

# CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT

## 2023-2028 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

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# Introduction

Since the last comprehensive planning effort, much has changed within the Crystal Lake Park District. This plan was developed to address these changes and provide an updated vision for the future.

## Purpose

- Assess existing parks, facilities, and programs
- Determine community opinion on services and facilities
- Identify park, facility, and program needs
- Define strategic and measurable goals and objectives
- Provide an action plan to implement strategies over the next five years

## Planning Process

The comprehensive planning process encompasses four key phases: Analyze, Connect, Envision, and Prioritize. This master plan is the result of the first three phases and is meant to inform and guide the final phase, Prioritize.

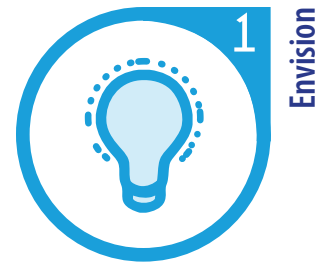
The planning process began in January of 2022 with an in-depth inventory and analysis of the Crystal Lake Park District's parks and open space, indoor facilities, and community context. During the

Connect Phase, the Board of Commissioners, staff, stakeholders, and community shared their opinions about the District's parks, facilities, programs, and needs.

Upon completion of the Analyze and Connect phases, the planning team met to develop alternative strategies. Input from the Board of Commissioners and staff prioritized and incorporated these strategies into a cohesive action plan to be implemented over the next five years.

## How to Use the Plan

This Comprehensive Plan will be used by the Crystal Lake Park District as a guide to implement action items over the next five to ten years. The Action Plan should be thought of as a "working list" that will need to be evaluated and updated annually.



Envision



Implement



Analyze



Connect



Appendix

# STRUCTURE OF THE DOCUMENT

## Chapter One

*Envision: Alternative & Preferred Strategies*

Chapter One outlines the needs that arose during the Analyze and Connect phases. It provides the background of those needs, synthesizing the results from the previous phases into justification and background for future items and the strategies to achieve them.

## Chapter Two

*Implement: Action Plan*

Chapter Two outlines the highest priority strategies into a five-year action plan. The action plan designates when strategies will occur and how to accomplish them.

## Chapter Three

*Analyze: Inventory and Analysis*

Chapter Three provides a detailed inventory of parkland open space, District facilities, schools, and relevant adjacent land uses. Park assets are classified and quantified by standards, size, location, and amenities.

## Chapter Four

*Connect: Needs Assessment and Community Engagement*

Chapter Four includes national, state, and local parks and recreation trends. It also includes summaries of the community surveys (online and statistically valid), community workshops, staff workshop, and stakeholder interviews.

## Chapter Five

*Appendix*

Chapter Five contains the Illinois Department of Natural Resources useful life criteria, City of Crystal Lake zoning map, Village of Lakewood zoning map, the focus questions asked at the various workshops during the Connect phase, and the graphs and results from the community surveys.



# District Profile

The Crystal Lake Park District service area covers approximately 30.5 square miles and serves a population of approximately 50,700 people. Located in the southeast quadrant of McHenry County, the Park District maintains more than 1,370 acres of open space.

## Geographic Profile

The Crystal Lake Park District is located in the southeastern portion of McHenry County and overlaps with other governing bodies' jurisdictions. These jurisdictions include the City of Crystal Lake, Village of Lakewood, and Village of Lake in the Hills. The Park District also contains portions of McHenry County Conservation District property.

CLPD properties include a combined total of 43 park and open space properties, including mini, neighborhood, community, and linear parks, natural areas, special use, and undeveloped properties. Additionally, the Park District owns and maintains 15 indoor facilities.

## Organizational Structure

The seven-person Board of Commissioners is the legal governing authority of the Park District. The Commissioners are elected by District residents to serve four-year terms. Commissioners serve without receiving compensation.

This governing body is responsible for, among other things, passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing committees, and hiring the Executive Director. They also elect from within the Board President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer all of whom serve one-year terms in those positions.

## Related Plans

Planning documents and other reports that relate to the Crystal Lake Park District's Comprehensive Master Plan were reviewed for information and guidelines relevant to the master plan goals and objectives. The following documents were reviewed as part of the planning process:

- Crystal Lake Park District 2010-2014 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- 2020 ADA Transition Plan Update
- 2021 Pavement Assessment Report
- 2017-2022 CLPD Strategic Plan
- CLPD Urban Forest Management Plan

## History

In 1856, the Charles Dole Family made the southeast portion of the Crystal Lake shore available to the public for recreational use. That tradition was followed by a succession of ice company owners who purchased and sold the property. In 1899, the Lakeside Amusement Park was constructed where the Main Beach Recreation Building is now, but it was destroyed by fire in 1904. Out of community concern that public access to the land and beach would be lost to private ownership, a referendum created the Crystal Lake Park District in 1921. The newly created Park District was unsuccessful in negotiating with the Consumer Ice Company for the beach and surrounding land areas, but thanks to eminent domain powers vested in park districts by the State Legislature, the Park District was able to institute condemnation proceedings. In 1923, the courts awarded the park district 1,500 feet of lakefront and 27.78 acres behind it for the sum of \$19,250. In 1926, a brick and mortar recreation center was built at Main Beach.

Growth in the Park District occurred when opportunity presented itself. In 1939, the Crystal Lake Park District Board of Commissioners agreed to purchase a 124-acre tract of land north of town, then known as Walkup Woods. After World War II, the site was renamed Veterans Acres. In the 1960's, the Legislature permitted municipal ties to require real estate developers to donate park land as a condition of subdivision approval. Municipalities could then transfer those sites to

## District Aerial Map Legend

- Crystal Lake Park District Boundary
- Schools
- Conservation District
- CLPD Park
- CLPD Facility
- Other Open Space
- Private Open Space

1 inch = 6,500 feet  
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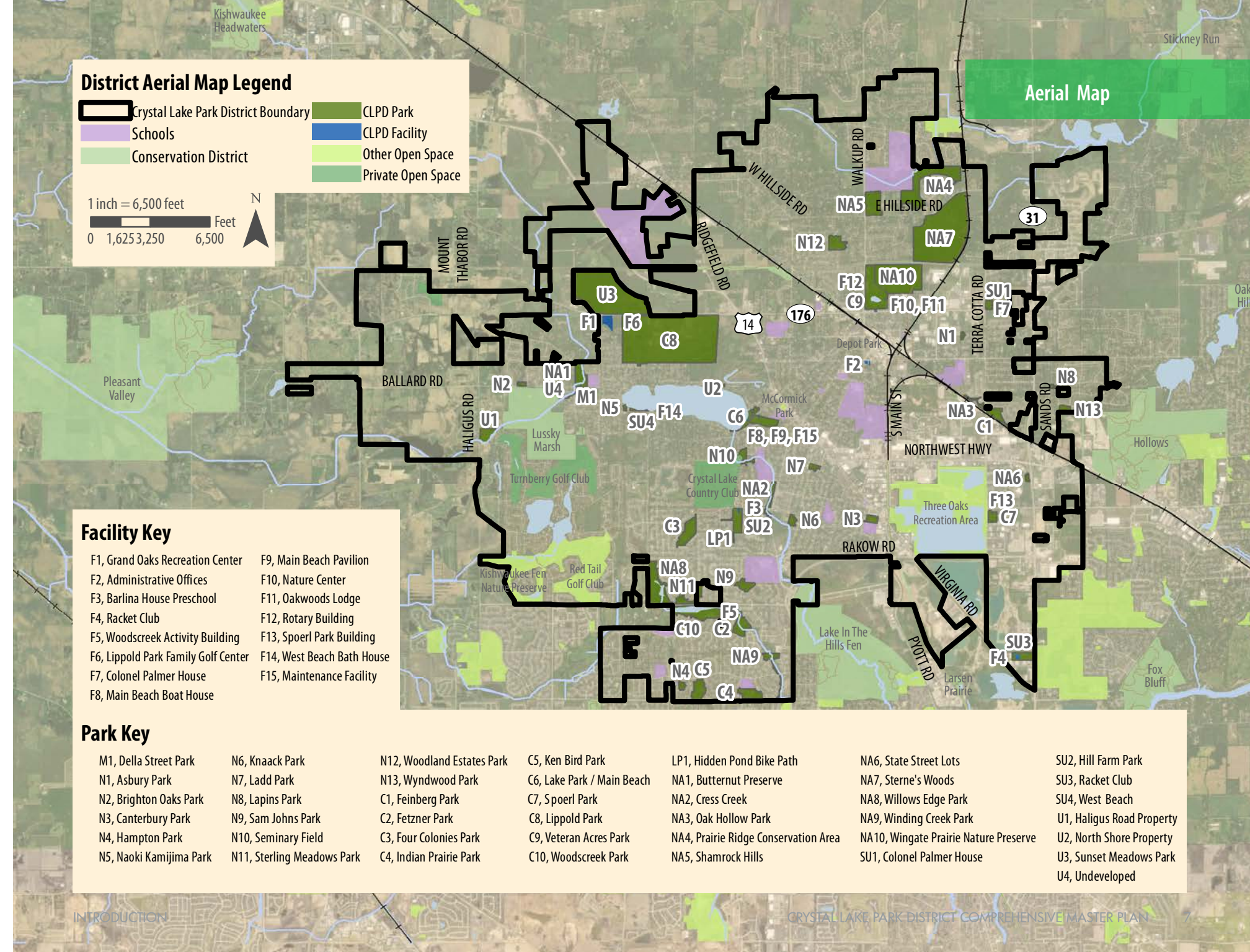
## Facility Key

- F1, Grand Oaks Recreation Center
- F2, Administrative Offices
- F3, Barlina House Preschool
- F4, Racket Club
- F5, Woodcreek Activity Building
- F6, Lippold Park Family Golf Center
- F7, Colonel Palmer House
- F8, Main Beach Boat House
- F9, Main Beach Pavilion
- F10, Nature Center
- F11, Oakwoods Lodge
- F12, Rotary Building
- F13, Spoerl Park Building
- F14, West Beach Bath House
- F15, Maintenance Facility

## Park Key

- |                         |                            |                            |                            |                                      |                                       |                           |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| M1, Della Street Park   | N6, Knaack Park            | N12, Woodland Estates Park | C5, Ken Bird Park          | LP1, Hidden Pond Bike Path           | NA6, State Street Lots                | SU2, Hill Farm Park       |
| N1, Asbury Park         | N7, Ladd Park              | N13, Wyndwood Park         | C6, Lake Park / Main Beach | NA1, Butternut Preserve              | NA7, Sterne's Woods                   | SU3, Racket Club          |
| N2, Brighton Oaks Park  | N8, Lapins Park            | C1, Feinberg Park          | C7, Spoerl Park            | NA2, Cress Creek                     | NA8, Willows Edge Park                | SU4, West Beach           |
| N3, Canterbury Park     | N9, Sam Johns Park         | C2, Fetzner Park           | C8, Lippold Park           | NA3, Oak Hollow Park                 | NA9, Winding Creek Park               | U1, Haligus Road Property |
| N4, Hampton Park        | N10, Seminary Field        | C3, Four Colonies Park     | C9, Veteran Acres Park     | NA4, Prairie Ridge Conservation Area | NA10, Wingate Prairie Nature Preserve | U2, North Shore Property  |
| N5, Naoki Kamijima Park | N11, Sterling Meadows Park | C4, Indian Prairie Park    | C10, Woodcreek Park        | NA5, Shamrock Hills                  | SU1, Colonel Palmer House             | U3, Sunset Meadows Park   |
|                         |                            |                            |                            |                                      |                                       | U4, Undeveloped           |

## Aerial Map





park districts if both governments were agreeable. In Crystal Lake they were, resulting in the addition of the Coventry School, Della Street, Louis Knaack, J.R. Ladd, David Lapins, Canterbury School, Hill Farm, and Four Colonies Parks.

The year 1968 was one of unequalled growth. That year, the 109-acre Lippold farm directly north of the lake was purchased with the aid of the newly created Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program. During that year, the Nature Center was built in Veterans Acres in cooperation with School District 47. Also in 1968, the Grafton Park District consolidated with the Crystal Lake Park District, and West Beach became part of the park system. The Racket Club, a private tennis club southeast of Crystal Lake, became available for purchase in 1982. The Park District purchased it and established it as an enterprise fund, with revenues from operations paying all capital and operating costs. In 1991, a \$1 million expansion of the Racket Club was funded through revenue bonds. Development on Lippold Park began in earnest in 1986, and Spoerl Park was brought into the park system. Since then, lighted and irrigated softball, soccer, football, and baseball fields have been built at Lippold Park. The soccer, football, and youth baseball construction was funded through non-profit youth organizations that use the facilities.

Also in 1986, the Sod Farm, a 200-acre tract of land just west of Lippold Park was purchased with the OSLAD grant funds received through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The grant also funded purchase of Sterne's Woods along with a 14-acre tract of land known as the Mathews property.

In 1993, the Park District had begun the development of the 200-acre sod farm complex, renamed the Lippold Park Extension project. Phase I project work developed the wetland pond system by excavating and grading the sod fields to clean the water

before it reached Crystal Lake. Phase II included the development of softball diamonds, baseball and soccer fields, a golf learning center, parking lots, restrooms, picnic areas, and pathways. The Illinois DNR contributed \$200,000 toward the project.

In 1994, a 60-acre parcel of property, called Sterne's Woods, was acquired through condemnation. Later that year, Sterne's Woods and Wingate Prairie, named after Bill Wingate who served as a steward for many years, were designated as Illinois Nature Preserves.

After the 1991 Property Tax Extension Limitation Law froze the capital projects levy used for park development, many projects were completed with internal funding. They included the addition of playgrounds, the Barlina House restoration, the construction of the Woods creek Activity Building, and washroom facilities at Veterans Acres and Sterne's Woods. However, these were relatively small facilities. Larger initiatives required voter approval to sell general obligation bonds. In 1996, the voters approved a \$1.8 million bond to renovate Main Beach and its bath house. Revenue bonds were sold to build the Lippold Park Golf Learning Center in 1997.

Recent initiatives have included the purchase of 134 acres known as the Christ Farm, north of Lippold Park (now Sunset Meadows) and 44 acres on the southwest side of town (Willows Edge), both funded by the 1999 referendum. That same year the Park District entered into a lease agreement with the City of Crystal Lake for the Colonel Palmer House, a historic home built in 1858, with clear title to the property transferred to CLPD. To provide more space for program needs, the Park District purchased the Christian Fellowship Church, located just west of Lippold Park, in 2000. Renamed Grand Oaks Recreation Center, the building was opened for Park District use in 2001, and is used as a kindergarten Extended Care Time site. In 2003, a miniature

golf facility was built at Lippold Park, near the golf training facility, consisting of two 18-hole courses, one of which is handicapped accessible. Together with the training center, the complex generates enough revenue to support its operating costs.









# Chapter One

Envision: Alternative & Preferred Strategies







# Overview

This Chapter documents the Envision: Alternative and Preferred Strategies phase of the comprehensive master planning process.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Envision & Prioritize: Alternative and Preferred Strategies Phase is to develop actionable items for the Park District to accomplish over the next five years.

The project team conducted a visioning workshop to develop a series of goals and strategies to address the opportunities revealed during the Analyze and Connect phases. The strategies were then organized into primary goals that relate back to the needs that were identified in the previous phases. Following the visioning workshop, the project team met with Park District staff members to review and build upon the proposed strategies.

The planning team then met with both staff and the Park District Board of Commissioners to review the initial priorities and determine the most preferred action items to implement over the next five years.

## Chapter Outline

This chapter is organized by the defined objectives as listed in the following pages. Determined through discussion with Park District staff and Board of Commissioners, goals were organized into a 5-year Action Plan or listed as recurring best practices.

## Objectives

1. Improve Existing Park Assets to Meet Community Expectations
2. Expand Offerings at Existing Parks to Better Serve the Community
3. Address Underserved Areas & Demographics within the District
4. Evaluate Additional Indoor Space Offerings and Expansion
5. Preserve and Improve Existing Relationships
6. Continue Emphasis on Environmental Preservation & Ecology
7. Expand and Improve Program & Event Offerings

# 1) IMPROVE EXISTING PARK ASSETS TO MEET COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

## Justification

- Staff workshop placed high emphasis on maintaining / enhancing existing offerings and infrastructure by improving on those
- Community meeting #1's highest voted category was "Park Improvements"
- The community survey noted outdated playground equipment, additional seating needed, and maintaining existing infrastructure as the top priorities for the next five years

## Strategies

1. Update **Playground Renovation Schedule** and **supporting amenities** (seating areas & site furnishings) so updates can be planned and budgeted for each year:
  - Establish a list for and grouping of parks for renovations to be made each year, prioritized based on age and need for improvements (high, medium, low):
    - Priority Group A (High - Years 1 & 2) Amenities are beyond their useful life and need immediate attention, no longer functional, is unsafe, and / or park is very popular and heavily used:
      - Lippold Park (playground installed in 2001)
      - Knaack Park (playground installed in 2006)
      - Wyndwood Park (playground installed in 2007)
      - Della Street Park (playground installed in 2009)
    - Priority Group B (Medium - Years 3 & 4) Amenities are halfway or more through their useful life, minor maintenance and drainage issues exist, park layout is safe and functional but could be improved, and / or park receives a moderate number of visitors:
      - Canterbury Park - pending funding commitment (playground installed in 2005)
      - Sam Johns Park (playground installed in 2009)
      - Spoerl Park (playground installed in 2009)
      - Veteran Acres Park (playground installed in 2011)
      - Fetzner Park (playground installed in 2011)
      - Woodland Estates Park (playground installed in 2012)
      - Ken Bird Park (playground installed in 2012)
    - Priority Group C (Year 5 & Beyond) Amenities have been recently updated, park is well maintained, layout is safe and functions at a high standard, and / or park is not heavily used:
      - Hill Farm Park (playground installed in 2014)
      - Woodscreek Park (playground installed in 2014)
      - West Beach (playground installed in 2014)
2. Update **Shelter Renovation** and **Addition Schedule** and **supporting amenities** (seating & site furnishings) so updates can be planned and budgeted for each year:
  - Establish a list for and grouping of parks for renovations to be made each year, prioritized based on age and need for improvements (high, medium, low):
    - Priority Group A (High - Years 1 & 2) Amenities are beyond their useful life and need immediate attention, no longer functional, is unsafe, and / or park is very popular and heavily used:
      - Lippold Park - repair existing and add new shelter
      - Main Beach - upgrade / replace bandshell and add new shelter
      - Brighton Oaks Park - enlarge / repair existing or add new shelter
      - Bitternut Preserve - new shelter
      - Woodland Estates Park - enlarge existing or add new restroom building with shelter extension



# IMPROVE EXISTING PARK ASSETS TO MEET COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

- Priority Group B (Medium - Years 3 & 4) Amenities are halfway or more through their useful life, minor maintenance and drainage issues exist, park layout is safe and functional but could be improved, and / or park receives a moderate number of visitors:
  - Ken Bird Park - new restroom building with shelter extension
  - Fetzner Park - new restroom building with shelter extension
  - Hill Farm Park - new restroom building with shelter extension
  - Spoerl Park - new restroom building with shelter extension
  - Veteran Acres Park - new shelter near tennis courts and Rotary Building
  - Willows Edge Park - new shelter
  - Woods creek Park - repair existing
- Priority Group C (Year 5 & Beyond) Amenities have been recently updated, park is well maintained, layout is safe and functions at a high standard, and / or park is not heavily used:
  - Asbury Park - new small gazebo or shade structure
  - Palmer House - new gazebo
  - Fetzner Park - repair existing
  - Feinberg Park - new gazebo or shade structure
  - Four Colonies Park - new restroom building with shelter extension
  - Indian Prairie Park - new shelter
  - Sam Johns Park - new shelter
  - Kamijima Park - new gazebo
  - Knaack Park - new shelter
  - Nature Center - new shelter
  - West Beach - new shelter
  - Winding Creek Park - new shelter
  - Wyndwood Park - new gazebo
  - Grand Oaks - new shelter
  - Ladd Park - new shelter
  - Lapins Park - new gazebo or shade structure
  - Shamrock Hills - new restroom building with shelter extension
  - Sterne's Woods and Fen - repair existing and add new shelter
  - Woods creek Park - add new shelter

3. Master Plan **Lippold Park:**
  - Evaluate dog park updates
  - Evaluate skatepark updates
  - ADA improvements
  - Address playground and shelter renovations aligning with the Playground and Renovation Schedule
  - Parking lot improvements
  - Amenity additions, including gathering area / pavilion
  - Sund Ballfield renovations and expansion
  - Disc golf renovation

# IMPROVE EXISTING PARK ASSETS TO MEET COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

4. Master Plan **Veteran Acres Park:**
  - Playground updates - align with Playground and Renovation Schedule
  - Splash pad updates - expansion or addition
  - ADA improvements - playground surfacing recently replaced
  - Trail improvements and expansion
  - Consider amenity additions, including pickleball courts
5. Implement **Park Improvements Plan** for **Canterbury Park:**
  - Construction drawings completed in 2019 - pending funding:
    - Secure District 47 commitment to the project before proceeding:
      - Playground updates (as noted above)
      - ADA improvements
      - Address safety / security (for school playground use)
6. Develop **Improvements Plan** for **West Beach:**
  - Improved access and beach front improvements
  - Improve facility utilization
  - Explore additional paddle board and kayak storage options
  - Explore expansion opportunities
  - Evaluate underutilized areas
7. Conduct **ADA Improvements Study** along with current transition plan to evaluate, prioritize, and track accessibility and connectivity updates at targeted parks:
  - Develop list of existing issues to be addressed at specific parks:
    - Accessible routes from parking to higher-use amenities
    - Evaluate playground access ramps / points-of-entry
    - Connection point to court areas - access and gates
    - Seating areas (spatial requirements and site furnishings)
  - Prioritize and group parks for implementation of improvements
  - Coordinate to align with on-going initiative(s)
  - Improve beach accessibility / ADA compliance
8. Implement Remaining Phase of **Main Beach Improvements Plan:**
  - Design, engineer, bid, and construct:
    - Bandshell improvements to improve audience visibility
    - Entry area paving improvements
    - Gate / fencing improvements
    - Audio / visual improvements
9. Implement **Woods creek Park Ball Hockey Rink** Phase 1:
  - Design, engineer, bid and construct (pending available funding)
  - Explore Phase 2 items (future expansion) and evaluate timeline



## IMPROVE EXISTING PARK ASSETS TO MEET COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

### 10. Explore **Shamrock Hills Options** and **Potential Improvements**:

- Evaluate keeping property
- Evaluate Phase 2 improvements
- Evaluate programming of the park
- Develop implementation strategy

### 11. Create More **Art Exhibits & Displays** in existing parks:

- Consider consistent theme, color scheme, and variety throughout District
- Develop list of parks to add to / expand on and prioritize:
  - Evaluate location(s) at selected parks
- Evaluate source(s) and potential options

### 12. Explore expanded parking options at **Main Beach**

- Evaluate alternate parks to relocate ballfield

### 13. Determine future of **Racket Club**

- Identify expanded uses for facilities including adding more pickleball
- Explore building (indoor court) expansion
- Explore need for additional shelter and other site amenities

## 2) EXPAND OFFERINGS AT EXISTING PARKS TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY

### Justification

- Both online and statistically valid surveys showed high response for more walking and biking trails within existing parks and connection to / from others
- The Staff Workshop noted the need for additional court space (specifically pickleball) at Racket Club due to high demand
- Community Meeting #2 feedback and several online survey comments noted the need for updates and improvements to the existing dog park and the possible need for a second dog park within the District

### Strategies

1. Develop **Trail Update** and **Expansion Plan** to provide more multi-use trails within existing parks:
  - Evaluate and determine best connection points to McHenry County regional bike trail to improve connectivity within the District
  - Tie into and connect with the City of Crystal Lake's existing on-road bike routes
2. Conduct **Field** and **Court Assessment Study** to confirm if current community and stakeholder group needs are being met:
  - Identify any gaps in availability
  - Identify upgrades / renovation needed - develop list and schedule of updates
  - Evaluate if sufficient to address emerging trends (e.g. pickleball)
3. Expand **Pickleball Court Offerings** to meet increased demand:
  - Aligned with Field and Court Assessment Study noted above
  - New outdoor courts planned to be added at Haligus Road Park
  - Prioritize indoor and outdoor court expansion at Racket Club
4. Evaluate **Dog Park Needs**:
  - Identify and evaluate potential locations
  - Expanded offering to community
  - Design should be visually appealing and functionally interesting for users
  - Better access for users (closer parking options)
  - Determine operations strategy:
    - Membership and fee structure
    - Layout (small dog and large dog separation)
    - Hours of use
    - Annual maintenance
5. Conduct **Feasibility Study** to determine need for a **Park District Police Department**



## 3) ADDRESS UNDERSERVED AREAS AND DEMOGRAPHICS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

### Justification

- The western region of the district is primarily Lakewood residents and is largely unserved by any park level
- Planning Area 10 (at the northside of the District) is not currently served by any park level and contains a high concentration of the District’s Hispanic population, population below the poverty level and concentration of members of households with disabilities
- The majority of Planning Area 12 (at the northside of the District) is underserved with a population over 1,000
- Aging amenities at parks is leading to inequitable distribution of service throughout the District

### Strategies

1. Develop **Haligus Road Park** per the 2022 Master Plan:
  - Recommend classifying as a Community Park:
    - Would serve Planning Areas 3, 5, 6, and 7 with higher concentration of under-resourced households (lower income and disabilities)
  - Design, engineer, bid, and construct
  - Review and coordinate additions / future park improvements to the park
2. Evaluate **Property Acquisitions** to improve level of service offerings to underserved planning areas and demographic groups:
  - Add neighborhood park(s) within:
    - Planning Area 10
      - Although Planning Area 12 appears underserved, it consists of the Covered Bridge Trails neighborhood, which contains existing parks available for use by HOA members
      - Establish list and explore acquisition opportunities
      - Master plan and develop
    - Planning Area 18 (approximately 212 residents):
      - Establish list and explore acquisition opportunities for min or smaller neighborhood park
      - Master plan and develop
      - Explore connection to / from Three Oaks Recreation Area
  - Continue focus on accessibility and inclusivity offerings
  - Add neighborhood park(s) within far-western region of District to better serve Lakewood residents:
    - Planning Areas 1 through 7 and west portion of Planning Area 9:
      - Planning Areas 1, 3, 5, and 7 are low population (<100 residents)
    - Establish list and explore acquisition opportunities
3. Explore **mobile recreation** program and event development to serve specific demographic groups or underserved populations where land acquisition is not feasible:
  - Specifically targeting Planning Areas 7, 10, 14, 18, 32, and 33, which contain a higher concentration of household members with a disability and lack of nearby facilities within planning boundary

## 4) EVALUATE ADDITIONAL INDOOR SPACE OFFERINGS AND EXPANSION

### Justification

- Staff Workshop noted need for programming space and multi-purpose building
- Both online and statistically valid surveys and Community Meeting #1 had a high number of responses noting the need for an indoor/outdoor pool
- The maintenance facility assessment noted a good number of short-term and long-term recommendations to improve functionality
- Park Metrics benchmarking indicates a deficit of all indoor facility types (recreation center, community center, senior center, indoor skating rink, and performing or visual arts center)
- Chicagoland benchmarking shows a deficit of indoor aquatics space and a surplus of programmable and non-programmable indoor space

### Strategies

1. Conduct **Facility Feasibility Study** to Determine Indoor Space Needs and evaluate potential addition of multi-purpose building to address deficiencies for recreation centers, senior centers, ice skating rinks, community centers, nature / interpretive centers, and performing / visual arts centers (noted in Park Metrics benchmark):
  - Evaluate current use of all indoor recreation spaces:
    - Repurpose spaces to maximize utilization
    - Re-evaluate existing master plan for Sunset Meadows for new indoor facility opportunity and environmental enhancements
  - Identify needed indoor spaces for public use, programming, and District operations, considering:
    - Necessary size
    - Anticipated growth
    - Long-term use
  - Determine cost recovery goals for expansion and new construction
  - Evaluate acquiring recently closed health club facility (indoor pool & fitness)
2. Conduct **Feasibility Study** for New Indoor / Outdoor Aquatic Facility (to overlap with larger study above noted in strategy #1) to fully evaluate community needs and what would be needed for:
  - Size and location
  - Capital costs
  - Operation and maintenance
  - Infrastructure additions and expansion
  - Additional staffing
3. Conduct **Feasibility Study** for New Fitness Center with Indoor Walking Track (to overlap with larger study above noted in Strategy #1):
  - Size and location
  - Capital costs
  - Operation and maintenance
  - Infrastructure additions and expansion



# EVALUATE ADDITIONAL INDOOR SPACE OFFERINGS AND EXPANSION

4. Determine Future of **Barlina Barn**
  - Develop improvement plan if facility is to be kept
  - Develop site master plan if facility is to be removed
  
5. Evaluate and Prioritize **Maintenance Facility Improvements** to confirm existing / upcoming deficiencies from facility condition assessment:
  - Short-Term Recommendations:
    - Enclose supply yard
    - LED lighting upgrades
    - Replace / restore flooring and roofing
    - Exterior siding and masonry improvements
  - Long-Term Recommendations:
    - Conduct needs assessment to determine objectives to address indoor and outdoor facility spatial needs
    - Evaluate alternative sites (owned or non-owned) to determine feasibility of new facility at a different site
    - Develop alternate strategies - remodel existing, second facility, and / or repurposing existing properties
    - Establish preferred solutions
  - Preliminary order of magnitude cost estimates
  - Recommended solution(s) for implementation
  - Establish schedule, research funding, and finalize architectural design services
  
6. Develop Plan for **New Maintenance Facility**

# 5) PRESERVE AND IMPROVE EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS

## Justification

- Stakeholder interviews revealed many community groups, organizations, and other municipal agencies value a strong relationship with the Park District
- Stakeholder interviews noted a need to continue evaluating program opportunities to determine needs for expansion and how to address any gaps

## Strategies

1. Continue utilization of partnerships to **provide high quality offerings**:
  - Re-evaluate on a regular basis to ensure continued benefits for both parties and confirm no duplication of services / offerings exist:
    - Schedule regularly held evaluations or check-ins
  - Plan / host joint events - shared investments with other agencies:
    - Cross-promote other agency events to strengthen relationships
  
2. Conduct **facility tours with various groups**:
  - Determine needs for repair, upkeep, and maintenance to prioritize updates and improvements
  
3. Increase and improve **communication with community residents**:
  - To be coordinated with City of Crystal Lake & Village of Lakewood:
    - Expand platform and method(s)
    - Increase frequency



## 6) CONTINUE EMPHASIS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION & ECOLOGY

### Justification

- The online supplemental survey indicated strong support for a Park District focus of water quality in Crystal Lake
- Water quality was a high-ranking priority at the community meetings
- Staff workshop’s “Natural Areas” category received the 2nd highest votes, which consisted of increasing natural area managements, environmental restoration, and health of the Park District’s natural resources

### Strategies

1. Maintain **Lake Health Monitoring Plan**:
  - Develop education materials and increase communication/promotion of on-going efforts to public
  - Partner with Lake Advisory Committee to develop initial plan and strategize improvements:
    - Develop environmental goals & standards for future initiatives
  - Form additional partnerships to support plan and future initiatives
2. Establish **Natural Area Improvement Plans**:
  - Develop quantifiable list of improvements to track and monitor
  - Prioritize locations and improvements to be made at each
3. Define **Environmental Mission** for Park District:
  - Specific tactics to address climate change
    - Prioritize improvements that impact park value(s)
  - Develop Environmental Management Pan
4. Organize **Volunteer Community Groups**:
  - Establish platform to advertise, coordinate, and schedule various Park District environmental initiatives
  - Become involved with existing environmental groups
5. Educate Public on **Ecological Objectives** adopted by the Park District:
  - Provide interpretive signage and other educational material on-site as part of park updates
  - Include information about stormwater management and other ecological objectives in park improvement announcements:
    - Website/social media news and announcements
    - Public forums and community meetings
    - Public announcements and publications:
      - Newspaper articles about new developments and park improvements
      - Program brochure

## CONTINUE EMPHASIS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION & ECOLOGY

- Explore additional nature programming to promote and educate the public on the benefits of environmental stewardship:
  - Adult programs, including:
    - Watershed education
    - Native vs. Invasive plants
    - Ecosystems within Crystal Lake



## 7) EXPAND AND IMPROVE PROGRAM & EVENT OFFERINGS

### Justification

- Both online and statistically valid surveys indicated a desire for more special events and expanded offerings of existing programs
- The senior population is expected to grow significantly (16.6%) in the next five years
- A variety of programming and event topics were discussed at the Staff Workshop, with a focus on well being (wellness and mental health) and new programming receiving several votes each
- Community Meeting #1 feedback revealed a desire for more community festival type events

### Strategies

1. Improve **marketing and community outreach** to promote existing and upcoming program offerings and events and announce other relevant Park District news:
  - Digital – social media posts and website advertisements
  - Print – newsletter and program guide
2. Expand offerings and frequency of **current events high in attendance/popularity**:
  - Perform program life cycle analysis to determine need for improvements:
    - Evaluate spatial needs based on analysis
  - Expand frequency of offerings for:
    - Concerts in the Park
    - Movies in the Park
    - Holiday programs
    - Family and adult social events
  - Expand program offerings for:
    - General senior programs
    - Active senior programs
    - Pickleball
    - Golf lessons
    - After school programs
    - Nature walks
    - Teen programs
  - Explore supporting facility improvements/enhancements – sound & visual
3. Explore **new program types and events** geared toward current events and changing community demographics:
  - Develop short-term programs that build the social and emotional skills of school age children
  - Provide more program and event offerings to senior population:
    - Explore cross-generational program opportunities where teens lead programs for seniors and vice versa.
  - Explore opportunities to introduce new cultural events that align with growing racial and ethnic populations







# Chapter Two

Implement: Action Plan







# Action Plan

The Plan: Action Plan Chapter outlines the proposed tasks and projects for the Crystal Lake Park District over the next five years.

## Purpose

This chapter outlines the steps and potential timeline for implementing the Comprehensive Master Plan strategies identified in the previous chapters from the Envision & Prioritize phase. They were further refined and finalized through workshops with the Crystal Lake Park District staff and Board of Commissioners to develop the action plan. The action plan guides CLPD in implementing the strategies over the next five years and will be periodically re-evaluated and adjusted to reflect completed projects and the community's changing needs. The action plan is organized as follows:

- An at-a-glance Action Plan timeline with each year divided into quarters (Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4) to provide a general idea of when each action or action item step might start or end within a given year
- A detailed summary of the action items provided in a year-by-year list in

chronological order from 2022 - 2028+

- The action items are further organized within each year according to the following categories:
  - Parks and Open Space
  - Indoor Facilities
  - Planning and Programs

The Crystal Lake Park District is following a May to April fiscal year.

## Current Year: 2022-2023

| M/J/J<br>Quarter 1 | A/S/O<br>Quarter 2 | N/D/J<br>Quarter 3 | F/M/A<br>Quarter 4   |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
|                    |                    |                    | Expand Pickleball Court Offerings                              |
|                    |                    |                    | Determine future of Barlina Barn                               |
|                    |                    |                    | Evaluate and Prioritize Maintenance Facility Improvements      |
|                    |                    |                    | Establish List of Park Renovations to be completed             |
|                    |                    |                    | Determine future financial potential of The Racket Club        |
|                    |                    |                    | Explore Shamrock Hills options and potential improvements      |
|                    |                    |                    | Explore resource-sharing opportunities between agencies        |
|                    |                    |                    | Develop Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with School District |

## Year 1: 2023-2024

| M/J/J<br>Quarter 1   | A/S/O<br>Quarter 2  | N/D/J<br>Quarter 3                    | F/M/A<br>Quarter 4  |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|
|  |   |                                       |   |
| Develop plan for New Maintenance Facility                                  |   |                                       |   |
| Conduct Facility Feasibility Study to Determine Indoor Space Needs         |   |                                       |   |
| Implement short term Maintenance Facility Improvements                     |   |                                       |   |
| Conduct Feasibility Study for New Indoor / Outdoor Aquatic Facility        |   |                                       |   |
| Conduct Feasibility Study for New Fitness Center with Indoor Walking Track |   |                                       |   |
| Update Playground Renovation Schedule for Priority Group A                 |   |                                       |   |
| Update Shelter Renovation and Addition Schedule for Priority Group A       |   |                                       |   |
|  | Conduct Field and Court Assessment Study                                |                                       | Design and Engineer remaining phase of Main Beach Improvements        |
|  | Explore expanded parking options at Main Beach                          |                                       | Conduct ADA Improvements Study along with current transition plan     |
| Implement Park Improvement Plan for Canterbury Park                        |   | Master Plan Lippold Park Improvements | Fund Lippold Park Improvements  |
| Secure OSLAD funding for Haligus Road Park Improvements                    | Design and Engineer Haligus Road Park Improvements per 2022 Master Plan |                                       | Bid and Construct Haligus Road Park Improvements per 2022 Master Plan |
|  | Conduct review of Park District Police Department                       |                                       |   |
| Improve marketing and community outreach                                   |   |                                       |   |
| Maintain Lake Health Monitoring Plan                                       |   |                                       |   |

**Legend**

- Parks and Open Space
- Indoor Facilities
- Planning and Programs





## Year 5+: 2028 and Beyond

**Legend**

- Parks and Open Space
- Indoor Facilities
- Planning and Programs

| Update <b>Playground Renovation Schedule</b> for <b>Priority Group C</b> | Evaluate <b>Property Acquisitions</b> for <b>New Community Park</b>          | Update <b>Shelter Renovation and Addition Schedule</b> for <b>Priority Group C</b>    | Add new community park within <b>far-western region</b> of district         |
|--|--|---|---|
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|  |  |   |   |
|  |  |   |   |
| Recurring Items  |  |   |   |
| Create more <b>art exhibits and displays</b> in existing parks           | Evaluate property acquisitions to improve <b>level of service offerings</b>  | Explore <b>mobile recreation</b> program and event development                        | Educate public on <b>Ecological Objectives</b> adopted by the Park District |
| Conduct <b>facility tours with various groups</b>                        | Continue utilization of partnership to <b>provide high quality offerings</b> | Expand offerings and frequency of <b>current events high in attendance/popularity</b> | Establish <b>Natural Area Improvements Plan</b>                             |
| Increase and improve <b>communication with community residents</b>       | Explore new <b>program types and events</b>                                  | Define <b>Environmental Mission</b> for Park District                                 |   |
|  |  |   |   |

# Current Fiscal Year (May 2022 Through April 2023)

### Indoor Facilities

- Expand **pickleball court offerings**
- Determine future of **Barlina Barn**
- Evaluate and prioritize **maintenance facility** improvements

### Parks and Open Space

- Establish **list of park renovations** to be completed
- Determine future **financial potential of The Racket Club**
- Explore **Shamrock Hills options and potential improvements**

### Policy and Programs

- Explore **resource-sharing opportunities between agencies**
- Develop **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)** with school district

# Fiscal Year 1 (May 2023 Through April 2024)

## Indoor Facilities

- Expand **pickleball court offerings** (continued from the Current Year)
- Develop plan for **new maintenance facility**
- Conduct **facility feasibility study** to determine indoor space needs
- Implement short term **maintenance facility** improvements
- Conduct **feasibility study** for new indoor / outdoor aquatic facility
- Conduct **feasibility study** for new fitness center with indoor walking track

## Parks and Open Space

- Update **playground renovation schedule** for **Priority Group A**
- Update **shelter renovation and addition schedule** for **Priority Group A**
- Implement **park improvement plan** for **Canterbury Park**
- Secure **OSLAD funding** for **Haligus Road park improvements**
- Conduct **field and court assessment study**
- Explore **expanded parking options** at **Main Beach**
- Design and engineer **Haligus Road park improvements** per 2022 master plan
- Conduct review of **Park District police department**
- Master plan **Lippold Park improvements**
- Design and engineer remaining phase of **Main Beach improvements**
- Conduct **ADA improvements study** along with current transition plan
- Fund **Lippold Park improvements**
- Bid and construct **Haligus Road park improvements** per 2022 master plan

## Policy and Programs

- Improve **marketing and community outreach**
- Maintain **lake health monitoring plan**

# Fiscal Year 2 (May 2024 Through April 2025)

## Parks and Open Space

- Update **playground renovation schedule** for **Priority Group A** (continued from Year 1)
- Update **shelter renovation and addition schedule** for **Priority Group A** (continued from Year 1)
- Design and engineer remaining phase of **Main Beach improvements** (continued from Year 1)
- Design and engineer **Lippold Park improvements**
- Fund remaining phase of **Main Beach improvements**
- Re-evaluate existing master plan for **Sunset Meadows**
- Bid and construct remaining phase of **Main Beach improvements**
- Bid and construct **Lippold Park improvements**
- Develop **park improvement plan** for **West Beach**
- Master plan **Veteran Acres park improvements**
- Fund **West Beach improvements**

## Policy and Programs

- Organize **volunteer community groups**



# Fiscal Year 3

(May 2025 Through April 2026)

## Indoor Facilities

- Implement long term **maintenance facility** improvements

## Parks and Open Space

- Update **playground renovation schedule** for **Priority Group B**
- Bid and construct remaining phase of **Main Beach improvements** (continued from Year 2)
- Bid and construct **Lippold Park improvements** (continued from Year 2)
- Fund **Veteran Acres park improvements**
- Design and engineer **West Beach improvements**
- Evaluate **property acquisitions** for **new neighborhood park(s)**
- Design and engineer **Veteran Acres park improvements**
- Bid and construct **West Beach improvements**
- Bid and construct **Veteran Acres park improvements**

# Fiscal Year 4

(May 2026 Through April 2027)

## Indoor Facilities

- Implement long term **maintenance facility** improvements (continued from Year 3)

## Parks and Open Space

- Update **playground renovation schedule** for **Priority Group B** (continued from Year 3)
- Update **shelter renovation and addition schedule** for **Priority Group B**
- Evaluate **dog park needs**
- Implement **Woods creek Park ball hockey rink** phase I.
- Bid and construct **Veteran Acres park improvements** (continued from Year 3)
- Bid and construct **West Beach improvements** (continued from Year 3)
- Evaluate **property acquisitions** for **new neighborhood park(s)** (continued from Year 3)

# Fiscal Year 5

(May 2027 Through April 2028)

## Parks and Open Space

- Update **playground renovation schedule** for **Priority Group C**
- Update **shelter renovation** and **addition schedule** for **Priority Group B** (continued from Year 4)
- Implement **Woods creek Park ball hockey rink** phase I. (continued from Year 4)
- Evaluate **property acquisitions** for **new community park**

# Year 5+

(May 2028 and Beyond)

## Parks and Open Space

- Update **playground renovation schedule** for **Priority Group C** (continued from Year 5)
- Evaluate **property acquisitions** for **new community park** (continued from Year 5)
- Update **shelter renovation** and **addition schedule** for **Priority Group C**
- Add new community park within **far-western region of District**

# Recurring Items

## Parks and Open Space

- Create more **art exhibits and displays** in existing parks
- Evaluate property acquisitions to **improve level of service offerings**

## Policy and Programs

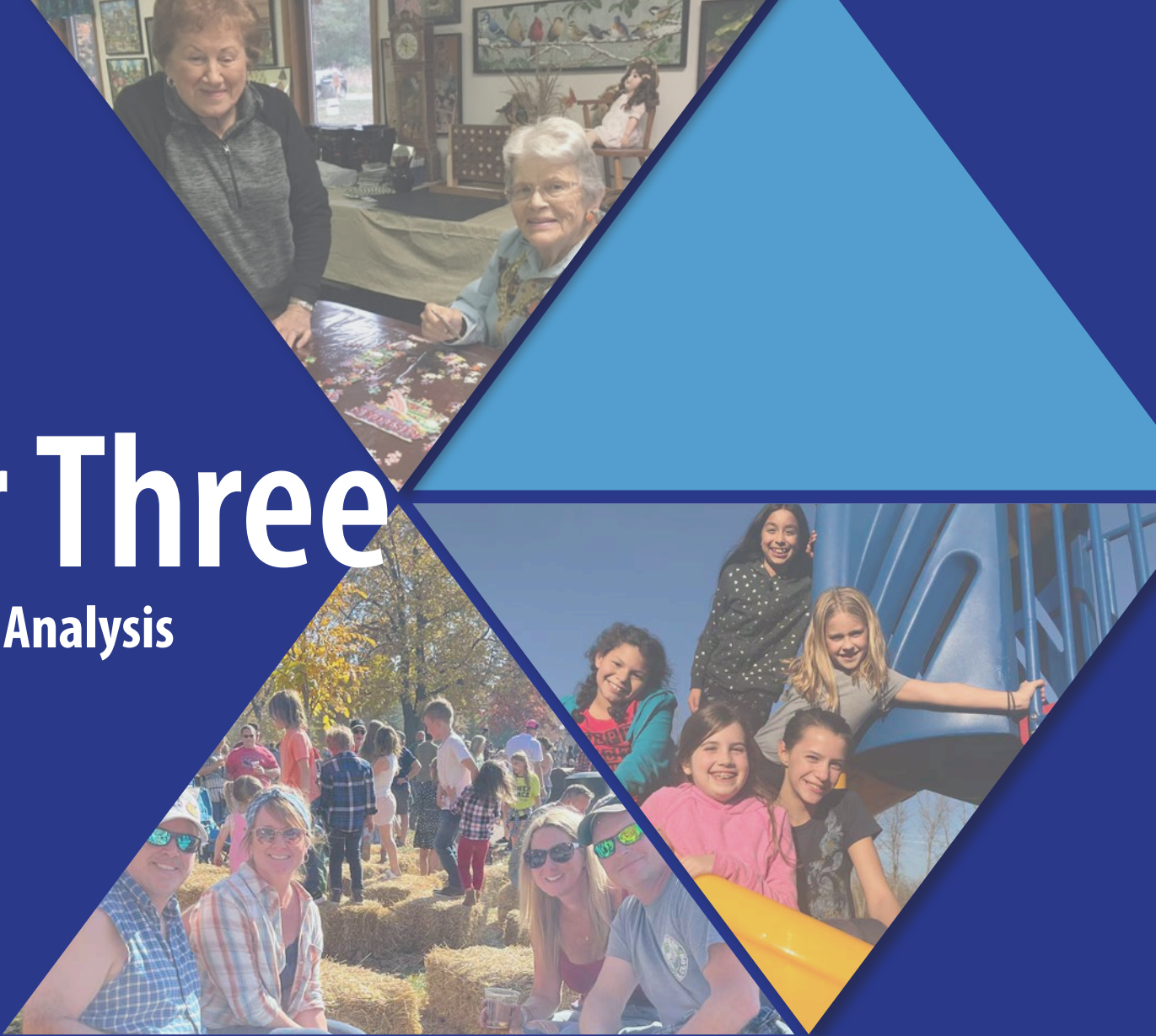
- Explore **mobile recreation** program and event development
- Educate public on **ecological objectives** adopted by the park district
- Conduct **facility tours with various groups**
- Continue utilization of partnership to **provide high quality offerings**
- Expand offerings and frequency of **current events high in attendance/popularity**
- Establish **natural area improvements plan**
- Increase and improve **communication with community residents**
- Explore new **program types and events**
- Define **environmental mission** for park district





# Chapter Three

Analyze: Inventory and Analysis









# Demographics

The demographics review utilized the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Business Analyst Online (BAO) software to gather up-to-date demographic data necessary to gain an understanding of the District and its community demographic makeup.

## Summary

According to 2021 estimates, the Crystal Lake Park District has a population of 50,700. Total population numbers from 2010 indicate the population is decreasing at an annual rate of 0.5%. The population is expected to continue declining into 2026, when the population is projected to reach 49,814. The Park District's growth rate is falling right along with the state's growth rate (-0.10%). Conversely, the national growth rate is on the rise at 0.72%.

There are 18,217 households within the Park District. According to the U.S. Census, a household "includes all persons who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence." Out of these 18,217 households 74.08% (13,496) are families. A family is defined as a household in which one or more people are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. The 2021 average household size is 2.77 in the Crystal Lake Park District. This is a slight decrease from 2010 (2.83) and the number is projected to reach 2.75 in 2026.

## Age Distribution

With a median age of 39.2, the Park District has an adult, aging population. According to 2021 estimates, 28.20% of the population is over 55. This is expected to increase to 29.6% by 2026. This age group's growth is consistent with that of the state and nation. The aging active adult and senior populations are, and will continue to be, a major District demographic. Since 2010, all age groups under

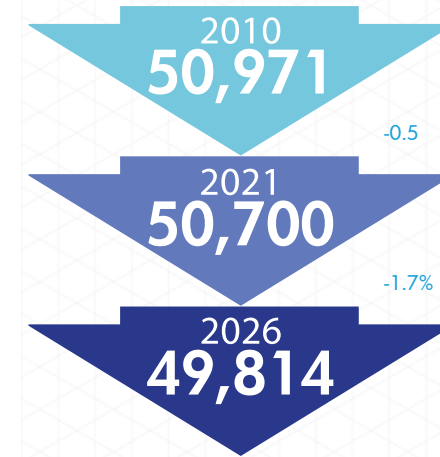
25 have decreased. The populations for these age groups are expected to hold constant going into 2026, with the exception of a small decrease in the 20-24 age group.

## Race and Ethnicity

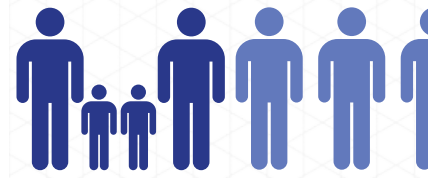
According to ESRI, the Crystal Lake Park District has a diversity index of 42.9. The Diversity Index captures the racial and ethnic diversity of a geographic area in a single number, 0 to 100, and allows for efficient analysis of diversity throughout the U.S. The Diversity Index is "the likelihood that two persons, selected at random from the same area, would belong to a different race or ethnic group." According to demographic estimates, 87.3% of Park District residents indicate their race as White, which results in a low diversity index. The second largest racial group within the District is Some Other Race with 5.2% of the population reporting their race as "Some Other Race Alone." This group is followed by 2.9% reporting "Asian Alone," 2.4% as "two or More Races," 1.7% as "Black Alone," 0.5% as "American Indian Alone," and 0.0% as "Pacific Islander Alone." Fourteen point nine percent of the population identifies their ethnicity as Hispanic. Race and ethnicity are considered two different concepts and are measured separately. The U.S. Census Bureau defines race as "a person's self-identification with one or more social groups." Meanwhile, ethnicity "determines whether a person is of Hispanic origin or not... Hispanics report as any race."

Source: Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)

## TOTAL POPULATION



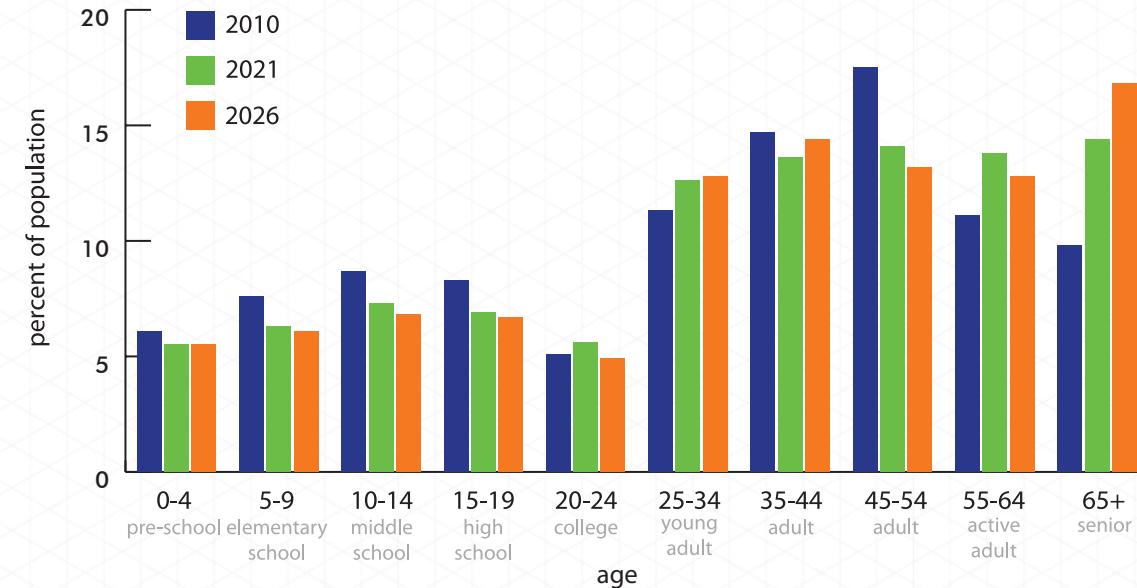
**18,217**  
households



**13,496**  
families

**2.77**  
average household size

## AGE DISTRIBUTION

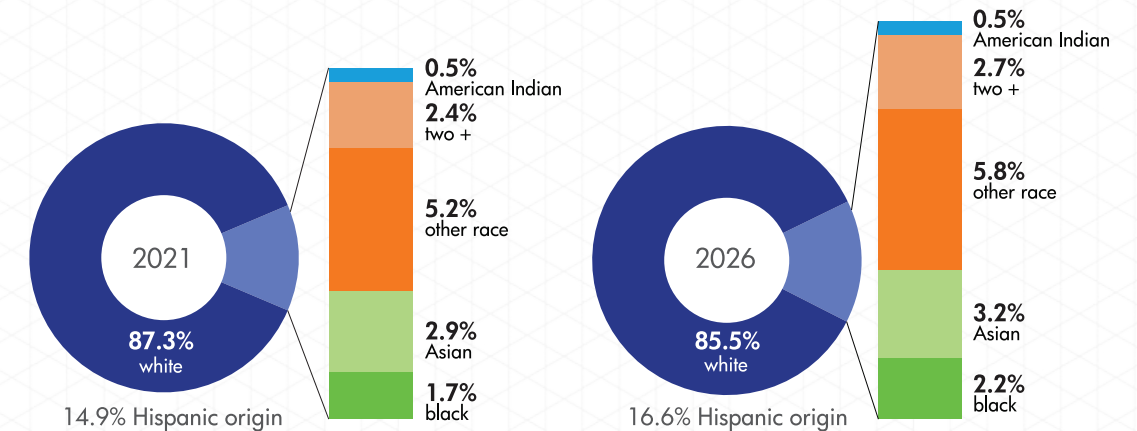


**39.2**  
median age

**65+**  
age segment will grow 16.6% by 2026

**29.6%**  
of the population will be over the age of 55 in 2026

## RACE & ETHNICITY



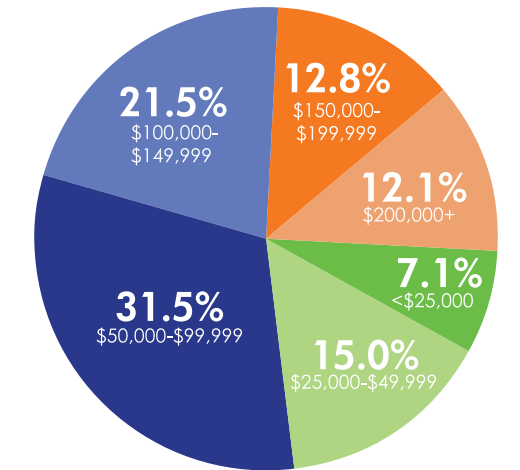
## Income

The median household income for Crystal Lake Park District residents is above the state and national median. It is expected that the median household income in the District will increase at a rate of about 9.09%. This is higher than the projected growth rate for both the state and the nation (1.5% and 1.6%, respectively). It is projected that the median household income will still be higher than both state and national medians in 2026. Seven percent of the District's population make less than \$25,000 per year, which is the poverty line as defined by Illinois Legal Aid.

## INCOME DISTRIBUTION

**\$92,852** Crystal Lake Park District 2021 median HH income

**\$101,292** Crystal Lake Park District 2026 median HH income



**\$68,663** state median HH income

**\$64,730** national median HH income



# Existing Conditions

The first step in the comprehensive planning process is to understand not only the context around the Park District but also the existing conditions of the District's assets including land use, open space, natural resources, and trails.

## Land Use

The Crystal Lake Park District encompasses a majority of the City of Crystal Lake and Village of Lakewood, a small portion of the Village of Lake in the Hills, and portions of unincorporated property. The majority of Crystal Lake is residentially zoned with the eastern third of the City zoned as a mix of manufacturing and commercial. Nearly all of the Village of Lakewood that falls within the Park District boundary is zoned as residential with a small swath of agriculturally zoned land at the western-most point of the District. The small southeastern section of the Park District that overlaps with the Village of Lake in the Hills is zoned as manufacturing and business. The zoning maps for the City of Crystal Lake, Village of Lakewood, and Village of Lake in the Hills can be found in the appendix.

## Open Space Providers

The Park District is one of several open space and outdoor recreation providers within the community. The McHenry County Conservation District, City of Crystal Lake, school districts, McHenry County College, and several agencies are the other open space providers. The map to the right displays the open spaces within the Crystal Lake Park District.

## Public Open Space

*Park District, Municipal, Conservation District, State, and Federal*

The Crystal Lake Park District owns more than 1,370 acres of active and passive open space. The McHenry County Conservation District owns approximately 900 acres of land within the Crystal Lake Park District boundaries. The City of Crystal Lake owns over 485 acres of recreational land and the Village of Lakewood owns more than 230 acres within CLPD boundaries. Finally, there is nearly 40 acres of state-owned land within the Park District.

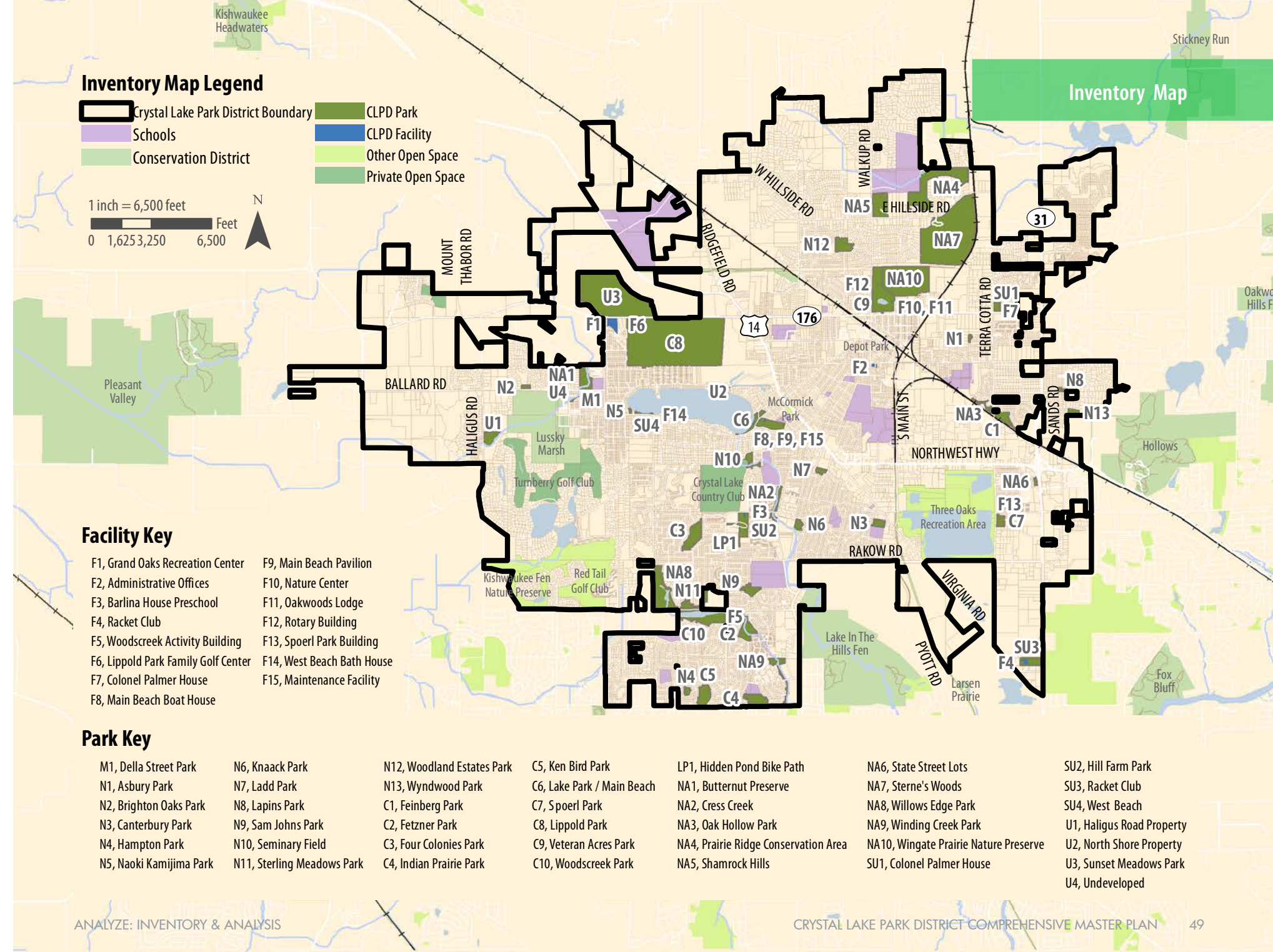
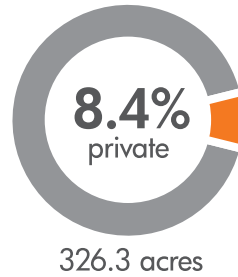
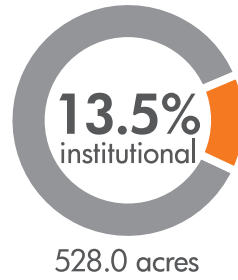
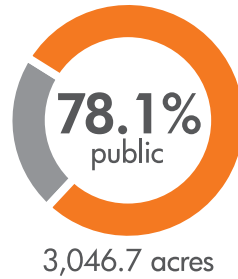
## Institutional Open Space

*Elementary, Middle, and High Schools and Colleges / Universities*

There are three public school districts serving Park District residents: Crystal Lake Central Consolidated School District 47, CHSD 155 School District, and Prairie Grove Community School District 46. In addition, there are a number of private schools serving the community. McHenry County College falls within the Park District boundaries as well.

## Private Open Space

There is over 325 acres of privately-owned recreational open space within CLPD boundaries, most of which is split between the two golf courses, Crystal Lake Country Club and Turnberry Golf Club.







# Asset Inventory

As a part of the planning process, the guidelines outlined by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) - Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines Manual are referenced.

NRPA recommends creating a park classification system to serve as a guide for organizing an agency's parks. Park, Recreation, and Greenway Classification Guidelines are expressions of the amount of land a community determines should constitute the minimum acreage and development criteria for different classifications or types of parks, open space, and greenways.

Mini Park, Neighborhood Park, School Park, Community Park, Large Urban Park, and Sports Complexes are the six classifications for parks recognized by the NRPA. Commonly, School Parks are included in the Neighborhood Park category and Large Urban Parks and Sports Complexes are included in the Community Park category. For the purposes of this plan, school parks, urban parks, and sports complexes have not been defined or used.

These categories are based on size, function, and use. Mini Parks are the smallest and most limited in function, while Community Parks are typically the largest parks of a system and serve a variety of functions for the community. Other open space categories recognized by the NRPA are Natural Areas, Trails, Corridors, or Linear Parks, and Special Use. Undeveloped Parks are sites not yet developed for meaningful access. This category is recognized for planning purposes but is not an NRPA category.

These classifications are vital to a comprehensive Level of Service Analysis. In the parks and open space matrix on the following pages, amenities were quantified to understand the District's total recreational offerings. The numbers in red text indicate an amenity is beyond its useful life, per the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Useful Life Criteria (found in the appendix).

The District's indoor space was also categorized by the type of facility and/or programming. The facility space inventory follows the park and open space inventory. It categorizes the District's facilities by use and identifies the total administration, recreation, and support space allocations within each facility.

## PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

| Classification                       | General Description   | Service Area  | Size Criteria   | Crystal Lake Park District Parks and Facilities   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Mini Park (M)                        | Mini Parks meet the need for a walkable, drop-in recreation experience. Appropriate elements in these parks include playgrounds, picnic areas, and seating. These parks usually do not include parking. Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.  | Less than 0.25 mile distance in a residential setting.  | 0.3 acres   | Della Street Park   |
| Neighborhood Park (N)                | Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active and passive recreation and community gathering spaces. Elements in these parks often include playgrounds, picnic areas, sports fields, and trail systems. Neighborhood Parks serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood.   | 0.25 to 0.5 mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.                           | 1.1 to 13.7 acres   | Asbury Park, Brighton Oaks Park, Canterbury Park, Hampton Park, Kamijima Park, Knaack Park, Ladd Park, Lapins Park, Sam Johns Park, Seminary Field, Sterling Meadows Park, Woodland Estates Park, Wyndwood Park                           |
| Community Park (C)                   | Community Parks focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. These parks preserve unique landscapes and often serve the community as gathering places and general athletics. Elements in these parks include playgrounds, pavilions, trails and path systems, multiple sport courts and fields. Serves broader purpose than neighborhood parks. Focus is on meeting community based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. | Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 0.5 to 3 mile distance. | As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 10 acres. | Feinberg Park, Fetzner Park, Four Colonies Park, Indian Prairie Park, Ken Bird Park, Lake Park / Main Beach, Lippold Park, Spoerl Park, Veteran Acres Park, Woods creek Park  |
| Natural Areas*                       | Conservation and wildlife areas, wooded areas and waterways that are maintained for the most part in their natural state.   | Service radius is unlimited.  | No applicable standard.   | Butternut Preserve, Cress Creek Property, Oak Hollow Park, Prairie Ridge Conservation Area, Shamrock Hills, State Street Lots, Sterne's Woods and Fen, Willows Edge Park, Winding Creek Park & Bike Path, Wingate Prairie Nature Preserve |
| Special Use*                         | Special use facilities focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. Often, these spaces, both indoor and outdoor, are designed as single-use recreation activities. Examples of special use facilities include golf courses, nature centers, recreation centers, and museums. Areas for specialized or single purpose recreational activities. Generally designed for active recreation and focus on meeting community based recreation needs.                 | No applicable standard.   | Variable, depending on desired amenity.                               | Hill Farm Park, Colonel Palmer House, Racket Club, West Beach   |
| Trails, Corridors, and Linear Parks* | Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.  | Resource availability and opportunity.  | No applicable standard.   | Hill Pond Bike Path   |
| Undeveloped Park                     | Lands owned by the agency, but not yet developed with any amenities to provide meaningful access to the site such as trails, seating areas, and other passive and active recreation amenities.  | No applicable standard.   | Variable.   | Della Street Property, Haligus Road Property, North Shore Property, Sunset Meadows Park   |

\*from NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines



# Park & Open Space Matrix

|   | ACREAGE     |                        | TRAILS                |                  |               |                | INDOOR FACILITIES            |                                   |           | DAY USE AMENITIES |                  |          | SPORTS COURTS AND AMENITIES |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
|---|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|------------|-----------|--|---|
|   | Acres - Own | Acres - Lease / Manage | Regional Trail Access | Multi-Use Trails | Hiking Trails | Bicycle Trails | Nature / Interpretive Trails | Indoor Program / Support Facility | Restrooms | Concessions       | Fitness Stations | Dog Park | Picnic Shelter              | Playground | Basketball | Baseball  | Disc Golf (holes) | Football / Rugby | Mini Golf Course (holes) | Golf Driving Range | Horseshoe Pit | Lacrosse | Pickleball Court | Skate Park | Soccer    |  |   |
| <b>PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM</b>           |             |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| <b>Mini Parks</b>                           |             |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Della Street Park                           | 0.3         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Mini Park Acreage                           |             | <b>0.3</b>             | <b>0.0</b>            |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
|   |             | <b>0.3</b>             |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| <b>Neighborhood Parks</b>                   |             |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Asbury Park                                 | 1.5         |                        | 0.15                  |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  | 1        | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Brighton Oaks Park                          | 2.2         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              | X                                 | X         |                   | 1                | 1        | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Canterbury Park                             | 5.0         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  | 1        | 1                           |            | 2          |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Hampton Park                                | 3.2         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Kamijima Park                               | 1.1         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Knaack Park                                 | 4.6         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Ladd Park                                   | 3.3         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Lapins Park                                 | 1.5         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Sam Johns Park                              | 8.7         |                        | 0.22                  |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           | 1          |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Seminary Field                              | 6.8         |                        | 0.15                  |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Sterling Meadows Park                       | 6.2         |                        | X 0.66                |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           | 1          |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Woodland Estates Park                       | 13.7        |                        | 1.03                  |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   | 1                | 1        | 1                           | 1          |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Wyndwood Park                               | 5.1         |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          | 1                           | 1          |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Neighborhood Park Acreage                   |             | <b>62.9</b>            | <b>0.0</b>            |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
|   |             | <b>62.9</b>            |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| <b>Community Parks</b>                      |             |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Feinberg Park                               | 10.3        |                        | X 0.41                |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  | 1        | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Fetzner Park                                | 21.8        |                        | X 0.73                |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   | 1                | 1        | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Four Colonies Park                          | 19.6        |                        | 0.40                  |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   | 1                | 1        | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  | 1 |
| Indian Prairie Park                         | 13.4        |                        |                       |                  |               |                |                              | X                                 |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Ken Bird Park                               | 14.7        |                        | 0.25                  |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   | 1                | 1        | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Lake Park / Main Beach                      | 23.0        |                        | 0.20                  |                  |               |                | X                            | X                                 |           |                   | 1                | 1        | 3                           | 1          |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Lippold Park                                | 306.0       |                        | 2.96                  |                  |               |                | X                            | X                                 | X         | 6                 | 1                | 2        | 1                           | 8          | 18         | 3         | 18                | 1                |                          |                    | 3             |          | 1                | 16         |           |  |   |
| Spoerl Park                                 | 5.9         |                        |                       |                  |               |                | X                            |                                   |           |                   |                  | 1        | 1                           | 1          |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          | 6                |            |           |  |   |
| Veteran Acres Park                          | 133.0       |                        | X 3.75                |                  |               |                | X                            | X                                 |           |                   | 2                | 1        | 1                           | 1          |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Woods creek Park                            | 39.8        |                        | X 3.50                |                  |               |                | X                            | X                                 |           |                   | 1                | 1        | 1                           |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| Community Park Acreage                      |             | <b>772.5</b>           | <b>0.0</b>            |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
|   |             | <b>772.5</b>           |                       |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
|   |             | <b>1371.1</b>          | <b>0.0</b>            |                  |               |                |                              |                                   |           |                   |                  |          |                             |            |            |           |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |            |           |  |   |
| <b>TOTAL PARK &amp; OPEN SPACE HOLDINGS</b> |             | <b>1371.1</b>          | <b>5</b>              | <b>14.4</b>      | <b>0.0</b>    | <b>0.0</b>     | <b>0.0</b>                   | <b>5</b>                          | <b>6</b>  | <b>2</b>          | <b>6</b>         | <b>1</b> | <b>11</b>                   | <b>21</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>14</b> | <b>18</b>         | <b>3</b>         | <b>18</b>                | <b>1</b>           | <b>0</b>      | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b>         | <b>1</b>   | <b>17</b> |  |   |

|   | SPORTS COURTS AND AMENITIES |              |                                      |                  | WATER-BASED AMENITIES |                              |            |             |           |             |          | NATURAL FEATURES           |                        |          |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------|
|   | Softball                    | Tennis Court | Tennis Court with Pickleball Overlay | Volleyball Court | Swimming Pool         | Swimming Beach (linear feet) | Splash Pad | Ice Skating | Sled Hill | Boat Launch | Fishing  | Creek / River / Open Water | Natural Area / Gardens |          |
| <b>PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM</b>           |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| <b>Mini Parks</b>                           |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Della Street Park                           |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          | X                          |                        |          |
| Mini Park Acreage                           |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| <b>Neighborhood Parks</b>                   |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Asbury Park                                 |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Brighton Oaks Park                          |                             | 2            |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Canterbury Park                             | 1                           |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Hampton Park                                |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Kamijima Park                               |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             | 1         | 1           | X        | X                          |                        |          |
| Knaack Park                                 | 1                           |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Ladd Park                                   | 1                           |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Lapins Park                                 |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Sam Johns Park                              |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Seminary Field                              |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Sterling Meadows Park                       |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Woodland Estates Park                       |                             | 2            | 1                                    |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          | X                          |                        |          |
| Wyndwood Park                               |                             |              | 1                                    |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Neighborhood Park Acreage                   |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| <b>Community Parks</b>                      |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Feinberg Park                               |                             | 1            |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Fetzner Park                                |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          | X                          |                        |          |
| Four Colonies Park                          | 2                           | 2            |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             | 1        | X                          |                        |          |
| Indian Prairie Park                         | 3                           |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             | 1         |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Ken Bird Park                               |                             | 1            |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Lake Park / Main Beach                      |                             |              |                                      |                  | 620                   |                              | 1          |             | 2         | 1           | X        |                            |                        |          |
| Lippold Park                                | 4                           |              | 2                                    |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           | 1           | X        | X                          |                        |          |
| Spoerl Park                                 |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
| Veteran Acres Park                          | 1                           | 4            |                                      |                  |                       |                              | 1          | 1           |           | 1           | X        | X                          |                        |          |
| Woods creek Park                            |                             | 2            | 1                                    |                  |                       |                              | 1          |             |           | 1           | X        | X                          |                        |          |
| Community Park Acreage                      |                             |              |                                      |                  |                       |                              |            |             |           |             |          |                            |                        |          |
|   |                             | <b>13</b>    | <b>12</b>                            | <b>3</b>         | <b>4</b>              | <b>0</b>                     | <b>620</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>    | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b>                   | <b>9</b>               | <b>5</b> |
| <b>TOTAL PARK &amp; OPEN SPACE HOLDINGS</b> |                             | <b>13</b>    | <b>12</b>                            | <b>3</b>         | <b>4</b>              | <b>0</b>                     | <b>620</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>    | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b>                   | <b>9</b>               | <b>5</b> |

Acreage information was derived from GIS data obtained from McHenry County GIS Department.

\*all text in red indicates an amenity is beyond its useful life.

|  | ACREAGE       |                          | TRAILS                |                  |               |                | INDOOR FACILITIES            |                                   |           | DAY USE AMENITIES |                  |          |                | SPORTS COURTS AND AMENITIES |            |          |                   |                  |                          |                    |               |          |                  |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|
|  | Acreege - Own | Acreege - Lease / Manage | Regional Trail Access | Multi-Use Trails | Hiking Trails | Bicycle Trails | Nature / Interpretive Trails | Indoor Program / Support Facility | Restrooms | Concessions       | Fitness Stations | Dog Park | Picnic Shelter | Playground                  | Basketball | Baseball | Disc Golf (holes) | Football / Rugby | Mini Golf Course (holes) | Golf Driving Range | Horseshoe Pit | Lacrosse | Pickleball Court |

**OTHER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE & FACILITIES**

| Natural Areas                   |              |            |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|---|------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Butternut Preserve              | 15.8         |            |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cress Creek Property            | 8.0          |            |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oak Hollow Park                 | 3.7          |            |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prairie Ridge Conservation Area | 57.9         |            |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shamrock Hills                  | 23.5         |            |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State Street Lots               | 1.7          |            |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sterne's Woods and Fen          | 187.2        |            | X | 5.17 |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Willows Edge Park               | 45.2         |            |   | 0.26 |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Winding Creek Park & Bike Path  | 10.8         |            | X |      | 0.75 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wingate Prairie Nature Preserve | 149.7        |            | X | 0.45 |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natural Area Acreage            | <b>503.5</b> | <b>0.0</b> |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                 | <b>503.5</b> |            |   |      |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Special Use          |             |            |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Hill Farm Park       | 14.7        |            |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |   | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Colonel Palmer House | 4.3         |            |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Racket Club          | 10.8        |            |  |  |  |  | X | X | X |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Beach           | 2.1         |            |  |  |  |  | X | X | X |  |  | 1 |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Special Use Acreage  | <b>31.9</b> | <b>0.0</b> |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                      | <b>31.9</b> |            |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Trails, Corridors, and Linear Parks / Greenways |            |            |  |  |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------|------------|--|--|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Hidden Pond Bike Path                           | 0.3        |            |  |  | 0.12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trail, Corridor and Linear Park Acreage         | <b>0.3</b> | <b>0.0</b> |  |  |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | <b>0.3</b> |            |  |  |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Undeveloped Park         |       |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                          | Class |              |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Della Street Property    | M     | 0.6          |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Haligus Road Property    | N     | 11.2         |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Shore Property     | M     | 0.1          |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunset Meadows Park      | C     | 158.5        |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undeveloped Park Acreage |       | <b>170.4</b> | <b>0.0</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                          |       | <b>170.4</b> |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|                                |               |            |          |             |            |            |            |          |          |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |           |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>TOTAL DISTRICT HOLDINGS</b> | <b>1541.8</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>20.3</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.9</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|

|   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |   |    |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|---|----|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEYOND USEFUL LIFE AMENITIES AT CURRENT STANDARDS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 7  | 0  | 8 | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|   | 7 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 19 | 15 | 6 | 18 | 3 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

|  | SPORTS COURTS AND AMENITIES |          |              |                                      |                  |               |                              |            |             |           | WATER-BASED AMENITIES |         |                            |                        |  |  |  | NATURAL FEATURES |  |
|--|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|------------------|--|
|  | Soccer                      | Softball | Tennis Court | Tennis Court with Pickleball Overlay | Valleyball Court | Swimming Pool | Swimming Beach (linear feet) | Splash Pad | Ice Skating | Sled Hill | Boat Launch           | Fishing | Creek / River / Open Water | Natural Area / Gardens |  |  |  |                  |  |

**OTHER DISTRICT OPEN SPACE & FACILITIES**

| Natural Areas                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| Butternut Preserve              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| Cress Creek Property            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| Oak Hollow Park                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| Prairie Ridge Conservation Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| Shamrock Hills                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| State Street Lots               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| Sterne's Woods and Fen          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| Willows Edge Park               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| Winding Creek Park & Bike Path  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| Wingate Prairie Nature Preserve |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |
| Natural Area Acreage            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |

| Special Use          |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |     |  |   |  |   |   |   |
|----------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|-----|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| Hill Farm Park       |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |     |  |   |  |   |   |   |
| Colonel Palmer House |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |     |  |   |  |   |   |   |
| Racket Club          |  |  | 7 |  |  |  |  |     |  |   |  |   |   |   |
| West Beach           |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | 490 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | X |
| Special Use Acreage  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |     |  |   |  |   |   |   |

| Trails, Corridors, and Linear Parks / Greenways |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Hidden Pond Bike Path                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trail, Corridor and Linear Park Acreage         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| Undeveloped Park         |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                          | Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Della Street Property    | M     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Haligus Road Property    | N     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Shore Property     | M     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunset Meadows Park      | C     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undeveloped Park Acreage |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|                                |           |           |           |          |          |          |             |          |          |          |          |          |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>TOTAL DISTRICT HOLDINGS</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1110</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>10</b> |
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|  | 17 | 9 | 19 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1110 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 10 |

Acreage information was derived from GIS data obtained from McHenry County GIS Department.  
\*all text in red indicates an amenity is beyond its useful life.



# Indoor Facility Matrix

|   | SQUARE FOOTAGE       | RESTROOMS |              | ADMIN          |           | ACTIVITY ROOMS |             |                     |                          |          | RECREATION AND FITNESS |            |           |             |                       |          | OTHER                  |          |           |          |            |             |
|---|----------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|
|   | Total Square Footage | Restrooms | Locker Rooms | Reception Desk | Office    | Kitchen        | Concessions | Banquet / Community | Classroom / Multipurpose | Art Room | Teen Room              | Auditorium | Gymnasium | Indoor Turf | Fitness / Weight Room | Aquatics | Indoor Activity Courts | Dance    | Storage   | General  | Greenhouse | Maintenance |
| <b>INDOOR FACILITIES</b>                    |                      |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| <b>Recreation &amp; Fitness Programming</b> |                      |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| Grand Oaks Recreation Center                | 11,000               | 2         |              |                |           | 1              |             | 1                   | 3                        |          |                        | 1          |           |             |                       |          |                        | 1        | 1         |          |            |             |
| Racket Club                                 | 68,600               | 2         | 2            | 1              | 4         | 1              |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          | 1                      |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Woods creek Activity Building               | 1,100                | 2         |              |                |           | 1              |             | 1                   | 1                        |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Recreation & Fitness Programming            | <b>80,700</b>        |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| <b>Single-Use</b>                           |                      |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| Administrative Offices                      | 6,000                | 5         |              | 1              | 15        |                |             |                     | 1                        | 1        |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Barlina House Preschool                     | 4,500                | 2         |              |                | 1         |                |             |                     | 3                        |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Colonel Palmer House                        | 2,900                | 2         |              |                | 1         | 1              |             |                     | 1                        |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Lippold Park Family Golf Center             | 1,500                | 2         |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| <b>Main Beach</b>                           |                      |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| Bath House                                  | 13,000               | 2         | 2            |                |           | 1              |             | 1                   |                          |          |                        | 1          |           | 1           |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Boat House                                  |                      |           |              |                |           |                | 1           |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Nature Center                               | 6,814                | 2         |              |                |           |                |             | 1                   | 1                        |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            | 1           |
| Oakwoods Lodge                              | 1,200                | 2         |              |                |           |                |             | 1                   | 1                        |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Rotary Building                             | 5,800                | 2         |              |                |           | 1              |             | 1                   | 1                        |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Spoerl Park Building                        | 2,800                | 2         |              |                |           |                |             | 1                   | 1                        |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        | 1        | 1         |          |            |             |
| West Beach Bath House                       | 4,000                | 2         | 2            |                |           |                |             | 1                   | 1                        |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          | 1         |          |            |             |
| Single-Use                                  | <b>48,514</b>        |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| <b>Maintenance</b>                          |                      |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| Maintenance Facility                        |                      |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| Maintenance                                 | <b>0</b>             |           |              |                |           |                |             |                     |                          |          |                        |            |           |             |                       |          |                        |          |           |          |            |             |
| <b>TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE</b>                 | <b>129,214</b>       | <b>29</b> | <b>6</b>     | <b>3</b>       | <b>21</b> | <b>6</b>       | <b>1</b>    | <b>8</b>            | <b>14</b>                | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>               | <b>2</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>    | <b>1</b>              | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b>               | <b>2</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>    |





# Level of Service Analysis

The Level of Service analysis evaluates how well the District's parks, facilities, and amenities are serving the current needs of the community. Level of Service is evaluated through four different methods.

The development of a Level of Service standard for parks and recreation began in the 1980s with the development of Levels of Service for other infrastructure such as water, stormwater drainage, sewer systems, and transportation. These benchmarks provide agency officials with the ability to respond to growing communities, evolving demographics, and changing needs. However, it is important to note that these benchmarks are not strict rules that all communities should follow. These Level of Service benchmarks are simply another gauge for agencies to use when determining future needs and services.

According to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), Level of Service is a quantification of the park and recreation delivery, philosophy, and policy of a community. Its basic utility is in meeting a legal and/or economic requirement of quality service and equity. As a basic rule, a Level of Service benchmark should:

1. Be practical and achievable
2. Provide for an equitable allocation of park and recreation resources throughout a community; there should be equal opportunity access for all citizens
3. Reflect the real-time demand of the citizens for park and recreation opportunities

There are four different Level of Service measurements that help a community understand how equitable and comprehensive its current park and recreation offerings are. These include:

1. **Acreage:** A calculation of the minimum amount of land required to provide all of the recreation activities and facilities required to support such activities
2. **Distribution:** An evaluation of how equitable park and open space sites are placed throughout the community as well as how accessible existing sites are to residents
3. **Amenities:** A calculation of the minimum number of amenities and facilities required to meet state and/or national averages
4. **Square Footage:** A calculation of the minimum number of indoor square footage required to provide all of the recreation programs and services

Level of Service guidelines are developed by state and national agencies, including NRPA. Historically, a Level of Service analysis has been limited to total park and open space acreage alone and did not include distribution, amenities, or indoor square footage. The national standard for acreage Level of Service was 10 acres per 1,000 population, but as park and recreation planning developed, professionals saw the need to develop a more comprehensive benchmarking tool that could be adjusted for, and specific to, each community.



Because one size does not fit all, the NRPA recommends using community-specific benchmarks. Park Metrics is the NRPA's online management tool designed for public park and recreation agencies.

This tool is a supplement to the NRPA standards that have guided land acquisition and development for the past 55 years. Through this tool, agencies have the ability to compare themselves and their offerings with departments and agencies in their state or region. Agencies can also compare themselves to others based on factors such as total population, operating budget, and full-time technical equivalent employees. Now, agencies can plan and benchmark with more applicable data than national averages.

Park Metrics has thousands of data points and more than 600 completed profiles. It is now the largest and most comprehensive collection of detailed municipal, county, state, and special district data. As more agencies add their data to the database, trends and patterns begin to emerge that help agencies plan and benchmark.

The following Level of Service analyses reference national NRPA standards, Park Metrics benchmarks, and local and regional-specific standards set by the State of Illinois and the planning team. The Crystal Lake Park District was compared against 26 U.S. park districts and recreation departments with populations between 47,500 and 55,000 registered with the NRPA's Park Metrics.



# Acreage

Acreage Level of Service benchmarks are calculations of the recommended amount of land required to provide recreation activities and the facilities to support them.

The NRPA's population ratio method (acres/1,000 population) emphasizes the direct relationship between recreation spaces and people and is the most common method of estimating an agency's level of service for parkland and open space. In addition to the baseline of 10 acres/1,000 population used in this analysis, Park Metrics benchmarks are also used to understand how the Crystal Lake Park District (CLPD) compares to agencies of similar population size.

Based on the NRPA benchmark of 10 acres per 1,000 population, 507.00 acres of Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Park space is recommended for the Crystal Lake Park District. The table to the right designates these park assets as "Active Recreation Areas." With 835.70 acres of open space dedicated to Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Park uses, CLPD has a 328.70 acre surplus compared to this benchmark. The District has a level of service of 16.48 acres per 1,000 population, which is well over the NRPA recommendation of 10 acres per 1,000 population.

When all District-owned and maintained open space is added to the Level of Service analysis, the District has 864.40 acres more than the NRPA recommended 507.00 acres. This Level of Service gauge includes Natural Areas, Special Use, and Trails, Corridors, and Linear Parks in addition to Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks. CLPD has an overall Level of Service of 27.05 acres per 1,000 population.

The Park Metrics database was referenced to understand how the Crystal Lake Park District compares to agencies across the nation with similar population sizes. CLPD has a population size of 50,700. Out of over 600 agencies reporting, there were 26 agencies with populations between 47,500 and 55,000. Park Metrics provided information on the following Level of Service benchmarks:

- Total Number of Parks
- Total Park Acres
- Total Acres Managed
- Acres of Parks per 1,000 population

The Crystal Lake Park District has 24 active parks that total 835.70 acres, which is less than the median 33 parks but more than the 646.5 acres maintained as reported by Park Metrics.



Regarding acreage Level of Service, Park Metrics recommends 669.24 total park acres or 13.20 acres per 1,000 population. With 835.70 acres of active recreation areas, the District exceeds the recommended acreage by 166.46 acres. At 16.78 acres per 1,000 population, CLPD also exceeds the Park Metrics recommended level of service. This information is shown in the chart below.

## Level of Service Analysis: 10 acres / 1,000 population

| OWNED / LEASED ACTIVE RECREATION AREAS |                      |   |                               |   |                                     |
|--|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Classification                         | CLPD Acreage (Total) | CLPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population) | IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage | IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population) | Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre) |
| Mini Park                              | 0.30                 | 0.01  | 25.35                         | 0.50  | -25.05                              |
| Neighborhood Park                      | 62.90                | 1.24  | 101.40                        | 2.00  | -38.50                              |
| Community Park                         | 772.50               | 15.24   | 380.25                        | 7.50  | 392.25                              |
| <b>Total Active Recreation Areas</b>   | <b>835.70</b>        | <b>16.48</b>  | <b>507.00</b>                 | <b>10.00</b>  | <b>328.70</b>                       |

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 50700

## ALL CLPD MANAGED OPEN SPACE

| Classification               | CLPD Acreage (Total) | CLPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population) | IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage | IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population) | Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre) |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Mini Park                    | 0.30                 | 0.01  | 25.35                         | 0.50  | -25.05                              |
| Neighborhood Park            | 62.90                | 1.24  | 101.40                        | 2.00  | -38.50                              |
| Community Park               | 772.50               | 15.24   | 380.25                        | 7.50  | 392.25                              |
| Natural Areas                | 503.50               | 9.93  | 0.00                          | 0.00  | 503.50                              |
| Special Use                  | 31.90                | 0.63  | 0.00                          | 0.00  | 31.90                               |
| Greenways                    | 0.30                 | 0.01  | 0.00                          | 0.00  | 0.30                                |
| <b>Total CLPD Open Space</b> | <b>1371.40</b>       | <b>27.05</b>  | <b>507.00</b>                 | <b>10.00</b>  | <b>864.40</b>                       |

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 50700

## ALL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

| Classification                   | CLPD Acreage (Total) | CLPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population) | IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage | IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population) | Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| CLPD Total Parks & Open Space    | 1371.40              | 27.05   | 507.00                        | 10.00   | 864.40                              |
| School Open Space                | 528.00               | 10.41   | 0.00                          | 0.00  | 528.00                              |
| Conservation District Open Space | 912.70               | 18.00   | 0.00                          | 0.00  | 912.70                              |
| <b>Total Public Open Space</b>   | <b>2812.10</b>       | <b>55.47</b>  | <b>507.00</b>                 | <b>10.00</b>  | <b>2305.10</b>                      |

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 50700

## Level of Service Analysis: Park Metrics Benchmark

| OWNED / LEASED ACTIVE RECREATION AREAS |                      |   |                                  |   |                                     |
|--|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Classification                         | CLPD Acreage (Total) | CLPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population) | Park Metrics Recommended Acreage | Park Metrics Average, Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population) | Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre) |
| Total Active Recreation Areas          | 835.70               | 16.48   | 669.24                           | 13.20   | 166.46                              |
| Total CLPD Managed Open Space          | 1371.40              | 27.05   | 669.24                           | 13.20   | 702.16                              |

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 50700







# Mini Park Distribution Analysis

Mini Parks meet the need for a walkable, drop-in recreation experience. Appropriate elements in these parks typically include playground, picnic areas, and seating opportunities.

The purpose of the Mini Park Distribution Analysis is to determine which planning areas are under-resourced by the District's existing Mini Park land holdings. Currently, the Crystal Lake Park District has one Mini Park that is 0.3 acres in size.

The Mini Park level of service map illustrates a 0.25-mile service radius (shown in orange) around each existing Mini Park.

The map to the right illustrates the 0.25-mile service area reach for Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks. Quarter-mile service areas are also shown for Neighborhood and Community Parks, as these parks serve the function of a Mini Park for those residents within a 0.25-mile distance from the park. According to NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, Mini Park service areas do not include residents who must cross a planning area boundary to reach the park. Service areas are truncated at all planning area boundaries.

Mini Park service is concentrated in the south, central, and eastern-most portions of the District, with Planning Areas 17 and 31 having the highest percent of coverage at 69.5% and 62.4%, respectively. The percent of the population within the planning area with access is important, but knowing which populations have total population without access allows the Planning Team to prioritize based on need. Planning areas with more than 1,000 residents not served are Planning Areas 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. It should also be noted that while smaller, the entire populations of 24 planning areas are completely unserved. The tables to the right compare the total population served to the total population not served by a park within 0.25 miles of their home. Overall, 29.6% of the Crystal Lake Park District's population has access to a park asset within a 0.25-mile walking distance. This is lower than the median Mini Park Distribution Level of Service of 45.2% within the Consultant Team's database.

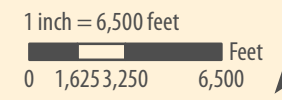
School Districts also offer outdoor recreation opportunities for residents on many elementary, middle, and high school grounds and can serve the same needs as Mini and Neighborhood Parks. However, since these sites are not owned and controlled by the Park District, and may have reduced or limited access during school hours and activities, they are not included in this Distribution Level of Service Analysis.



| PA* | Population Served | % Served | Population Not Served |
|-----|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1   | 0                 | 0%       | 74                    |
| 2   | 0                 | 0%       | 189                   |
| 3   | 0                 | 0%       | 30                    |
| 4   | 0                 | 0%       | 27                    |
| 5   | 0                 | 0%       | 2                     |
| 5A  | 0                 | 0%       | 3                     |
| 6   | 206               | 35.4%    | 376                   |
| 7   | 0                 | 0%       | 70                    |
| 8   | 0                 | 0%       | 2                     |
| 9   | 4,409             | 27.5%    | 11,606                |
| 9A  | 0                 | 0%       | 4                     |
| 10  | 0                 | 0%       | 610                   |
| 11  | 2,010             | 45.8%    | 2,382                 |
| 12  | 0                 | 0%       | 1,288                 |
| 13  | 801               | 32.9%    | 1,637                 |
| 14  | 0                 | 0%       | 5,421                 |
| 15  | 2,630             | 40.0%    | 3,949                 |
| 16  | 1,441             | 56.0%    | 1,131                 |
| 17  | 1,058             | 69.5%    | 464                   |
| 18  | 0                 | 0%       | 212                   |
| 19  | 0                 | 0%       | 509                   |
| 20  | 0                 | 0%       | 239                   |
| 21  | 504               | 53.2%    | 443                   |
| 22  | 0                 | 0%       | 639                   |
| 23  | 0                 | 0%       | 2                     |
| 24  | 0                 | 0%       | 0                     |
| 25  | 0                 | 0%       | 783                   |
| 25A | 0                 | 0%       | 9                     |
| 26  | 277               | 23.8%    | 888                   |
| 27  | 695               | 44.1%    | 881                   |

## Mini Park Level of Service Map Legend

- Crystal Lake Park District Boundary
- Non-planning Area
- Planning Area
- 0.25-Mile Service Area
- Schools
- Conservation District
- CLPD Park
- CLPD Facility
- Other Open Space
- Private Open Space

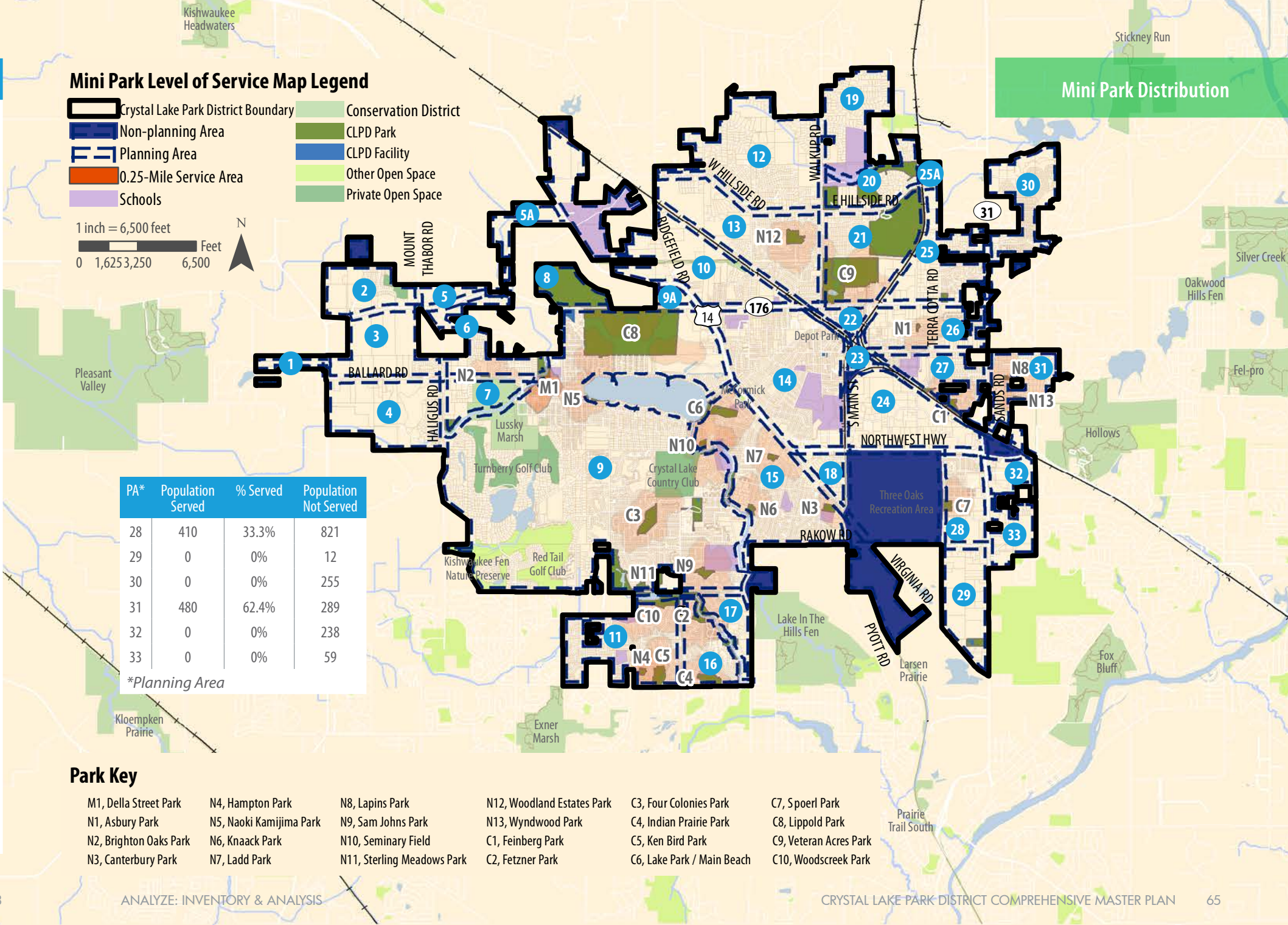


| PA* | Population Served | % Served | Population Not Served |
|-----|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 28  | 410               | 33.3%    | 821                   |
| 29  | 0                 | 0%       | 12                    |
| 30  | 0                 | 0%       | 255                   |
| 31  | 480               | 62.4%    | 289                   |
| 32  | 0                 | 0%       | 238                   |
| 33  | 0                 | 0%       | 59                    |

\*Planning Area

## Park Key

- M1, Della Street Park
- N1, Asbury Park
- N2, Brighton Oaks Park
- N3, Canterbury Park
- N4, Hampton Park
- N5, Naoki Kamijima Park
- N6, Knaack Park
- N7, Ladd Park
- N8, Lapins Park
- N9, Sam Johns Park
- N10, Seminary Field
- N11, Sterling Meadows Park
- N12, Woodland Estates Park
- N13, Wyndwood Park
- C1, Feinberg Park
- C2, Fetzner Park
- C3, Four Colonies Park
- C4, Indian Prairie Park
- C5, Ken Bird Park
- C6, Lake Park / Main Beach
- C7, Spoerl Park
- C8, Lippold Park
- C9, Veteran Acres Park
- C10, Woodscrest Park





# Neighborhood Park Distribution Analysis

Neighborhood Parks remain the basic unit of the park system and are generally designed for informal active and passive recreation and community gathering spaces.

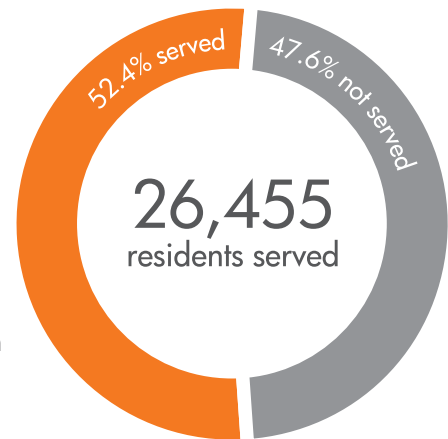
The purpose of the Neighborhood Park Distribution Analysis is to determine which planning areas are under-resourced by the District's existing Neighborhood Park land holdings. Currently, Crystal Lake Park District has 13 Neighborhood Parks that range from 1.1 to 13.7 acres in size.

The Neighborhood Park service area map illustrates a 0.5-mile service radius (shown in orange) around each existing Neighborhood Park.

This plan also illustrates a 0.5-mile service area (shown in orange) for Community Parks, as these parks can serve the function of a Neighborhood Park for residents within a 0.5-mile distance from the park. According to NRPA's Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, Neighborhood Park service areas do not include residents who must cross a planning area boundary to reach the park. Service areas are truncated to all planning area boundaries.

Neighborhood Park service is concentrated south, central, and eastern-most portions of the District, with Planning Areas 31, 27, and 15 having the highest level of coverage at 86.7%, 81.7%, and 73.8%, respectively. Areas with more than 1,000 or more residents not served include Planning Areas 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15. It should also be noted that while smaller, the entire populations of 25 planning areas are completely unserved. The table to the right compares the total population served by a park within 0.5 miles of their home. Overall, 52.4% of the Crystal Lake Park District's population has access to a park asset within a 0.5-mile walking distance. This is similar to the Neighborhood Park Distribution Level of Service of 58.9% in the Consultant Team's database.

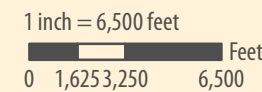
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| 5   | 0                 | 0%       | 2                     |
| 5A  | 0                 | 0%       | 3                     |
| 6   | 406               | 69.8%    | 176                   |
| 7   | 0                 | 0%       | 70                    |
| 8   | 0                 | 0%       | 2                     |
| 9   | 8,697             | 54.3%    | 7,318                 |
| 9A  | 0                 | 0%       | 4                     |
| 10  | 0                 | 0%       | 610                   |
| 11  | 2,931             | 66.7%    | 1,461                 |
| 12  | 0                 | 0%       | 1,288                 |
| 13  | 1,777             | 72.9%    | 661                   |
| 14  | 0                 | 0%       | 5,421                 |
| 15  | 4,853             | 73.8%    | 1,726                 |
| 16  | 2,572             | 0%       | 0                     |
| 17  | 1,118             | 73.5%    | 404                   |
| 18  | 0                 | 0%       | 212                   |
| 19  | 0                 | 0%       | 509                   |
| 20  | 0                 | 0%       | 239                   |
| 21  | 700               | 73.9%    | 247                   |
| 22  | 0                 | 0%       | 639                   |
| 23  | 0                 | 0%       | 2                     |
| 24  | 0                 | 0%       | 0                     |
| 25  | 0                 | 0%       | 783                   |
| 25A | 0                 | 0%       | 9                     |
| 26  | 735               | 63.1%    | 430                   |
| 27  | 1,288             | 81.7%    | 288                   |

## Neighborhood Park Level of Service Map Legend

- Crystal Lake Park District Boundary
- Non-planning Area
- Planning Area
- 0.5-Mile Service Area
- Schools
- Conservation District
- CLPD Park
- CLPD Facility
- Other Open Space
- Private Open Space

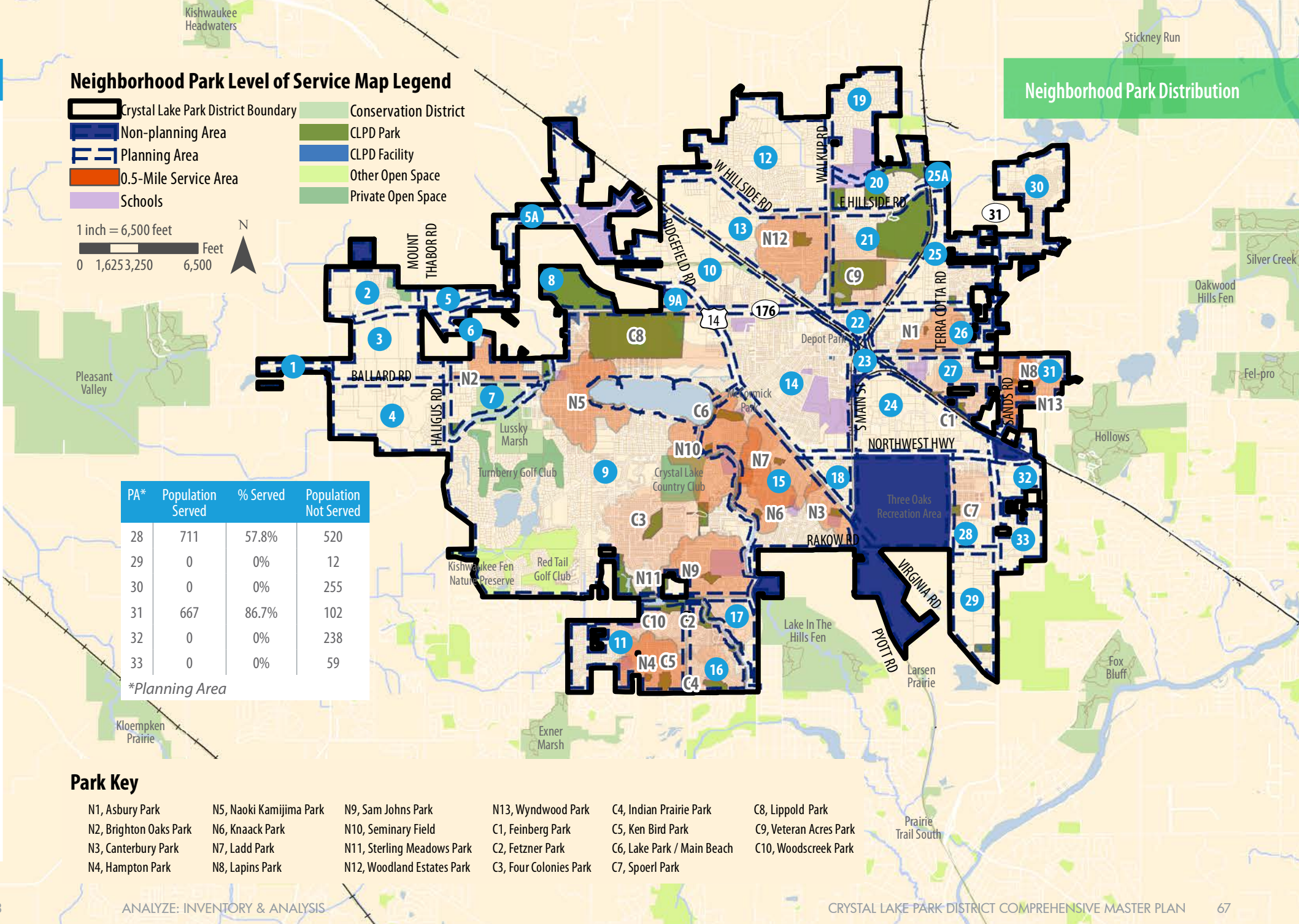


| PA* | Population Served | % Served | Population Not Served |
|-----|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 28  | 711               | 57.8%    | 520                   |
| 29  | 0                 | 0%       | 12                    |
| 30  | 0                 | 0%       | 255                   |
| 31  | 667               | 86.7%    | 102                   |
| 32  | 0                 | 0%       | 238                   |
| 33  | 0                 | 0%       | 59                    |

\*Planning Area

## Park Key

- N1, Asbury Park
- N2, Brighton Oaks Park
- N3, Canterbury Park
- N4, Hampton Park
- N5, Naoki Kamijima Park
- N6, Knaack Park
- N7, Ladd Park
- N8, Lapins Park
- N9, Sam Johns Park
- N10, Seminary Field
- N11, Sterling Meadows Park
- N12, Woodland Estates Park
- N13, Wyndwood Park
- C1, Feinberg Park
- C2, Fetzner Park
- C3, Four Colonies Park
- C4, Indian Prairie Park
- C5, Ken Bird Park
- C6, Lake Park / Main Beach
- C7, Spoerl Park
- C8, Lippold Park
- C9, Veteran Acres Park
- C10, Woods creek Park





# Community Park Distribution Analysis

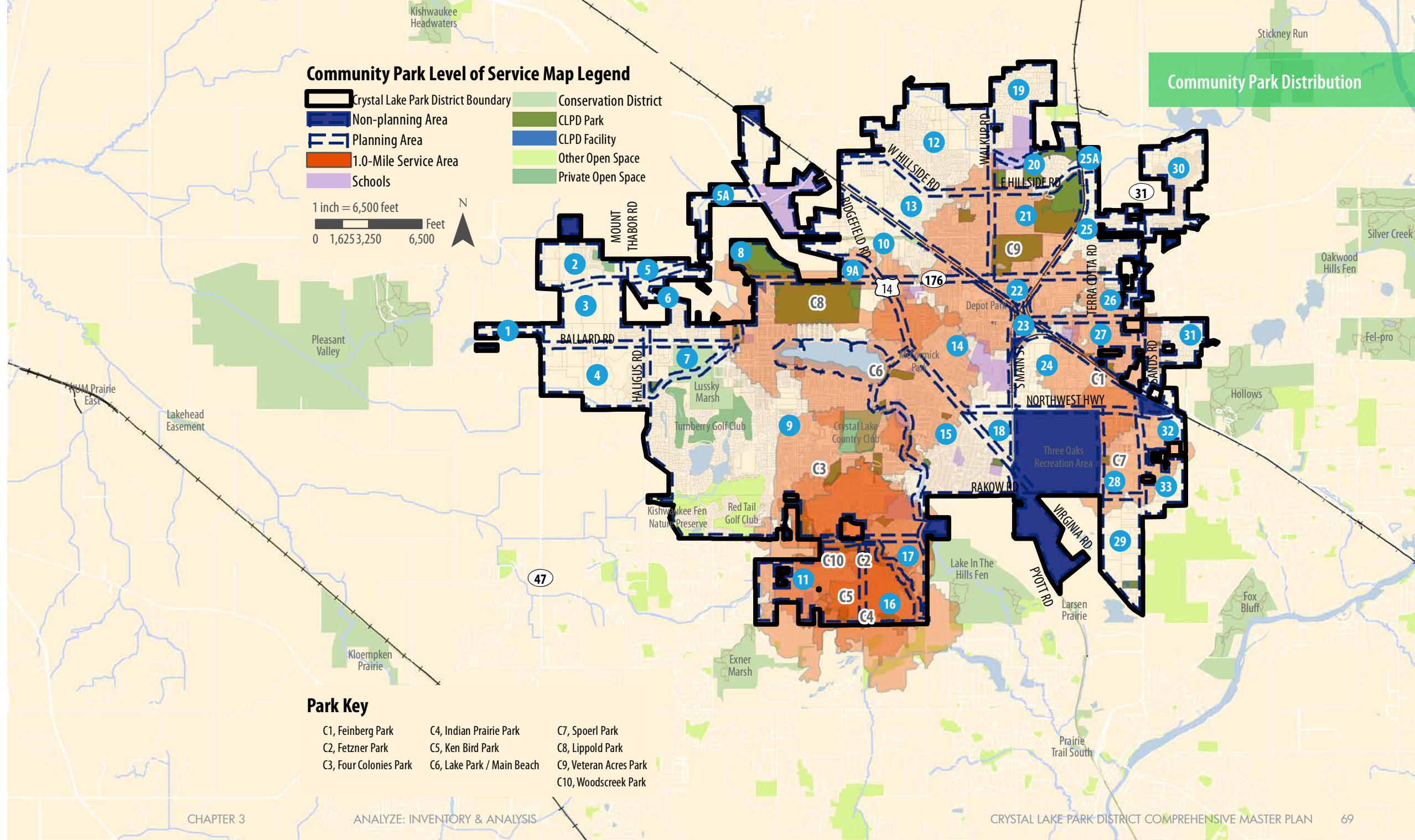
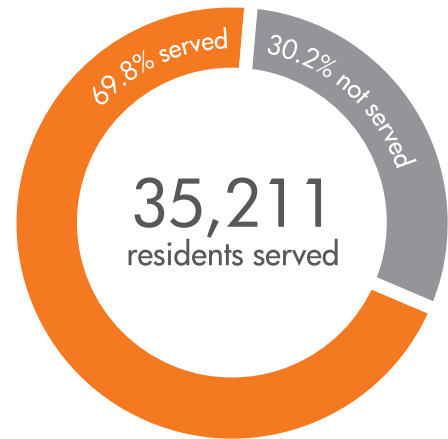
Community Parks focus on meeting community-wide recreation needs. These parks may preserve unique landscapes and often serve as event and recreational team sport spaces.

The purpose of the Community Park Distribution Analysis is to determine the location of gaps in Community Park service area coverage. Currently, Crystal Lake Park District has 10 Community Parks that range from 5.9 to 306.0 acres in size.

The Community Park service area map illustrates a one-mile service radius (shown in orange) around each existing Community Park.

Unlike Mini and Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks are considered drive-to recreation destinations. Service areas are not limited to the boundary of the planning area in which they are located. These drive-to destinations cover multiple planning areas and are community destinations for Park District residents. Additionally, it is common for residents living outside the park district boundary to also utilize Community Parks.

Overall, 69.8% of the District has access to a Community Park asset within a one-mile drive from where they live. The largest gaps are located in the western third and northern-most portion of the District. Planning Areas 1-5, 7, 18, 19, and 30 are completely unserved. Planning Areas 11, 16, and 17 are most heavily served due to the presence of multiple Community Parks within their boundaries. Crystal Lake Park District's Community Park Distribution Level of Service of 69.8% is similar to the median of 68.9% identified in the Consultant Team's database.





# Overall Park Distribution Analysis

The Overall Distribution Analysis illustrates the District-wide deficiencies for Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Park assets combined.

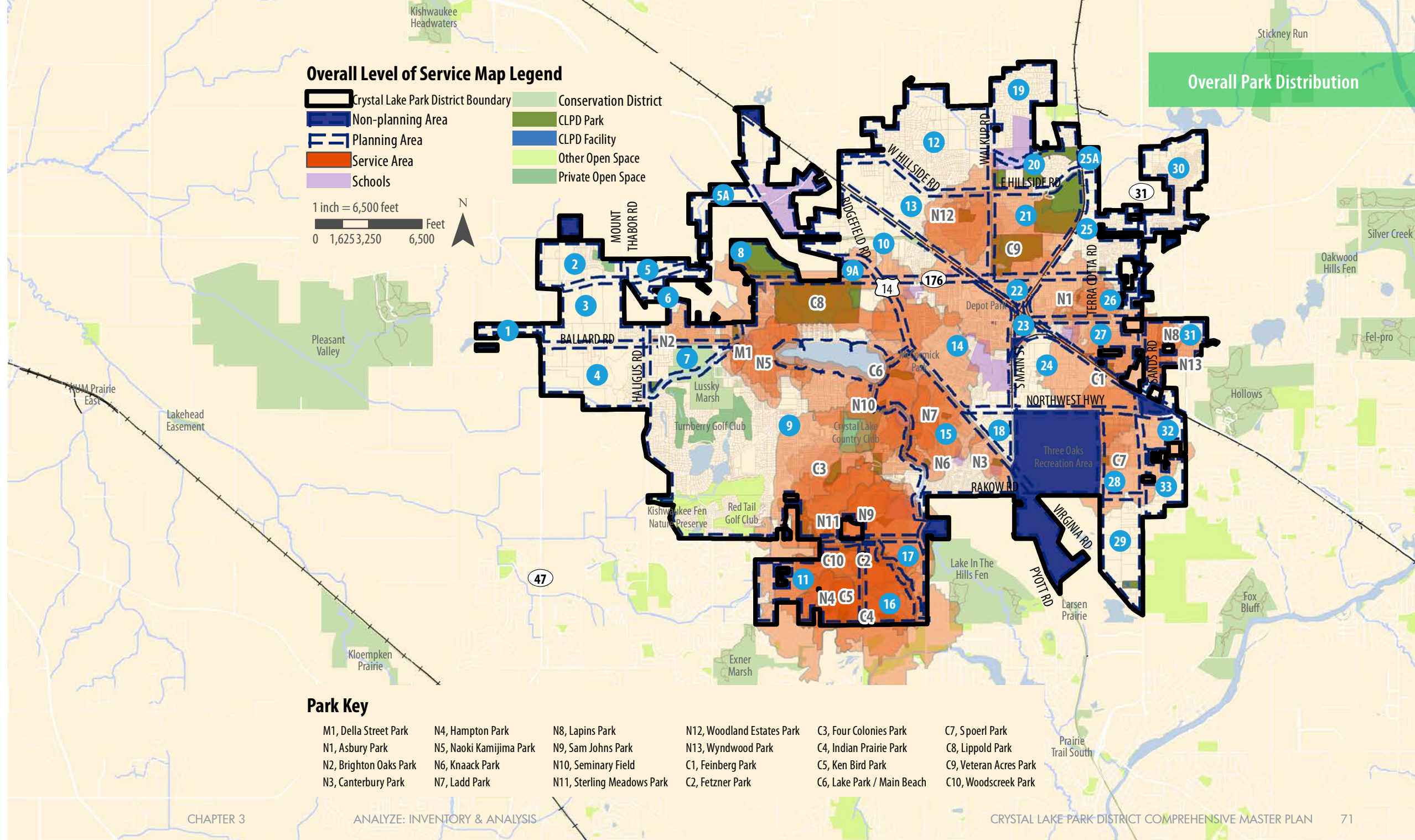
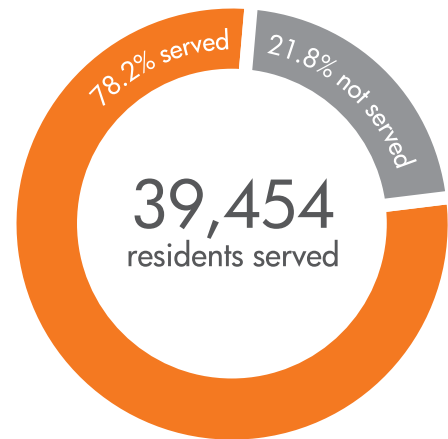
The purpose of the Overall Park Distribution Analysis is to develop a District-wide understanding of the location, distribution, and Level of Service for all existing Mini, Neighborhood, and Community Parks. Natural Areas, Special Use Facilities, Linear Parks, and Undeveloped Land Holdings are not included in this analysis.

The overall service area map illustrates the service areas for all Mini (0.25-mile), Neighborhood (0.5-mile), and Community Parks (1.0-mile).

Per NRPA Guidelines, the Mini and Neighborhood Park service areas are truncated to the boundaries of the individual planning areas in which they reside. Community Parks are considered drive-to destinations and their service areas are not truncated to the planning area boundaries.

Overall, 78.2% of Crystal Lake Park District residents have access to a Mini, Neighborhood, and/or Community Park resource within a mile of where they live. The largest areas of residential development not served by a Mini, Neighborhood, or Community Park is nearly identical to that in the Community Park Distribution Level of Service Analysis. The Crystal Lake Park District's Overall Level of Service of 78.2% is lower than the median of 91.8% found in the Consultant Team's database.

The map to the right illustrates the overall park service area coverage.





# Under-Resourced Demographics

The Planning Team also took a deeper look at more specific demographic groups overlaid with the 0.5-mile service area map to see how well these traditionally under-resourced groups are served by current CLPD park assets.

The three demographic groups include the Hispanic population, households with one or more persons with a disability, and households falling under the poverty level. The maps on the page to the right show the concentration of these populations with the 0.5-mile service area overlaid to illustrate level of service coverage.

## Hispanic Population

Crystal Lake Park District's Hispanic population is scattered across the Park District, with planning areas housing concentrations from 0% all the way up to 41.6% of the population. The highest concentrations of the Hispanic population are located in Planning Areas 15, 18, 28, 29, 32, and 33. When the neighborhood park level of service is overlaid onto this map, it can be seen that Planning Areas 18, 29, and 33 have little to no service coverage. In terms of population number, with a population of 212, Planning Area 18 has the highest need of park assets. It should be noted that, while not owned by the Crystal Lake Park District, this planning area is directly adjacent to Three Oaks Recreation Area with access via the Prairie Trail.

## Households with a Disability

Of the over 18,000 households in the Park District, 21.4% (3,871 households) include at least one member with a disability. The U.S. Census Bureau defines disability broadly as "difficulty with one of the following six basic areas of function: ambulation, cognition, hearing, independent living, self-care, and vision." Very few planning areas do not contain at least one household with a disability, and only two planning areas contain a less than 10% concentration of households with a disability. Similar to the Hispanic population, the concentration is spread across the Park District. Planning Areas 6, 7, 10, 15, 16, 18, 25A, 28, 32, and 33 all have a concentration of 25% or more of households with a disability. However, Planning Areas 7, 25A, and 33 contain less than 10 households in this category. In terms of population, Planning Areas 15, 16, and 28 have the highest number, all over 100. However, once the 0.5-mile service map is overlaid, it can be observed that these three planning areas are well served by parks. The apparent highest need shifts to Planning Areas 7, 10, and 18.

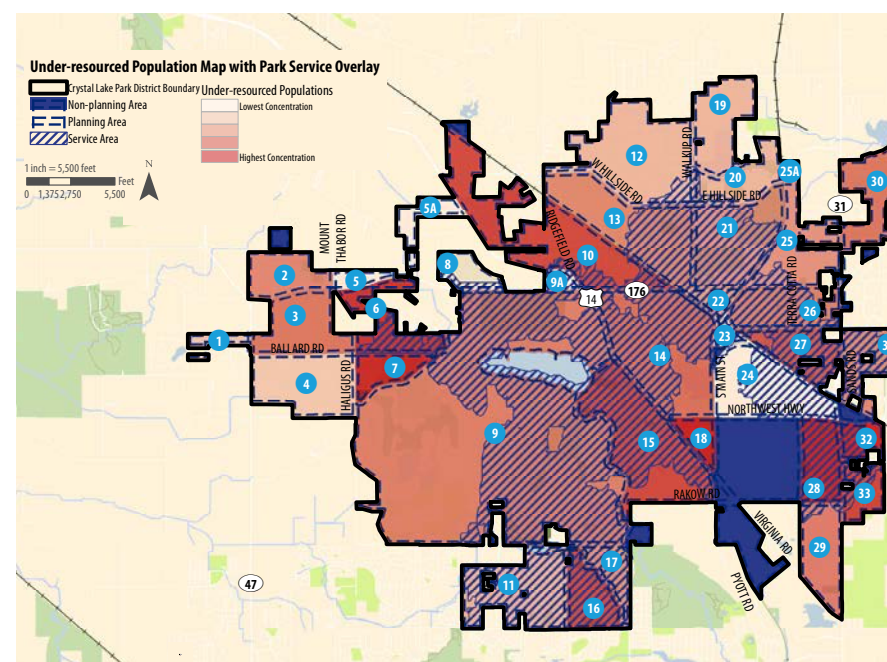
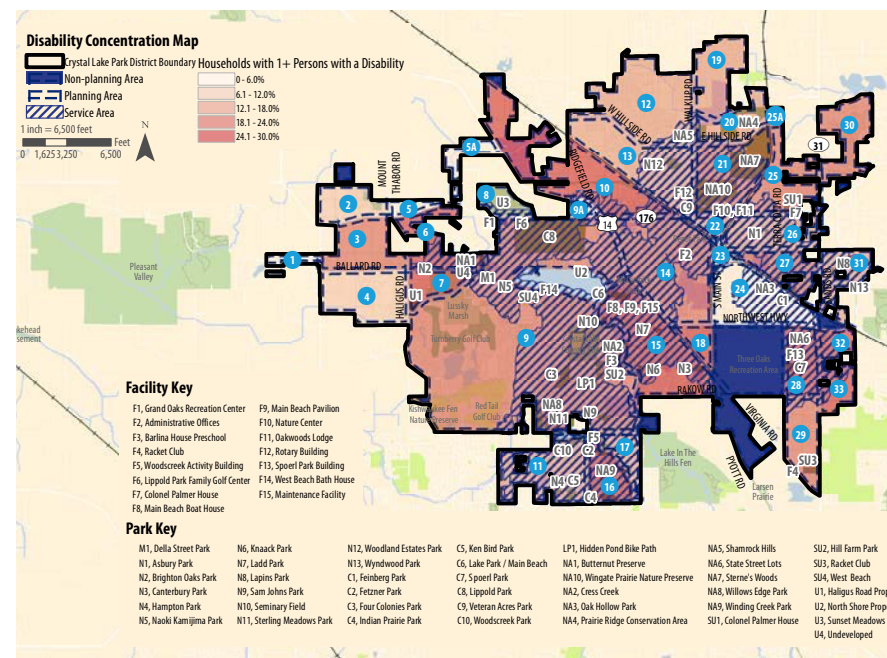
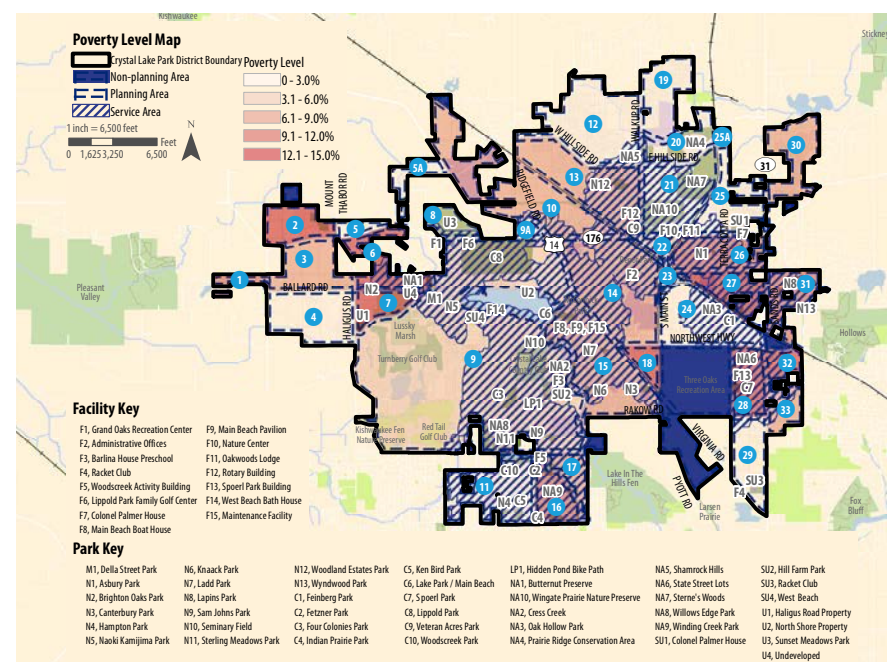
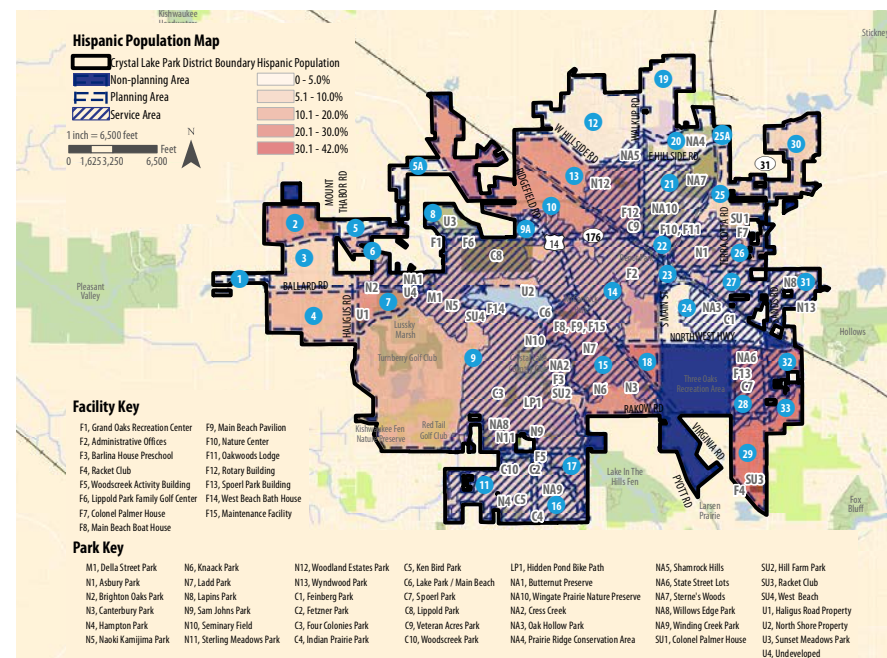
## Households Below the Poverty Level

As defined previously in the chapter, the poverty level in Illinois is a household income of \$25,000

or less. Crystal Lake Park District has a relatively low poverty rate of 7.1%. The concentration of poverty within the individual planning areas range anywhere from 0% to 13.8%. Planning Areas 1, 2, 6, 7, 18, 26, 27, 28, and 32 all have concentrations over 10%. With population number factored in, Planning Areas 6, 26, 27, and 28 have the highest need. However, much like the population with a disability analysis, once the neighborhood park level of service area is overlaid, we see most portions, if not all, of those planning areas have access to a park within a 0.5-mile. As a result, Planning Areas 2, 7, and 18 appear to have the highest need.

## Combined Under-Resourced Population Concentration

Once all three concentration maps are overlaid, it becomes evident that there is a relatively heavy concentration of under-resourced population across the central and southeast portions of the Park District. The existing 0.5-mile level of service range covers much of this area. The heaviest unserved concentrations appear to be Planning Areas 7, 10, and 18.





# Amenities

In addition to park acreage and distribution, another measure of Level of Service is the total recreation amenities available to residents. These benchmarks come from the Illinois Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and NRPA's Park metrics.

## SCORP Comparison

This analysis takes into account useful life criteria as defined by the State of Illinois and defines those amenities that meet current useful life standards. Based on the Illinois SCORP, the District meets or exceeds the recommended number of amenities for 15 of the 36 amenities outlined in the chart to the right that are measured in the SCORP. The SCORP comparison is limited to outdoor amenities. Amenities that meet or exceed the recommendation are identified by green text in the "Surplus / Deficit" column.

Items with red text noted in the "Surplus / Deficit" column are deficiencies. The top five amenities with the greatest deficiencies, according to the comparison against SCORP averages are:

- Hiking Trails (-23.3 miles)
- Cross Country Trails (-20.3 miles)
- Marina Slips (-13.8)
- Fishing Piers / Docks / Access (-13.7)
- Horseshoe Pits (-12.2)

The School Districts, Conservation District, City / Village owned open space, and private golf clubs within the Park District also provide recreational amenities for the community. While these assets are not included in the analysis, they may be providing additional recreation opportunities for Crystal Lake Park District residents who have access to them.



## SCORP Amenity Needs Analysis - Park District Amenities

|                                      | Crystal Lake Park District       |   |   | Existing Population 2021                        |   | Surplus / Deficit | Ranking |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------------|---------|
|                                      | Existing # of Facilities (total) | Existing # of Facilities at current standards | Existing # of Facilities per 1,000 population | Total # of Facilities needed to meet IL Average | IL Average # of Facilities per 1,000 population |                   |         |
| <b>WATER-BASED FACILITIES</b>        |                                  |   |   |   |   |                   |         |
| Fishing Pier / Docks / Access        | 7                                | 7   | 0.14  | 20.7  | 0.41  | -13.7             | 38      |
| Boat Launch Ramps / Access           | 4                                | 4   | 0.08  | 6.1   | 0.12  | -2.1              | 25      |
| Canoe only access areas              | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 2.0   | 0.04  | -2.0              | 24      |
| Marina Slips                         | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 13.8  | 0.27  | -13.8             | 39      |
| Swimming Pools                       | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 1.4   | 0.03  | -1.4              | 22      |
| Swimming Beaches (linear ft.)        | 1110                             | 1110  | 21.89   | 858.9   | 16.94   | 251.1             | 1       |
| Spray Grounds / Splash Pads          | 2                                | 2   | 0.04  | 1.5   | 0.03  | 0.5               | 11      |
| <b>TRAILS</b>                        |                                  |   |   |   |   |                   |         |
| Multi-Use Trails (Miles)             | 20.29                            | 20.29   | 0.40  | 8.3   | 0.16  | 12.0              | 3       |
| Hiking Trails                        | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 23.3  | 0.46  | -23.3             | 41      |
| Bicycle Trails                       | 0.87                             | 0.87  | 0.02  | 5.2   | 0.10  | -4.3              | 29      |
| Physical Fitness Trails (Stations)   | 6                                | 6   | 0.12  | 11.2  | 0.22  | -5.2              | 31      |
| Nature / Interpretive Trails (Miles) | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 2.8   | 0.05  | -2.8              | 28      |
| Cross-Country Trails                 | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 20.3  | 0.40  | -20.3             | 40      |
| Snowmobile Trails                    | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 5.6   | 0.11  | -5.6              | 32      |
| Ski Trails                           | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 9.1   | 0.18  | -9.1              | 35      |
| <b>DAY USE FACILITIES</b>            |                                  |   |   |   |   |                   |         |
| Picnic Shelters                      | 11                               | 10  | 0.20  | 10.4  | 0.21  | -0.4              | 17      |
| Playgrounds                          | 26                               | 19  | 0.37  | 20.5  | 0.40  | -1.5              | 23      |
| Interpretive Centers                 | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 0.5   | 0.01  | -0.5              | 18      |
| <b>SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES</b>  |                                  |   |   |   |   |                   |         |
| Tennis Courts                        | 19                               | 19  | 0.37  | 24.8  | 0.49  | -5.8              | 33      |
| Basketball Courts                    | 15                               | 15  | 0.30  | 12.7  | 0.25  | 2.3               | 5       |
| Volleyball Courts                    | 4                                | 4   | 0.08  | 8.6   | 0.17  | -4.6              | 30      |
| Baseball Fields                      | 14                               | 6   | 0.12  | 13.2  | 0.26  | -7.2              | 34      |
| Softball Fields                      | 13                               | 9   | 0.18  | 7.1   | 0.14  | 1.9               | 7       |
| Football Fields                      | 3                                | 3   | 0.06  | 2.8   | 0.05  | 0.2               | 12      |
| Soccer Fields                        | 17                               | 17  | 0.34  | 9.0   | 0.18  | 8.0               | 4       |
| Golf Course (18-Hole Course)         | 1                                | 1   | 0.02  | 0.4   | 0.01  | 0.6               | 10      |
| Golf Course (9-Hole Course)          | 2                                | 2   | 0.04  | 0.3   | 0.01  | 1.7               | 8       |
| Golf Driving Range                   | 1                                | 0   | 0.00  | 0.0   | 0.00  | 0.1               | 14      |
| Ice Rinks                            | 2                                | 2   | 0.04  | 2.0   | 0.04  | 0.0               | 16      |
| Horseshoe Pits                       | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 12.2  | 0.24  | -12.2             | 37      |
| Bocce Court                          | 2                                | 2   | 0.04  | 0.0   | 0.00  | 2.0               | 6       |
| Shuffleboard courts                  | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 2.3   | 0.05  | -2.3              | 26      |
| Dog Parks                            | 1                                | 1   | 0.02  | 0.4   | 0.01  | 0.6               | 9       |
| Frisbee Golf                         | 18                               | 18  | 0.36  | 0.4   | 0.01  | 17.6              | 2       |
| Skate Park                           | 1                                | 1   | 0.02  | 0.8   | 0.02  | 0.2               | 13      |
| Field Hockey                         | 0                                | 0   | 0.00  | 0.0   | 0.00  | 0.0               | 15      |



## Park Metrics Comparison

In addition to the SCORP averages, the Consultant Team referenced Park Metrics to identify how the Crystal Lake Park District compares to other agencies throughout the U.S. with populations of 47,500 to 55,000. Park Metrics provided information about the total population per facility for 18 recreation facilities and amenity types.

The table below compares the number of Park District-owned and managed facilities within their useful life to agencies with similar populations. According to Park Metrics benchmarks, the District meets or exceeds the total number of playgrounds, tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts, adult sized softball fields, football fields, and regulation sized multi-use fields. The District's top five most deficient amenities are:

- Soccer / Lacrosse / Rugby Fields (small size)
- Softball Fields (youth)
- Baseball Fields (90 ft)
- Baseball Fields (50-65 ft)
- Ice Skating Rink (indoor)

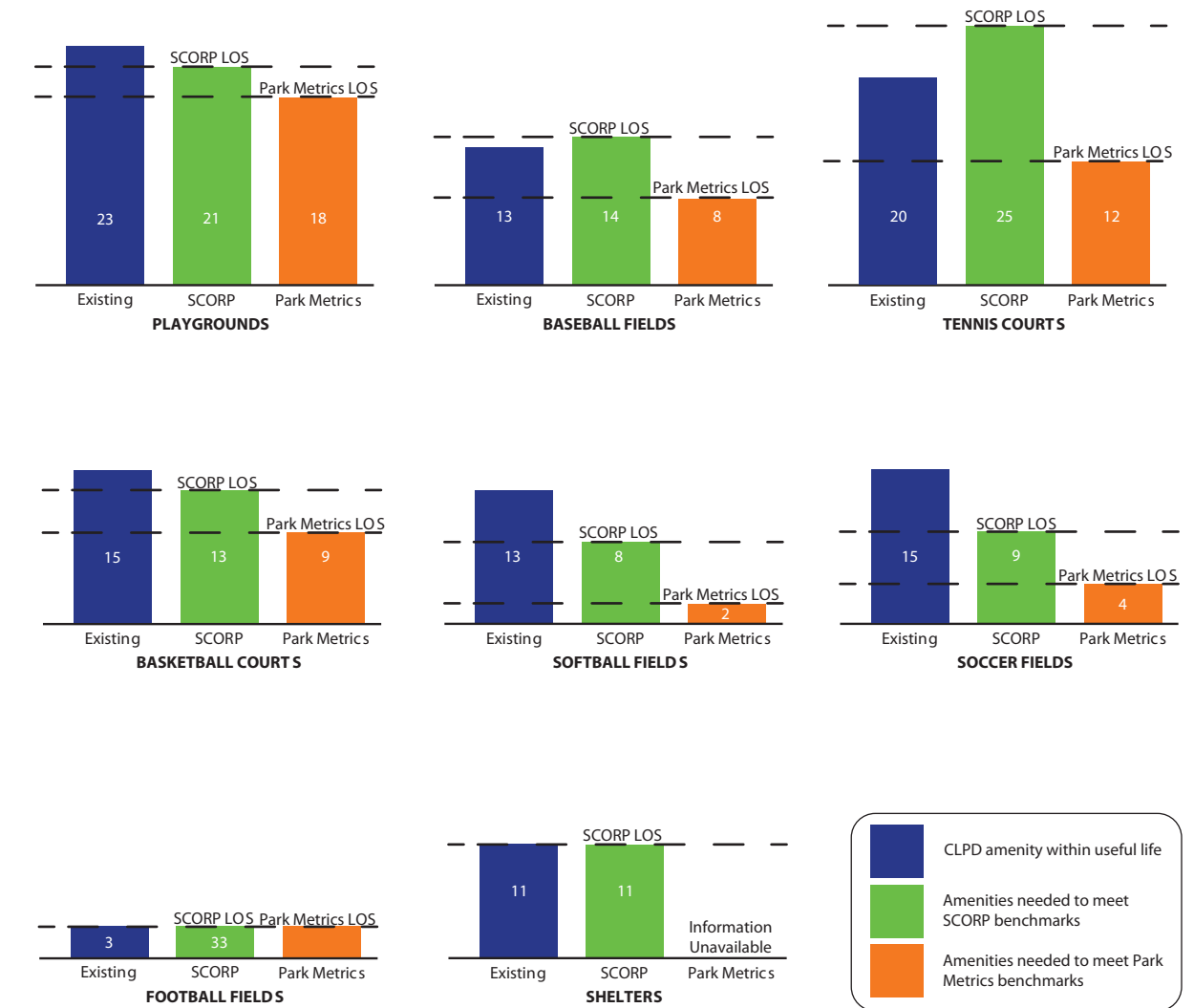
## Park Metrics Amenity Needs Analysis - Park District Amenities

### Existing Population 2021

|   | Crystal Lake Park District       |   |   | National Facility Average                                | Surplus / Deficit | Ranking                |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------|------------------------|
|   | Existing # of Facilities (total) | Existing # of Facilities at current standards | Existing # of Facilities per population | Total # of Facilities needed to meet Park Metrics median | Surplus / Deficit | Highest to Lowest Need |
| <b>INDOOR FACILITIES</b>                      |                                  |   |   |  |                   |                        |
| Recreation Center                             | 1                                | 1   | 0.02                                    | 2.0  | -1.0              | 10                     |
| Senior Center                                 | 0                                | 0   | 0.00                                    | 1.0  | -1.0              | 11                     |
| Ice Skating Rink (indoor)                     | 0                                | 0   | 0.00                                    | 1.0  | -1.0              | 14                     |
| Community Center                              | 0                                | 0   | 0.00                                    | 1.0  | -1.0              | 13                     |
| Nature / Interpretive Center                  | 1                                | 1   | 0.02                                    | 1.0  | 0.0               | 8                      |
| Performing and / or Visual Arts Center        | 0                                | 0   | 0.00                                    | 1.0  | -1.0              | 12                     |
| <b>DAY USE FACILITIES</b>                     |                                  |   |   |  |                   |                        |
| Playgrounds                                   | 26                               | 19  | 0.37                                    | 17.2   | 1.8               | 6                      |
| <b>SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES</b>           |                                  |   |   |  |                   |                        |
| Tennis Courts                                 | 19                               | 19  | 0.37                                    | 11.3   | 7.7               | 2                      |
| Pickleball Courts                             | 6                                | 6   | 0.12                                    | 3.8  | 2.2               | 5                      |
| Tennis Courts with Pickleball Overlay         | 3                                | 3   | 0.06                                    | 3.8  | -0.8              | 9                      |
| Basketball Courts                             | 15                               | 15  | 0.30                                    | 8.2  | 6.8               | 3                      |
| Baseball Fields (90 ft)                       | 0                                | 0   | 0.00                                    | 2.0  | -2.0              | 16                     |
| Baseball Fields (50-65 ft)                    | 14                               | 6   | 0.12                                    | 8.0  | -2.0              | 15                     |
| Softball Fields (youth)                       | 0                                | 0   | 0.00                                    | 5.2  | -5.2              | 17                     |
| Softball Fields (adult)                       | 13                               | 9   | 0.18                                    | 3.1  | 5.9               | 4                      |
| Football Fields                               | 3                                | 3   | 0.06                                    | 2.8  | 0.2               | 7                      |
| Soccer / Lacrosse / Rugby Fields (regulation) | 20                               | 20  | 0.39                                    | 3.4  | 16.6              | 1                      |
| Soccer / Lacrosse / Rugby Fields (small size) | 0                                | 0   | 0.00                                    | 9.1  | -9.1              | 18                     |



## SCORP - Park Metrics Key Comparison Graphics - All Amenities Level of Service (LOS)





# Amenity Distribution Analysis

The location and distribution of amenities is an important factor in an agency’s level of service. Just as parks themselves should be equally distributed, so should the recreational amenities available to residents.

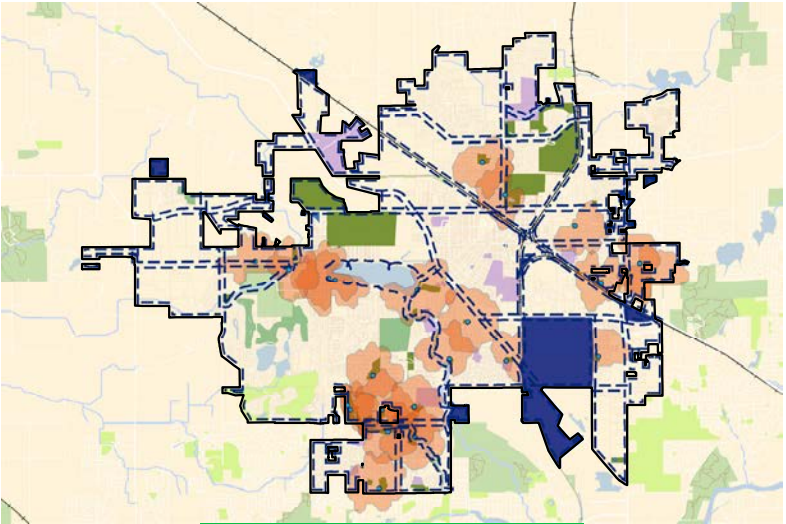
The NRPA established service areas for each park classification and individual recreation amenity in its 1990 and 1996 publications of the Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines.

The amenity service area table describes the recommended service area per NRPA recommendations for each amenity and lists the number of each amenity owned and operated by the Crystal Lake Park District. The graphics on the following pages illustrate the service area coverage for various individual amenities. Each dot represents an individual amenity and the surrounding orange halo illustrates that amenity’s service area. The darkest shades of orange indicate the overlap of multiple amenity service areas while the lightest shade of orange represents coverage by a single amenity only.

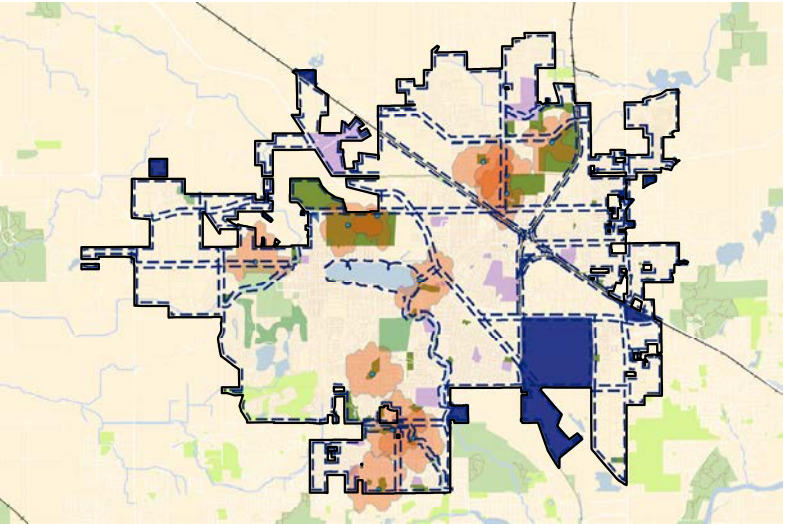
NRPA does not offer service area recommendations for all park amenity offered by the Crystal Lake Park District. These amenities are shown in the graphic titled “Other Amenities” on the following pages. The individual amenity types are listed in the map legend.

| Amenity           | Service Area  | CLPD Amenities |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Playground        | 0.5-mile      | 26             |
| Shelter*          | 0.5-mile      | 11             |
| Softball Field    | 0.5-mile      | 13             |
| Baseball Field    | 0.5-mile      | 14             |
| Tennis Court**    | 0.5-mile      | 19 + 3         |
| Pickleball Court* | 0.5-mile      | 6              |
| Basketball Court  | 0.5-mile      | 15             |
| Soccer Field      | 30 min. drive | 17             |
| Swimming Pool     | 30 min. drive | 0              |
| Volleyball Court  | 1.0-mile      | 4              |
| Golf Course       | 2.0-mile      | 0              |

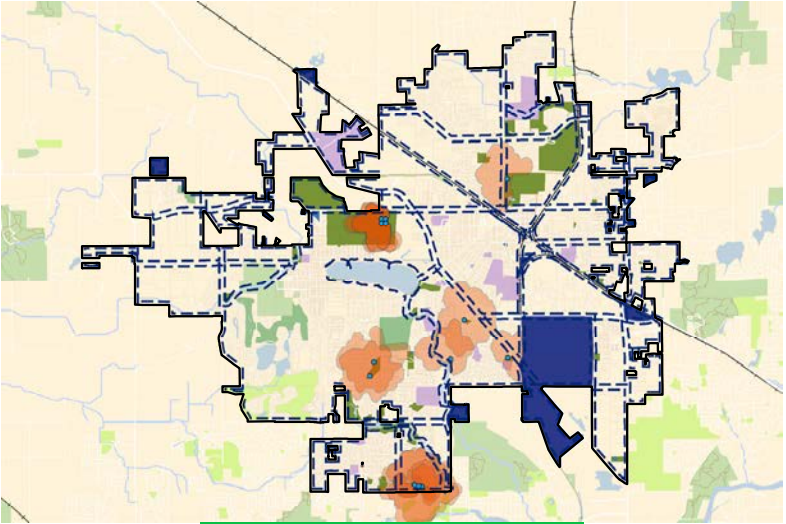
\*Service areas determined by the planning team, as there are no NRPA suggested outdoor development standards for these amenities.  
 \*\*Tennis courts with pickleball striping overlay are included in the tennis court count after the plus



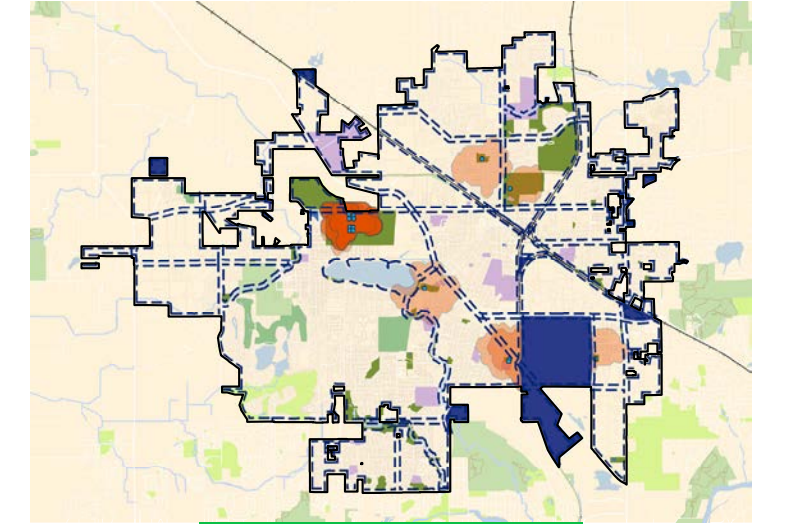
**Playgrounds**  
 26 | 0.5-mile



**Shelters**  
 11 | 0.5-mile

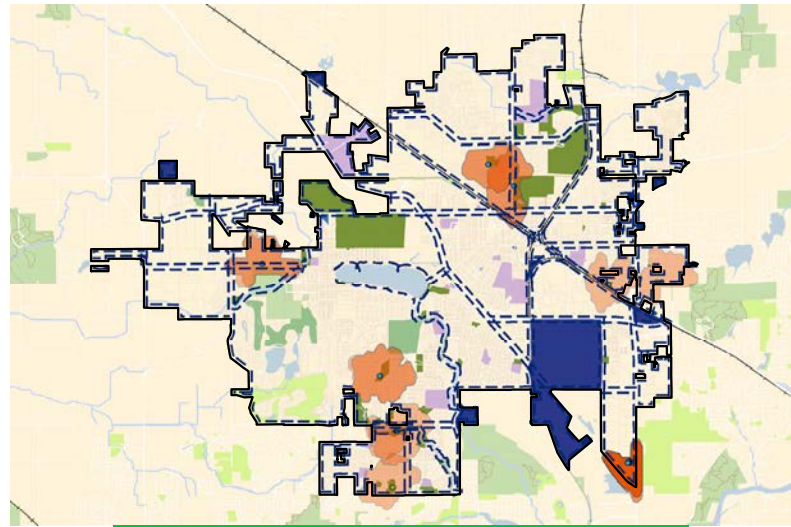


**Softball Fields**  
 13 | 0.5-mile



**Baseball Fields**  
 14 | 0.5-mile

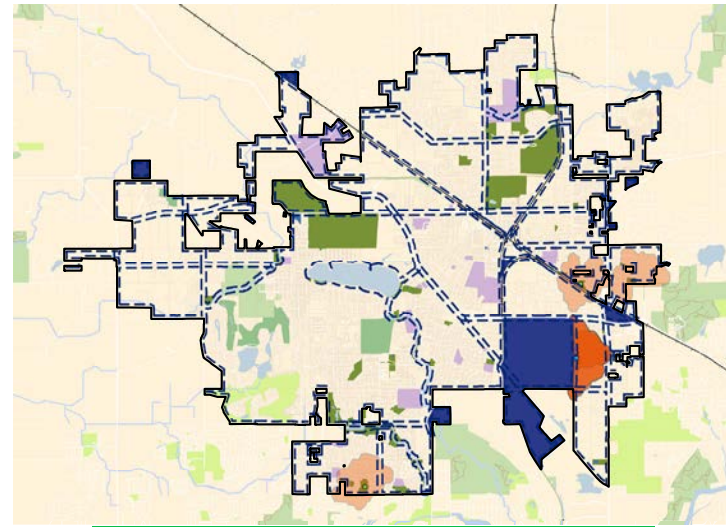




**Tennis Courts\***

19 + 3 | 0.5-mile

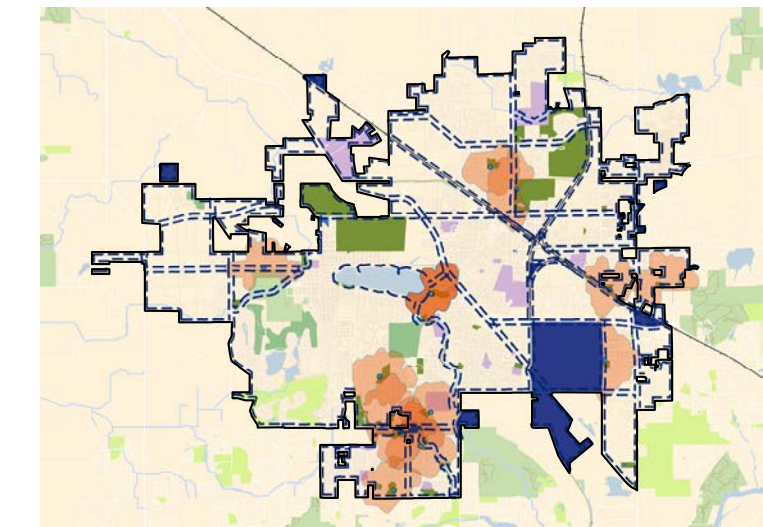
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**Pickleball Courts\***

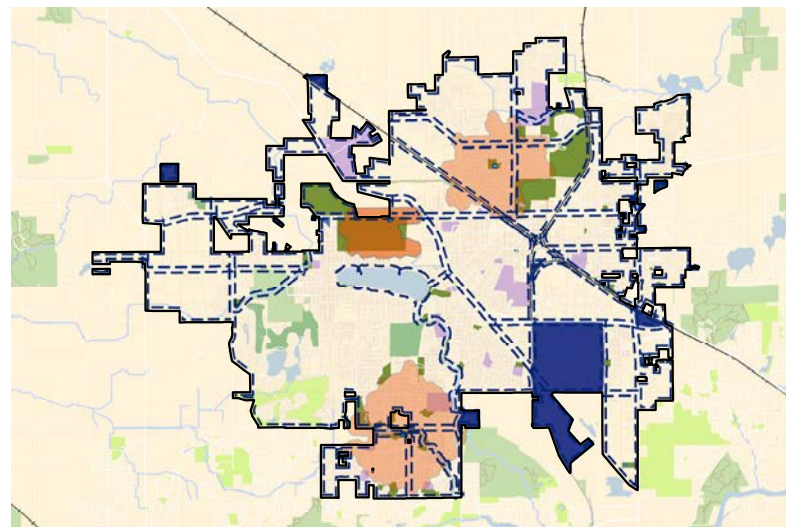
6 + 3 | 0.5-mile

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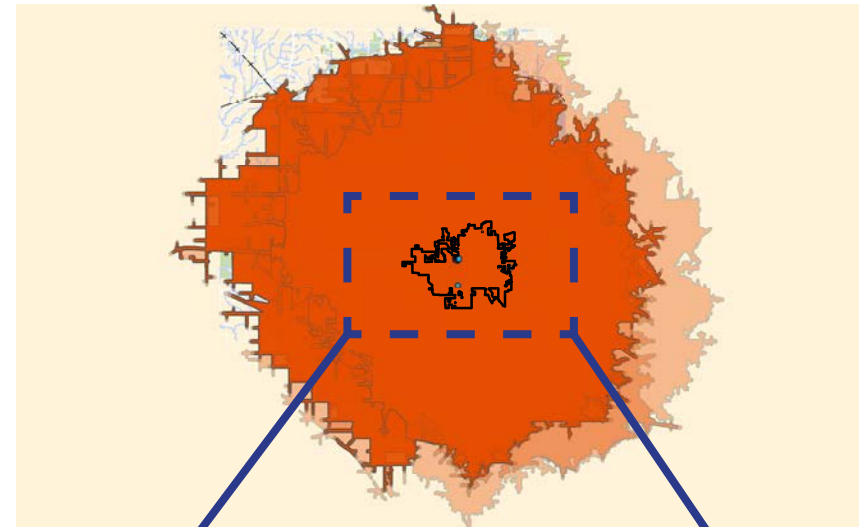
**Basketball Courts**

15 | 0.5-mile



**Volleyball Courts**

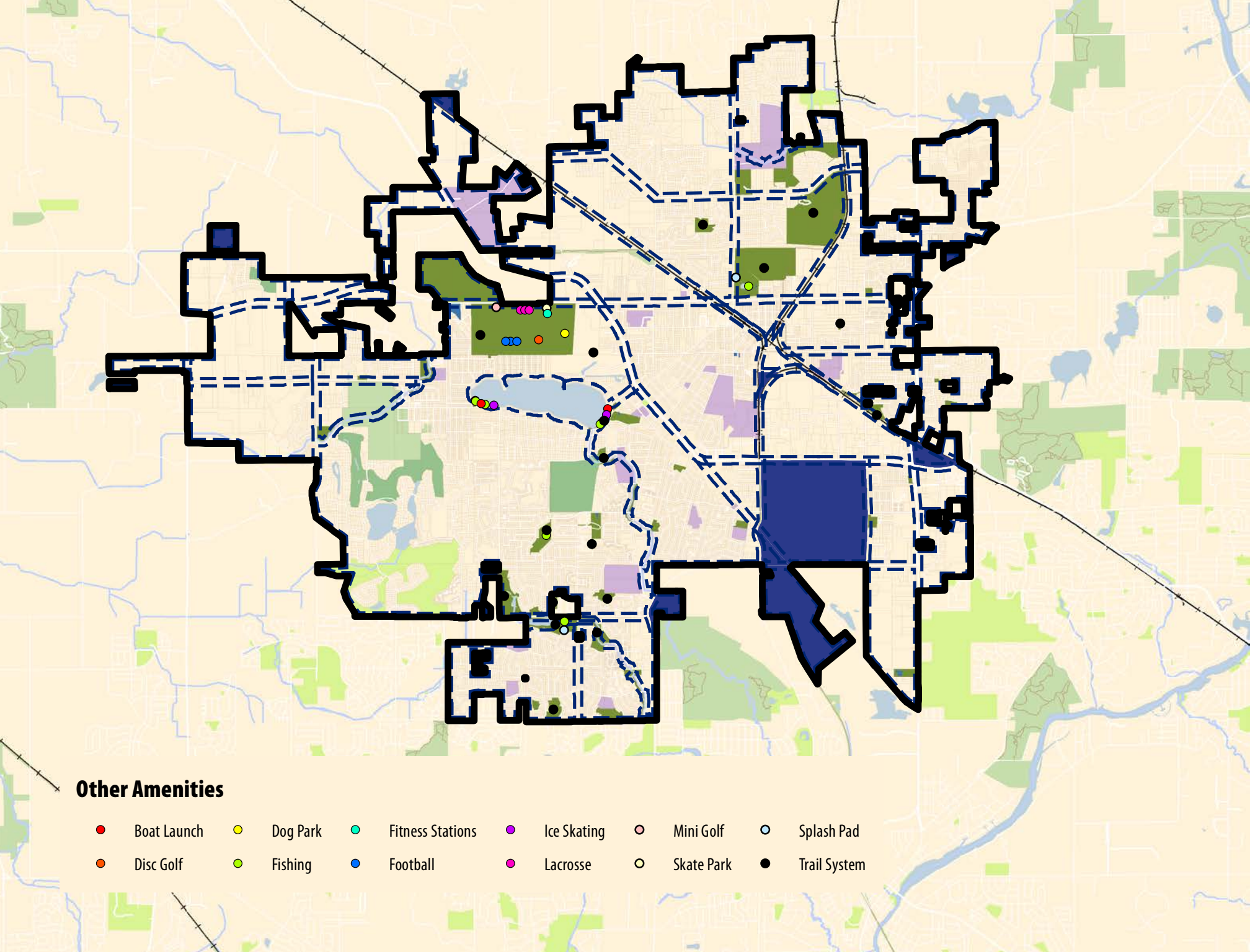
4 | 1.0-mile



**Soccer Fields**

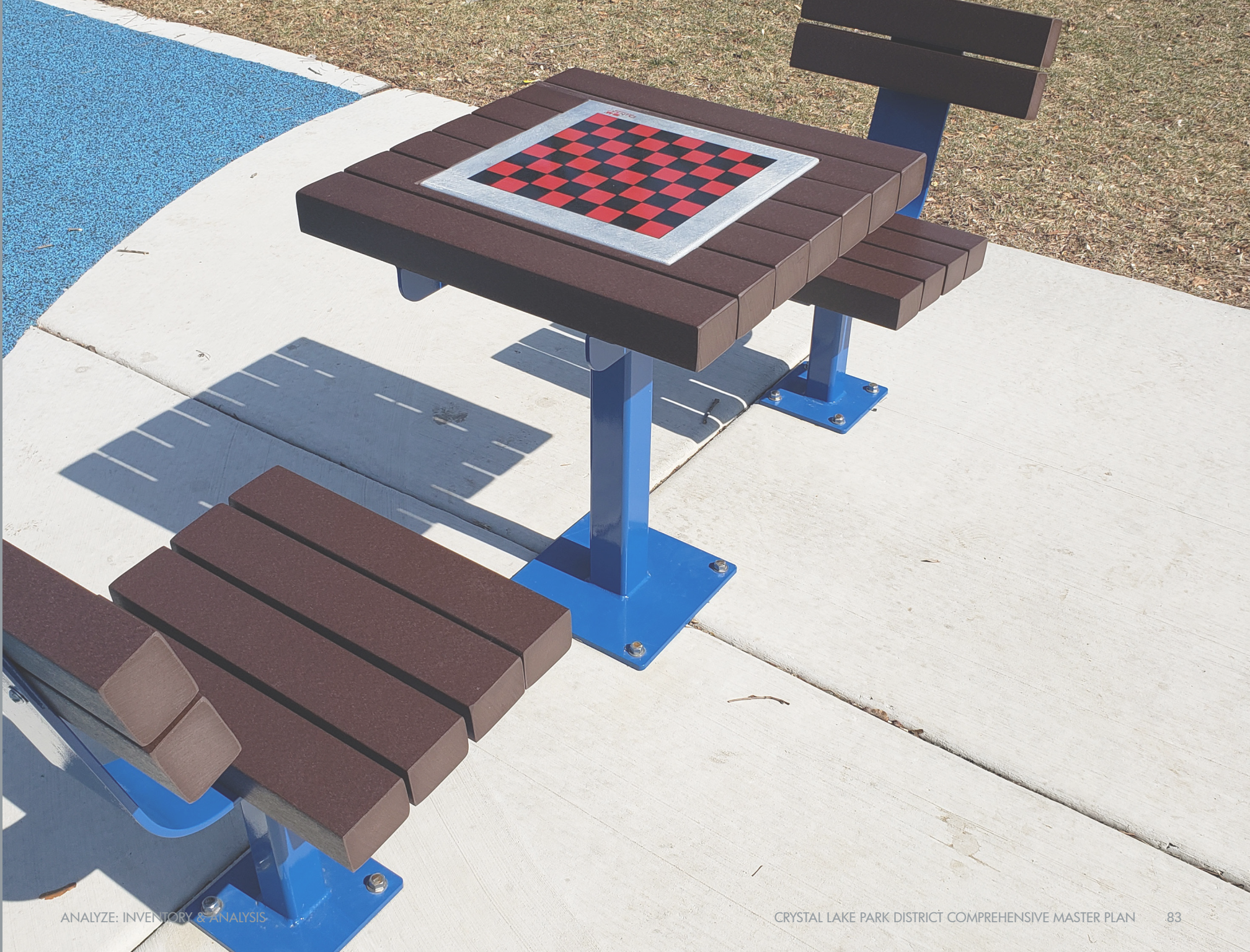
17 | 30 minute drive





**Other Amenities**

- |               |            |                    |               |              |                |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| ● Boat Launch | ● Dog Park | ● Fitness Stations | ● Ice Skating | ○ Mini Golf  | ○ Splash Pad   |
| ● Disc Golf   | ● Fishing  | ● Football         | ● Lacrosse    | ○ Skate Park | ● Trail System |











# Maintenance Facility Assessment

As part of the Crystal Lake Park District Comprehensive Master Plan, Williams Architects was retained to perform a condition assessment of the Parks Maintenance Facility site and building located at 305 Lakeshore Drive in Crystal Lake.

## Executive Summary

Senior Principal and licensed architect Andy Dogan from Williams Architects visited the site on July 20 to perform a visual assessment of the Maintenance Facility site, structure, building envelope (exterior), interior, mechanical systems and infrastructure, electrical systems and infrastructure, plumbing systems, and fire protection systems. The facility was also evaluated for compliance with current life safety and accessibility codes and requirements. In addition to our team's own visual assessments and observations, available construction documents from the original facility were consulted and evaluated to ascertain intent and character of certain conditions. Our evaluation is limited to items that are readily visible and/or inferable from conditions observed by licensed professionals, and does not exclude the possibility that other undetectable, invisible, or latent conditions may exist within the facility.

Overall, the building is well maintained, in large part due to the efforts and diligence of Parks staff. Items we noted as in need of replacement or repair are, in general, to be expected in a facility of this age. We understand that a roof replacement is planned as a near-term project, which we affirm is necessary given the age and condition of the roofing systems present. However, the facility is extremely undersized for a parks system with 46 separate sites comprising over 1,300 acres. Of all of the park districts in the Chicago metro area serving similar population sizes and supporting similar park and facility inventories, this facility is the smallest in enclosed area. The limited size of the building and yard space creates serious inefficiencies that result in additional staff time and resources needed to mobilize each morning and to return and prepare for the next day's work each afternoon.

Following review and analysis of this Condition Assessment, we suggest an action item in the District's Comprehensive Master Plan to complete a Feasibility Study and Needs Assessment that would more fully identify the District's needs for this facility and potential options for improvement. Since a great deal of the existing maintenance facility site is situated in a floodplain and/or wetlands, a new and different location may ultimately be considered for the District's maintenance needs if financially and operationally feasible.

It is our pleasure to assist the Crystal Lake Park District with this assessment effort. The Williams Team stands ready to assist the District in any way we can with the findings herein. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns at any time.



## Site Considerations

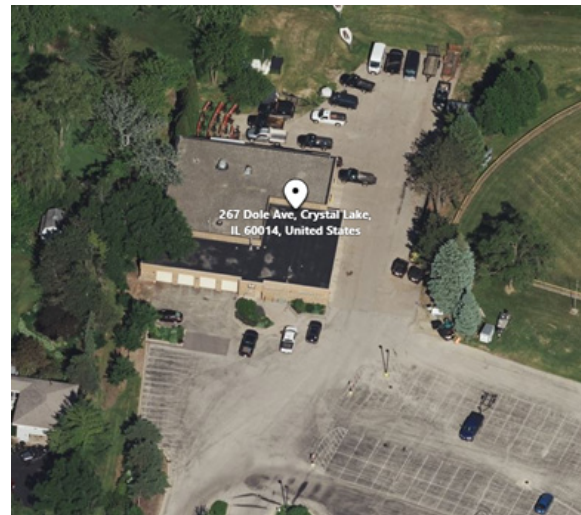
The Maintenance Facility is situated on an approximately 17-acre parcel immediately across the street from the Main Beach and adjacent to the Main Beach parking lot. Residential properties adjoin the facility immediately to the north, while east of the facility is Park District-owned property. In general, pavements and site improvements are in acceptable condition.

Best practices in maintenance facility design and planning call for a securable outdoor space to minimize the potential for theft and vandalism of outdoor stored equipment and material, as well as separation between maintenance vehicle and park user vehicles for safety purposes. The facility's yard is not currently able to be served at night, and the only entry and exit to the facility is shared with the only public entry and exit to the Main Beach parking lot.

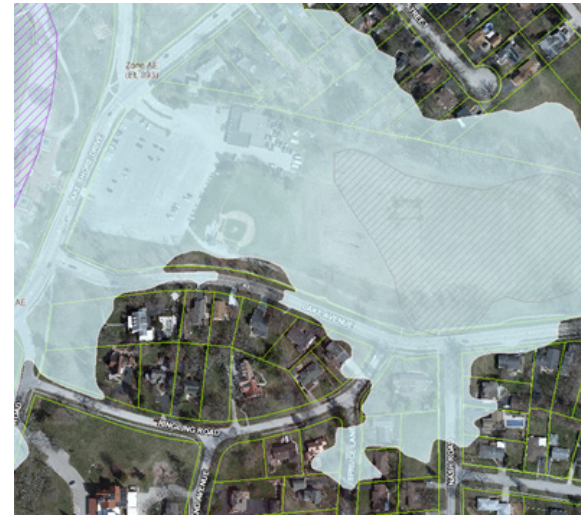
The site does appear to have significant potential for expansion to the east and south. However, GIS data provided by McHenry County indicates that a significant portion of the site is wetlands, and that much of the site is in a FEMA Zone AE floodplain. This does not necessarily rule out future expansion or development of the property; however, the mitigation measures that would be required to address floodplain construction and soil conditions in a flood zone will almost certainly make any building construction significantly more expensive than an unrestricted site.



*Aerial of overall site; maintenance facility inside orange box*



*Birds-eye closeup of maintenance facility, showing open vehicle and storage yard and shared entrance/egress path with Main Beach parking lot*



*Aerial map provided by McHenry County GIS. Light blue area represents FEMA Zone AE floodplain. Gray diagonal hatched area east and south of maintenance facility is classified as wetlands*

## Accessibility

The Maintenance Facility was constructed at some point in the 1960's as a one-story concrete block building and subsequently expanded in 1988 to the east with a taller one-story addition with a storage mezzanine. The expansion occurred prior to enactment of the Americans With Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and the Illinois Accessibility Code, and no compliant accessible route exists for persons with disabilities to enter the building and visit or use an office space. It appears that minor renovations were completed at some point within the last fifteen years to create accessible restroom facilities within the building as the existing conditions do not match the original 1988 drawings. The break room sink was also lowered and pipe shrouds installed to meet ADAAG requirements. However, some portions of the facility have knob hardware on doors and the ramp connecting the original portion of the building to the new expansion has a slope exceeding ADAAG requirements.



*Accessibility improvements at break room sink*

## Life Safety

We performed a cursory review of the existing facility floor plan against current International Building Code requirements surrounding life safety. The current facility is compliant for number of exits and exit travel distance as constructed. A small storage mezzanine is present in the facility; while the mezzanine is of an allowable size for a storage mezzanine with a single exit, it is constructed of combustible materials and is non-compliant for stair height and railing construction. The building is not currently equipped with a monitored fire alarm system nor an automatic sprinkler system; City of Crystal Lake amendments would require both in a newly constructed facility or if significant alterations or expansion were to take place. This is of particular concern in areas where combustible chemicals, fuels, lubricants, or fertilizer may be stored. We are also concerned with the existing lack of separation between seating/meeting areas in the garage and the garage space; most similar facilities attempt to separate these functions for fire safety reasons.



*Storage mezzanine above Superintendent office; staff meeting/gathering space in same area as vehicle storage/maintenance*

## Structural

We noted no readily apparent or visible structural deficiencies in our visual review of the structure; only minor masonry and mortar cracking is evident inside and outside the structure. Generally, the building is constructed of load-bearing concrete masonry with intermediate steel columns and steel roof framing and decking. Steel members supporting the roof deck and the roof deck itself show only minor corrosion. Existing drawings indicate that the brick on the original portion of the building was added at the time of the 1988 addition to what was a concrete block building; the brick appears to be supported by a shelf angle bolted to the base of the concrete block wall. Ideally this brick would also be supported with wire ties back to the existing concrete block for lateral support; we are not able to confirm this via visual inspection alone.



*Building structure as viewed from newer portion of interior*



## Building Envelope (Exterior)

As previously discussed, the facility was constructed in two sections, last expanded in 1988. During the 1988 expansion project the expansion received an exterior consisting of brick veneer and cedar fascia panels; this exterior expression was also applied to the original concrete block building.

The exterior brick and exterior doors are in good condition; the facility is overall very well maintained. There is some damage to existing window glazing and screens that can be easily repaired. Some masonry weep holes on the north side of the building have been caulked/mortared over, taking away the drainage path for water that may infiltrate the building assembly. Some deterioration of the wood fascia siding on two sides of the building was observed. Existing steel lintels also require a coat of high-quality exterior paint to retard any corrosion. Roofing was examined in a cursory manner since a ladder was not available at the time of our visit for a visual evaluation in person. It appears that the original portion of the building was re-roofed with a membrane system at some point in the last twenty years, while the newer portion of the building has its original roof. Restoration of or replacement of the existing roof system is recommended given its age and observed wear from aerial photographs.



Main entrance to building facing west



Minor damage/deterioration at wood siding



Existing windows and lintels (minor corrosion visible)

## Building Interior

The interior of the building has basic but functional and utilitarian finishes appropriate to a facility of this type. Overall the facility is very well maintained. As previously discussed, a renovation project appears to have taken place in the last ten to fifteen years addressing office space and restrooms for accessibility. These areas are in good condition, but undersized for the number of staff using the facility. We noted deterioration of tile under/around urinal areas; this is extremely common in floor applications in public restrooms that are heavily used.



Existing staff office area



Degraded flooring in men's restroom

## Mechanical Systems

The maintenance and service bays are heated by infrared ceiling-suspended heating units. While functional, the age of both systems makes it exceptionally likely that the energy consumption during heating season is much higher than that of a new-generation heating system. Some ceiling fans are provided for air movement during cooling seasons; these do an acceptable job of moving air. Older portions of the building have varying heating equipment that was not able to be functionally verified during our visit. Staff did not report any issues with respect to heating performance. Staff office areas are provided with air conditioning with an outdoor condensing unit. Our visit was during a nearly 90 degree day and air-conditioned spaces felt more humid than would be expected, indicating a performance issue with the equipment, lack of air movement and ventilation, or possibly both. Exhaust appears to be provided at all areas as required by code. While weather permits, the facility is typically operated with most bay doors open.



Infrared heating in main garage space

## Electrical Systems

Existing drawings indicate a 225 amp electrical service serving the entire facility, with a residential-

style older panel from the original building. This service size is much smaller than a typical maintenance facility of this size and is likely the main cause of occasional breaker trips. Interior lighting is accomplished via a mix of fluorescent and newer LED fixtures. We were not able to visit the facility during non-daylight hours to gauge its effectiveness in the shop areas; lighting appears to be adequate in staff, breakroom, and restroom areas.



combination of newer LED and older fluorescent fixtures throughout facility

## Plumbing Systems

The facility is served by municipal water, storm, and sanitary sewer facilities. The incoming water service appears to be 1-1/2"; this size is inadequate for any potential for future fire sprinkler, and barely adequate to provide proper flow for the eye wash stations provided. Plumbing fixtures appear to be in serviceable condition, but the ADA renovations that occurred at some point within the last 10-15 years reduced the overall fixture count in the facility, which is of particular concern given the number of employees based at the facility. An underground lift station/ejector is present on the north side of the property to elevate sanitary

outflows to a level required to provide positive pitch to municipal sewerage.



outgoing sanitary sewer cleanout / ejector







# Chapter Four

## Connect: Community Engagement & Needs Assessment







# Overview

The Connect: Community Engagement & Needs Assessment chapter outlines the recognized national, state, and local trends in the recreation industry. The Chapter also includes summaries of input received from District residents.

## Purpose

The purpose for understanding park and recreation trends is to determine probable demands for certain services and amenities. Recreation trend reports were compiled from nationally-recognized sources to explore spending, participation, and inactivity.

In order to increase participation, knowing the trends and interests of various user groups is crucial. Significant changes in specific activities (both increases and decreases) from national, state, and local trends are summarized. Summaries of all engagement sessions follow the various trends reports.

During the Connect phase of the master planning process, the planning team reviewed trends, facilitated a community meeting, conducted workshops with District staff and the Park Board, and hosted

discussions with key community stakeholders. An online engagement portal, available 24 hours per day / 7 days a week, gathered input from residents for seven weeks regarding their thoughts on parks, programs, and facilities. A community survey was also distributed to a random sampling of households in the Park District to obtain statistically valid results. In all, over 1,000 residents, stakeholders, and staff participated in these community engagement opportunities. Residents were also encouraged to provide input via email.

## Chapter Outline

- Review of Trends
  - National
  - State
  - Local
- Community Survey
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Staff Workshop
- Community Meetings
- Online Portal

# METHODOLOGY

## Review of Trends

*National, State, and Local Trends*

National trends were derived from the 2021 Sports, Fitness, and Recreational Activities Topline Participation Report, facilitated by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, a top national researcher in the sports and fitness industry. The 2020 Outdoor Foundation’s Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report was also utilized. State trends were derived from the 2020 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The Environmental Systems Research Institute’s (ESRI) Business Analyst provided local recreation participation trends.

## Community Survey

*Statistically Valid, District-wide Survey*

Conducted by the ETC Institute during summer of 2022, the statistically valid community survey was distributed to a random sample of households in the Crystal Lake Park District. The goal for completion was 300 surveys, and a total of 362 CLPD households completed the survey. The results for this sample have a 95 percent level of confidence with a precision rate of at least ±4.8 percent.

## Stakeholder Interviews

*Online conference calls for key stakeholder groups to provide input on parks, programs, and facilities*

Specific interest groups, or stakeholders, relevant to the District’s programs, operations, parks, and facilities were invited to participate in small group online conference calls regarding needs and priorities for the next five years. Each group was formatted as a facilitated discussion between participants.

## Staff Workshop

*Focus group workshops with various staff members*

Staff provided input about their goals, objectives, desires, and hopes for the next five years as well as their opinions on the current state of the District in a workshop. Representatives from all District departments participated.

## Community Meetings

*Public meeting to gather input from community members*

Two public meetings were held at the West Beach and Main Beach Facilities to gather input from the public at-large. Thirteen total residents participated in focus-group activities to provide input on needs, desires, and priorities for the next five years.

## Online Engagement Portal

*Online Survey*

The online portal included a survey that was available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week from May 2, 2022 to May 30, 2022. It was reopened from August 10 to August 31, 2022. In total, 660 participants provided feedback about the District’s parks and open spaces, facilities and indoor spaces, programs and events, and Park District priorities. A short, supplemental survey was also issued from August 10 to August 31, 2022 and received 166 responses.



# National Trends

The following national recreation patterns are based on annual studies derived from the statistically valid surveys facilitated by the Sports and Fitness Industry Association with the Physical Activity Council, The Outdoor Foundation, and other national resources.

The Physical Activity Council (PAC) is a partnership of seven major trade organizations in U.S. sports, fitness, and leisure activities. These seven organizations are the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), the National Golf Foundation (NGF), Outdoor Industry Association (OIA), the International Health, Racquet, and Sports Club Association (IHRSA), the Tennis Industry Association (TIA), the United States Tennis Association (USTA), and Snowsports Industries America (SIA). The PAC produces an annual Sport, Fitness & Recreational Activities Topline Participation Report providing information on participation, inactivity, spending, aspirational participation, and projections. The 2021 report compiled and analyzed 18,000 online responses collected in 2020. Gender, age, income, household size, region, population density, and panel join date were used as weighting variables to apply the responses to the total U.S. population. The total U.S. population age 6 or older used for this report was 303,971,552.

Other research incorporated in this chapter references the Outdoor Recreation Participation Topline Report, created by the Outdoor Industry Association and Outdoor Foundation. These partner organizations research and publish the annual topline report which tracks American outdoor recreation trends with a focus on youth, diversity, and the future of the outdoors.

The 2021 report also studied the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on sports and fitness. A brief summary of these findings can be found at the end of this section.

In addition to these studies, this chapter references Active Network, a national software company that utilizes recreation data to study market trends.

## Sports and Fitness Participation

Overall, more people are becoming active but only around 40 percent of the population of any age group is meeting

the recommended time and intensity of activities. Additionally, the percentage of the population who are active has been rising since 2007. 2020 saw a significant increase in participation with rates rising by 8.8 percent.

The data collected suggests that Americans are continuing to add high-calorie burning exercise to their existing exercise routine. The most popular activities are Fitness Sports, however, 2020 reflected the first time total participation in Fitness Sports has decreased since 2014. Following Fitness Sports, the most popular activity categories are Outdoor Sports, Individual Sports, Team Sports, Water Sports, Racquet Sports, and Winter Sports. Among these categories, only Outdoor Sports, Racquet Sports, and Water Sports had an increase in participation rates while all other categories decreased. Activity participation is measured by core participation and growth. Core participants are defined as those who participate in a sport or activity on a regular basis. Based on core participation, the top ten activities in 2020 defined by the number of participants, were:

1. Walking for Fitness (50+ times / year)
2. Hiking (Day) (1+ times / year)
3. Golf (On or Off Course) (1+ times / year)
4. Camping within 1/4 miles of vehicle / home (1+ times / year)
5. Free Weights (Dumbbells / Hand Weights) (50+ times / year)
6. Treadmill (50+ times / year)
7. Running / Jogging (50+ times / year)
8. Golf (on a 9- or 18-Hole Golf Course) (1+ times / year)
9. Tennis (1+ times / year)
10. Wildlife Viewing more than 1/4 mile from Home / Vehicle (1+ times / year)

In addition to referencing the current most popular activities by measuring core participation, the Overview Report also lists the growth of activities over one-, three- and five-year periods. These predictions

can be used to recognize ongoing recreation trends and predict future areas of growth. The top ten core growth activities over the past three years are:

1. Pop / Paddle / Platform Tennis (2.5%)
2. Golf (Off-course only) (13.2%)
3. Camping (within 1/4 mile of vehicle / home) (11.7%)
4. Surfing (11.2%)
5. Trail Running (9.0%)
6. Hiking (Day) (8.9%)
7. Birdwatching (more than 1/4 mile from vehicle / home) (7.7%)
8. Yoga (7.5%)
9. Tennis (7.5%)
10. Kayaking (7.4%)

As evidenced by the above lists, 2020 saw growth in a diverse range of activities with three of the ten activities falling into the Outdoor Sports category based on the number of participants and three into the category of Aerobic Exercise. The remaining top ten activities by participation fell under the Individual Sports, Strength Activities, and Racquet Sports categories. Growth trends, however, indicate a different, but equally diverse trend. Activities from Outdoor Sports (3), Individual Sports (2), Racquet Sports (2), Water Sports (2), and Conditioning Activities (1) are all represented in the top ten core growth activities.

These trends reveal that active people are increasingly looking for nontraditional health and recreation experiences that offer a fun physical, emotional, and mental experience. While the largest amount of growth is being seen in less traditional sectors, many class-based group fitness and exercise programs have remained strong over the past five years and were expected to grow in popularity, albeit at slower rates. The 2020 report documented a shift in these types of activities in 2020 with long-term growth of many programs seeing participation decreases for the first time in several years. Many

solo aerobic, conditioning, and strength-based activities, including those that utilize machines, have also reported small increases over the past three years and an unusually large increase in 2020.

Team sport participation also changed dramatically in 2020. In 2019, American participation in team sports for fitness needs increased for the first time since 2016. In 2020, total participation dropped again in 18 of the 23 activities. This may be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic as discussed later in this section. In terms of participation, only basketball and ultimate frisbee increased in popularity. By age group, team sports are most popular with youth participants and participation tends to decrease with age.

Some past areas of growth – water sports, individual sports, and racquet sports – have lost some participation and have been declining in the last two years. Overall participation decreases were also observed in the Fitness Sports category in 2020 after steady annual increases over the previous five years. The Individual Sports category continued its downward participation trend in 2020. Conversely, the Racquet Sports and Water Sports categories reported participation increases for the first time since 2016. While overall category participation is down, some activities remain popular including off-course golf, skateboarding, yoga, and free weights.

The above findings are confirmed by the Worldwide Survey of Fitness Trends for 2021, which conducts an annual international survey among practitioners in the commercial, clinical, community, and corporate fitness industries. In their predictions for 2022, the majority of activities in the top ten and the top 20 could be described as fitness-related, while other trends can be classified as outdoor sports or technology. Seventeen of the top 20 trends reported remained from the previous year, but circuit training, worksite health promotion and workplace





well-being programs, and children and exercise all moved out of the top 20 trends over the last year. All three of these trends were replaced with online/virtual options which may have been an effect of the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. Also, a potential effect of the pandemic, outdoor activities experienced a large jump in popularity from rank 13 to 4 while group training dropped from rank 3 to 17. The top 10 trends for 2022 are:

1. Online training (at home exercise experience using digital streaming to deliver programs online as live or prerecorded experiences)
2. Wearable technology (activity trackers, smart watches, heart rate monitors, GPS trackers, and smart eyeglasses)
3. Bodyweight training (resistance training using minimal equipment and multiple planes of movement)
4. Outdoor activities (any event taking place outside for recreation including short, day-long, or multi-day events)
5. High-intensity interval training (HIIT uses short bursts of high-intensity exercise followed by short recoveries)
6. Virtual Training (fusion of group exercise with technology where recorded workouts are played at a location for client reference)
7. Exercise is Medicine® (physical activity assessment and exercise recommendations provided by healthcare providers)
8. Strength training with free weights (strength training using barbell, kettlebells, dumbbells, medicine balls, and other free weights)
9. Fitness programs for older adults (safe, age-appropriate exercise for older, retired adults)
10. Personal training (services provided by professionals with proper education, training, and credentials)

## Outdoor Sports & Participation

According to the most recent Outdoor Foundation Topline Report, published in 2021, over half the U.S. population (52.9 percent) participated in one or more outdoor sport or activity. These 160.7 million people went on a reported total of 11.4 billion outings over the course of the year. While these numbers reflect an overall increase in participation, the total number of outings declined as individuals went on fewer outings each.

Across all age groups, running, jogging, and trail running remained the top form of outdoor outings by participation rates and frequency. Bicycling and fishing were also among the top five activities for all ages. The most popular activities for youth (age 6-17) determined by participation rates were:

- Bicycling (road, mountain, and BMX) (13.6M / 28.0%)
- Camping (car, backyard, and RV) (12.0M / 24.0%)
- Fishing (fresh, saltwater, and fly) (11.8M / 24.0%)
- Running, jogging, and trail running (10.9M / 22.0%)
- Hiking (9.2M / 19.0%)

For young adults (age 18-24), the most popular activities by participation rates were:

- Running, jogging, and trail running (9.0M / 31.0%)
- Hiking (6.7M / 23.0%)
- Bicycling (road, mountain, and BMX) (5.1M / 18.0%)
- Camping (car, backyard, and RV) (5.0M / 17.0%)
- Fishing (fresh, salt, and fly) (4.4M / 15.0%)

Three-year growth trends indicated that the following activities saw steady or increasing participation from 2018 to 2020 among participating ages 6+ and were likely to continue to provide opportunities to engage more people in the future:

- Bicycling (mountain/nonpaved, road/paved, mountain/BMX)

- Hiking (day)
- Walking, Jogging, and Trail Running
- Canoeing
- Kayaking (recreation)
- Camping (car, backyard, backpacking, and RV)
- Camping (RV)
- Skateboarding
- Stand up paddling
- Fishing (fly, freshwater/other, saltwater, kayak)
- Surfing
- Birdwatching (more than 1/4 mile from Home/Vehicle)

Three-year trends also identified activities with declining participation between 2018 and 2020. They are:

- Snorkeling
- Adventure Racing
- Triathlon (traditional/road, nontraditional/off road)
- Sailing
- Boardsailing/Windsurfing
- Hunting (rifle, shotgun, handgun, bow)
- Kayaking (sea/touring)
- Skiing (cross-country, alpine/downhill/freeski/telemark)

## Engaging Inactives

An “inactive” person is defined by the Physical Activity Council as one who does not participate in any of the sports/activities covered in the PAC Overview Report. In the past year, 74.3 million Americans, just over a quarter of the population, were inactive. This is an increase in activity from last year with an estimated 6.8 million people becoming active in 2020, the highest activity rate since 2007. By age group, 6-12 year-olds are the most active with activity among 13-17 year-olds recently rising to nearly the same levels. Of the eight age groups, only 18-24 and 25-34 year olds, became less active from 2019 to 2020. While their overall activeness is increasing, Americans over 65 have the largest rates of inactivity, reflecting the trend that people generally

become less active as they age.

In order to understand how to engage inactives in sports and activities, the PAC survey lists “aspirational” activities that inactives are interested in participating in. Aspirational activities are becoming more varied between age groups but fishing, camping, and hiking made the top ten list for all age groups in 2020.

For younger inactives, there is a greater interest in team sports such as soccer, basketball, and baseball. As Americans age, interest in outdoor sports such as hiking, fishing, and backpacking grows. Interest in individual activities such as working out with weights and machines and running/jogging also increases. Adults 65 and older list fishing as their number one aspirational activity and bird watching/wildlife viewing as their second. Hiking and camping are also within the top ten activities for this age group resulting in four of the ten items focused on outdoor activities.

Americans are tending to remain involved in more strenuous activities later in life, such as swimming, working out with weights, and working out using machines. These activities were all listed as top ten aspirational activities for the 35-44 age group and all older groups.

Active adults, as well as inactives, are interested in social programs and sports leagues as well as active recreation. Active Network recommends the following activities for adult recreation programs:

- Sports – Broomball, Inner Tube Water Polo, Pickleball, Wallyball
- Exercise – Zumba Gold, Dance Buffet (multiple styles of dance in a single program), Kettlebells, Outdoor
- Technology – Beginner’s Guide to iPad, Social Media, Digital Photography
- Entertainment – Karaoke, Improv, Murder Mystery Dinners, Speed Dating, Wii for Seniors

- Art – Cooking, Drawing/Painting, Jewelry Making, Mixed Media Arts, Pottery, Quilting
- Professional/Other – Languages, Estate Planning, Self-Publishing, Brain Fitness, Voice-Overs, Memoirs

Many agencies are “branding” their active adult programs for younger populations instead of the traditional senior to encourage long-term participation.

## COVID-19 Effect on National Trends

Both the SFIA Topline Participation Report and the Outdoor Foundation Outdoor Participation Trends Report included brief summaries of the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on participation and post-COVID challenges.

Many of the trends observed can be attributed to the facility closures and activity cancellations observed during the pandemic. Group exercise class participation such as stationary cycling, cross-training, and kickboxing decreased dramatically as gyms and fitness clubs closed. Likewise, the cancellation of casual, competitive, and travel sports leagues led to decreases in many team sports. Volleyball, swimming on a team, and gymnastics experienced the biggest declines in participation.

In general, the COVID-19 pandemic led to a decline in intensity of participation but an overall increase in casual participants. Despite declines in core participation, casual basketball and soccer had gains during the pandemic, likely because they can be practiced alone, at home, with minimal equipment. These same factors likely contribute to the increase of casual participation in yoga and the record high increases seen for biking, skateboarding, and surfing. Running, jogging, and walking also continued their year-after-year rising participation trend.

It is not yet clear how the pandemic will affect the popularity of different activities and core and casual participation long-term as many of the pandemic restrictions and concerns are still in place. However, the Outdoor Foundation found that about one-quarter of participants would prefer to return to their pre-pandemic habits rather than continuing new activities started in 2020.

Finally, the Outdoor Foundation also considered participation by diversity. Despite an approximate national White population of 60 percent, almost 75 percent of all outdoor participants were White. Among minority populations, there has been a seven percent annual decline in Asian participation over the past three years and no measurable participation among the Black population. Hispanic participation has been growing, although at a slower rate than Whites. There is also a discrepancy in participation by gender; females represent about 46 percent of outdoor participation despite consisting of about 51 percent of the national population.



# State Trends

Data from the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is used to compare the Crystal Lake Park District’s amenities to other recreation providers in the state of Illinois.

The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is prepared as a five-year document by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to maintain Illinois’ eligibility to participate in the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program. Its purpose is to “evaluate the outdoor recreation needs of Illinois citizens and determine how best to meet these needs, considering the state’s natural resources, recreational lands and facilities, and socioeconomic factors.”

The 2021-2025 SCORP identified Illinois’ continued low ranking of per capita supply of outdoor recreation land and facilities compared to the rest of the nation. As a result, park and recreation agencies throughout Illinois consistently plan for and achieve a high level of excellence with the recreation opportunities they provide to their communities and land acquisition remains a high priority where possible.

## Recreation Facilities and Park Lands Inventory

There are about 1.5 million acres of outdoor recreation land in Illinois ranging from federal and state lands to schools and private commercial lands. Municipal agencies, which include park and recreation departments, park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, and county-level park departments, provide an estimated total of 350,900 acres of parks. They also own 195,800 acres of

natural areas and lease/manage another 15,600 acres of open space.

The state itself offers over 470,000 acres of open space throughout the state, through the IDNR. State lands include parks, fish and wildlife areas, conservation areas, and recreation areas to name a few. Federal lands include the 280,000-acre Shawnee National Forest and ten National Wildlife Refuges sites throughout the state. Other recreation providers include schools, non profits, and private entities that provide unique outdoor recreation opportunities for the people of Illinois. The lands managed by these providers were not included in the SCORP.

## Top Activities

Based on the 2020 Illinois Community Recreation Facilities and Park Lands Inventory, the top five trends across the state by importance for activities to be made available to Illinois residents are pleasure walking, scenic drives, swimming in an outdoor pool, picnicking, and bicycling (road) as determined by the Illinois resident responses. These results align with the reported preference for investment in trail development and maintenance and the high participation in trail activities such as pleasure walking and running/jogging which had the highest frequency for median participation/year among resident responses. The continued and increasing popularity in pickleball and



wildlife/bird watching as well as the decreasing participation in many categories from the 2014 results is likely due to the aging populations in communities across the state.

According to the survey, municipal parks or county preserves are used as critical, close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities and provide a variety of activities for programming/events, sports, trail systems, and play. State parks are typically tourism destinations and are significant conservation sites mostly used for wildlife and water activities such as tent camping, vehicle camping, hiking, motor boating, and water skiing. Federal locations in Illinois consist mostly of water bodies and are primarily used for sailing, water skiing, and motor boating. Private recreation locations may offer a variety of activities such as athletic fields, walking tracks, playgrounds, campgrounds, and hunting areas.

The importance of providing outdoor recreation opportunities close to residents’ homes or neighborhoods has continued to increase with most of the surveyed activities reported to be taking a more localized form. While this may be partially attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, previous surveys have also shown greater participation at localized locations for most activities.

## Funding Priorities

Public recreation providers identified their top funding priorities for two categories: Outdoor Recreation and conservation efforts and Facilities. For outdoor recreation and conservation, the top three priorities were “maintain existing parks/recreation areas,” “provide environmental/conservation programs,” and “develop/improve existing land/water open spaces.” The top facility priorities were “inclusive/ADA programs/facilities,” “community/regional parks,” and neighborhood parks.”

## Attitudes about Outdoor Recreation

Respondents were asked to rate the various factors they considered to be important when making decisions about engaging in outdoor recreation opportunities. Top contributing factors to respondents’ decisions to participate in outdoor recreation activities include “to have fun,” “exercise/keep healthy,” “spend time with family and friends,” and “experience nature and/or the outdoors.”

Survey respondents indicated that “health and fitness,” “area inclusion”/service for all people, and “quality of life and economic development” are important aspects of parks and recreation. Additionally, over 70% of residents agreed with the importance of all of the other resources listed in the survey including “maintenance,” “health and fitness,” “area inclusion” (access for all people,) “quality of life and economic development,” “trails and greenway development,” “wildlife habitat protected and restored,” “conservation education,” “public access to lakes, rivers, and streams,” and “land acquisition - outdoor rec.” The top reported concerns regarding parks and recreation were “facilities are clean,” “parking available,” “increased accessibility,” and “educational activities needed.”

## Outdoor Recreation Priorities

Priorities identified by the IDNR are listed in the 2021-2025 State of Illinois SCORP as:

- Improving Health and Wellness
- Access to Parks and Recreation
- Natural Resources and Conservation Management
- Funding and Economic Development

## COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused increased demand for recreation worldwide with a shift in participation towards localized opportunities. This trend was reflected nationally and in Illinois as participating agencies reported high park and trail use and Illinois resident survey participants reported a desire for equitable access to amenities and greater conservation of natural resources.



# Local Trends

Local recreation participation trend information was derived from ESRI’s Sports and Leisure Market Potential report.

This data is based on national propensities to use various products and services, applied to the local demographic composition of the Crystal Lake Park District area. Usage data was collected by Growth for Knowledge Mediamark Research and Intelligence, LLC (GfKMRI) in a national survey that was representative of U.S. households. Market Potential Index (MPI) measures the relative likelihood of the adults in the specified area to exhibit certain consumer behaviors or purchasing patterns compared to the U.S. An MPI of 100 represents the U.S. average.

Based on projected population, the top ten recreational activities Crystal Lake Park District residents are most likely to participate in are:

1. Walking for exercise (11,422)
2. Attend sports events (7,758)
3. Swimming (7,550)
4. Hiking (5,951)
5. Weight lifting (5,473)
6. Jogging / running (5,316)
7. Bowling (4,385)
8. Bicycling (road) (4,293)
9. Golf (4,171)
10. Yoga (4,168)

The number of MPIs over 100 for Crystal Lake is much higher than what the planning team typically find, which speaks to a very active community. Most communities have scores over 100 for approximately 12 - 15 activities, but CLPD has 35 activities that score over 100. This is a significant number of high-scoring activities, which bodes well for program expansion in the future, particularly in fitness and outdoor recreation-oriented activities.

Because the MPI indicates likely participation, these results indicate good potential for the further expansion of indoor and outdoor recreation activities. There may be opportunities to grow some programs areas in both parks and indoor activities.

This growing interest in participation is a trend occurring in park and recreation systems nationwide.



## Sports and Leisure Market Potential

| Product/Consumer Behavior*   | Expected # of Adults/HHs | Percent | MPI |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----|
| attend MLB game              | 2,552                    | 6.6%    | 144 |
| attend college football game | 1,669                    | 4.3%    | 134 |
| weight lifting               | 5,473                    | 14.1%   | 132 |
| attend sports events         | 7,758                    | 20.0%   | 131 |
| golf                         | 4,171                    | 10.7%   | 129 |
| attend high school sports    | 1,209                    | 3.1%    | 128 |
| jogging / running            | 5,316                    | 13.7%   | 125 |
| boating (power)              | 2,246                    | 5.8%    | 124 |
| swimming                     | 7,550                    | 19.4%   | 123 |
| Frisbee                      | 1,780                    | 4.6%    | 122 |
| skiing (downhill)            | 1,274                    | 3.3%    | 122 |
| ice skating                  | 1,232                    | 3.2%    | 121 |
| bowling                      | 4,385                    | 11.3%   | 120 |
| hiking                       | 5,951                    | 15.3%   | 120 |
| bicycling (mountain)         | 1,739                    | 4.5%    | 119 |
| yoga                         | 4,168                    | 10.7%   | 119 |
| canoeing / kayaking          | 3,067                    | 7.9%    | 118 |
| aerobics                     | 3,307                    | 8.5%    | 117 |
| volleyball                   | 1,429                    | 3.7%    | 117 |
| bicycling (road)             | 4,293                    | 11.1%   | 116 |
| fishing (salt water)         | 1,753                    | 4.5%    | 116 |
| Pilates                      | 1,358                    | 3.5%    | 116 |
| ping pong                    | 1,595                    | 4.1%    | 116 |
| walking for exercise         | 11,422                   | 29.4%   | 116 |
| football                     | 1,775                    | 4.6%    | 113 |
| basketball                   | 3,353                    | 8.6%    | 112 |
| tennis                       | 1,593                    | 4.1%    | 110 |
| backpacking                  | 1,493                    | 3.8%    | 109 |
| motorcycling                 | 1,144                    | 2.9%    | 107 |

| Product/Consumer Behavior | Expected # of Adults/HHs | Percent | MPI |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----|
| baseball                  | 1,572                    | 4.0%    | 106 |
| softball                  | 996                      | 2.6%    | 104 |
| target shooting           | 1,994                    | 5.1%    | 104 |
| Zumba                     | 1,390                    | 3.6%    | 104 |
| soccer                    | 1,705                    | 4.4%    | 102 |
| fishing (fresh water)     | 4,051                    | 10.4%   | 101 |

\*participation in the past 12 months



# Community Survey

ETC Institute administered a statistically valid community survey for the Crystal Lake Park District during the summer months of 2022. The survey was administered as part of the District’s Comprehensive Master Planning Process.

## Methodology

ETC Institute mailed a survey packet to a random sample of households in the Crystal Lake Park District. Each survey packet contained a cover letter, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. Residents who received the survey were given the option of returning the survey by mail or completing it online at [CrystalLakeParkSurvey.org](http://CrystalLakeParkSurvey.org).

After the surveys were mailed, ETC Institute followed up by sending text messages and mailing postcards to encourage participation. The text messages and postcards contained a link to the online version of the survey to make it easy for residents to complete the survey. To prevent people who were not residents of Crystal Lake Park District from participating, everyone who completed the survey online was required to enter their home address prior to submitting the survey. ETC Institute then matched the addresses that were entered online

with the addresses that were originally selected for the random sample. If the address from a survey completed online did not match one of the addresses selected for the sample, the online survey was not included in the final database for this report.

The goal was to collect a minimum of 300 completed surveys from residents. The goal was exceeded with 362 completed surveys collected. The overall results for the sample of 362 households have a precision rate of at least  $\pm 5.1$  at the 95% level of confidence.

This report contains the following:

- Priority Investment Rating (PIR) that identifies priorities for facilities and programs
- Charts showing the overall results for all questions on the survey (see appendix)
- Benchmarks Comparing Crystal Lake Park District Results to National Survey Averages (see appendix)

The major findings of the survey are summarized on the following pages.

## Parks and Recreation Facilities Use

### Use of Parks

Respondents were asked to select all the parks their household has visited within the past year. Veteran Acres Park (56%), Main Beach (65%), and Lippold Park (58%) were the most popular parks as indicated by respondents. Those respondents were then asked to rate the overall conditions of those parks. Respondents were most satisfied (rating either “excellent” or “good”) with Hampton Park, Hidden Pond Bike Path, and Sterling Meadows Park (each receiving 100%). Respondents were then asked to select the three parks their household used most often in the past year. The parks used the most often by respondents were Veteran Acres Park (42%), Main Beach (42%), and Lippold Park (30%).

### Use of Facilities

Respondents were asked to select all the facilities their household has visited within the past year. Main Beach Building (25%), Lippold Family Golf Center (24%), and the Nature Center (23%) were the most popular facilities as indicated by respondents. Those respondents were then asked to rate the overall condition of those facilities. Respondents were most satisfied (rating either “excellent” or “good”) with Barlina Preschool, The Racket Club, and West Beach Building (each receiving 100%). Respondents were then asked to select the three facilities their household used most often in the past year. The facilities used most often were the Main Beach Building (25%), Lippold Family Golf Center (19%), and the Nature Center (16%). Respondents most often travel to facilities via driving (90%) or walking (65%).

## Parks and Recreation Programs Participation in Programs

Respondents were asked if they had participated in any Crystal Lake Park District recreation programs in the past three years. Thirty-four percent (34%) of

respondents said someone in their household had participated. Of those respondents, the highest number (43%) said they participated in 2-3 programs, followed by 1 program (31%). Respondents most often said they participated because of the convenient location for the programs (19%) and the youth focused programming / activities (12%). Those same respondents were then asked to rate the overall quality of those programs and events. Most respondents (51%) rated them good, 43% said excellent, and 6% said either fair (4%) or poor (2%).

### Barriers to Use

Respondents were asked to select all their barriers to use for parks, facilities, and programs. The highest number of respondents said lack of time (39%), inconvenient program times (19%), or fees being too high (14%).

### Communication Methods

Respondents most often learned about recreation programs, activities, and events from the district program guide (71%) or the district website (46%). Respondents most preferred to use the district program guide (64%), district website (40%), and park district e-mail blasts / newsletters (31%).

## Facilities and Amenities Needs and Priorities Facility / Amenity Needs

Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 38 facilities / amenities and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community had the greatest “unmet” need for various facilities / amenities.

The three facilities / amenities with the highest estimated number of households that have an unmet need:

1. Indoor swimming pools - 5,018 households
2. Outdoor swimming pool - 4,404 households

3. Indoor running / walking tracks - 4,043 households

## Facilities and Amenities Importance

In addition to assessing the needs for each facility / amenity, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item. Based on the sum of respondents’ top four choices, these were the four most important amenities to residents:

1. Walking and biking trails (38%)
2. Nature trails (22%)
3. Indoor swimming pools (19%)
4. Outdoor swimming pool (18%)

## Priorities for Facility Investments

The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The PIR equally weights (1) the importance that residents place on amenities / facilities and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the facility / amenity.

Based on the PIR, the following parks and recreation facilities / amenities were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Indoor swimming pools (PIR = 150)
- Walking and biking trails (PIR = 141)
- Outdoor swimming pool (PIR = 136)
- Indoor running / walking track (PIR = 115)

## Recreation Program Needs and Priorities Program Needs

Respondents were asked to identify if their household had a need for 41 recreation programs and to rate how well their needs for each were currently being met. Based on this analysis, ETC Institute was able to estimate the number of households in the community had the greatest “unmet” need for various recreation programs.

The three facilities / amenities with the highest es-



timated number of households that have an unmet need:

1. Senior (55+ years old) programs - 3,401 households
2. Movies in the Park - 3,135 households
3. Concerts in the park / Outdoor music venue - 2,367 households

#### Programs Importance

In addition to assessing the needs for each program, ETC Institute also assessed the importance that residents placed on each item. Based on the sum of respondents' top four choices, these are the four most important programs to residents:

1. Concerts in the park / Outdoor music venue (28%)
2. Senior (55+ years old) programs (18%)
3. Nature walks (12%)
4. Holiday programs (luminary walk, etc.) (11%)

#### Priorities for Program Investments

The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed by ETC Institute to provide organizations with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on recreation and parks investments. The PIR equally weights (1) the importance that residents place on each program and (2) how many residents have unmet needs for the program.

Based on the PIR, the following Crystal Lake Park District programs were rated as high priorities for investment:

- Concerts in the park / Outdoor music venue (PIR = 169)
- Senior (55+ years old) programs (PIR = 164)
- Movies in the Park (PIR = 119)
- Nature walks (PIR = 109)

### Value of Parks and Recreation and Allocation of Funds

#### Overall Value

Respondents were asked to rate their level of satisfaction with the overall value they received from the Crystal Lake Park District. The highest percentage of respondents felt somewhat satisfied (44%) followed by very satisfied (29%). Households were then asked if their perception of value had changed given the COVID-19 pandemic. Most respondents (52%) said their perception of value had either somewhat increased (23%) or significantly increased (29%), and 44% said there was no change in their perception. Forty-eight percent (48%) of respondents felt funding should stay the same based on their perception of value, 24% thought it should increase, and 8% thought funding should be reduced.

#### Support for Tax Changes

Respondents were asked to indicate how they would likely vote if a tax referendum was held to fund improvements for parks and recreation. Almost half of respondents (49%) said they would vote in favor, 19% said they might vote in favor, 17% weren't sure, and 15% said they would vote against. Respondents were also asked to select what the maximum amount of additional annual property tax they would be willing to pay for their preferred improvements. Twenty-eight percent (28%) would support paying \$50 or more a year, 25% said none, 13% said \$10-19 a year, 11% said \$20-29 a year, 11% said \$30-39 a year, and 11% also said \$40-49 a year.

#### Support for Improvements / Developments

Respondents were provided a list of 23 potential actions to improve parks and recreation. Respondents were most supportive (selecting "very supportive" or "somewhat supportive" of developing additional trails (71%), adding more trees / shade structures to parks (70%), improving existing park restrooms

(69%), and improving the existing trail system (69%). Respondents were then asked to select the top four items they would be most willing to fund with their tax dollars. These were the five items selected most often:

1. Develop new indoor pool / aquatic center (27%)
2. Develop additional trails & connectivity of trails (24%)
3. Develop new outdoor pool / aquatic center (24%)
4. Add more trees / shade structures to parks (19%)
5. Improving existing trail system (19%)

#### Priority Investment Rating Explained

The Priority Investment Rating (PIR) was developed by ETC Institute to provide governments with an objective tool for evaluating the priority that should be placed on parks and recreation investments. The Priority Investment Rating was developed by ETC Institute to identify the facilities and programs residents think should receive the highest priority for investment. The priority investment rating reflects the importance residents place on items (sum of top 4 choices) and the unmet needs (needs that are not met or only partly met) for each facility / program relative to the facility that rated the highest overall. Since decisions related to future investments should consider both the level of unmet need and the importance of facilities and programs, the PIR weights each of these components equally.

The PIR reflects the sum of the Unmet Needs Rating and the Importance Rating as shown in the equation below:  
 $PIR = UNR + IR$

For example, if the Unmet Needs Rating for Community Gardens were 98.9 (out of 100) and the Importance Rating for Community Gardens were 21.6 (out of 100), the Priority Investment Rating for the Community Gardens would be 120.5 (out of 200).





# Stakeholder Input

The following summary is an overview of input received from the community meetings, stakeholder interviews, and staff workshops facilitated as part of the comprehensive master planning process.

## Format

The stakeholder interviews were structured as facilitated discussions between participants considering both their role as a stakeholder representative (for those representing a specific community agency or organization) and as an individual Park District participant. A list of questions was used to lead the discussion. Some questions were skipped or not asked as participants provided answers earlier in the conversation or if time ran out due to more in-depth conversation around earlier questions.

The stakeholder interviews consisted of six Zoom calls.

The following responses are not direct quotations, but rather a summarized interpretation of the participants' conversations.

## Results

### Affiliates Group

*MCYSA, Crystal Lake Raiders*

- Maintain positive relationship with CLPD
  - CLPD staff has good communication, is responsive
- Feel CLPD is utilizing tax dollars well
- Would like to see all fields maintained to a similar level
  - Consider alternative model (PD protects use / affiliate groups maintain)
  - Can't compete with highest-end facilities for tournaments, so focus should be on getting all facilities to similar, well-maintained level



### Education Group

*School District 47, Library*

Maintain positive relationship with CLPD

- Before / After school programming is appreciated (especially before school care for children of school staff)
- Library appreciates PD providing space for library events / programs due to lack of space in their facility
- Continue / increase cooperation with other agencies to cover program/ event service gaps
- Explore programming to address social and emotional needs for kids (skill development stunted by Covid)
- Explore programming for parents (e.g., social media and kids, setting boundaries, staying healthy with technology, etc.)

### Business & Historical Group

*Downtown Crystal Lake Association, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society*

- Maintain positive relationship with CLPD
  - CLPD does excellent job responding to work orders / maintaining Colonel Palmer House
  - CLPD taking on additional tasks / advertising for events hosted by other agencies has been greatly appreciated
- Increase PD involvement in City-run events (city to increase communication with PD)
- Explore hosting more joint events
- Explore creating a venue database for entire community in conjunction with other agencies (not just limited to PD facilities)
  - Include facility size, capacity limits, rental rates, availability calendar

### Environmental & Special Group

*McHenry County Conservation District, NISRA*

- Maintain positive relationship with CLPD
- Maintain exceptional ADA / inclusivity initiatives
- Evaluate program offerings and eliminate duplicate services to refocus resources



- Explore shared investments with other agencies. Are there unique resources that could be used across PD, City, Village, Conservation District, Library District, etc. and have costs split amongst all agencies?
- Increase cross-promotion of events with other agencies
- Explore feasibility of indoor pool
- Explore feasibility of community center (general purpose rooms / courts / fitness equipment / programming for traditional services, veterans, those with disabilities)

### Baseball & Softball

*Babe Ruth Baseball, Little League, Phenom Baseball, Girls Fastpitch Softball*

- Maintain positive relationship with CLPD
  - All groups value partnership with PD
  - Communication is great, PD has been very accessible
- Establish annual walk through of each affiliate's facilities and determine which agency will address each punch list item
- Currently experiencing an increase in registration, but facing scheduling / field space challenges as a result
- Explore development of youth umpire program
  - Currently struggling to find umps across all leagues
  - Training youth could keep them involved longer / provide job opportunities for high school / college students
- Explore feasibility of indoor baseball / softball facility
  - Keep higher level players in CL / attract new players
  - Extend playable seasons
  - Relieve pressure on existing fields
  - Attract more tournament opportunities
- Explore feasibility of existing field / program upgrades

- Lights (would extend usable hours for practices / games)
- Drainage improvements
- Develop coach training program
- Develop umpire training program

### Municipal Group

*City of Crystal Lake, Village of Lakewood*

- Maintain positive relationship with CLPD
- Explore joint staff training with other agencies
- Increase partnered events
  - Dedicated food truck location / schedule
- Increase communication with residents (Village of Lakewood residents don't get City of Crystal Lake notifications, but Village would be interested in publishing more CLPD news / events on Village website)
- Explore streamlining some services (e.g., residents don't like going to 2 locations for boating registration)





# Staff Workshop

The following summary is an overview of the workshop completed by Crystal Lake Park District staff members.

Crystal Lake Park District staff members were asked a series of focus questions. Each participant then had the opportunity to write down all of their ideas and comments. From this list, they chose their three most important items for the Park District to focus on over the next five years. The group categorized these ideas to find similar themes and goals then voted on priorities. They were allowed to vote on a category (blue bars in the chart on the page to the right) or a single item within a category (green bars in the chart on the page to the right).

One staff workshop was held to gather input. The results are summarized and listed on the next page. All comments are documented “as written” by staff members during the meeting.

## STAFF WORKSHOP RESULTS

### Pickleball Courts

- More pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts

### Maintenance Upgrades

- New splash pads / updates to old ones
- Aging facilities
- Infrastructure updates
- Building updates
- Caring for and improving parks / infrastructure
- Maintain / enhance what we currently have
- Move AL field east + increase MB parking

### Natural Areas

- Increase natural area managements
- Environmental restoration
- Health of the CLPD’s natural resources

### Security

- Police presence for safety

### Well Being (Health / Wellness)

- Mental health activities for all ages
- Well being spiritual programming (Mental Health)

### New Park and Facility Improvements

- Kayak storage
- Is there a need for more facilities?
- West Beach better utilize
- Large programming space
- Build MP building
  - Courts
  - Admin Offices
  - Walking track
- Expand Lippold Family Golf Center - bathroom and rentals
- Asphalt entire Lippold Park
- Complete Babe Ruth field renovation
- Decision on future Shamrock Hills
- Development of Shamrock Hills (outdoor area)

### Newcomers

- Transient clientele
- Huge interest in past year
- Increased use and interest in CLPD services

### Staff Improvements

- Reinvesting in facilities and staff
- Push to improve

### Expand PD Database

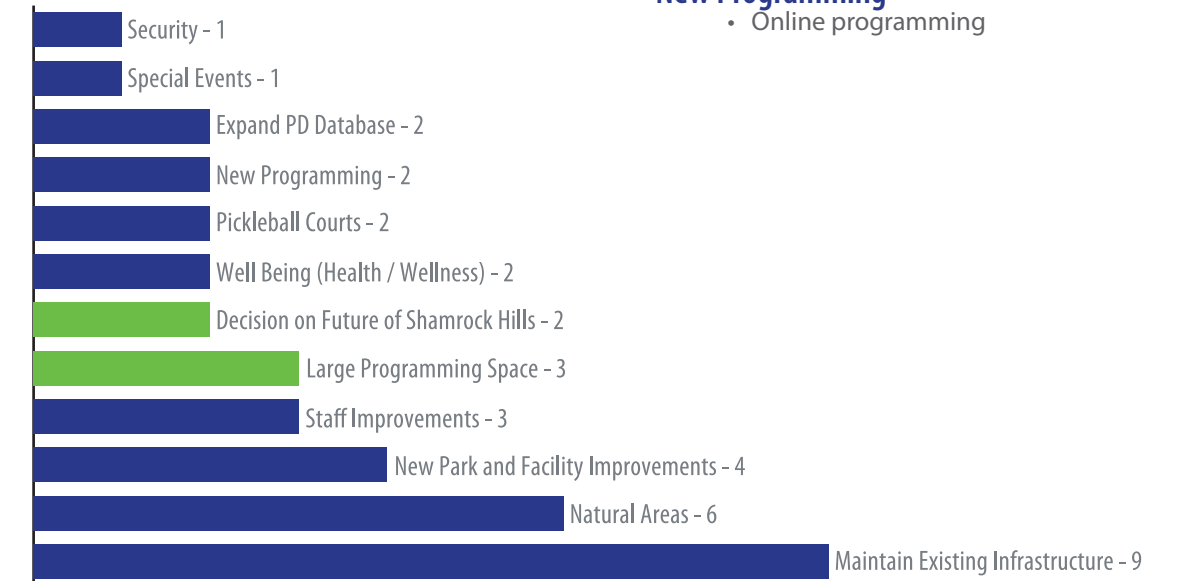
- In-depth GIS of parks

### Special Events

- More of the focused community / special events
- Keep Tuesday music shows

### New Programming

- Online programming





# Community Meetings

The following summaries are an overview of the two community workshops held in May and June of 2022.

Crystal Lake Park District community members were asked a series of focus questions. Each participant then had the opportunity to write down all of their ideas and comments. From this list, they chose their three most important items for the Park District to focus on over the next five years. The group categorized these ideas to find similar themes and goals then voted on priorities. They were allowed to vote on a category (blue bars in the charts on the following pages) or a single item within a category (green bars in the charts on the following pages).

Two community workshops were held to gather input. The first was held at West Beach in May of 2022. The second was held the following month in June at Main Beach. The results are summarized and listed on the following pages. All comments are documented “as written” by community members during the meetings.

## COMMUNITY MEETING #1 RESULTS

### Indoor Pools

- Indoor/Outdoor pool with slides
- Crystal Lake needs a pool
  - For public use
  - For high school education

### Events

- More community festivals
  - Food, wine, music

### Maintenance

- Park district needs a comprehensive plan for recycling

### Main Beach

- Wine at main beach
- End entry fee at Main Beach
- Food, beverage, dining spot

### Inclusive Play

- Adaptive park/playground

### Light Pollution

- Reconfigure/aim lights at Lippold Park

### Taxes/Revenue

- Don't raise taxes
- Cross Government plan CLPD, D-155, D-47, Library, etc.
- No further competition with Main Beach

### Water Quality

- Maintain health of lake
- Lake quality
  - Weeds, mucky, boat traffic
- Lake ecology
  - Health of our city's centerpiece

### Park Safety

- Maintain/groom the walking/bicycle paths
  - Not maintained well enough for elderly or handicapped users
- Control use of motorized vehicles in the park
- VA + Sterne's are in dire need of trail maintenance and management

### Improvements

- Speed up schedule to replace equipment in older parks
- Rebuild older parks sooner
- Mickey Sand baseball complex upgrade and maintenance
- Add challenge course
- Garden
- More splash pads
- Practice golf course





# COMMUNITY MEETING #2 RESULTS

## Program Expansion

- More evening/weekend class choices
- Theatre/acting classes

## Park Improvements

- Renovate Fish Park (Kamijima Park)
  - Needs swings
  - Drainage
- Winding Creek Park
  - Park benches
  - Picnic table
- More Parking at Lippold

## Water Quality

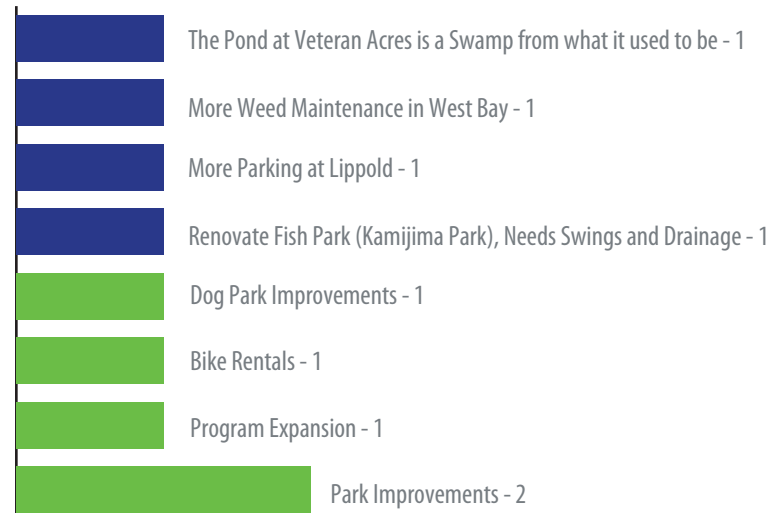
- More weed maintenance in West Bay
- The pond at Veterans Acres is a swamp from what it used to be
  - Clark Mosquito Co. said fountain would be a nice addition

## Bike Rentals

- Bike rentals along the various paths

## Dog Park Improvements

- Your dog park is abysmal
  - Too far away, 1/4 mile walk
  - Seniors don't need that long of a walk - parking closer
  - Why was it put in the furthest corner
  - People need dogs
- Welcome water park access for dogs would be nice to introduce the water to dogs





# Online Portal

The online engagement portal consisted of a webpage and multiple questionnaires to allow participants the opportunity to provide input on parks, facilities, programs, and priorities. The initial online survey consisted of 19 multiple choice and open-ended questions including a final comment box for additional feedback. A three-question supplementary survey was then issued in response to the feedback received from the first survey.

## Participation and Traffic

The online portal was first open from May 2 to May 30, 2022 to solicit input from participants about parks, programs, facilities, and priorities. The portal collected 549 responses. In addition to an English version of the survey, a Spanish translation was provided. No responses were collected from the Spanish version. The survey links were shared on the project website as well as the Park District's website and social media accounts.

The survey was re-opened from August 10 to August 30, 2022 to align with the end of the summer concert series. Postcards with the survey link and QR code were handed out at the event. An additional 111 responses were gathered, for a grand total of 660 completed surveys. Concurrently, a three-question supplementary survey was adver-

tised and issued in that same August time frame. One hundred sixty-seven responses were collected from the supplementary survey.

## Format

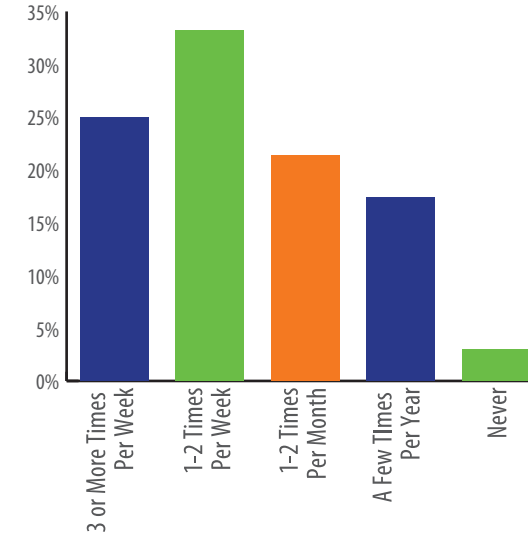
The portal questions were divided into five categories: Parks and Open Space, Facilities and Indoor Space, Programs and Events, Park District Priorities, and Demographic Information. All questions were optional, giving participants the opportunity to skip questions. Based on the results and open-ended responses received on this survey, a short supplementary survey was developed. This supplement included questions specific to lake health and ecology, referendum voting behavior, and importance of specific park improvements.

The following is an overview of the key results. Full results, including open-ended responses can be found in the appendix.

## Overview

Over 50% of survey respondents visited a CLPD park at least once a week.

1. About how many times have you and/or members of your household visited a Crystal Lake Park District park or facility within the past 12 months? (660 responses)



Those participants who indicated having visited parks in the last year were then asked to indicate which parks they have been to and their satisfaction of those parks. For any park they were dissatisfied with, they were then prompted to select a reason why from the provided list or specify via an open-ended response.

The top five parks with the highest satisfaction level were:

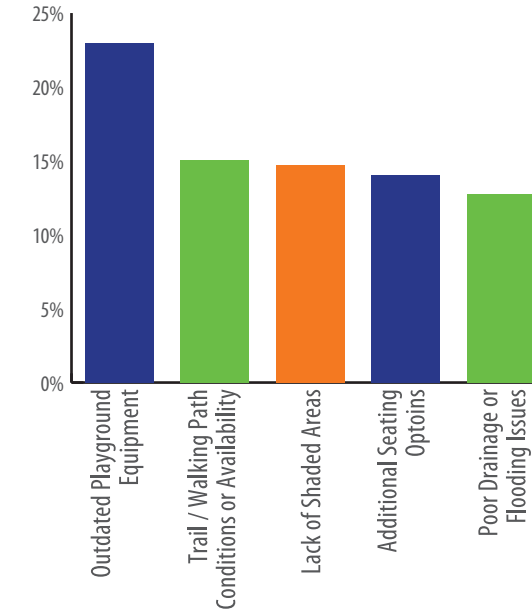
1. Willow's Edge Park
2. Sterne's Woods and Fen
3. Shamrock Hills
4. Sterling Meadows Park
5. Main Beach

Conversely, the top five parks with the highest level of dissatisfaction were:

1. Canterbury Park
2. Hound Town Dog Park
3. Kamijima Park
4. Garden Plots / Hill Farm Park
5. Knaack Park

3. If you selected "Unsatisfied" with the park(s) you've visited, what do you feel needs improvement? (313 responses)

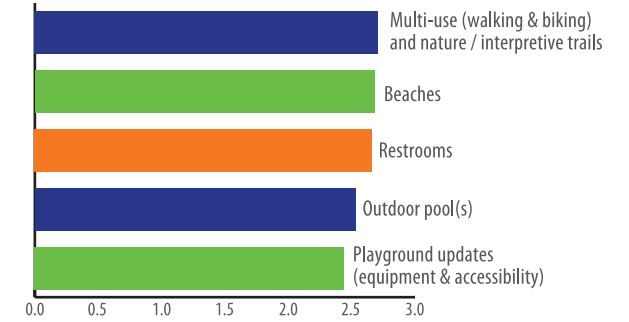
The top five reasons are listed in the chart below.



5. Please tell us how important the following potential outdoor PARK improvements would be to you and your family: (245 responses)

Due to low response during the initial survey period, this question was added to the supplementary survey. Responses from both surveys have been combined in the following chart.

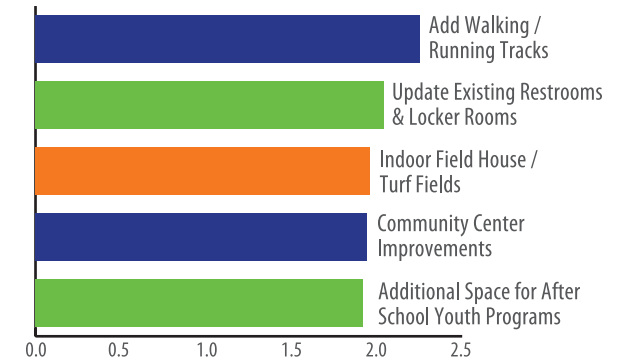
The top five improvements are listed in the chart below.



Similar questions were asked of the indoor facilities.

7. Please tell us how important the following potential improvements to INDOOR facilities would be to you and your family: (393 responses)

The top five improvements are listed in the chart below.

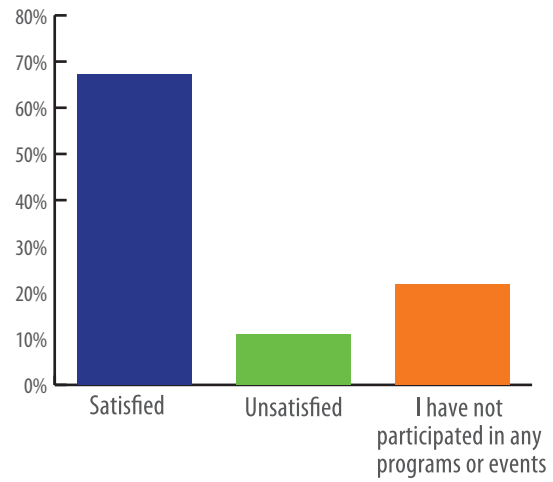


The next group of questions focused on Park District programs and events.

When asked about CLPD programs and events, just over two thirds of respondents (67.16%) expressed their satisfaction with the programs and events they participated in over the past year.



9. How satisfied are you with the Crystal Lake Park District programs and events that you or your family have participated in over the last 12 months? (408 responses)



Of the 22 programs and events listed, the top five with the highest satisfaction rating were:

1. Barlina House Preschool
2. Wagon Rides
3. Extended Time
4. Fitness Classes / Yoga
5. Special Events (Chilly Fest, Friday the 13th Movie in the Park, Concerts in the Park, Luminaria Walk, 4th of July Fireworks)

The top five programs and events with the highest rate of dissatisfaction were:

1. Golf Lessons
2. Youth Variety / Tot
3. Dance
4. After School Basketball
5. Hot Shot Sports

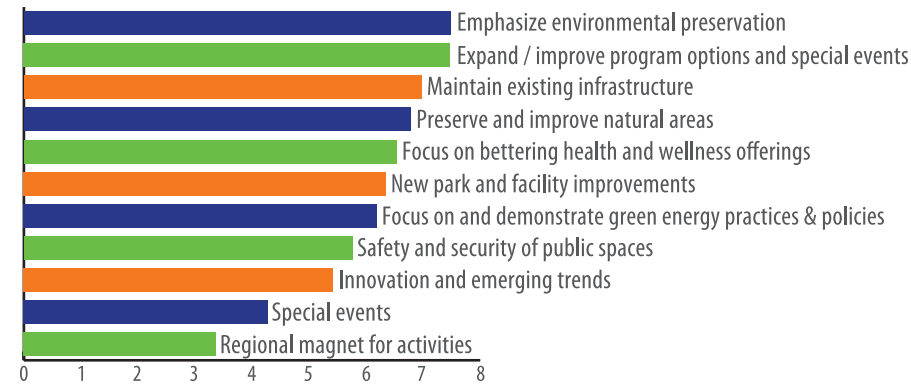
Respondents were also given the option to write in an answer if they wanted to provide feedback on a program or event not included in the list.

The respondents who have not participated in a program or event in the last year were invited to give a reason. The most frequent responses included:

- Don't fit my schedule
- Don't fit my interests
- COVID-19
- Costs are too high

The next group of questions asked about Crystal Lake Park District's priorities. The highest ranked priorities were primarily related to maintaining and improving existing offerings.

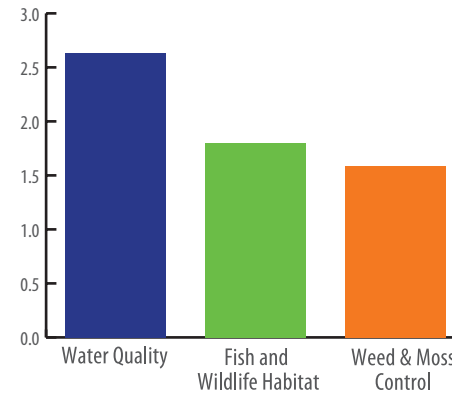
13. What do you think should be the Crystal Lake Park District's priority in the next 5 years? Please rate the following from most to least important. (342 responses)



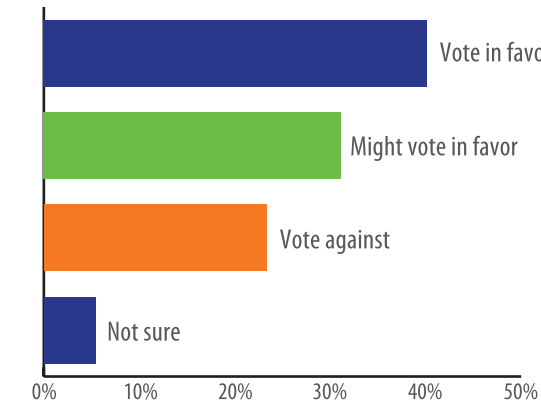
The final questions were all demographics-related to help the planning team and Park District leadership gain a better understanding of who was taking the survey. The final question was an open-ended response question that invited respondents to leave any final comments not covered in any of the previous questions.

Some of the open-ended responses prompted the planning team to develop two new questions as part of a small supplementary survey. The first question of the supplement was a repeat of question #5 from the first survey, which had a low response rate. The other questions inquired about lake health priorities and level of support for a referendum.

2. Please rank how important the following items are relating to LAKE health and ecology for the Park District to focus on in the next five years. (162 responses)



3. How would you vote on a referendum to approve a tax increase for a period of time to fund the construction of an indoor recreation center that would include potential amenities such as a fitness center, indoor pool, dance studio, art studios, group exercise studios, a gymnasium for basketball / volleyball / etc., senior center, general programming space? (167 responses)









# Chapter Five

## Appendix





IDNR Grant Administration Division  
Per IPRA-Park & Natural Resource Management Section’s Recommendations

USEFUL LIFE CRITERIA

| <u>FACILITY</u>  | <u>Expected useful life</u> | <u>Evaluation Criteria – Factor</u>   |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| <u>BB/Softball fields</u>                                  | 8-10 years                  | # Games/week, # Practices/week<br>Grass infields?<br>Maintenance Procedure/Standards<br>Is site used for multiple uses, soccer, football?<br>Is space used for organized or programmed events?<br>Spectator considerations – bleachers<br>Concession stands   |
| <u>BB/Softball Field Lighting</u>                          | 20 years                    | Pole Type (wood, steel, concrete)<br>Wiring type (aluminum, copper)<br>HID or incandescent fixtures<br>Existing FC vs. new standards<br>Accepted grounding systems?<br>Panel Capabilities/Technology<br>Electrical Code compliance  |
| <u>Soccer Fields</u>                                       | 8-10 years                  | Usage rating A/B/C/D<br># games/week, # weeks/year, time of year, age of user   |
| <u>Irrigation system</u>                                   | 20 years                    | Irrigated Y/N<br>Usage # games per week<br>Drainage considerations<br>Maintenance standards/levels<br>Is site used for organized or programmed events? To what extent?<br>Is site used for multiple uses? Softball, BB or football  |
| <u>Tennis Courts</u><br>Resurface<br>Total Renovation      | 12-15 years<br>20-25 years  | Lighted Y/N (Use BB Criteria)<br>Surface clay, asphalt, other<br>Color coat/overlay/rebuild<br>Frequency of color coating<br>Location – high water table<br>Fencing material/posts<br>Preventive maintenance<br>Location: Water table concerns<br>Is site used for organized or programmed events? To what extent?<br>Are courts used for making ice? |
| <u>Basket Ball Courts</u><br>Resurface<br>Total Renovation | 12-15 years<br>20-25 years  | Same as tennis courts   |
| <u>Volleyball Courts</u>                                   |                             | Sand / Grass?<br>Lighted Y/N<br>Borders<br>Bleachers/spectator area   |
| <u>Shuffleboard</u><br>Resurface<br>Total Renovation       | 12-15 years<br>20-25 years  | Same as tennis courts   |

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Picnic Shelters

25 years  
Support structures: masonry, steel, wood  
Roof type: metal, asphalt, shingle, slate, cedar shake  
Construction type: post & beam, frame  
Historical value and consideration  
Preventive maintenance record  
Is site used for organized or programmed events? To what extent?

Playgrounds

15 years metal  
10 years plastic  
8 – 12 years wood  
Meet Standards? ASTM, CPSC, ADA  
Daily usage by intended user group  
Location: school, or neighborhood park  
Surfacing Material  
Preventive maintenance record  
Border construction material  
Location: retention area/water?

Boat Launch Ramps

15-20 years  
Construction materials, gravel, concrete  
Location i.e. Lake Michigan  
Annual Usage  
Is facility fee generating?  
Region

Fishing Piers & Docks

15-20 years  
Original construction materials plastic, wood, aluminum  
Location i.e. Lake Michigan  
Annual volume/usage  
Winter removal and storage?  
Preventive maintenance record

Swimming Pools  
Bathroom

25 years  
25 years  
Stand alone site?  
Heated for winter?

Boathouse

10-15 years  
Attached to Community Center Y/N  
Mechanical room connected?  
ADA compliance Y/N  
Local Code compliance?  
Preventive Maintenance record  
Location i.e. Lake Michigan

Restrooms

Same as pools

Parking Lots

Resurface  
Total Renovation  
10-12 years  
20-25 years  
Gravel, asphalt or concrete  
Monthly volume and load use  
i.e. delivery trucks or garbage  
Spring use –heavy, moderate, light  
Seal coating frequency  
Preventive maintenance record  
Original construction design loads  
Location: flooding/water concerns  
Snow removal or salt use?  
Curbed or sheet drainage to edges

Bike Paths

Same as Parking lots

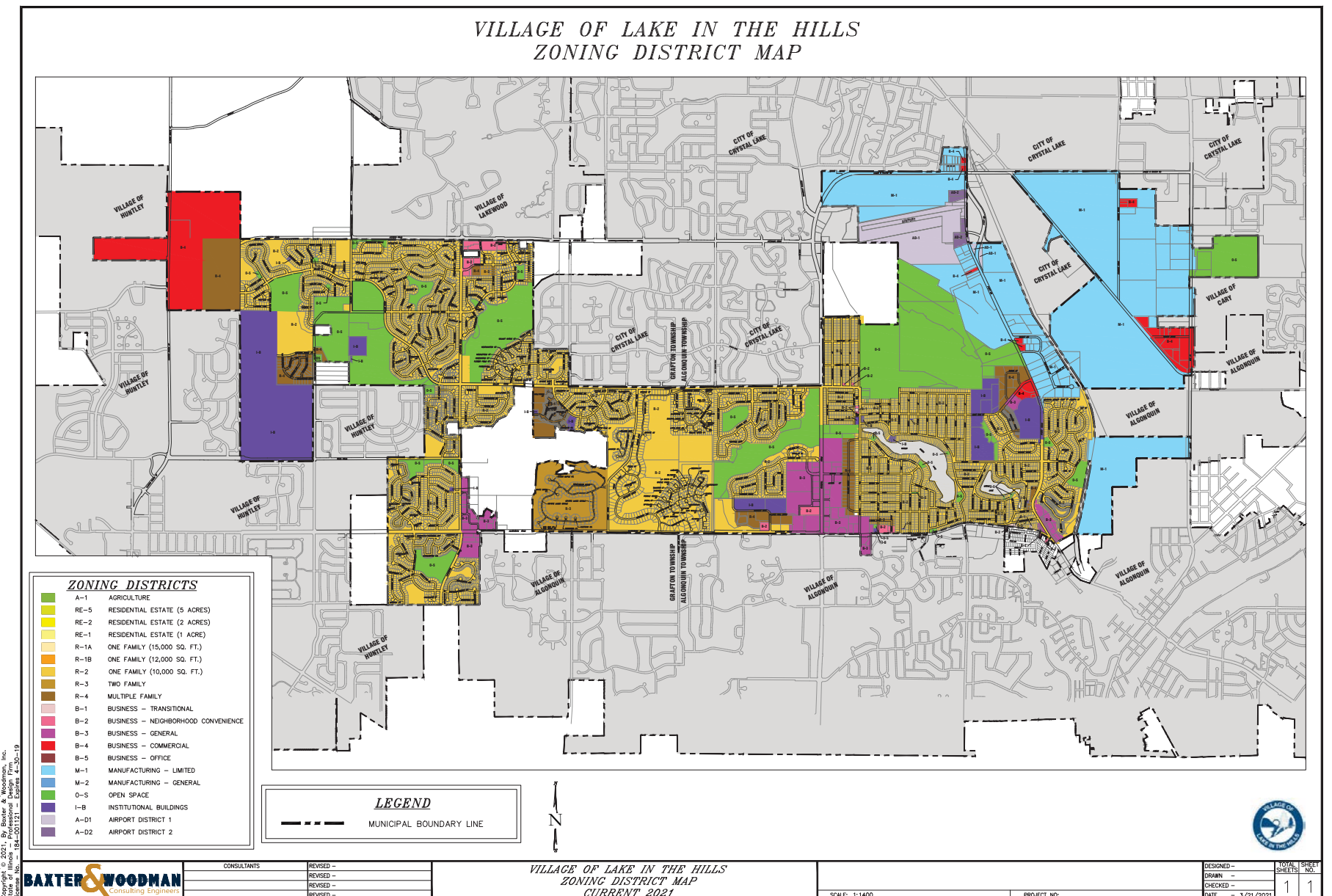
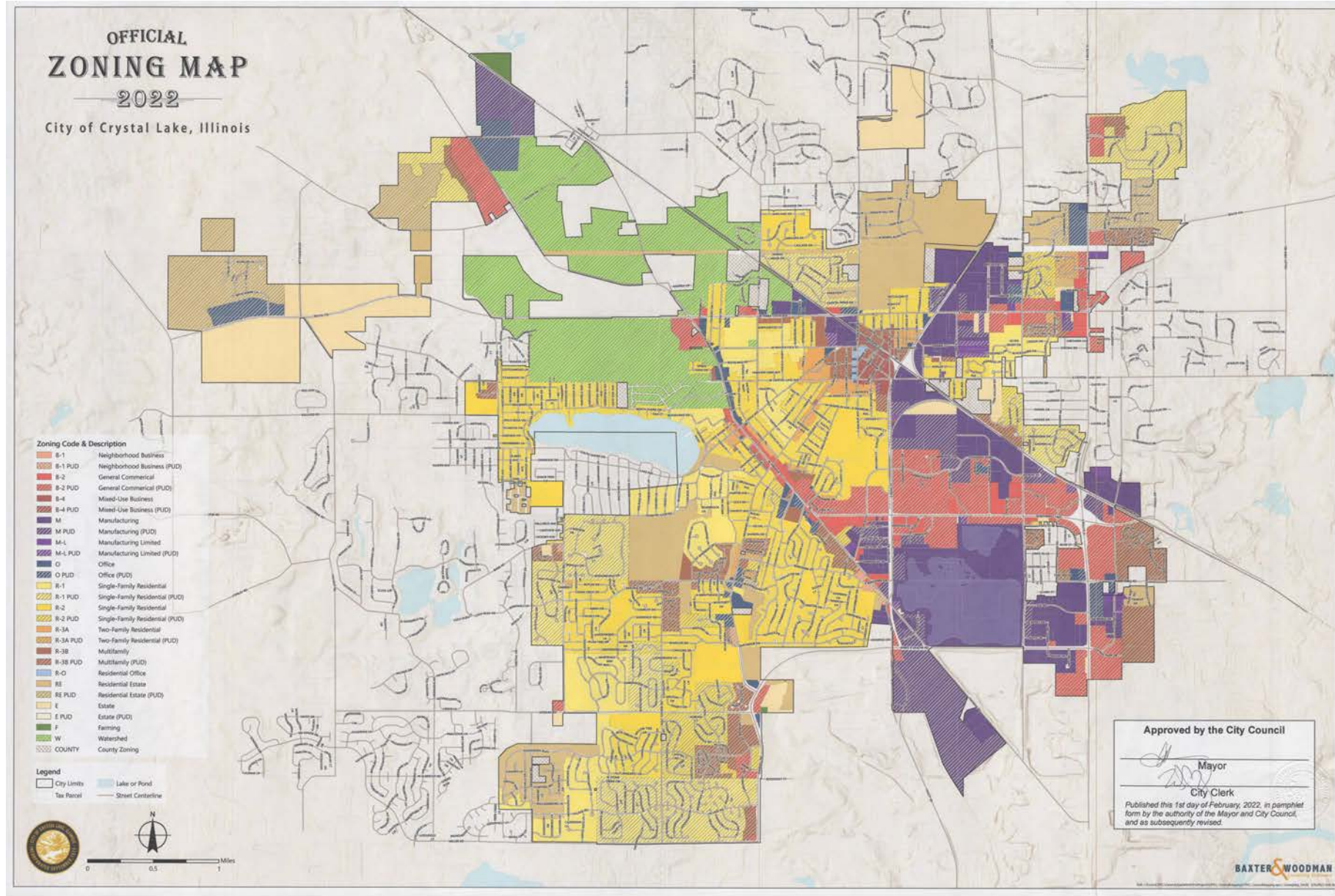
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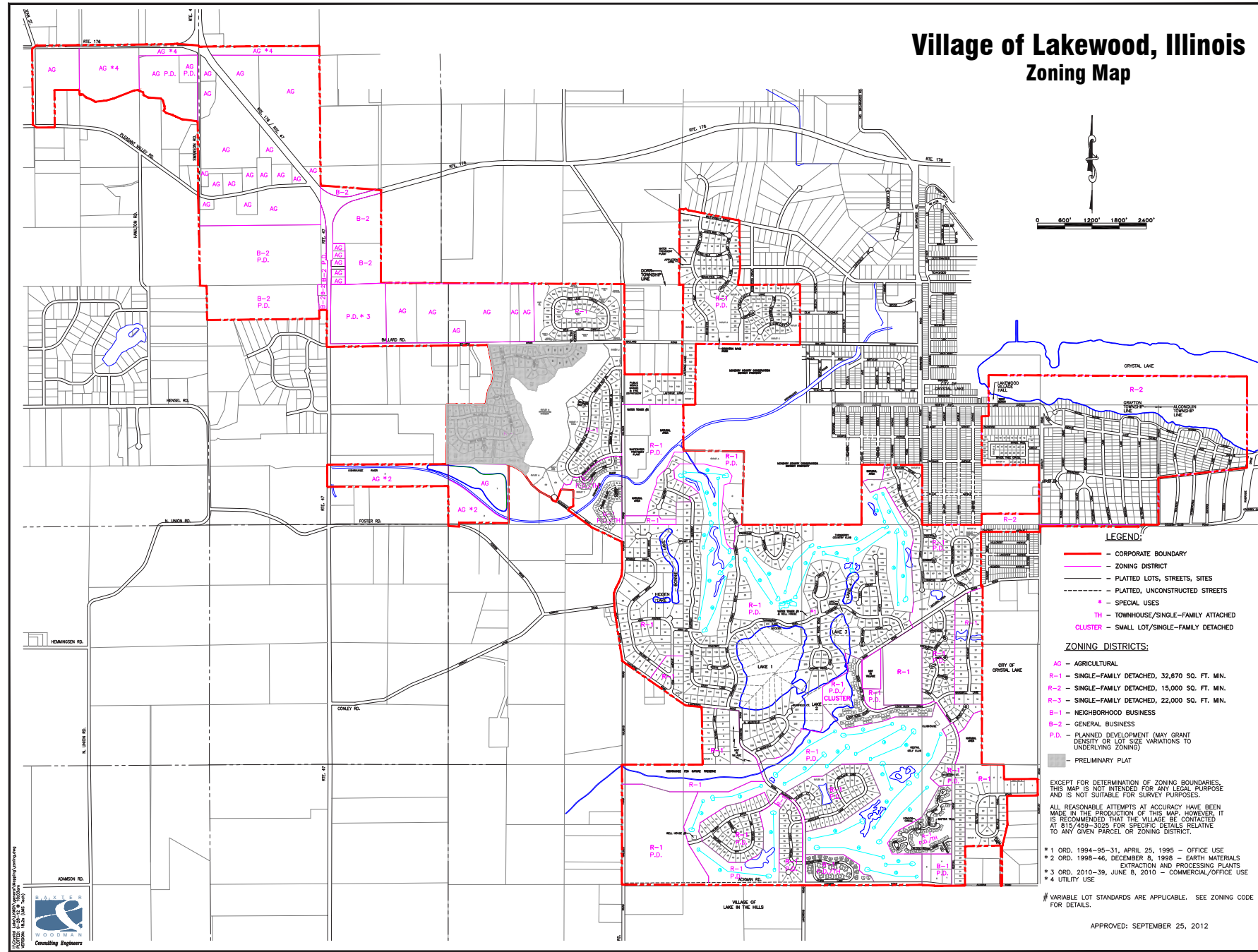
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**Memorandum**

Date: May 12, 2022  
 To: Crystal Lake Park District (CLPD)  
 From: Doug Fair, Hitchcock Design Group (HDG)

RE: Crystal Lake Park District Comprehensive Master Plan Update – Stakeholder Interview Focus Questions

1. Are you a Crystal Lake resident, how long have you lived in Crystal Lake or the surrounding area?
2. How long have you visited and/or how often do you visit CLPD parks and/or facilities? What activities have you participated in?
3. Which programs and/or events are you affiliated with or have you participated in?
4. In comparing other recreation providers, what do you prefer about CLPD offerings and what have you preferred at the other locations?
5. In your experience working or coordinating with CLPD, what has worked well? What are some areas that could be improved?
6. How is your organization expecting to provide recreation over the next 5 years and how can CLPD be involved?
  - o How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your organization and long-term user needs?
7. What service, facility, or amenity gaps do you feel exist in the region?
8. What programs do you currently participate in or have in the past that you feel are beneficial to the community? How could those be improved or expanded on?
  - a. What additional programs, perhaps some that you don't actively participate in, do you still support and feel benefit the community as a whole?
9. Based on today's discussion, what do you think are the top 1 to 3 priorities for the next five years?

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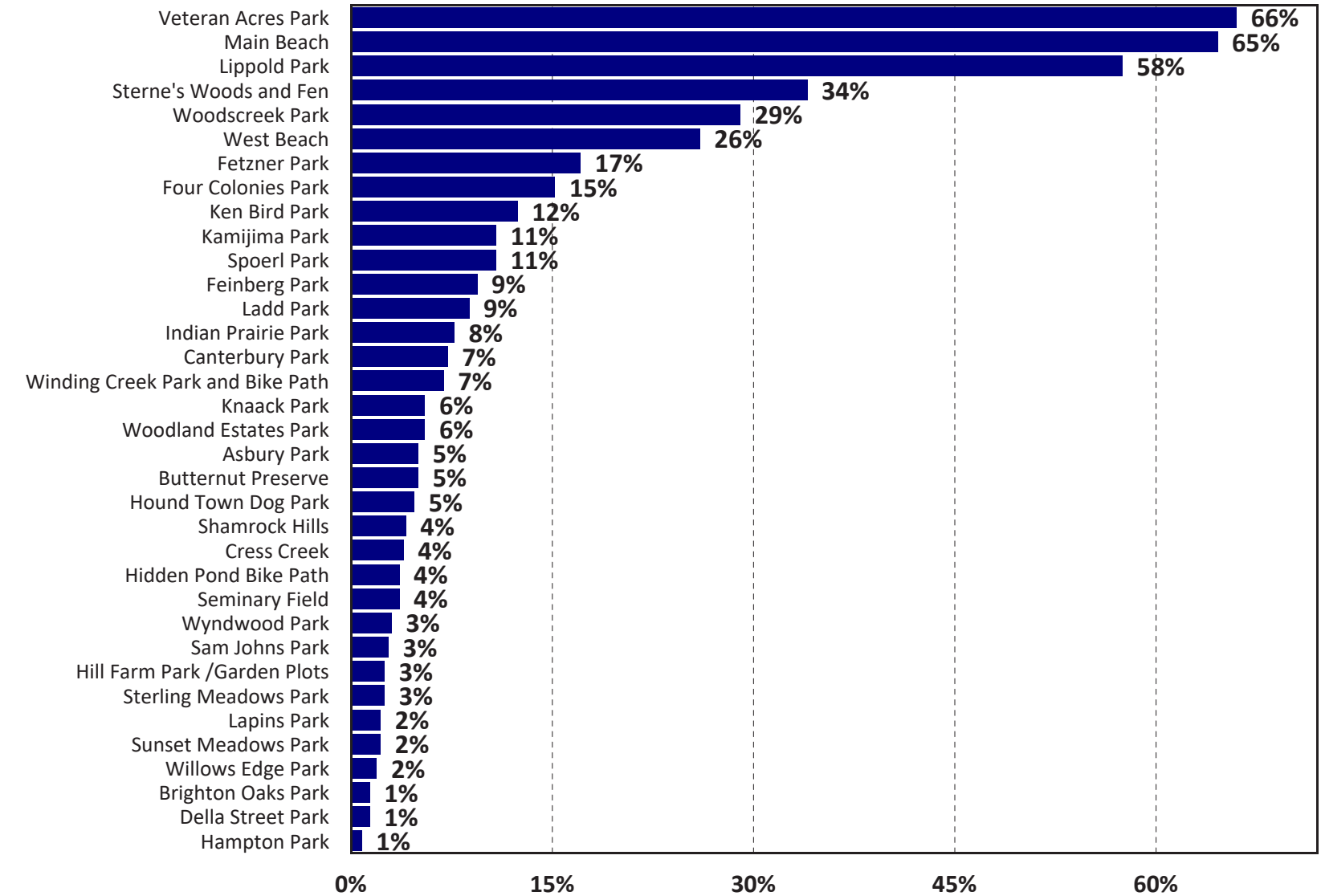
**Stakeholder Interview Questions**

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### Q1. Have you used or visited the following parks?

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



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 Steve Konters, HDG;  
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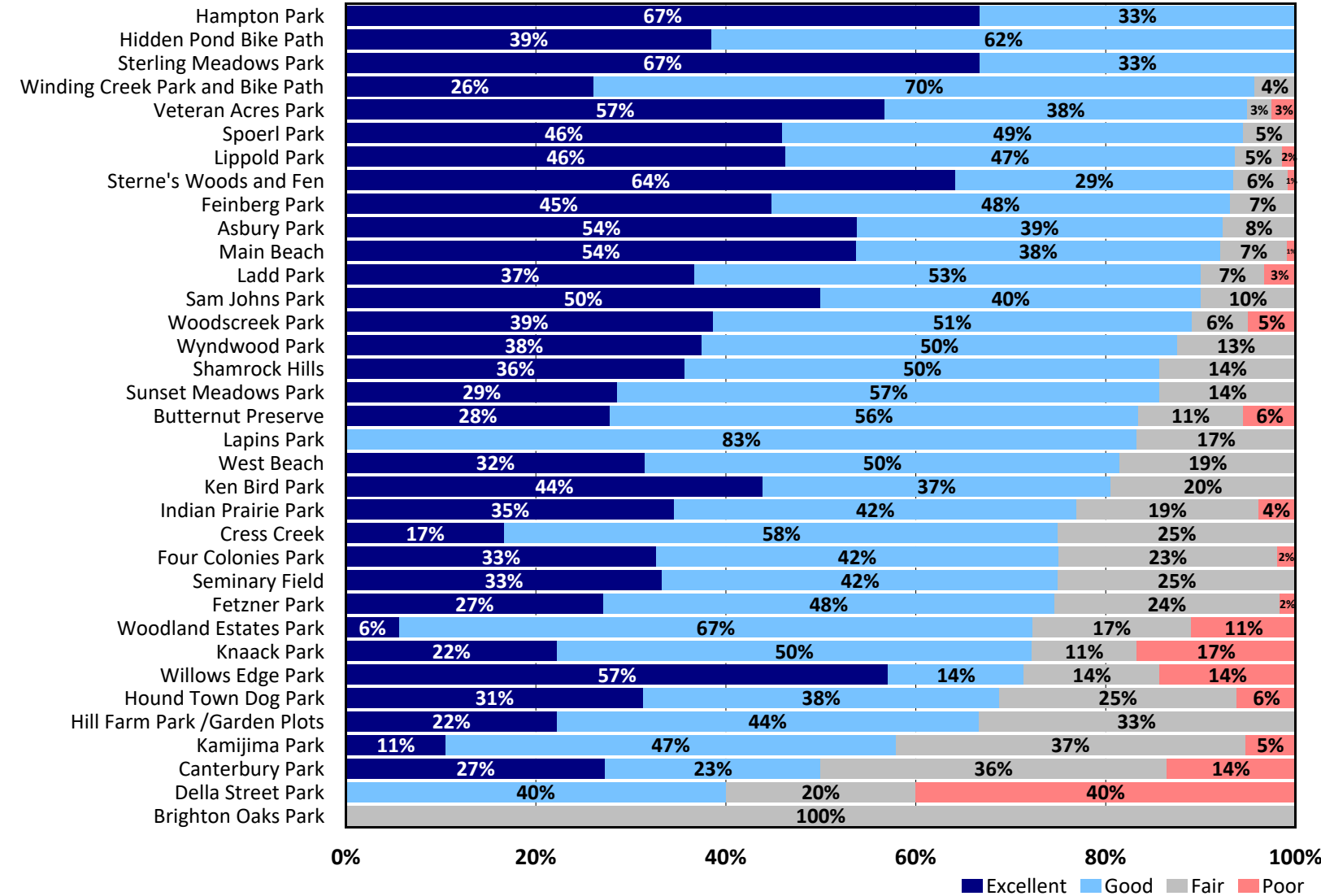
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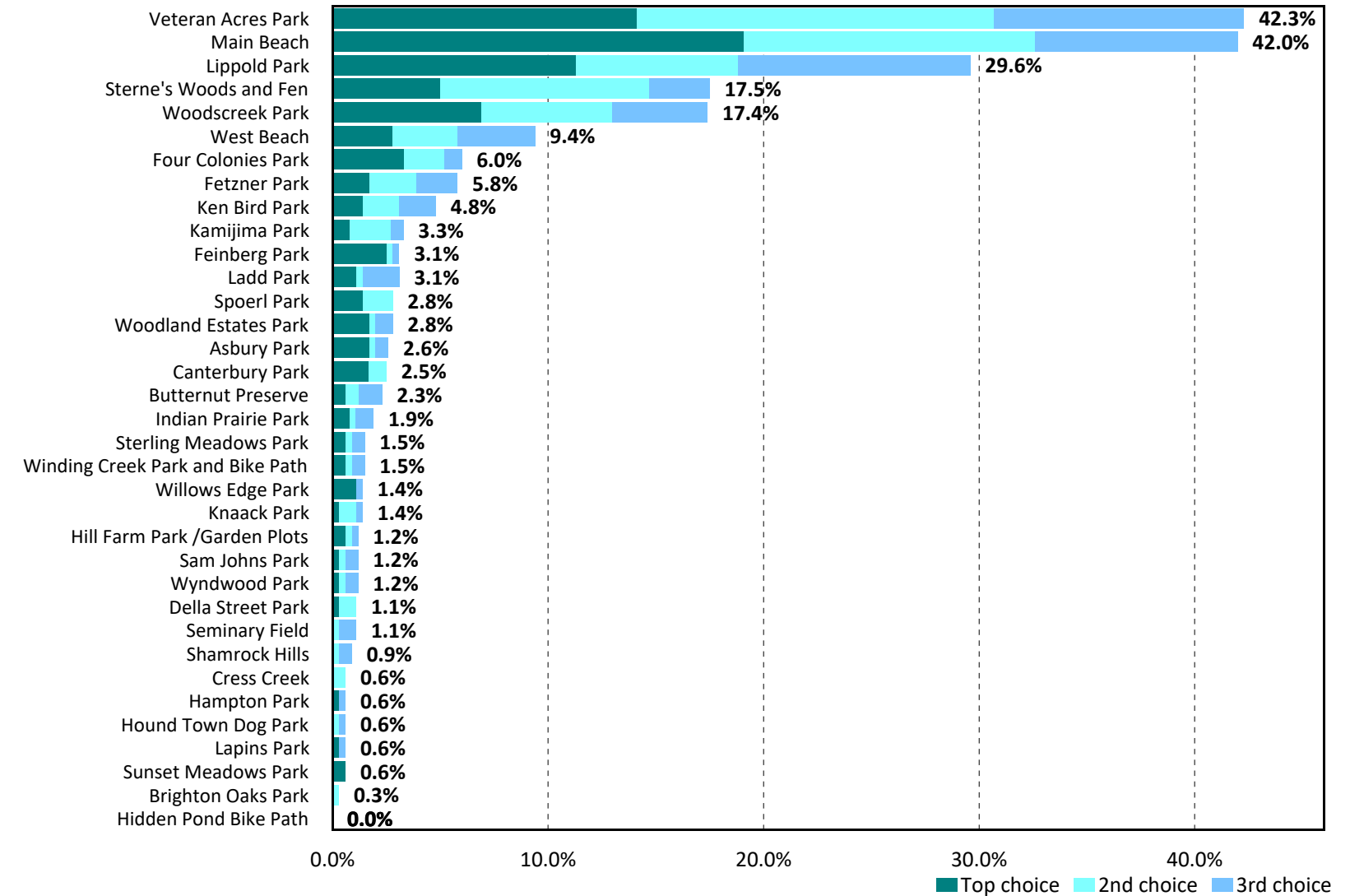
### Q1a. Rating the condition of parks used or visited by respondents

by percentage of respondents who have used the park (excluding "not provided")



### Q2. Parks Used the Most by Respondents in the Past Year

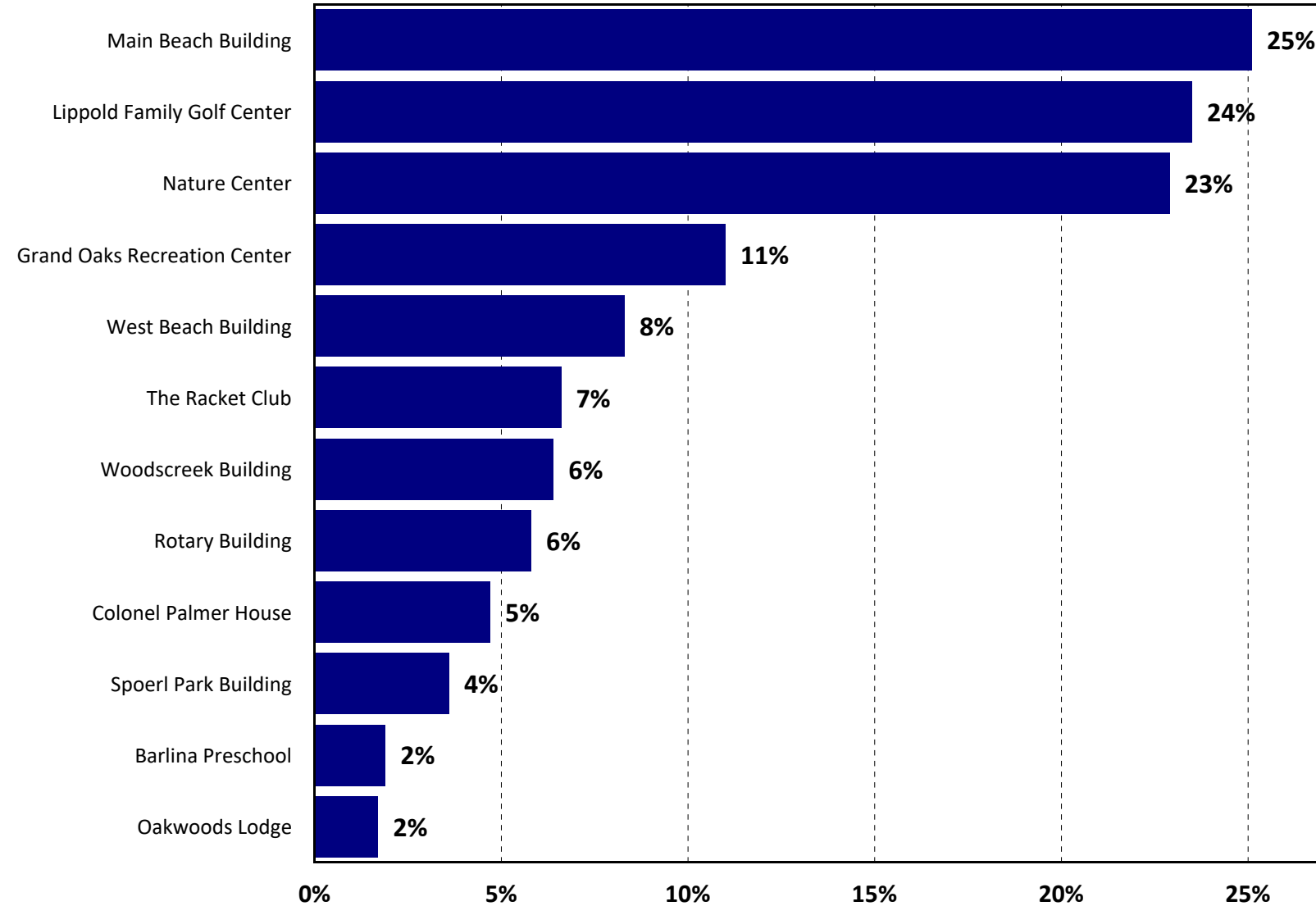
by percentage of respondents who selected the park as one of their top three choices





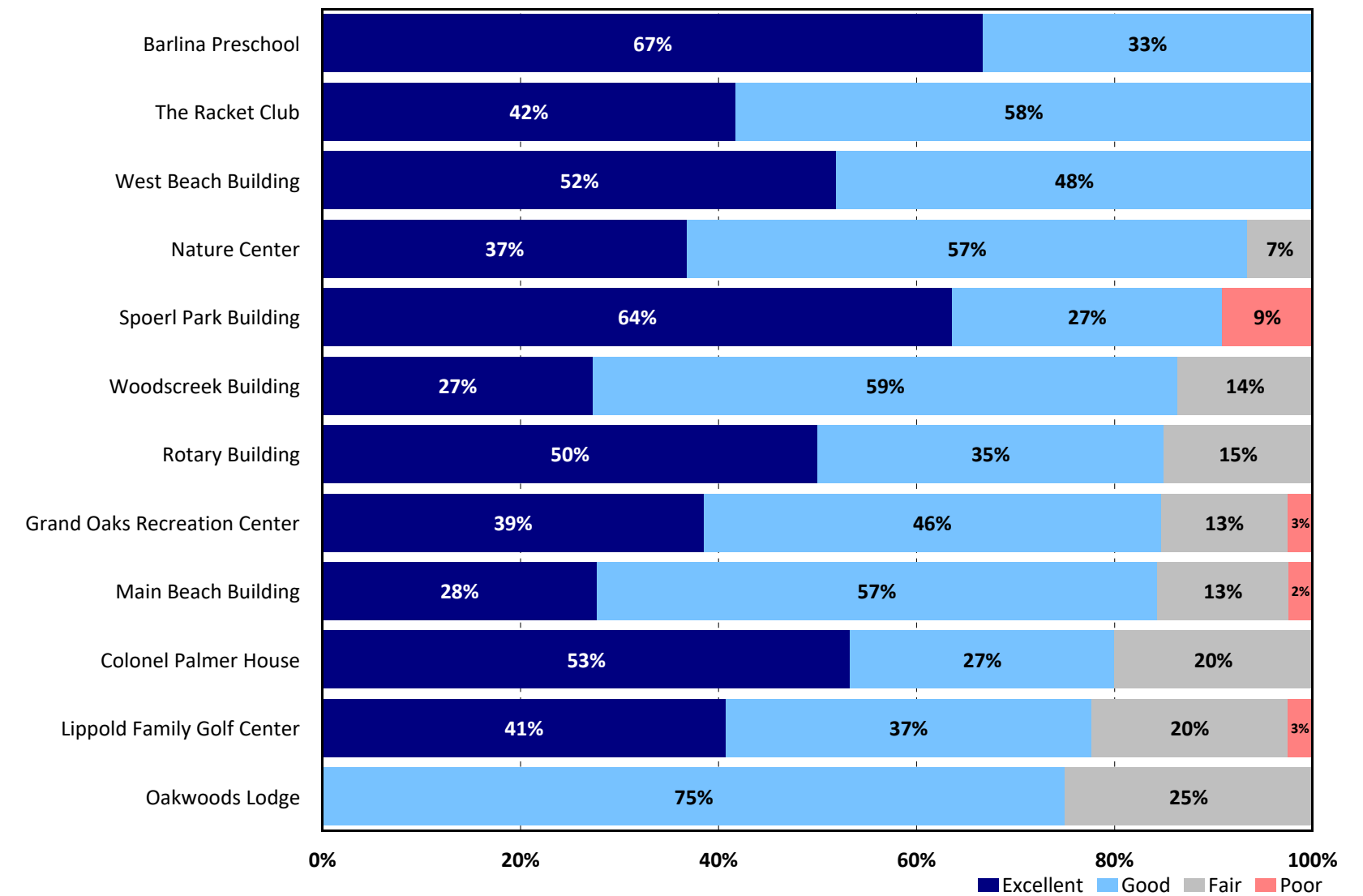
### Q3. Have you used or visited the following facilities in the past year?

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### Q3a. Rating the condition of facilities used or visited by respondents

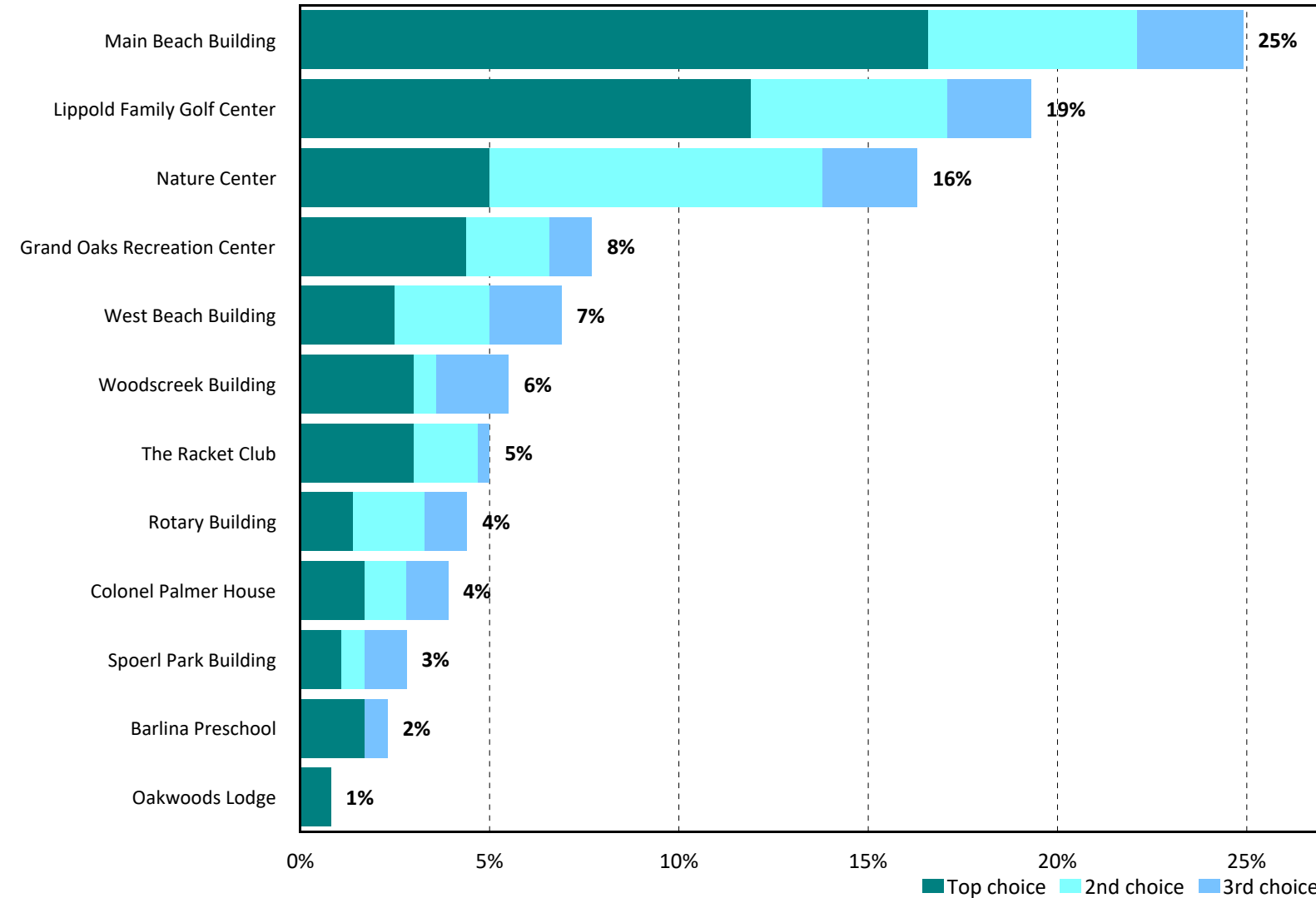
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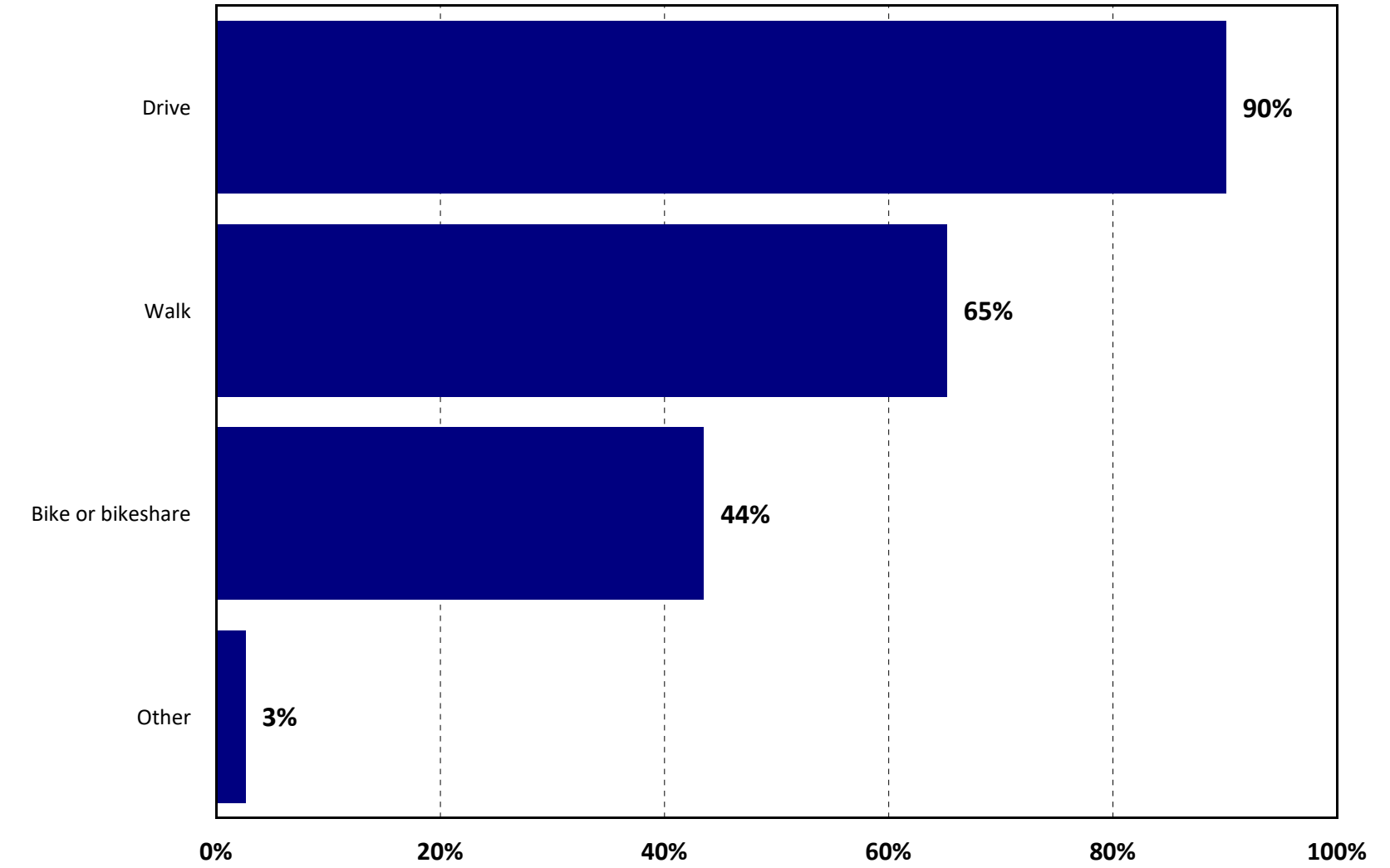
### Q4. Facilities Used the Most by Respondents in the Past Year

by percentage of respondents who selected the park as one of their top three choices



### Q5. Please CHECK ALL the ways you and members of your household travel to the parks and recreation facilities you use.

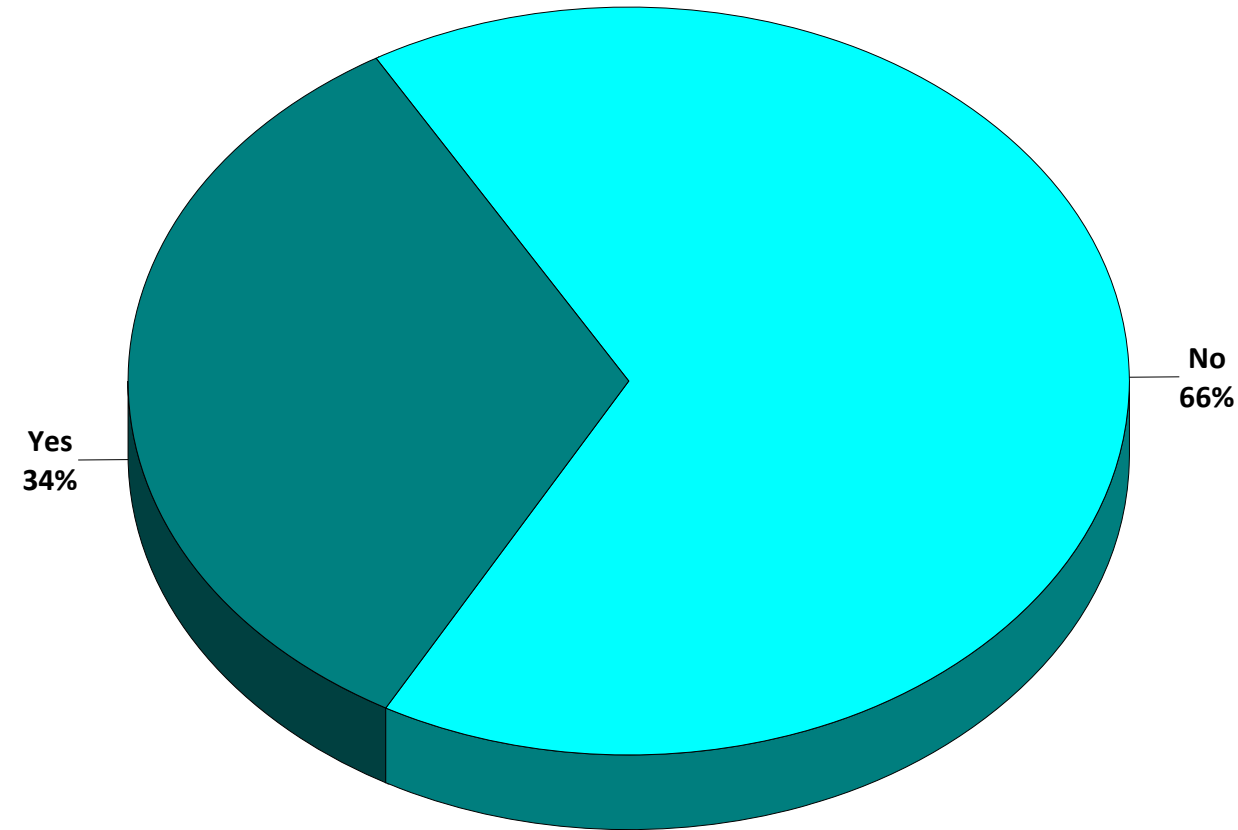
by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made) (excluding "none")





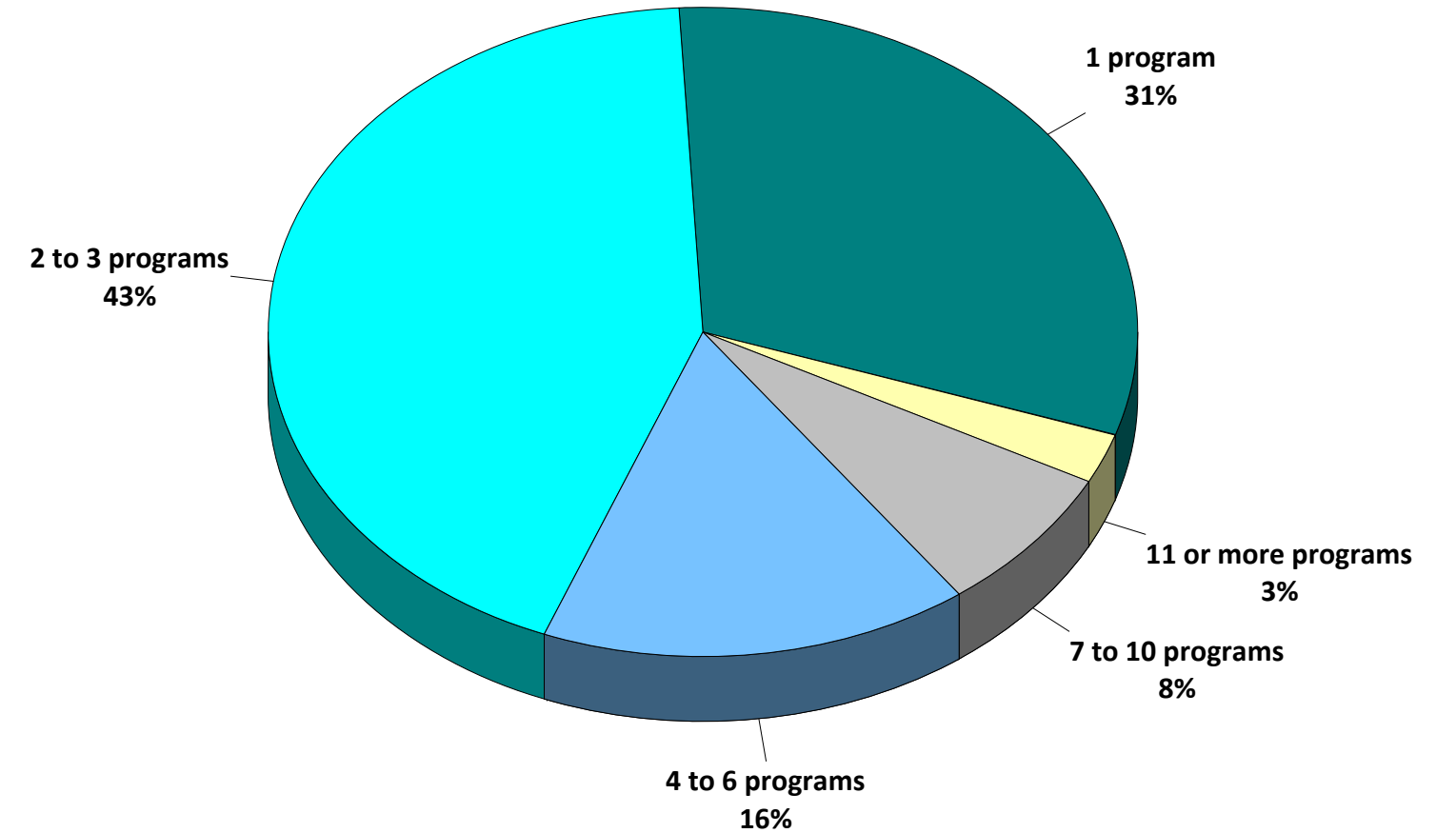
### Q6. Have you or other members of your household participated in any recreation programs offered by the Crystal Lake Park District during the past 3 years?

by percentage of respondents



### Q6a. Approximately how many different recreation programs offered by the Crystal Lake Park District have you or members of your household participated in over the past 3 years?

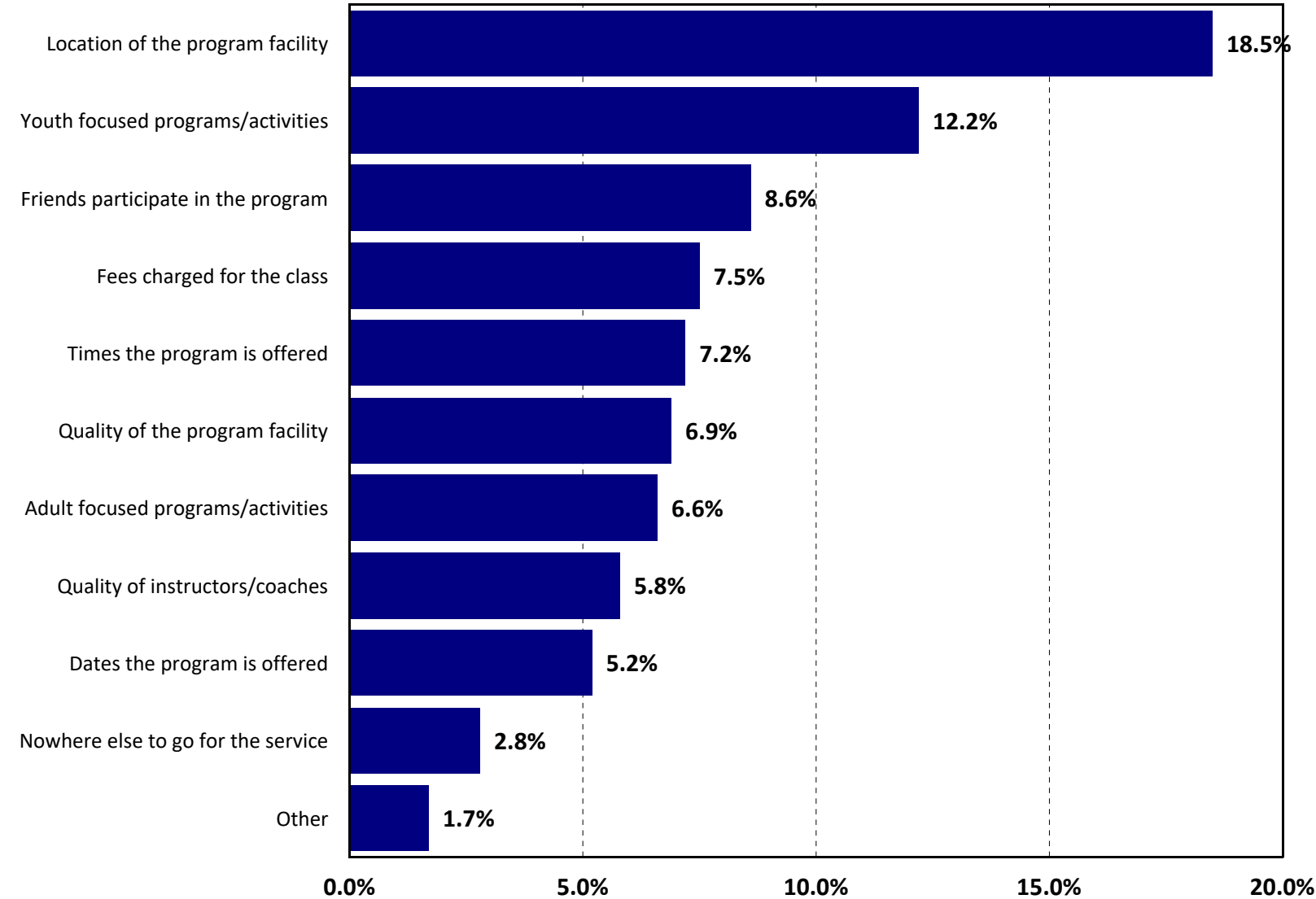
by percentage of respondents who responded "Yes" to Q6





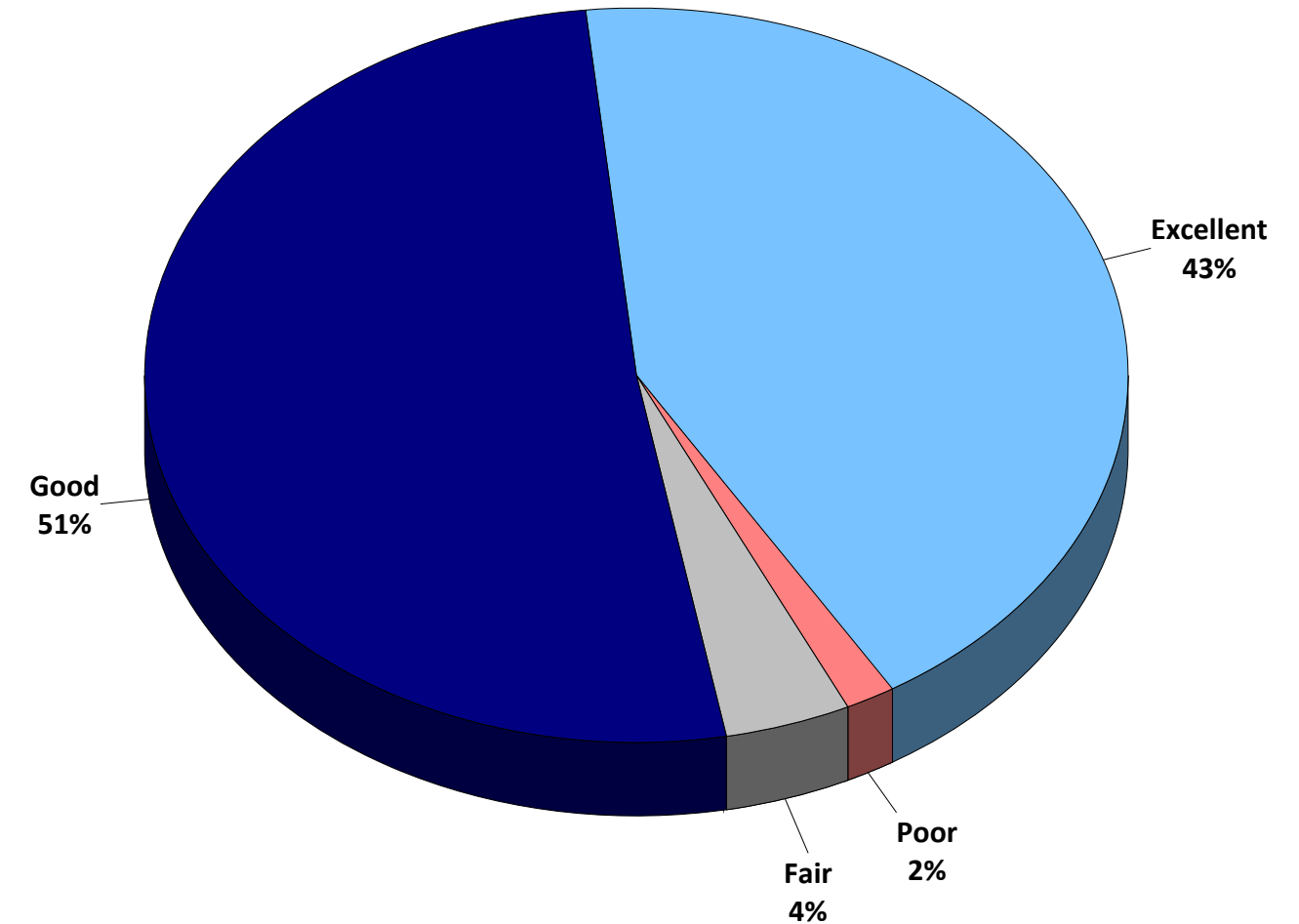
### Q6b. Three primary reasons households participate in programs

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



### Q6c. How would you rate the overall quality of the recreation programs that you and members of your household have participated in?

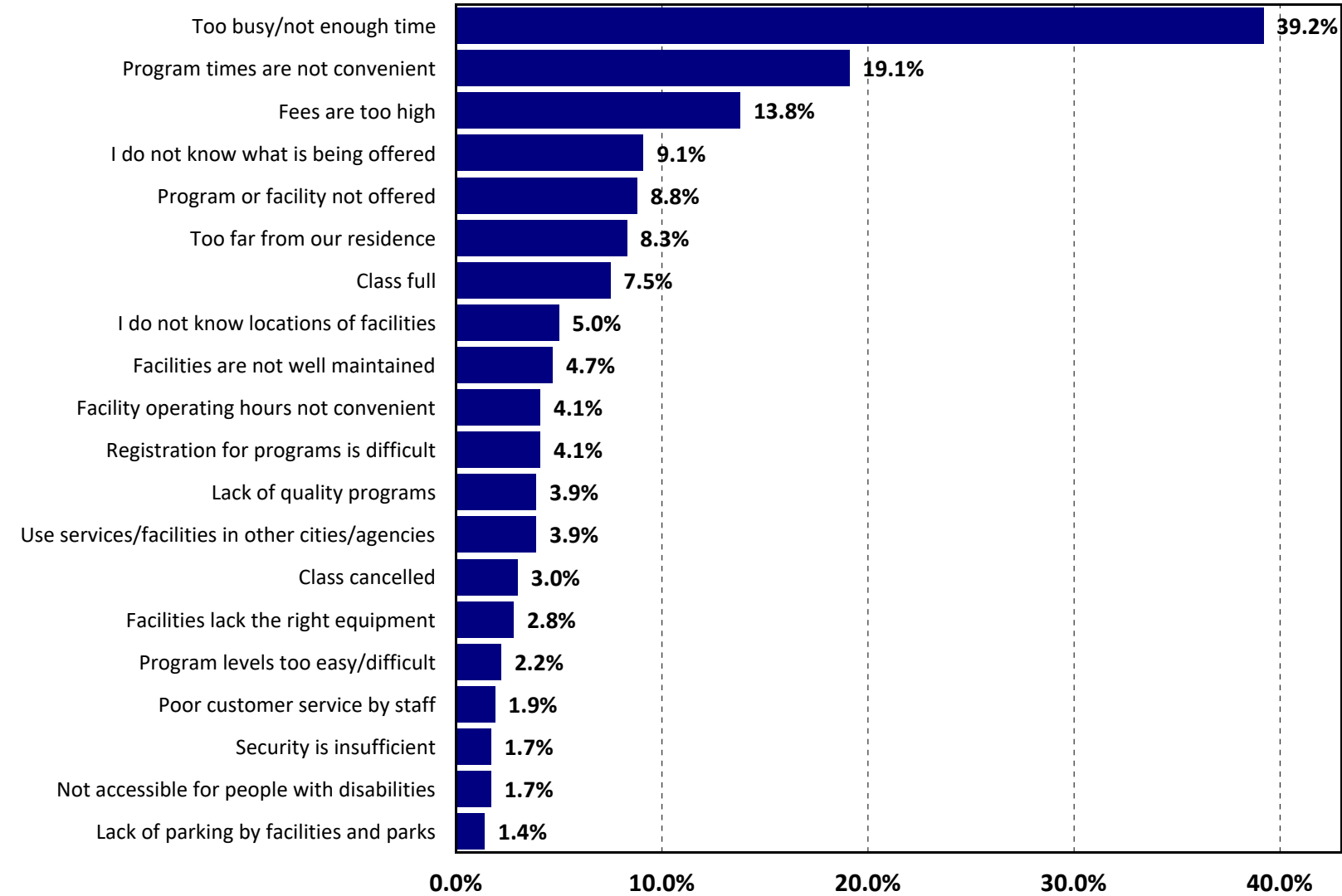
By percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")





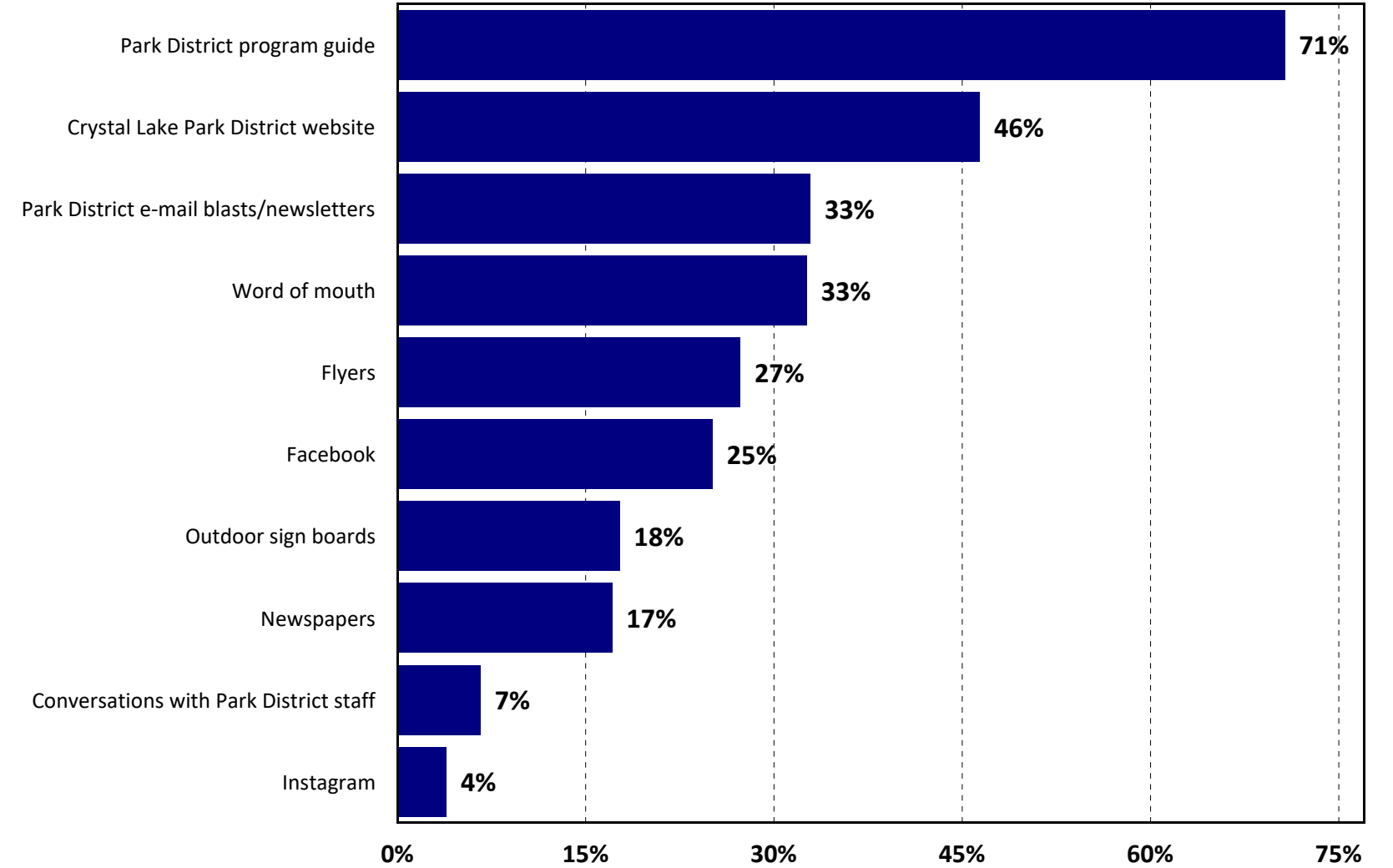
### Q7. Barriers to parks, facilities or programs use

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



### Q8. Ways respondents learn about Parks District programs, activities, and events

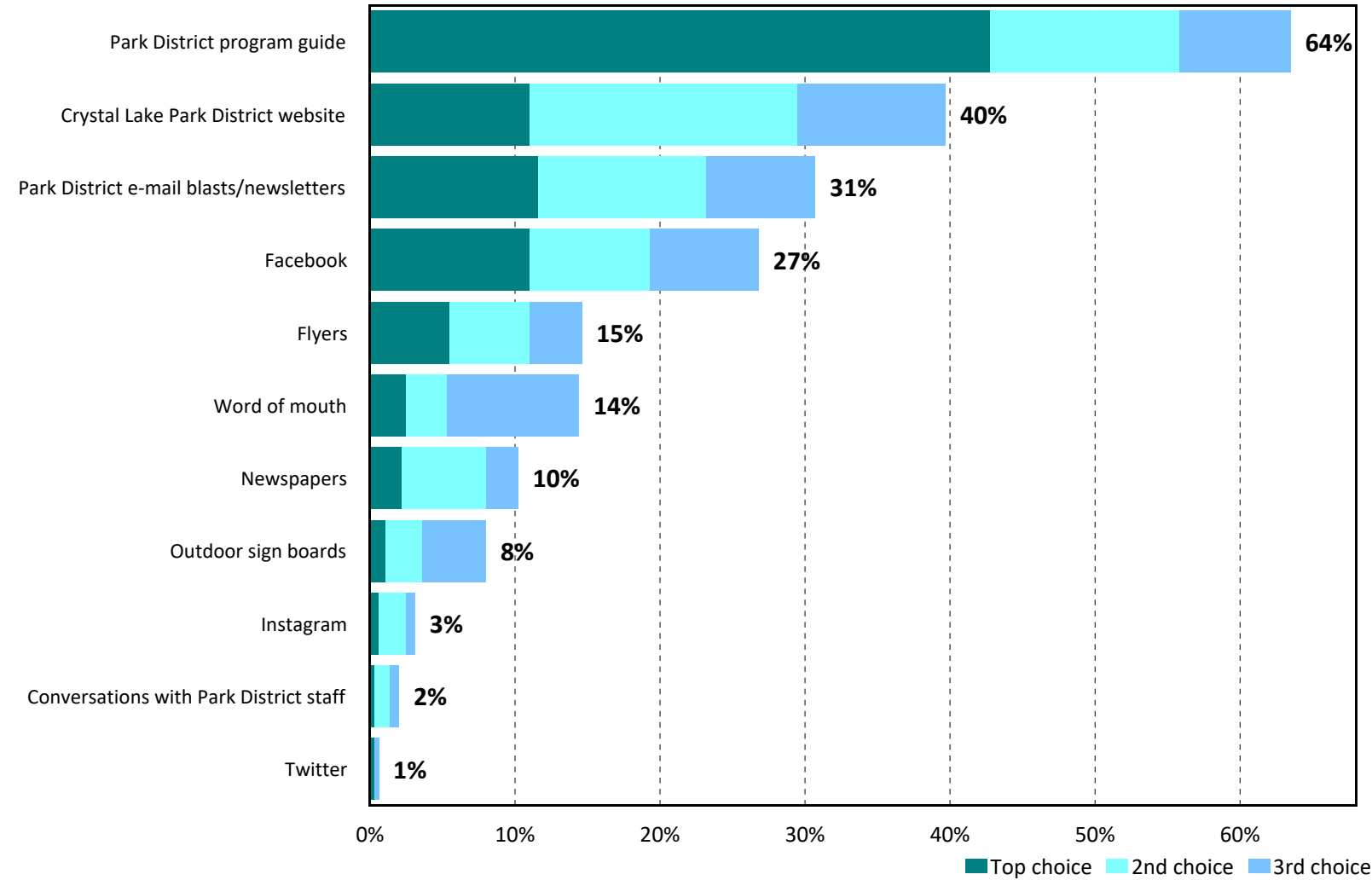
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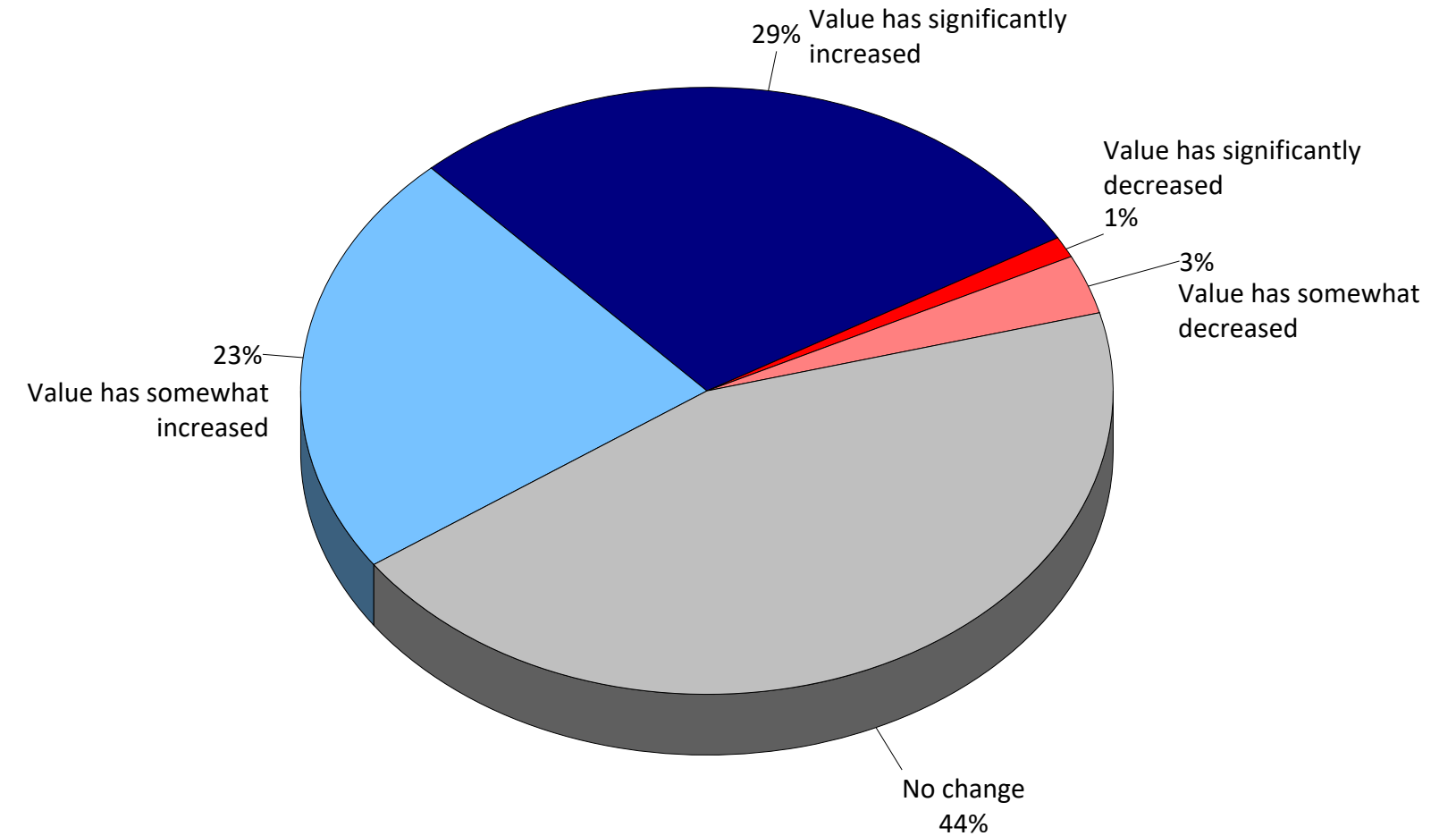
### Q9. Most preferred communication methods to learn about Parks District programs and services

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top three choices



### Q10. Given the recent COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, how has your household's perception of the value of parks, trails, open spaces, and recreation changed?

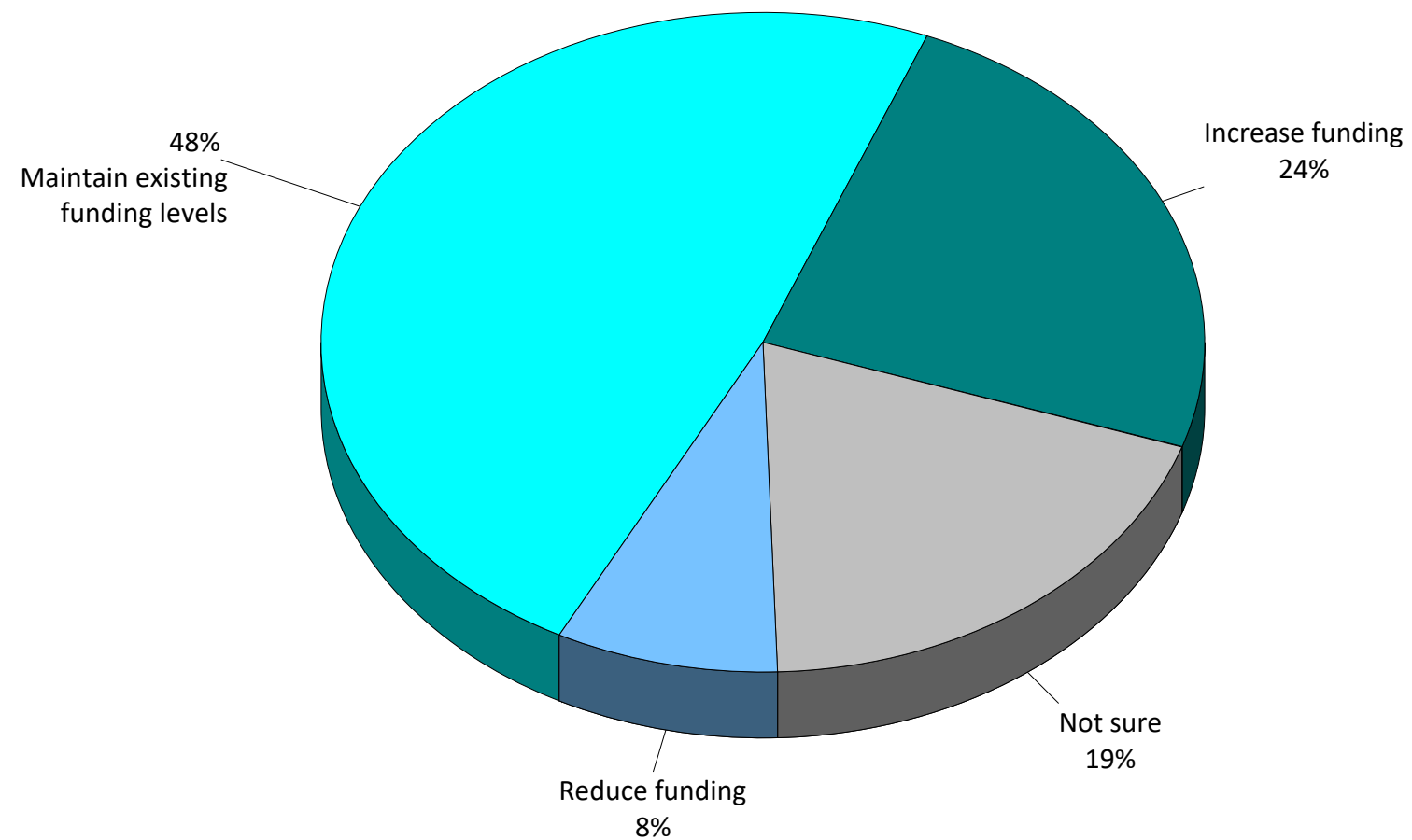
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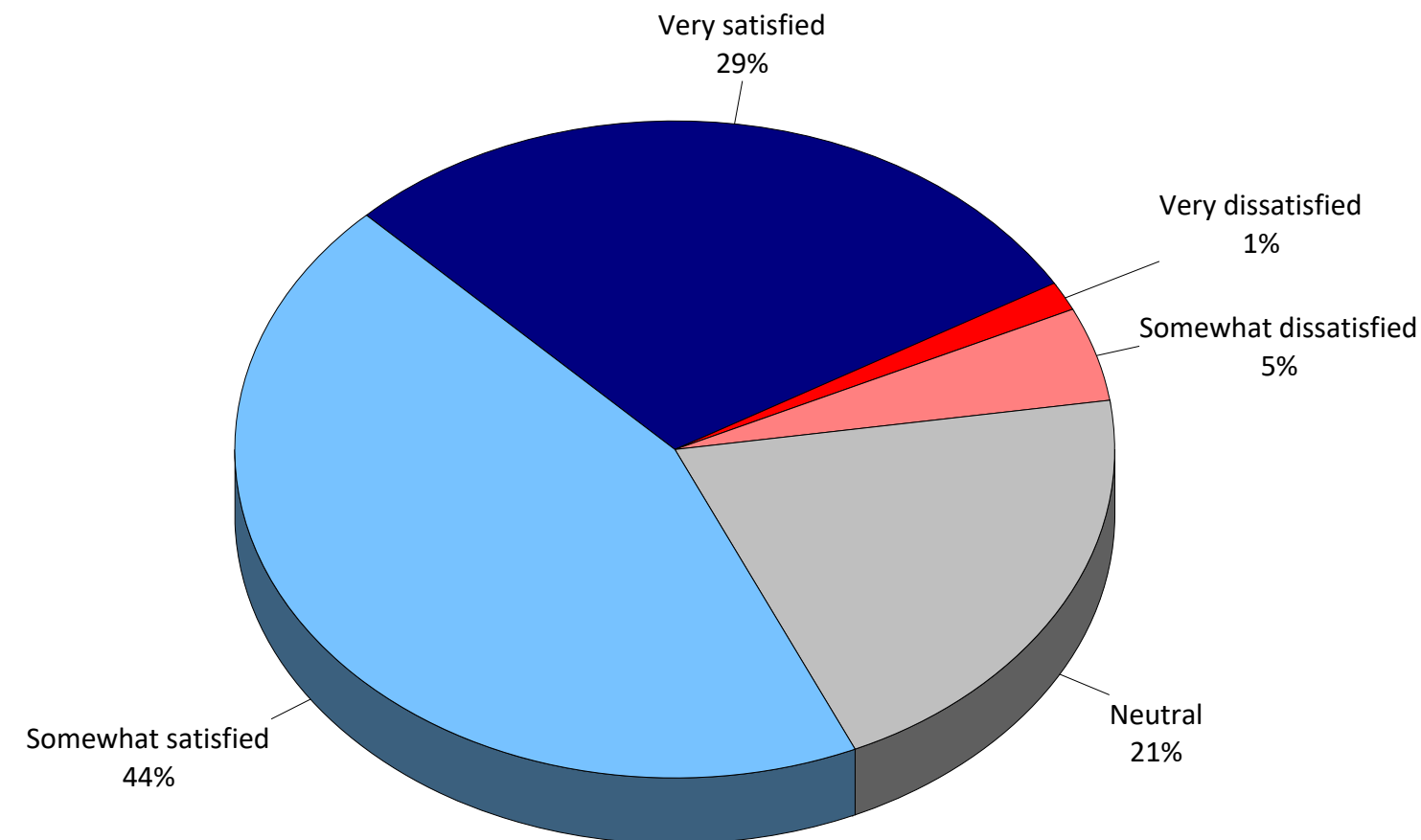
### Q11. Based on your perception of value, how would you want the Crystal Lake Park District to fund future parks, recreation, trails, and open space needs?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



### Q12. Please rate your satisfaction with the overall value your household receives from the Crystal Lake Park District.

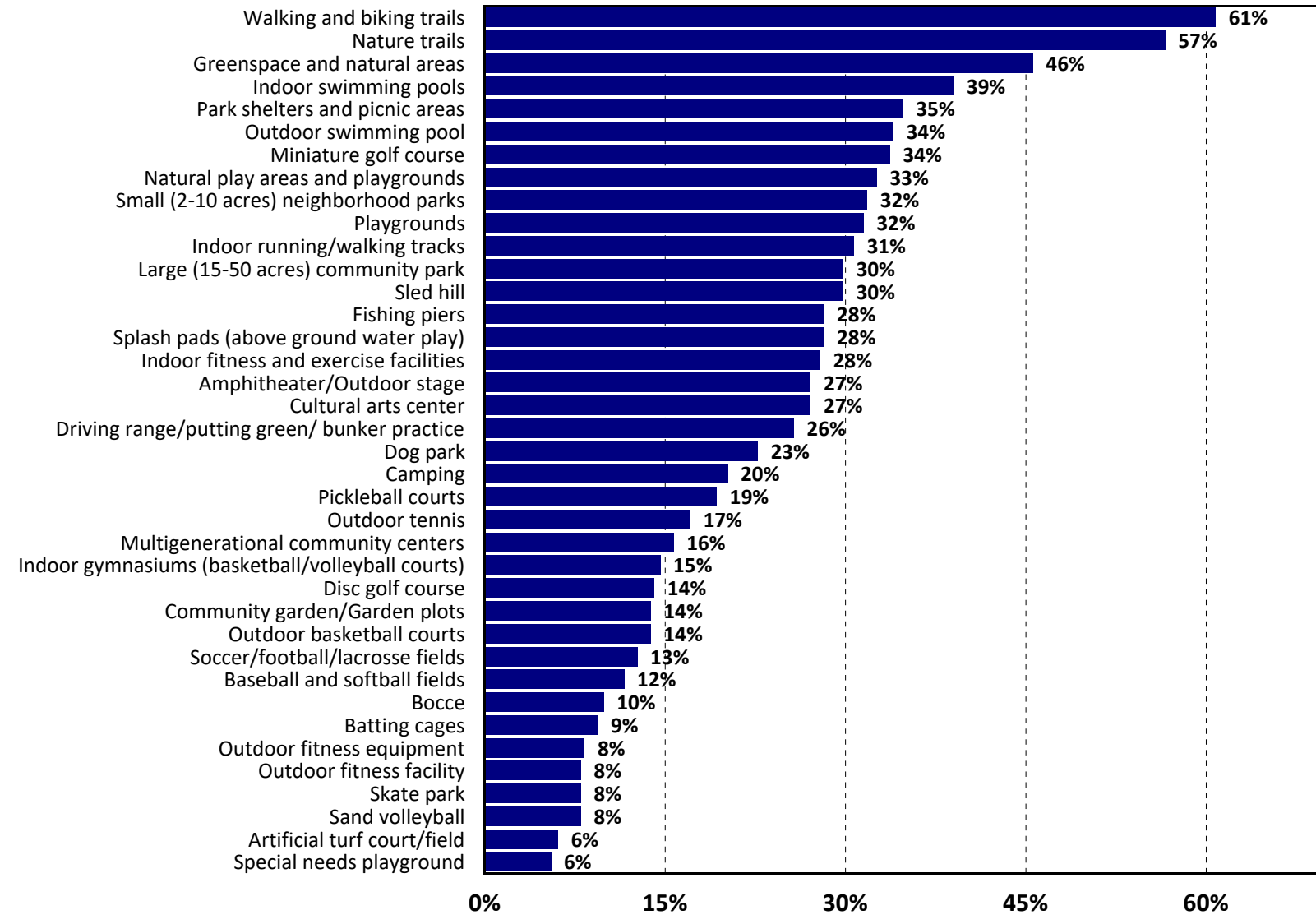
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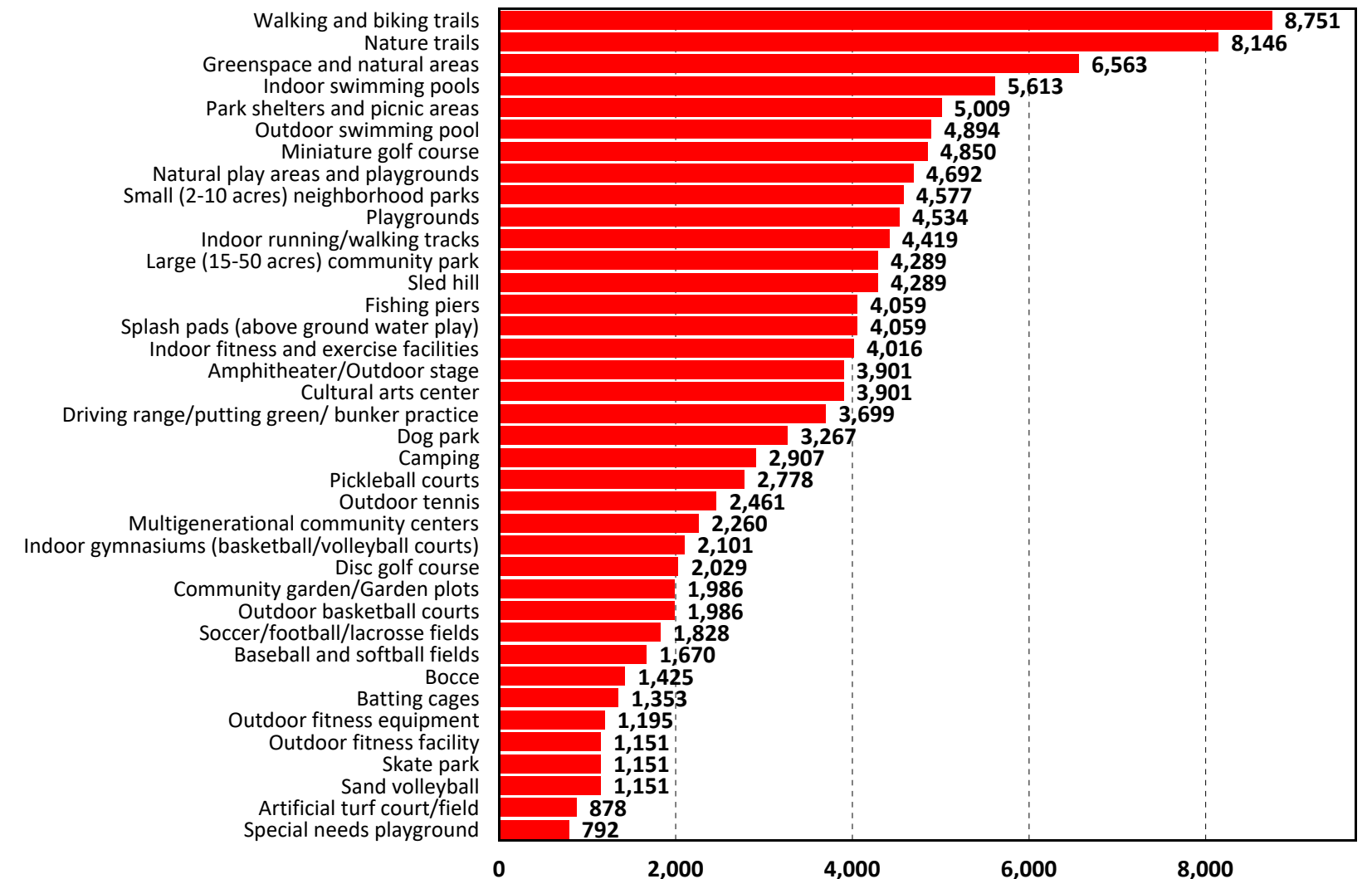
### Q13. Respondents With Need for Recreation Amenity/Facility

by percentage of respondents



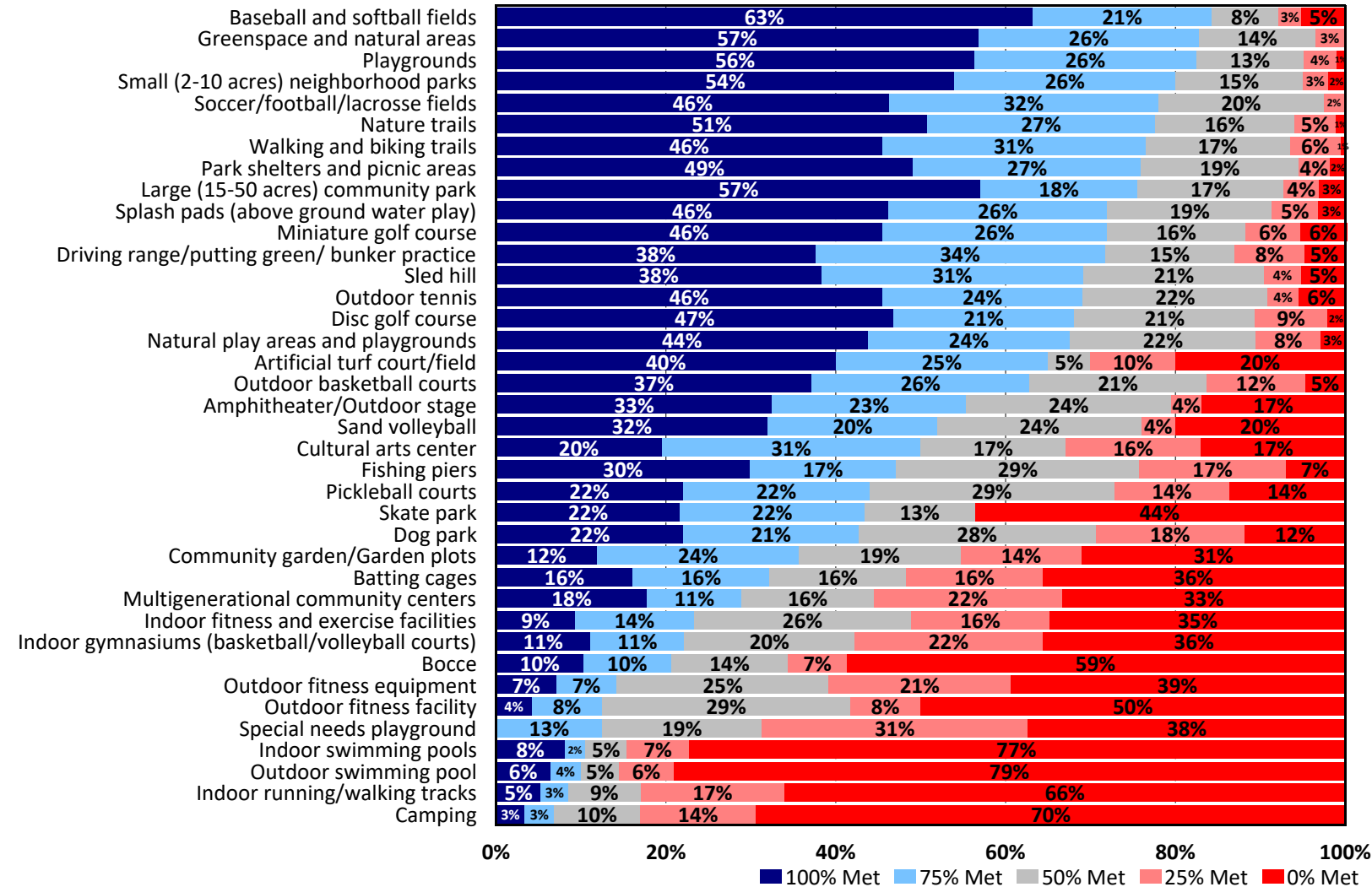
### Q13a. Estimated Number of Households Who Have a Need for Recreation Amenity/Facility

by number of households based on an estimated 14,393 households in Crystal Lake



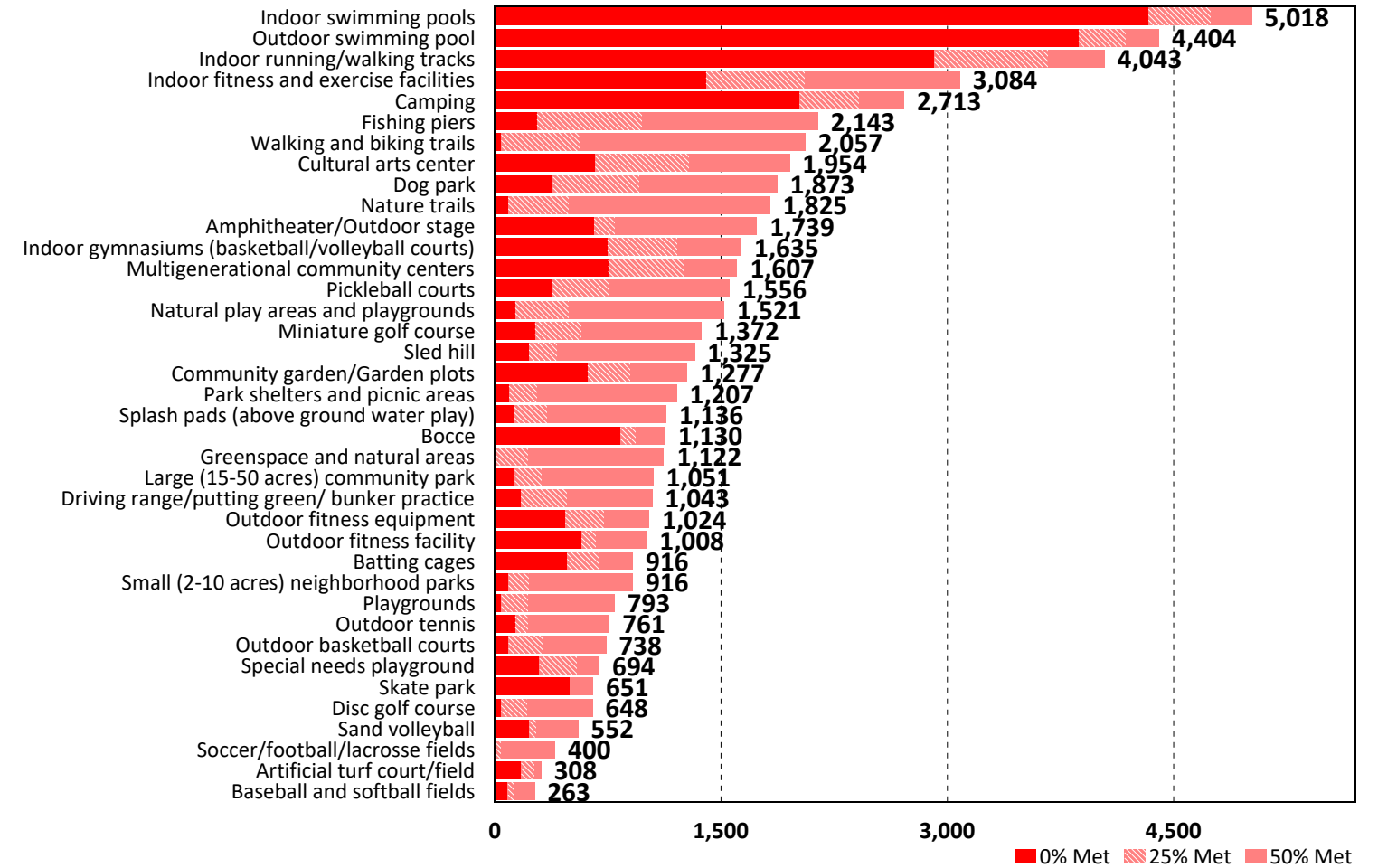
### Q13b. How Well Households' Needs For Recreation Amenities/Facilities Are Currently Being Met

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q13



### Q13. Estimated Number of Households Whose Recreation Amenity/Facility Needs are Met 50% or Less

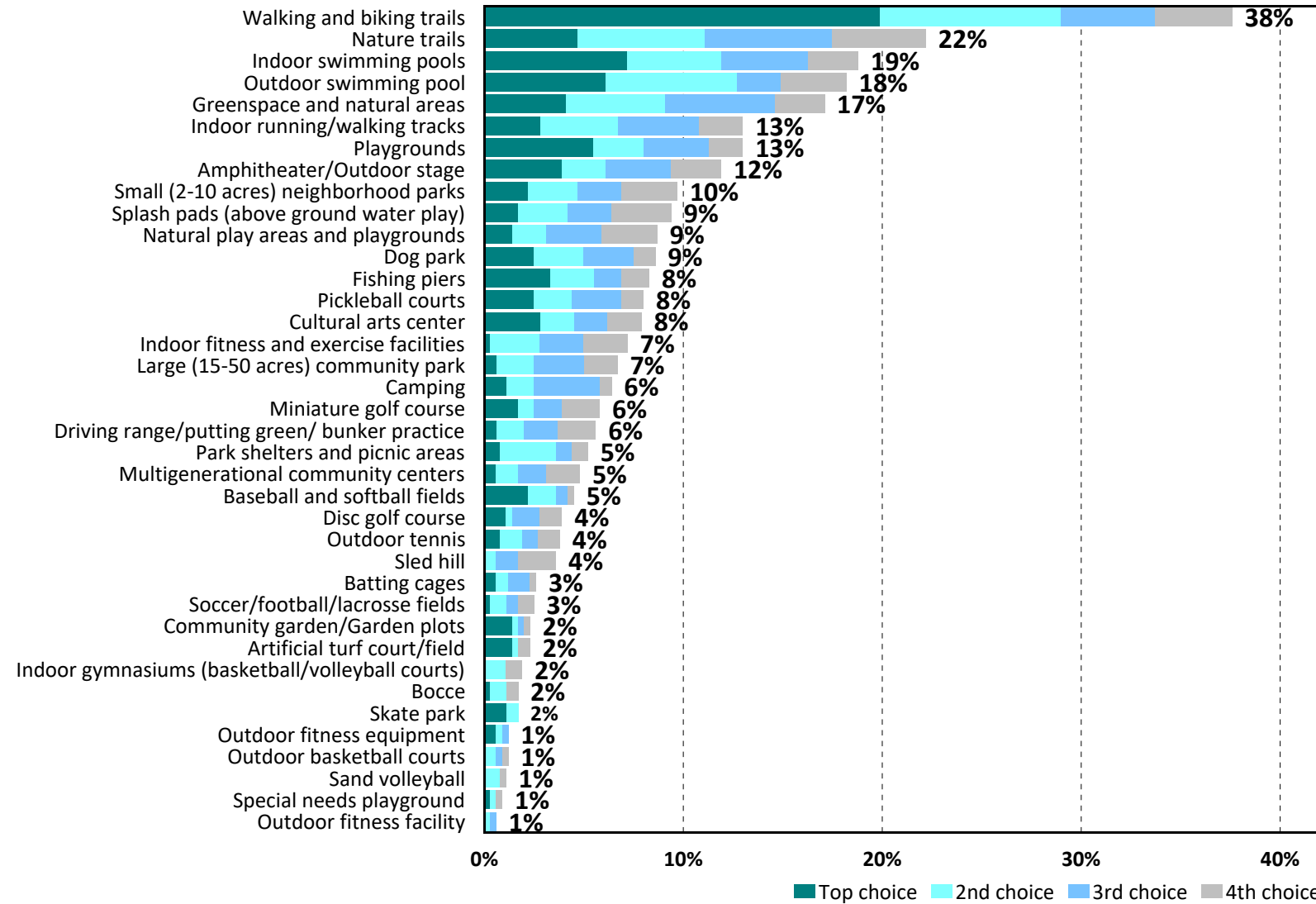
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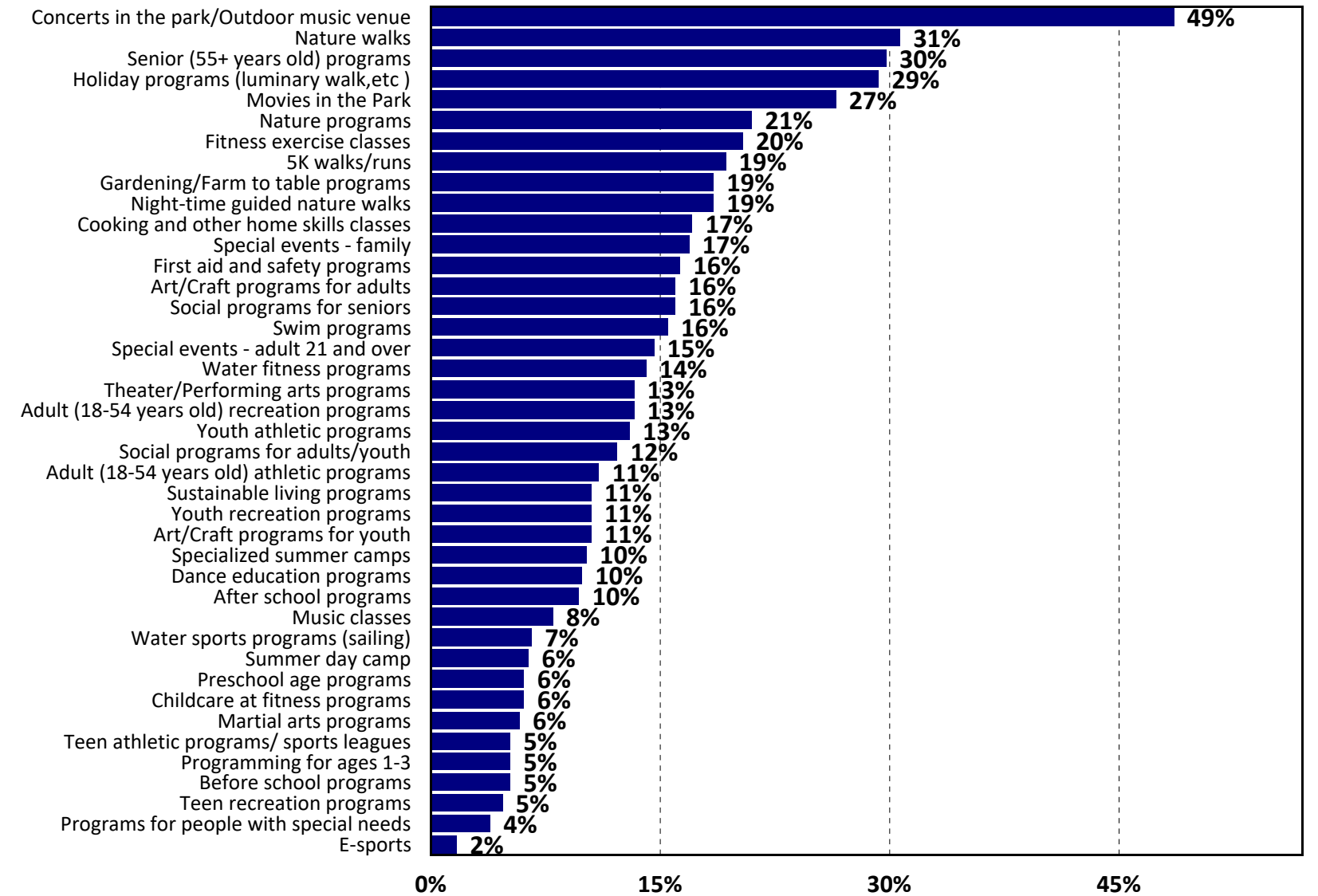
### Q14. Most Important Recreation Amenities/Facilities to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



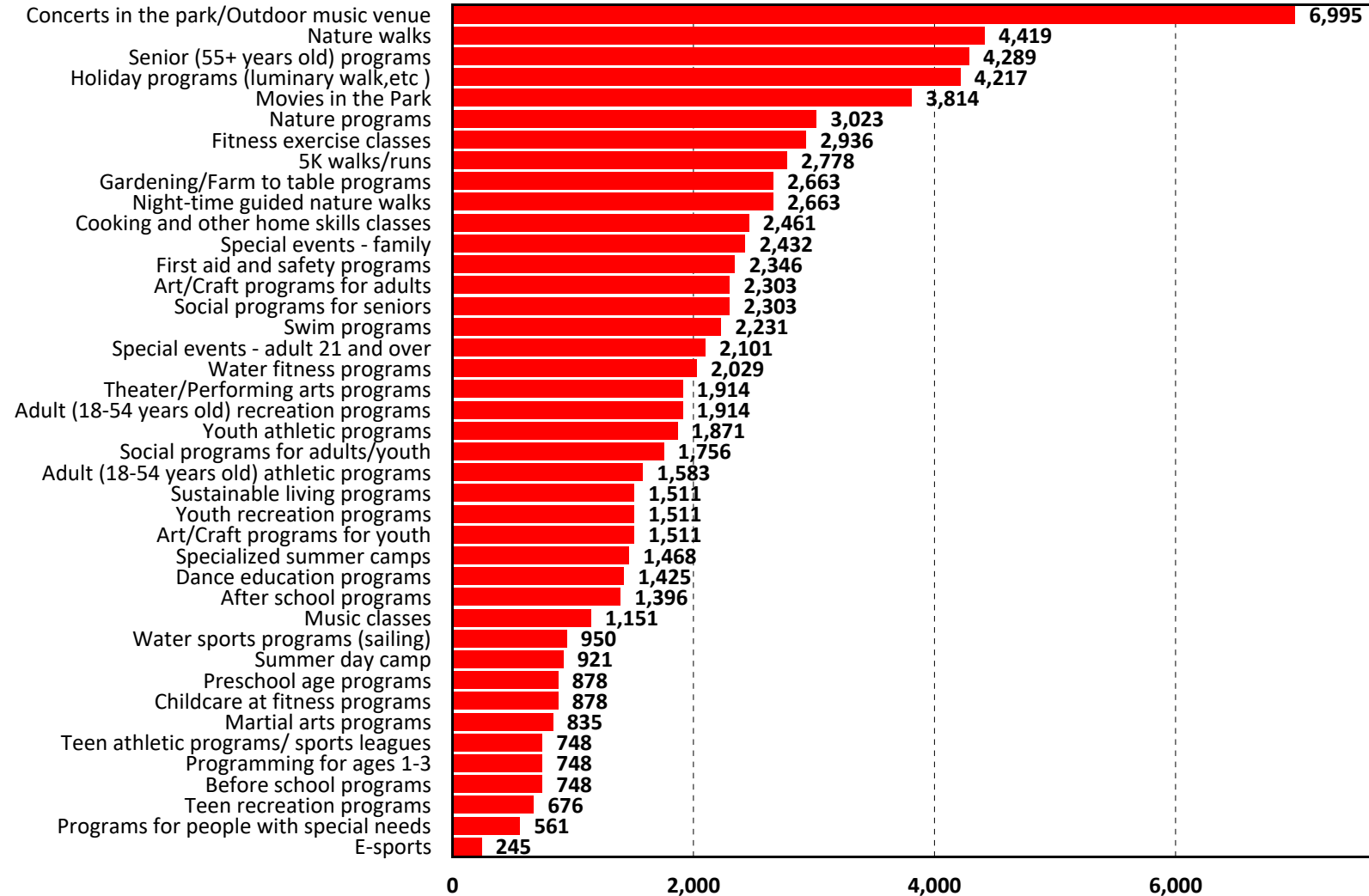
### Q15. Respondents With Need for Recreation Programs

by percentage of respondents



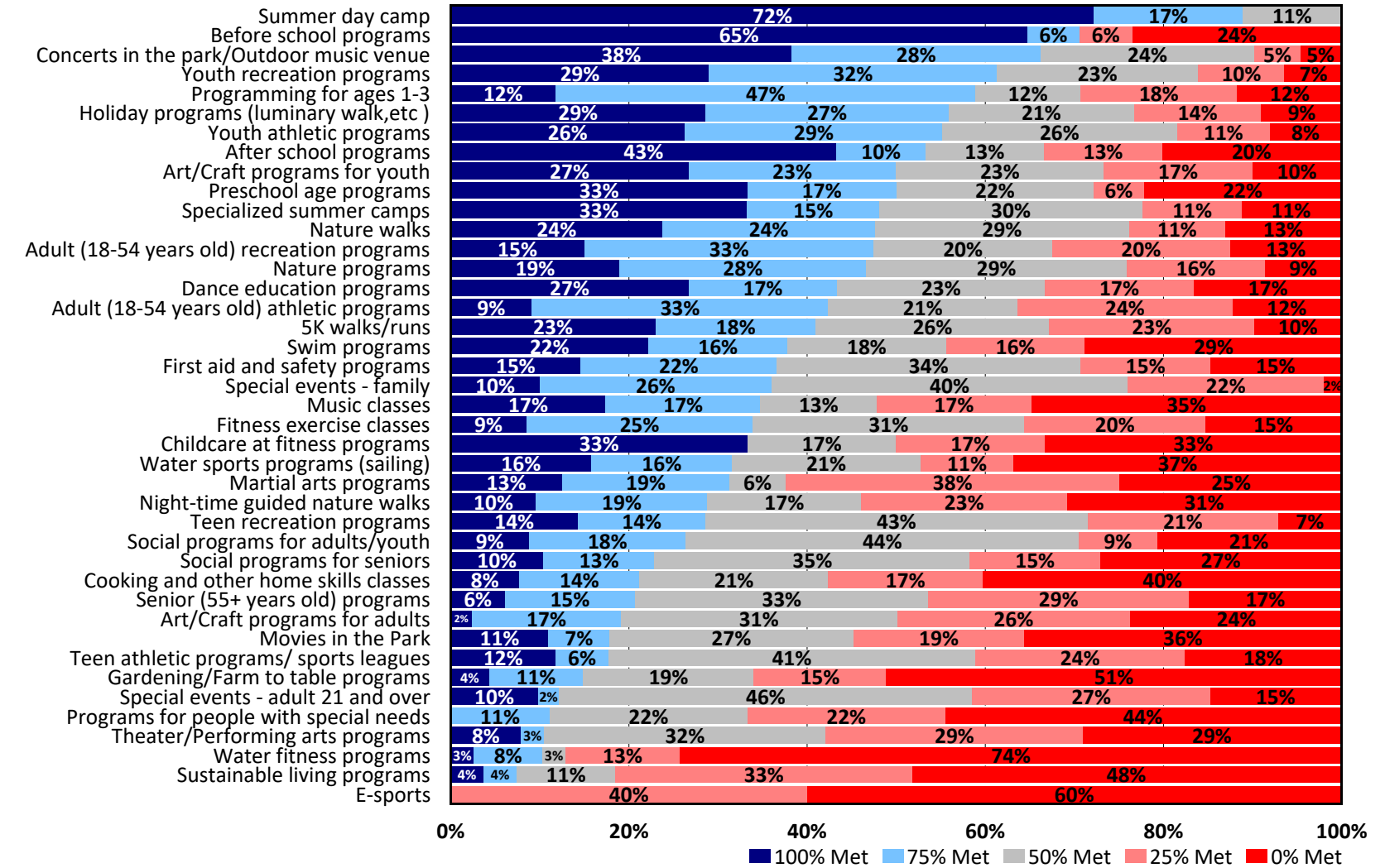
# Q15a. Estimated Number of Households Who Have a Need for Recreation Programs

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# Q15b. How Well Households' Needs For Recreation Programs Are Currently Being Met

by percentage of respondents who answered "Yes" to Q15

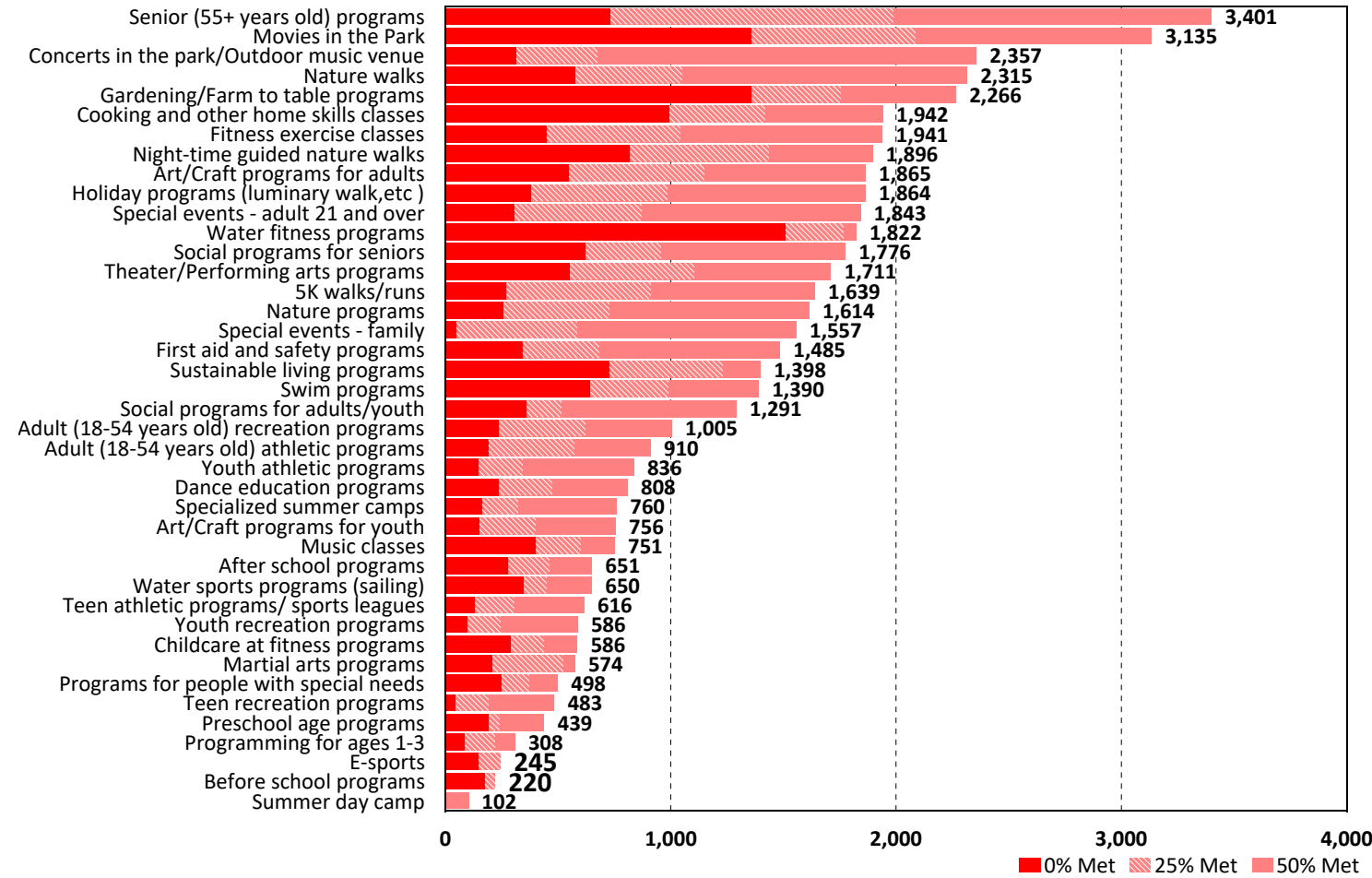




### Q15c. Estimated Number of Households Whose Recreation Program Needs are Met 50% or Less

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by number of households based on an estimated 14,393 households in Crystal Lake

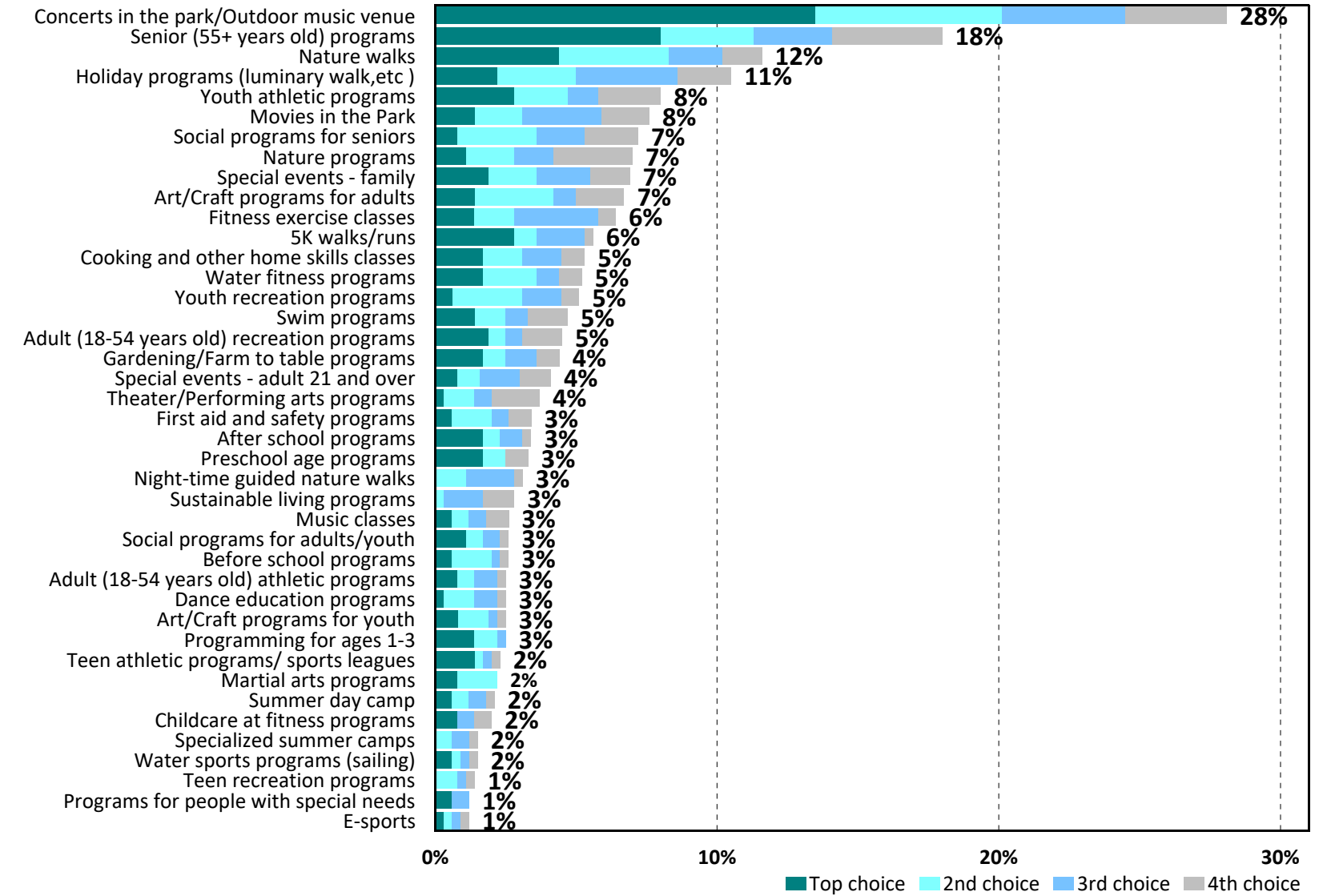


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### Q16. Most Important Recreation Programs to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices

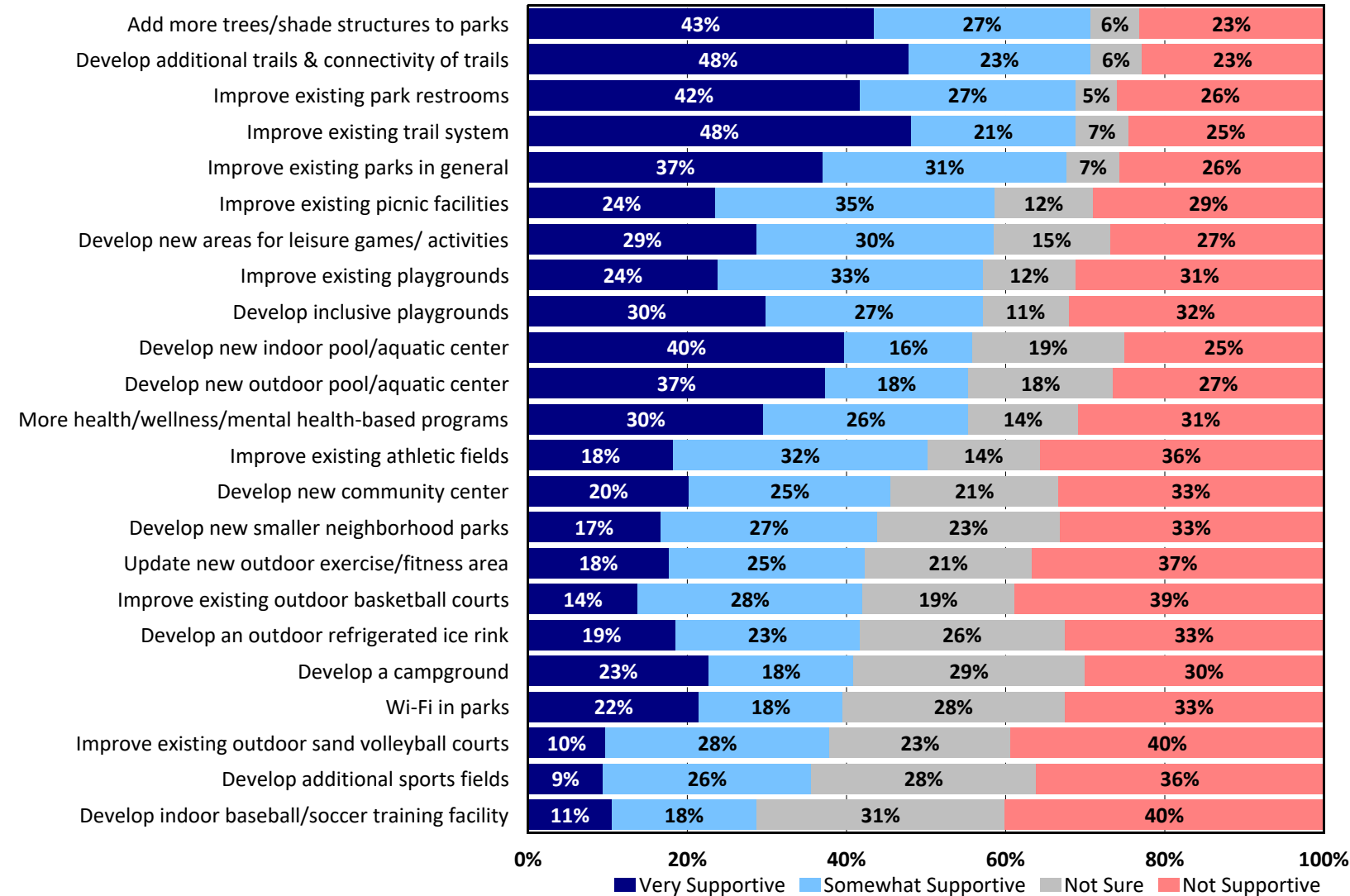


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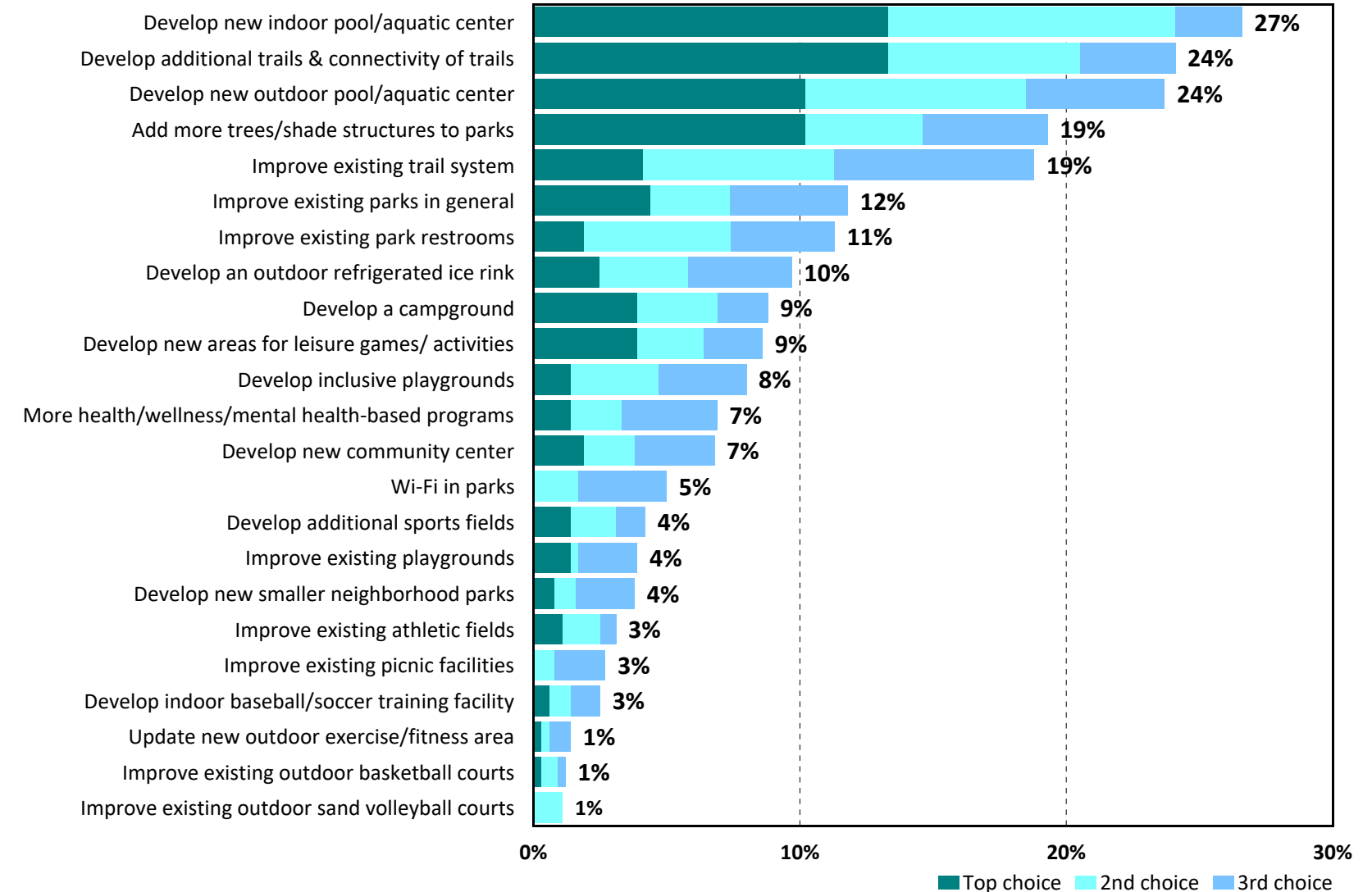
### Q17. Level of Support for Improvements to the Parks and Recreation System

by percentage of respondents



### Q18. Improvements respondents would be most willing to fund

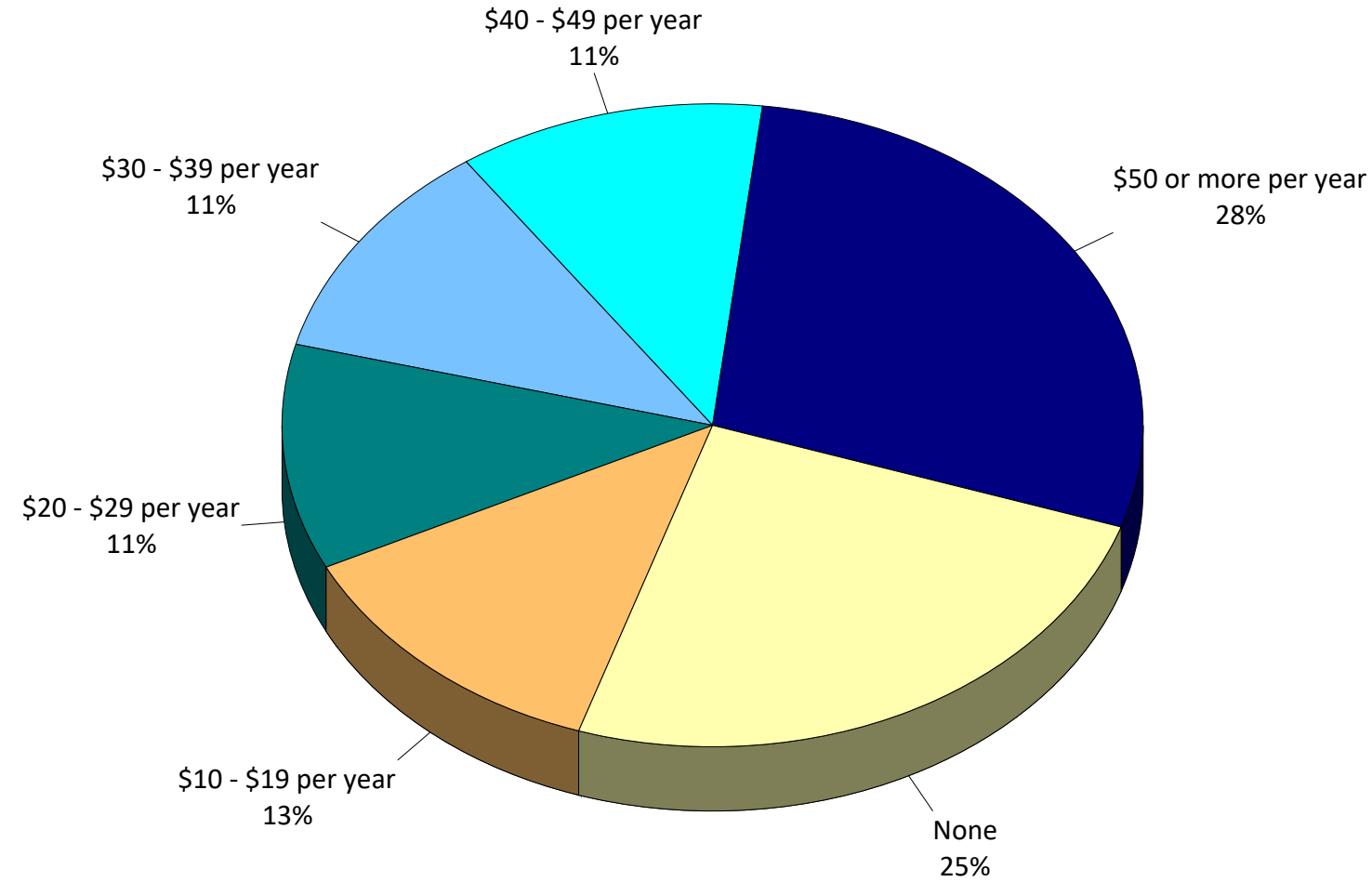
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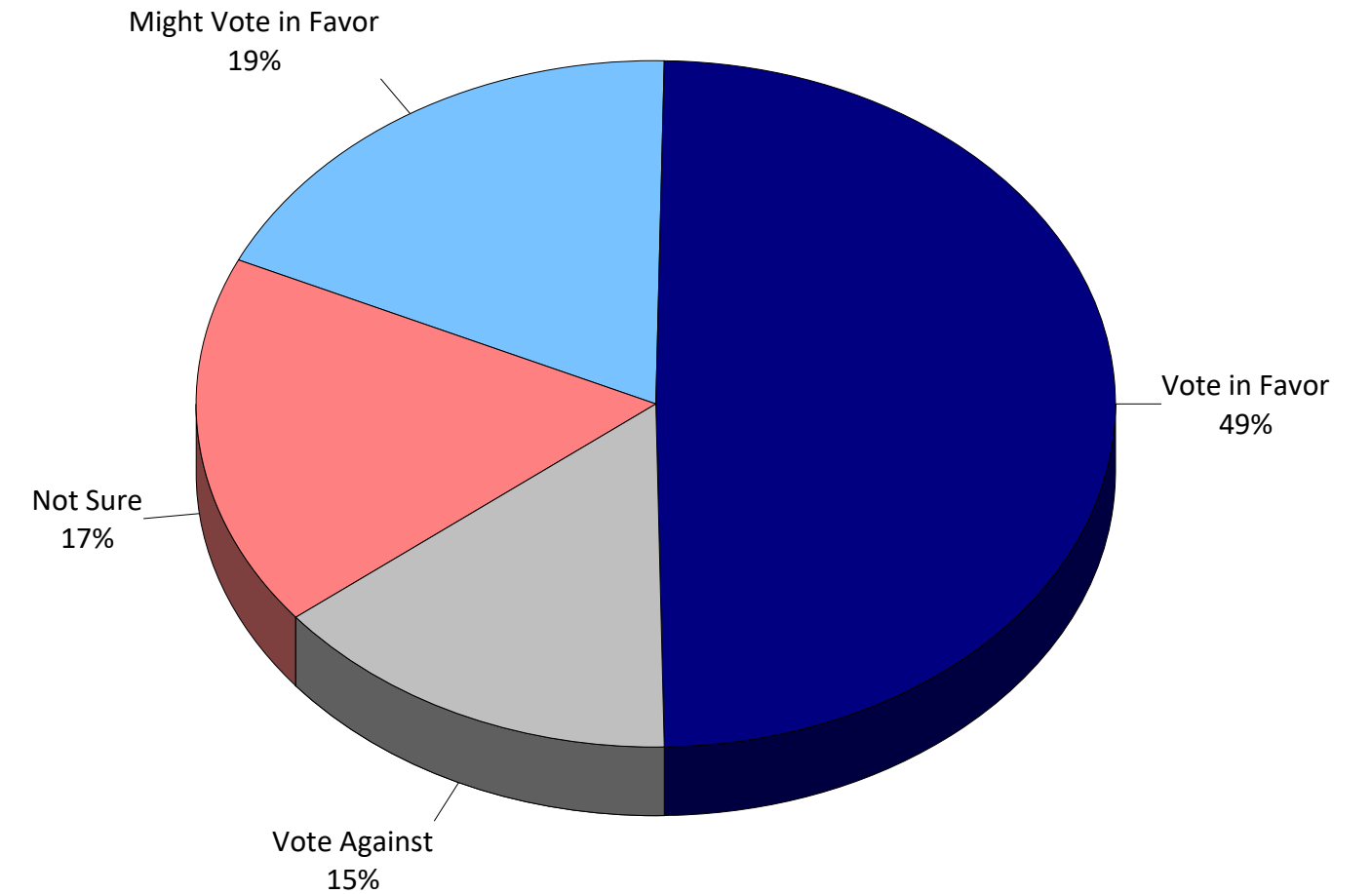
### Q19. What is the maximum amount of additional annual property tax you would be willing to pay for the improvements?

by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")



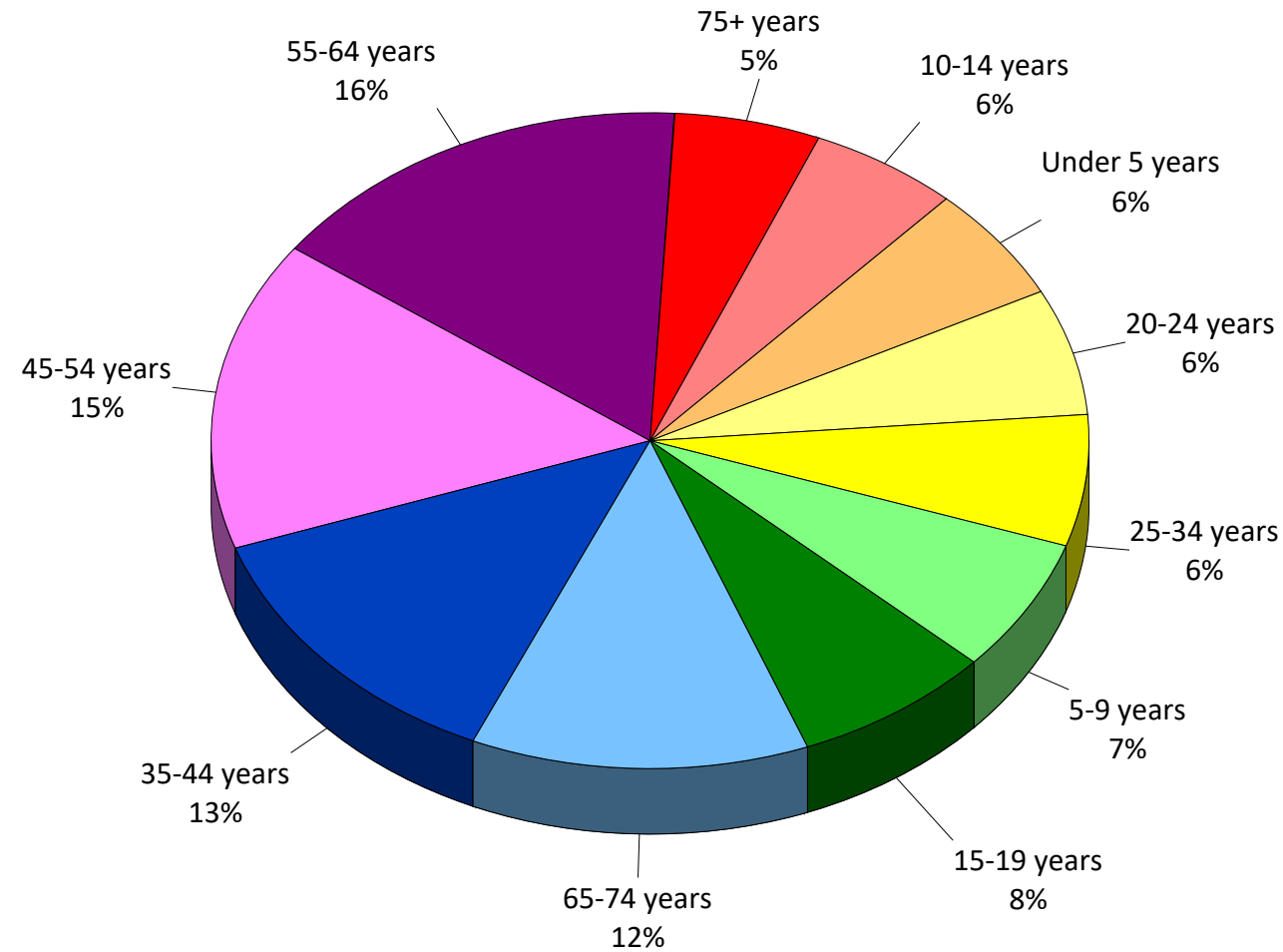
### Q20. If a tax referendum was held to fund the types of improvements that are most important to your household, and for the amount of money you indicated in Question 19, how would you vote?

by percentage of respondents



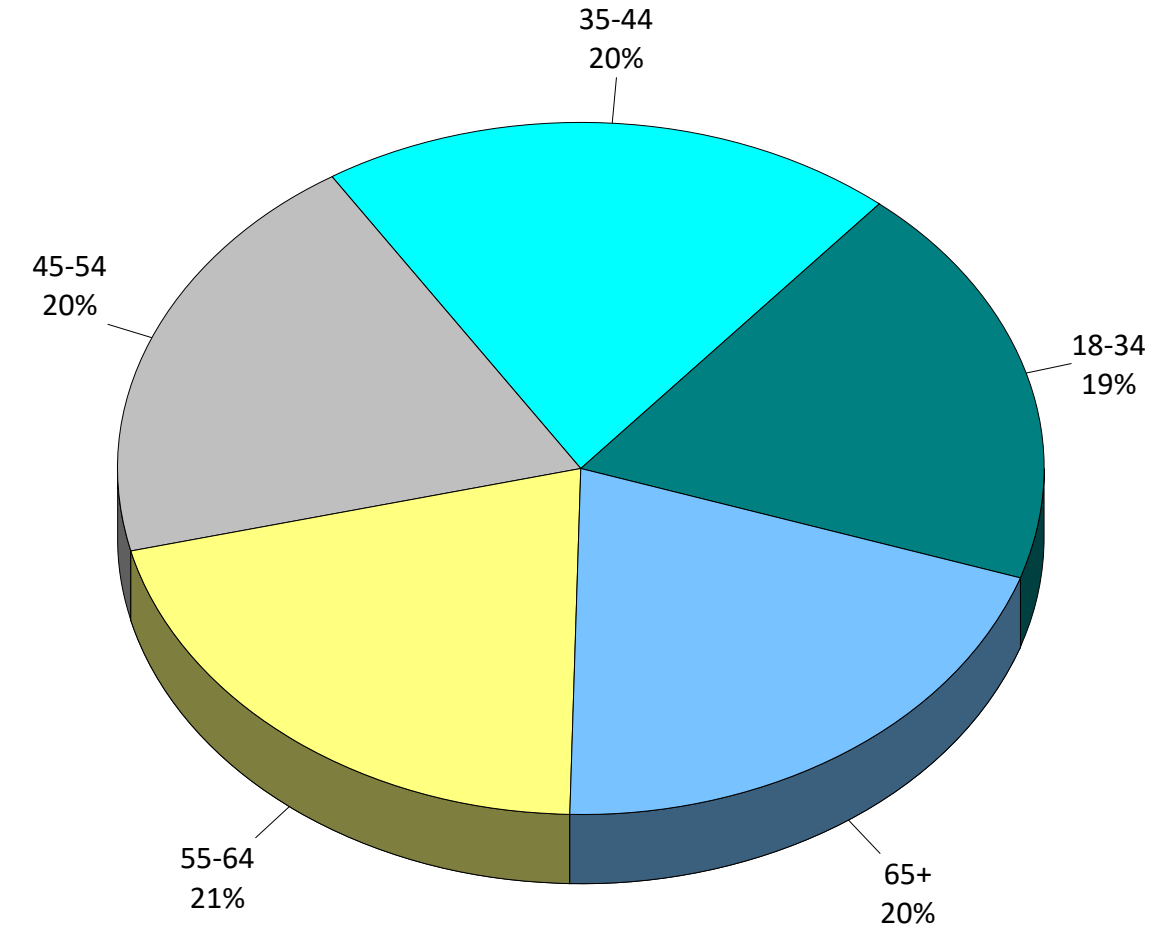
# Q21. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are in the following age groups?

by percentage of persons in household



# Q22. Respondent Age

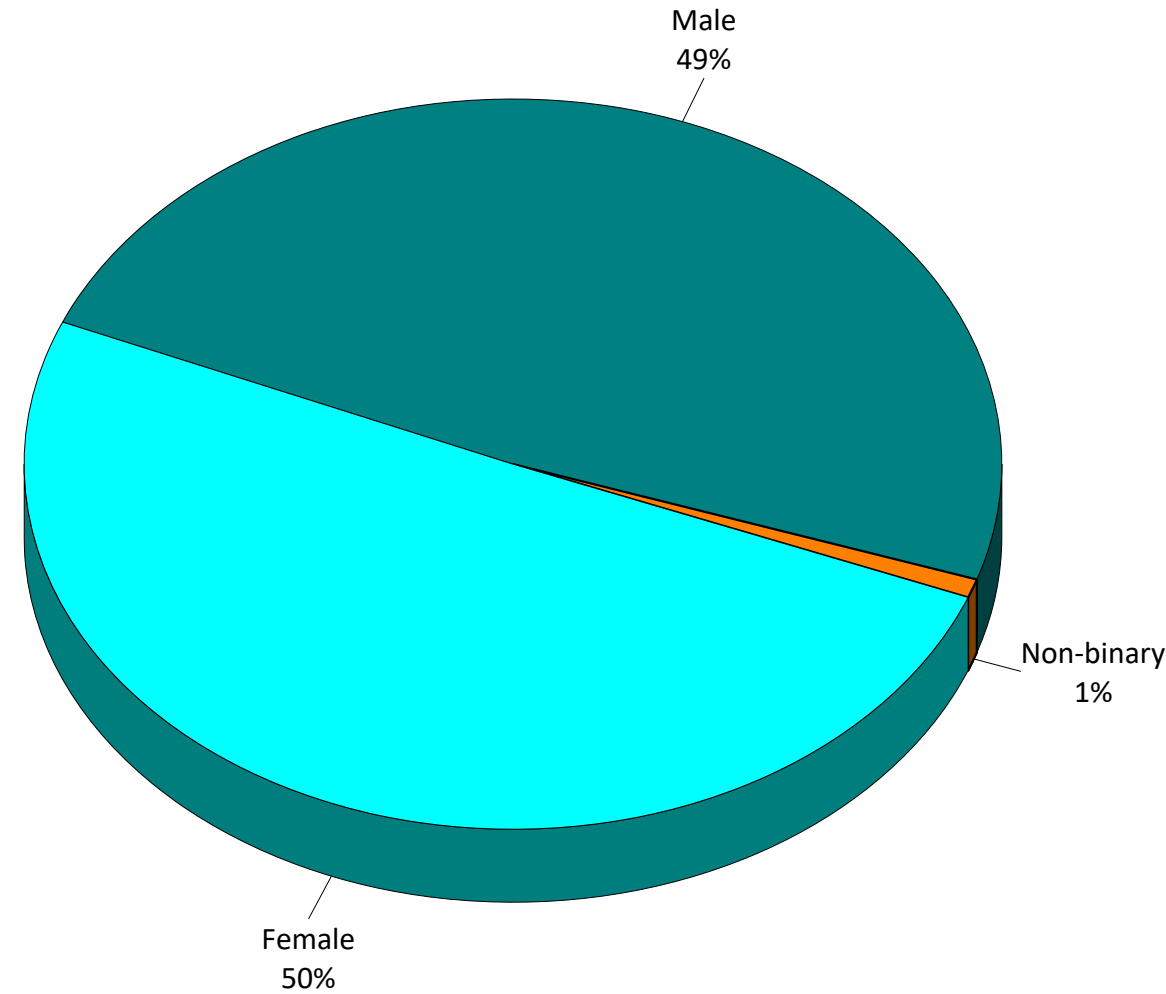
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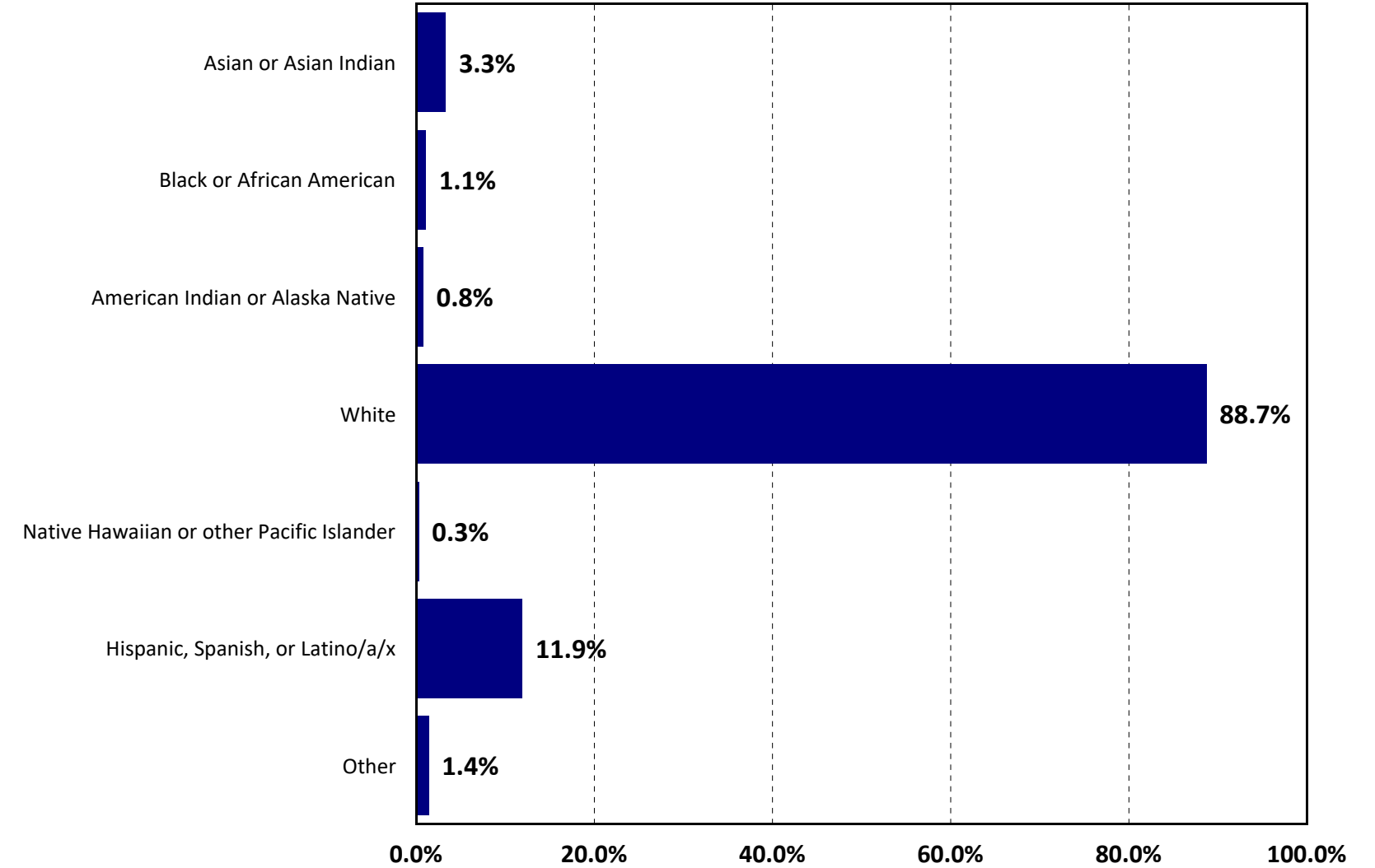
### Q23. Respondent's gender:

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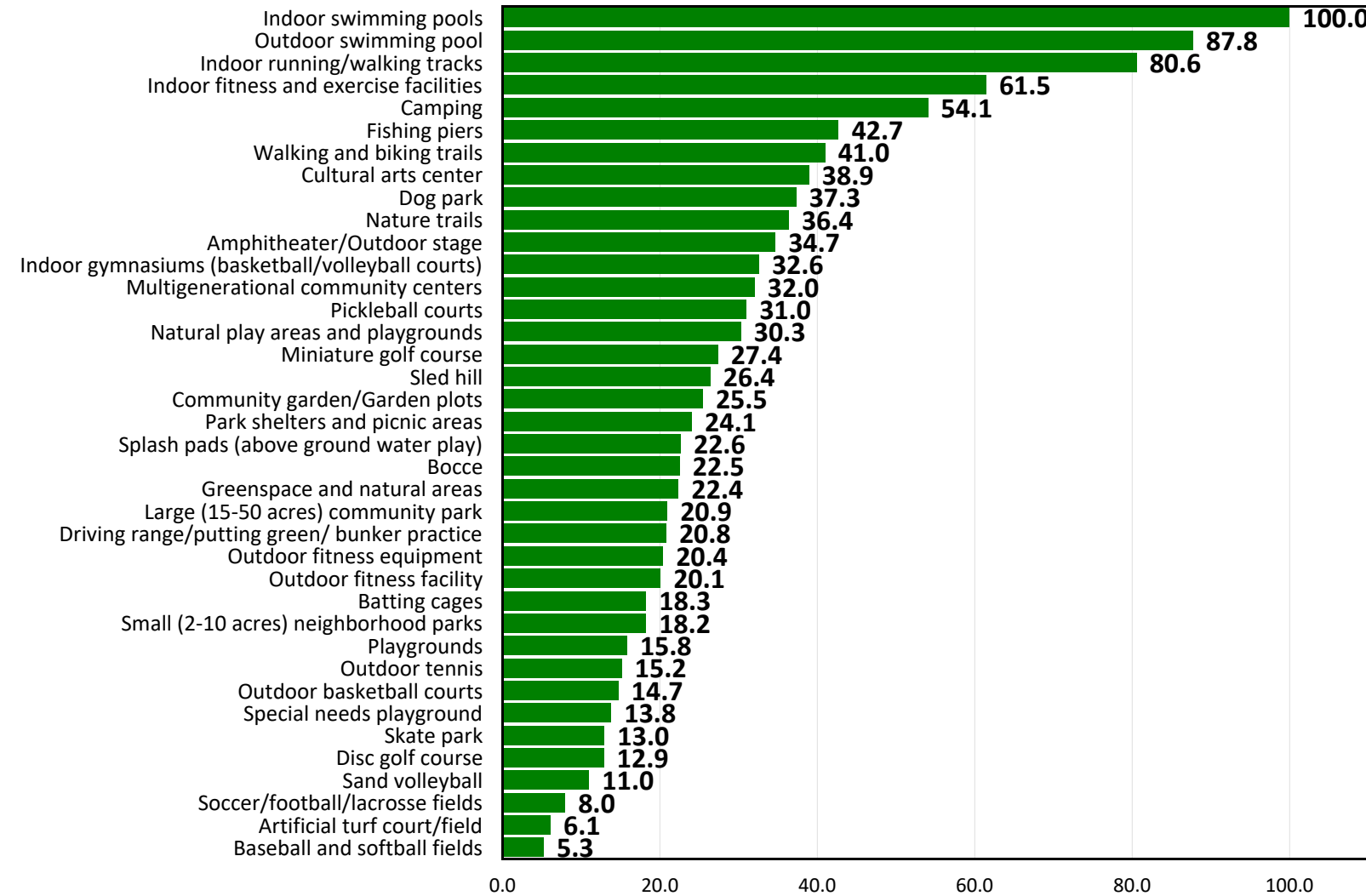
### Q24. Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

by percentage of respondents



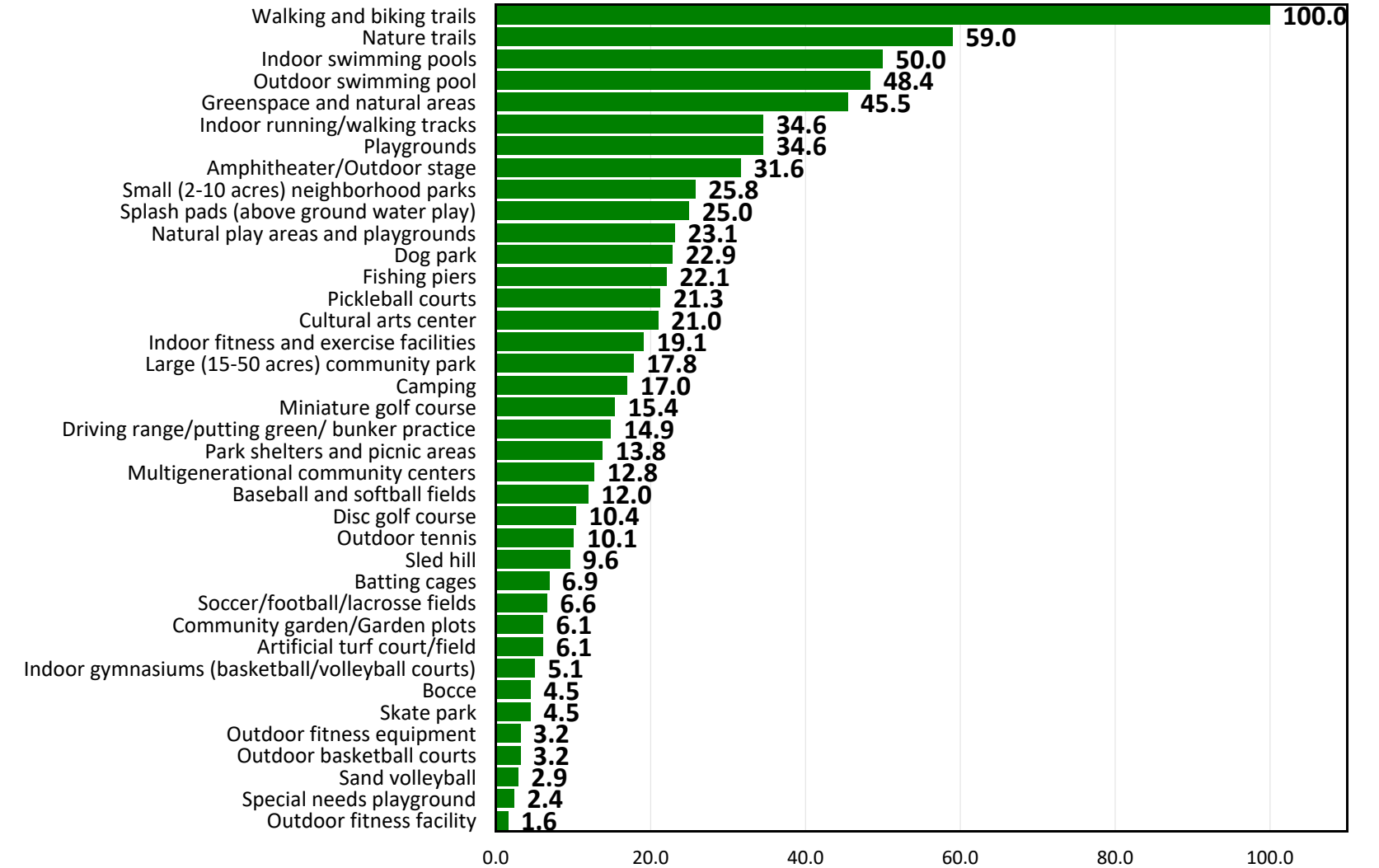
## Unmet Needs Rating for Facility/Amenity

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 the rating of all other items reflects the relative amount of unmet need for each item compared to the item with the most unmet need



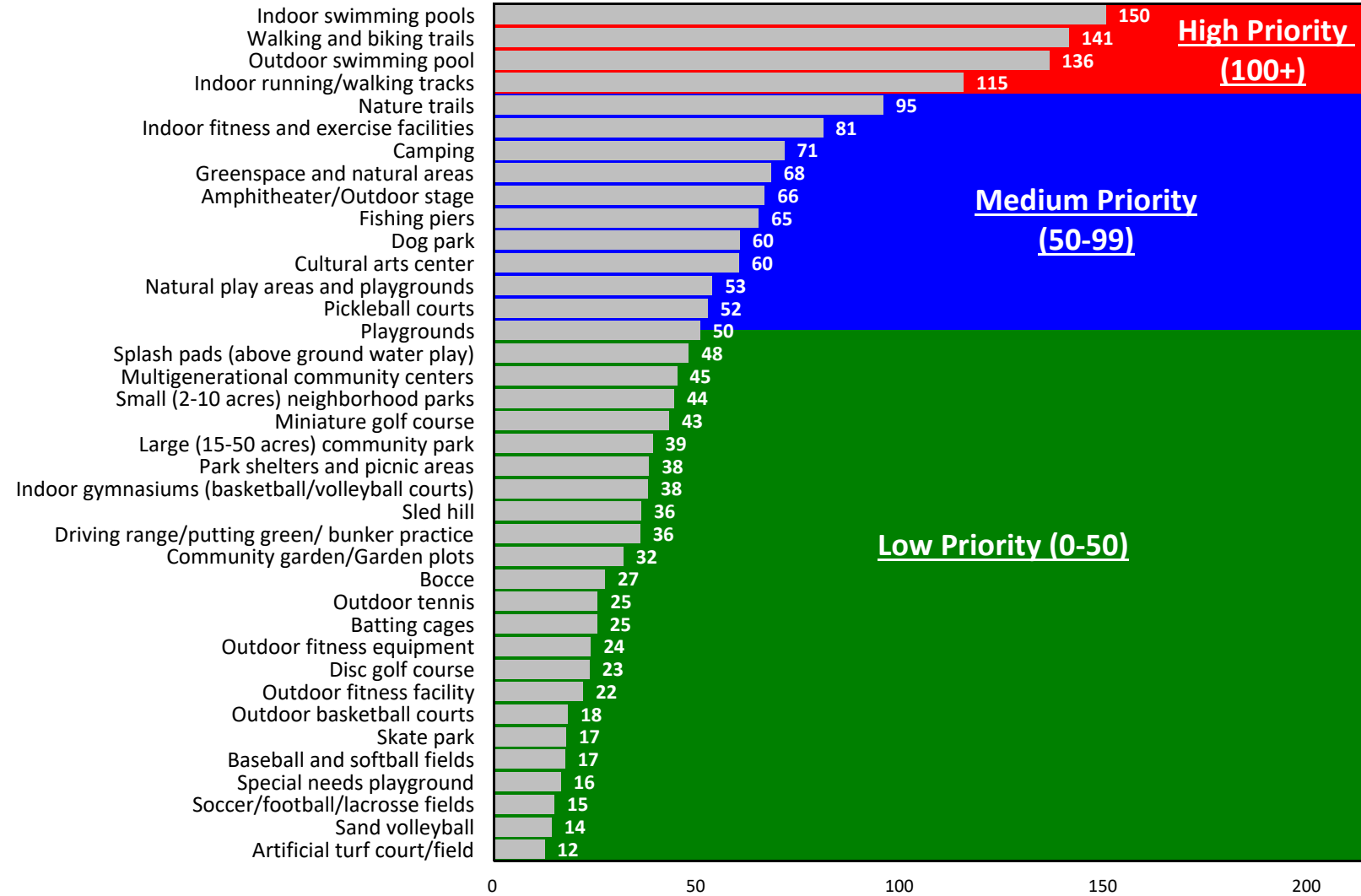
## Importance Rating for Facility/Amenity

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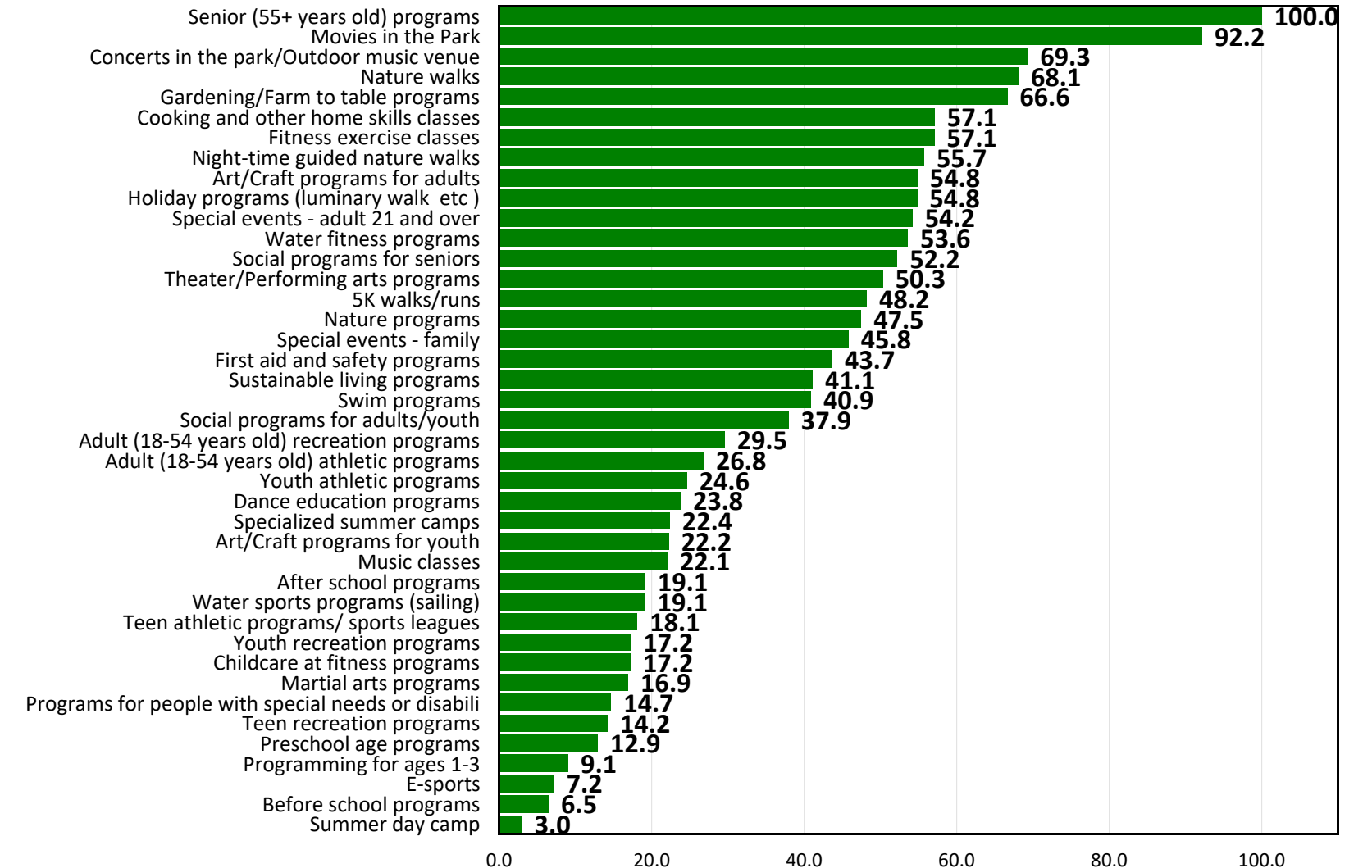


## Top Priorities for Investment for Facility/Amenity Based on Priority Investment Rating



## Unmet Needs Rating for Recreation Programs

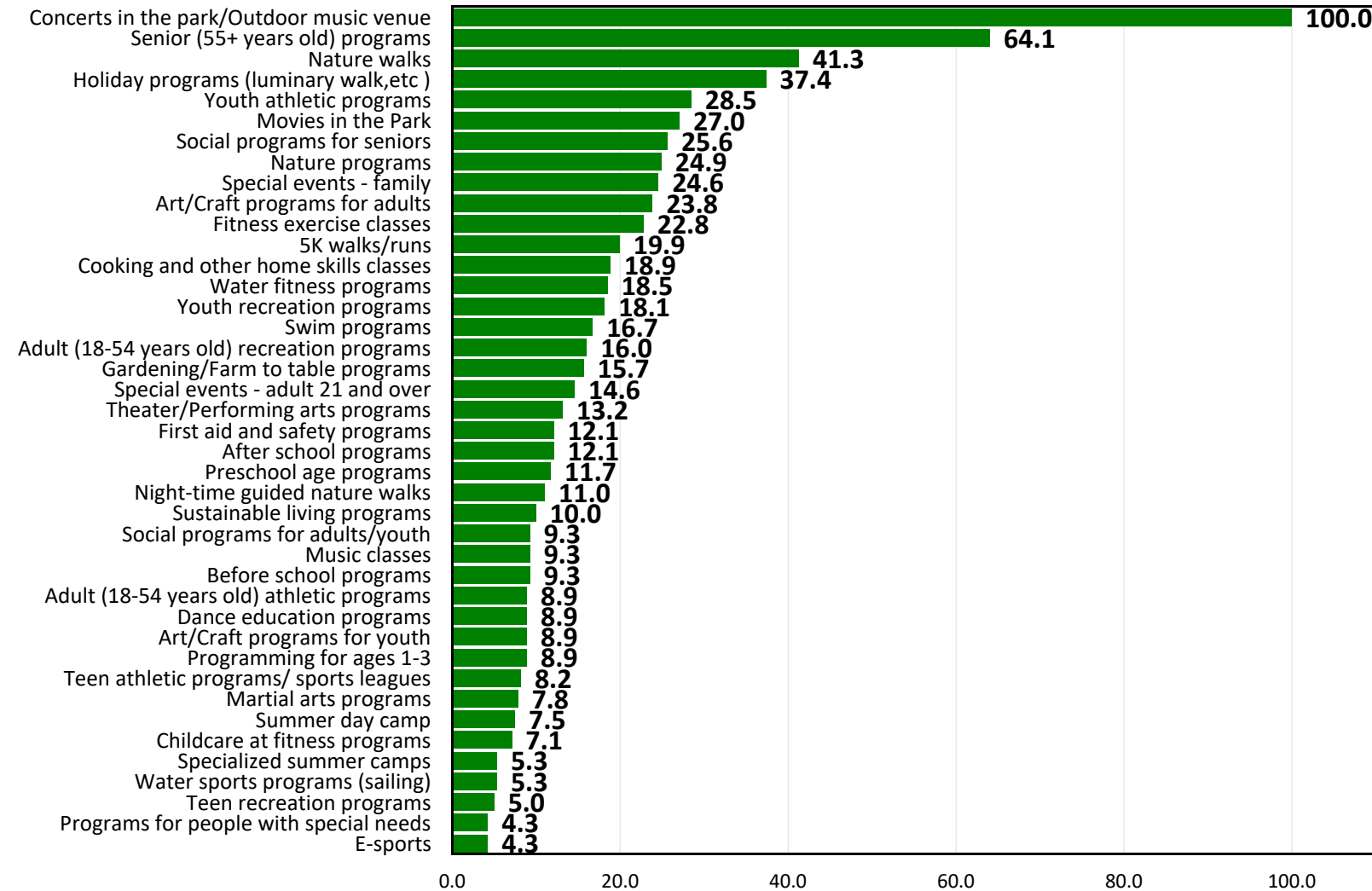
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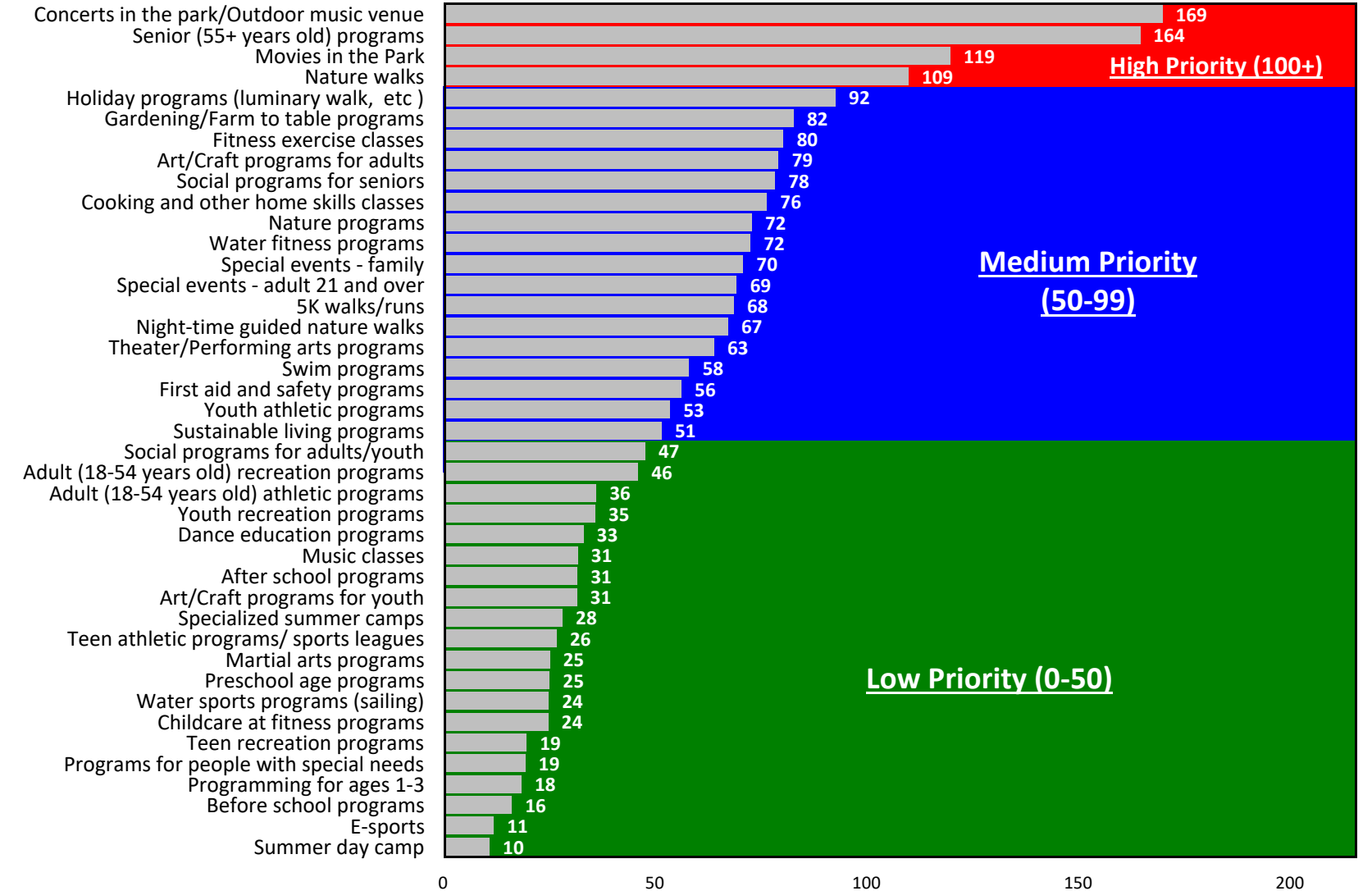
## Importance Rating for Recreation Programs

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## Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating



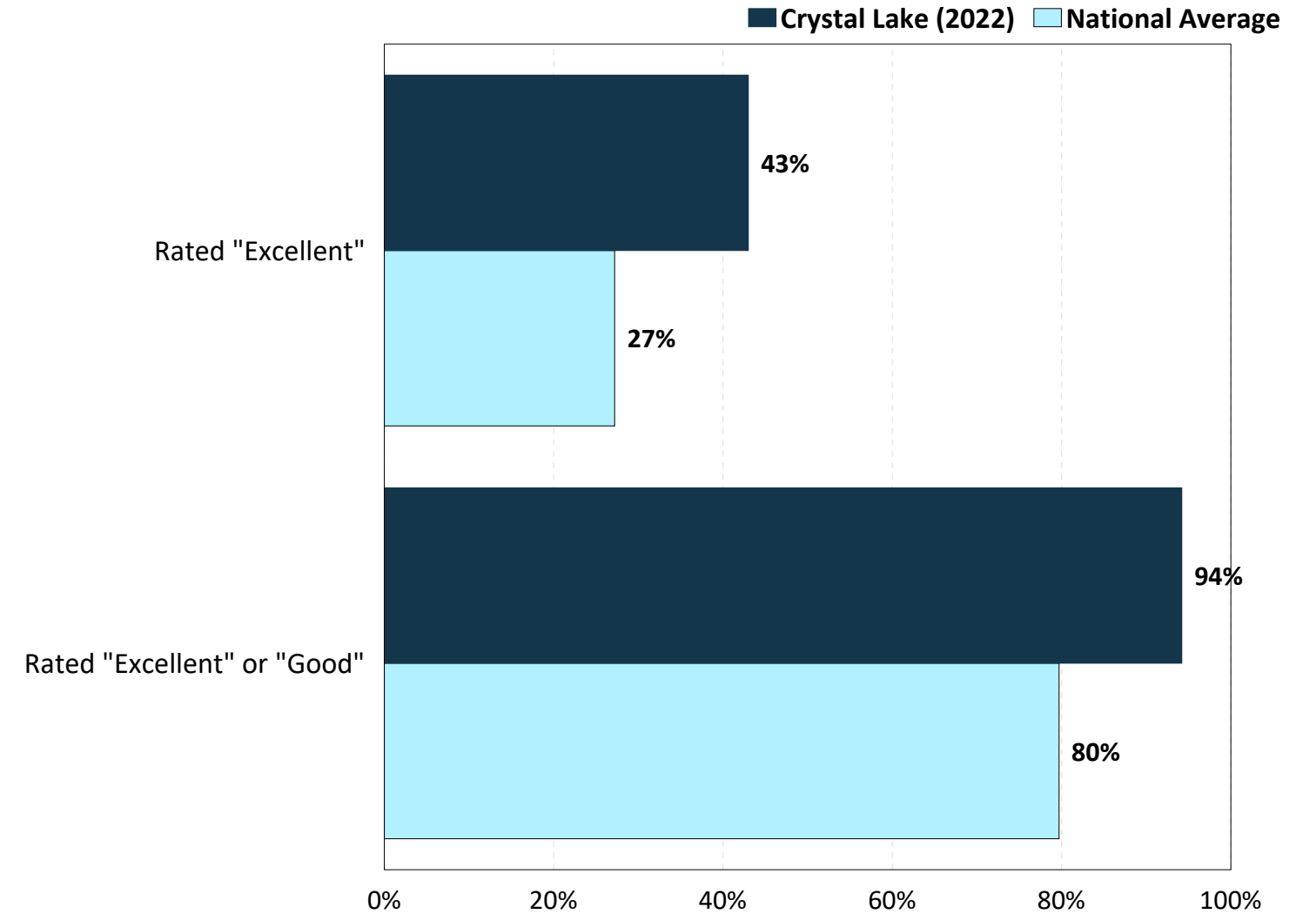


# National Benchmarks

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## Rating Quality of Recreation Programs

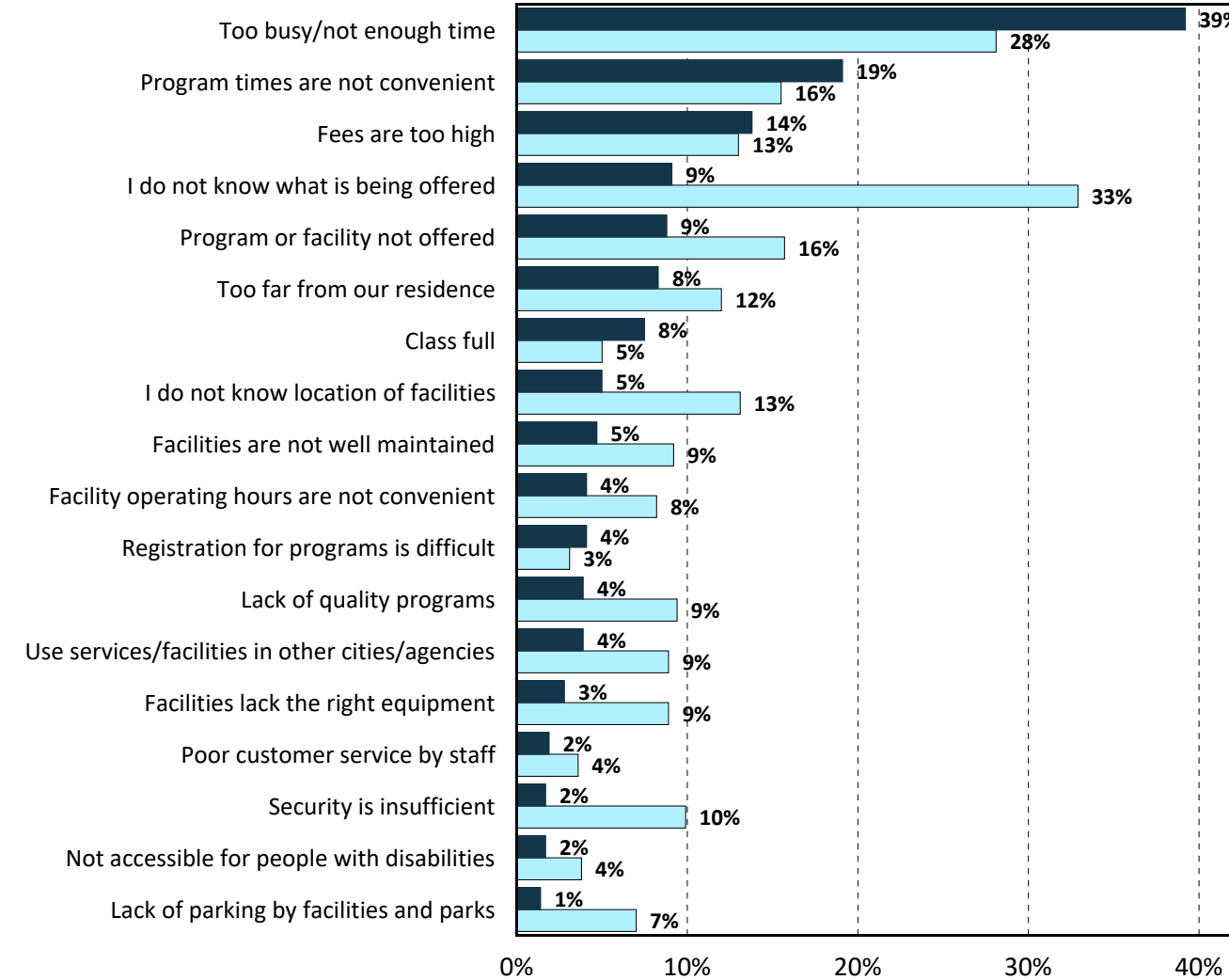
by percentage of respondents



## Barriers to Parks, Facilities, or Programs Use

by % of respondents

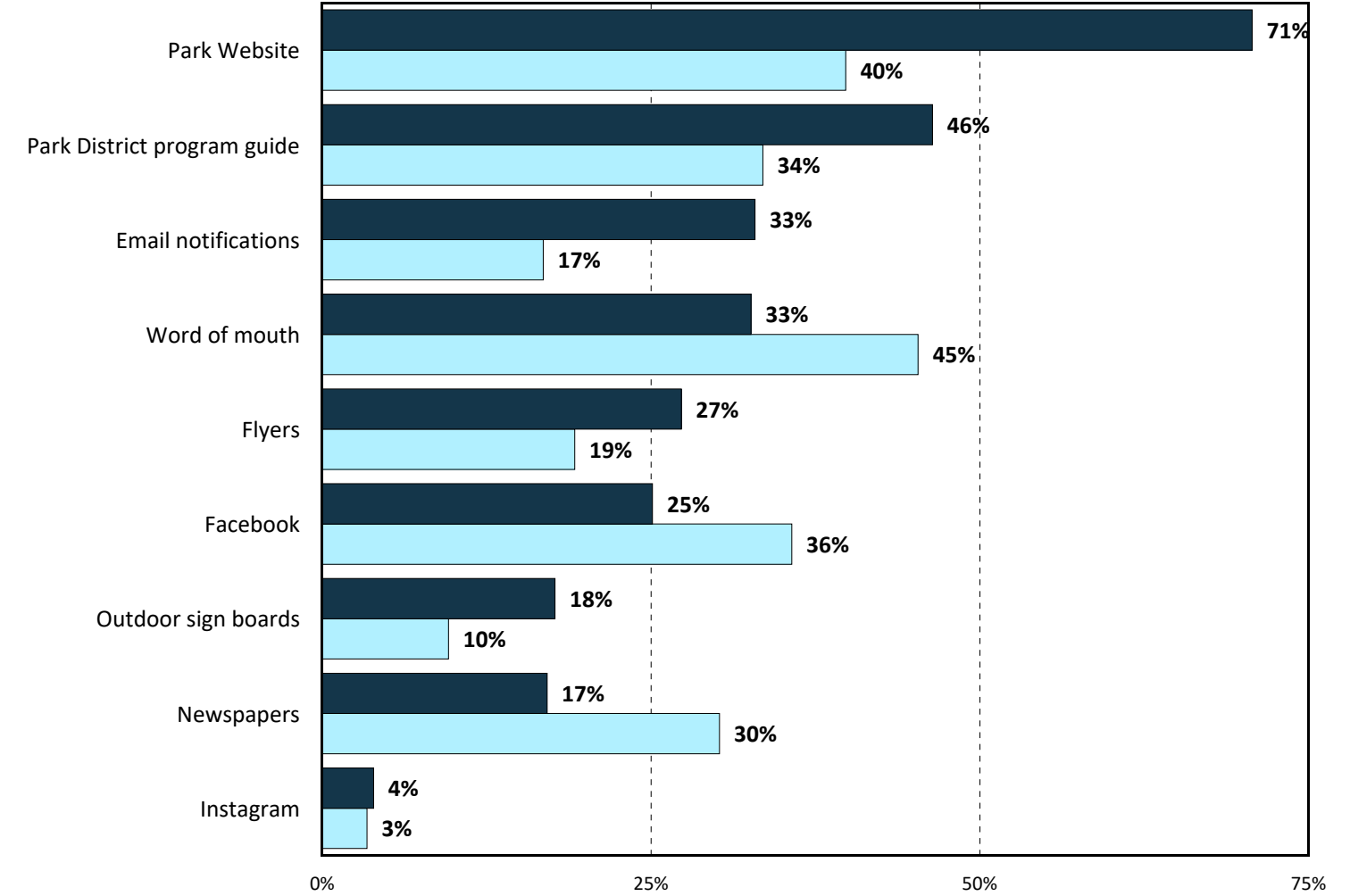
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## Ways Households Learn about Parks and Recreation Programs, Activities, and Events

by percentage of respondents

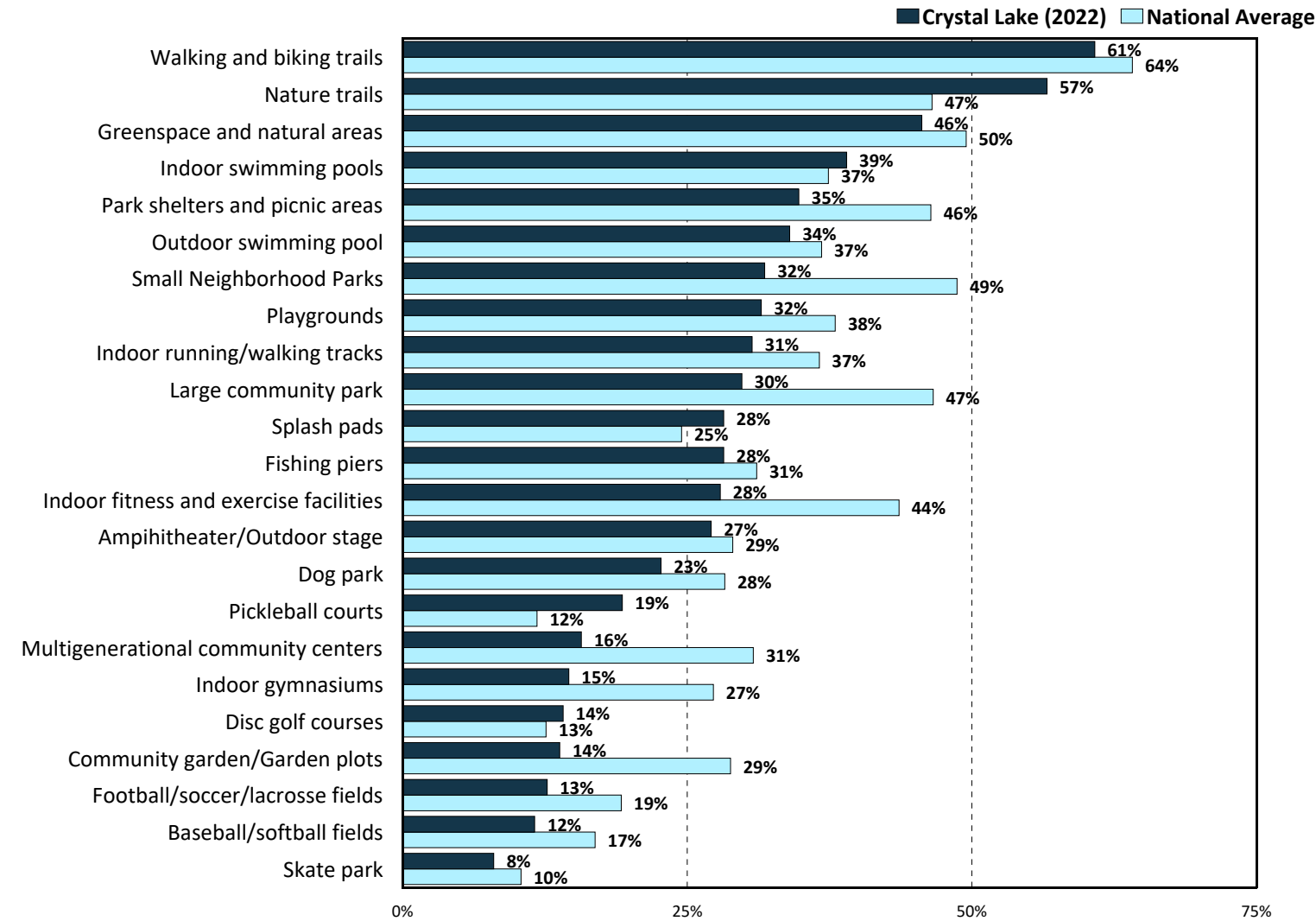
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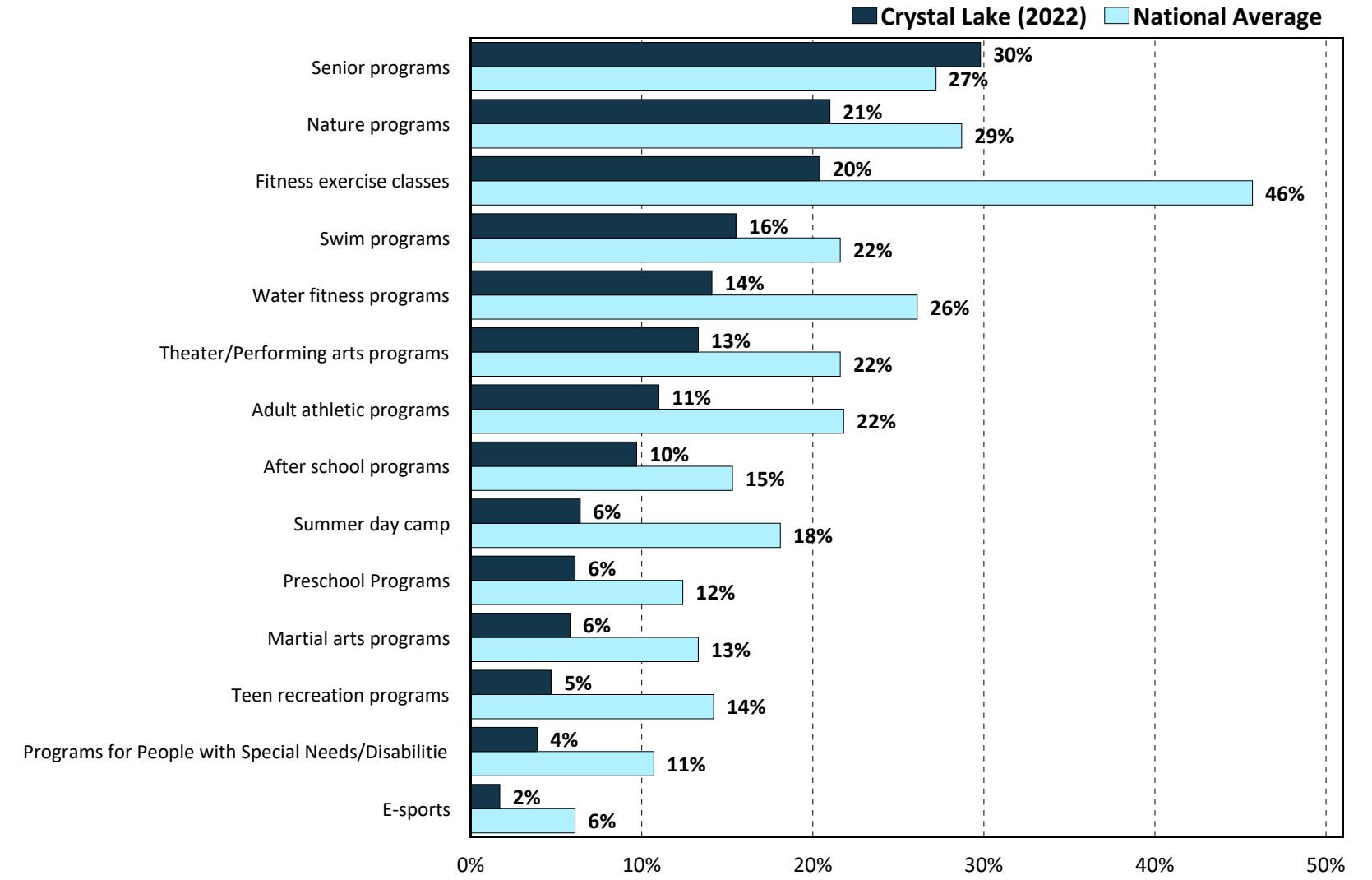
## Respondents with Need for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Amenities

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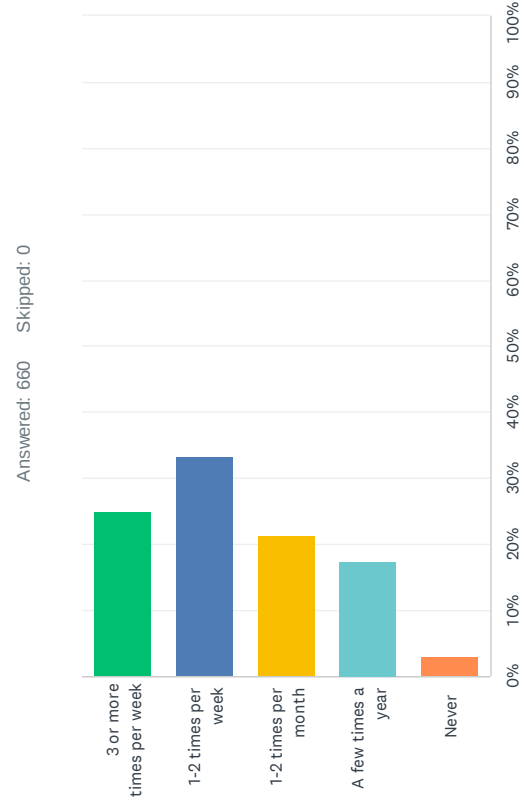


## Respondents with Need for Recreation Programs

by percentage of respondents



**Q1 About how many times have you and/or members of your household visited a Crystal Lake Park District park or facility within the past 12 months? (Pick one)**



Answered: 660 Skipped: 0

| ANSWER CHOICES           | RESPONSES  |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 3 or more times per week | 25.00% 165 |
| 1-2 times per week       | 33.18% 219 |
| 1-2 times per month      | 21.36% 141 |
| A few times a year       | 17.42% 115 |
| Never                    | 3.03% 20   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>660</b> |

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**Q2 How satisfied were you with the Crystal Lake Park District parks that you and/or members of your household visited in the last 12 months? (only answer for those that have been visited):**

Answered: 447 Skipped: 213

|                               | SATISFIED (NO CHANGES NEEDED) | UNSATISFIED (UPDATES NEEDED) | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| Asbury Park                   | 89.58% 43                     | 10.42% 5                     | 48    |
| Brighton Oaks Park            | 75.51% 37                     | 24.49% 12                    | 49    |
| Butternut Preserve            | 85.11% 40                     | 14.89% 7                     | 47    |
| Canterbury Park               | 60.27% 44                     | 39.73% 29                    | 73    |
| Cress Creek                   | 79.49% 31                     | 20.51% 8                     | 39    |
| Della Street Park             | 80.56% 29                     | 19.44% 7                     | 36    |
| Feinberg Park                 | 83.33% 35                     | 16.67% 7                     | 42    |
| Fetzner Park                  | 79.12% 72                     | 20.88% 19                    | 91    |
| Four Colonies Park            | 73.86% 65                     | 26.14% 23                    | 88    |
| Garden Plots / Hill Farm Park | 66.67% 30                     | 33.33% 15                    | 45    |
| Hampton Park                  | 89.29% 25                     | 10.71% 3                     | 28    |
| Hidden Pond Bike Path         | 74.36% 29                     | 25.64% 10                    | 39    |
| Hound Town Dog Park           | 62.26% 33                     | 37.74% 20                    | 53    |
| Indian Prairie Park           | 83.33% 55                     | 16.67% 11                    | 66    |
| Kamijima Park                 | 64.71% 44                     | 35.29% 24                    | 68    |
| Ken Bird Park                 | 81.63% 80                     | 18.37% 18                    | 98    |
| Knaack Park                   | 68.09% 32                     | 31.91% 15                    | 47    |
| Ladd Park                     | 88.24% 60                     | 11.76% 8                     | 68    |
| Main Beach                    | 89.88% 293                    | 10.12% 33                    | 326   |
| Lapins Park                   | 77.78% 28                     | 22.22% 8                     | 36    |
| Lippold Park                  | 78.01% 227                    | 21.99% 64                    | 291   |
| Sam Johns Park                | 83.78% 31                     | 16.22% 6                     | 37    |
| Seminary Field                | 85.71% 36                     | 14.29% 6                     | 42    |
| Shamrock Hills                | 91.11%                        | 8.89%                        |       |



| Crystal Lake Park District Comprehensive Plan - Online Questions | SurveyMonkey                         |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Spoerl Park  | 41 4 45<br>73.81% 26.19%<br>62 22 84 |
| Sterne's Woods and Fen   | 93.44% 6.56%<br>171 12 183           |
| Sterling Meadows Park  | 90.91% 9.09%<br>40 4 44              |
| Sunset Meadows Park  | 83.78% 16.22%<br>31 6 37             |
| Veteran Acres Park   | 88.75% 11.25%<br>284 36 320          |
| West Beach   | 75.27% 24.73%<br>137 45 182          |
| Willows Edge Park  | 94.74% 5.26%<br>36 2 38              |
| Winding Creek Park & Bike Path                                   | 84.00% 16.00%<br>42 8 50             |
| Woodland Estates Park  | 76.09% 23.91%<br>35 11 46            |
| Woods creek Park   | 86.09% 13.91%<br>130 21 151          |
| Wyndwood Park  | 82.93% 17.07%<br>34 7 41             |

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Crystal Lake Park District Comprehensive Plan - Online Questions SurveyMonkey

### Q3 If you selected “Unsatisfied with the park you’ve visited, what do you feel needs improvement?”

Answered: 313 Skipped: 347

| ANSWER CHOICES   | RESPONSES  |
|--|------------|
| I did not mark unsatisfied for any parks                         | 44.73% 140 |
| ADA accessibility  | 3.19% 10   |
| Additional picnicking support amenities needed (example: grills) | 6.71% 21   |
| Additional seating options                                       | 14.06% 44  |
| Educational signage  | 4.47% 14   |
| Insufficient lighting  | 4.79% 15   |
| Insufficient parking   | 10.86% 34  |
| Lack of / poorly configured courts                               | 9.58% 30   |
| Lack of shaded areas   | 14.70% 46  |
| Outdated playground equipment                                    | 23.00% 72  |
| Poor drainage or flooding issues                                 | 12.78% 40  |
| Trail / walking path conditions or availability                  | 15.02% 47  |
| Total Respondents: 313   |            |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)  | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | Pickle ball courts are lined but the nets are not convertible to the proper height. It's an easy fix. What's the point of lining the courts if you're going to keep the nets at tennis net height. Install conversion options like you did at the racket club. Also rules need to be posted at Sport park for the times when excessive amounts of people are waiting to play. | 8/10/2022 11:47 AM |
| 2  | Weeds in mulch, garbage, graffiti   | 7/24/2022 8:01 PM  |
| 3  | Remove invasive brush.  | 7/20/2022 4:28 PM  |
| 4  | There should be a sidewalk from the other side of the park. It's horrible walking thru the grass with a newborn! Scared her every time  | 7/20/2022 11:05 AM |
| 5  | Invasive species management   | 7/19/2022 1:44 PM  |
| 6  | Fetzer needs some slides please!  | 7/18/2022 9:30 AM  |
| 7  | Seaweed un raked. Nowhere to comfortably float on floaties. Before 3ft is not enough room   | 7/17/2022 10:11 PM |
| 8  | Would be nice to add something to seminary field (tennis court?)  | 7/17/2022 9:57 PM  |
| 9  | More kayak/canoe dry storage at west beach.   | 7/17/2022 8:25 PM  |
| 10 | I LOVE the parks that are replacing wood chips with the rubber ground!  | 7/17/2022 7:44 PM  |
| 11 | Brighton Oaks tennis courts need resurfacing badly. We were told it would be done 2 years ago. Please prioritize. The playground there was fine but it was ripped out anyway. The courts have needed attention for years. Very frustrating.   | 7/13/2022 6:24 PM  |
| 12 | Unfortunately Litter is a problem   | 7/13/2022 5:18 PM  |
| 13 | Not enough picnic tables for concerts. Need traffic control officers to speed up traffic jams before concerts.  | 7/13/2022 10:18 AM |
| 14 | Needs more structures for the kids to play on. Not much there. More benches, and picnic tables would be really nice. You could spend more time there. Of course, parking is a big problem.  | 7/13/2022 7:45 AM  |
| 15 | Knack park needs to be mowed and weeds need to be weeded. Playground equipment is horrible and graffitied   | 7/12/2022 7:57 PM  |

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## Crystal Lake Park District Comprehensive Plan - Online Questions

SurveyMonkey

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|----|--|--------------------|
| 16 | Paying to use the Beach is ridiculous. As a resident my taxes should include this. I'm aware Of the "pay to use" policy but this is really a pain and I avoid using the beach since you began charging admission.  | 7/12/2022 7:41 PM  |
| 17 | Did not visit any of the unmarked parks  | 7/12/2022 7:29 PM  |
| 18 | Erosion is a problem   | 5/30/2022 3:51 AM  |
| 19 | Didn't mean to check flooding . Asbury needs weed control  | 5/25/2022 12:25 PM |
| 20 | Hound town... add trees and agility stuff. Sterns... add some turkeys to the park so they can eat the ticks  | 5/23/2022 7:47 PM  |
| 21 | Woodland Estates Park used to have a nice asphalt path but it was too thin and trees tried to grow thru it. Now it's just a gravel path. Hard on wheelchairs.  | 5/23/2022 12:19 PM |
| 22 | better signage regarding bike use vs hiking use. Bikes are commonly using trails not designated for bikes. better grading of main trails to ensure more level walking surface.   | 5/23/2022 9:08 AM  |
| 23 | Over bridge from Fetzner, the path has flooded and remained muddy for years resulting in walking up on private property to be able to get around that area.  | 5/23/2022 7:41 AM  |
| 24 | When I visited, the playground ground surface area had needed repair. This is a tough question to answer for all the parks listed.   | 5/23/2022 6:40 AM  |
| 25 | The path around lippold was rutted up from tree removal and needs dressing or leveling   | 5/23/2022 6:14 AM  |
| 26 | I think the Park District does an amazing job! I see continuous improvement year after year, it feels balanced across parks although I only know of those I've visited. I've been pleasantly surprised with updates and additions, e.g. the trees in Four Colonies (my fav). Even during the pandemic when resources are tight I notice updates. Kudos to everyone! <3 Thank you!  | 5/22/2022 2:06 PM  |
| 27 | A bathroom would be good   | 5/22/2022 7:51 AM  |
| 28 | no play structure for young children. the park prior had a designated space for play and this park is all above ground. my children do not enjoy playing at this park and we used to visit daily.  | 5/20/2022 11:19 AM |
| 29 | West side boat launch floods after heavy rain, there is a drain grate but it doesnt work.  | 5/18/2022 10:18 AM |
| 30 | Too many illegals camping out. Crime   | 5/17/2022 8:25 AM  |
| 31 | Swimming area at West Beach is almost non existent. Bottom is full of rocks and water has been overtaken by seaweed the past few years. Seems to be neglected  | 5/15/2022 7:33 AM  |
| 32 | Less commercialism protect the geese   | 5/14/2022 4:34 PM  |
| 33 | At Hound Town, I think the play equipment could be expanded. And the Everson equipment could be put out on trail system for a circuit run rather than all at one place. Educational signage about out amazing natural areas may help in all parks...   | 5/14/2022 9:12 AM  |
| 34 | Wood chips are not best for parks. The rubber grounds are best for shock absorbency  | 5/14/2022 7:14 AM  |
| 35 | Swings at park more than replacing climber   | 5/14/2022 6:53 AM  |
| 36 | There needs to be more seating overall, and especially more shaded seating. The parks themselves are ok, but its a very frustrating experience to attend the parks as a parent. I understand they are built for kids, but if I have to stand (and likely stand *in the sun*) for the entire time we are there, our visit is going to be short. Additional seating areas are also desired by grandparents who bring our kids to the park. The Main Beach renovation is awesome when considering the playground equipment, but the lack of seating is ridiculous. You have parents sitting on a little concrete curb that goes around the park or in the grass & mud to watch their children. Please also consider visiting our parks and directly asking parents & kids what they would like. | 5/13/2022 6:27 PM  |
| 37 | It would not appear so outdated if the property was actually maintained and cared for. Other than mowing the grass I don't think anyone pays attention to these small playgrounds.   | 5/13/2022 1:06 PM  |
| 38 | I did the survey below and said they need to improve West Beach. I wrote: If you are unable to staff this beach, it needs to go back to no lifeguards/swim at your own risk. It's ridiculous and frustrating that full grown adults cannot swim without a life guard on duty. Or even many times   | 5/13/2022 11:05 AM |

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SurveyMonkey

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|----|--|--------------------|
| 39 | Invasive species management needed   | 5/13/2022 10:51 AM |
| 40 | If you are unable to staff this beach, it needs to go back to no lifeguards/swim at your own risk. It's ridiculous and frustrating that full grown adults cannot swim without a life guard on duty. Or even many times when it is short-staffed we are only allowed in the shallow water area. And the price of the passes has gone way up when we cannot even use them! Maybe residents can purchase passes with keys, like the fishing keys, for swimmers so that it cannot be accessed by just anyone. They can sign a waiver saying they understand they are responsible for themselves and even set time restrictions. I would paymore for this kind of pass knowing I can use it whenever. | 5/13/2022 10:38 AM |
| 41 | Add various outdoor fitness stations (pull up bars, stretching) along Lippold Park walking paths.  | 5/12/2022 9:40 PM  |
| 42 | More outdoor tennis courts are needed at parks throughout Crystal Lake   | 5/12/2022 3:56 PM  |
| 43 | Dangerous conditions with the increased bicycle traffic on the walking paths. Most of the problems are along the tree line that is parallel to North Shore Drive.  | 5/12/2022 3:17 PM  |
| 44 | Better and open bathroom facilities - during the day   | 5/12/2022 1:59 PM  |
| 45 | Needs watering source  | 5/12/2022 12:12 PM |
| 46 | landscaping not maintained. Weeds everywhere. New woodchips need to be spread.   | 5/12/2022 10:42 AM |
| 47 | Parking at Lippold needs improvement. The gravel parking lots I feel should be updated to asphalt. The tennis courts at Veterans Acres need updating. My suggestion would be to make the courts dual purpose of tennis and pickleball courts.  | 5/12/2022 9:28 AM  |
| 48 | At Four Colonies Park there is only one baby swing. I myself have 14 month old twins and there are many times there are several other families there with babies, all waiting to use the one swing.  | 5/12/2022 8:33 AM  |
| 49 | stream needs to be cleaned out occasionally. Too many sticks, branches, garbage clog it up in certain areas.   | 5/12/2022 6:55 AM  |
| 50 | The Main Beach is Country Club Additions neighborhood park. I used to go regularly, but have not returned when I would be charged \$1 to enter. All other neighborhood parks are free.   | 5/11/2022 8:19 PM  |
| 51 | We need lights for Pickleball  | 5/11/2022 6:33 PM  |
| 52 | The dock/launch area oftentimes has fish hooks and fishing line and other debris around it   | 5/11/2022 6:11 PM  |
| 53 | Veterans Acre walking trail on the south side of the lake continues to flood where the trail is, making people make their own path. It needs to be either rerouted or a brdybuilt. Also there need to be more picnic tables near to the playground area.   | 5/11/2022 6:08 PM  |
| 54 | Parking lots by soccer fields need to be blacktop. When it rains it's a hot mess with big puddles all over and pot holes.  | 5/11/2022 5:28 PM  |
| 55 | lippold has little to no accessible parking in the area of the soccer fields west beach parking is just difficult- not sure how to reconfigure but backing out into the road is a bit dangerous  | 5/11/2022 5:15 PM  |
| 56 | Need more equipment for older kids.  | 5/11/2022 5:04 PM  |
| 57 | Redo tennis courts four colonies   | 5/11/2022 5:02 PM  |
| 58 | Trail is breaking up   | 5/11/2022 5:01 PM  |
| 59 | The care of the plants around veterans acres playground needs attention.   | 5/11/2022 4:34 PM  |
| 60 | Racket club( tennis) is not inclusive . Experienced racial tension   | 5/11/2022 4:26 PM  |
| 61 | Crystal Lake Racket Club outdoor courts are in need of repair Hard courts are all cracked and dangerous.   | 5/11/2022 4:19 PM  |

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| 62   | Needs more dog training features like obstacle and agility courses.  | 5/11/2022 4:15 PM  |
| 63   | My daughter plays softball at Indian Prairie Park. The facilities are not nearly as nice as what I experienced when my son played baseball at Lippold. I feel that either the girls should also use Lippold, or the fields at Indian Prairie are due for an upgrade. It feels inequitable.   | 5/11/2022 4:10 PM  |
| 64   | barn looks like crap needs repair  | 5/11/2022 11:26 AM |
| 65   | Broken playground equipment/updates needed Sandbox tends to be littered  | 5/9/2022 8:34 PM   |
| 66   | The tennis courts and basketball courts are in dire need of resurfacing. The park, however, is just fine and the kids love it but it's getting tom down and a new one put in which makes no sense. The focus should have been on what was unfit for play and needing replacement.  | 5/9/2022 1:16 PM   |
| 67   | Need to add pickleball courts or update them!  | 5/9/2022 9:04 AM   |
| 68   | No play areas for small children (under age 5/6) at Four Colonies Park   | 5/8/2022 6:16 AM   |
| 69   | The rubber "flooding" at woodland estates park is getting to the point of being dangerous - I witnessed a kid roll their ankle, another kid trip and fall from a divot, and older kids peel it up and leave it all over the park where other kids pick it up and throw it at others, making it even worse. Please help!  | 5/7/2022 11:53 AM  |
| 70   | Based on other dog parks we attend it lacks care and accessibility.  | 5/7/2022 10:43 AM  |
| 71   | Lippold need recycle containers adjacent to all trash cans. More garbage cans are needed throughout. (I call the maintenance office every spring to request a trash can for the parking lot near the Raiders football fields.) There is only ONE recycle can on the disc golf course. (That's because I called and requested it!). Look in the existing trash containers. They are 90% full with bottles and cans! The walking paths at VA and Stearns are in a horrible state of repair. Why did the park district add so much directional signage, yet the trails are in the worst condition ever: serious erosion on several trails that have become trenches, worn trails with roots that are at an unsafe height (I won't ride my trail bike there any longer due to the abundance of dangerous roots), if the park district can't/won't properly maintain these trails, there are experts in trail maintenance who can be hired as an outside contractor. (The trails at Kettle Moraine State Park in WI are heavily used and just as heavily managed. They are an example of what is done right.) | 5/7/2022 8:11 AM   |
| 72   | hound town is so unimanginative and just barely adequate plus the mosquito situation, in bad years, is intolerable. Garden plots flood. Lippold needs paved parking and more parking.  | 5/6/2022 12:35 PM  |
| 73   | Disc Golf course is not well cared for.  | 5/6/2022 11:35 AM  |
| 74   | outer limestone path could be paved. Lots of animal holes on path  | 5/5/2022 8:41 AM   |
| 75   | Lock. Of using the only (community )soccer fields tha resident can't using due to the business between crystal lake park and crystal lake soccer club  | 5/4/2022 6:37 PM   |
| 76   | While the equipment was updated, there is almost nothing for little kids to do. It would be awesome to have a park with a bike park. Just like Coventry School used to have the bike hills.  | 5/4/2022 5:01 PM   |
| 77   | Needs an updated park, and new rubber matting that the kids can't pull up, maybe a camera to catch the kids defacing property. Also residents would really like a water feature like at VA, a water fountain, bigger playground as well as more seating. Would also be great to finish the sidewalk down Oak St. From Lockwood to rt 176.  | 5/4/2022 9:01 AM   |
| 78   | Control bum is way overdue   | 5/4/2022 8:56 AM   |
| 79   | The grass "path" between the park and the Brighton Ln (along Ballard Rd) is becoming overgrown and narrow.   | 5/4/2022 7:33 AM   |
| 80   | I'll start by saying that the courts themselves are nice, so thank you for putting them in. They get ALOT of use. I don't understand why the windcreens and pickleball nets are removed each year. There are nice days here and there throughout late fall, winter, and early spring in which those courts could be used. I heard that lights were planned to be added, and then I heard that plan got cut due to the neighbors complaining. Lights these days can be controlled by apps, so they can be set to whatever schedule the park district sets. It would be nice to  | 5/4/2022 7:27 AM   |

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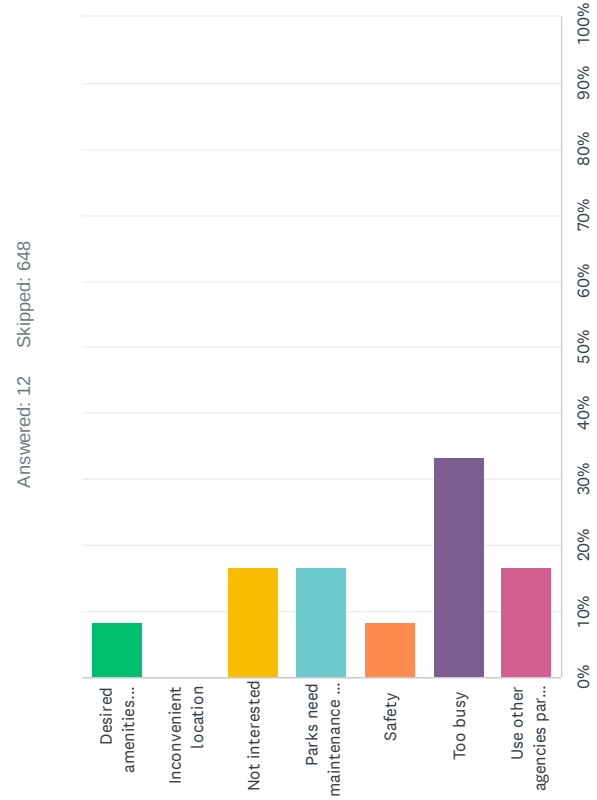
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| 81   | I don't remember the names of the parks I've visited  | 5/4/2022 5:33 AM  |
| 82   | The kids need a skate and bike park like Sunrise! My son has been trying to jumpstart that with the Pk District and has been brushed aside. Maybe with the new Director this can be looked at! We love our teens and preteens to be biking and skating- definitely is a great sport!  | 5/3/2022 10:14 PM |
| 83   | Between the school and the baseball the playground should be bigger And fixed, rubber floor all peeled, and needs new mulch. This must be one of the most used parks in crystal lake and I'm surprised at the small size and poor upkeep.   | 5/3/2022 9:49 PM  |
| 84   | Lippold park trails need more upkeep. Trails get too many ruts. Main Beach Park needs more/better lighting. Better sound system for Tuesday night concerts.   | 5/3/2022 8:59 PM  |
| 85   | The parking by the soccer field needs to be paved and lines marked for parking spots to maximize the number of cars that can park.  | 5/3/2022 8:27 PM  |
| 86   | Trails and everything great here! Only improvement would be security cameras by some of parking areas. Sometimes people in trucks are up to no good and seem to be scoping areas out. When your CL marked vehicles investigate, the suspicious vehicles do leave immediately though.  | 5/3/2022 7:55 PM  |
| 87   | Not enough playgrounds equipment for toddlers.  | 5/3/2022 6:14 PM  |
| 88   | Improvement of bathrooms/changing areas   | 5/3/2022 6:07 PM  |
| 89   | Can we please bring the main beach main building into the 21st century? Stop waiting around for a state handout and issue bonds if you have to. Crystal Lake is blowing an opportunity to really amplify value and utility of our community through a total revamp of the main building to increase the mixed use all year long similar to what we did on west beach. The bathrooms are sub par and if we are going to redo something like that with plumbing costs it would be easiest to demolish the current structure and do it correctly like the one at three oaks. | 5/3/2022 5:19 PM  |
| 90   | Mickey Sund baseball fields look bad  | 5/3/2022 5:09 PM  |
| 91   | Tennis courts are in terrible condition.  | 5/3/2022 4:53 PM  |
| 92   | Lippold parking lot - when can this be fully paved? Also, field maps clearly labeled (perhaps on Google maps?)  | 5/3/2022 4:51 PM  |
| 93   | hate the fence around the lake, allow dogs to play in the lake during off times   | 5/3/2022 4:40 PM  |
| 94   | Very little for preschool age and under to play on at woods creek   | 5/3/2022 4:19 PM  |
| 95   | Lack of toilet facility. You say this size of park does not require a toilet but every year you put a portable toilet there. If every year one of being places there, then build a permanent facility. It's an eyesore and disgusting year in and year out.   | 5/3/2022 4:02 PM  |
| 96   | Canterbury Park was supposed to be updated 2 years ago and it never happened. They tore out part of the park but never replaced it. It has the worst playground out of all the elementary schools. It needs some serious updates.   | 5/3/2022 3:45 PM  |
| 97   | Baseball Fields are in disrepair. Not well maintained.  | 5/3/2022 3:43 PM  |
| 98   | Would like to see the areas for lacrosse used more often  | 5/3/2022 3:09 PM  |
| 99   | We love Ken bird but it would be awesome if it could be expanded and made a little bigger. Fetzner needs a slide or something more.   | 5/3/2022 2:55 PM  |
| 100  | Adding a small practice golf course like Barrington would be nice   | 5/3/2022 2:50 PM  |
| 101  | Knaack Park desperately needs new/more equipment for kids- there are apartments full of kids and only 2 baby swings.  | 5/3/2022 2:49 PM  |
| 102  | Woodscreek park - basketball courts are bad Lippold park- when it rains the parking lots flood  | 5/3/2022 2:42 PM  |
| 103  | The boat storage is an eye sore to Kamijima Park.   | 5/3/2022 2:36 PM  |
| 104  | The splash pad needs updating. I felt like the last two summers there was one larger aspect of the water area that no longer worked. Also the playground could use some shade. The  | 5/3/2022 2:24 PM  |

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|     | equipment gets unbearably hot during the summer and you aren't able to use it as much as the kids would like to.  |
| 105 | Everything is great ! Would like better quality of sand for beach's ! 5/3/2022 2:22 PM  |
| 106 | Weeds in Woodscreek pond should be addressed. Four Colonies needs a new pier/dock. The one made by and Eagle Scout years ago needs to be replaced and updated 5/3/2022 2:12 PM  |
| 107 | Bathrooms by football fields need updating. Also a playground by the football fields would be an excellent addition 5/3/2022 2:10 PM  |
| 108 | I would like to see pickleball courts added to Woodscreek Park, there is plenty of room. Spoerl Park needs lights. Also would like to see all tennis courts lined for pickleball. It is becoming very popular and crowded. Also would like to see more walking, biking, hiking trails. 5/3/2022 2:04 PM   |
| 109 | Swings and slides are too hot during the day in the summer 5/3/2022 1:50 PM   |
| 110 | A better skate park is needed at Lippold. Check out the one in McHenry; it's awesome! Lippold skate park is so outdated. At VA the trails down to the pond need resurfacing. 5/3/2022 1:38 PM   |
| 111 | Slides are broken, ground is destroyed in spots, would like a little more equipment or swings to go on 5/3/2022 1:38 PM   |
| 112 | I only used the tennis club--it was fantastic 5/3/2022 1:37 PM  |
| 113 | The flooring of the park is poor 5/3/2022 1:30 PM   |
| 114 | graffiti on the tables 5/3/2022 1:29 PM   |
| 115 | No slides or equipment for younger kids 5/3/2022 1:29 PM  |
| 116 | The Babe Ruth fields are awful. Between flooding, fields, dugouts, fencing, the area between the fields, concession trailer versus a building something needs to be addressed!. Embarrassing. 5/3/2022 1:29 PM  |
| 117 | The beach is filthy and dirty and the bathrooms need immediate addressing. 5/3/2022 1:28 PM   |
| 118 | Court at Ken bird needs work 5/3/2022 1:28 PM   |
| 119 | Lack of sound retention from the pickle ball courts. Noise gets very bothersome at times. 5/3/2022 1:22 PM  |
| 120 | Each is different. West Beach is great but the weeds in this end of the lake are way out of control and really need addressing. Love Kamajima Park and know its about to change...any chance of keeping whats there and adding the new equipment? Love Lippold Park and walk or bike there daily but trails need upkeep...getting pitted. Any chance of adding a park on the Side by playing fields? Or making access points better? People walk around the lake nonstop 5/3/2022 1:12 PM |
| 121 | Not enough for young toddlers to safely access. 5/3/2022 1:09 PM  |
| 122 | hard to access 5/3/2022 10:11 AM  |
| 123 | Lippold has huge pot holes in the parking lot. Garden plot area needs some shaded area. Is it possible to have part of the garden plots a no till and add a perennial section. 5/2/2022 8:19 PM   |
| 124 | Parking is terrible. There is not enough parking for what goes on there over the weekends and if it rains...half the spots are unable to be used. There are not a whole lot of handicap spots available and the golf cart is not always around to help those that need help walking to the far fields. Maybe there could be a better way to find one or schedule one or get something together to help with parking. 5/2/2022 5:24 PM   |
| 125 | Need more pickle ball courts 5/2/2022 2:17 PM   |

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### Q4 If you don't visit any of the Park District's parks, why not? (Pick all that apply):



| ANSWER CHOICES                         | RESPONSES   |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|
| Desired amenities aren't offered       | 8.33% 1   |                   |
| Inconvenient location                  | 0.00% 0   |                   |
| Not interested                         | 16.67% 2  |                   |
| Parks need maintenance or improvements | 16.67% 2  |                   |
| Safety                                 | 8.33% 1   |                   |
| Too busy                               | 33.33% 4  |                   |
| Use other agencies parks or facilities | 16.67% 2  |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>12</b>   |                   |
| #                                      | OTHER:  | DATE              |
| 1                                      | It's not very close to me. I only come out there when visiting my family who lives there.   | 7/20/2022 2:30 PM |
| 2                                      | Not from the area   | 7/12/2022 7:23 PM |
| 3                                      | I live in another town.   | 7/12/2022 7:14 PM |
| 4                                      | I use the racket club facility  | 5/11/2022 4:46 PM |
| 5                                      | Just moved into area  | 5/5/2022 11:37 AM |
| 6                                      | Three Oaks Recreation Center has no Senior admission fare. It now \$5 for all persons, unless your from Crystal Lake. I moved to lake in the Hills & don't qualify. I am retired, age 70, fixed income, LITH resident. it's rainy this spring, too. | 5/3/2022 4:12 PM  |



### Q5 Please tell us how important the following potential outdoor PARK improvements would be to you and your family:

Answered: 79 Skipped: 581

|   | VERY IMPORTANT | SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT | NOT IMPORTANT | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|------------------|
| ADA accessibility   | 30.56%<br>22   | 34.72%<br>25       | 34.72%<br>25  | 72    | 2.04             |
| Ball hockey rink  | 14.49%<br>10   | 24.64%<br>17       | 60.87%<br>42  | 69    | 2.46             |
| Beaches   | 64.94%<br>50   | 28.57%<br>22       | 6.49%<br>5    | 77    | 1.42             |
| Boat ramps  | 28.57%<br>20   | 21.43%<br>15       | 50.00%<br>35  | 70    | 2.21             |
| Campgrounds   | 20.55%<br>15   | 30.14%<br>22       | 49.32%<br>36  | 73    | 2.29             |
| Components/areas for special needs                                      | 32.86%<br>23   | 27.14%<br>19       | 40.00%<br>28  | 70    | 2.07             |
| Concert areas   | 41.89%<br>31   | 47.30%<br>35       | 10.81%<br>8   | 74    | 1.69             |
| Court and/or field renovations (updating, expansion, repurposing, etc.) | 45.71%<br>32   | 32.86%<br>23       | 21.43%<br>15  | 70    | 1.76             |
| Demonstration gardens   | 14.49%<br>10   | 47.83%<br>33       | 37.68%<br>26  | 69    | 2.23             |
| Dog park  | 22.86%<br>16   | 24.29%<br>17       | 52.86%<br>37  | 70    | 2.30             |
| Electric vehicle charging stations                                      | 7.46%<br>5     | 37.31%<br>25       | 55.22%<br>37  | 67    | 2.48             |
| Multi-use (walking & biking) and nature/interpretive trails             | 73.97%<br>54   | 23.29%<br>17       | 2.74%<br>2    | 73    | 1.29             |
| Outdoor classrooms / workspaces   | 18.57%<br>13   | 54.29%<br>38       | 27.14%<br>19  | 70    | 2.09             |
| Outdoor fitness   | 32.88%<br>24   | 46.58%<br>34       | 20.55%<br>15  | 73    | 1.88             |
| Outdoor pool(s)   | 59.72%<br>43   | 27.78%<br>20       | 12.50%<br>9   | 72    | 1.53             |
| Parking improvements & expansion (more paved lots)                      | 29.41%<br>20   | 42.65%<br>29       | 27.94%<br>19  | 68    | 1.99             |
| Playground updates (equipment & accessibility)                          | 47.14%<br>33   | 35.71%<br>25       | 17.14%<br>12  | 70    | 1.70             |
| Public art  | 22.06%<br>15   | 44.12%<br>30       | 33.82%<br>23  | 68    | 2.12             |
| Restrooms   | 72.60%<br>53   | 26.03%<br>19       | 1.37%<br>1    | 73    | 1.29             |
| Secluded/quiet areas  | 26.76%<br>19   | 46.48%<br>33       | 26.76%<br>19  | 71    | 2.00             |
| Self-guided experiences   | 23.53%<br>16   | 54.41%<br>37       | 22.06%<br>15  | 68    | 1.99             |
| Wi-Fi availability  | 24.66%<br>18   | 39.73%<br>29       | 35.62%<br>26  | 73    | 2.11             |

| # | OTHER: | DATE |
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| 1  | We love our parks! In general we are satisfied with the improvements already in progress or planned. Thank you for continuing to innovate during these crazy times. Keep up the great work.  | 8/3/2022 3:12 PM   |
| 2  | Please finish VA and Woodland Estates playgrounds! Summer is half over and still no end in sight! I'm curious why you chose to do the 2 North side playgrounds at the same time???   | 7/20/2022 7:29 PM  |
| 3  | Remove invasive brush.   | 7/20/2022 4:32 PM  |
| 4  | Bathrooms needed at more parks. A must with small children.  | 7/17/2022 8:13 PM  |
| 5  | I believe an indoor pool would be a better investment due to year round use.   | 7/17/2022 7:28 PM  |
| 6  | Tennis courts at Brighton Oaks need resurfacing. Lippold driving range putting green needs attention/weeds. Lippold baseball fields should be turf and have lights to compete with other towns. Stop ripping out play grounds that are just fine (like main beach). It was our favorite park until you replaced it with all just baby/toddler equipment.   | 7/13/2022 6:30 PM  |
| 7  | Install a water pad at main beach  | 7/13/2022 10:20 AM |
| 8  | Thanks for all the great work you guys do!   | 7/13/2022 7:47 AM  |
| 9  | Pool. Pool. Pool. We are the laughing stock of the area communities with our lack of a pool. Swimming is an ESSENTIAL life skill. This is Illinois. A Lake is not an adequate resource (especially since you charge to use it). Between the school and the park district we should have a adequate swimming pool. If it could be used for swim meets even better. And by pool, I mean an INDOOR pool that can be used YEAR ROUND. We have indoor tennis courts and no one needs to know how to play tennis to survive. EVERYONE needs to know how to swim. | 7/12/2022 7:45 PM  |
| 10 | INDOOR WALKING LOCATED NOT ON RT31   | 5/16/2022 10:02 AM |

## Q6 How satisfied were you with the Crystal Lake Park District facilities that you and/or members of your household visited in the last 12 months? (only answer for those that have been visited):

Answered: 357 Skipped: 303

|                                 | SATISFIED (NO CHANGES NEEDED) | UNSATISFIED (CHANGES NEEDED) | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Administrative Offices          | 94.92%<br>168                 | 5.08%<br>9                   | 177   | 1.05             |
| Baifina House Preschool         | 97.62%<br>41                  | 2.38%<br>1                   | 42    | 1.02             |
| Batting Cages- Lippold Park     | 71.70%<br>38                  | 28.30%<br>15                 | 53    | 1.28             |
| Boncosky Turf Baseball Fields   | 92.50%<br>37                  | 7.50%<br>3                   | 40    | 1.07             |
| Colonel Palmer House            | 96.49%<br>55                  | 3.51%<br>2                   | 57    | 1.04             |
| Grand Oaks Recreation Center    | 92.59%<br>100                 | 7.41%<br>8                   | 108   | 1.07             |
| Lippold Park Family Golf Center | 89.63%<br>121                 | 10.37%<br>14                 | 135   | 1.10             |
| Main Beach Pavilion             | 89.82%<br>203                 | 10.18%<br>23                 | 226   | 1.10             |
| Nature Center                   | 88.33%<br>106                 | 11.67%<br>14                 | 120   | 1.12             |
| Oakwoods Lodge                  | 92.86%<br>26                  | 7.14%<br>2                   | 28    | 1.07             |
| Racket Club                     | 84.04%<br>79                  | 15.96%<br>15                 | 94    | 1.16             |
| Rotary Building                 | 92.00%<br>46                  | 8.00%<br>4                   | 50    | 1.08             |
| Spoerl Park Building            | 88.10%<br>37                  | 11.90%<br>5                  | 42    | 1.12             |
| West Beach Building             | 93.13%<br>122                 | 6.87%<br>9                   | 131   | 1.07             |
| Woodscreek Activity Building    | 95.56%<br>43                  | 4.44%<br>2                   | 45    | 1.04             |

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## Q7 Please tell us how important the following potential improvements to INDOOR facilities would be to you and your family:

Answered: 393 Skipped: 267

|  | VERY IMPORTANT | SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT | NOT IMPORTANT | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|------------------|
| Add an art center  | 15.64%<br>51   | 43.25%<br>141      | 41.10%<br>134 | 326   | 2.25             |
| Add walking / running tracks   | 43.90%<br>151  | 37.50%<br>129      | 18.60%<br>64  | 344   | 1.75             |
| Additional gymnasium (courts, badminton, etc.  | 24.36%<br>76   | 38.46%<br>120      | 37.18%<br>116 | 312   | 2.13             |
| Additional space for after school youth programs (elementary - middle school)        | 29.94%<br>94   | 32.48%<br>102      | 37.58%<br>118 | 314   | 2.08             |
| Community Center improvements  | 27.45%<br>84   | 39.22%<br>120      | 33.33%<br>102 | 306   | 2.06             |
| Cosmetic updates to existing facilities (floors, finishes, etc.)                     | 22.04%<br>69   | 44.41%<br>139      | 33.55%<br>105 | 313   | 2.12             |
| Improve access or expand existing parking  | 21.24%<br>65   | 37.25%<br>114      | 41.50%<br>127 | 306   | 2.20             |
| Indoor field house / turf fields (soccer, baseball, multi-purpose)                   | 30.74%<br>95   | 34.63%<br>107      | 34.63%<br>107 | 309   | 2.04             |
| Platform/paddle tennis/pickleball facility (renovate existing & add/expand with new) | 30.15%<br>98   | 29.85%<br>97       | 40.00%<br>130 | 325   | 2.10             |
| Senior Center improvements   | 25.00%<br>76   | 35.53%<br>108      | 39.47%<br>120 | 304   | 2.14             |
| Update existing restrooms & locker rooms   | 30.84%<br>99   | 42.68%<br>137      | 26.48%<br>85  | 321   | 1.96             |
| Updated equipment (sound, visual, etc.)  | 18.09%<br>53   | 38.91%<br>114      | 43.00%<br>126 | 293   | 2.25             |
| Updated lighting (interior & exterior)   | 21.55%<br>64   | 39.73%<br>118      | 38.72%<br>115 | 297   | 2.17             |

| # | OTHER:  | DATE              |
|---|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Pickleball, please!   | 7/20/2022 7:30 PM |
| 2 | I would support using local schools and Lakeside Center in lieu of new construction.  | 7/20/2022 4:39 PM |
| 3 | Add Outdoor beach volleyball at Main beach and outdoor fitness for adults   | 7/18/2022 9:46 AM |
| 4 | An indoor pool would be an incredible asset - year round use would be great.  | 7/17/2022 7:32 PM |
| 5 | Tennis courts are in bad shape. But please don't convert tennis courts to pickle ball unless you can use it for both.   | 7/13/2022 6:36 PM |
| 6 | Music at the Main Beach concerts are hard to hear   | 7/12/2022 8:38 PM |
| 7 | Pool!   | 7/12/2022 7:47 PM |
| 8 | Not sure where to put this info: the "new" dock at West Beach launch is horrible. It's narrow and too short like you are on a kids "bouncy house" trying to walk on it. | 5/23/2022 7:44 AM |

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| 9  | I'm not familiar with the Senior Center however given the risks with Covid to Seniors, I am willing to bet anything the quality of air can be improved there.  | 5/22/2022 2:11 PM  |
| 10 | NEW BUS !  | 5/16/2022 10:06 AM |
| 11 | PLEASE add a hitting wall on the tennis court at Feinburg Park! That would be a tremendous help for beginner tennis players like my elementary kiddos and their friends! And me! I played tennis since high school and always LOVED the wall!  | 5/14/2022 4:37 PM  |
| 12 | Indoor field house with track  | 5/14/2022 11:31 AM |
| 13 | There are no walleyball courts in Crystal Lake, nor clay making ability. See "Wandering Peacock" in Indianapolis for an example of Clay Studio.  | 5/14/2022 9:19 AM  |
| 14 | Please add bathrooms (even if they are porta-potties) to all parks. It goes to the accessibility issue. I don't understand how you expect kids and parents to be out at these hot parks all summer, drinking water, etc. and having no place to use the restroom. We have limited ourselves to going to VA and other parks that have permanent bathrooms, but even porta-potties (like Lake in the Hills parks have) would be welcome. | 5/13/2022 6:29 PM  |
| 15 | The Nature Center needs better lighting. A good cleaning and more exhibits. It is a wonderful facility for young children and when compared to others it is pretty basic.  | 5/13/2022 1:10 PM  |
| 16 | Barfina House park should be closed to the public during school hours for safety reasons.  | 5/12/2022 12:17 PM |
| 17 | cycling paths to safely connect parks  | 5/11/2022 8:39 PM  |
| 18 | If the park district would serve decent wine at the Main Beach, I'll bet lots of folks would come to see the sunsets.  | 5/11/2022 8:21 PM  |
| 19 | Dedicated Pickleball Courts at The Racquet Club immediately  | 5/11/2022 6:36 PM  |
| 20 | Add a pool. Crystal lake needs a pool for families. The beach is great, but sometimes we just need the ease of a pool. This is long overdue.   | 5/11/2022 5:59 PM  |
| 21 | fitness center   | 5/11/2022 5:16 PM  |
| 22 | Get a community pool.  | 5/11/2022 5:06 PM  |
| 23 | Need swimming pool!!   | 5/11/2022 4:49 PM  |
| 24 | Racket club needs inclusivity training   | 5/11/2022 4:28 PM  |
| 25 | The outdoor hard courts at Racket Club need repair- not Veteran's Actes park.  | 5/11/2022 4:23 PM  |
| 26 | there are enough other facilities that offer most of these programs  | 5/11/2022 11:30 AM |
| 27 | Community pool & recreation center for community members to use. We have a great variety of outdoor locations but very limited indoor facilities & offerings.  | 5/9/2022 8:50 PM   |
| 28 | Batting cages often dont work  | 5/8/2022 10:00 PM  |
| 29 | Main Beach bathrooms are gross during the summer.  | 5/7/2022 5:57 PM   |
| 30 | An outdoor pool has been needed by this AFFLUENT community for decades. Having a lake within city limits does not negate that need!  | 5/7/2022 8:17 AM   |
| 31 | Nothing needs to be expanded. Our taxes are already too high.  | 5/6/2022 1:11 PM   |
| 32 | Indoor fitness and pool  | 5/5/2022 5:36 AM   |
| 33 | Racket club exterior courts need resurfacing. Racket club inside needs repair to ceiling and modernized heating system. Sometimes it's just too hot and it's a Waste of money to have heaters on when it's already warm  | 5/4/2022 10:30 PM  |
| 34 | Utilize Barfina barn   | 5/4/2022 9:50 PM   |
| 35 | A recreation facility like Woodstock has, with workout, kid zone and pools (indoor/outdoor). Crystal Lake residents get a discount. Also more options for homeschoolers during the day during school year. Like events at the Palmer House etc more education centered. Too much stuff on weekends and evenings.   | 5/4/2022 9:07 AM   |
| 36 | Updating Lippold Skate and BIKE park, its in bad shape!  | 5/3/2022 10:16 PM  |

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| 37 | Need a community POOL  | 5/3/2022 9:07 PM |
| 38 | Give the people a reason to want to come to this area to live and we ALL win on increases to our property values due to top notch amenities one of the most used if not most used facility for CL-park district.                 | 5/3/2022 5:23 PM |
| 39 | We need a swimming pool!!!   | 5/3/2022 5:15 PM |
| 40 | Fix the flooding problem at three oaks   | 5/3/2022 4:05 PM |
| 41 | On my wish list, more available hours for public use of bathrooms at west beach for walkers.   | 5/3/2022 2:56 PM |
| 42 | Would like an indoor pool/workout facility   | 5/3/2022 2:46 PM |
| 43 | We need a pool! This is the only community that does not have a public outdoor pool...check out the Cary Park District's new pool. We need that! Also, more pickleball courts. They are used more frequently than tennis courts. | 5/3/2022 1:49 PM |
| 44 | indoor pickleball courts exclusively marked for pickleball would be great.   | 5/3/2022 1:44 PM |
| 45 | swimming pool  | 5/2/2022 7:12 PM |

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### Q8 Are there indoor recreation opportunities not currently provided by the Crystal Lake Park District that you would like to see added?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 509

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | No  | 8/17/2022 5:53 PM  |
| 2  | More benches along walking paths VA and Stemes  | 7/23/2022 9:23 PM  |
| 3  | No.   | 7/20/2022 4:39 PM  |
| 4  | No  | 7/20/2022 2:43 PM  |
| 5  | No  | 7/18/2022 10:39 PM |
| 6  | Indoor basketball gym and fitness center  | 7/18/2022 9:46 AM  |
| 7  | Rec center for kids to hang out in.   | 7/18/2022 7:50 AM  |
| 8  | Indoor pool would be nice   | 7/17/2022 8:59 PM  |
| 9  | Volleyball  | 7/17/2022 8:53 PM  |
| 10 | Indoor playground, activity center.   | 7/17/2022 8:15 PM  |
| 11 | More gymnasiums/places for kids to use energy   | 7/17/2022 7:48 PM  |
| 12 | An indoor pool, or indoor pool/mini water park/play space/splash dinner   | 7/17/2022 7:32 PM  |
| 13 | Running/walking track   | 7/17/2022 7:29 PM  |
| 14 | Swimming, work out facility   | 7/17/2022 7:24 PM  |
| 15 | Indoor baseball and basketball facility. Add an icecream shop or restaurant at Main beach....big money from boaters could be made.  | 7/13/2022 6:36 PM  |
| 16 | Indoor walking/running track.   | 7/13/2022 3:23 PM  |
| 17 | Swimming pool   | 7/13/2022 8:54 AM  |
| 18 | Of course a water park. But our taxes are way too much.   | 7/13/2022 7:50 AM  |
| 19 | None  | 7/12/2022 8:05 PM  |
| 20 | Pool  | 7/12/2022 7:47 PM  |
| 21 | No  | 7/12/2022 7:40 PM  |
| 22 | No  | 7/12/2022 7:19 PM  |
| 23 | no  | 5/29/2022 4:52 PM  |
| 24 | I wish CLPD had an aquatic center   | 5/28/2022 11:24 AM |
| 25 | Pool... add a pool in this town.  | 5/23/2022 7:49 PM  |
| 26 | More things for adults. Programs are either during the day or require one to already have people for a team sport. We would like events to meet new people because we are new and don't know people to make a team. | 5/23/2022 10:58 AM |
| 27 | No.   | 5/22/2022 2:11 PM  |
| 28 | I would love if you brought back the drop in gym for kids, that was so fun and not super expensive  | 5/22/2022 7:53 AM  |
| 29 | N   | 5/22/2022 5:08 AM  |

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|----|---|--------------------|
| 30 | Would like more drawing classes for teens   | 5/19/2022 1:23 PM  |
| 31 | not at this time  | 5/18/2022 1:34 PM  |
| 32 | More food options at Main Beach. Perhaps more food trucks during events if not possible at concession stand.  | 5/18/2022 10:44 AM |
| 33 | Open gym opportunities  | 5/18/2022 1:00 AM  |
| 34 | Yes.  | 5/17/2022 8:26 AM  |
| 35 | Indoor recreation center with treadmills, rowing machines and elliptical machines for use year round when the weather is bad for exercise outdoors.                               | 5/17/2022 7:39 AM  |
| 36 | None  | 5/16/2022 7:10 PM  |
| 37 | Not at this time  | 5/15/2022 9:06 PM  |
| 38 | Would love to see an aquatic center built in Crystal Lake, similar to the one in Huntley.   | 5/15/2022 7:36 AM  |
| 39 | A city pool/activity area and community center.   | 5/14/2022 10:41 PM |
| 40 | Senior expanded activities  | 5/14/2022 4:37 PM  |
| 41 | Indoor walking/running track.   | 5/14/2022 4:37 PM  |
| 42 | MUST HAVE for the Midwest: indoor track, fitness area and indoor playground for kids would be a huge asset  | 5/14/2022 11:31 AM |
| 43 | Wallebyball court (see Woodstock recreational center) and a Clay Studio (see Wandering Peacock in Indianapolis).  | 5/14/2022 9:19 AM  |
| 44 | Indoor swimming   | 5/14/2022 7:15 AM  |
| 45 | Line dancing  | 5/14/2022 6:57 AM  |
| 46 | Yes, more evening activities for over 55...a lot of us still work during the day!   | 5/13/2022 10:21 PM |
| 47 | No  | 5/13/2022 6:29 PM  |
| 48 | More Saturday or evening activities for young children. Parents work and their children cannot participate in dance classes, etc... that are held mornings or during the work day | 5/13/2022 1:10 PM  |
| 49 | Nope  | 5/13/2022 11:06 AM |
| 50 | Pool  | 5/12/2022 8:51 PM  |
| 51 | No  | 5/12/2022 9:35 AM  |
| 52 | Nothing comes to mind   | 5/11/2022 10:36 PM |
| 53 | indoor tracks   | 5/11/2022 8:49 PM  |
| 54 | None of which I know.   | 5/11/2022 8:21 PM  |
| 55 | More indoor Pickleball facilities   | 5/11/2022 6:36 PM  |
| 56 | No  | 5/11/2022 6:13 PM  |
| 57 | Pool  | 5/11/2022 6:02 PM  |
| 58 | Indoor community pool.  | 5/11/2022 5:31 PM  |
| 59 | Indoor golf facilities  | 5/11/2022 5:27 PM  |
| 60 | fitness center, indoor pool   | 5/11/2022 5:16 PM  |
| 61 | Dance nights for kids   | 5/11/2022 5:09 PM  |
| 62 | A pool!!!   | 5/11/2022 5:06 PM  |
| 63 | No  | 5/11/2022 5:05 PM  |
| 64 | Indoor pools  | 5/11/2022 4:49 PM  |

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| 65 | rec center   | 5/11/2022 4:34 PM |
| 66 | More inclusive junior programs especially tennis   | 5/11/2022 4:28 PM |
| 67 | Pickleball and badminton.  | 5/11/2022 4:23 PM |
| 68 | A pool and aquatic center  | 5/11/2022 4:10 PM |
| 69 | Indoor workout facility/pool   | 5/11/2022 4:07 PM |
| 70 | Yes - walking track, pool, fitness center  | 5/9/2022 8:50 PM  |
| 71 | Indoor soccer turf. Unknown if already available.  | 5/9/2022 8:40 PM  |
| 72 | A place to walk in the winter time   | 5/9/2022 8:02 PM  |
| 73 | Flag football (youth & adult)  | 5/8/2022 9:20 PM  |
| 74 | An indoor walking track and an indoor lap pool. Racquetball courts   | 5/7/2022 11:56 AM |
| 75 | Perhaps the addition of the badly need poor could be a facility's that is available for use throughout the year. How can it be that there is no pool for high school use? I pay a boatload in taxes. The school districts seem to want for nothing. Yet, the need for a pool has gone unresolved for decades!  | 5/7/2022 8:17 AM  |
| 76 | no   | 5/7/2022 5:40 AM  |
| 77 | None. Our taxes are already too high.  | 5/6/2022 1:11 PM  |
| 78 | Would really love to have a community center!  | 5/6/2022 12:36 PM |
| 79 | More art classes Acting Classes  | 5/6/2022 10:16 AM |
| 80 | No   | 5/5/2022 10:03 PM |
| 81 | Indoor pool  | 5/5/2022 5:36 AM  |
| 82 | No   | 5/4/2022 10:30 PM |
| 83 | Indoor sports facility...basketball, soccer, etc.  | 5/4/2022 10:01 PM |
| 84 | Bowling  | 5/4/2022 9:50 PM  |
| 85 | An aquatic center is needed for year round activities  | 5/4/2022 8:49 PM  |
| 86 | Indoor soccer fields   | 5/4/2022 6:39 PM  |
| 87 | A community pool would be nice   | 5/4/2022 6:09 PM  |
| 88 | I would love to see a rec center that includes a walking track for inclement weather days.   | 5/4/2022 12:44 PM |
| 89 | None Needed  | 5/4/2022 11:15 AM |
| 90 | Racquetball  | 5/4/2022 9:29 AM  |
| 91 | Gym, pool, classes for kids while parents swim etc   | 5/4/2022 9:07 AM  |
| 92 | Indoor pickleball options are limited at the Racket Club. The drop-in program at times is overcrowded and players are waiting too long between games to be enjoyable. There is room to line a pickleball court on each side a tennis court, doubling the capacity, however I'm not sure commitment is there and players are looking for other places to go play now. | 5/4/2022 7:33 AM  |
| 93 | Ceramics specifically on a wheel   | 5/3/2022 10:26 PM |
| 94 | Bike and Skate Park  | 5/3/2022 10:16 PM |
| 95 | Senior badminton   | 5/3/2022 9:54 PM  |
| 96 | POOL   | 5/3/2022 9:07 PM  |
| 97 | a pool   | 5/3/2022 8:28 PM  |
| 98 | Pool   | 5/3/2022 8:10 PM  |
| 99 | Indoor stationary cycling  | 5/3/2022 7:58 PM  |

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|-----|--|-------------------|
| 100 | Indoor pool  | 5/3/2022 7:34 PM  |
| 101 | A pool for year round use  | 5/3/2022 7:16 PM  |
| 102 | Indoor swimming pool   | 5/3/2022 7:14 PM  |
| 103 | No, just main beach facilities   | 5/3/2022 5:23 PM  |
| 104 | We need a rec center with a swimming pool! The lakes aren't good for swimming laps.  | 5/3/2022 5:15 PM  |
| 105 | Would love to have a community pool to avoid gym memberships and ecoli infested lake.  | 5/3/2022 4:54 PM  |
| 106 | If anything, a community pool - but with Crystal Lake and pools available elsewhere, this is not a necessity.  | 5/3/2022 4:28 PM  |
| 107 | Pool   | 5/3/2022 4:21 PM  |
| 108 | Indoor ice rinks; yes you have crystal ice house, but it's a DUMP compared to other facilities. Look at the leaf facility in Gilberts, beautiful for a city a fraction of our size.                            | 5/3/2022 4:05 PM  |
| 109 | indoor walking facility  | 5/3/2022 3:54 PM  |
| 110 | Kids dance night for kids to meet other kids   | 5/3/2022 3:47 PM  |
| 111 | No   | 5/3/2022 3:19 PM  |
| 112 | A recreation center/social area for teens to congregate and socialize. Possibly have area families responsible for watching/keeping clean/having an interest in parks/trails in their area, a voluntary group. | 5/3/2022 3:06 PM  |
| 113 | no   | 5/3/2022 2:56 PM  |
| 114 | Would like an indoor pool/workout facility   | 5/3/2022 2:46 PM  |
| 115 | None.  | 5/3/2022 2:36 PM  |
| 116 | No   | 5/3/2022 2:33 PM  |
| 117 | Indoor turf fields that affiliated programs could rent at a reasonable rate in the winter months.  | 5/3/2022 2:25 PM  |
| 118 | connect the bike paths and stock more fish in ponds  | 5/3/2022 2:14 PM  |
| 119 | A workout gym with fitness studios in one building   | 5/3/2022 2:11 PM  |
| 120 | Dedicated indoor pickleball courts   | 5/3/2022 2:01 PM  |
| 121 | The indoor track would be absolutely amazing!!   | 5/3/2022 1:50 PM  |
| 122 | Free opportunities for seniors   | 5/3/2022 1:50 PM  |
| 123 | Swimming pool, indoor pickle ball  | 5/3/2022 1:49 PM  |
| 124 | Indoor running/walking track for use during the winter months.   | 5/3/2022 1:44 PM  |
| 125 | A walking track of some sort   | 5/3/2022 1:41 PM  |
| 126 | Indoor soccer please   | 5/3/2022 1:38 PM  |
| 127 | Park district pool, park district fitness center with track  | 5/3/2022 1:33 PM  |
| 128 | More tea parties at Palmer House like last week, so cute.  | 5/3/2022 1:32 PM  |
| 129 | Swimming pool  | 5/3/2022 1:31 PM  |
| 130 | More indoor pickle ball courts   | 5/3/2022 1:30 PM  |
| 131 | none   | 5/3/2022 1:24 PM  |
| 132 | Basketball league for young kids (1st grade). The new basketball program offered in summer catalog starts at age 8.  | 5/3/2022 1:15 PM  |
| 133 | Line dancing! We loved taking classes but they havent been offered   | 5/3/2022 1:15 PM  |
| 134 | Walking track that would be open daily - all day.  | 5/3/2022 12:33 PM |

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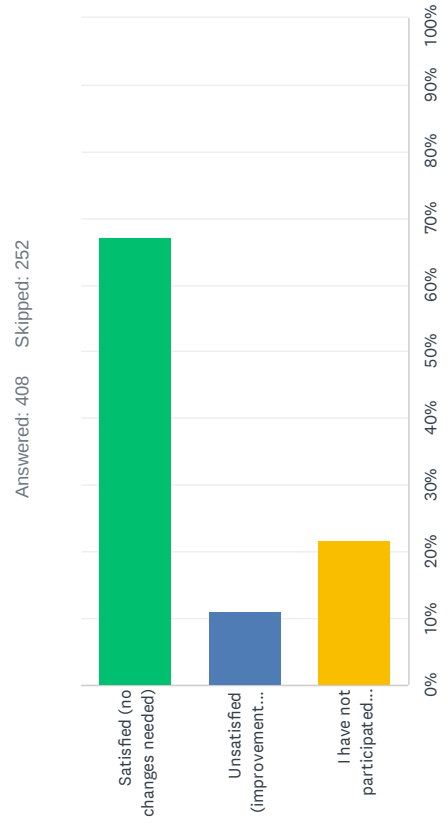
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| 135 | A gym or pool. Indoor walking track.  | 5/3/2022 12:11 PM |
| 136 | Indoor pool   | 5/3/2022 9:32 AM  |
| 137 | Tai chi   | 5/3/2022 5:38 AM  |
| 138 | None  | 5/2/2022 8:22 PM  |
| 139 | swimming pool   | 5/2/2022 7:12 PM  |
| 140 | An Indoor Pool  | 5/2/2022 6:53 PM  |
| 141 | Additional senior trips/outings, etc.   | 5/2/2022 6:42 PM  |
| 142 | Possible a swimming pool  | 5/2/2022 5:25 PM  |
| 143 | Indoor swimming pool for winter activities.   | 5/2/2022 3:42 PM  |
| 144 | Yoga for people in bigger bodies. Crochet & Knitting groups.  | 5/2/2022 3:23 PM  |
| 145 | Pool  | 5/2/2022 3:16 PM  |
| 146 | Pool  | 5/2/2022 1:07 PM  |
| 147 | None  | 5/2/2022 12:43 PM |
| 148 | No, I think the park district does a great job all around.  | 5/2/2022 11:58 AM |
| 149 | More fitness activities/classes during weekday evenings.  | 5/2/2022 11:54 AM |
| 150 | Indoor sports facility and basketball court   | 5/2/2022 10:19 AM |
| 151 | Recreation facility with a gym, basketball court, indoor walking track, space for indoor activities since we live in a climate where inclement weather is a major factor in recreation. | 4/30/2022 9:50 AM |

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Q9 How satisfied are you with the Crystal Lake Park District programs and events that you or your family have participated in over the last 12 months?



| ANSWER CHOICES                                    | RESPONSES     |
|---|---------------|
| Satisfied (no changes needed)                     | 274<br>67.16% |
| Unsatisfied (improvements are needed)             | 45<br>11.03%  |
| I have not participated in any programs or events | 89<br>21.81%  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>408</b>    |

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**Q10 Of the Crystal Lake Park District programs and events that you or your family have participated in the last 12 months, how satisfied were you with each? Please skip the programs and events you and your family did not participate in:**

Answered: 283 Skipped: 377

|   | SATISFIED (NO CHANGES NEEDED) | UNSATISFIED (CHANGES NEEDED) | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Adult Interest / Trips  | 92.31%<br>48                  | 7.69%<br>4                   | 52    | 1.08             |
| Adult Sports – Softball/Volleyball  | 83.33%<br>30                  | 16.67%<br>6                  | 36    | 1.17             |
| After School Basketball   | 79.49%<br>31                  | 20.51%<br>8                  | 39    | 1.21             |
| Batfina House Preschool   | 96.15%<br>25                  | 3.85%<br>1                   | 26    | 1.04             |
| Boat Rentals  | 84.42%<br>65                  | 15.58%<br>12                 | 77    | 1.16             |
| Dance   | 79.41%<br>27                  | 20.59%<br>7                  | 34    | 1.21             |
| Extended Time   | 94.23%<br>49                  | 5.77%<br>3                   | 52    | 1.06             |
| Fitness Classes / Yoga  | 94.03%<br>63                  | 5.97%<br>4                   | 67    | 1.06             |
| Golf Lessons  | 76.00%<br>19                  | 24.00%<br>6                  | 25    | 1.24             |
| Gymnastics  | 93.10%<br>27                  | 6.90%<br>2                   | 29    | 1.07             |
| Historical Programming  | 92.68%<br>38                  | 7.32%<br>3                   | 41    | 1.07             |
| Hot Shot Sports   | 79.49%<br>31                  | 20.51%<br>8                  | 39    | 1.21             |
| Marital Arts  | 84.00%<br>21                  | 16.00%<br>4                  | 25    | 1.16             |
| Nature Programming  | 87.50%<br>56                  | 12.50%<br>8                  | 64    | 1.13             |
| Pickleball  | 73.08%<br>38                  | 26.92%<br>14                 | 52    | 1.27             |
| Senior Interest / Senior Trips  | 90.70%<br>39                  | 9.30%<br>4                   | 43    | 1.09             |
| Special Events(Chilly Fest, Friday the 13th Movie in the Park, Concerts in the Park, Luminaria Walk, 4th of July Fireworks) | 94.34%<br>150                 | 5.66%<br>9                   | 159   | 1.06             |
| Summer Camp   | 90.57%<br>48                  | 9.43%<br>5                   | 53    | 1.09             |
| Swim Lessons  | 82.93%<br>34                  | 17.07%<br>7                  | 41    | 1.17             |
| Tennis  | 88.71%<br>55                  | 11.29%<br>7                  | 62    | 1.11             |
| Wagon Rides   | 95.12%<br>39                  | 4.88%<br>2                   | 41    | 1.05             |
| Youth Variety / Tot   | 78.05%<br>32                  | 21.95%<br>9                  | 41    | 1.22             |

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| #  | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)   | DATE               |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1  | Please, more outdoor Pickleball courts, esp on the North side!   | 7/20/2022 7:31 PM  |
| 2  | Martial arts classes closer to crystal Lake proper   | 7/17/2022 10:01 PM |
| 3  | My biggest complaint is the timing or class limits - summer camp filled; but more importantly, a lot of these Youth programs happen on the same day(s) and times, so it is impossible to do multiple things with your kids. Also, due to COVID, there are a lot of older kids (10-14) who missed out on foundation classes, so putting them into a class with 6-7 year olds is embarrassing. | 7/17/2022 7:35 PM  |
| 4  | It would be nice to Have more programs not run by private businesses.  | 7/12/2022 7:57 PM  |
| 5  | More fun, one day event kind of things... like Lindenhurst park district   | 5/22/2022 7:55 AM  |
| 6  | Chess camp   | 5/17/2022 6:43 PM  |
| 7  | Need more senior options   | 5/14/2022 4:39 PM  |
| 8  | Summer sand volleyball   | 5/11/2022 10:55 PM |
| 9  | When we went on the fall hayride there didn't seem to be any real structure to the ride. They also put off fighting the fire at the end and most people had to take their kids home before it got going.   | 5/11/2022 6:12 PM  |
| 10 | Need new outdoor tennis courts at crystal lake racket club   | 5/11/2022 5:07 PM  |
| 11 | The hard courts at Racket Club need resurfacing!   | 5/11/2022 4:25 PM  |
| 12 | Some rental boats in poor working condition  | 5/8/2022 10:02 PM  |
| 13 | Thanksgiving Break kid camp week - unsatisfied   | 5/7/2022 5:29 PM   |
| 14 | The racket club staff tournament I was in last - they had no idea how to make a tournament of players at the same level  | 5/4/2022 10:31 PM  |
| 15 | Government including clkpd should not compete with private enterprises. Consider reducing your offerings that do.  | 5/4/2022 11:17 AM  |
| 16 | We need more pickle ball courts  | 5/3/2022 5:16 PM   |
| 17 | We havent used swim lessons in last 12 months but in 2017, they were no good. We stopped after that. My kids didn't learn to swim, classes were canceled due to weather, and refunds never processed.  | 5/3/2022 4:56 PM   |
| 18 | No trips for summer camp for middle school, that's a bust.   | 5/3/2022 4:08 PM   |
| 19 | We took our 3 year old to Huntley park district for their soccer league for the lack of crystal lake one. Huntley they have like 18 little kid teams and games which is fun.   | 5/3/2022 2:59 PM   |
| 20 | Need swim lessons at 3 oaks- main beach water is disgusting, more general fitness programs for kids not into team sports   | 5/3/2022 2:55 PM   |
| 21 | Art classes, I wish they were earlier in the day during the school year  | 5/3/2022 2:28 PM   |
| 22 | We are in lake in the hills but are in CL school district. It would be a great benefit to get the CL park district resident rates  | 5/3/2022 2:12 PM   |
| 23 | Bingo  | 5/3/2022 11:57 AM  |
| 24 | Music in senior fitness class is too loud  | 5/2/2022 6:46 PM   |
| 25 | Soccer...much better communication is needed during bad weather. Emails, texts, anything letting families know the games are still going or cancelled, etc.  | 5/2/2022 5:28 PM   |
| 26 | Bag Baseball on Fridays...satisfied  | 5/2/2022 4:37 PM   |
| 27 | More Scouting Activities   | 5/2/2022 3:25 PM   |
| 28 | The parties in the park. We went to a couple last year and nothing was happening. Noone was there. Not even staff.   | 5/2/2022 3:18 PM   |
| 29 | Options for teens needs improvement  | 4/30/2022 9:52 AM  |

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## Q11 Are there programs or events not currently provided by the Crystal Lake Park District that you would like to see added?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 572

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | Pickleball Leagues  | 8/10/2022 11:58 AM |
| 2  | Rec football  | 7/20/2022 2:44 PM  |
| 3  | No  | 7/18/2022 10:40 PM |
| 4  | All day preschool would be amazing!!!   | 7/18/2022 10:02 AM |
| 5  | Expand Flag Football program for Youth up to 12 years old   | 7/18/2022 9:47 AM  |
| 6  | More opportunities for parent/tot and the under 5 age group.  | 7/17/2022 9:51 PM  |
| 7  | Pool swimming lessons.  | 7/17/2022 7:49 PM  |
| 8  | I would like to see a "big kid catch up" class offered for Dance, Gymnastics, and sports. A lot of kids missed that critical time period for "introduction to XYZ activity" due to COVID, so now they are in middle school and cant dance/dribble a ball/do a cartwheel/etc. Doing a beginner activity means being in a class with 6-8 year olds. :(  | 7/17/2022 7:35 PM  |
| 9  | No  | 7/17/2022 7:30 PM  |
| 10 | More adult(senior) interest day trips.  | 7/13/2022 5:51 PM  |
| 11 | Better sound system for concerts  | 7/12/2022 8:40 PM  |
| 12 | None  | 7/12/2022 8:07 PM  |
| 13 | Anything not run by an outside business. The purpose of the park district is to provide programs run by the park district. Not to be used as an additional revenue stream for area businesses.  | 7/12/2022 7:57 PM  |
| 14 | No  | 7/12/2022 7:41 PM  |
| 15 | no  | 5/29/2022 4:53 PM  |
| 16 | more live music from local artists!   | 5/23/2022 8:16 AM  |
| 17 | Expanding/adding programs is awesome, but I would also suggest reinvesting in what you know works is also a good idea and of high value.  | 5/22/2022 2:13 PM  |
| 18 | Movie in the park, more one day events for small kids, parent and kid classes   | 5/22/2022 7:55 AM  |
| 19 | not at this time  | 5/18/2022 1:39 PM  |
| 20 | OVER NIGHT SENIOR TRIPS   | 5/16/2022 10:08 AM |
| 21 | Put Christmas back  | 5/14/2022 4:39 PM  |
| 22 | A Winter Fest that highlights our lake and the history of Crystal Lake! (ice sculptures, winter games/sports, competitions)   | 5/14/2022 11:37 AM |
| 23 | Being back the city wide scavenger hunts (or increase number) and mystery solving events  | 5/14/2022 9:22 AM  |
| 24 | Cooking or sewing   | 5/13/2022 10:24 PM |
| 25 | No, but please add shaded seating to the parks. And bathrooms. My kids and I usually go to 2 or 3 C.L. parks a day during the summer. Even before the pandemic, we were typically the only family or one of 2 or 3 in attendance. I grew up in Crystal Lake and was shocked by how little used the parks are now. Now, after COVID, its the same (except for Main Beach, Woodscreek, and Veterans Acres). I don't understand why so many CL parks are not used. | 5/13/2022 6:33 PM  |

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| 26 | More trips to be offered in all seasons including winter  | 5/12/2022 9:32 AM |
| 27 | I would like to see more pickleball instructional classes, evening for those who work.  | 5/12/2022 9:29 AM |
| 28 | No  | 5/11/2022 6:38 PM |
| 29 | More Pickleball Courts indoor and out   | 5/11/2022 6:37 PM |
| 30 | No  | 5/11/2022 6:15 PM |
| 31 | Trips for families to state or National parks would be nice. For hiking, etc  | 5/11/2022 6:12 PM |
| 32 | Couples dance lessons.  | 5/11/2022 5:33 PM |
| 33 | No  | 5/11/2022 5:29 PM |
| 34 | No  | 5/11/2022 5:07 PM |
| 35 | Art programs  | 5/11/2022 4:40 PM |
| 36 | More inclusive tennis   | 5/11/2022 4:29 PM |
| 37 | Badminton   | 5/11/2022 4:25 PM |
| 38 | Irish dance; cooking  | 5/11/2022 4:23 PM |
| 39 | No  | 5/11/2022 4:11 PM |
| 40 | Lacrosse  | 5/11/2022 4:08 PM |
| 41 | Indoor swimming lessons   | 5/9/2022 8:51 PM  |
| 42 | no  | 5/7/2022 5:41 AM  |
| 43 | Tai chi for adults  | 5/6/2022 1:17 PM  |
| 44 | None  | 5/6/2022 1:12 PM  |
| 45 | Gardening, food cultivation, horticulture, personal development, learning opportunities   | 5/6/2022 12:39 PM |
| 46 | Archery!!!  | 5/6/2022 10:30 AM |
| 47 | Indoor swim lessons   | 5/5/2022 5:37 AM  |
| 48 | Youth team sports (t-ball, baseball, softball, basketball)  | 5/4/2022 10:04 PM |
| 49 | Sunset yoga at main beach   | 5/4/2022 9:50 PM  |
| 50 | I would like to see more opportunities for older kids. Middle schools don't offer all sports for middle schools, so I feel that is an untapped market - and not just sports but activities/events for that age group.   | 5/4/2022 12:45 PM |
| 51 | None  | 5/4/2022 11:17 AM |
| 52 | I've played in three tournaments at the park district. One was run by an outside company and was great. The other two were run in-house and the format was less than ideal and I think it hinders some from signing up. | 5/4/2022 7:38 AM  |
| 53 | More out door music!  | 5/3/2022 10:17 PM |
| 54 | Paddle board yoga on the lake   | 5/3/2022 8:30 PM  |
| 55 | We used to have sailboats and wAkeboards at the old quarry, but since Covid, not running. Really miss the Sailboat rentals.   | 5/3/2022 8:02 PM  |
| 56 | I think your programs are very creative and well thought out. Would appreciate more adult trips not tailored to seniors.  | 5/3/2022 4:56 PM  |
| 57 | Horseback riding, skiing  | 5/3/2022 4:50 PM  |
| 58 | Improve the number, type, and quality of the boats available for rent. e.g. The rowboats need to be replaced.   | 5/3/2022 4:30 PM  |
| 59 | Golf lessons for men. I've never played and would like the basics to see if I'm interested. It seems it's only for women and kids.  | 5/3/2022 4:08 PM  |

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| 60   | More senior trips with new places to see and experience  | 5/3/2022 3:57 PM  |
| 61   | Seems to be limited options for the 15-25 year old age range. I realize it is a hard group to satisfy and find interests.  | 5/3/2022 3:13 PM  |
| 62   | Loved wine & yoga type events.   | 5/3/2022 2:59 PM  |
| 63   | no   | 5/3/2022 2:57 PM  |
| 64   | Kids' running, hiking or fitness clubs year round. There are many families that can't afford team sports or equipment. Regular affordable hiking or running clubs needed.                  | 5/3/2022 2:55 PM  |
| 65   | off and on there is a cooking class provided. The one we signed up for was cancelled, I wish it was more of a regular thing.   | 5/3/2022 2:28 PM  |
| 66   | More variety in Merit Badge programs. seems like the selections have fallen off drastically in the last 2 years.   | 5/3/2022 2:27 PM  |
| 67   | Tuesday summer music is great  | 5/3/2022 2:25 PM  |
| 68   | Free programs for seniors  | 5/3/2022 1:52 PM  |
| 69   | Ice skating lessons  | 5/3/2022 1:51 PM  |
| 70   | Adult Volleyball   | 5/3/2022 1:46 PM  |
| 71   | I'd just like more evening options for the nature center for young kids (2-5)  | 5/3/2022 1:46 PM  |
| 72   | Please add IDNR Hunter Safety and IDNR boating class   | 5/3/2022 1:39 PM  |
| 73   | No, however I pulled my daughter from the Volleyball classes at Grand Oaks because the instructor could not control the unruly behavior of the participants and it wasn't helping her      | 5/3/2022 1:33 PM  |
| 74   | Basketball league/games for age 7  | 5/3/2022 1:16 PM  |
| 75   | Line dancing   | 5/3/2022 1:16 PM  |
| 76   | Pickleball organized play for beginner/intermediates. When you don't know anyone that plays and want to play, it is hard to meet people on the court because they are much better players. | 5/3/2022 12:44 PM |
| 77   | Beer/wine tasting events   | 5/3/2022 12:13 PM |
| 78   | More historical events   | 5/3/2022 5:39 AM  |
| 79   | Not at this time   | 5/2/2022 8:25 PM  |
| 80   | early morning yoga: 7:00 am  | 5/2/2022 7:13 PM  |
| 81   | Additional hiking, nature, outdoor programs for seniors  | 5/2/2022 6:46 PM  |
| 82   | Basketball this past year was great however, coaches should be secured BEFORE getting the kids excited and signed up to only find out that if parents don't step in it'll be cancelled.    | 5/2/2022 5:28 PM  |
| 83   | Doing a great job with programming. Keep up the good work.   | 5/2/2022 3:45 PM  |
| 84   | More adult events. Scavenger hunts.  | 5/2/2022 3:18 PM  |
| 85   | Senior overnight trips   | 5/2/2022 1:09 PM  |
| 86   | None   | 5/2/2022 12:44 PM |
| 87   | No   | 5/2/2022 12:00 PM |
| 88   | More options for 12-17 year olds   | 4/30/2022 9:52 AM |

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## Q12 If you have not participated in any programs or events, please share why that may be.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 595

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | Not interested  | 7/23/2022 9:23 PM  |
| 2  | I use parks for solo activities like running, biking, and photography.  | 7/20/2022 4:42 PM  |
| 3  | No time.  | 7/18/2022 7:50 AM  |
| 4  | No kids at home, no time  | 7/17/2022 7:25 PM  |
| 5  | I work.   | 7/14/2022 7:13 PM  |
| 6  | Not convenient times.   | 7/13/2022 10:23 AM |
| 7  | scheduling  | 5/28/2022 11:24 AM |
| 8  | We have only been in town about six months and haven't found something that works with our schedules or is interesting to us.   | 5/23/2022 10:58 AM |
| 9  | lack of regular communications about the availability. spring/fall catalog with information is forgotten about  | 5/23/2022 9:11 AM  |
| 10 | My children were very active in park district programs until they hit middle school age. Now, as teens, there are far less programs of interest to them. I think there's a missed opportunity there - especially given how teens (especially 13-14) need more to do during the summer but they've aged out of all-day camp.   | 5/23/2022 6:49 AM  |
| 11 | Partly because of covid. Also this last year we were usually away when there were events we would have attended. We hope to be around more this year  | 5/22/2022 1:15 PM  |
| 12 | Covid   | 5/21/2022 10:03 AM |
| 13 | I will not enroll in programs that require masks.   | 5/19/2022 1:24 PM  |
| 14 | Covid, has not been easy to want to go to events of programs!!  | 5/18/2022 3:34 AM  |
| 15 | I have to work to pay my sky high property taxes so parasites can enjoy the parks   | 5/17/2022 8:27 AM  |
| 16 | All I want to do is take a daily walk.  | 5/17/2022 7:41 AM  |
| 17 | Been out of town much of time. While home, I stay busy gardening, doing house projects, staying active with family and friends ♡  | 5/15/2022 9:08 PM  |
| 18 | Covid19   | 5/15/2022 12:13 PM |
| 19 | My girls like basic dance classes but not with a recital at the end. We did that through the CLPD pre-Covid and I'd rather pay for basic lessons without the end recital. We've registered for CLPD tennis lessons a few times but it's more of a babysitting class, not exactly giving kids any feedback on their swing, etc. ; ( I've ended up teaching both my kids at our local courts. I feel a lot of these sports programs need a little more structure and less "free time." I'm paying for lessons, not babysitting... | 5/14/2022 4:43 PM  |
| 20 | Covid   | 5/14/2022 6:58 AM  |
| 21 | I would be at everything that I could with my granddaughter, but I work. We are at the Nature Center and playgrounds (VA and Knack) all the time but would love to be able to participate in classes, gymnastics, etc... Mom, Dad & Grandma all work fulltime. Kid misses out on everything you have to offer. We love the main beach as well.  | 5/13/2022 1:13 PM  |
| 22 | I don't like people   | 5/13/2022 11:07 AM |
| 23 | We are seniors and our main activity is walking our three little dogs in Lippold Park every day   | 5/12/2022 3:27 PM  |

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(unless there is ice cover). We have nearly been hit several times by bicyclists who speed past us from the rear with no verbal warning of their approach. They also startle us when we have no idea they are coming. I suggest signs requiring bike riders to give an audible warning in advance of passing walkers. Now that it is warm the problem is very noticeable again.

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|----|--|--------------------|
| 24 | My kids are grown, and I only use the walking paths and tennis courts.   | 5/12/2022 12:19 PM |
| 25 | I am older and I don't have children or grandchildren to take places.  | 5/12/2022 9:36 AM  |
| 26 | We just moved to Crystal lake in the fall. My daughter is enrolled in the summer camp coming up.   | 5/12/2022 8:36 AM  |
| 27 | I did not have time.   | 5/11/2022 11:20 PM |
| 28 | nothing that appeals to us   | 5/11/2022 8:40 PM  |
| 29 | You charge \$1 to enter the Main Beach. Charging non-residents for parking is fine, but not charging taxpaying families to use the Main Beach.                             | 5/11/2022 8:22 PM  |
| 30 | Fitness programs at wrong time for me. My kids are in their 20s and I'm not ready for the senior programs  | 5/11/2022 5:03 PM  |
| 31 | COVID. Prior to COVID we participated regularly and lab to again.  | 5/11/2022 4:37 PM  |
| 32 | nope of interest   | 5/11/2022 4:37 PM  |
| 33 | Covid  | 5/11/2022 4:14 PM  |
| 34 | Nothing that fit my schedule or interests.   | 5/10/2022 2:57 PM  |
| 35 | due to Covid   | 5/9/2022 8:03 PM   |
| 36 | Unable to find the time to participate   | 5/8/2022 9:00 AM   |
| 37 | I tend to avoid group events and gatherings as they don't attract my interest. I am a nature enthusiast. I do not require group events; they can DETRACT from my pleasure. | 5/7/2022 8:19 AM   |
| 38 | New to area  | 5/5/2022 11:39 AM  |
| 39 | age  | 5/5/2022 8:43 AM   |
| 40 | Nothing of interest works with our family schedule.  | 5/4/2022 8:50 PM   |
| 41 | Looking for beginners golf for younger kids  | 5/4/2022 6:49 PM   |
| 42 | Would like more options for boys 8-12 that are a one time thing or shorter commitment.   | 5/4/2022 5:56 PM   |
| 43 | Everything is on the weekends or in the evening. There is a huge homeschool community that would take advantage of programs during the school year.                        | 5/4/2022 9:08 AM   |
| 44 | Haven't gotten back in to any post COVID restrictions yet.   | 5/4/2022 9:01 AM   |
| 45 | We are a low income family and even with the discount offered it does not fit our budget. We have 4 children and we can not put one child in a program and not the others  | 5/4/2022 6:40 AM   |
| 46 | Cost   | 5/3/2022 10:51 PM  |
| 47 | Timing and interest  | 5/3/2022 10:27 PM  |
| 48 | Covid  | 5/3/2022 9:54 PM   |
| 49 | Nothing of interest. Plenty of activities offered through local clubs at the same or less cost. The park district needs a community aquatic center.                        | 5/3/2022 9:13 PM   |
| 50 | None that necessarily applied  | 5/3/2022 8:11 PM   |
| 51 | Busy with other activities   | 5/3/2022 7:24 PM   |
| 52 | I am an employee of the crystal Lake park district   | 5/3/2022 6:28 PM   |
| 53 | I can find similar programs elsewhere  | 5/3/2022 5:57 PM   |
| 54 | Either the time isn't right, or the weather didn't cooperate.  | 5/3/2022 5:55 PM   |

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| 55 | nothing of interest, no local park near my home  | 5/3/2022 4:42 PM |
| 56 | Only go to Hound Town with our little dog, and Lippold Mini Golf occasionally; weather has not been good enough to do either.... | 5/3/2022 4:05 PM |
| 57 | None interest me.  | 5/3/2022 3:19 PM |
| 58 | Not available or they are at times of they day I can not attend  | 5/3/2022 2:33 PM |
| 59 | Have not seen any that align with our family schedule  | 5/3/2022 2:22 PM |
| 60 | I'm a senior citizen and haven't found anything that interests me also recovering from surgery at the time..                     | 5/3/2022 2:17 PM |
| 61 | Kids are grown. We do attend the main beach music in the summer. Most programs geared toward youth.                              | 5/3/2022 2:15 PM |
| 62 | Pandemic   | 5/3/2022 1:59 PM |
| 63 | My kids are older now, so maybe more options for teens. We did more when they were younger                                       | 5/3/2022 1:49 PM |
| 64 | My kids have aged out of many things offered. They belong to club sports.  | 5/3/2022 1:34 PM |
| 65 | Nothing that interested me.  | 5/3/2022 1:17 PM |

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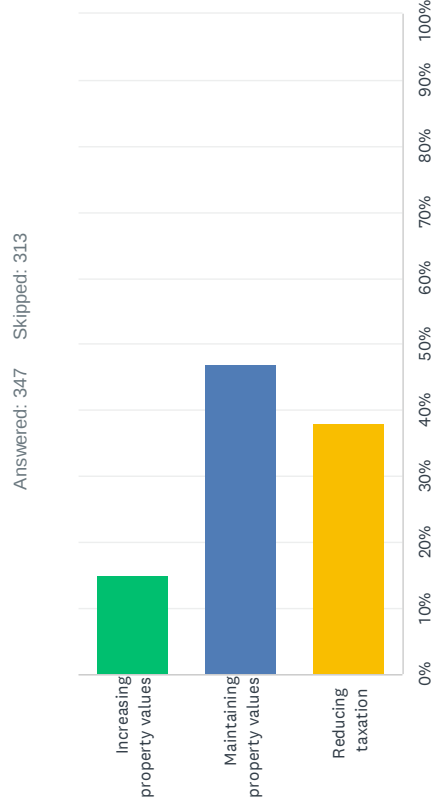


**Q13 What do you think should be the Crystal Lake Park District's priority in the next 5 years? Please rate the following from most to least important:**

Answered: 342 Skipped: 318

|  | 1            | 2            | 3            | 4            | 5            | 6            | 7            | 8            | 9            | 10           | 11           |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Emphasize environmental preservation                       | 22.81%<br>73 | 16.56%<br>53 | 10.31%<br>33 | 8.44%<br>27  | 6.25%<br>20  | 7.19%<br>23  | 5.00%<br>16  | 5.31%<br>17  | 6.25%<br>20  | 6.88%<br>22  | 5.00%<br>16  |
| Expand/improve program options and special events          | 17.83%<br>56 | 15.29%<br>48 | 10.51%<br>33 | 8.60%<br>27  | 8.92%<br>28  | 12.10%<br>38 | 8.60%<br>27  | 7.32%<br>23  | 7.01%<br>22  | 2.55%<br>8   | 1.27%<br>4   |
| Focus on and demonstrate green energy practices & policies | 6.05%<br>19  | 10.51%<br>33 | 14.33%<br>45 | 12.10%<br>38 | 7.96%<br>25  | 7.64%<br>24  | 7.32%<br>23  | 9.24%<br>29  | 7.64%<br>24  | 6.69%<br>21  | 10.51%<br>36 |
| Focus on bettering health and wellness offerings           | 5.73%<br>18  | 7.32%<br>23  | 11.15%<br>35 | 17.52%<br>55 | 11.78%<br>37 | 8.92%<br>28  | 14.33%<br>45 | 9.24%<br>29  | 6.37%<br>20  | 4.78%<br>15  | 2.87%<br>9   |
| Innovation and emerging trends                             | 1.94%<br>6   | 4.84%<br>15  | 7.10%<br>22  | 7.74%<br>24  | 13.23%<br>41 | 12.90%<br>40 | 11.94%<br>37 | 16.45%<br>51 | 8.71%<br>27  | 9.68%<br>30  | 5.48%<br>17  |
| Maintain existing infrastructure                           | 6.81%<br>22  | 13.62%<br>44 | 13.62%<br>44 | 11.46%<br>37 | 12.38%<br>40 | 13.93%<br>45 | 9.91%<br>32  | 5.88%<br>19  | 6.50%<br>21  | 3.10%<br>10  | 2.79%<br>9   |
| New park and facility improvements                         | 11.25%<br>36 | 9.06%<br>29  | 9.06%<br>29  | 8.13%<br>26  | 10.31%<br>33 | 9.38%<br>30  | 13.13%<br>42 | 7.81%<br>25  | 9.38%<br>30  | 8.44%<br>27  | 4.06%<br>14  |
| Preserve and improve natural areas                         | 10.57%<br>35 | 13.29%<br>44 | 10.27%<br>34 | 11.18%<br>37 | 12.69%<br>42 | 5.14%<br>17  | 7.55%<br>25  | 14.80%<br>49 | 5.44%<br>18  | 5.14%<br>17  | 3.93%<br>14  |
| Regional magnet for activities                             | 3.21%<br>10  | 1.60%<br>5   | 2.56%<br>8   | 2.88%<br>9   | 3.53%<br>11  | 4.81%<br>15  | 3.21%<br>10  | 8.97%<br>28  | 21.79%<br>68 | 20.83%<br>65 | 26.60%<br>89 |
| Safety and security of public spaces                       | 12.23%<br>39 | 5.33%<br>17  | 7.52%<br>24  | 8.46%<br>27  | 8.78%<br>28  | 8.78%<br>28  | 9.09%<br>29  | 5.64%<br>18  | 9.72%<br>31  | 17.55%<br>56 | 6.90%<br>22  |
| Special events   | 5.08%<br>16  | 4.44%<br>14  | 5.40%<br>17  | 6.35%<br>20  | 4.76%<br>15  | 8.25%<br>26  | 7.94%<br>25  | 5.71%<br>18  | 8.25%<br>26  | 14.29%<br>45 | 29.52%<br>99 |

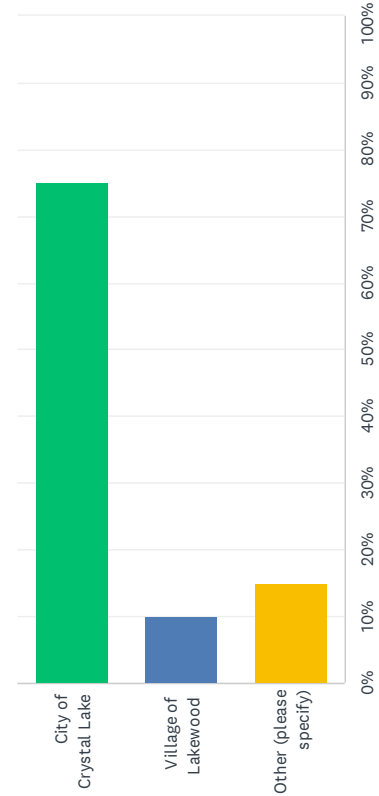
**Q14 Which do you believe the Park District should focus on the most as it relates to these priorities?**



| ANSWER CHOICES              | RESPONSES  |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Increasing property values  | 14.99%     |
| Maintaining property values | 46.97%     |
| Reducing taxation           | 38.04%     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>347</b> |

### Q15 Which are you a resident of?

Answered: 353 Skipped: 307



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES  |
|------------------------|------------|
| City of Crystal Lake   | 265        |
| Village of Lakewood    | 35         |
| Other (please specify) | 53         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>353</b> |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)            | DATE               |
|----|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Townships                         | 7/23/2022 9:27 PM  |
| 2  | Long Grove                        | 7/20/2022 2:37 PM  |
| 3  | Unincorporated Crystal Lake       | 7/19/2022 1:50 PM  |
| 4  | Crystal Lake (unincorporated)     | 7/17/2022 7:38 PM  |
| 5  | Nunda Township w/in park district | 7/12/2022 8:42 PM  |
| 6  | Unincorporated Crystal Lake       | 5/25/2022 1:40 PM  |
| 7  | Unincorporated McHenry County     | 5/19/2022 4:01 PM  |
| 8  | Unincorporated Crystal Lake       | 5/18/2022 1:02 AM  |
| 9  | Other side of Prairie Ridge HS    | 5/13/2022 8:51 PM  |
| 10 | Cary                              | 5/12/2022 3:58 PM  |
| 11 | live in Marengo                   | 5/12/2022 11:25 AM |
| 12 | City of LITH                      | 5/12/2022 9:35 AM  |
| 13 | Nunda Township                    | 5/11/2022 11:00 PM |
| 14 | Unincorporated Crystal Lake       | 5/11/2022 6:15 PM  |
| 15 | Prairie Grove                     | 5/11/2022 5:22 PM  |

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| 16 | Thanks                                       | 5/11/2022 5:08 PM |
| 17 | Barrington ( work in Crystal lake)           | 5/11/2022 4:32 PM |
| 18 | Unincorporated Crystal lake                  | 5/11/2022 4:30 PM |
| 19 | Unincorporated Crystal Lake - Nunda          | 5/11/2022 4:21 PM |
| 20 | unincorporated Crystal Lake                  | 5/11/2022 4:14 PM |
| 21 | Lake in the Hills                            | 5/9/2022 9:08 AM  |
| 22 | OUT OF DISTRICT, TAKE ADULT TRIPS.           | 5/9/2022 8:00 AM  |
| 23 | Unincorporated Crystal Lake                  | 5/7/2022 10:50 AM |
| 24 | Lake in the Hills with CL schools            | 5/6/2022 1:22 PM  |
| 25 | unincorporated                               | 5/6/2022 12:41 PM |
| 26 | Mchenry                                      | 5/5/2022 11:39 PM |
| 27 | Nunda  | 5/5/2022 8:52 AM  |
| 28 | LITH (but pay taxes to the CL park district) | 5/4/2022 6:13 PM  |
| 29 | Unincorporated Crystal Lake                  | 5/4/2022 9:34 AM  |
| 30 | Algonquin                                    | 5/4/2022 7:43 AM  |
| 31 | Algonquin                                    | 5/4/2022 6:50 AM  |
| 32 | fox valley                                   | 5/4/2022 5:38 AM  |
| 33 | Just outside city limits                     | 5/3/2022 10:55 PM |
| 34 | Seneca Township                              | 5/3/2022 5:00 PM  |
| 35 | Tower Lakes                                  | 5/3/2022 4:41 PM  |
| 36 | Huntley                                      | 5/3/2022 4:12 PM  |
| 37 | Huntley                                      | 5/3/2022 3:37 PM  |
| 38 | emerywoods                                   | 5/3/2022 2:47 PM  |
| 39 | Lake in the hills                            | 5/3/2022 2:37 PM  |
| 40 | woodstock                                    | 5/3/2022 2:31 PM  |
| 41 | Unincorporated Park District resident.       | 5/3/2022 2:19 PM  |
| 42 | Oakwood Hills, Prairie Ridge                 | 5/3/2022 2:16 PM  |
| 43 | Lake in the hills                            | 5/3/2022 2:12 PM  |
| 44 | Palatine                                     | 5/3/2022 2:03 PM  |
| 45 | City of FRG                                  | 5/3/2022 1:55 PM  |
| 46 | Unincorporated Crystal Lake                  | 5/3/2022 1:53 PM  |
| 47 | Unincorporated Crystal lake                  | 5/3/2022 1:50 PM  |
| 48 | Nunda Township (but pays for PD)             | 5/3/2022 1:33 PM  |
| 49 | Woodstock                                    | 5/3/2022 1:17 PM  |
| 50 | Crystal lake unincorporated                  | 5/3/2022 9:40 AM  |
| 51 | McHenry                                      | 5/2/2022 1:31 PM  |
| 52 | Lake in the Hills                            | 5/2/2022 12:43 PM |
| 53 | Outside of district but use facilities       | 5/2/2022 12:00 PM |

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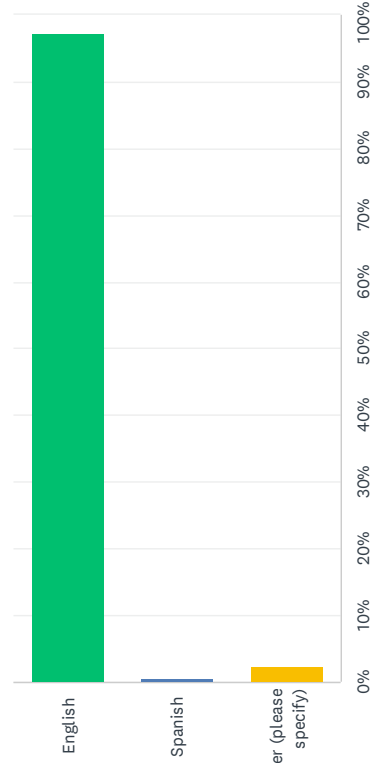
### Q16 How many people of each age group reside in your household?

Answered: 352 Skipped: 308

| Residents    | 0            | 1            | 2            | 3          | 4          | 5          | TOTAL |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| 0-4          | 29.35%<br>27 | 36.96%<br>34 | 28.26%<br>26 | 4.35%<br>4 | 1.09%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 92    |
| 5-9          | 12.73%<br>14 | 60.00%<br>66 | 20.91%<br>23 | 3.64%<br>4 | 0.00%<br>0 | 2.73%<br>3 | 110   |
| 10-14        | 10.78%<br>11 | 60.78%<br>62 | 26.47%<br>27 | 0.98%<br>1 | 0.98%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 102   |
| 15-19        | 14.49%<br>10 | 60.87%<br>42 | 24.64%<br>17 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 69    |
| 20-24        | 23.26%<br>10 | 62.79%<br>27 | 6.98%<br>3   | 4.65%<br>2 | 2.33%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 43    |
| 25-34        | 24.49%<br>12 | 48.98%<br>24 | 26.53%<br>13 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 49    |
| 35-44        | 6.50%<br>8   | 34.15%<br>42 | 57.72%<br>71 | 0.81%<br>1 | 0.81%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 123   |
| 45-54        | 7.62%<br>8   | 42.86%<br>45 | 49.52%<br>52 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 105   |
| 55-64        | 8.79%<br>8   | 38.46%<br>35 | 52.75%<br>48 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 91    |
| 65 and older | 2.78%<br>3   | 38.89%<br>42 | 57.41%<br>62 | 0.93%<br>1 | 0.00%<br>0 | 0.00%<br>0 | 108   |

### Q17 What language is spoken in your household?

Answered: 353 Skipped: 307



| ANSWER CHOICES         | RESPONSES     |
|------------------------|---------------|
| English                | 343<br>97.17% |
| Spanish                | 2<br>0.57%    |
| Other (please specify) | 8<br>2.27%    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>353</b>    |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)  | DATE              |
|---|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Russian   | 7/13/2022 2:55 PM |
| 2 | Nada  | 5/18/2022 6:33 AM |
| 3 | English and Spanish   | 5/15/2022 7:41 AM |
| 4 | Kids are at north and bilingual so we try to speak both Spanish and English | 5/14/2022 9:27 AM |
| 5 | Portuguese  | 5/5/2022 10:07 PM |
| 6 | Multiple  | 5/4/2022 11:19 AM |
| 7 | English! (what else)  | 5/3/2022 3:51 PM  |
| 8 | Polish  | 5/3/2022 1:50 PM  |

### Q18 What park do you live the closest to?

Answered: 349 Skipped: 311

| ANSWER CHOICES                 | RESPONSES |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Asbury Park                    | 1.72% 6   |
| Brighton Oaks Park             | 1.43% 5   |
| Butternut Preserve             | 0.86% 3   |
| Canterbury Park                | 3.15% 11  |
| Della Street Park              | 0.86% 3   |
| Feinberg Park                  | 1.15% 4   |
| Fetzner Park                   | 1.15% 4   |
| Four Colonies Park             | 5.73% 20  |
| Hampton Park                   | 0.00% 0   |
| Hidden Pond Bike Path          | 0.57% 2   |
| Garden Plots                   | 0.57% 2   |
| Hill Farm                      | 0.29% 1   |
| Indian Prairie Park            | 1.72% 6   |
| Kamijima Park                  | 2.58% 9   |
| Ken Bird Park                  | 2.58% 9   |
| Knaack Park                    | 3.72% 13  |
| Ladd Park                      | 2.58% 9   |
| Lapins Park                    | 1.15% 4   |
| Lippold Park                   | 8.02% 28  |
| Main Beach                     | 13.47% 47 |
| Sam Johns Park                 | 1.43% 5   |
| Seminary Field                 | 1.15% 4   |
| Shamrock Hills                 | 0.57% 2   |
| Spoerl Park                    | 2.01% 7   |
| Steme's Woods and Fen          | 3.15% 11  |
| Sterling Meadows Park          | 0.86% 3   |
| Sunset Meadows Park            | 0.00% 0   |
| Veteran Acres Park             | 11.17% 39 |
| West Beach                     | 6.59% 23  |
| Willows Edge Park              | 1.15% 4   |
| Winding Creek Park & Bike Path | 0.57% 2   |
| Wingate Prairie                | 0.00% 0   |

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| Woodland Estates Park | 3.15% 11   |
| Woodscreek Park       | 8.88% 31   |
| Wyndwood Park         | 1.15% 4    |
| I don't know          | 4.87% 17   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>349</b> |



## Q19 Thank you for your participation. Please provide any additional comments here:

Answered: 99 Skipped: 561

| #  | RESPONSES   | DATE               |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1  | You do a great job! The parks in CL are a large part of why we, as retirees, live and thrive here.  | 7/20/2022 7:34 PM  |
| 2  | Focus on doing what you do better and maintaining the property already owned. Pursue partnerships with the city and school districts for land and facilities.   | 7/20/2022 4:50 PM  |
| 3  | We really enjoyed the ABBA tribute band concert at Main Beach. Just wish there was more parking.  | 7/20/2022 2:37 PM  |
| 4  | Your park district employees do amazing work at all your facilities & events and deserve raises & praises for their efforts!  | 7/18/2022 11:25 AM |
| 5  | Add Outdoor beach volleyball at Main beach and outdoor fitness for adults like a Fitness Court that was just installed in Naperville  | 7/18/2022 9:51 AM  |
| 6  | We love the concerts in the park and use the bike path almost daily. We love living here - and can't wait to get our two daughters involved in more programs.   | 7/17/2022 9:54 PM  |
| 7  | Woodlore Estates Park needs to be expanded to based on the size of the neighborhood and the property taxes that we pay. (the survey is incorrect in the spelling of the park).  | 7/17/2022 9:31 PM  |
| 8  | Expanding the dry canoe and kayak storage at west beach would be much appreciated. Letting small boats launch from Fishy Park at the west end of the lake makes sense. A lower boat gate fee for small craft on the lake would be nice considering the much lower impact. | 7/17/2022 8:38 PM  |
| 9  | Please consider offering "big kid" beginner classes... putting older kids (10-14) in class with 6-8 year olds is embarrassing. These kids missed out on a lot of the foundation classes and now feel out of place!  | 7/17/2022 7:38 PM  |
| 10 | Bathrooms at Main Beach need updating. You do a great job and offer a lot of opportunities. Also-add more dry storage-there is such a demand for it-should be at least doubled at West and added at Main.   | 7/17/2022 7:29 PM  |
| 11 | I think a park district's purpose is to provide for the community's recreational needs. Leave environmental focus for MCCD, and other related groups. I think an indoor walking track would be nice. I would support a pool too.  | 7/14/2022 3:44 PM  |
| 12 | Why so many lifeguards on the Main beach? And so little access to the water? (almost no room to swim)   | 7/13/2022 2:55 PM  |
| 13 | Love our park district!   | 7/12/2022 8:42 PM  |
| 14 | How can we limit beach closings in the summer due to bacteria levels??  | 7/12/2022 8:12 PM  |
| 15 | Summer is a bad time to do construction on parks. My kids have been super disappointed by not being able to visit their favorite parks during their summer break.   | 7/12/2022 8:04 PM  |
| 16 | I cannot emphasize enough the lack of aquatics facilities in our community. To be the only school and park district without aquatics facilities in the area is an embarrassment to our community.   | 7/12/2022 8:00 PM  |
| 17 | we do not any type of swimming pool built in our Park District.   | 5/29/2022 4:58 PM  |
| 18 | Perhaps more communication on all the parks available in our communities. More than half of the park facilities listed, I have never heard of and do not know where they are.   | 5/28/2022 11:30 AM |
| 19 | updating and connecting bike and hiking trail mapping   | 5/23/2022 9:15 AM  |
| 20 | One last thing regarding boating...water is too shallow to launch at Main Beach so we have to launch at West. The problem is the parking of trailers. We never know if we can or can't park in  | 5/23/2022 7:49 AM  |

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| 21 | the triangle across from The General Store. One person says yes and another says no. Need clarification; it changes each year and by person. Thank you.   | 5/23/2022 6:46 AM  |
| 22 | We love our park district! Thank you for all you do!  | 5/23/2022 6:21 AM  |
| 23 | Crystal lake had an excellent park program just a little tweaking is needed   | 5/22/2022 2:20 PM  |
| 24 | Thank you kindly!   | 5/22/2022 7:58 AM  |
| 25 | None  | 5/22/2022 5:12 AM  |
| 26 | Thank you   | 5/21/2022 10:08 AM |
| 27 | Park District needs a pool  | 5/17/2022 10:02 AM |
| 28 | The Park District continually fails to work with other parts of city government and the High School district to ensure opportunity to maximize usage of their resources. Another huge failure has been the MCYSA Baseball Tournament that has turned into an absolute joke over the past several years. This was once a very big event for out of state and international teams which brought revenue to the city and it's business community. The people running the MCYSA should all be removed for how they have ruined this event for the city.   | 5/17/2022 8:32 AM  |
| 29 | The head of the District needs to be investigated for profligacy.   | 5/16/2022 7:12 PM  |
| 30 | Reduce taxes...   | 5/16/2022 12:00 PM |
| 31 | Stop spending every penny of the tax money! Save excess for when its needed. Stop changing out things that have lots of years left in them. Be more fiscally responsible and frugal with our tax dollars. Cut budget, cut repetitive jobs, consolidate work loads just like the tax payer has to do.  | 5/16/2022 10:23 AM |
| 32 | KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!<br>I feel that the college of our lake should be the number one priority in the upcoming five years. The weed situation is out of control, and it is impeding residents' Use and enjoyment of the lake. The growth of weeds, milfoil, and zebra mussels should be addressed, and I feel that the park district should be using a significant portion of its resources to protect our community's number one resource and attraction. It is my understanding that the park district owns the bottom of the lake, so it only makes perfect sense that resources should be used directly at the park district budget in order to protect this precious resource. | 5/15/2022 4:45 PM  |
| 33 | More dedicated bicycle paths, bike lanes and marked routes through peaceful, low traffic areas would be a very welcome and healthy addition!  | 5/14/2022 11:59 PM |
| 34 | PLEASE add a hitting wall at Feinburg Park. Or please return the hitting wall back to Veteran Acres. : )  | 5/14/2022 4:47 PM  |
| 35 | Addressing and creating a plan for the health of the LAKE, our greatest asset, should be on the top of the list.  | 5/14/2022 11:45 AM |
| 36 | Please consider a Walleyball court somewhere...   | 5/14/2022 9:27 AM  |
| 37 | Lake improvement and weed management are our main issues The survey did not allow for lake specific comments so will under represent these issues   | 5/14/2022 7:03 AM  |
| 38 | Please consider visiting the parks and soliciting feedback from parents and kids. Maybe set up a booth at the entrance and ask people to stop by and complete this survey or provide written feedback.  | 5/13/2022 6:35 PM  |
| 39 | I initially clicked a few times per year as my visitation to park properties. Should have been minimum of 4 x per month. Thanks   | 5/13/2022 1:20 PM  |
| 40 | I should have been born in Crystal Lake instead of Chicago. There is a lot of Americana here. This area should be open to all culture and NO Chicago Politics. This community has the potential be everything to all cultures. A place to work at a well paid job and a home to live in.  | 5/13/2022 9:26 AM  |
| 41 | I took a written survey when you last offered one. I expressed my thought that the walking paths should be smoothed out so that there weren't so many puddles to walk through. I think the grounds crew has done a nice job doing that in Lippold Park and appreciate their efforts. I assume they plan on cleaning up some of the mess created a week ago when a number of trees were cut down. A few areas are a real eyesore. Also again I stress that since the   | 5/12/2022 3:40 PM  |

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pandemic started, there is a lot more bicycle traffic in the park. I strongly believe that it poses a safety hazard that needs some regulation.

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| 42 | I would love to see an aquatic center built in Crystal Lake! I know MANY families, including my own, that buy summer pool memberships in other park districts/cities because Crystal Lake does not have this option.   | 5/12/2022 11:06 AM |
| 43 | I would like to see all outdoor tennis courts lined for pickleball as well.  | 5/12/2022 9:33 AM  |
| 44 | It's so weird that we do not have an updated park district building with all the things. But, each property has its function and charm so there isn't really a need for a huge, fancy, place. It would just build community and pride a but, I think.  | 5/11/2022 11:00 PM |
| 45 | I love Crystal Lake! All the improvements have been amazing! Keep up the great work  | 5/11/2022 8:54 PM  |
| 46 | Imake my wine at the Main Beach suggestion at the last meeting. Hope springs etemal for increasing evening use of the Main Beach by adults.  | 5/11/2022 8:25 PM  |
| 47 | Crystal Lake needs an outdoor aquatic center!  | 5/11/2022 7:06 PM  |
| 48 | Having more nature focused things to do would be great. I have a special needs son that isn't interested in sports because he's not coordinated enough.  | 5/11/2022 6:15 PM  |
| 49 | Please consider resurfacing Racket Club outdoor hard courts and adding pickleball courts.  | 5/11/2022 5:25 PM  |
| 50 | A member of my household is completely dependent on a wheelchair. ADA accessibility is very important to us.   | 5/11/2022 5:22 PM  |
| 51 | No   | 5/11/2022 5:08 PM  |
| 52 | Inclusivity and racial training for racket club  | 5/11/2022 4:32 PM  |
| 53 | Pool pool Pool!!! Indoor outdoor whatever! Woodstock, Huntley, Algonquin, and Cary all have pools and not Crystal Lake. Let's get with the times!! :) thank you!   | 5/11/2022 4:11 PM  |
| 54 | seem to be cutting down way too many mature trees that appear to have nothing wrong with them. waste of money replacing playgrounds that there is nothing wrong with. should charge a couple of bucks for concerts in the park to cover cost of bands and staff                                    | 5/11/2022 11:39 AM |
| 55 | Please consider a multi-use facility in our community with indoor gym space, a pool and indoor walking areas. We have great resources in nature with our parks but those have limited use due to the weather and seasonal conditions in northern Illinois.   | 5/9/2022 8:54 PM   |
| 56 | Having toddler size toilets available at facilities like main beach and grand oaks would be helpful.   | 5/9/2022 8:46 PM   |
| 57 | Pickleball is growing rapidly and there is a shortage of courts in this area. Spoerf is always filled to capacity. Consider updating unused tennis courts to be remade to multiple pickle courts.  | 5/9/2022 9:08 AM   |
| 58 | I HAVE TAKEN MANY OF THE ADULT TRIPS. I FEEL JENNIFER DOES AND EXCEPTIONAL JOB WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TRIPS AND LOOKING AFTER THE SAFETY OF ALL THE ATTENDEES.   | 5/9/2022 8:00 AM   |
| 59 | I think the park district does a great job. I'd love to see more programs, but I'm happy with what we have.  | 5/7/2022 6:02 PM   |
| 60 | I am available for additional feedback if desired. Nanci Tayler 815 245-0411   | 5/7/2022 8:22 AM   |
| 61 | The Crystal Lake Park District does a fantastic job of maintaining and updating its playgrounds and parks. Likewise, the special events and programs that it runs are a huge benefit to living in this community. Our family loves what the Crystal Lake Park District provides for our community. | 5/6/2022 1:40 PM   |
| 62 | Stop adding to our tax burden.   | 5/6/2022 1:15 PM   |
| 63 | With the growing popularity of disc golf, it would be really nice to see some updates to the course at lippold or even a new course in town. The courses in Cary are so well taken care of it would be nice to see the same care taken in Crystal Lake.  | 5/6/2022 11:42 AM  |
| 64 | Keep up the good work. The PD programs were a major part of the activities our family participated in and continue to be so as empty nesters and in retirement.  | 5/6/2022 7:18 AM   |

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| 65 | A place for ballroom dancing   | 5/4/2022 9:58 PM  |
| 66 | A bike park would be a great addition to the community. The bike path is ok, but kids need a place to ride on bike hills and could really benefit from this addition. Also, the skate park at Lippold could really use an update.  | 5/4/2022 5:08 PM  |
| 67 | Thank you for this opportunity.  | 5/4/2022 12:48 PM |
| 68 | Government including cipkd should not compete with private enterprises. Consider reducing your offerings that do.  | 5/4/2022 11:19 AM |
| 69 | We love our parks and lake!  | 5/4/2022 7:40 AM  |
| 70 | The parking at the tennis club stinks. People act stupid in the parking lot it should be made one way and go around the building   | 5/4/2022 6:50 AM  |
| 71 | The park district should offer scholarships for low income families, or better discount rates for low income families with more than one child   | 5/4/2022 6:47 AM  |
| 72 | Have lived here enjoying CL parks since 1964. CL Park District is the best! Thank you!   | 5/4/2022 5:19 AM  |
| 73 | Please help repair and expand the Lippold Skate and BIKE park!!!   | 5/3/2022 10:20 PM |
| 74 | This community needs a pool.   | 5/3/2022 9:15 PM  |
| 75 | On a whole, you do a great job with the parks and with hiring great people to maintain and patrol them.  | 5/3/2022 8:09 PM  |
| 76 | The cost of fitness classes for residents seems high. I know it's only about \$10 per class but with so many options in the community, it would be competitive to lower costs for residents.   | 5/3/2022 7:31 PM  |
| 77 | Thank you for a survey opportunity.  | 5/3/2022 7:19 PM  |
| 78 | Knack park is bad  | 5/3/2022 7:13 PM  |
| 79 | Dream Big! If you build it, they will come!!!!   | 5/3/2022 5:27 PM  |
| 80 | A dedicated gym/fitness center with pool like Dundee would be awesome. Golf course as lippold needs shade.   | 5/3/2022 5:00 PM  |
| 81 | Overall, we believe the CLPD is one of the best park districts in the State of Illinois. The Crystal Lake area is well served by the Board/Commissioners. Keep up the GREAT work! Its too bad the CLPD could not have taken over Three Oaks and The Quarry because we believe the CLPD is MUCH better suited to operate and maintain such a facility. The City does well, the CLPD would have done better. | 5/3/2022 4:36 PM  |
| 82 | Four colonies need a toilet. You can't say four colonies is not big enough for a bathroom but every year you have a portable toilet there. Build a restroom or get rid of the eye sore permanently.  | 5/3/2022 4:12 PM  |
| 83 | We live east of Route 31, there is a total lack of safe pedestrian and cycling access to the rest of Crystal Lake. While it is not the Park District responsibility it is something that should be addressed within the city government.   | 5/3/2022 3:17 PM  |
| 84 | Thank you for asking   | 5/3/2022 2:29 PM  |
| 85 | The I crease for summer camp with no additional offers is hard to keep kids going for single working parents even.   | 5/3/2022 2:27 PM  |
| 86 | Treat the trees at Main beach and others when early signs of disease. We lost elms because we addressed it too late  | 5/3/2022 2:20 PM  |
| 87 | The athletic programs offered, e.g. baseball, football, gymnastics, etc., are not conducive to participation by children in a home with two working parents. I work until 5:00PM and have a 45-60 minute commute.  | 5/3/2022 2:09 PM  |
| 88 | The park district does a fine job.   | 5/3/2022 2:04 PM  |
| 89 | Please work on the weed problem on the west end of the lake. It is out of control!!!   | 5/3/2022 1:23 PM  |
| 90 | You are doing a wonderful job. We have put our kids in so many of your programs. Good  | 5/3/2022 1:22 PM  |

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| 91   | variety. Proud to live in a town with such a strong park district.<br>I would love to see the brochures back again or at least have the ability to purchase. | 5/3/2022 9:40 AM  |
| 92   | The Park District employees are very kind and professional. Lots of good programs and activities, although more expensive than some nearby park districts.   | 5/3/2022 5:43 AM  |
| 93   | Jennifer Peterson is terrific.   | 5/2/2022 8:21 PM  |
| 94   | Love the Yoga fitness programs. We'd love to see Forts on the courts brought back.   | 5/2/2022 5:31 PM  |
| 95   | Add running tracks around parks!!  | 5/2/2022 4:55 PM  |
| 96   | I think our park district does a fantastic job with programs and caring for the all of the parks and facilities.   | 5/2/2022 3:53 PM  |
| 97   | No comments, but thanks for asking.  | 5/2/2022 1:40 PM  |
| 98   | I am a senior citizen & I think the park district does an outstanding job providing activities/ programs for seniors.  | 5/2/2022 1:13 PM  |
| 99   | None. Thank you!   | 5/2/2022 12:46 PM |

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Crystal Lake Park District Supplemental Survey

### Q1 Please tell us how important the following potential outdoor PARK improvements would be to you and your family:

Answered: 166 Skipped: 1

|   | VERY IMPORTANT | SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT | NOT IMPORTANT | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|------------------|
| ADA Accessibility   | 27.85%<br>44   | 34.81%<br>55       | 37.34%<br>59  | 158   | 1.00             |
| Ball Hockey Rink  | 5.16%<br>8     | 22.58%<br>35       | 72.26%<br>112 | 155   | 1.00             |
| Beaches   | 76.07%<br>124  | 20.25%<br>33       | 3.68%<br>6    | 163   | 1.00             |
| Boat Ramps  | 20.25%<br>32   | 27.85%<br>44       | 51.90%<br>82  | 158   | 1.00             |
| Campgrounds   | 25.31%<br>41   | 31.48%<br>51       | 43.21%<br>70  | 162   | 1.00             |
| Components/areas for special needs                                      | 27.78%<br>45   | 39.51%<br>64       | 32.72%<br>53  | 162   | 1.00             |
| Concert Areas   | 35.22%<br>56   | 52.20%<br>83       | 12.58%<br>20  | 159   | 1.00             |
| Court and/or field renovations (updating, expansion, repurposing, etc.) | 34.16%<br>55   | 52.80%<br>85       | 13.04%<br>21  | 161   | 1.00             |
| Demonstration gardens   | 15.53%<br>25   | 40.99%<br>66       | 43.48%<br>70  | 161   | 1.00             |
| Dog park  | 21.74%<br>35   | 29.81%<br>48       | 48.45%<br>78  | 161   | 1.00             |
| Electric Vehicle Charging Stations                                      | 11.73%<br>19   | 25.93%<br>42       | 62.35%<br>101 | 162   | 1.00             |
| Multi-use (walking & biking) and nature/interpretive trails             | 74.69%<br>121  | 21.60%<br>35       | 3.70%<br>6    | 162   | 1.00             |
| Outdoor classrooms / workspaces   | 26.09%<br>42   | 50.93%<br>82       | 22.98%<br>37  | 161   | 1.00             |
| Outdoor fitness   | 31.68%<br>51   | 44.72%<br>72       | 23.60%<br>38  | 161   | 1.00             |
| Outdoor pool(s)   | 69.33%<br>113  | 16.56%<br>27       | 14.11%<br>23  | 163   | 1.00             |
| Parking improvements & expansion (more paved lots)                      | 14.91%<br>24   | 56.52%<br>91       | 28.57%<br>46  | 161   | 1.00             |
| Playground updates (equipment & accessibility)                          | 61.73%<br>100  | 25.93%<br>42       | 12.35%<br>20  | 162   | 1.00             |
| Public art  | 17.50%<br>28   | 40.63%<br>65       | 41.88%<br>67  | 160   | 1.00             |
| Restrooms   | 68.71%<br>112  | 25.77%<br>42       | 5.52%<br>9    | 163   | 1.00             |
| Secluded/quiet areas  | 27.50%<br>44   | 44.38%<br>71       | 28.13%<br>45  | 160   | 1.00             |
| Self-guided experiences   | 31.87%<br>51   | 37.50%<br>60       | 30.63%<br>49  | 160   | 1.00             |
| Wi-Fi availability  | 22.36%<br>36   | 32.30%<br>52       | 45.34%<br>73  | 161   | 1.00             |

## Supplementary Survey Results

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
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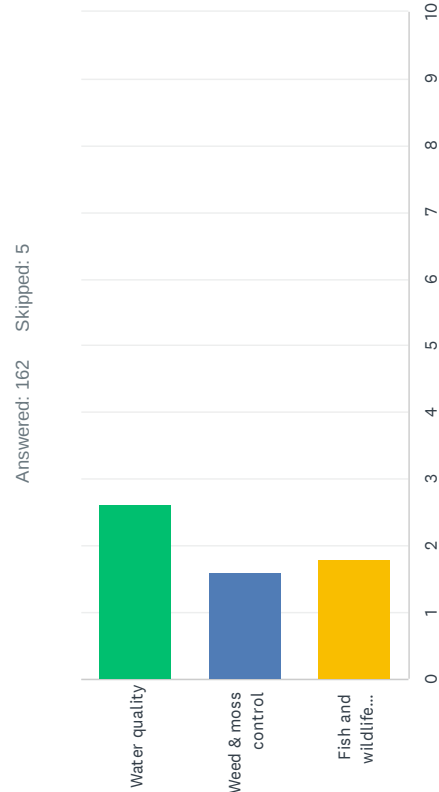
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| 1  | Would like to see fund raising to install speakers through the concerts at the park.  | 8/30/2022 11:27 AM |
| 2  | COMMUNITY POOL!!!   | 8/30/2022 8:38 AM  |
| 3  | We definitely could use an out door POOL!! Both for competition and rec!  | 8/29/2022 7:41 PM  |
| 4  | Instead of increasing taxes for the much desired CL Rec center (with a pool), cut everything else down, like no other renos until the rec center is paid for. I say rec center and water quality first.   | 8/29/2022 8:20 AM  |
| 5  | Pave lippold, no more mulch at parks, pool would be amazing   | 8/29/2022 6:37 AM  |
| 6  | Fenced in playground for special needs children who elope   | 8/29/2022 6:12 AM  |
| 7  | Environmental friendly programs   | 8/29/2022 6:05 AM  |
| 8  | Stop killing perfectly living oaks ...  | 8/28/2022 9:58 PM  |
| 9  | Please build an outdoor pool for Crystal Lake   | 8/28/2022 9:22 PM  |
| 10   | MTB TRAILS PLZ  | 8/28/2022 8:22 PM  |
| 11   | Never again close all playgrounds at the same time during the summer  | 8/21/2022 3:52 PM  |
| 12   | We need a real community center. We come from Boise and their Y was amazing. My kids made so many friends their as they had play groups sorted by ages. While we worked out, they did rock climbing or basketball with their friends. My husband and I made so many friends through classes there. I would love to see something like that here. A place that the community comes together. | 8/18/2022 3:46 PM  |
| 13   | Better maintenance of existing parks and where are the park police? We never see them anymore!  | 8/18/2022 9:03 AM  |
| 14   | More sand areas, beaches and pools.   | 8/15/2022 3:56 PM  |
| 15   | Your mt bike/walking trails at Vets/Sterns do not work. Mt bikes erode trails to gullies unless the trails are built and maintained for mt bikes. Current state and multi use is dangerous.   | 8/13/2022 6:32 AM  |
| 16   | Outdoor POOL!! Please!!   | 8/11/2022 11:19 PM |
| 17   | The outdoor courts at the racket club need to be fixed asap   | 8/11/2022 4:16 PM  |
| 18   | too many weeds and overgrown trails, the grounds have been steadily declining over the past 5 years or so   | 8/11/2022 9:26 AM  |
| 19   | Dedicated Pickleball Courts (more) or indoor  | 8/10/2022 12:34 PM |
| 20   | Outdoor pool is our family's biggest priority   | 8/10/2022 11:53 AM |
| 21   | Outdoor ice rink  | 8/10/2022 11:10 AM |
| 22   | Natural habitat restoration.  | 8/10/2022 9:16 AM  |
| 23   | Pool, outdoor and indoor pools, with deep diving well.  | 8/10/2022 9:08 AM  |

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**Q2 Please rank how important the following items are relating to LAKE health and ecology for the Park District to focus on in the next five years:**



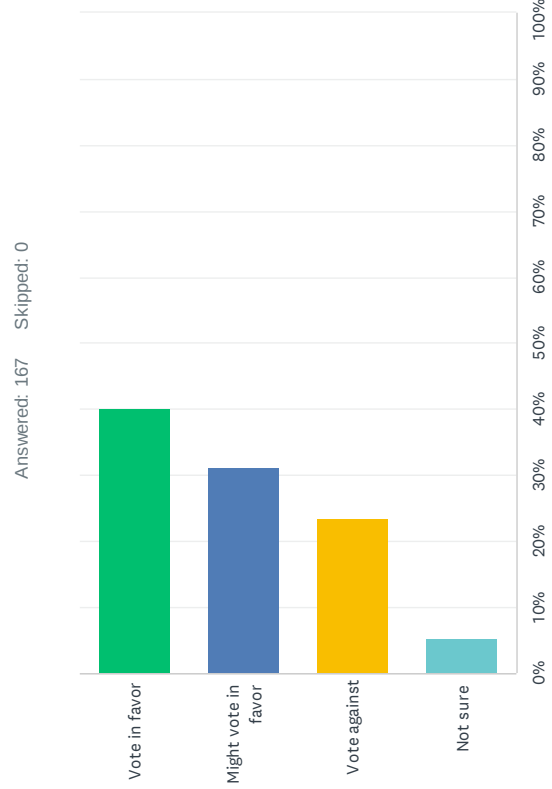
Answered: 162 Skipped: 5

|                           | 1             | 2            | 3            | TOTAL | SCORE |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Water quality             | 69.68%<br>108 | 23.23%<br>36 | 7.10%<br>11  | 155   | 2.63  |
| Weed & moss control       | 14.65%<br>23  | 29.30%<br>46 | 56.05%<br>88 | 157   | 1.59  |
| Fish and wildlife habitat | 16.98%<br>27  | 45.91%<br>73 | 37.11%<br>59 | 159   | 1.80  |

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Q3 How would you vote on a referendum to approve a tax increase for a period of time to fund the construction of an indoor recreation center that would include potential amenities such as a fitness center, indoor pool, dance studio, art studios, group exercise studios, a gymnasium for basketball/volleyball/etc., senior center, general programming space?



Answered: 167 Skipped: 0

| ANSWER CHOICES      | RESPONSES  |
|---------------------|------------|
| Vote in favor       | 40.12% 67  |
| Might vote in favor | 31.14% 52  |
| Vote against        | 23.35% 39  |
| Not sure            | 5.39% 9    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>167</b> |



**Memorandum**

Date: February 2, 2023  
 Revisions per December 15, 2022 Board Workshop  
 Revisions per January 19, 2023 Board Workshop  
 Revisions per January 31, 2023 Staff Meeting  
 To: Crystal Lake Park District (CLPD)  
 From: Hitchcock Design Group (HDG)  
 RE: **Crystal Lake Park District Comprehensive Master Plan Update; Prioritize Phase –Needs and Strategies (Revised)**

**Needs:**

- Parks:
- Evaluate need for aquatic facility (indoor/outdoor)
  - Provide more trails for walking and biking
  - Continue park updates at higher-use parks
  - Update aging park playgrounds at shelters
  - Improve accessibility within parks
  - Better connectivity throughout District
  - Additional pickleball courts
  - Additional picnic shelters
  - Additional fishing stations
  - Improve and expand ballfield offerings
  - Dog park improvements and expansion
  - Address drainage challenges
  - Better management of natural areas and ecological improvements

Maintenance Facility:

- Security improvements
- Lighting updates for energy efficiency
- Flooring and roof updates
- Internal and external cosmetic improvements (paint/stain, repair)
- Determine location of new facility
- Install fencing around existing facility

Other:

- Maintain positive relationships with stakeholder groups
- Preserve and enhance existing infrastructure
- Expand outdoor event offerings at existing venues
- Improve marketing outreach and communications
- Explore partnerships for additional funding and shared use opportunities
- Evaluate properties / facilities to determine if they should be kept, removed, or consolidated

Needs and Strategies Memo



- Explore further interest in community center

**Objective #1 – Improve Existing Park Assets to Meet Community Expectations:**

Justification:

1. Staff workshop placed high emphasis on maintaining existing/enhancing existing offerings & infrastructure by improving on those
2. Community Meeting #1’s most votes went to the “Park Improvements” category
3. Community survey noted outdated playground equipment, additional seating needed, and maintaining existing infrastructure as top priority for the next 5-years

Strategies (Top Community Priorities):

1. **Update Playground Renovation Schedule** and supporting amenities (seating areas & site furnishings) so updates can be planned and budgeted for each year:
  - a. Establish a list for and grouping of parks for renovations to be made each year, prioritized based on age & need for improvements (high, medium, low):
    - i. **Priority Group A** (High – 1 to 2 years):  
*Amenities are beyond their useful life and need immediate attention, no longer functional, is unsafe, park is very popular & heavily used:*
      - o Lippold Park – 2001
      - o Knaack Park – 2006
      - o Wyndwood Park – 2007
      - o Della Street Park – 2009

- ii. **Priority Group B** (Years 3 & 4):  
*Amenities are halfway or more through their useful life, minor maintenance and drainage issues exist, park layout is safe and functional but could be improved, park receives a moderate number of visitors:*
  - o Canterbury Park – 2005  
*(pending funding commitment; see #5 below)*
  - o Sam Johns Park – 2009
  - o Spoerl Park – 2009
  - o Veteran Acres Park – 2011
  - o Fetzner Park – 2011
  - o Woodland Estates Park – 2012
  - o Ken Bird Park – 2012

- ii. **Priority Group C** (Year 5 & Beyond):  
*Amenities have been recently updated, park is well maintained, layout is safe and functions at a high standard, park is not heavily used:*
  - o Hill Farm Park – 2014
  - o Woodscreek Park – 2014
  - o West Beach – 2014



2. **Update Shelter Renovation and Addition Schedule** and supporting amenities (seating & site furnishings) so updates can be planned and budgeted for each year:
  - a. Establish a list for and grouping of parks for renovations to be made each year, prioritized based on age & need for improvements (high, medium, low):
    - i. **Priority Group A** (High – 1 to 2 years):  
*Amenities are beyond their useful life and need immediate attention, no longer functional, is unsafe, park is very popular & heavily used:*
      - o Lippold Park – repair existing & add new
      - o Main Beach – upgrade/replace bandshell & add new
      - o Brighton Oaks Park – enlarge/repair/add new
      - o Butternut Preserve – new \*ownership
      - o Woodland Estates Park  
– enlarge/new & add water/toilet
      - o **Veteran Acres North Shelter**

- ii. **Priority Group B** (Years 3 & 4):  
*Amenities are halfway or more through their useful life, minor maintenance and drainage issues exist, park layout is safe and functional but could be improved, park receives a moderate number of visitors:*
  - o Ken Bird Park – new with water/toilet
  - o Fetzner Park – new with water/toilet
  - o Hill Farm – new with water/toilet
  - o Spoerl Park – new with water/toilet
  - o Veteran Acres Park – new near tennis/Rotary
  - o Willows Edge Park – new
  - o Woodscreek Park – repair existing

- iii. **Priority Group C** (Year 5 & Beyond):  
*Amenities have been recently updated, park is well maintained, layout is safe and functions at a high standard, park is not heavily used:*
  - o Asbury Park – new small gazebo/shade
  - o Palmer House – new gazebo
  - o Fetzner Park – repair existing
  - o Feinberg Park – new gazebo/shade
  - o Four Colonies Park – new with water/toilet
  - o Indian Prairie Park – new
  - o Sam Johns Park – new
  - o Kamijima Park – new gazebo
  - o Knaack Park – new
  - o Nature Center – new
  - o West Beach – new
  - o Winding Creek Park – new





- o Wyndwood Park – *new gazebo*
- o Grand Oaks – *new*
- o Ladd Park – *new*
- o Lapins Park – *new gazebo/shade*
- o Shamrock – *new with water/toilet*
- o Sterling Meadows Park – *new gazebo/shade*
- o Sterne’s Woods and Fen – *repair*
- o Sterne’s Woods and Fen – *add new*
- o Woodscreek Park – *add new*

3. **Master Plan Lippold Park:**

- a. Evaluate **dog park updates**
- b. Evaluate skatepark updates
- c. ADA improvements
- d. Address playground and shelter renovations aligning with *Playground and Renovation Schedule*
- e. **Parking lot improvements**
- f. Amenity additions:
  - i. Gathering area/pavilion
- g. Sund Ballfield renovations and expansion
- h. Disc golf renovation

4. **Master Plan Veteran Acres Park:**

- a. Playground updates – align with *Playground and Renovation Schedule*
- b. Splash pad updates – *expansion or addition*
- c. ADA improvements – *playground surfacing recently replaced*
- d. **Trail improvements and expansion**
- e. Amenity additions:
  - i. **Consider adding pickleball courts**

5. Implement **Park Improvements Plan for Canterbury Park:**

- a. Construction drawings completed in 2019 – *pending funding*:
  - i. **Secure District 47 commitment to the project before proceeding:**
    1. Playground updates (as noted above)
    2. ADA improvements
    3. Address safety / security (for school playground use)

6. Develop **Improvements Plan for West Beach:**

- a. **Improved access and beach front improvements**
- b. Improve facility utilization
- c. Explore additional paddle board and kayak storage options
- d. Explore expansion opportunities
- e. Evaluate underutilized areas

7. Conduct **ADA Improvements Study** along with **current transition plan** to evaluate, prioritize, and track accessibility and connectivity updates at targeted parks:

- a. Develop list of existing issues to be addressed at specific parks:



- i. Accessible routes from parking to higher-use amenities
  - ii. Evaluate playground access ramps/points-of-entry
  - iii. Connection point to court areas – access and gates
  - iv. Seating areas (spatial requirements & site furnishings)
- b. Prioritize and group parks for implementation of improvements
  - c. Coordinate to align with on-going initiative(s)
  - d. **Improve beach accessibility/ADA compliance**

8. Implement **Remaining Phase of Main Beach Improvements Plan:**

- a. Design, engineer, bid, and construct:
  - i. Bandshell improvements to improve audience visibility
  - ii. Entry area paving improvements
  - iii. Gate / fencing improvements
  - iv. **Audio/visual improvements**

9. Implement **Woodscreek Park Ball Hockey Rink Phase I:**

- a. *Pending available funding* – design, engineer, bid, and construct
- b. Explore Phase II items (future expansion) and evaluate timeline

10. **Explore Shamrock Hills Options and Potential Improvements:**

- a. Evaluate keeping property
- b. Evaluate Phase II improvements
- c. Evaluate programming of the park
- d. Develop implementation strategy

11. **Create More Art Exhibits & Displays** in existing parks:

- a. Consistent theme, color scheme, & variety throughout district?
- b. Develop list of parks to add-to/expand on and prioritize:
  - i. Evaluate location(s) at selected parks.
- c. Evaluate source(s) and potential options.

12. **Explore expanded parking options at Main Beach**

- a. Evaluate alternate parks to relocate ballfield

13. **Determine future financial potential of The Racket Club**

- a. Contract services of consultant to review operations
- b. Contract services of consultant to determine fair market value of The Racket Club

**Objective #2 – Expand Offerings at Existing Parks to Better Serve Community:**

Justification:

1. Both online and statistically valid surveys showed high response for more walking and biking trails within existing parks and connection to/from others
2. Staff Workshop noted need for additional court space (specifically pickleball) at Racket Club due to high demand



3. Community Meeting #2 feedback and several online survey comments noted the need for updates and improvements to the existing dog park and the possible need for a second dog park within the district

**Strategies (Top Community Priorities):**

1. **Develop Trail Update and Expansion Plan** to provide more multi-use trails within existing parks:
  - a. Evaluate and determine best connection points to McHenry County regional bike trail to improve connectivity within district
  - b. Tie-into and connect with City of Crystal Lake’s existing on-road bike routes
2. **Conduct Field and Court Assessment Study** to confirm if current community and stakeholder group needs are being met:
  - a. Identify any gaps in availability
  - b. Identify upgrades/renovation needed – *develop list & schedule of updates*
  - c. Evaluate if sufficient to address emerging trends (ex: pickleball)
3. **Expand Pickleball Court Offerings** to meet increased demand:
  - a. Aligned with Field and Court Assessment Study noted above
  - b. New outdoor courts planned to be added at Haligus Road Park
  - c. Prioritize indoor and outdoor court expansion at Racket Club
4. **Evaluate Dog Park Needs:**
  - a. Identify and evaluate potential locations
  - b. Expanded offering to community
  - c. *Design should be visually appealing and functionally interesting for users*
  - d. Better access for users (closer parking options)
  - e. Determine operations strategy:
    - i. Membership and fee structure
    - ii. Layout (small dog & large dog separation)
    - iii. Hours of use
    - iv. Annual maintenance
5. **Conduct review of Park District Police Department**

**Objective #3 – Address Underserved Areas & Demographics within District:**

**Justification:**

1. The western region of the district is primarily Lakewood residents and is largely underserved by any park level
2. Planning Area 10 (at the northside of the district) is not currently served by any park level and contains a high concentration of the district’s Hispanic population, population both below the poverty level and concentration of members of households with disabilities
3. The majority of Planning Area 12 (at the northside of the district) is underserved with a population over 1,000



4. Aging amenities at parks is leading to inequitable distribution of service throughout the District

**Strategies (Top Community Priorities):**

1. **Develop Haligus Road Park** per 2022 Master Plan:
  - a. Recommend classifying as Community Park:
    - i. *Would serve Planning Areas 3, 5, 6, & 7 with higher concentration of under-resourced households (lower income & disabilities)*
  - b. Design and Engineer
  - c. Bid and Construct
  - d. Review and coordinate additions/future park improvements to the park
2. **Evaluate Property Acquisitions** to improve level of service offerings to underserved planning areas and demographic groups:
  - a. **Add neighborhood parks** within:
    - i. Planning Areas 10 ~~and 11~~ +2:
      1. *Planning Area 12 consists of Covered Bridge Trails neighborhood featuring existing park to HOA members*
      2. Establish list and explore acquisition opportunities
      3. Master plan and develop
    - ii. Planning Area 18 (*approximately 212 residents*):
      1. Establish list and explore acquisition opportunities for *mini or smaller neighborhood park*
      2. Master plan and develop
      3. Explore connection to/from Three Oaks Recreation Area
    - iii. Continue focus on accessibility and inclusivity offerings
  - b. **Add neighborhood park(s)** within far-western region of district to better serve Lakewood residents:
    - i. Planning Areas 1 through 7 and west portion of Planning Area 9:
      1. Areas 1, 3, 5, & 7 are all low population
    - ii. Establish list and explore acquisition opportunities
3. **Explore “mobile recreation” program and event development** to serve specific demographic groups or underserved populations where land acquisition is not feasible:
  - a. Specifically targeting Planning Areas 7, 10, 14, 18, 32, & 33 with higher concentration of household members with disabilities and lack of nearby facilities within planning boundary.

**Objective #4 – Evaluate Additional Indoor Space Offerings and Expansion:**

**Justification:**

1. Staff Workshop noted need for programming space and multi-purpose building





2. Both online and statistically valid surveys and Community Meeting #1 had a high number of responses noting the need for an indoor/outdoor pool
3. The maintenance facility assessment noted a good number of short-term and long-term recommendations to improve functionality
4. Park Metrics benchmarking indicates a deficit of all indoor facility types (recreation center, community center, senior center, indoor skating rink, and performing or visual arts center)
5. Chicagoland benchmarking shows a deficit of indoor aquatics space and a surplus of programmable and non-programmable indoor space

Strategies (Top Community Priorities):

1. **Conduct Facility Feasibility Study to Determine Indoor Space Needs** and evaluate potential addition of multi-purpose building to address deficiencies for: *recreation center, senior center, ice skating rink, community center, nature/interpretive center, and performing/visual arts center* (noted in Park Metrics benchmark):
  - a. Evaluate current use of all indoor recreation spaces:
    - i. Repurpose spaces to maximize utilization
    - ii. Re-evaluate existing master plan for Sunset Meadows for new indoor facility opportunity and environmental enhancements
  - b. Identify needed indoor spaces for public use, programming, and District operations, considering:
    - i. Necessary size
    - ii. Anticipated growth
    - iii. Long-term use
  - c. Determine cost recovery goals for expansion and new construction
  - d. Evaluate acquiring recently closed health club facility (indoor pool & fitness)
2. **Conduct Feasibility Study for New Indoor / Outdoor Aquatic Facility** to fully evaluate community needs and what would be needed for *(to overlap with larger study above noted in Strategy #1)*:
  - a. Size and location
  - b. Capital costs
  - c. Operation and maintenance
  - d. Infrastructure additions & expansion
  - e. Additional staffing
3. **Conduct Feasibility Study for New Fitness Center with Indoor Walking Track** *(to overlap with larger study above noted in Strategy #1)*:
  - a. Size and location
  - b. Capital costs
  - c. Operation and maintenance
  - d. Infrastructure additions & expansion

4. **Determine Future of Barlina Barn:**

- a. Develop improvement plan if facility is to be kept



5. **Evaluate and Prioritize Maintenance Facility Improvements** to confirm existing/upcoming deficiencies from facility condition assessment:
  - a. **Short Term Recommendations:**
    - i. Enclose supply yard
    - ii. LED lighting upgrades
    - iii. Replace/restore flooring & roofing
    - iv. Exterior siding & masonry improvements
  - b. **Long-term recommendations:**
    - i. Conduct needs assessment to determine objectives to address indoor and outdoor facility spatial needs
    - ii. Evaluate alternative sites (owned or non-owned) to determine feasibility of new facility at a different site
    - iii. Develop alternate strategies – remodeling existing, second facility, and/or repurposing existing properties
    - iv. Establish preferred solutions
  - c. Preliminary order of magnitude cost estimates
  - d. Recommended solution(s) for implementation
  - e. Establish schedule, research funding, and finalize architectural design services
6. **Develop Plan for New Maintenance Facility**
  - a. Determine location of facility
  - b. Engineer and design facility
  - c. Budget / funding

**Objective #5 – Preserve and Improve Existing Relationships:**

Justification:

1. Stakeholder interviews revealed many groups and other municipal agencies value a strong relationship with the Park District
2. Stakeholder interviews noted need to continue evaluating program opportunities to determine needs for expansion and how to address any gaps

Strategies (Top Community Priorities):

1. **Continue utilization of partnerships to provide high quality offerings:**
  - a. Re-evaluate on a regular basis to ensure continued benefit for both parties and confirm no duplication of services/offerings exist:
    - i. Schedule regularly held evaluations or check-ins
  - b. Plan/host joint events – shared investments with other agencies:
    - i. Cross-promote other agency events to strengthen relationship

2. **Conduct facility tours with various groups:**



- a. Determine needs for repair, upkeep, and maintenance to prioritize updates and improvements
- 3. **Increase and improve communication with community residents:**
  - a. To be coordinated with City of Crystal Lake & Village of Lakewood:
    - i. Expand platform & method(s)
    - ii. Increase frequency

**Objective #6 – Continue Emphasis on Environmental Preservation & Ecology:**

**Justification:**

- 1. The online supplemental survey indicated strong support for a Park District focus of water quality in Crystal Lake
- 2. Water quality was a high-ranking priority at the community meetings
- 3. Staff workshop’s “Natural Areas” category received the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest votes, which consisted of increasing natural area managements, environmental restoration, and health of the Park District’s natural resources

**Strategies (Top Community Priorities):**

- 1. **Maintain Lake Health Monitoring Plan:**
  - a. Develop education materials and increase communication/promotion of on-going efforts to public
  - b. Partner with Lake Advisory Committee to develop initial plan and strategize improvements:
    - i. Develop environmental goals & standards for future initiatives
    - c. Form additional partnerships to support plan and future initiatives
- 2. **Establish Natural Area Improvement Plans:**
  - a. Develop quantifiable list of improvements to track and monitor
  - b. Prioritize locations and improvements to be made at each
- 3. **Define Environmental Mission for Park District:**
  - a. Specific tactics to address climate change
    - i. Prioritize improvements that impact park value(s)
  - b. Develop Environmental Management Plan
- 4. **Organize Volunteer Community Groups:**
  - a. Establish platform to advertise, coordinate, and schedule various Park District environmental initiatives
  - b. Become involved with existing environmental groups
- 5. **Educate Public on Ecological Objectives adopted by the Park District:**
  - a. Provide interpretive signage and other educational material on-site as part of park updates
  - b. Include information about stormwater management and other ecological objectives in park improvement announcements:



- i. Website/social media news and announcements
- ii. Public forums and community meetings
- iii. Public announcements and publications:
  - 1. Newspaper articles about new developments and park improvements
  - 2. Program brochure
- c. Explore additional nature programming to promote and educate the public on the benefits of environmental stewardship:
  - i. Adult programs, including:
    - 1. Watershed education
    - 2. Native vs. Invasive plants
    - 3. Ecosystems within Crystal Lake

**Objective #7 – Expand and Improve Program & Event Offerings:**

**Justification:**

- 1. Both online and statistically valid surveys indicated a desire for more special events and expanded offerings of existing programs
- 2. The senior population is expected to grow significantly (16.6%) in the next five years
- 3. A variety of programming and event topics were discussed at the Staff Workshop, with a focus on well being (wellness and mental health) and new programming receiving several votes each
- 4. Community Meeting #1 feedback revealed a desire for more community festival type events

**Strategies (Top Community Priorities):**

- 1. **Improve marketing and community outreach** to promote existing and upcoming program offerings and events and announce other relevant Park District news:
  - a. Digital – social media posts and website advertisements
  - b. Print – newsletter and program guide
- 2. **Expand offerings and frequency of current events** high in attendance/popularity.
  - a. Perform program life cycle analysis to determine need for improvements:
    - i. Evaluate spatial needs based on analysis
  - b. **Expand frequency of offerings for:**
    - i. Concerts in the Park
    - ii. Movies in the Park
    - iii. Holiday programs
  - c. **Expand program offerings for:**
    - i. General senior programs
    - ii. Active senior programs
    - iii. Pickleball
    - iv. Golf lessons





- v. **After school programs**
  - vi. **Nature walks**
  - vii. Teen programs
  - d. Explore supporting facility improvements/enhancements – *sound & visual*
3. **Explore new program types and events** geared toward current events and changing community demographics:
- a. Develop short-term programs that build the social and emotional skills of school age children
  - b. Provide more program and event offerings to senior population:
    - i. Explore cross-generational program opportunities where teens lead programs for seniors and vice versa.
  - c. Explore opportunities to introduce new cultural events that align with growing racial and ethnic populations

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