lease with the non-profit if they can't raise enough money in other ways besides admission charges. It creates a city of the "haves" and "have nots". Then, what little the "have-nots" have left, the family play greenspace, you want to take away, pave it and fence it and give to the Evansville Tennis Community Association for their pickleball program.
65. Page 153 - Please don't adhere to "Better to end than mend". Wesselman Park just needs a good cleaning and repair. No need to demolish and re-build. It's wasteful.
66. Page 153 - Why would you add pickleball and destroy the rare opens space we have. If the city is going to fund master plans and surveys of the wants and needs of the citizens, then act in accordance. Something is very wrong with this pickleball project being rushed.
67. Page 155 - Add a notation on all parks regarding free versus paid, and include admission.
68. Page 157 - Include the electric/gas usage of each facility to benchmar, and add a goal to lower the power usage each year.
69. Page 157 - Cooling tower is a huge power expense. Study the pay-off of placing solar panels on the east and west facing roofs. Issue and RFP.
70. Page 170 - Homestead Park: see previous comments
71. Page 177 - What is the total expense of the 5 year plan? Where is that money coming from? Don't see that anywhere.
72. Page 181 - Please repair curbing around the park as you provide accessible paths. Plant grass and maintain the parks once upgrades are made. New playground equipment is needed with the rubberized surfaces. Park lamp lighting along the new proposed paths.

Comments made directly in the Draft Plan Appendix PDF:

73. Page 1 - This interface is not user friendly.

74. Page 19 - Homestead Park Address drainage issues of park onto Evergreen Avenue. Add both trees and a shade structure. Need more benches. Many adult walkers use the park as a resting point.
75. Page 20 - In similar future documents, DNU a handwriting font. Tough to read. Make the DRAFT watermark lighter. This one masks the handwriting font.
76. Page 33 - Include the restrooms are closed from October through March.
77. Page 33 - Add comment that the general public is locked out of the soccer fields area. It does not quality as park land available to the public.
78. Page 34 - Include that restrooms are not open from October through March
79. Page 40 - Note that restrooms are mostly closed and not available to the public.
80. Page 48 - Note that this is not a public park. This is a piece of city property that has been leased to a non-profit that is allowed to charge the public for entrance.
81. Page 54 - This time schedule cuts off in January. What happened after January? The public didn't get to see a draft of the plan until April 5 and was only given until April 12 to submit comments. Easter weekend was during this allocated comment period.
82. Page 55 - Provide discussion of why the plan was not updated within 5 years and discuss activities that occurred within that gap. Were they informed by the 2015 plan?
83. Page 59 - Explain why Hafer was contracted June 1 2022 to create the Pickleball Complex at Wesselman Park prior to obtaining public input. In what why was the 2015 Master Plan used in the facility planning. Was there evidence in the Master Plan that pickleball was a community need? Explain.
84. Page 62 - Failing to mention the opposition to the location of the pickleball complex in Wesselman Park is a serious oversite in characterizing what happened at the public open houses. At a minimum, it should have been mentioned in the "Honorable Mentions"; It has been suggested to people that these meetings were an opportunity for people to voice their concerns.
85. Page 65 - Specify which parks are city parks available to the public, and which are leased to non-profit entities who are allowed to charge admission or use fees.
86. Page 66 - Note that the Pagoda is currently closed to the public
87. Page 69 - Provide the numbers once Mesker Park and other paid tourist attractions not open to the public are excluded.
88. Page 71 - Request that ONLY free public parks are funded, and that facilities primarily built to bring in tourists are funded by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau (Visit Evansville.) This includes the proposed pickleball complex, Goebel Park, Deaconess Sports Complex, the zoo, the Wesselman Nature Center, soccer field at Price Park, Deaconess Aquatic Center. Only free and for resident amenities should be funded by the residents.
89. Page 72 - There are 3 pickleball courts at CK Newsome and 2 at Howell Park.
90. Page 73 - The Deaconess Aquatic Center does not serve the same population previously served by Lloyd pool. and the outdoor Garvin Park pool both replaced by the new Aquatic Center. Lloyd pool served families at a low cost and was available more hours for recreation. This Parks Board serves tourists, not the public. DNR should recognize that prior to providing grants.
91. Page 73 - This conclusion regarding pickleball does not match the data within the report. Contrived recommendation to meet a need that does not exist and a political agenda not in the public interests.
92. Page 73 - Pickleball courts were not identified as a top request based on public opinion per the Master Plan data collection and surveys in 2015 or 2022. The excess tennis courts not used at Stockwell or Golfmoor would be more sensible than destroying the public play area at Wesselman Park but no siting study, survey, or public input was allowed before spending money with Hafer to design it. Also a \$1 million unnamed donor (reference 6-1-22 Parks meeting) seems to have caused the Park to completely ignore all Goals and Objectives from the 2015 Master Plan. This needs examined for conflicts of interest.

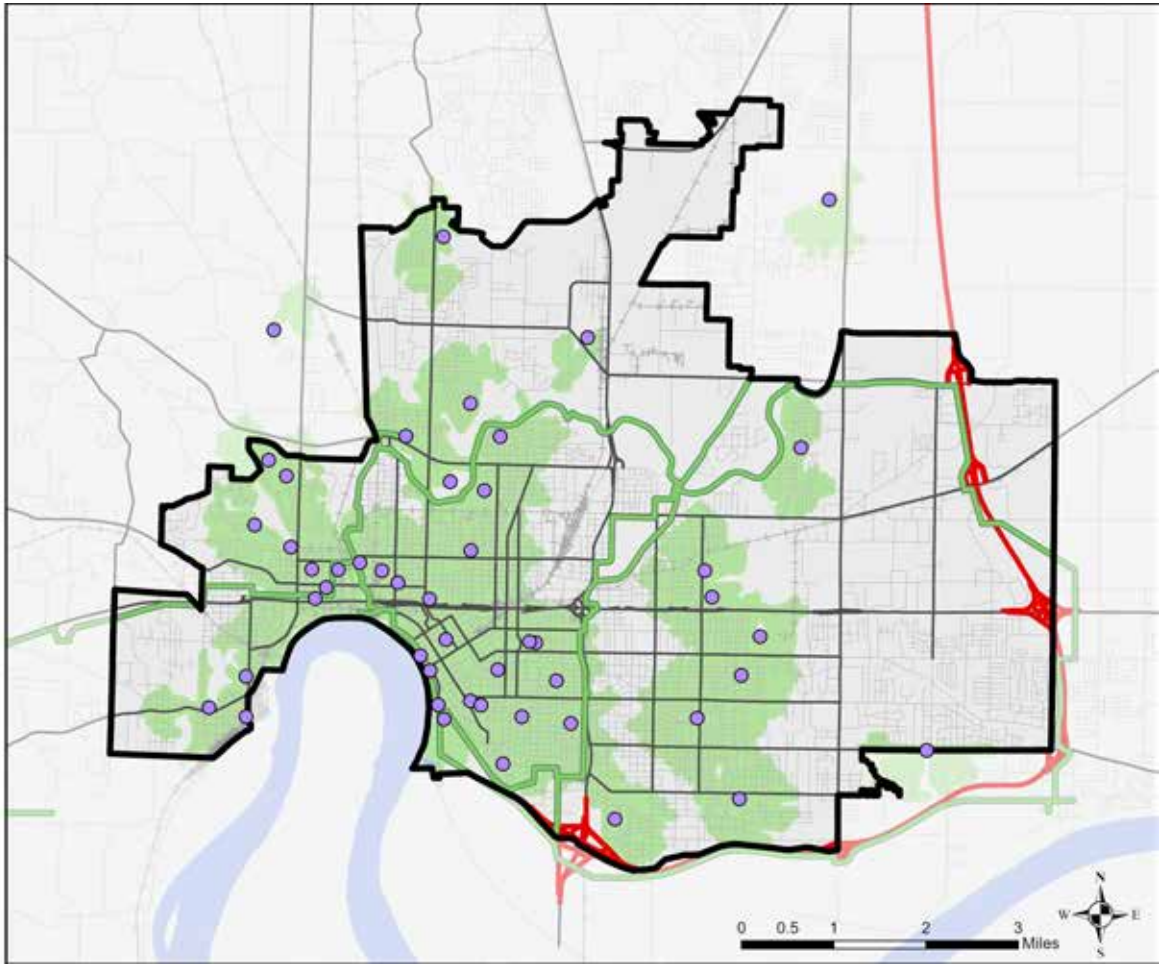




93. Page 79 - Note that August 22 meeting was after money was spent for Hafer to design pickleball at Wesselman Park.
94. Page 79 - E. - Where is the data to inform the decision for a new logo? Did residents say that? or was it the tourism board?
95. Page 79 - 7.a. - Where is the data to support this assumption? Is there a marketing study by an independent consultant, then please include.
96. Page 79 - 6. Then why destroy the family play area, one of the nice park areas that are actually free and enjoyed by a diverse group of people, mult-functional, and replace with pickleball that is single use, primarily for tourism, and hotly protested by residents of the East and South sides of town especially.
97. Page 79 - You mean Friedman Park in Warrick County Indiana as an example? Or Riverfront Park, or Smothers Park in Owensboro?
98. Page 81 - Hartke Pool not Harkey
99. Page 83 - 7. Increase baseball? Reports says we have too many.
100. Page 84 - You mean how can you provide citizens parks, all you do now is for tourism.
101. Page 106 - Why was Wesselman excluded from the park list?
102. Page 125 - These results are too generic to be meaningful .
103. Page 131 - How can you , with any credibility, reccommend pickleball courts after this kind of data? Pickleball data isn't even know! Break out pickleball from tennis so we know.
104. Page 131 - Tennis/pickleball ranks fifth from the bottom here at 18 % , well below green space options - passive green space 33% , trails 52% public garden 39% . The city nevertheless is pressing forward with destroying green space for pickleball.
105. Page 138 - How does this data lead you to reccommend pickleball?
106. Page 139 - OMG #1 response, the public doesn't want it, and you but pickleball as a recommended action?
107. Page 139 - How were these write-in comments accounted for in the plan itself? I see no tabulation or attempt to objectively categorize them. Pickleball, splash pad and riverfront are certainly not the only common themes.
108. Page 141 - Why do only some of the comments related to pickleball have the blue pickleball box? What was the purpose of highlighting only some of those comments?

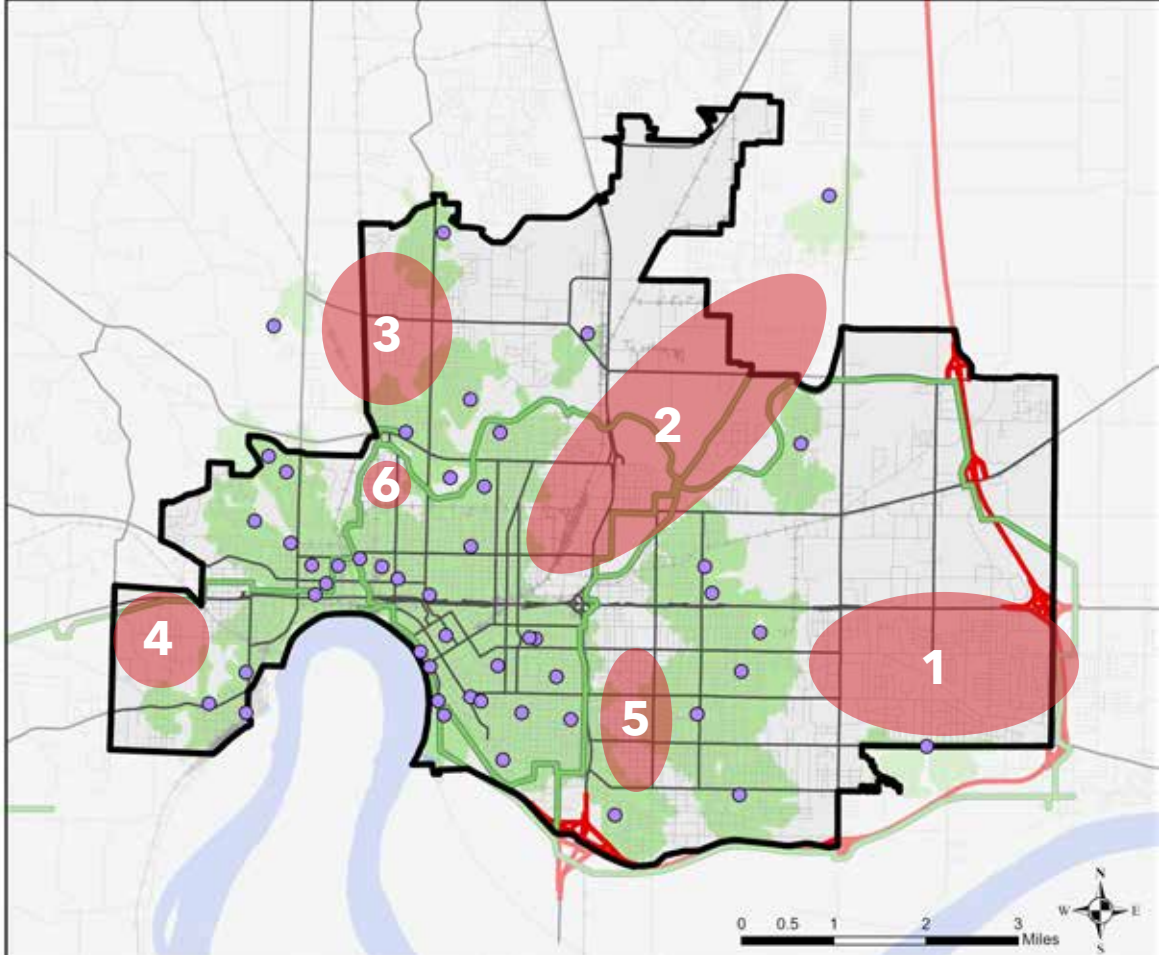
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## TARGET AREAS FOR LAND ACQUISITION





# A WORD ON LAND ACQUISITION

Given the recent turnover in department staff and the current physical condition of parks in Evansville (needs improvement), land acquisition is not a high priority for the next five years. The current budget is stretched thin and the city's population continues to decline slowly.

That being said, there are still population centers within the city that are not being well served by physical proximity to parks. The city should monitor land availability in the following areas, especially agricultural land that is listed for sale, and take steps to infill these gaps in the parks system if any funding is available. Any lands acquired should be kept in a near-natural state with low-impact development until funding increases.

Several grants and trusts which can help offset land acquisition costs are listed in chapter five. Philanthropy is another viable avenue for land acquisition. A benefactor can purchase the land and hold it in trust until such time as the city can acquire it.

## **Area 1 - Plaza Park and Arcadian Acres**

There is a dearth of park land east of Green River Road in Evansville. The land generally bound by Green River Rd, Covert Ave, I-69, and the Lloyd Exp is nearly fully developed but needs a neighborhood park. Population density is moderate here, but there are a high number of seniors and a high number of children. There may be opportunities to partner with EWSU to provide passive recreation at flood control basins.

## **Area 2 - Oak Hill and Willemette Village**

The neighborhoods generally paralleling Oak Hill Road, with particular emphasis on the north side of the road, are under-served. Population density is moderate here, but there are a high number of seniors and a high number of children. There are still a few agricultural and woodlot parcels in this area that could be acquired. Given the size of the

area, it could support one community park or multiple neighborhood parks.

## **Area 3 - North Park**

The neighborhoods near North Park Shopping Center at the intersection of First Ave and Mill Road are under-served. Population density is moderate here, but there are a very high number of seniors and a high number of children. There are still a few agricultural and woodlot parcels in this area that could be acquired and turned into a neighborhood park.

## **Area 4 - Poplar Grove**

The neighborhoods along Claremont Ave west of Tekoppel Ave are under-served. Population density is moderate here, but there are a high number of seniors and a high number of children. There are still a few agricultural and woodlot parcels in this area that could be acquired and turned into a neighborhood or community park, particularly low-lying parcels along Carpentier Creek.

## **Area 5 - Presidents and Knight**

The land generally bound by US 41, Lincoln Ave, Boeke Rd, and Pollack Ave is nearly fully developed but needs a neighborhood park or multiple pocket parks. Population density is very high here, and there are a high number of seniors and a very high number of children.

## **Area 6 - Chain and Cedar Hall**

The Chain neighborhood association, generally bound by Columbia Ave, First Ave, and Pigeon Creek to the north and west is in need of a neighborhood or pocket park. Population density is moderate here, but there are a high number of families in poverty, a high number of persons with disabilities, and a very high number of children. There may be vacant parcels or brown-fields that can be acquired.