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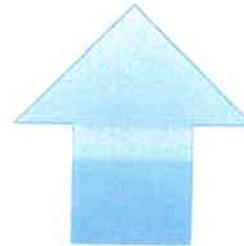
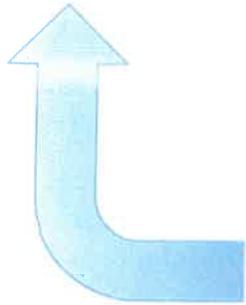
1. Permanent, Continuous, Dedicated Revenue
2. Funds will Go Directly to Park Improvements
3. Funds will Go Directly to Pataskala Parks
4. \$26.00/100K/year
5. Direct Positive Influence on Economic Development, Property Values and Community Attraction

QUALITY OF RESIDENT'S LIFE

1. Healthy Lifestyle/Identity
2. Promote Youth Recreation
(Local School Teams, College Scholarships)
3. Retirees Remain in Community
4. Place for Gathering/Social Activities

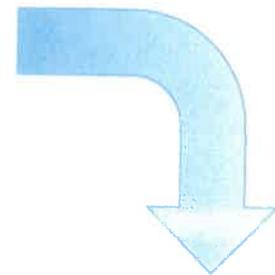
COMMUNITY IMPACT

1. Revenue Impact (visitors, events)
2. Increased Business Revenue (Tertiary)
3. Increased Property Values
4. Greenspace/Natural Resources



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Business Location
2. Personnel Location (Home Sales)
3. Increased Property Values
4. Jobs (Adult and Youth)

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How cities use parks for...

Economic Development

Executive Summary

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

At the bottom line, parks are a good financial investment for a community. Understanding the economic impacts of parks can help decision makers better evaluate the creation and maintenance of urban parks.

Key Point #1

Real property values are positively affected.

Key Point #2

Municipal revenues are increased.

Key Point #3

Affluent retirees are attracted and retained.

Key Point #4

Knowledge workers and talent are attracted to live and work.

Key Point #5

Homebuyers are attracted to purchase homes.

KEY POINT #1:

Real property values are positively affected.

More than 100 years ago, Frederick Law Olmsted conducted a study of how parks help property values. From 1856 to 1873 he tracked the value of property immediately adjacent to Central Park, in order to justify the \$13 million spent on its creation. He found that over the 17-year period there was a \$209 million increase in the value of the property impacted by the park.

As early as the 19th century the positive connection between parks and property values was being made. Olmsted's analysis shows the real dollar amount impact of parks. His study was not a unique situation, however. Several studies conducted over the last 20 years reaffirm his findings, in cities across the country. Below are more examples of how proximity to a park setting is connected to property values.

Chattanooga, Tennessee: In the early 1980s this city was facing rising unemployment and crime, polluted air, and a deteriorating quality of life. To lure middle-class residents back, local government, businesses, and community groups decided to improve the quality of life by cleaning the air, acquiring open space, and creating parks and trails. As a result, property values rose more than \$11 million, an increase of 127.5 percent.

Atlanta: After Centennial Olympic Park was built, adjacent condominium prices rose from \$115 to \$250 a square foot. As noted on the Centennial Olympic Park website, "Thousands of people who have made the move to downtown Atlanta have chosen Centennial Olympic Park as their front yard." www.centennialpark.com.

Amherst, Massachusetts: Cluster housing with dedicated open space was found to appreciate at an annual rate of 22 percent, compared to a comparable conventional subdivision's rate of 19.5 percent. This translated in 1989 dollars to a difference of \$17,100.

KEY POINT #2:

Municipal revenues are increased.

Another component of the Central Park study was an assessment of increased tax revenue as a result of the park. The annual excess of increase in tax from the \$209 million in property value was \$4 million more than the increase in annual debt payments for the land and improvement. As a result of building Central Park, New York City made a profit.

Increased property values and increased municipal revenues go hand in hand. Property tax is one of the most important revenue streams for cities. By creating a positive climate for increased property values, the tax rolls will benefit in turn. As shown with Central Park, parks can both pay for themselves and generate extra revenue. In addition, tax revenues from increased retail activity and tourism-related expenditures further increase municipal monies.

Property Tax Benefits

Chattanooga: Improvements in Chattanooga resulted in an increase in annual combined city and county property tax revenues of \$592,000 from 1988 to 1996, an increase of 99 percent. (Lerner and Poole, 1999).

Boulder: The presence of a greenbelt in a Boulder neighborhood was found to add approximately \$500,000 in property tax revenue annually.

Sales Tax Benefits

Oakland, California: The presence of the East Bay Regional Park District is estimated to stimulate about \$254 million annually in park-related purchases, of which \$74 million is spent in the local East Bay economy.

Shopping Districts: Surveys indicate that prices for products in districts with trees were on average about 11 percent greater than in no-tree districts; the quality of products were rated 30 percent higher than in areas with no sidewalk landscaping.

Tourism-Related Benefits

Atlanta: Centennial Olympic Park has an estimated 1.5 million visitors each year, attending 175 public events.

San Antonio, Texas: Riverwalk Park, created for \$425,000, is lined with outdoor cafes, shops, bars, art galleries, and hotels, and has overtaken the Alamo as the most popular attraction for the city's \$3.5-billion tourism industry.

KEY POINT #3:

Affluent retirees are attracted and retained.

"There is a new, clean growth industry in America today—The industry is retirement migration" (Foreward in Longino, 1995, 7).

By the year 2050, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 1 in every 4 Americans will be 65 years of age or older, creating an affluent group of retirees with financial benefits, including Social Security, military benefits, and pension plans. With an average life expectancy of between 75 and 83 years, this is a significant population group, both in size and affluence.

They are also mobile, moving to various locations across the country—places as diverse as northern Wisconsin and Michigan, the mountains of Colorado and Montana, and New England. Members of this mobile retiree cohort have been termed "GRAMPIES": (Growing [number of] Retired Active Monied People In Excellent Shape).

GRAMPIES want communities that provide leisure and recreation amenities. In a study by Miller et al. (1994), a retiree sample was asked to review 14 features and indicate their importance in the decision to move. The first three in rank order were scenic beauty, recreational opportunities, and mild climate.

Retirees bring expendable income into their communities. If 100 retired households come to a community in a year, each with a retirement income of \$40,000, their impact is similar to that of a new business spending \$4 million annually in the community. (Crompton, p. 65).

They increase the tax base and are "positive" taxpayers, using fewer services than they pay for through taxes. For example, they pay taxes to school districts but do not send children there.

Retirees transfer significant assets into local investment and banking institutions, expanding the local deposit base that can be used for commercial and industrial financing.

KEY POINT #4:

Knowledge workers and talent are attracted to live and work.

"...cities are characterized by a sense of place, beauty in the natural environment, a mixed-use transportation system and a 24-hour lifestyle. These are the characteristics that will attract the creativity and brainpower that undergird the new economy." Steven Roulac, futurist, The Roulac Group.

A significant change has occurred in the American economy. Industry today is composed of smokeless industries, high technology, and service-sector businesses, collectively referred to as the "New Economy." The workers in the New Economy are selling their knowledge, as opposed to physical labor, as the main source of wealth creation and economic growth. These employees, referred to in studies as "knowledge workers" or "talent," work in a "footloose" sector—companies are not tied to a certain location in order to achieve a competitive advantage.

What the companies are attached to is retaining their talent and attracting more talent. As a result, several studies have been conducted to determine what factors are important to talent when they are making employment decisions.

A survey of 1,200 high technology workers in 1998 by KPMG found that quality of life in a community increases the attractiveness of a job by 33 percent.

Knowledge workers prefer places with a diverse range of outdoor recreational activities, from walking trails to rock climbing. Portland, Seattle, Austin, Denver, and San Francisco are among the top cycling cities; they also are among the leaders in knowledge workers.

Workers attracted to an area are then positioned to put money back into the local economy through jobs, housing, and taxes, which then contribute to parks.

KEY POINT #5:

Homebuyers are attracted to purchase homes.

"Parks, ponds, bike paths." "Nearly five acres of woodland protected as a nature sanctuary" "My lake...my park...my home."

All around the U.S. real estate brokers and homebuilders are advocating parks as one of the top residential selling points. The desire to live near parks also translates into real dollars.

A 2001 survey by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) revealed that 57 percent of voters would choose a home close to parks and open space over one that was not.

In addition, the NAR survey found that 50 percent of voters would be willing to pay 10 percent more for a house located near a park or protected open space.

The National Association of Home Builders found that 65 percent of home shoppers surveyed felt that parks would seriously influence them to move to a community.

According to Economics Research Associates (ERA), a 1991 survey in Denver found that 48 percent of residents would pay more to live in a neighborhood near a park or greenway.

One of the most popular planned community models today is golf-course residential development. However, surveys have shown that the majority of people who live in golf course communities don't play golf regularly—as many as two-thirds, according to ERA. They are attracted to the dedicated open space, the expansive views, and the guarantee that both elements will stay the same. By promoting, supporting, and revitalizing urban parks, cities can help attract a significant portion of the homebuying community.

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City Parks Forum Briefing Papers

This is one in a continuing series of briefing papers on how cities can use parks to address urban challenges. We hope the information here helps you to create great urban parks in your city.

Please visit our website at www.planning.org/cpf to learn more about The City Parks Forum.



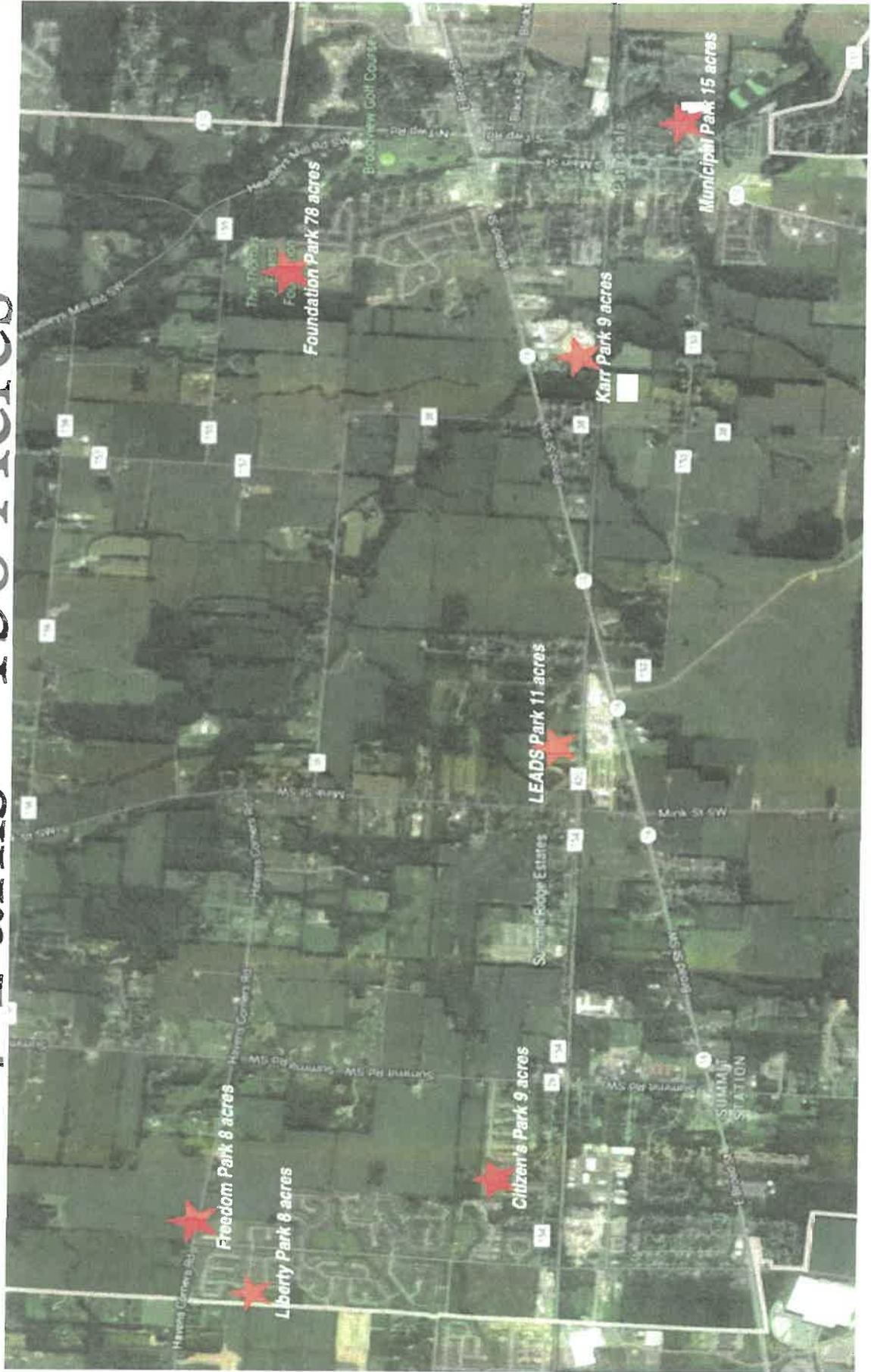
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Permanent Funding for Our Community Parks and Recreation Programs

Park Advisory Board
City Council Presentation

April 17, 2017

7 Parks = 138 Acres



Current Funding and Maintenance Methods

Funding

- Recreational Program Fees: Program Driven and limited to revenue that covers program costs only
- Building Permits (Use Fund): Relies upon building of homes and businesses to collect nominal fee at \$300.00/per
- General Fund: Objective, “budget available” source and annual renewal not guaranteed

Maintenance

- Backlog of Maintenance of facilities following “minimum” or emergency approach
- No assured responsiveness to issues (vandalism, storm damage)
- Pull from other departments
- Limited to no community enhancement, improvements or community event support

2017 Park Objectives

(Funded by General Fund)

- **2017 CIP Items:** Conway Trail Improvements: \$2,000.00
Foundation Park Drive/Drainage: Estimated \$55,000.00
(actual \$4,000.00 3 catch basins, in-house)
Park Ponds Maintenance Contract: \$4,000.00/annually
Shelter House Roof Repair/Replacement: \$2500.00 annually (ongoing)
Foundation Park Softball Field/Parking Lot Drainage: \$3,000.00
Dead Tree Removal: \$2,500.00 (ongoing)
Park Master Planning/Pinning for Borders: \$10,000.00
Municipal Park Diamond Improvements: \$1,100.00
Karr Park Shelter Inspection: \$500.00
Citizen's Park Parking Lot Improvements: \$5,500.00
Total 2017: \$150,000.00 Total 2016: \$164,000.00
- **Programs at Status Quo:**
Youth Soccer, Adult Softball, Partnered Community Events
- **Deferred Maintenance and Minimal/Basic Upkeep**

Comparison

Current

- Annual Unknown; General Fund
- Deferred or “Emergency” Maintenance
- “Emergency Personnel”; Ineffective Use of Alternate Department Personnel
- Unfunded/Volunteer Driven Resident Desires and Needs
- Community Events Managed and Supported by Volunteer Groups
- Program Fees carry “Program” Will Need to Increase

Levy

- Permanent Funding Source
- Proactive Maintenance
- Planned, Identified Personnel (1 FT, 1PT)
- Projects Identified, Set Aside Funding or Matching Funds for Grants
- Community Events Managed By City
- Program Fees Remain Affordable for Participants

Levy Objectives

- Permanent Funding Source for Parks and Programs
- Planning, Providing, Preparing, Personnel
- Answering Resident's and Community Needs (Survey Items)
- Attracting Businesses, Employees and Homeowners
- Does not answer question of large scale projects but may permit 'set aside' for grant matching
- .75mil levy provides \$252,000.00 annually

***Nov levy passes: Money Available January 2018:

May levy passes: Money Available January 2019

Historical Information:

Fall 2016 Park Survey: 74% would support a .75 mil park levy, major priorities were clean, safe and up to date; with 42% noted walking trails and bike paths were urgent needs in our community

2008 Planning/Zoning Commission: Improving parks was essential to influencing property values in a positive way.

1998 Mayor's Adhoc: Trails, bike paths and a recreation center were cited as key objectives for our community comprehensive plan.

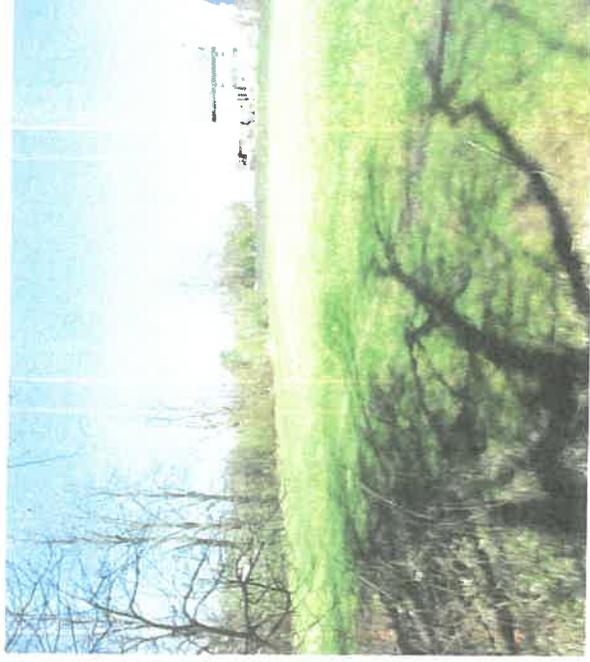
Where will .75mil be Used?

Personnel :	\$100,000.00
Maintenance/Projects:	\$152,000.00
Total:	\$252,000.00

\$100,000.00 valuation= \$26.25



Conaway Trail Repairs



Citizen's Park Improvement



Liberty Park Improvement



Municipal Park Trail

Sample Maintenance and Improvement Plan for Freedom Park (This would be Created for Each Park)

Freedom Park Improvements

Maintenance and Repair:

1. Parking lot needs regraded and another 2 inches of stone put on top, min.
2. Fill in pot holes at entrance drive.
3. Fill in walkways at fence, adjacent to parking lot.
Fill in walkways where the fence is divided to get from the parking lot to the tot lot and to the shelter house and to the fields. There is standing water in the main walkway to the tot lot and the shelter. These could be mulch.
4. Mulch new trees from last year and previously planted trees.
5. Trim evergreens and other trees.
6. Put another finish coat on new benches. Finish coat is already wearing off.
7. Clean up dead trees; remove them.
8. Taylor Road side planting areas: Mulch needs to be freshened and we need to plant grass where there's no grass growing.
9. Mulch in tot lot needs another layer.
10. Taylor Road planter area: there's been a tree removed and now there is a great big mulch spot with nothing growing. Plant another tree or turn it back into grass.
11. Beautification at park entrance:
 - a. Define drive way with treated 4x4 on either side of drive way to separate driveway from grass.
 - b. Correct areas where no grass is growing.

Freedom Park Improvements

Master Plan Related:

1. Walking Path around the park.
2. Pole Mounted Security Lighting- include entranceway and entire parking lot.
3. Construct a path to connect to the new 2018 Taylor Road path.
4. Install concrete entrance drive with head walls with curbs at drainage pipe. Leave parking area gravel.
5. Expand Tot Lot climbers.
6. Expand the green space area to the south and southeast as much as possible.
 - a. Considerations:
 - i. If we expand the level field south, towards the neighborhood, we will likely need some type of fence.
 - ii. Southside trees are planted too far away from the edge creating an unusable space to the south of the trees. The trees need to be moved when this area is expanded and if this area is not expanded, move the trees when the drainage is corrected.
7. Correct drainage in the park:
 - a. Install drainage around tot lot and shelter.
 - b. Fix the field drainage. Multiple wet areas. There appears to be a high spot along the east boundary between the open space in the park and the adjacent farmers field blocking drainage to the drainage structure. Some areas of the park are not usable due to drainage issues and standing water.
 - c. Relocate the evergreen trees to the south, extending the available green space by 25-30? feet.
 - d. Fix the drainage at the road front adjacent to Havens Corner and adjacent to Taylor Rd.
8. Move Shelter and install a softball field/soccer. Install an equipment storage shed. Ball field to have pole mounted lighting.



The Park Advisory Board respectfully requests that a Council workshop be scheduled in May to address the Parks and their future.



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Importance of Parks and Recreation

Economic Value

- Spending at local and regional public parks contributed \$140 billion in economic activity and generated nearly 1 million jobs in 2013. When combined with the National Park Service and state park systems, public parks are responsible for \$200 billion in annual economic activity (NRPA, 2016).
- Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values.
- American Forests, a national conservation organization that promotes forestry, estimates that trees in cities save \$400 billion in storm water retention facility costs.
- Quality parks and recreation are cited as one of the top three reasons that business cite in relocation decisions in a number of

Inside Look



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- Parks and recreation generate money for the local economy. A 2012 study shows Mammoth Cave National Park generates \$62 million a year for the south-Central Kentucky area.

Health and Environmental Benefits

- Parks and recreation facilities are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- According to studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, creating, improving and promoting places to be physically active can improve individual and community health and result in a 25 percent increase of residents who exercise at least three times per week.
- A study by Penn State University showed significant correlations to reductions in stress, lowered blood pressure, and perceived physical health to the length of stay in visits to parks.
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children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

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Social Importance

- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a given community. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.
- An ongoing study by the Trust for Public Land shows that over the past decade, voter approval rates for bond measures to acquire parks and conserve open space exceeds 75%. Clearly, the majority of the public views parks as an essential priority for government spending.
- Parks and recreation programs provide places for health and well-being that are accessible by persons of all ages and abilities, especially to those with disabilities.
- In a 2007 survey of Fairfax County,

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VA, residents of 8 of 10 households rated a quality park system either very important or extremely important to their quality of life.

- Research by the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods indicates that community involvement in neighborhood parks is associated with lower levels of crime and vandalism
- Access to parks and recreation opportunities has been strongly linked to reductions in crime and to reduced juvenile delinquency.
- Parks have a value to communities that transcend the amount of dollars invested or the revenues gained from fees. Parks provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to every community.

For more information on the value and benefits of parks visit the National Recreation and Parks Association website - www.nrpa.org

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Top 10 Reasons Parks Are Important

By Richard J. Dolesh, Monica Hobbs Vinluan and Michael Phillips

Public parks and recreation offers countless value to our citizens and to our country. As advocates and supporters of parks and recreation who live these values every day, we may sometimes take the uncounted benefits of parks and recreation for granted. So we don't lose sight of the forest for the trees, every once in awhile it is useful to remind ourselves of these basic values and reaffirm their essential worth.

The following "top 10" list of park and recreation values is in no particular order; rather, it encompasses the range of why we collectively believe that public parks and recreation is an essential part of our national heritage:

1. Public parks provide millions of Americans with the opportunity to be physically active. Physical activity is an essential part of an individual's efforts to stay healthy, fight obesity and prevent chronic conditions that lead to coronary disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. Having close-to-home access to places where one can recreate is one of the most important factors linking whether people will become active and stay that way.



2. Parks have true economic benefits. Proximity to a developed state, regional or community park improves property value. The economic benefits of park and recreation areas are manifold, but one of the most significant is the increase in value of private land adjacent or near protected public land. The proximity of parks to residential areas leads to increased value of private land, a higher tax base and ultimately many economic benefits to a community including increased local and regional revenue from heritage tourism, steady jobs, and numerous small business benefits. Park and recreation areas are economic engines that improve the quality of life and make communities livable and desirable for businesses and homeowners.

3. Parks provide vital green space in a fast-developing American landscape, and provide vegetative buffers to construction and development, thus reducing the effects of sprawl. More importantly, parks and public lands also provide groundwater recharge areas, floodplain protection, natural sound barriers, storm water protection from wetlands, reductions in heat island effects, and carbon uptake from abundant trees and vegetation. Parks keep our living environment healthy.



4. Parks preserve critical wildlife habitat. As our nation develops and our rural, agricultural and forest landscape is being lost, open space and wildlife habitats are disappearing at an alarming rate. The connected network of local, regional, state and national parks across our country provide permanently protected wildlife habitat corridors for thousands of indigenous and migratory wildlife species. In addition, stream valley parks and community parks allow natural wildlife to co-exist with people while providing enjoyment and educational opportunity for children and families.

5. Parks and recreation facilitate social interactions that are critical to maintaining community cohesion and pride. Parks provide a meeting place where community members can develop social ties, and where healthy behavior is modeled and admired. People gather to share experiences, socialize and to build community bonds in common green spaces. These public commons are often the glue that holds the community together and the means to maintaining and improving future positive social interactions.

6. Leisure activities in parks improve moods, reduce stress and enhance a sense of wellness. In an increasingly complex world, more and more people are placing a high value on achieving the feelings of relaxation and peacefulness that contact with nature, recreation and exposure to natural open spaces bring. People go to the park to get in a better mood, to reinvigorate themselves and to decrease the anxieties of daily life.



7. Recreational programs provide organized, structured, enjoyable activities for all ages. The diverse range of recreational programs offered by public park and recreation agencies offers all Americans the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to successfully and confidently engage in sports, dance, crafts and other social activities. Public recreation leagues and classes offer seniors, adults and children alike the opportunity to interact with coaches and teachers who often turn into mentors and role models. Quality recreational programs facilitate safety, good sportsmanship and community participation.



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Why Parks and Recreation are Essential Public Services

Parks and recreation have three values that make them essential services to communities:

1. Economic value
2. Health and Environmental benefits
3. Social importance

Just as water, sewer, and public safety are considered essential public services, parks are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in a community, ensuring the health of families and youth, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and a region.

There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment.

Economic Value

- Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values. It is proven that private property values increase the value of privately owned land the closer such land is to parks. This increase in private property value due to the proximity to parks increases property tax revenues and improves local economies.
- A Texas A&M review of 25 studies investigating whether parks and open space contributed positively to the property values of surrounding properties found that 20 of the 25 studies found that property values were higher. "The real estate market consistently demonstrates that many people are willing to pay a larger amount for property located close to parks and open space areas than for a home that does not offer this amenity,"
- American Forests, a national conservation organization that promotes forestry, estimates that trees in cities save \$400 billion in storm water retention facility costs.
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- Parks and recreation programs produce a significant portion of operating costs from revenue generated from fees and charges
- Parks and recreation programs generate revenue directly from fees and charges, but more importantly, provide significant indirect revenues to local and regional economies from sports tournaments and special events such as arts, music, and holiday festivals. Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to local and regional economies.

Health and Environmental Benefits

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National Recreation and Park Association

For more information on the value and benefits of parks go to www.nrpa.org

Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Projects and Clarifications:

Year 1 – 2018

Proposed Capital Improvements Plan

PAB will build upon the 2018 Taylor Road trail project by constructing trails, improving parking and add security lighting at Freedom Park and Liberty Park. The trail construction project at Freedom Park will include drainage improvements along the west side of the park and near the detention area. These improvements are in preparation for the 2019 capital project to construct recreational programming fields at Freedom Park.

Potentially completing these projects (will need to be bid if exceeding \$50,000) in conjunction with the Taylor Road trail project, with a contractor already present, the PAB believes that costs may be more complete for stone, dirt work and lighting.

Cost estimates were based upon non-asphalt trails at \$20.00/foot.

Proposed improvements cost estimates – 2018

Liberty Park (west side of city) trail with bridge.....	\$75,000
Freedom Park trail.....	\$35,000
Freedom Park drainage improvements.....	\$5,000
Freedom Park parking improvements/security lighting.....	\$60,000
Liberty Park parking improvements/security lighting.....	\$50,000
Total levy funded.....	\$225,000

Other identified improvements/maintenance

- Karr Park: PAB requests that Karr Park concrete block repair (a CIP item) be completed with Park Use funding during the Police Station build (ie. While the shelter is not necessarily available for rental). Also, the PAB would explore Karr Park walking trail improvements in conjunction with the Police Station build.
- AEP project in 2018 timeframe will generate approximately 70 yards of topsoil that the PAB would like to designate for delivery to Freedom Park for use in 2019

Year 3 – 2020

Proposed Capital Improvements Plan

PAB will focus on completion of the Foundation Park Fitness trail with drainage, build, and equipment improvements. The Fitness trail will be asphalt and will be handicapped accessible. Shade structures added to the tot lot areas for visitor comfort. Open batting cages would be placed on the west side near ballfield 3. The PAB believes that the continued expansion of recreational field use will warrant designated funds for soccer and softball field improvements at this time. Any monies saved will be directed for further comfort options such as picnic tables and benches throughout our community parks.

Proposed improvements cost estimates – 2020

Foundation Park fitness trail.....	\$120,000
Foundation Park fitness trail equipment.....	\$40,000
Drainage and trail augmentation.....	\$20,000
Shade structure at Foundation Park tot lots.....	\$14,000
Batting cages at Foundation Park.....	\$20,000
<u>Softball and soccer fields improvements.....</u>	<u>\$11,000</u>
Total levy funded.....	\$225,000

Other identified improvements/maintenance

PAB would designate this year to explore future improvements at Karr Park as the Police Station would be completed and in practical use.

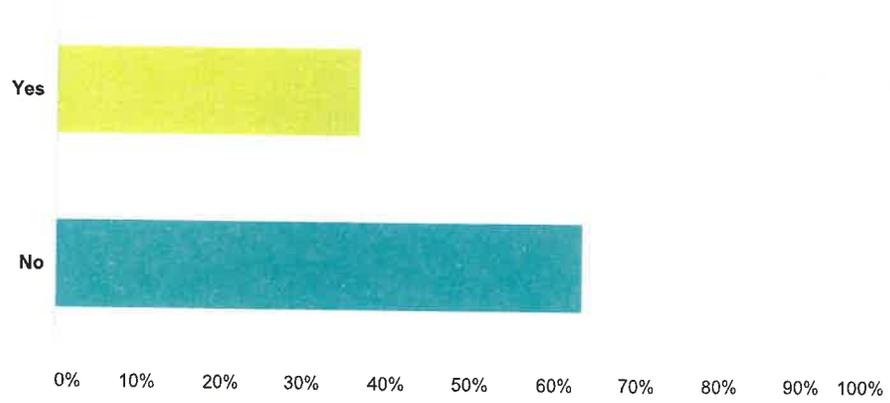
PRIP List

2018	Liberty Park Trail with Bridge	\$75,000.00	
	Freedom Park Trail	\$35,000.00	
	Freedom Park Drainage Improvements	\$5,000.00	
	Parking Lot Expansion/ Lighting <i>Freedom</i>	\$60,000.00	
	Parking Lot Expansion/Lighting Liberty	\$50,000.00	
			\$225,000.00
2019	Citizen's Park Basketball Court	\$25,000.00	
	Faith Ann Connector	\$5,000.00	
	Frisbee Golf at Citizen's	\$30,000.00	
	Liberty Park Totlot/Sunscreen	\$50,000.00	
	Citizen's Sunscreen near Totlot/Pond	\$7,000.00	
	Soccer and Diamond at Freedom Park	\$108,000.00	
			\$225,000.00
2020	Foundation Park Fitness Trail	\$120,000.00	
	<i>Foundation Park Fitness Path</i>		
	Equipment	\$40,000.00	
	Drainage and Trail Augmentation	\$20,000.00	
	Shade Structures at Both Found.Totlots	\$14,000.00	
	Batting Cages at Foundation Park	\$20,000.00	
	Softball and Soccer Field Improvements	\$11,000.00	
			\$225,000.00
2021	Citizen's Pond Improvements	\$30,000.00	
	Citizen's Parking Lot Expansion	\$50,000.00	
	Citizen's Park Lighting	\$7,000.00	
	Freedom Park Shelter Relocation	\$20,000.00	
	Drainage Corrections (Multiple Parks)	\$30,000.00	
	Lighting at Municipal Park Trail	\$10,000.00	
	<i>Freedom Park Entrance Improvements</i>	\$15,000.00	
	Karr Park Connector Trail Project (Initial)	\$63,000.00	
			\$225,000.00

2016 PAB Survey

Q1 Were you aware that the City of Pataskala has 6 parks?

Answered: 446 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices

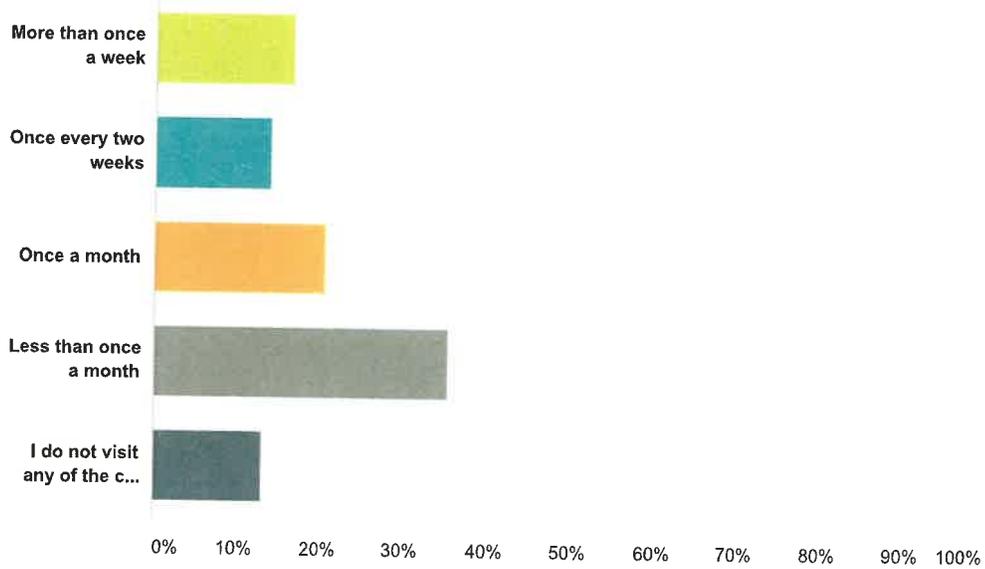
Responses

Yes	36.77%	164
No	63.23%	282
Total		446

2016 PAB Survey

Q3 How often do you visit the park in Question 2?

Answered: 443 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices

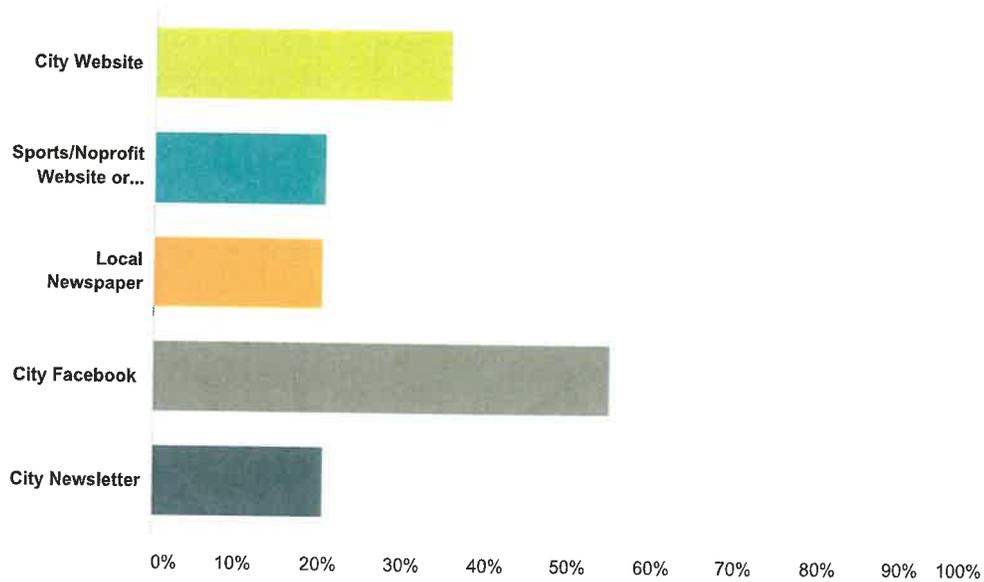
Responses

More than once a week	16.70%	74
Once every two weeks	14.00%	62
Once a month	20.77%	92
Less than once a month	35.44%	157
I do not visit any of the city parks	13.09%	58
Total		443

2016 PAB Survey

Q5 Where do you look for information about the recreational programs, community events or other happenings in the area?

Answered: 411 Skipped: 35



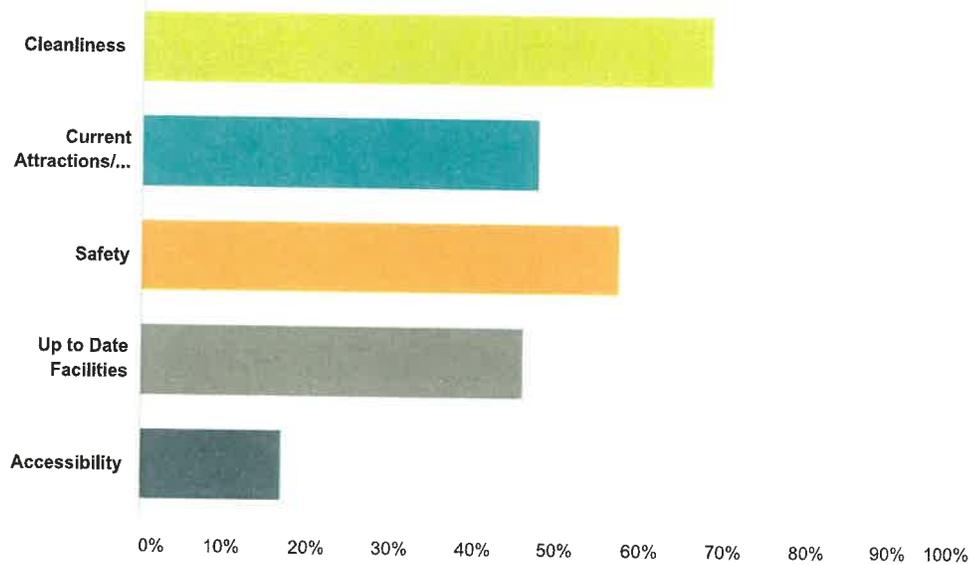
Answer Choices	Responses	
City Website	35.52%	146
Sports/Noprofit Website or Facebook	20.44%	84
Local Newspaper	20.19%	83
City Facebook	54.99%	226
City Newsletter	20.44%	84
Total Respondents: 411		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Online	12/1/2016 8:55 PM
2	Google search	12/1/2016 6:34 PM
3	Online	11/23/2016 2:04 PM
4	Signs around town.	11/22/2016 1:44 AM
5	Signs around the city	11/19/2016 7:53 PM
6	N/a	11/19/2016 7:07 AM
7	Not sure where to look. Usually is focused on kids and families	11/17/2016 7:57 PM
8	Google search	11/17/2016 4:04 PM
9	Metroparks in columbus	11/14/2016 8:52 PM
10	Never look	11/14/2016 6:41 PM
11	Family	11/14/2016 3:32 PM

2016 PAB Survey

Q6 What are your top priorities for the community parks?

Answered: 433 Skipped: 13



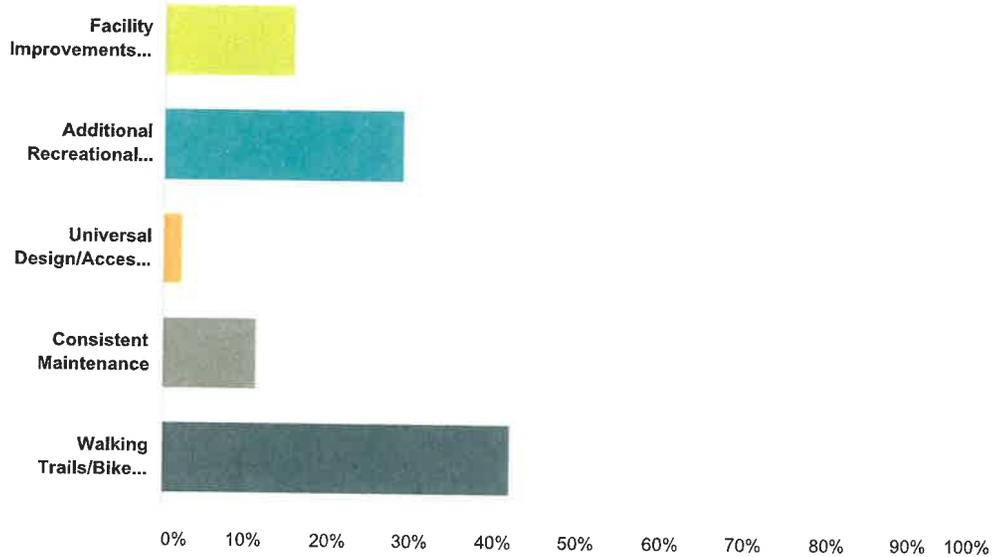
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Cleanliness	68.36%	296
Current Attractions/Activities	47.58%	206
Safety	57.51%	249
Up to Date Facilities	45.96%	199
Accessibility	16.86%	73
Total Respondents: 433		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Kid fun	12/1/2016 11:46 PM
2	Dog park	12/1/2016 8:04 PM
3	Dog park would be awesome.	12/1/2016 6:55 PM
4	Dog park. Right side of foundation that's not used would be perfect	12/1/2016 6:34 PM
5	Restroom	11/30/2016 1:45 PM
6	Landscaping and amenities.	11/28/2016 2:47 PM
7	Safe for kids to play.	11/22/2016 1:44 AM
8	Shade because the parks have little to no shade	11/19/2016 7:07 AM
9	We should have bike paths & running paths!	11/18/2016 5:14 PM
10	Functionality of kid's equipment -- repairs are needed	11/18/2016 3:40 PM
11	Safe parking, access to nature	11/18/2016 12:00 PM
12	Need better acces to some parks. I.e. Sidewalks to freedom park	11/17/2016 10:01 PM

2016 PAB Survey

Q7 What would you say requires the most urgent attention in our community parks?

Answered: 409 Skipped: 37



Answer Choices

Responses

Facility Improvements (Buildings, Parking, Etc)	15.65%	64
Additional Recreational Opportunities	28.85%	118
Universal Design/Accessibility	2.20%	9
Consistent Maintenance	11.25%	46
Walking Trails/Bike Paths	42.05%	172

Total

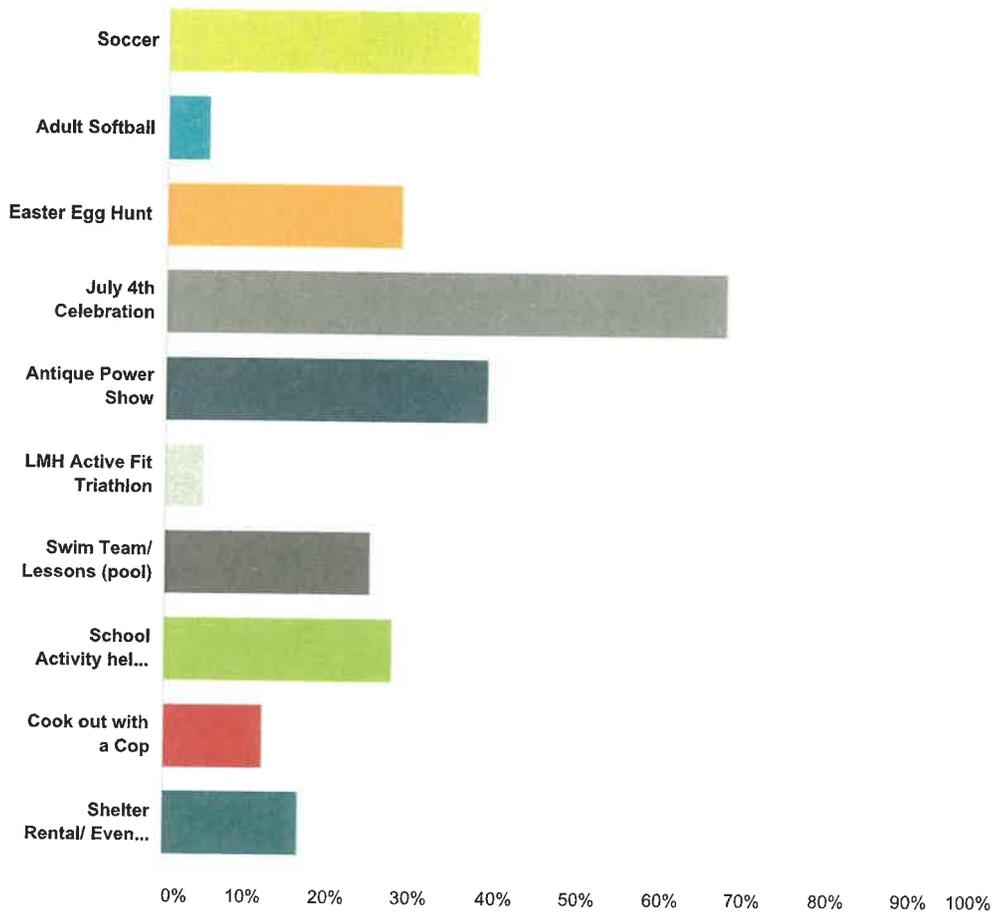
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#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	New playgrounds like Granville or Westerville	12/1/2016 11:46 PM
2	N/A	12/1/2016 8:55 PM
3	Dog park	12/1/2016 8:04 PM
4	Additional parking, too.	12/1/2016 6:55 PM
5	Tennis courts	12/1/2016 4:49 PM
6	Better swimming pool. Like Groveport, Ohio	11/28/2016 2:47 PM
7	The playgrounds are horrible. We live across the street from Foundation and my kids would rather play with sticks than the equipment over there!	11/23/2016 3:10 PM
8	Needed shade	11/19/2016 7:07 AM
9	Allow APV's	11/19/2016 1:28 AM
10	Safe playground equipment. Esp. Foundation Park	11/18/2016 6:18 PM
11	I would have selected "safety" if it was on this list.	11/18/2016 3:40 PM

2016 PAB Survey

Q8 What community events, activities, or recreational programs have you or your family members participated in the past 3 years?

Answered: 378 Skipped: 68



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Soccer	37.30%	141
Adult Softball	5.03%	19
Easter Egg Hunt	28.57%	108
July 4th Celebration	67.72%	256
Antique Power Show	38.89%	147
LMH Active Fit Triathlon	4.76%	18
Swim Team/ Lessons (pool)	25.13%	95
School Activity held at Community Parks	27.78%	105
Cook out with a Cop	12.17%	46

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None

11/8/2016 10:00 AM

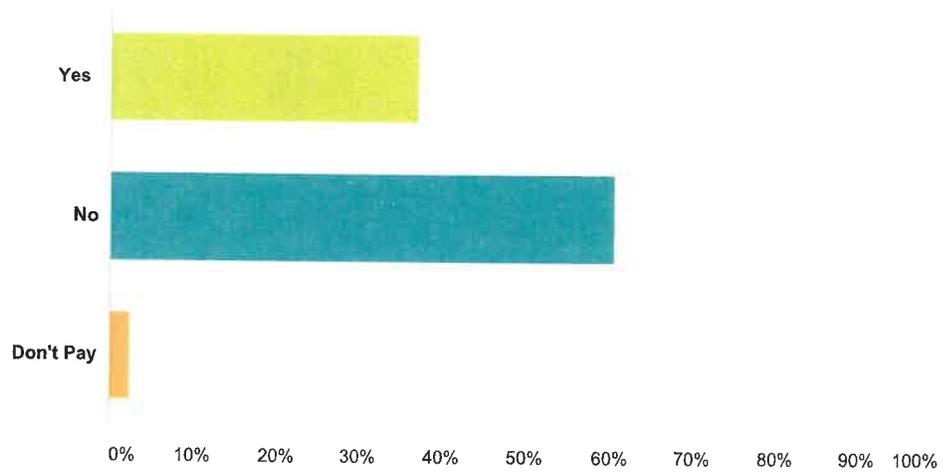
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18	No idea, information is not disclosed to us.	11/8/2016 4:51 PM
19	No idea	11/8/2016 1:04 PM
20	Don't know	11/8/2016 12:12 PM
21	It's my understanding they are not funded.	11/8/2016 11:37 AM
22	No idea	11/8/2016 11:05 AM
23	Don't know	11/8/2016 10:00 AM

2016 PAB Survey

Q11 Were you aware that you currently pay a Licking County .25 mils levy (passed in 2012 for five years) to support or improve Licking County parks?

Answered: 445 Skipped: 1

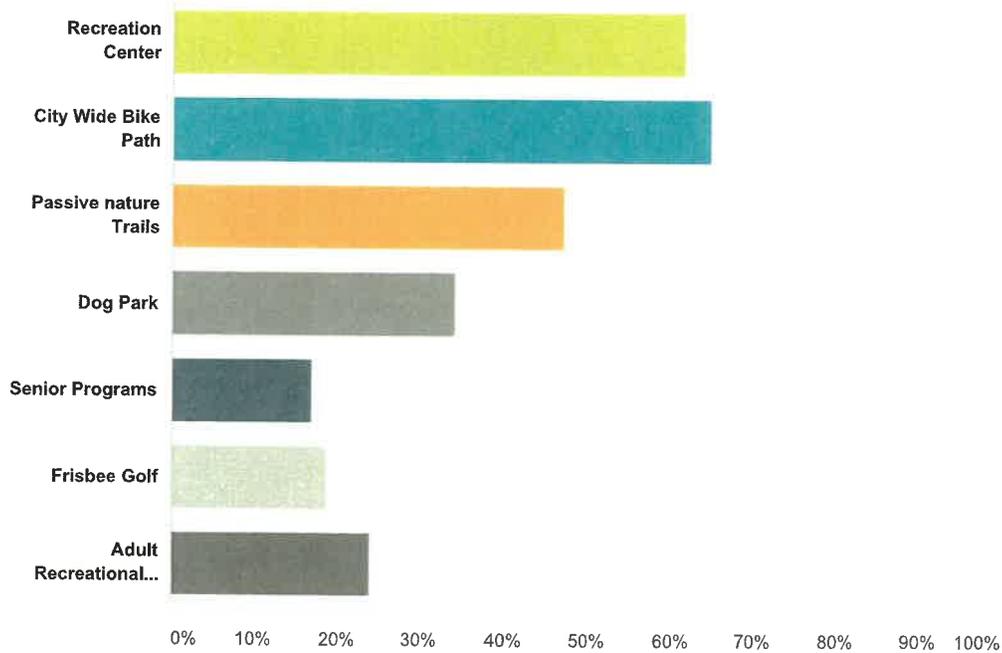


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	37.08%	165
No	60.45%	269
Don't Pay	2.47%	11
Total		445

2016 PAB Survey

Q13 What new activity or facility would you support for our community parks? Check all that apply.

Answered: 430 Skipped: 16



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Recreation Center	61.63%	265
City Wide Bike Path	64.65%	278
Passive nature Trails	47.21%	203
Dog Park	34.19%	147
Senior Programs	16.98%	73
Frisbee Golf	18.84%	81
Adult Recreational Program	23.95%	103

Total Respondents: 430

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Volleyball	12/1/2016 5:30 PM
2	Tennis courts	12/1/2016 4:49 PM
3	Tennis	12/1/2016 4:41 PM
4	Groveport Rec Center is a great ideal	11/28/2016 2:47 PM
5	Better Playgrounds	11/23/2016 3:10 PM
6	Large dirt mound in foundation park for snow sledding.	11/22/2016 1:44 AM
7	A bigger better playground for children	11/21/2016 10:54 PM

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47	n/a	11/8/2016 3:13 PM
48	A recreational facility that included an indoor pool.	11/8/2016 12:52 PM
49	Youth recreation programs, including educational programs	11/8/2016 11:44 AM
50	New play equipment.	11/8/2016 10:33 AM
51	Better playgrounds, like the one at Wildwood Park in Granville, or the one at Kirkersville elementary.	11/8/2016 10:00 AM
52	Splash pad	11/8/2016 9:59 AM

2016 PAB Survey

Q15 Are there any additional safety features that you would like to see?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 370

#	Responses	Date
1	None	12/1/2016 8:04 PM
2	More lights	12/1/2016 5:30 PM
3	Cars not just sitting there, running.	11/23/2016 3:10 PM
4	Adequate lighting, winter accessibility, more ADA compliant pathways.	11/22/2016 1:44 AM
5	Better lighting for early Morning walks	11/20/2016 10:03 AM
6	Do to lno shade.	11/19/2016 7:07 AM
7	Routine police patrols and emergency call boxes. I see suspicious activity at Foundation Park during the daytime hours. Clearly people are not concerned that PPD is going to be there.	11/18/2016 3:40 PM
8	Not sure...	11/18/2016 12:00 PM
9	Splash park for kids	11/17/2016 7:30 PM
10	Bikes off walking trails. Not enough room for both.	11/15/2016 12:17 PM
11	Improved lighting near walking paths	11/14/2016 10:55 PM
12	More lighting, 911 call boxes at foundation park near the walking trail and municipal park with cameras on them.	11/14/2016 9:49 PM
13	Maybe a type of emergency call box.	11/14/2016 9:05 PM
14	No one really safe alone, no matter what. Need to be hypervigilant.	11/14/2016 8:52 PM
15	Camars, clean	11/14/2016 6:04 PM
16	No	11/14/2016 3:48 PM
17	We see a lot of people (who don't have kids) parking in front of the gyms at foundation. When you walk up to them they act all rude, defensive, and when we walk away after taking pictures they tear out of the lot. So maybe have police patrol it once in a while. Also I saw the Waste Management truck dump trash (that was on fire) in the park. Hopefully they got everything picked up. Was very unsanitary! Can't imagine what was in that truck! Yuck!	11/14/2016 2:24 PM
18	more lighting	11/10/2016 6:28 PM
19	n/a - have not been to a park	11/10/2016 9:23 AM
20	Bigger parking areas	11/10/2016 9:20 AM
21	Maybe more dusk to dawn lighting on path ways	11/10/2016 8:13 AM
22	More lights. Eliminate drug dealing	11/9/2016 4:14 PM
23	Emergency phones	11/9/2016 12:35 PM
24	More lights	11/9/2016 10:50 AM
25	I am a runner and I like to bike. There isn't really a safe outlet for that in Pataskala. I have to run and bike along street.	11/9/2016 9:52 AM
26	disability access	11/9/2016 8:06 AM
27	Lights	11/9/2016 6:41 AM
28	fencing around the play areas for children	11/9/2016 12:19 AM
29	I would like to see call boxes in conspicuous locations	11/8/2016 10:27 PM
30	N/a	11/8/2016 10:24 PM
31	Possible speed bumps in Foundation park to slow traffic. Vehicles traveling though it easily spred 10+ mpg over the posted speed limit	11/8/2016 9:16 PM

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68	I would like to see more community outreach such as pantry, kind of like the book cupboard at municipal park.	11/8/2016 10:24 AM
69	Patrols of municipal, too many kids unsupervised. Drug deals	11/8/2016 10:16 AM
70	I would like to see the walking path that starts in the Bright Waters development and goes through the Pataskala municipal park safely connect to the path off Mill street that leads to the neighborhood off SR 310. Currently there is no safe way to walk or run from one end of the path to the other.	11/8/2016 10:15 AM
71	Foundation Park: A walking path near the roadway to make it safer to walk through the park, entrance to entrance. Improved and maintained roadway.	11/8/2016 10:07 AM
72	Rubber mats at the playground instead of mulch	11/8/2016 10:06 AM
73	Police presence	11/8/2016 10:03 AM
74	The playgrounds are falling apart with broken pieces that are unsafe for children.	11/8/2016 10:00 AM
75	Coverings over the playground equipment to protect from the sun. In the summer when the slides get too hot it makes it impossible for the kids to play, so I don't go to the park.	11/8/2016 9:56 AM
76	Bigger pool with slides	11/8/2016 9:51 AM

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31	Didn't know we had 6 parks ! More updates in The Post would be great along with more activities at them.	11/15/2016 12:17 PM
32	We visit regularly for the kids to play. The only issue we have encountered are bees in the sand volleyball court.	11/14/2016 10:55 PM
33	I've never rented shelters due to profane graffiti, trash and cigarette butts, and broken, damaged tables and benches. Also grills in terrible condition.	11/14/2016 9:49 PM
34	I do visit them	11/14/2016 9:05 PM
35	Haven't taken the time and don't know where they all are.	11/14/2016 9:00 PM
36	Not in area yet But will be!!!	11/14/2016 8:52 PM
37	Not enough varied playground equipment to draw our kids in and no other real options to compel us to visit the parks.	11/14/2016 6:41 PM
38	No running or bike paths	11/14/2016 6:06 PM
39	Teens acting rude, drugs	11/14/2016 6:04 PM
40	Dogs not allowed	11/14/2016 5:18 PM
41	Didn't know there were any	11/14/2016 4:44 PM
42	Some parking is limited especially by the pool	11/14/2016 4:19 PM
43	Too busy	11/14/2016 3:32 PM
44	I was very disappointed to find out that the city of Pataskala chose to have an ADULT softball league instead of a youth...and left the youth program scrambling to find a place to play. Sad that adult sports was an higher priority!	11/14/2016 2:56 PM
45	The path at foundation park is horrible! I get the mulch concept, but in some areas it is just swampy. Also the trail in the woods is eroding in multiple spots due to drainage issues from the creek and the drain off the fields. It is not that safe!	11/14/2016 2:24 PM
46	Facilities are pretty bare-bones and usually the parking stinks... especially during popular events. Bathrooms are a necessity for any park that hosts sports activities and events. Porta-Johns are ok to augment permanent facilities, but EVERYONE avoids them if possible. They stink, and after a day or two they are completely unusable.	11/14/2016 1:51 PM
47	No real hiking trails	11/14/2016 11:39 AM
48	Not aware of the other locations	11/14/2016 11:22 AM
49	The playgrounds seem to be small and outdated compared to other parks. I grew up in a similar sized town and our parks are way more accessible for kids with disabilities and the playgrounds are bigger.	11/14/2016 11:00 AM
50	There is nothing to do, too far away	11/10/2016 4:03 PM
51	didn't know we had them	11/10/2016 9:23 AM
52	n/a	11/10/2016 8:13 AM
53	I only know about 2 of them.	11/10/2016 6:59 AM
54	Drugs. People smoking cigs. Drinking	11/10/2016 6:11 AM
55	no rest room facilities at park closest to me and no where to walk	11/9/2016 10:21 PM
56	I just recently moved to Pataskala late this past spring and have a baby that is not yet able to make use of the parks but I fully intend to start using them next spring when she is able to walk and run so that she may enjoy them.	11/9/2016 9:23 PM
57	I wasn't aware there were 6. I'd like to see thorough pictures of each space so I know what areas my son could enjoy at a young age and as he grows.	11/9/2016 9:15 PM
58	Not all of us are soccer or baseball players. Some of us just appreciate nature. How about some of that?	11/9/2016 8:28 PM
59	Playgrounds are not very good.	11/9/2016 8:01 PM
60	Needs better playgrounds for kids. The current ones are old and damaged.	11/9/2016 4:30 PM
61	I am disabled and cannot walk on uneven surfaces. Would love to see an indoor community pool!	11/9/2016 4:30 PM
62	Time	11/9/2016 4:15 PM
63	Safety	11/9/2016 4:14 PM
64	Playgrounds are small and lack of access to bathrooms	11/9/2016 4:13 PM
65	there's nothing exciting to do there	11/9/2016 3:32 PM

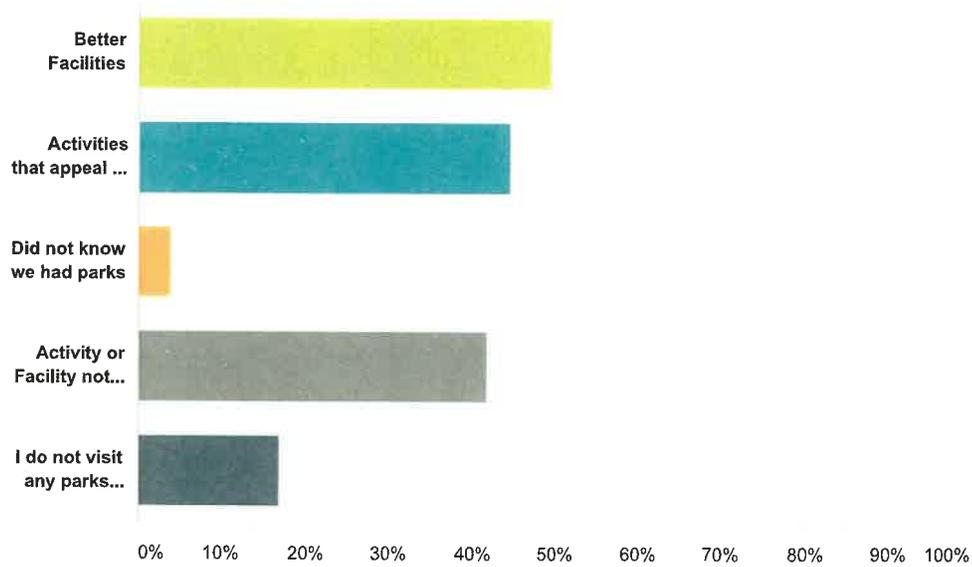
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102	Time	11/8/2016 6:37 PM
103	Looking for walking trails that safe for seniors to walk	11/8/2016 6:32 PM
104	We are moving to Pataskala in January but once we move we will frequent parks in the area.	11/8/2016 6:27 PM
105	Unsure where they are.	11/8/2016 6:27 PM
106	Lack of bike/walk trails	11/8/2016 6:24 PM
107	I didn't know there was so many. Also the few I did know about look run down and bit iffy. I wouldn't take my kids alone to the ones I have seen. I don't like feeling I need to take my husband to be comfortable at a park	11/8/2016 6:20 PM
108	Ease of accessibility. I live on McCoy Dr. And there is not a direct paved route to travel by foot to freedom park. A bike/walking path would connect all neighborhoods on Taylor to the parks located on this rd. Also there are no amenities at the park in Taylor Glenn so I do not travel there with my family.	11/8/2016 6:17 PM
109	Not enough time	11/8/2016 6:15 PM
110	The activities don't involve my interests.	11/8/2016 6:12 PM
111	The facilities aren't really condusive to toddlers.	11/8/2016 6:08 PM
112	No time to.	11/8/2016 5:59 PM
113	Time	11/8/2016 5:58 PM
114	Stroller accessible	11/8/2016 5:56 PM
115	Time. Very busy with school activities.	11/8/2016 5:55 PM
116	No activities advertised	11/8/2016 5:54 PM
117	Not much to do in parks besides events	11/8/2016 5:43 PM
118	Parking is an issue	11/8/2016 5:16 PM
119	There are nicer parks elsewhere.	11/8/2016 5:05 PM
120	No easily accessible basketball courts. Not well maintained.	11/8/2016 4:51 PM
121	Parking	11/8/2016 4:03 PM
122	restroom facilities	11/8/2016 3:39 PM
123	Few activities, few trails that are amenable to someone seeking a fitness level trial, ie, biking, running	11/8/2016 3:26 PM
124	Boring	11/8/2016 3:21 PM
125	Not close to our home, the parks that I have seen have very little for young kids to do (playground equipment)	11/8/2016 2:14 PM
126	I don't know where they are.	11/8/2016 1:20 PM
127	Play grounds are pretty basic. Children lose interest after 20 minutes or so.	11/8/2016 1:04 PM
128	Dated equipment.	11/8/2016 1:00 PM
129	Not up to date, or as maintained. I tend to drive to other cities because they offer newer facilities and cleaner areas. Also, if the city was more pedestrian friendly i would walk or ride a bike and visit these parks more often!	11/8/2016 12:58 PM
130	Lack of adult aquatic programs	11/8/2016 12:52 PM
131	No dog park.	11/8/2016 12:47 PM
132	They look trashy	11/8/2016 12:11 PM
133	Lack of shade	11/8/2016 12:02 PM
134	There aren't many	11/8/2016 11:44 AM
135	No bike or walking trails.	11/8/2016 11:37 AM
136	Outdated	11/8/2016 11:33 AM
137	There are not enough of them	11/8/2016 11:31 AM
138	Not enough slides/playground	11/8/2016 11:20 AM
139	Porta johns	11/8/2016 11:14 AM

2016 PAB Survey

Q17 Do you visit other parks outside of Pataskala? If so, what is the reason? Check all that apply.

Answered: 384 Skipped: 62



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Better Facilities	49.48%	190
Activities that appeal to me/my family	44.53%	171
Did not know we had parks	3.91%	15
Activity or Facility not offered at Pataskala Parks	41.67%	160
I do not visit any parks outside of Pataskala	16.93%	65

Total Respondents: 384

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	They have a dog park.	12/1/2016 8:04 PM
2	Volleyball	12/1/2016 5:30 PM
3	Rotary Park in Newark has tons of Things for the kids	12/1/2016 4:41 PM
4	Used the varied walking trails	11/29/2016 8:04 AM
5	Safety.	11/18/2016 3:40 PM
6	better access to nature & trails	11/18/2016 12:00 PM
7	Nature	11/17/2016 11:10 PM
8	Better playground equipment	11/17/2016 8:14 PM
9	Other parks have walking trails that are paved that you can take bikes or strollers on	11/17/2016 8:10 PM
10	Longer/more walking trails	11/17/2016 7:08 PM
11	Occasionally when time permits. To walk on their trails	11/17/2016 6:25 PM

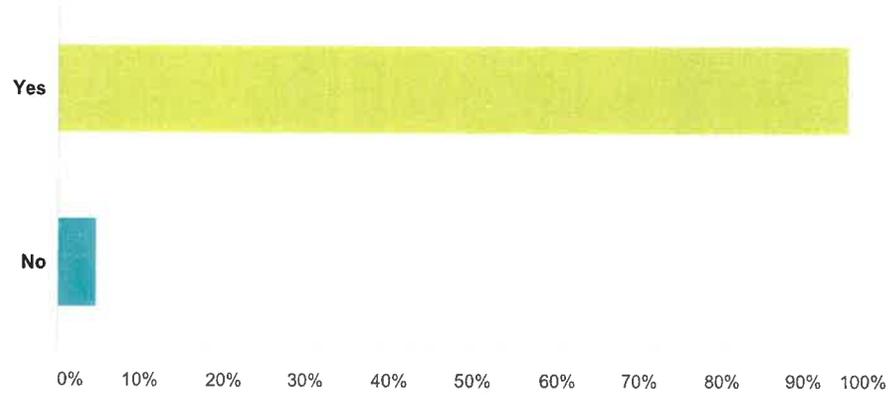
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51	Dog parks and running paths.	11/8/2016 5:55 PM
52	Just to see them and something new to do	11/8/2016 5:43 PM
53	Permanent restrooms, even though primitive	11/8/2016 5:30 PM
54	Closer to other family members	11/8/2016 4:29 PM
55	Larger parks with better equipment for kids	11/8/2016 3:21 PM
56	Dog park, better play (kirkersville) NJ	11/8/2016 1:00 PM
57	more diverse hiking trails	11/8/2016 12:20 PM
58	Walking my dog in dog-friendly parks	11/8/2016 11:56 AM
59	They have decent walking/biking trails.	11/8/2016 11:37 AM
60	I frequent other city bike trails (Columbus, gahanna, newark)	11/8/2016 11:12 AM
61	Rec center would be the best option for us.	11/8/2016 11:01 AM
62	Clean, well kept, new equipment, nice	11/8/2016 10:57 AM
63	Larger hiking trail at Infirmary Park. Both my children and dogs love nature walks in the parks	11/8/2016 10:45 AM
64	Dog park	11/8/2016 10:44 AM
65	Nature trails	11/8/2016 10:29 AM
66	Other parks are nicer than ours	11/8/2016 10:28 AM
67	More nature settings less soccer	11/8/2016 10:25 AM
68	Hiking trails	11/8/2016 10:25 AM
69	I go where there are dog parks	11/8/2016 10:18 AM
70	Convenience / variety	11/8/2016 10:15 AM
71	Just like the park.	11/8/2016 10:06 AM

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Q19 Are parks important to you and your family?

Answered: 442 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	95.48%	422
No	4.52%	20
Total		442

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Q21 How can we better serve you in our community parks in the future?

Answered: 117 Skipped: 329

#	Responses	Date
1	Have a rec center like Groveport.	12/1/2016 11:46 PM
2	Leave the gates open to Foundation Park during the Winter.	12/1/2016 11:45 PM
3	I have asked for a dog park for many years. This is HUGE deal to my family. I travel to grandville to take my dogs out when I live 1/8 of a mile from foundation park. I think this would appeal to a lot of the residents in Pataskala.	12/1/2016 8:04 PM
4	Rec center for teens would be great, and would provide alternative to hanging out in the streets and mischief due to boredom.	12/1/2016 6:55 PM
5	Warm the pool	12/1/2016 5:30 PM
6	More play equipment and activities for the kids . better accecess to trash cans . more walking and bike trails .	12/1/2016 4:41 PM
7	Continue to develop walking trails and wooded areas for park use.	11/29/2016 8:04 AM
8	Have some more festivals at the parks. Example: Car shows, Rib, Chili, or Pizza cook off etc.	11/28/2016 2:47 PM
9	Full time parks department staff	11/23/2016 9:13 PM
10	Keep the fun coming! 4th of July was THE BEST!	11/23/2016 3:10 PM
11	I wouldn't mind helping or possibly volunteering to help with some park maintenance, since my property is adjacent to it. sepp323@gmail.com	11/22/2016 1:44 AM
12	Limit the among of soccer fields they over take the parks	11/21/2016 3:21 PM
13	It would be nice if the city could somehow partner with the Licking County Ageing Program to provide a location for programs of the type that are now offered at Heritage Hall in Newark. I believe LCAP is looking for a location in western Licking County to provide this type of programming.	11/19/2016 10:38 AM
14	Allow APV's	11/19/2016 1:28 AM
15	Add bike & running paths.	11/18/2016 5:14 PM
16	Updated playgrounds, better nature trails, picnic areas, activities at the pond (fishing contest, boat races,etc) children's activities.	11/18/2016 3:59 PM
17	1) SAFETY! Have a routine police presence during all hours so that parks are a safe place for kids. I see sketchy vans and odd activity between vehicles in Foundation Park. 2) Maintain kid's equipment. Missing swing in Foundation Park for YEARS. Add/maintain mulch in/around kid's areas. I love that Pataskala has made a commitment to local parks. It was honestly a surprise to me when I moved here, as I have been going to parks in Westerville for years. I'm not aware of other parks because Foundation is so close to us and really serves our needs. I want to see Pataskala grow into a community where one can live AND work. As important as parks are, attracting good-paying jobs is more important. I would be willing to pay taxes and subsidize local business if there were good-paying jobs in this area. I currently pay 2% of my income to another central Ohio city that doesn't have reciprocity with Pataskala, and drive 45 minutes one way to go to work, because there aren't enough good-paying jobs in town.	11/18/2016 3:40 PM
18	I said no to #20 because I simply do not have time.... But I would love more information.	11/18/2016 12:00 PM
19	Better trails and equipment	11/17/2016 9:54 PM
20	Look to other community's parks like Gahanna, Westerville and Dublin. Their parks have playgrounds that kids want to play at and bathroom facilities that are clean and don't have shower curtains for doors (Freedom Park)	11/17/2016 8:10 PM
21	Better bike paths and walking trails.	11/17/2016 8:02 PM
22	I think we need more activities for kids to keep them busy doing the summer	11/17/2016 4:54 PM
23	Add rec league sports like 13+ baseball	11/17/2016 4:35 PM
24	Recreation center similar to Groveport Recreation Center. YMCA has great staff but is a depressing probably unhealthy building. Children and families need a nice recreation center, indoor pool bigger outdoor pool.	11/17/2016 4:15 PM

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55	Please improve roads around municipal park especially township rd, they were over used during 310 road work and are in need of repair	11/9/2016 8:23 AM
56	More play equipment, more trails	11/9/2016 8:12 AM
57	see above comment in other.	11/9/2016 8:06 AM
58	Lights	11/9/2016 6:41 AM
59	Can't think of any thing at the moment.	11/9/2016 12:23 AM
60	Connect everything with walking/bike paths	11/9/2016 12:19 AM
61	More youth programs and more fishing ponds	11/8/2016 10:24 PM
62	Activities for us middle aged/older retired residents	11/8/2016 9:47 PM
63	Put out more community notices on when the city needs participation in the parks. If the community was aware of the need for assistance on cleanup or maintenance, the city NEED to do a better job of notifying citizens. Right now, communication on "how" we as citizens can help in our parks is very slim.	11/8/2016 9:16 PM
64	Do a better job of picking up litter and other cleaning.	11/8/2016 8:54 PM
65	More family activities and better advertising and communication to the west side of Pataskala (i.e. Licking Heights School District)	11/8/2016 8:19 PM
66	Options	11/8/2016 8:02 PM
67	Keep from developing every square inch of space& let the city mentality pay homage to the country heritage that will preserve quaity of life for everyone.	11/8/2016 7:55 PM
68	Put sidewalks on Taylor Road!	11/8/2016 7:49 PM
69	More Facilities at Freedom Park	11/8/2016 7:48 PM
70	Tell me how my money is being spent if the money I am paying the parks are not seeing	11/8/2016 7:31 PM
71	Pataskala continues to grow and our parks need to grow and improve as well in order to compete and stay on par with other local communities in central Ohio.	11/8/2016 7:30 PM
72	Let the western edge of the city be aware of what is going on. Feel left out because don't know what is going.	11/8/2016 7:23 PM
73	Continued use of online surveys are fantastic	11/8/2016 7:04 PM
74	make them available to all	11/8/2016 7:03 PM
75	Would love to see Foundation token out of the county's hands and into the cities control. Foundation's location if expanded and develop could compete with other metro parks in Columbus i.e. Blendon Woods. The county will just run Foundation park into the ground over time because the county only cares about the Newark Heath metro area. If ever successful a West Licking CIC with Johnstown, Granville, Alexandria, and Etna on board could be a source of funding for Foundation as well as upgrades to existing parks in Johnstown Granville and Pataskala. West Licking needs to work together, one community alone can not carry the needs the county will neglect. Would love to see Etna and Pataskala work together to improve Lions Park on Refugee Road.	11/8/2016 7:00 PM
76	Fix the swings at foundation park. Baby swings are cracking and coming apart and it's missing one of the regular swings	11/8/2016 6:59 PM
77	More bike/walk trails	11/8/2016 6:24 PM
78	Keep the Pataskala Street Fair as is on SR310 but add an annual spring festival to pull the communities together.	11/8/2016 6:12 PM
79	Make the young kid section if the Easter egg hunt a lot bigger bc at that age the parents have to go in with them.	11/8/2016 6:08 PM
80	Keep open communications/forums going.	11/8/2016 5:59 PM
81	Events for family	11/8/2016 5:58 PM
82	Had pressed to pass a levy for parks u Tim we can get our schools supported.	11/8/2016 5:55 PM
83	Improvements and be interactive in the community	11/8/2016 5:43 PM
84	More communication is always helpful!	11/8/2016 5:16 PM
85	If we do pay extra to fund the parks then the money should go to the park for upgrades or new thinks and not to pay someone to oversee it.	11/8/2016 4:57 PM

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110	<p>With foundation park becoming used for more I think a direct access from broad street would be nice instead of driving through neighborhoods. Fix things that are broken, the fence in foundation park looks terrible. Either fix it or get rid of the entire thing because it is awful The walking trail in/around foundation is nice but wood chips are not a suitable material. Foundation park has the bare bones minimum. Focus on this park first and make it great then work on the others. The park could be used for so much and has so much room for activities but it's just kind of there The park should be totally redesigned. Make a blank slate and start over, it's not to late. Also there was an enormous oak tree near the playground (the one nearest the maintenance shop) that was cut down. Why don't we replace these. I realize the power show is a big draw for the park but the tractor pulling area is a weird awkward looking eye sore the rest of the year, can this be moved? The ash trees that actually did get removed (most of those trees are infected and need to come out) near the John Reese parkway entrance were just cut down and now there are new shoots of tree coming up. Fix this it looks terrible. Just stump grind the thing There are portions of trail along the river that are washed away or so overgrown they aren't even passable I've worked in the parks area for awhile. I would be willing to volunteer some time to help make foundation park great. *all of these comments are about foundation park, it's the primary one I visit.</p>	11/8/2016 10:28 AM
111	<p>The city of Pataskala is a small community with six parks. We may be better suited with less parks that contain more facilities</p>	11/8/2016 10:25 AM
112	<p>Keep pushing surveys just like this one. I love that you ask the communities opinion like a government should do.</p>	11/8/2016 10:20 AM
113	<p>Listen to the residents. With strong connection to the community there will be better support. As a long time resident it seems we used to get a lot more done on a lot less with more volunteers because local individuals were "the park" now it is just someone's job and the connection is lost.</p>	11/8/2016 10:16 AM
114	<p>A running path that connects the parks within Pataskala to each other and surrounding neighborhoods would be beneficial to all the citizens of Pataskala. It would give the citizens that already run throughout the town a safe path and encourage others to get out and be active. Exercising outside is not only beneficial to ones physical health but also mental health. A healthy community is a happy community.</p>	11/8/2016 10:15 AM
115	<p>Update playground equipment this city needs to make walking paths/bike trails available to everyone especially on the Far East side of town where there is no sidewalks or parks accessible by walking or bike</p>	11/8/2016 10:03 AM
116	<p>Add better, bigger playgrounds with benches for parents.</p>	11/8/2016 10:00 AM
117	<p>Keep maintaining them. I feel like the grass is not maintained and the facilities look old and not kept up with. Maybe if the grass was fertilized and not looking like weeds, and there wasn't gravel, there was a walking trail and tennis courts the park would be more attractive in Pataskala and show that we are a growing family oriented community that cares about the safety of our children residents. I also despise porta-potties, maybe some real facilities.</p>	11/8/2016 9:56 AM