



Five Year Comprehensive Park System Master Plan

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Section One: Park Department

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Building Community*

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Department Information and Goals

The Columbus Board of Parks and Recreation is the policy-making authority for the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department. The Board is bipartisan and comprised of four members appointed by the Mayor to serve staggered four-year terms. The Columbus Parks and Recreation Department and its Board operate under the provision of the "Indiana Parks and Recreation Law" (IC 36-10-3) in accordance with City Ordinance. The department was established on February 3, 1947 and the first meeting was held in April 1947 to elect officers and discuss donations of property. The first property to be donated was Donner Park and Wieser playground now known as Donner Park.

The department's planning area consists of the incorporated areas of the City of Columbus.

MISSION STATEMENT

Enriching lives, Building community

VISION

- Is recognized on a local, state and national level for providing the highest quality programs, and facilities.
- Has a well trained, friendly and professional staff that is proud to serve the community.
- Anticipates and is responsive to the changing needs and desires of our community.
- Is an active participant in a community-wide program successfully promoting healthy lifestyles and wise leisure choices.
- Is identified as the clearinghouse in Columbus and Bartholomew County for fun activities for children and families.
- Is a major partner in tourism and economic development through the development of park amenities that host and attract visitors to regional and national sports and cultural events.

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CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

1. Establish and implement a department resource development plan and a marketing plan.
2. Become an employer of choice.
3. Develop a cohesive department process for exploring and developing program opportunities and resources to meet needs and generate revenue.
4. Develop a strong facility and grounds management and maintenance process.
5. Identify and take advantage of technology for the purpose of increasing employee productivity and enhancing service to the public.
 - Create an information management strategy to support organized record keeping and easy retrieval of information by users.
 - Identify technologies that can increase employee productivity and/or enhance service to the public.
6. Strengthen internal and external relationships.
7. Establish and implement a department resource development plan.
8. Establish a new integrated financial model for the department.

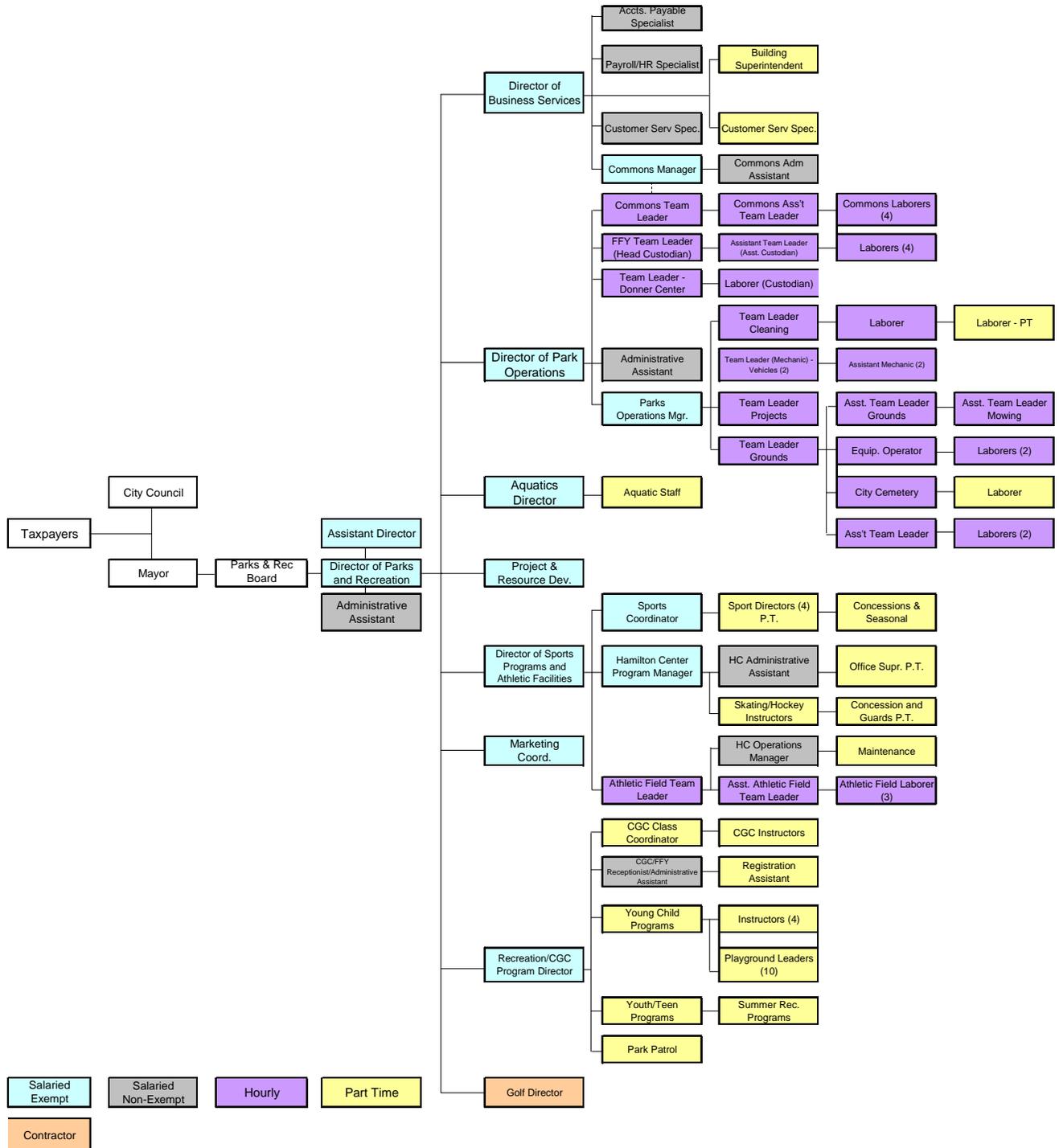
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❖ Organization

Department Organizational Chart

The department organization is represented on the following chart.



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❖ *Parks and Recreation Budget*

The parks and recreation department budget is primarily funded through property tax revenues and user fees imposed and collected for various programs. The department has partnered with local businesses and other agencies to meet the ongoing budget challenges over the last five years. They continue to actively pursue partnerships and grants to fund programs and capital improvement projects.

The Columbus Park Foundation is a separate 501-3(c) organization that provides sponsorships for various park programs, donations, and fund-raising for capital improvement projects to assist the parks and recreation department. They are an integral partner in helping the Department accomplish its mission.

Budget History 2008 - 2012

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
100	\$ 2,838,130	\$ 2,637,752	\$ 2,498,757	\$ 2,555,530	\$ 2,651,870
200	\$ 397,293	\$ 379,264	\$ 381,153	\$ 411,863	\$ 510,955
300	\$ 1,708,254	\$ 1,283,324	\$ 1,098,426	\$ 1,296,148	\$ 1,193,907
400	\$ 108,459	\$ 26,100	\$ 26,100	\$ 26,100	\$ 76,100
TOTAL	\$ 5,052,136	\$ 4,326,440	\$ 4,004,436	\$ 4,289,641	\$ 4,432,832

- 100 - Personal Services
- 200 - Supplies
- 300 - Other Services and Charges
- 400 - Capital Outlays

* Prior to 10% proposed reduction in 200s and 300s

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❖ *Progress Evaluation*

The department has undergone growth and transition in the last five years including a leadership transition in 2010. Ben Wagner who had served as the assistant director was hired as the director after Chuck Wilt's retirement after 33 years of leadership. Mr. Wilt left a legacy of community involvement and dedication to the citizens of Columbus which the department continues to build on today. Under the director's leadership, the department continues to seek improvement in providing a variety of recreational services and programs while improving park facilities.

The list below indicates highlights of the major Park Department improvements over the last five years.

2007

- Celebration of the department's 60th anniversary.
- Columbus Park Foundation set up an endowment fund.
- Department and Park Foundation set up a fund to reward citizens who come forward with information regarding park vandalism. Staff continues to work with Columbus Police to minimize vandalism at Park facilities.
- Communities in Bloom competition.
- Over 30 tournaments and sporting events at park facilities added \$8 million in economic impact to the community in 2007. This accounted for 81% of the total sports tourism revenue in Bartholomew County.
- Eagle Scout Brenton Wolfe designed mile marker signage for the People Trails.
- Haw Creek Trail - last trail section at Marr Road was completed.
- Mill Race Center fund-raising nears completion and the design begins. Construction was completed in 2010. This project is a partnership with the Senior Center, the City and the Parks Department.
- Finishing touches were added to Freedom Field which opened in 2006. Dog Park Association was formed.
- Vision 2020 task force was formed to develop indoor and outdoor sports facilities in downtown Columbus to further enhance sports tourism in the community.
- Recycling bins were provided at the Chapman Blackwell Park initiated by an 8 year old named Graham who worked with the Recycling Center and the Department to get things started.

Tournaments and Sporting Events Economic Impact

2007	\$11,188,500
2008	\$11,894,400
2009	\$11,806,500
2010	\$ 8,888,100
2011	\$11,445,812
2012	\$14,004,000 (projected)

Data provided by
Columbus Visitors Center

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2008

- Tournaments and sports tourism generated almost \$12 million in economic impact.
- Columbus was named one of America's "most walkable communities" in April by Dan Burden, Executive Director of Walkable & Liveable Communities Institute.
- 3,700 youth participated in sports programs.
- 4,800 adults participated in softball, kickball, soccer, tennis, volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball.
- Donner Aquatic Center had 21,492 paid swimmers in public sessions, 9,565 free swimmers and 29 rentals.
- Hamilton Center had 6,600 skaters and the Columbus Youth Hockey Association scheduled over 100 games this year. Indiana University Figure Skating Club hosted a collegiate figure skating meet which included 8 universities.
- June 7 storm event created flooding which caused major damage to Greenbelt Golf Course and the sculpture, Skopos, at Mill Race Park. Clean-up involved park staff, Henryville Correctional Facility inmates and volunteers with generous donations in time and materials.
- Columbus Gymnastics Center saw higher participation and birthday party and private rentals increased.
- 25 "C" bike racks were purchased and installed in partnership with the Park Foundation and community sponsors.
- Columbus Dog Park Association began fund-raising and identified a location for first dog park.
- Park Operations teamed with Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota to plant 100 trees in Lincoln and Noblitt Parks. Toyota donated funding and volunteers who assisted in the planting of the trees. This donation was worth \$10,000 to the Department.
- "Come Out & Play", a seven week supervised playground program, saw a 30% increase in participants this year from 1,300 children in 2007 to 1,683 in 2008.

2009

- Celebrated the ground breaking for the new Mill Race Center and The Commons.
- Over 50 sporting events/tournaments generated almost \$12 million economic impact for the community.
- The Department collaborated with Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation (BCSC) to renovate baseball fields at Clifty Park to provide a place for North High School to play.
- \$1.6 million reduction in park budget.

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- Columbus Park Foundation continued to raise funds for youth scholarships, free programs, and capital projects. They raised over \$121,000 in cash and \$166,000 through in-kind donations this year.
- 3,626 youth participated in sports programs.
- 4,383 adults participated in softball, kickball, soccer, tennis, volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball. Soccer showed improving numbers.
- Athletic facilities and staff greatly benefited from the help of volunteers via the Atterbury Job Corps. Students with the Job Corps worked over 1,012 hours, saving the Department about \$7,337 in labor costs during the year.
- Donner Aquatic Center had 20,238 paid swimmers in public sessions, 10,915 free swimmers, and 24 private rentals.
- Hamilton Center had over 6,000 people visit the rink during public sessions. Nearly 1,500 people participated in Drop In Hockey.
- Started the Mill Race Rummage Sale this year.

2010

- Celebrated the grand opening of the new Mill Race Center.
- Columbus Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was completed and adopted.
- Department provided 857,000 hours of service or the equivalent of 35,714 days to our users. This does not count the People Trails and parks, which while not measurable is considerable.
- Director Chuck Wilt retired after 33 years of service.
- 4,874 youth participated in sports programs.
- 5,674 adults participated in softball, kickball, soccer, tennis, volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball.
- Columbus Gymnastics Center continued the use of special open gyms for children in the MOMS Club and MOPS (Mother of Pre-schoolers) groups. This brought in 1,000 additional children this year.
- Donner Aquatic Center had 34,048 visits in public sessions, and 10,915 free swimmers. Our American Red Cross Swim Lessons were attended by 843 students this year up 123 students from 2009.
- Second Annual Mill Race Rummage Sale
- Hamilton Center: Speed skating started this year and participation continued to grow. Broomball doubled in size from 4 to 8 teams utilizing the ice rink on Sunday evenings. First annual Ice Extravaganza was offered with over 100 adults and children in attendance.

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- Park Operations teamed up with Foundation for Youth and their student gardening club and gave away 75 maples, and planted 3 cherry trees. Park Operations also received a grant to install a bio-swale at McCullough's Run Park.
- Over 1,450 volunteer hours were provided from 14 different groups on 14 different projects.
- Columbus Indiana Dog Park Association celebrated the opening of the first dog park in October at Clifty Park.
- Tour de Trails set participation and fundraising records this year.

2011

- Department provided 1.1 million hours of service or the equivalent of 49,308 days to our users. This is a 35% increase over 2010. This does not count the People Trails and parks which while not measurable is considerable.
- Celebration of the grand opening of the Commons.
- Existing playground at Ninth Street Park is replaced with new play equipment.
- Chapman Blackwell Park undergoes sports field renovation work. Fields to be open in 2012.
- Hamilton Center installed new arena ceiling, lights, windows, and doors to reduce operating costs.
- 3,400 youth participated in sports programs.
- 4,600 adults participated in softball, kickball, soccer, tennis, rugby, volleyball and 3-on-3 basketball.
- Donner Aquatic Center had 32,706 visits in public sessions, and 11,918 free swimmers. Over 313 children participated in private swim lessons. Our American Red Cross Swim Lessons were attended by 883 students this year up 40 students from 2010.
- Hamilton Center Variety Camp was held for youth ages 6-12 to introduce speed skating, figure skating and hockey. This resulted in new registrations and interest in our activities.
- Columbus Gymnastics Center registrations for classes continued to increase by 3%. Cheerleading camps for different age groups brought 60 additional children into the facility. Columbus Power Elite cheer group returned to the Center and is renting space for nine hours a week for practices. Birthday party rentals increased by 15%.
- Park Operations assumed management of The Commons.
- Third annual Mill Race Rummage sale was held this fall.
- "Come Out & Play" continued its record breaking attendance. In June we had 1,318 visits, equaling all attendance for the entire program last year.

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Section Two: Community Profile

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❖ *Community Profile*

Columbus is located in Central Indiana in Bartholomew County, approximately 40 miles due south of Indianapolis. It is the 20th largest city in the state. Columbus is the Bartholomew County seat. It is located just off of a major north/south thoroughfare, US 31 and Interstate 65. The community is also 70 miles north of Louisville, Kentucky, and 90 miles northeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. The community continues to grow due in part to its close proximity and ease of access to Indianapolis and Interstate 65. Columbus is within a day's drive of a third of the metropolitan areas of the U.S.

Columbus has easy access to various forms of transportation. The community is served by Columbus Municipal Airport and is only a 45-minute drive from Indianapolis International Airport. Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company provides rail service to the city which ultimately connects Columbus to the nation. This rail service is vital for the industrial business sector in Columbus. Freight trains run daily on both main lines to Indianapolis and Seymour connecting to the Port of Jeffersonville, Indiana and the Louisville area.

History

Columbus has been the county seat of Bartholomew County since 1821. The county was named after General Joseph Bartholomew, who was wounded at the Battle of Tippecanoe. The site of the county seat was chosen on February 15, 1821 by a team of commissioners. Initially, it was called Tiptona, in honor of General John Tipton who owned the land that the city was founded on. However, the commissioners decided to name the city Columbus.



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Columbus was incorporated as a town in 1834 and as a city in 1837. Prussian immigrants were the main settlers and grist mills, sawmills, wood mills and distilleries were the early industries powered by hydropower. Goods were shipped via flatboats on the waterways as far south as New Orleans. The first railroad arrived in 1884 from Madison, Indiana.

The city is home to the oldest theater in the State of Indiana, the Crump Theatre. Built in 1889 by John Crump, the building is now a historical landmark and is used as an all-ages venue with occasional musical performances.

The national headquarters of Cummins Engine is located in Columbus and was founded there in 1919 by Clessie Cummins. The late J. Irwin Miller joined the company in 1934 and was instrumental in its success. He served as the president and chairman of Cummins and launched the Cummins Foundation in 1954. The Foundation paid the architects design fees provided the designer was selected off an approved architects list compiled by the foundation. The program was initiated to pay for design of a much needed school. It was then expanded to include all public buildings. Consequently, Columbus is world re-known for its showcase of modern architecture and it is a major tourism draw for the city. Today, there are over 60 public and private buildings that were designed by notable architects.



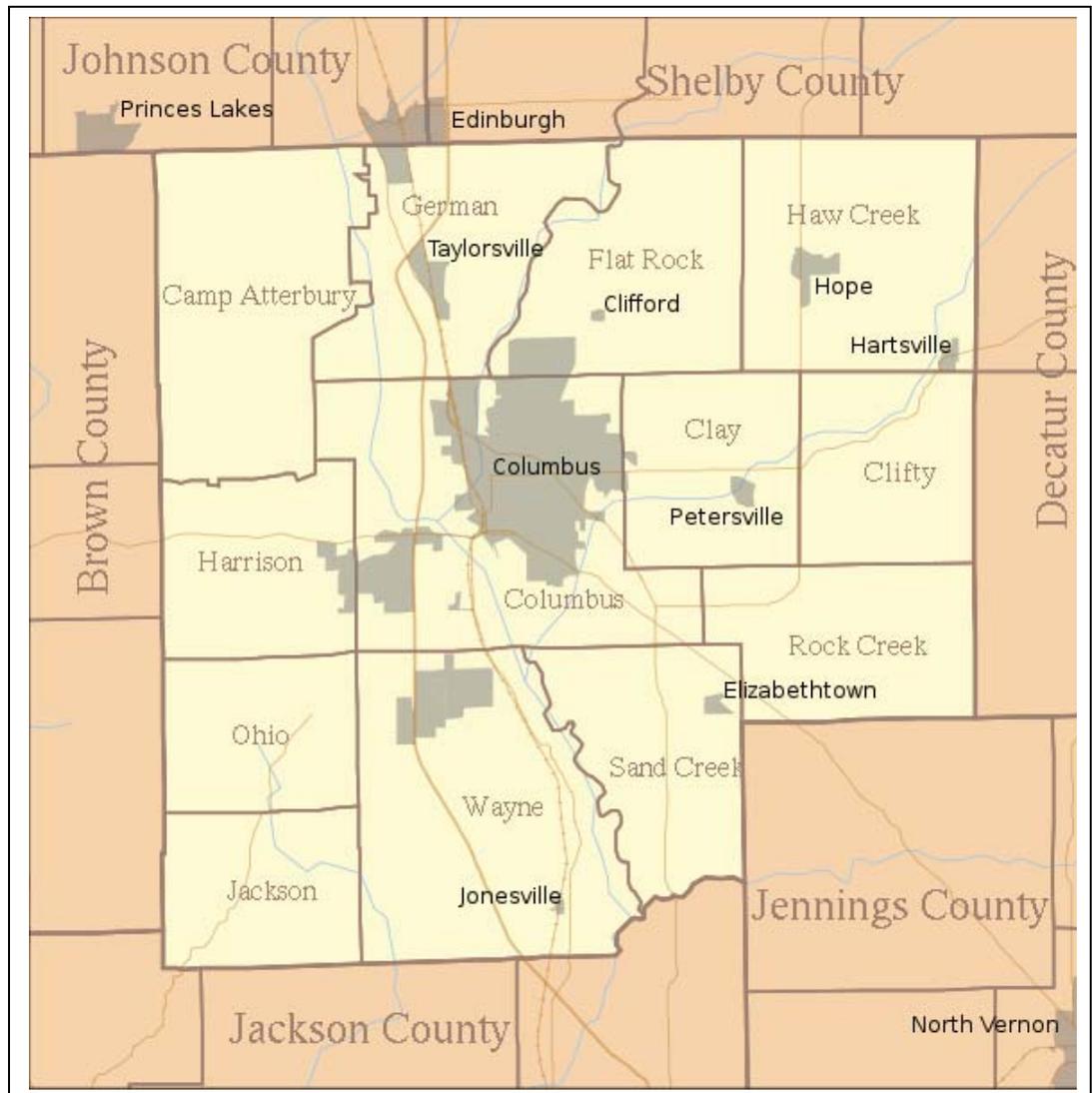
The Commons (Photo by Angela Jackson Photography)

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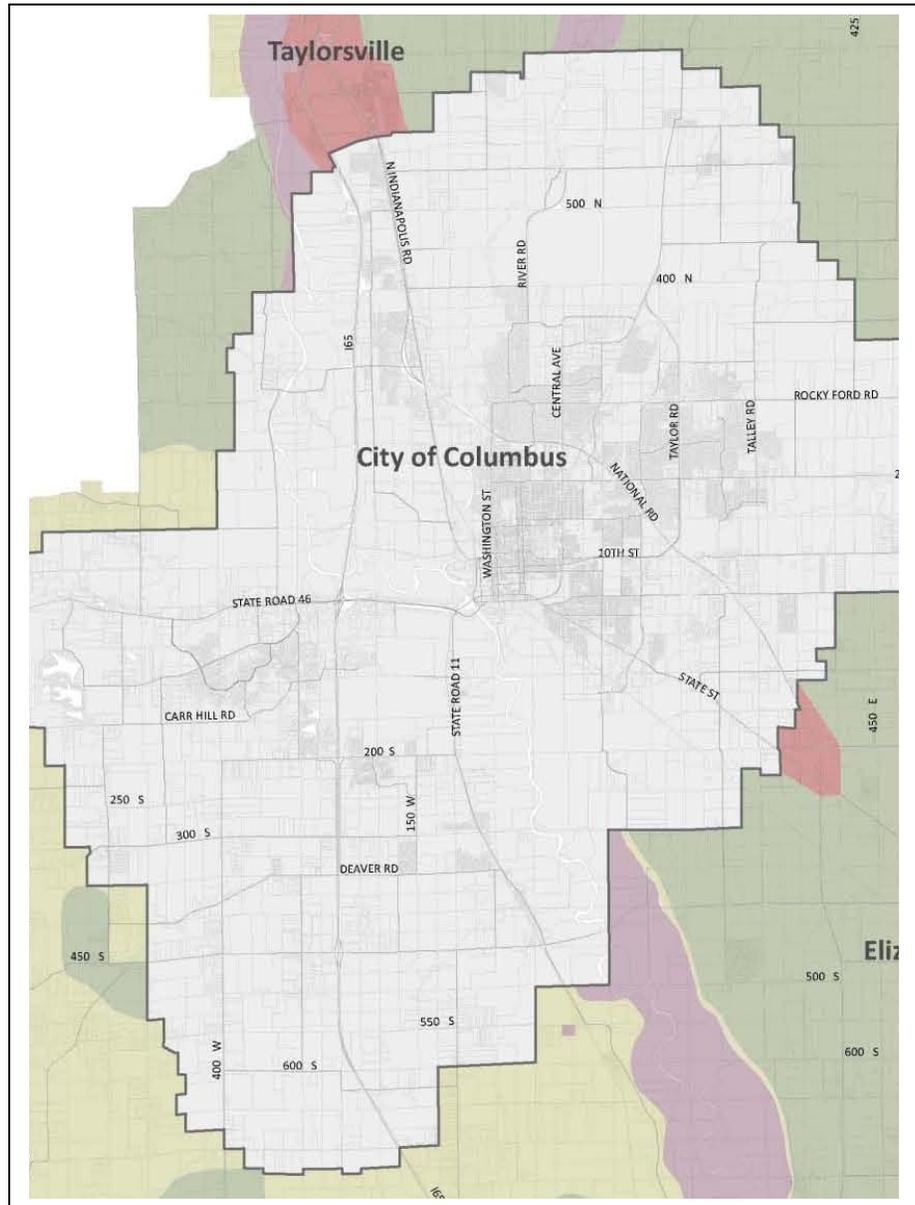
The city also has a rich history in the arts. The Columbus Area Arts Council (CAAC) serves as the umbrella organization for arts groups and sponsors. The city boasts two symphony orchestras: Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. The Orchestra, which is the oldest in the state started in 1923. CAAC also hosts the Columbus City Band in existence since 1843 and the Dance Studio. CAAC partners with the Parks Department throughout the year to provide concerts and events.

Bartholomew County Map



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City of Columbus Map

The Planning area is defined as the corporate limits for the City of Columbus as depicted in the above map. The Department acknowledges that citizens outside of the corporate limits utilize their facilities and programs.

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❖ Features

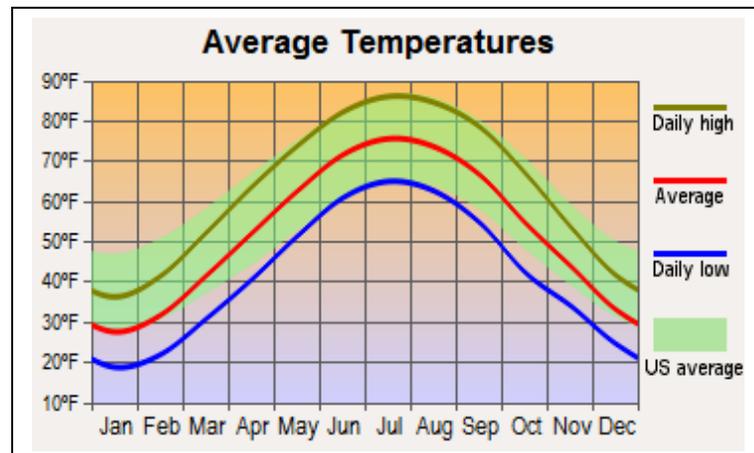
Geographic Features and Land Use

GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

Columbus is approximately 27.5 square miles in size as of 2010. The city has three main water bodies Flatrock River, Clifty Creek and Haw Creek. Flatrock River and Driftwood River form the East fork of White River south of the city. The main land area of the city is defined by these three water bodies. The city is relatively flat with the exception of the western portion of the city and county which is hilly and has steeper slopes. Areas adjacent to the rivers and creeks sometimes will have steep slopes within the floodway areas. In recent years the city has grown to the west, but in the past most development headed north and east due to the constraints of the floodplains.

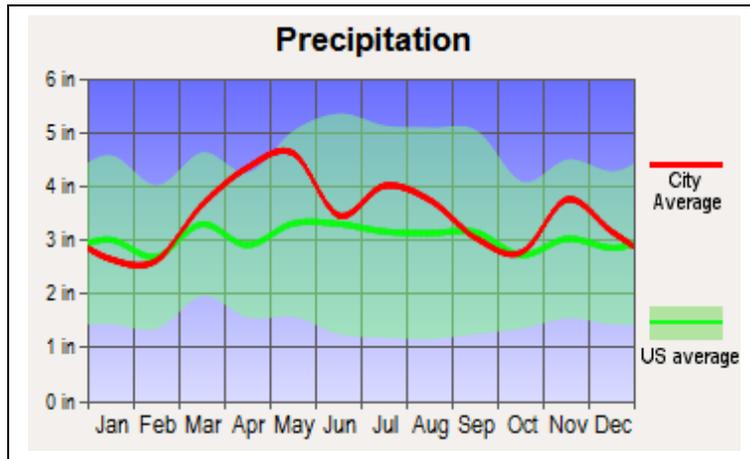
Parks within the city contain relatively flat areas. The river corridors offer opportunities for passive recreation and trail connections throughout the community which the Department has taken advantage of as they have developed the trail system. The Haw Creek corridor is developed on the south end of the city, but was less developed in the northern section.

Columbus's climate and temperature are relatively mild. Generally, there are no extreme temperatures in this Midwest region. Average temperatures range from 30 degrees (F) during the winter months and 75 degrees in the summer. Annual precipitation is 38 inches.



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LAND USE

Columbus has a strong industrial and commercial presence but is also balanced with agricultural and residential areas. The commercial areas are focused in the downtown area and on the west, north and east sides of the community. These areas are adjacent to the major thoroughfares: US 31, Interstate 65 and SR 46. Business and industrial parks have been developed along I-65 and US 31 and near the airport. The residential areas surround the downtown area and continue to expand towards the north, west and east sides of the community. Agriculture areas are still predominant within the community on the perimeter of the corporate limits and in the outlying contiguous areas.

❖ Socio and Economic Considerations

Population and Demographics

Year	Columbus	Bartholomew County
1960	20,778	48,198
1970	27,141	57,022
1980	30,614	65,088
1990	31,802	63,657
2000	39,059	71,435
2010	44,061	75,647

The population has steadily grown in Columbus since 1970 until the recession started in 2007. Columbus has expanded as a result of outward migration from the City of Indianapolis and the relatively easy commuter route. The US Census Bureau indicates that in 2010 the population was 44,061, an increase of 12.8% from 2000. The growth rate between 2000 and 2010 slowed down in comparison to previous decades due to the 2007 recession.

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A family atmosphere continues to be representative of the demographics of Columbus. This holds true for Bartholomew County as well. Across the age groups from birth to age 55 the demographics are evenly split in five year segments at approximately 2800-3000 people per segment +/- . The two dominant age groups per the 2010 Census within Columbus were the 30-55 age group at 33.7% and birth-19 age group at 27.6%. Other breakdowns were 56-70 age group at 22%, 20-29 age group at 13.7%. However, it should be noted that the 25-30 age group had the highest number of all individual categories at 3,089.

Age Distribution

Age	Columbus	Bartholomew Co.
0 to 4	3,130	5,231
5 to 9	3,090	5,351
10 to 14	2,995	5,393
15 to 19	2,953	5,273
20 to 24	2,531	4,175
25 to 29	3,089	4,855
30 to 34	2,956	4,925
35 to 39	3,074	5,253
40 to 44	2,928	5,211
45 to 49	2,975	5,532
50 to 54	2,947	5,469
55 to 59	2,693	5,034
60 to 64	2,345	4,361
65 to 69	1,781	3,396
70 to 74	1,446	2,590
75 to 79	1,209	1,965
80 to 84	914	1,407
85 and over	1,005	1,373

Columbus:

Gender

48.4% -Male

51.6% -Female

Household Type

64.7% Families

29.7% Living Alone

5.6% Unmarried Partners

Average Household - 2.43

Ethnicity:

84.0% White

5.8% Hispanic

5.6% Asian

2.7% African American

1.9% Other

Median income in Columbus in 2010 was \$49,500. In 2000 it was \$41,273. Poverty level is approximately 11.2% in Columbus which is slightly higher than the County rate of 9.6%. The state's poverty rate in 2011 was 16.2% which is the sixth highest in the United States.

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❖ Education

Of Columbus citizens 25 years or older, 89% have a high school degree and 30.6% have a Bachelor's degree or higher. The residents of Columbus support the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation (BCSC). The School Corporation's limits exceed those of the City's corporate limits. BCSC includes the following schools within the Columbus corporate limits:

- Busy Bees Academy (public preschool program)
- Clifty Creek Elementary
- Columbus Signature Academy Fodrea Campus
- Columbus Signature Academy Lincoln Campus
- Parkside Elementary
- W. D. Richards Elementary
- L. C. Schmitt Elementary
- L. Francis Smith Elementary
- Southside Elementary
- Central Middle School
- Northside Middle School
- Columbus East High School
- Columbus North High School
- Columbus Signature Academy - New Tech (self select magnet school serving North and East H.S.)
- C4 Columbus Area Career Connection
- McDowell Education Center

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp - Enrollment

Year	PK	KG	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12	KG-6	7-12	Total
2011-12	272	826	854	809	773	854	840	800	824	858	957	906	886	844	5756	5275	11,031
2010-11	265	798	814	760	843	849	789	786	815	857	915	931	920	864	5639	5302	10,941
2009-10	88	748	787	856	847	783	795	813	884	849	944	974	955	823	5629	5429	11,058
2008-09	245	722	876	832	772	771	802	856	838	838	973	973	852	817	5631	5291	10,922
2007-08	221	790	843	782	763	793	861	805	816	879	1003	920	866	747	5637	5231	10,868

Note: Enrollment numbers include all schools within the school district.

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Private Schools

- ABC-Stewart (PK-5)
- Children Inc. #2 (K)
- Columbus Christian School (K-12)
- Kinder Care Learning Center (K)
- Midway Christian Academy (PK-10)
- North Star Montessori School (PK-6)
- St. Peters Lutheran School (K-8)
- St. Bartholomew School (K-8)
- White Creek Lutheran School (K-8)

Higher Education

- Indiana University - Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC)
- Ivy Tech Community College - Columbus
- Franklin College (25 miles north)
- University of Indianapolis (35 miles north)
- Indiana University's main campus (35 miles east)
- Butler University (50 miles north)

Economic Base

Columbus continues to attract new businesses and has been recognized on a national level for the quality of life and low cost of living. In 2010, Columbus was recognized by *Forbes* magazine as one of the top ten best small cities to raise a family. In 2008, Columbus was recognized as one of America's Top 100 best places to live and launch a business by *Fortune Small Business* magazine and was named a "most walkable city" by the Walkable & Livable Communities Institute.

In 2010 according to the U.S. Census, the Columbus worker drove an average of 22 minutes to their place of employment and 73% of the employees drove less than 30 minutes to their place of work. Columbus has several major employers. Top ten major employers in the city are as follows:

- Cummins Inc.
- Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation
- Columbus Regional Hospital
- NTN Driveshaft, Inc.
- Faurecia (formerly EMCON Technologies)
- Dorel Juvenile Group
- Wal-Mart Super Centers

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- Enkei America, Inc.
- Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing, Inc.
- Interstate Brands

The city has several business and industrial parks which are able to provide a wide variety of building and industrial sites to allow for future growth in the business sector.

- Columbus Industrial Park
- Columbus Municipal Airport Industrial Park
- Commerce Park
- Creekview
- Foxpoint Office Park
- Information Technology Park
- Tipton Lake Business Research Park
- Whitfield Square Commercial Center
- Woodside Business Center

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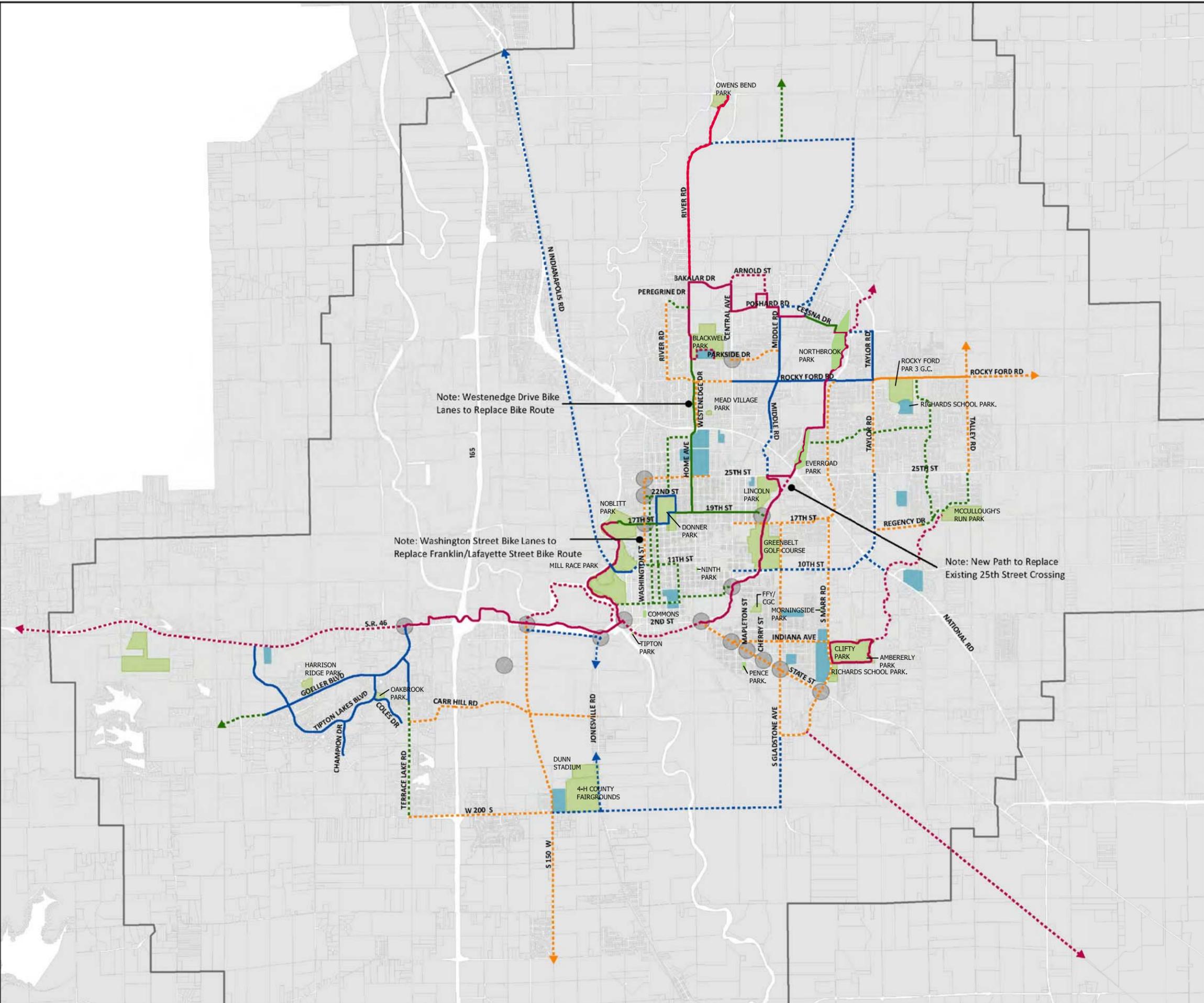
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Section Three: Park Inventory

PARKS & RECREATION FACILITY MAP



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- Existing Multi-Use Path
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- Existing Bicycle Lanes
- - - Proposed Bicycle Route
- Existing Bicycle Route
- - - Proposed Sidepath
- Existing Sidepath
- Proposed Intersection Improvement
- Columbus Jurisdiction
- School Location
- Park Facility



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 Park Facility Locations and Owens Bend Trail added

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❖ Existing Park Facilities

The Columbus Parks and Recreation Department manages over 900 acres of park land within Columbus. Providing and preserving open green space enhances the desirability of the community and contributes to the health and wellness of all Columbus residents. The Department also operates many unique facilities, including the Hamilton Center Ice Arena, Columbus Gymnastics Center, The Commons, Donner Center and 21 miles of trails. These facilities serve as an investment in the future well-being of Columbus residents, contributing to the overall quality of life and viability of the city.

COMMUNITY PARKS

- **Chapman T. Blackwell III Park - 59 acres**
 - Richard J. Wigh Soccer Center: 34 Soccer Fields
 - Parking areas (3)
 - People Trail connection to Parkside Drive
 - Freedom Field Playground
 - 2 Restrooms
 - Press box
 - Picnic tables
 - Shelter: water
 - Maintenance building

- **Clifty Park - 89 acres**
 - 2 Baseball diamonds 300' (one lighted)
 - 6 Baseball diamonds 200' (two lighted)
 - 1 Baseball diamond 250'
 - 2 Basketball courts (lighted)
 - Dog park
 - Parking areas (3)
 - 1.25 miles People Trail
 - 1 Playground
 - 1 Restroom
 - 1 Clifty Shelter: electricity, water, inside lights, and grill
 - 1 Shelter: no grill, power or water
 - Jolie Crider Memorial Skate Park
 - Phil Jackson Fastpitch Softball Complex (4 fields)
 - 4 Volleyball courts (lighted)
 - Habitat area near creek
 - Maintenance building
 - Storage facility
 - Columbus East High School football stadium
 - Columbus East High School baseball diamond
 - Columbus East High School fast pitch softball diamonds (2)

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- Columbus North High School baseball diamond
- Columbus East High School soccer practice field
- Note: Parks is paid by BCSC to perform maintenance on their fields

- **Donner Park and Donner Center - 32 acres**
 - Aquatic Center: pool, water slide, diving boards, concession stand
 - 5 Barbecue areas
 - 1 Basketball court (Mary Louise Wieser Playground)
 - Parking areas (3)
 - 1 Playground Earl Hammack Memorial Playground
 - 1 Restroom
 - 1 Shelter: electric, inside lights, grills, 30 picnic tables inside (3618 s.f.)
 - Robert Burnett Courts: 4 tennis courts
 - Picnic tables and benches
 - Donner Center: administrative offices and restrooms
 - Sculpture

- **Lincoln Park and Hamilton Center Ice Arena - 33 acres**
 - 1 Ice Arena (Hamilton Center)
 - 1 Basketball court (lighted)
 - 2 Handball courts
 - Picnic tables and benches
 - Parking areas (6)
 - 1 Playground
 - 2 Restrooms
 - 6 Softball fields (lighted)
 - 4 Tennis courts (lighted)
 - People Trail on Hawcreek Ave. 19th to 22nd St. (0.12 mile)
 - Batting cage and concession stand are run by parks' staff
 - Sculpture

- **Mill Race Park - 83 acres**
 - Amphitheater/Stage (programmed by Columbus Area Arts Council)
 - Arbor
 - 1 Basketball court
 - Boat launch ramp
 - Fishing areas (4)
 - Picnic tables and benches
 - People Trail
 - Transit Center
 - Sculpture
 - Parking areas (5)

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- Playground
 - 2 Restrooms
 - 3 Shelters: electric, water and grills
 - Observation Tower (with elevator)
 - Mill Race Center managed by Mill Race Center Inc.
 - Adult Fitness Center
- **Noblitt Park- 46 acres**
 - Parking areas (3)
 - Kiosk at trailhead
 - People Trail
 - 2 Softball practice fields
 - Perennial flower beds
 - Lake
 - Habitat areas

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- **Amberley Park - 17 acres (undeveloped land)**
- **Harrison Ridge Park - 4 acres**
 - 1 Basketball court
 - 2 Tennis courts
 - 1 Handball court
 - Fishing areas (4)
 - Picnic tables
 - Parking areas (1)
 - 1 Playground
 - 1 Shelter
- **McCullough's Run Park - 50 acres**
 - Picnic tables
 - Parking area
 - 1 Playground
 - 1 Shelter
 - Columbus Rugby Club - uses for practices/games
- **Oakbrook Park - 9.1 acres**
 - Picnic tables
 - 1 Playground
 - 2 Basketball courts (half-courts)
 - Fishing Lake
- **Richards School Park - 8 acres**
 - 1 Playground
 - 1 Soccer field
 - 2 Tennis courts (lighted)

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- **State Road 46 – 247 acres**
 - 2.59 miles People Trail
 - Landscape: 11,927 trees and shrubs

MINI PARKS

- **Mead Village Park- 2 acres**
 - 1 Basketball court
 - Picnic tables
 - 1 Playground
 - 1 Shelter
- **Morningside Park – 0.7 acres**
 - 1 Basketball court
 - Picnic tables
 - Playground
 - 1 Shelter
- **Ninth Street Park – 0.22 acres**
 - 1 Basketball court with 6 goals
 - Picnic tables
 - Playground
 - 1 Shelter with electric, grill, water available
- **Pence Street Park – 2.1 acres**
 - 1 Basketball court with 6 goals
 - 1 Parking area
 - 3 Picnic tables
 - Playground
 - 1 Shelter
 - Open space
 - Barbecue areas
- **Tipton Park – 0.1 acres**
 - Open green space
 - Picnic tables

SPECIAL USE & GREENWAYS

- **The Commons**
 - 3 Meeting rooms
 - 1 Playground (inside)
 - 2 Restrooms
 - Food Court
 - 2 Restaurants
 - Office areas

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- **Everroad Park - 25 acres (undeveloped)**
 - People Trail

- **Foundation for Youth/Columbus Gymnastics Center – 4.2 acres**
 - 2 Full size basketball /gymnasium floors with goals
 - Swimming pool
 - Boys and Girls Club Activity Center
 - Gymnastics Center
 - Parking area
 - 1 Playground
 - Restrooms
 - Facility size: 53,000 s.f.

- **Greenbelt Golf Course – 82 acres**
 - 9 Hole course
 - Driving Range
 - 2 Maintenance Building
 - Restrooms
 - People Trail

- **Northbrook Park - 49 acres (undeveloped Park Foundation land)**
 - People Trail and Bridge

- **Rocky Ford Par 3 Golf Course – 47 acres**
 - 18 Hole course
 - Restroom

- **People Trails – 21 miles +**
 - Multi-use pedestrian and bicycle trails
 - Trailheads and kiosks
 - Benches
 - Markers designate trails operated by city with green circle

OTHER

- **IUPUC Park – 11 acres (operated by others)**
 - Open green space
 - People Trail
 - Sculpture

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Programs

The Department provides a wide variety of programs for pre-school, youth, and adults. The Department teams with various groups to provide programming and community events to maximize budgets such as Columbus Regional Hospital - Wellness Center, Columbus Area Arts Council, Columbus Visitor's Center, Chamber of Commerce, Healthy Communities, Foundation For Youth, Senior Center, and the Boys & Girls Club, etc. Below is a list of programs that are provided by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Preschool Programs:

Active Artists	Mom and Me for Tea
Swim Time	Fun Walkers (gymnastics)
Fun tots (gymnastics)	Advanced Fun Tots (gymnastics)
Basketball Camps	Youth Fishing Derby
Baseball Camps	Golf Camp
Soccer Camps	Tennis classes
Ice Skating Lessons	Cheer Camp
Recreation Day Camps	Open gym (gymnastics)

Youth Programs:

Beginner Tumbling (gymnastics)	Cheer Bears (gymnastics)
Super Sitter Training	Youth Fishing Derby
Knit Camp for Kids	Trick or Treat Tales
Recreation Day Camps	Halloween Costume Contest
Free Fun Days at Donner Center	Tennis Classes
Come Out & Play Summer Playground	Mom & Me for Tea
Santa's Workshop	American Girl Doll Day
Mad Scientists	Make Your Own Candles
Little Chefs	Ghost & Goblin Goodies
Swirls & Twirls	Kids/Teens only Garage Sale
Kids Fun 3 and 4 (gymnastics)	Tumbling Classes (gymnastics)
Cheer Camps	Soccer Camps
Skating lessons	Open Gym at CGC/FFY

Adult Programs:

Mill Race Rummage Sale	Community Cast-A-Way Sale
Basket Classes	Crotoberfest
Skating lessons	

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Aquatics Programs:

Deep water walking	Special Swim	Private Swim lessons
Hawaiian Day	Masters Swimming	Group Swim lessons
Race Day	Slide Races	Public open swim
Lap Swimming	Jr. Lifeguard Training	Diving lessons
Pre-school swim	End of Summer Doggie Swim	
American Red Cross Lifeguard & CPR Training		

Athletics:

Adult Volleyball	Adult Softball	Adult Tennis Tournament
Adult Co-ed Soccer	Adult Hockey	Adult Kickball
Youth Baseball	Youth Softball	Youth Soccer
Youth Hockey	Sports Camps	Youth Figure Skating
Speed Skating	Batting Cages	Youth Tennis Lessons
Skating lessons	Open Gym	Adult 3-on-3 Basketball

Tournaments and Events

USA Rugby Clinics	Mayors Tennis Cup
Black Softball Circuit Slow Pitch	IU Invitational Women's Golf
USSSA Baseball tournament	USFA Fast Pitch tournament
NSA Slow Pitch Baseball tournament	Skaggs Baseball Tournament
USSSA Baseball Premier Sports	USSSA Baseball Border Battle
MVP Invitational Baseball	Challenge Cup soccer Prelims
USSSA Slow Pitch Men's Major NIT	Tour de Trails Run/Walk (5k/8k)
Martin Luther King Ice Competition	
Columbus Express Soccer State Tournament	
Donner Aquatic Early Bird Swim Meet	
Martin Luther King Ice Competition	
Tour de Trails Bicycle Challenge (20k, 50k, 75k)	
President's Club Girls Rugby State Championship	

Community Events:

Skating Extravaganza	Bark in the Park
Easter Egg Hunt	Holiday Craft Show
Martin Luther King Ice Competition	Spring Craft Show
Mill Race Rummage Sale	First Fridays for Families
Halloween Costume Contest	Festival of the Young Child
Noon kid concerts	Free Fun Days at Donner Center
Donner Park Variety Shows	
It's Showtime - Professor Atom Show	
Mill Race Concerts	
Bluegrass Jamboree Concerts	
Family Bingo/Make Your Own Sundae Night	

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Other Recreation Providers

Columbus recreational needs are met through a variety of additional groups and facilities including the Bartholomew County Parks Department (BCPD). Citizens may also utilize programs and facilities offered by private fitness clubs, and other organizations in the list below.

- Schools - See page 2.8 in Community Profile
- Miscellaneous Public Facilities/Group
 - Boys and Girls Club
- CERALand
- Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area (IDNR)
- Brown County State Park (IDNR)
- Driftwood State Fishing Area (IDNR)
- Owens Bend Park (BCPD)
- Dunn Stadium (BCPD)
- County 4-H Fair Grounds
- Bowling
- Area golf courses (within 30 minute drive)
 - Clifty Creek Golf Course
 - Harrison Lake Country Club
 - The Legends of Indiana Golf Club
 - Otter Creek Golf Course
 - Timbergate Golf Course - Edinburgh
 - Walnut Ridge Golf Course
- Mill Race Center
 - Senior Programs:

Duplicate Bridge	Columbus Chess Club
Club 50 Group	Body Motion
Line Dance	Euchre
SCS Investment Club	Senior Scribes
Senior Splash	Retrorock
Personal Trainer	Group Travel
Day trips	Swimming
Billiards Game Room	Weight Room

Americans with Disabilities Act

Accessibility and the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements must be taken into consideration for every program and facility. The department continually strives to achieve accessibility standards in all of its program services, facility renovations and developments. Existing facilities are in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The department strives to meet the ever changing needs of their constituents and whenever possible incorporate new activities and programs that allow those who may suffer from some form of disability to be involved.

In a joint partnership with the Senior Center and the City of Columbus, a new senior center was opened in 2010 called Mill Race Center. Mill Race Center is located in the downtown area in Mill Race Park. This was in direct acknowledgement of input from citizens that a facility was needed to provide programming, wellness, and fitness opportunities. The Senior Center manages the facility and programs. The Columbus Regional Hospital Wellness Center also teaches fitness and wellness programs at the facility. The facility was designed with accessibility and programming to meet the needs of seniors.

The department is also proud of Freedom Field Playground, the largest accessible playground in Indiana and the fifth largest in the United States. The department has continued to provide additional site furniture, art features, trees and a security camera to further augment this successful play area. At other facilities, the department continues to provide accessible site furniture.

Another example of incorporating accessibility into department's programming is the Special Swim Program at Donner Aquatic Center. This program promotes basic swimming skills and water safety and helps children and teens with sensory impairment learn how to exert more control over their body's movements. This program provides one on one attention for each participant. Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance to participate.

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Special considerations are incorporated into programs to allow everyone to participate. The department desires to be flexible in their programming and allow all skill levels and abilities to participate.

The department communicates their accessible programs and facilities through their program guide, Web site, Facebook, Twitter, email list, local news media and program advertising. They are currently reviewing current marketing efforts to improve their communication with citizens.

City ADA Coordinator

The Director of Human Rights for the city is the ADA coordinator and their office is located at City Hall. The city has a grievance plan in place which meets federal regulations. The ADA coordinator will contact the respective department head upon the filing of a grievance and will work with the department and city staff to address the grievance. Within the parks department, the park director and the aquatics director will coordinate to address any issues brought to their attention by the ADA coordinator.

Proposed Accessibility Enhancements

Projected projects in 2012 include upgrades to existing restroom facilities. The Hamilton Center lobby and restrooms are one example of this upgrade. Although Hamilton Center has accessible restrooms, the lobby restrooms need to be upgraded to make them accessible. Improvements include new stall layouts, stall partitions, fixtures, lighting and flooring.

At Lincoln Park, the replacement of this restroom which is the oldest in the park system will make it more functional and accessible. At Blackwell Park, the Wigh building improvements would add additional restrooms and a concession area to the existing facility. Clifty Park utility infrastructure would improve electrical and plumbing to the existing restrooms and ball diamonds. Morningside Park and Pence Park are to receive playground renovations and new accessible surfacing. The department has also allocated annual funding for sidewalk and curb repair at park facilities. See action plan for costs related to proposed improvements.

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❖ Section Four: Park Trends & Needs Analysis

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❖ Needs Analysis

Park Classifications and Land Requirements

The Master Plan preparation process includes reviewing recreation standards developed by organizations including the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). In addition, specific characteristics such as local natural resources, economic conditions, land use availability, cultural preferences, and community needs contribute to the formation of a community's recreation standards.

The recommended standards for park classifications and land area requirements are described below and itemized in Table 1. The park classifications conform to one of three general categories: places for active recreation, resource-oriented areas and specialized facilities. Space requirements, typical facilities and programs, and unique environmental features further define the park types.

Regional Park

A regional park serves several communities or a multi-county region within a one-hour driving distance. Approximately 10 acres per 1,000 population is served, and the park is generally 1,000 acres or more. A regional park is an area of natural ornamental quality that provides diverse and unique natural resources for nature-oriented outdoor recreation such as nature viewing and study, wildlife habitat conservation, hiking, camping, canoeing, and fishing. Usually 80% of the land is reserved for conservation and natural resource management, with less than 20% of the site developed for active recreation. Active recreation areas consist of play areas and open fields for informal use and can include specialized activities like golf, boating, hiking, lodging, and a conference center. It is common for these types of parks to become specialized in their offerings to the public. Many regional parks can be considered a 'destination park.'

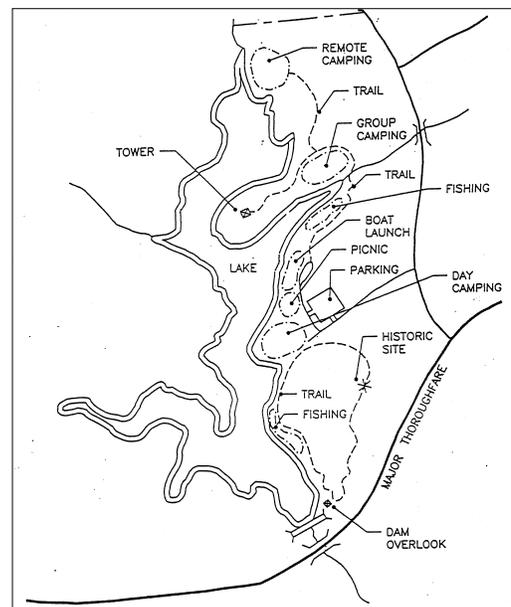


Exhibit A - Regional Park

Exhibit A illustrates a typical regional park. Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area located north of Columbus is an example of a regional park that is near the planning area.

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District Park

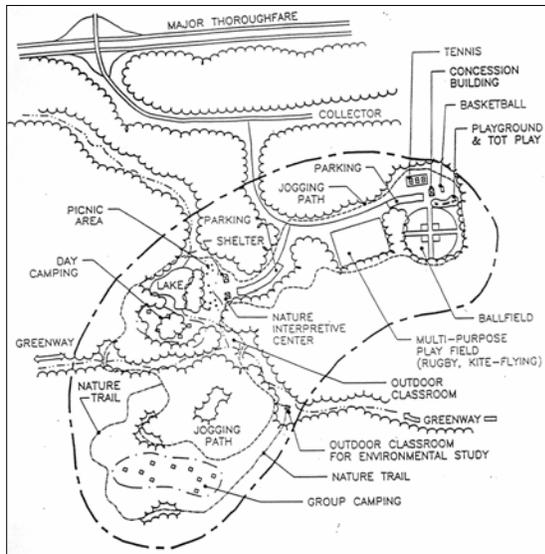


Exhibit B - District Park

A district park provides more diverse recreational opportunities than the regional park, yet on a smaller scale. Similar to a regional park, a district park emphasizes passive recreational opportunities, but it also includes active recreational facilities. A district park is easily accessible by the population it serves and maintains a 5-mile service radius. The park contains a minimum of 5 acres per 1,000 population and is usually 200-400 acres in size. District parks normally include an indoor recreation building, or an interpretive center that reflects the character of the park. Active recreational facilities located in a district park include active play areas, ball fields, hard surface courts, golfing, swimming, boating, multi-purpose play fields, picnic facilities, and various types of trails. Many district parks are specialized in their offerings to the public and draw participants from throughout the community. *Exhibit B* illustrates a typical district park.

Community Park

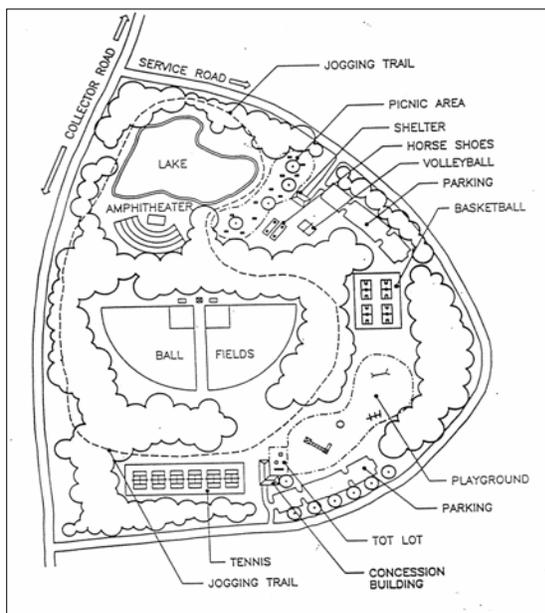


Exhibit C - Community Park

Community parks are easily accessible to a single or several neighborhoods depending on local needs and the population distribution at the time it was developed. When possible, the park may be developed adjacent to a middle or elementary school. A community park provides recreational opportunities for the entire family and contains areas suited for intense recreational purposes such as a recreation center building, athletic fields, swimming, tennis, and walking/jogging trails. The park may also have a recreation center and/or have areas of natural quality for outdoor recreation such as viewing, sitting, and picnicking. Community parks have an average service area of 2 miles and require a minimum of 3 acres per 1,000 population served and should be between 16 and 75 acres. The size is variable due to the type of facilities located within the park. *Exhibit C*

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illustrates a typical community park. Municipal governments usually provide community parks. Donner and Lincoln Parks are examples of community parks in Columbus.

Neighborhood Park

A neighborhood park is designed to serve a population of up to 5,000, but in many instances may serve more. The park requires 3 acres per 1,000 population served and should be between 5-15 acres; however, many times they are smaller. Neighborhood parks are typically characterized by family oriented recreational activities such as court games, crafts, playground apparatus, picnicking, and space for quiet/passive activities.

The service radius for a neighborhood park is one-half mile and is easily accessible to the neighborhood population through safe walking and bicycle access. Parking may or may not be required. Where feasible, the activity use areas are divided equally between quiet/passive activities and active play areas. This type of park may be developed as a school/park or neighborhood center facility. *Exhibit D* illustrates a typical neighborhood park. Municipal governments normally provide neighborhood parks. Harrison Ridge and McCullough's Run Parks are examples of neighborhood parks within this planning area.

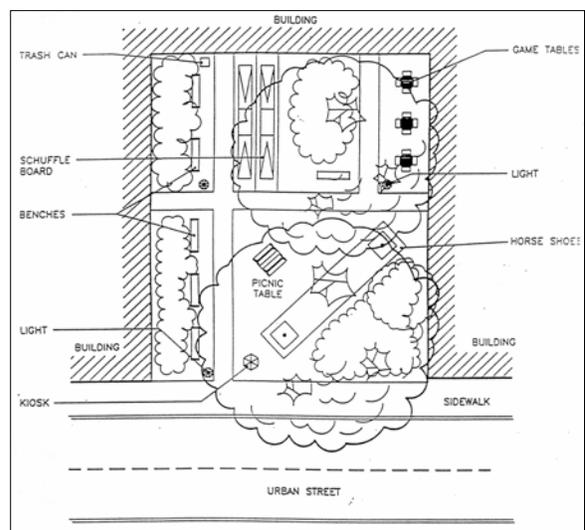


Exhibit D - Neighborhood Park

Mini Park

Mini parks are characterized by their relatively small size (less than 4 acres) and specialized facilities to serve a specific segment of the population. This park is typically located within close proximity to more densely populated neighborhoods such as multi-family buildings and urban areas. The service area for a mini park is less than ¼ mile. Mini parks are normally provided by local government or by private developers as a part of residential development or business park. Pence and Ninth Street Parks are examples of mini parks within this planning area.

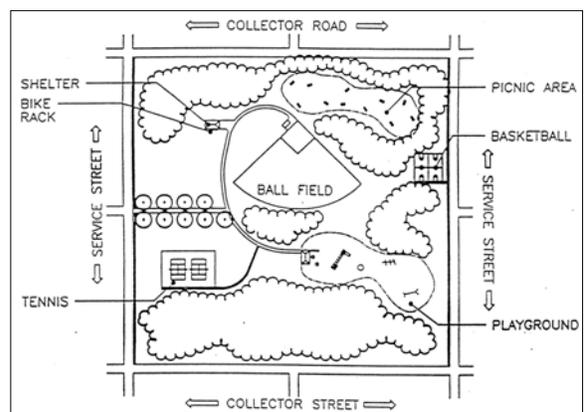


Exhibit E - Mini Park

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Greenway/Linear Park

A greenway park is an area developed for one or more varying modes of recreational travel such as hiking and biking. The greenway park will often be developed to connect recreational facilities, schools and residential neighborhoods.

The acreage and service area of a greenway park is variable and subject to existing natural and man-made features, the existence of public right-of-way, and the public demand for this type of park. In some cases, a greenway park is developed within a large land area designated for protection and management of the natural environment, with the recreational use as a secondary objective. *Exhibit F* illustrates a typical greenway park. All levels of government provide these parks. The People Trails are an example of a linear park.

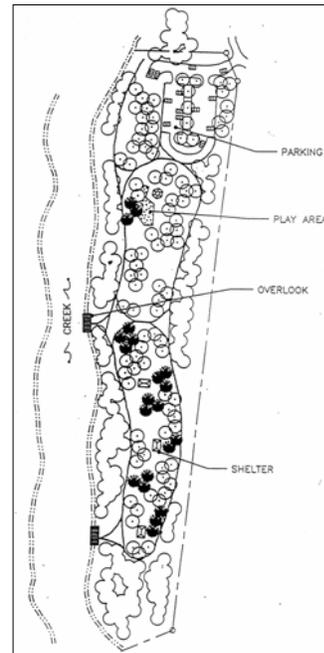


Exhibit F – Greenway/Linear Park

Special Sites or Facilities

Unique or special areas are park types that exist to enhance or utilize a special man-made or natural feature. They can include beaches, aquatic facilities, museums, golf facilities, parkways, historical sites, sites of archeological significance, arboretums, conservation easements, flood plains, river access, etc. Minimum standards relating to acreage or population have not been established by the park and recreation industry for this category. A size that is sufficient to protect and interpret the resource, while providing optimum use, is considered desirable. Other specialized facilities require space sufficient to accommodate the program planned for the site. There are no suggested service areas since a special use park is specific to its respective needs.

All levels of government provide special use parks. Foundation For Youth/Columbus Gymnastics Center, The Commons, Hamilton Center, and Greenbelt Golf Course are examples of special use sites and facilities.

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The minimum park land requirement (in acres) for the total population of the Columbus planning area is provided in Table 1. The acreage requirement is based upon the population ratio method (acres of park land per 1,000 population) established for each park classification.

Table 1 National Standards for Park and Land Area Requirements (NSR)				
Park Type Standard	Acres/1000 Population	Acres	Population Served	Service Area
Regional Park National Recommended	10 10	1000 1000	Several Communities 50,000-100,000	1 hour. drive 50 mile. radius
District Park National Recommended	5-10 5	200 76-200	Several Communities 10,000-50,000	15-20 minute drive 5 mile. radius
Community Park National Recommended	5-8 3	25+ 25+	Several Neigh. 5,000-15,000	1-2 mile radius 2 mile radius
Neighborhood Park National Recommended	1-2 2	15+ 5-15	5,000 5,000	¼-½ mile ½ mile
Mini Park National Recommended	.25-.50 .25	1 1	Adjacent Neighborhood	¼ mile ¼ mile

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TABLE 2 City of Columbus Planning Area Total Park Sites and Acreage Requirements			
PARK AREA	PLANNING AREA Year/Population and National Standard Requirements (NSR)		
	Existing Properties in 2012	<i>Suggested per NSR</i> 2012 (44,061) ⁸	<i>Suggested per NSR</i> 2016 (47,700) ⁸
Regional Parks +1000 acre park (10 Ac/1000)	N/A ¹ N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
District Parks 76-400 acre park (5 Ac/1000)	N/A ² N/A	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
Community Parks +15-75 acre park (3 Ac/1000)	342 acres ³ 6 sites ³	132.2 acres	143.1 acres
Neighborhood Parks 5-15 acre park (2 Ac/1000)	138.1 acres ⁴ 6 sites ⁴	88.1 acres	89.4 Acres
Mini Parks 1-4 acre park (0.25 Ac/1000)	5.1 acres ⁵ 5 sites ⁵	11.0 acre	11.9 Acres
Special Use Parks Not Applicable	145.2 acres ⁶ 6 sites	NA	NA
Greenways/Trails 1 mile/5000	21 miles ⁷ 272 acres ⁷	8.8 miles	9.5 miles

¹ Regional Park: Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area (5000) and Brown County State Park (16,000) are near the planning area. Columbus does not provide Regional Parks.

² District Park: None in the planning area. Columbus does not provide District Parks.

³ Community Parks: Clifty Park (89), Donner Park & Donner Center (32), Lincoln Park & Hamilton Center (33), Mill Race (83), Noblitt Park (46), Chapman T. Blackwell III Park (59)

⁴ Neighborhood Parks: Amberley – undeveloped (17), Harrison Ridge (4), McCullough’s Run (50), Northbrook-undeveloped (50), Oakbrook (9.1), Richards School (8)

⁵ Mini Parks: Mead Village (2), Morningside (0.7), Ninth Street (0.2), Pence (2.1), Tipton (0.1)

⁶ Special Use: Foundation For Youth/Columbus Gymnastics Center (4.2), Greenbelt Golf Course (82), Rocky Ford Par 3 Golf Course (47), The Commons (1), IUPUC (11) not maintained or owned by Parks

⁷ Greenways/Trails: People Trails (21 miles), Everroad - undeveloped (25), State Road 46 (247) Note: Acreage for trail miles not included.

⁸ Population estimates were based on information from US Census Bureau and were provided by Columbus Planning Department.

Note: (0) = represents number of acres

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The types of parks that will be needed by the end of the planning period (2016) are based upon the acreage standards provided in Table 2. Park facilities were labeled per their actual use within the community, not by the actual acreage. However, what is important to recognize is although this chart indicates abundance in park acreage in various categories, the distribution of parks throughout the city leaves some areas without services in the categories. In addition, there are three undeveloped park parcels within the city. Long term master plans need to be developed for these park sites. They include community parks, neighborhood parks, and greenways/special use areas. Not all park type facilities such as regional and district parks are provided by a park department due to the size and individual character of each community.

These guidelines are a useful place to begin for future planning and should be adjusted as dictated by the needs of the individual community. Some facilities can be designed for multi-purpose uses and should be considered to facilitate the best use of park land and finances. The department should also incorporate sustainable design practices to also help lower maintenance costs on new facilities.

Standards Resources:

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) 2006-2010
- Mertes, James and Hall, James, Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines, a publication of the National Park and Recreation Association, 1996

❖ *Trends in Park and Recreation*

Citizens are becoming more health conscious as they age, and they are paying more attention to their overall health and fitness.

Current trends throughout the United States are focusing on activities that can incorporate all members of the family such as walking trails and water aquatic facilities, and there is still major growth in fitness and wellness programs. These have been increasing over the last ten years and continue to do so today. Citizens are becoming more health conscious as they age, and they are paying more attention to their overall health and fitness. This is evidenced by the fact that more people are walking, swimming and exercising today than ever before. This is also evidenced by the fact that schools, businesses and hospitals are instituting wellness programs for all ages to encourage life-long fitness.

Other specialty recreational activities that are more focused on one age group include skateboard facilities which allow for in-line skaters, skateboards and trick bikes. Recreational activities such as exercise walking, hiking, basketball, golf, and soccer are among the top 20 other activities recently identified by the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

2010 NSGA Sports Participation Study (%)

1. Exercise Walking (95.8)
2. Exercising with Equipment (55.3)
3. Swimming (51.9)
4. Camping - vacation/overnight (44.7)
5. Bicycle Riding (39.8)
6. Bowling (39.0)
7. Aerobic Exercising (38.5)
8. Hiking (37.7)
9. Workout at Club (36.3)
10. Running/Jogging (35.5)
11. Fishing (33.8)
12. Weightlifting (31.5)
13. Basketball (26.9)
14. Billiards/Pool (24.0)

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15. Golf (21.9)
16. Yoga (20.2)
17. Boating/Motor Power (20.0)
18. Target Shooting (19.8)
19. Hunting w/Firearms (16.3)
20. Soccer (13.5)

In addition, the State of Indiana is in the process of updating the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for 2011-2015. As part of this plan, DNR provides a questionnaire to recreation users. The new 2011-2015 SCORP will be available in 2012.

The top responses of Indiana residents from the 2006-2010 SCORP regarding their outdoor activities closely parallel the nation and are as follows (%):

1. Walking/Hiking/Jogging (84.9)
2. Fairs/Festivals (68.4)
3. Swimming /SCUBA/Snorkeling (60.7)
4. Nature Observation/Photography (59.8)
5. Tent Camping (53.5)
6. Fishing (52.3)
7. Picnicking (52.0)
8. Casual Bike Riding (43.7)
9. Motor Vehicle (41.6)
10. Boating (40.7)
11. Court Sports (40.0)
12. Playground (37.2)
13. Winter Sports (34.5)
14. Field Sports (32.5)
15. Golf (29.1)
16. Shooting Sports (27.4)
17. Hunting (27.1)
18. Remote Control (12.1)
19. Rollerblading (11.8)
20. Horseback Riding (11.0)

❖ *The Effects of Recreation on Wellness*

Recreational opportunities and facilities have a profound effect on the health and wellness of a community. Ideally, through careful planning of green space, parks, facilities, and programs, a community creates an environment that offers multiple opportunities and choices for healthy lifestyles - opportunities which easily incorporate physical activity into the daily lives of its citizens.

60 percent of the U.S. population is inactive or underactive.

Recent statistics released by the Surgeon General indicate that 60 percent of the U.S. population is inactive or underactive; conditions which have fueled the growing epidemic of obesity, diabetes and related disorders. A growing body of evidence points to the critical role that community design plays in fostering, or inhibiting, an active lifestyle. A few of the elements that have been identified as creating healthy, 'walkable communities' include:

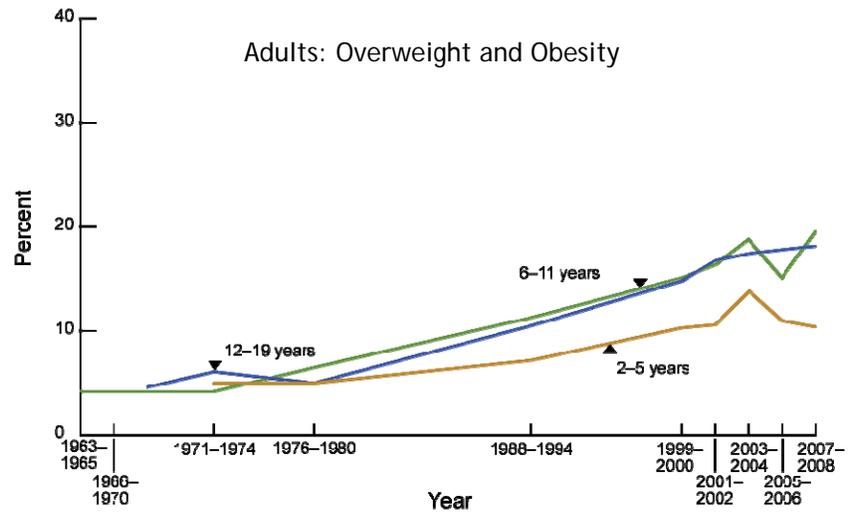
- Safe and accessible sidewalks, crosswalks and bike paths.
- Transportation alternatives with pedestrian access to buses and transit systems.
- Safe, attractive and convenient parks and recreation facilities.
- Shopping and services that can be accessed without automobiles.

Availability and accessibility of attractive bike paths, walking paths, exercise facilities and swimming pools and the overall aesthetics of an environment play a role in citizens determining the type and amount of physical activity in which they will engage.

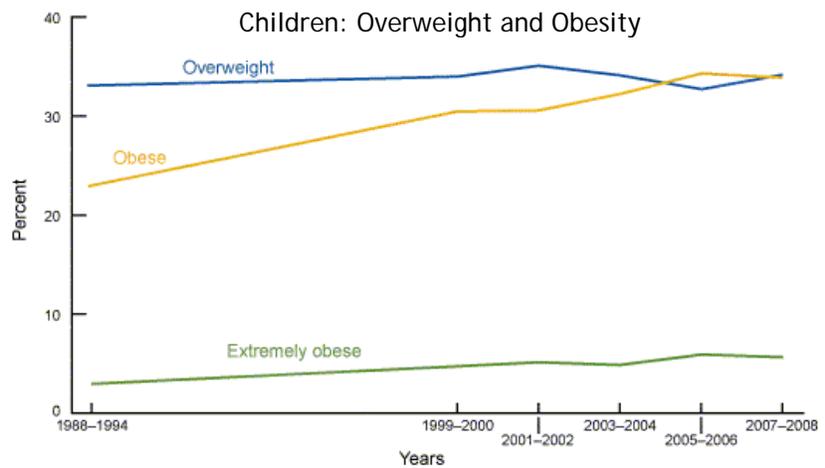
Studies show that extra weight contributes to heart disease, diabetes, possibly some forms of cancer and other diseases. Those who are 30 or more pounds overweight cost the country about \$73 billion in weight-related medical bills in 2008, and taxpayers paid for about one-half of that cost. In Indiana in 2003, the cost was \$1.64 billion for health care costs related to obesity. A recent Duke University study released in October 2010 stated that annual

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NOTE: Obesity is defined as body mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to sex- and age-specific 95th percentile from the 2000 CDC Growth Charts.
 SOURCES: CDC/NCHS, National Health Examination Surveys II (ages 6-11), II (ages 12-17), and National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys (NHANES) I-III, and NHANES 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, and 2007-2008.



NOTES: Age-adjusted by the direct method to the year 2000 U.S. Census Bureau estimates, using the age groups 20-39, 40-59, and 60 years and over. Pregnant females were excluded. Overweight is defined as a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or greater but less than 30; obesity is a BMI greater than or equal to 30; extreme obesity is a BMI greater than or equal to 40.
 SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III 1988-1994, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, and 2007-2008.

Columbus has a strong focus on health and wellness. Various agencies and groups are partnering with the parks department to provide awareness, education and new recreation activities to encourage healthy living.

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It has a diverse range of age groups and activities utilizing park programs and facilities. Residents mirror the state and national trends of participating in walking and bicycling, recreational sports, fitness and wellness programs. There is a unique opportunity to continue to expand programming and events to meet the needs of the young professionals and the 30-55 age group since both groups desire active programming for themselves and for their families.

This same group is also very active within the community with other groups which creates a synergy for new partnerships to develop a variety of activities and additional financial resources. These two age groups are also focused on their desire to give and share their resources through volunteering and donations. Park staff continues to reach out to the community to develop and strengthen their partnerships to benefit all citizens.

Wellness Resources:

- CDC - National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, *Overweight and Obesity*
- National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Disease - Information service 2006 survey
- Indiana Business, August 2006 - Our State of Health
- Inside Indiana Business Report, May 29, 2008 - Surgeon General in Indiana for Obesity Prevention.
- The Indianapolis Star - June 11, 2006, *Obese, middle-aged and healthy? Fat chance, study says*
- The Indianapolis Star- December 6, 2011, *Indiana's ranking unchanged in annual health survey*
- United Health Foundation, December 2011 - *America's Health Ratings A Call to Action for Individuals and Their Communities*
- United States Department of Health and Human Services - Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity
- Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine published October 8, 2010 referenced by WTHR 13, Indianapolis, IN - health cost report

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Section Five: Public Input

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Public Input

The key to any master plan is to identify community needs and facilitate public input during the planning process. Many formats for gathering public input were used to understand the community's opinions concerning the Department. These formats included a questionnaire, public meetings, stakeholder meetings, and park board meetings.

All public meetings were advertised in the local papers, on the city and department Web sites, and social media/Facebook and at park locations and events. The dates below indicate public meetings in which input was given. All park board meetings were held at Donner Center unless otherwise noted.

- August 11, 2011 - Park Board meeting
- September 8, 2011 - Park Board meeting
- October 13, 2011 - User Group meetings
- November 9, 2011 - Stakeholder Group meetings
- November 9, 2011 - Public Input Meeting
- November 10, 2011 - Public Input Meeting
- December 6, 2011 - Public Input Meeting
- December 8, 2011 - Park Board Meeting
- January 12, 2012 - Park Board meeting
- February 9, 2012 - Park Board meeting
- February 27, 2012 - Public Input for all City Departments
- March 7, 2012 - Public Input Meeting
- March 8, 2012 - Park Board meeting/Public Meeting
- April 12, 2012 - Park Board meeting

Input during the planning process has been generally positive and many people have expressed satisfaction with the Department. They are pleased with the variety of programs and facilities and have stated on numerous occasions that the Park and Recreation Department is a major asset for the City of Columbus and has added to the quality of life.

The following pages summarize and provide details from the meetings listed above which occurred throughout the planning process.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire was created to gain public input from the general public. Questionnaires were available on-line, and at various locations: department's offices, Hamilton Center, Donner Center and Mill Race Center. The questionnaire was advertised and discussed through social media (Facebook: 1,800 Friends, Twitter: 120+ Followers), on the Park Department's Web site, and through local newspaper articles. The Department also emailed the link for the questionnaire to their email list of 3,300 subscribers (park users, citizens, and volunteers).

The questionnaire was available online from November 22, 2011 through December 22, 2011. The department continued to accept completed hard copies of the questionnaire that came into park facilities until February 13, 2012. Over 265 people responded to the questionnaire. Participants could answer the survey online, which was done by the majority of those who responded. Not every participant answered each question. Hard copy responses were entered into the online survey results in order to create a computer generated questionnaire summary which is found in the appendix.

In general the results of the questionnaire paralleled many of the comments that had been made in the public input meetings and stakeholder meetings. The public was very complementary about the Department and facilities. The public is very satisfied with the availability and variety of activities and programs, park locations, trails and hours of operation. They did note that the conditions of some facilities need to be improved. The public indicated they wanted to see the trails expanded.

Key Findings:

Respondents indicated the park facilities that they have visited more than a dozen times include:

- People Trails 52.1%
- Blackwell Park 31.3%
- Mill Race Park 24.1%
- Donner Park 19.1%
- The Commons 18.5%
- Clifty Park 16.6%
- Donner Center 12.5%
- Hamilton Center 12.0%

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The respondents were asked how satisfied they were with each park facility. Based on how they ranked them with “very satisfied” being the highest were as follows:

- People Trails 50.7%
- The Commons 49.3%
- Donner Park 39.7%
- Mill Race Park 38.9%
- Donner Center 31.1%
- Hamilton Center 19.6%
- Blackwell Park 27.6%
- Lincoln Park 22.0%
- Clifty Park 16.6%

The public is heavily utilizing the various programs, concerts and organized youth sports leagues while walking, bicycling, swimming, observing nature and picnicking were ranked high in the list by many respondents. Several comments indicated that respondents recognized the need for major facility upgrades at Donner and Hamilton Centers, as well as, on-going maintenance at other parks.

When respondents were asked what other programs and facilities should be added in the future, the expansion of trails was a top response of over 67% of respondents. There was also strong support for downtown green space, expanded aquatic areas, and renovations to Donner and Hamilton Center. Many individual comments on this question closely dovetailed with comments from stakeholder meetings.

There were a wide variety of comments in the open comment section at the end of the questionnaire, which ranged from expanding trails, renovation needs for Hamilton Center and Donner Center & Pool, budget concerns, general maintenance concerns and the importance of the parks department as a major community asset and economic development.

Detailed questionnaire results can be located in the appendix section.

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MEETING SUMMARIES

STAKEHOLDER INPUT

User group meetings were held on November 9, 2011 at Donner Center. These notes were generated from discussions with user groups about their thoughts regarding critical issues and opportunities for the Department over the next five years. Park staff were involved in each meeting to listen and answer a participant's specific question if needed. Cornerstone facilitated each meeting. Summary comments made by participants were documented verbatim from the meeting dialog to maintain the integrity of the participants' comments.

▪ **November 9, 2011: 8:30 - 10:00 Group 1**

Attendees:

Randy Royer (Columbus Visitor Center Board)
George Van Horn (Redevelopment Commission)
Mike Clancy (Foundation For Youth Board: FFY)
Chip Orben (Park Foundation Board/Express Soccer)
Beth Morris (Healthy Communities Initiative)
Sarah Cannon (Columbus Area Arts Council Board)
Bryan Brunner (Columbus Area Arts Council Board)
Lynne Hyatt (Mill Race Center Board)
Erin Hawkins (Columbus Area Arts Council Board)
Vicki Gardner (Columbus Visitors Center Board)
Bob Pitman (Mill Race Center)
Rich Stenner (Schools/Redevelopment/Healthy Communities)
Ben Wagner, Jamie Brinegar, Jim Lemke (Parks)
Deb Schmucker (Cornerstone)

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
 - Long history of success and collaboration with community partners
 - Parks are beautiful and well-maintained
 - Diversity of activities offered to public
 - People Trails
 - Increase in property values with proximity to trails
 - Close relationship with Visitor Center, Arts Council, groups and Senior Center, recreation sports, schools
 - Proactive relationship versus reactive
 - Strong department leadership
 - Strong department staff
 - Strong outreach due to leadership
 - Strong commitment from business and community

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- Facility expertise - Park staff are the “go to people” i.e. Hamilton Center
- Community supports and has expectations of great facilities
- Support with extra funding for foundation and park board
- Scholarships available for all
- Department embraces diversity, culture and social-economic groups
- Sports tourism
- Attractive and activities
- Community asset
- Health and wellness
- College grad demographic
- Quality of life
- Supports economic development
- Parks are welcoming and inclusive to all
 - o Why is it inclusive and welcoming?
 - Department values
 - Monitoring programs
 - Family experience
 - Playground
 - Multi-age lifestyles and opportunities
 - Trail connecting
 - Constituent voice and buy-in and opportunity
 - Grassroots - i.e. skatepark, trails, dog park, Hamilton Center

2. Key issues facing the department?

- Budgets and lower financial reserves
- Long term maintenance of facilities and trails (great facilities which also creates maintenance needs)
- Remain proactive not reactive
- Help new leadership to see 20 year vision and long term capital improvements planning
- Educate leadership and community as demographics change
- Find additional revenue sources
- Determine what facility or program is not a priority anymore
- Changes in demographics >55+ to stay positively engaged and allocate funds to create new programming for this age group
- Ways to engage new volunteers, etc to help meet changing needs and programs
- Figure out how to tap revenue demographics and age groups
- Competitive salaries for staff
- Mind set
- Public advocates for staff
- Educate public about what parks can handle
- Public awareness of on-going maintenance
- Users fees
- Vandalism
- User fee tension
- Keeping up with changes in sports: rugby, cricket, soccer, lacrosse, etc.
- Changes in school calendar could mean revising existing programs

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3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.
 - Iron Girl competition
 - Ski lakes swim portion
 - Need more downtown green space
 - Expand programs for those with disabilities
 - Liveability communities program and awareness
 - Green space fund (non-reverting fund funded 10-20% by council)
 - Interim use park
 - Connect Mill Race to downtown
 - Second ice surface not just for hockey
 - More public art
 - Ball parks
 - Sand volleyball
 - Disc golf
 - Geo-caching
 - Programs for Columbus Young Professionals (CYP)
 - Communication/marketing/public relations
 - Technology base
 - A dedicated staff person for maintaining technology.
 - Trail safety perception from Noblitt to Mill Race - isolated area

4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share?
 - Partnering with county
 - Technology and communication
 - Tie in with Visitor Center mobile apps and kiosks, The Republic, social media, Facebook, The Commons, Art Council
 - "Timeliness"
 - Regional partners - North Vernon
 - Hosting larger regional sporting events
 - Engage and involve older adults
 - Health and fitness: grow it
 - 5 year plans from partners all need to align
 - Bus stops in coordination with trails to allow people to walk short distances
 - Call boxes
 - Trails: need more benches, water accessibility

5. Additional comments
 - Lawn areas changed to native plantings to lower maintenance costs
 - Lower maintenance costs thru naturalization
 - Convert green space to natural
 - Redefine what a park is - i.e. reducing what is provided in traditional park offerings
 - Make sure natural things are inclusive
 - Golf course public-private managed. Department owns land.
 - Impact fees
 - Food and beverage tax
 - Hotel tax
 - Golf heavy
 - Business plans for new facilities

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- **November 9, 2011: 10:30 - 11:45 User Group 2**

Attendees:

Jeff Bergman (Columbus - Bartholomew Co. Planning Department)
Ed Curtin (Columbus Redevelopment Commission)
Stephanie Truly (Healthy Communities Board)
Peggy Voelz (Healthy Communities/Tobacco Cessation)
Kristin Munn (Healthy Communities)
Tom Brosey (Mission Management/FFY)
Gary Hallum (Columbus Dog Park Assn)
Tim Larken (Soccer)
Tim Katheeder (Soccer Board)
Kari Nusterer (Soccer Board)
Karen Dugan (Century 21/Breeden)
David Westenberger (FFY)
Ben Wagner, Jamie Brinegar, Katia Hatter (Parks)
Deb Schmucker (Cornerstone)

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
 - People Trails
 - Summer swimming programs and disability programs
 - Willingness to listen and embrace new advocates and groups
 - Willingness to develop partnerships with groups, including groups outside Columbus
 - Leverage resources and staff
 - Technology communication - Web site, social media
 - Overall quality of facilities
 - Overall quantity of green spaces
 - Affordable activities for kids
 - Parks are calling card and an ambassador to city - Mill Race, Donner, soccer fields
 - Partnership with schools
 - Sheer diversity of offerings
 - Creative use of facilities: best use(s) of facilities for multiple purposes
 - Committed staff
 - Huge community asset on several levels
 - Parks relationship between city departments very positive
 - Impression of quality of facility and experience of use is because of high quality of maintenance operations
 - Utilization of volunteers
 - Building volunteers' experience

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2. Key issues facing the department?
 - Budget
 - How to communicate the maintenance needs to keep high quality facilities: communication plan, education at all levels (Council, City, Public) of long term maintenance plan
 - Each individual facility needs maintenance or development plans. Then, educate users what it will look like if we don't do some items now and the impacts of financial cost later.
 - Communication: tell parks department story
 - Emphasize versatility in new designs for adaptability
 - How do we handle proximity and users
 - How do we decommission facility or programs
 - Green space preserved and at what costs?
 - What is approach to flood plain project
 - Definition of park - is it always developed
 - Educate on who and what parks are
 - Attend other communities, spreading word
 - Annual report
 - Annual report card/metrics

3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.
 - Take advantage of opportunities to promote parks (i.e. Commons events, Republic, etc.)
 - Weekly, monthly blip to employers
 - Key message points for staff: "stump speech" or "elevator pitch"
 - Marketing and public relations
 - Smoke free parks
 - PAL complex to Blackwell and partner with Ivy Tech
 - People Trail County Road 200S to PALS - safe routes to school, southeast side connections
 - Educate kids/schools can't tell the park story enough
 - Ambassadors
 - Full time grant writer
 - Financial - loss of \$1 million in operating expenses
 - Larger facilities need improvements
 - Capital improvement projects should design for 40 year life span
 - How to educate leadership to spend/invest annually versus every 20 years
 - Parks southeast side green space
 - Riverfront
 - Outdoor sports complex on river

4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share?
 - Clearing house of information for activities from entire community
 - Evaluating who we are serving and all citizens ages, geography, proximity to green space within "x" miles
 - Bigger role with schools, Ivy Tech, IUPUC, community resource management, best bang for buck
 - Increase their role of recreation in its own facility
 - Disc golf
 - Evaluate opportunities for CYP
 - Encourage and engage CYP, older adults, retirees in programs

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- Columbus Young Professionals - sand volleyball, ways to engage with one another, how to retain them in Columbus
- Look at regional offerings
- Woodside Industrial

5. Additional comments - none

▪ **November 9, 2011 - 1:00 - 2:15 User Group 3**

Attendees:

Tasha Mann (Park Foundation Board)
Mary Stroh (FFY Board)
Eric Neal (Hockey/CYH Board)
Kim DeClue (Columbus Visitors Center Board)
Sue Woosley (CRH - Wellness Program)
Ryan Hou (Economic Development Board)
Jacque Douglas (FFY Board)
Paulette Roberts (Columbus Area Arts Council Board)
Randy Stafford (Columbus Running Club)
Paige Harden (Columbus Regional Hospital/Commons Board)
Diane Doup (Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center)
Randy Allman (Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center)
Keith Reeves (City Utilities)
Dennis and Jamais Longdon (Speed Skating Club)
Scott Andrews (Park Board, Columbus Area Arts Council)
Kim DeClue (Columbus Area Visitor Center)
Ben Wagner, April Williams, Jamie Brinegar, Katia Hatter, Jim Lemke (Parks)
Deb Schmucker (Cornerstone)

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
 - Diversity of and quantity/quality of programs for youth and adults
 - Excellent staff and leadership
 - Willingness to participate in community events
 - Positive partnering with parks staff/leadership cooperates, well-organized
 - Well focused plan
 - Done a lot with a little
 - Social media, Web site, park program user guide, good communication
 - Good brand
 - Receptive new ideas
 - Community outreach/engagement with private sector
 - Great facilities
 - Makes it easy to be active
 - Ability to ward off adversity that could disrupt department quality to mitigate risk
 - Volunteer recognition program
 - Participation

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- Trails
 - Affordable
 - Appearance and upkeep of facilities
2. Key issues facing the department?
- Funding
 - Depreciating assets
 - People who don't value parks
 - Changing demographics
 - Long term maintenance
 - Daily maintenance
 - Ability to clean and or prevent vandalism
 - Lack of community pride upkeep/vandalism
 - Competes with all other activities people can choose to do
 - Regional competition for activities
 - Facilities keep up with competitors
 - Sports tourism/economic development
 - Outreach to young professional and diverse backgrounds - Embrace and engage cultural, age, demographics.
 - Allow kids opportunities to play/learn different sports due to length of season. Issue of clubs versus park department sports experience, different sports are good for kids
 - Programming for lower income kids
 - Scholarship needs
 - Fund-raising maintaining positive partnership with existing partners
 - Creating new partnerships
 - Donations to spend for capital projects
 - Staying current with technology
 - Educate public about maintenance
 - Replacement of equipment
3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.
- Ice rink renovation
 - New events: Zombie Run, Obstacle Course Run, Tough Mudder
 - Bike tour youth triathlon
 - Cross country high school competition route (5k)
 - Rugby, lacrosse, cricket, multi-use sports fields how to partner with independent clubs
 - Speed skating competition meet: volunteers, mats, partner with visitor center, parks
 - Define what role parks department plays in maintaining alignment with activities in community
 - Indoor Sports Complex
 - 18-hole miniature golf
 - Activities to attract young kids and young adults
 - Integration health wellness connection with park users; good eating habits athletic training, and fitness
 - Continued benchmarking

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4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share?
 - Transportation shuttle from city garages to major events
 - Traffic flow from park sites after events
 - IUPUC and Ivy Tech synergies and partnerships
 - Trail systems - countywide linkages with Hope, Elizabethtown, Bloomington, Nashville
 - Trail connection from McCullough Run to Clifty Park.
 - Christmas light festival
 - Youth programming to evaluate and make positive
 - Vandalism: self policing and design to minimize vandalism in new projects
 - Education to young people about vandalism
 - Needs/buy-in project list for youth
5. Additional comments - none

▪ **November 9, 2011: 2:30 - 4:15 User Group 4**

Attendees:

Chuck Wells (The Republic)
Brian McBroom (Park Foundation)
Lisa Shafran (Heritage Fund)
Becky Harper (Columbus Visitors Center staff)
Larry Nunn (Economic Development Board)
Susan Whittaker (Economic Development Board)
Chuck Kime (FFY)
Don Nissen (Columbus Visitors Center staff)
Imelda Vazquez (Columbus Park Foundation)
Jan Forbes (Columbus Visitors Center Board)
Andy Mann (Columbus Park Foundation Board)
Randy Gratz (Principal - Central Middle School)
Brent Engle (City IT)
Ben Wagner, Jamie Brinegar, Katia Hatter(Parks)
Deb Schmucker (Cornerstone)

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
 - Quantity/quality of programs for youth and adults
 - Partnership with schools
 - Partnership with Foundation For Youth facility
 - Trail system
 - "Can do" culture within Department especially maintenance staff
 - Department collaborates with private entities
 - Quality of life added by parks
 - Positive reputation
 - Prepared and organized
 - Adaptability to meet the need
 - Creative and flexible to do a lot with a little

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2. Key issues facing the department?
 - Long-term maintenance of existing facilities: golf, Donner, Hamilton
 - Proactive versus reactive
 - Upkeep and maintenance
 - How to balance visitors/sports activities tournaments with citizen use
 - How to balance resources for staffing and capital
 - Capital project funding
 - Communicate funding needs/challenges
 - Decrease in operating funds
 - Decrease department agility and flexibility (staff and resources)
 - Communicate need to public
 - Educate public about funds decreasing
 - Trail connections

3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.
 - Technology and digital signs with parks and tourism
 - More green space downtown
 - More green space south side of town
 - Opportunity for living
 - Planned giving
 - Young professional define philanthropy as seeing results while they are still here and can enjoy their giving
 - IUPUC and Ivy Tech
 - WiFi connectivity
 - Evaluating how we do partnerships. Do a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats analysis
 - Communicate volunteer opportunities with IUPUC and Ivy Tech
 - Web site links schedules, events volunteers
 - Develop a Columbus app for smart phones for parks to show calendars and volunteer opportunities
 - Balance changing needs with existing facility changes - examples: handball, pickle ball, dog park, skate park, disc golf, rugby, cricket, sand volleyball, splash pads
 - Trail loop connectivity
 - Communicate the new bike and pedestrian plan to public
 - Communicate impact of visitors paying to use facilities that citizens want
 - Special event community partnering with sports events
 - Partnership with Columbus in Bloom
 - Fitness Stations along trail
 - Mill Race Park - needs new master plan, riverwalk to sports complex, new amphitheater
 - Festivals, large events, kayaking venue
 - School water lab in Mill Race Park
 - Erosion control water lab
 - Partnership - River Rats Clean Up
 - Collaborate on river

4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share?
 - See # 3

5. Additional comments - none

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Public Input Meeting - November 9, 2011

Meeting Location: Donner Center 4:30 - 6:30

The meeting had five people in attendance not including park staff, city council members or park board members. The meeting began with a brief explanation of the master plan process as they walked in. The format for the meeting was more of an informal open house which allowed citizens to talk directly with staff and Cornerstone. The group individually wrote down their thoughts and comments on the following issues.

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
 - Number of facilities
 - Diversity of activities for all ages
 - Great staff
 - Very good at organizing events like athletic tournaments
 - Trails and bike lanes are great
2. Key issues facing the department?
 - Budget and lower financial reserves
 - Clifty Park is over developed for the available infrastructure. Some programs should be diverted to other locations
3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.
 - Rose gardens, "gardens of roses"
 - Reduce emphasis on athletics and increase emphasis on natural areas and environmental preservation
 - Cleaning teams to attack graffiti as soon as identified instead of leaving for end of season or beginning of next season
 - More trail connections on south side
 - In some areas need "curb cuts" to allow easier access for bikes like Lincoln Park and downtown
 - Incorporate more art areas
4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share?
 - Continue improvements to the ice rink (Hamilton Center) and grow its activities
5. Additional comments
 - Maintenance work at Oakbrook Park pond

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Public Input Meeting - November 10, 2011

Meeting Location: Hamilton Center 4:30 - 6:30

The meeting had 12 people in attendance not including park staff, city council members or park board members. The meeting began with a brief explanation of the master plan process. The format for the meeting was more of an informal open house which allowed citizens to talk directly with staff and Cornerstone. The group individually wrote down their thoughts and comments on the following issues.

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
 - Number of facilities
 - Employees
 - Diversity of activities for all ages
 - My kids loved the summer park program at Harrison this summer
 - Volunteer coordinators are fantastic - easy to work with
 - Enjoy sports programs - my kids love soccer, hockey, baseball
 - Well maintained facilities and trails
 - Diversity of programming
 - Partnerships with other community organizations
 - Great staff

2. Key issues facing the department?
 - Budget and lower financial reserves
 - Promote facilities
 - School calendar changing and programs, staff
 - School calendar - loss of revenue
 - Updating and fixing Donner Center, Hamilton Center, and pool
 - Long term capital projects need funding
 - Difficult to find partners and sponsors for long term capital projects.
 - Funding
 - Maintenance costs and staff
 - Maintenance of facilities and trails
 - Promotion and education of health and wellness
 - Not being too much of a "jack of all trades"
 - Incorporating the natural environment and importance of sustainability into parks and programming
 - Upkeep of Hamilton Center - new dasher boards

3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.
 - Promotion of facilities both in and outside the area
 - Increase education and promotion of health and active living (biking, exercise, etc)
 - Year-round pool season/cover pool with dome
 - Add more benches at Mill Race
 - Ethnic Expo at Mill Race

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- More neighborhood festivals at Mill Race
 - Use amphitheater more
 - More emphasis on "natural" spaces and learning from nature
 - Natural spaces and programming "bring children back to nature"
Nature deficit disorder
 - Spaces for passive recreation
 - We need a pocket park downtown to have a space to eat lunch
and wind down during the work day
 - Disc golf course
 - We need a climbing wall
 - Scuba lessons
 - Bike educations/rodeos for children
 - Lacrosse field
 - Solar power
 - Gardens
 - Rainwater collection
 - Green roofs
4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share?
- Continue improvements to the ice rink (Hamilton Center) and
grow its activities
 - Scuba instructions plus trip package
 - Outsource maintenance to be more cost-effective
 - Future: second sheet of ice at Hamilton Center
 - Bring in speed skating competitions
 - Continue to think out of the box
 - Greater efforts in gardens, fresh vegetables
 - Composting and recycling at all facilities
 - Green is great, healthy too
 - Ditto the above comment
 - Climbing wall
 - Bring people closer to the environment
5. Additional comments
- Thanks for opportunity to comment
 - Allow land for expansion of outdoor sports complex; maximize
efficiencies with Indoor Sports complex.
 - Great work parks and recreation! =)
 - #1 priority - extend People Trail from power house to State
Street bridge
 - More focus on expanding the urban forest
 - # 2 priority - bridge over Haw Creek at Lincoln Center

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Public Input Meeting - December 6, 2011

Meeting Location: The Commons 11:30 -1:00

The meeting had six people in attendance not including park staff, city council members or park board members. The meeting began with a brief explanation of the master plan process as the public walked in. The format for the meeting was more of an informal open house which allowed citizens to talk directly with staff and Cornerstone. The group individually wrote down their thoughts and comments on the following issues. In addition one citizen could not stay for the meeting but did hand Cornerstone comments which were incorporated into the summary.

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
 - Great facilities that need to be maintained in the future at high quality
 - A strong park board that represents the community and sees the big picture
 - Professional park and recreation staff members
 - Continued leadership in collaboration with other public and private groups to insure the community has the highest quality parks and recreation programs and facilities
 - A large group of volunteers who help provide cost-effective high quality parks and recreation programs and facilities
 - Strong support from the Mayor and City Council to insure parks and recreation dept. continues to have high quality programs and facilities. This is critical and an important part of why Columbus has been able to attract a new generation of workers and businesses who put quality of life as an important reason to locate in the community. We need the new Mayor and City Council to continue to support parks and recreation as part of the continued strong economic development strategy for Columbus.
 - Continued involvement as a key partner with the Visitors Center and the Sports Advisory Council to sustain the sports tourism program which has created over 3,000 jobs and \$15 million in economic impact.
 - A professional staff which is well trained and enthusiastic about what the department does. The office staff is excellent as well.
 - Several top notch facilities which many segments of the community utilize and appreciate. They recognize that Park & Recreation staff maintains them well.
 - Collaborations with many well known and respected organizations in the community. A few examples are Foundation For Youth, Columbus Area Arts Council, Columbus Regional Health, Mill Race Center/Senior Services, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, Columbus in Bloom, County

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Community Services, Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center, and various departments of City government. There also are any number of sports, music, drama, organizations and associations with which CPRD has working arrangements.

- Very good recreational programs and events, offered for most age groups, year round.
- A very energetic and hands-on park board, willing to go to bat for the needs of the department.
- A Park Foundation that is slowly building an endowment and backing from throughout the community and beyond.
- A community that, in general, recognizes the value of great parks and leisure activities to the overall quality of life and to economic well being. Major sporting events bring in lots of visitors and tourist dollars for the local economy. Quality of life draws new companies as well as retirees. Parks play a large role, along with education and public safety.

2. Key issues facing the department?

- New School calendar. How will this affect revenue, facilities and programs? Opportunity for further cooperative efforts with schools.
- Lean budgets (operating) for foreseeable future. Must maintain what we have. Opportunity for cooperation with other city government departments, as well as, with other non-government agencies
- Growing senior population. This segment of population may not see the importance of parks as much as families. Must keep Mill Race Center personnel, board and users aware of positive Park and Recreation services
- Growth of young professionals, diversity - Park and Recreation doesn't offer much for this segment of population.
- Work with Columbus Area Multi-Ethnic Organizations and support.
- CAMEO to include young and diverse populations in your organization!
- The largest one, in my opinion, is relatively flat funding from the city in the form of property and other local taxes. We don't know how the new administration and council members will evaluate the department and its value to the community, especially in comparison to the often stated priorities of police, fire, and street repair. This is where the relationships with other organizations and their leadership will be important in two ways. The department may be able to maintain operating and capital budgets through the advocacy of many groups. It also may be able to save money by taking on activities cooperatively with other agencies.
- The year round school schedule will require some changes in the way the department schedules current activities. This might result in dropping some programs, but it could also provide opportunities for more cooperation with BCSC, FFY, and other youth services groups.

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3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.
 - Bicycle station - lockers, plaza with view like Millennium Park bike repair area
 - Be creative to attract game playing kids out of the house and involve with outdoor activities
 - Bocce courts
 - I'd like to see the southern part of the People Trail system constructed
 - Disc golf course
 - New playground equipment at 9th Street Park. Working relationship with LCNFC is needed to develop a presence in that neighborhood.
 - Currently, the department doesn't offer much for young adults. They might try developing a closer relationship with Columbus Young Professionals. This group could be a good source for volunteers for certain projects. Sand volleyball courts could be a draw for young adults.
 - Also with respect to young adults, develop some cooperative programs with one or more bars or restaurant/bars in town.

4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share?
 - Take a hard look at pickleball and reduced tennis for adults over 50. This is becoming very popular around the US with the increasing numbers of baby boomer retirees.
 - The department always has been open to receiving ideas from groups and individuals for new facilities and programs. I've listed a number of the groups in the response to the first question. I think the CYP and the retired folks at Mill Race Center can provide energy and creativity to new initiatives.
 - It is possible that local churches, especially youth groups, could provide assistance in working in neighborhoods around 9th Street Park, Pence Park, Morningside Park.
 - We have done some good things in the past with school Parent Teacher Organizations in building playgrounds. There could be some energy there.
 - Also, as mentioned above, bars or restaurant/bar for young adult activities/events. This could be a place to find the next generation of River Rats.

5. Additional comments
 - Bring back boating on round lake (at Mill Race)
 - We have a lot of people in Columbus who think everything the government has done over the past 10 - 15 years has been wrong, because it has been done without public approval. You can expect some vocal members of the public to speak out against almost any initiative the city might want to do in the future. Parks and Recreation must get its friends on board to help sell/defend the department. Senior citizens are not afraid to speak their minds. The department will need to maintain a strong relationship with Bob Pitman and the Mill Race Center board, so that you have advocates within that demographic.

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Park Staff Input - December 6, 2011 9:30-11:00

Meeting location: The Commons

Attendees:

Park Staff: Kathy McPeck, Nick Rush, Casey Ritz, Jamie Brinegar, Katia Hatter, Mary Tucker (Park Board), Deb Schmucker (Cornerstone)

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?

- Great reputation within the community
- Strong partnerships
- Community and businesses want to partner
- Professional staff
- Support from community and current political administration in past
- Public supports department
- Resource support in past from city government
- Great relationships with other city departments
- Positive future view - skilled staff
- Continuous improvement for department created by culture of department. Staff willingness to take on new roles, staff mind set to team with one another; continually thinking about how to improve.
- Personality of top level management encourages growth for individuals
- Staff empowered to suggest and actively learn
- Staff empowered to act
- Opportunities to look at things differently such as operations center

2. Key issues facing the department?

- Budgets
- Public education outreach to Mayor, Council, to public
- Aging facilities
- Tell our story - public education at all levels
- Not necessarily tax based
- Maintain what we have
- Value of people/staff have ability to cross functional
- Park Board leadership - and department leadership unknown with new administration
- Need more special needs programming
- How we manage property in future and define what a park needs to be
- Weed ordinance and how it relates to maintenance
- More trees

3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.

- Allow department to grow
- More trails as alternative transportation
- Expanded sources/more resources

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- Ordinance downtown prohibits skate boarding vs desiring to bring people downtown...incorporating urban elements and congregate in downtown areas
 - Environmentally focused design and retrofits such as rain gardens and green spaces
 - Legal memorandums of understandings should not be long term but evaluated on more regular basis. May need more official legal documents.
 - Expand aquatic offerings like splash pad
 - Underserved areas of city: east and south side
 - Vandalism issues
 - FFY expanded site/kids being bused there already, add to Ninth Street Park
 - How to balance community needs with resources in future
 - Community ownership
 - Sense of community is lacking
4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share?
- Green space downtown
 - Planted Pot program

5. Additional comments - none

Park Staff Input - January 31, February 14

All parks and recreation staff were invited to provide input during the master planning process and were invited to attend input meetings. Over two days, three different meetings were held with 37 staff members providing input. Another meeting was held in December is noted earlier in this section. All meetings were facilitated by Deb Schmucker of Cornerstone Planning & Design. In order to encourage input from all staff members, all meetings over this two day period are summarized together to allow for anonymity of responses.

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?
- People/staff
 - Produce results
 - Equipment in good shape
 - Partnerships/grants
 - Exploit opportunities
 - Working smarter/process improvement
 - Innovative thinking/thinking outside the box
 - Well maintained facilities with limited staff
 - Teamwork allows for success
 - Variety of facilities
 - Crossover of knowledge on staff - fosters teamwork
 - Hard working staff with great work ethic
 - Good stewards of tax payers' dollars

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- Foreseeing challenges before they happen allows for prevention of the issue.
- Staff in it for quality
- Staff works well together
- Top-notch facilities. Old buildings are well maintained, but difficult to keep up.
- Great community and corporate culture
- Offers high quality life
- Contributes to Columbus' economic development and growth
- Healthy communities and wellness
- Great partners
- Customer service
- Park foundation scholarships, grants, etc.

2. Key issues facing the department

- Aging facilities
- Funds to fix facilities
- Funding
- New leadership at city
- Communication to staff below team leader
- Morale: feeling valued
- Staff doesn't get positive feedback
- Improve communication
- Educate public about all park facilities
- Fear of giving input and then being reprimanded. Input is not valued by others or it is ignored completely.
- Lack of manpower, more full time staff needed
- Lack of communication between upper level management to staff
- Perception upper level management has different values than implementation staff.
- Citywide software updated
- Lack of understanding of what it takes to get the job done by management.
- Meetings that do not resolve issues
- Lack of scheduling by supervisors
- "Silos" within operations inhibits teamwork
- Staff has perception management doesn't listen
- Outside consultant's inability to keep up with technologies needs of the department and city.
- Need more special needs programming and a wider variety of programming
- User friendly data base
- Need more RecTrac training
- Software capability to run reports for historical data on facility user types i.e. The Commons
- Donor management software
- Public does not recognize park staff as professionals. We need to educate and communicate all that we do and improve our image.
- No voice to say no. Facilities staff not empowered to say no to anything: consumer resources money, people time, equipment;

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facilities, time. What does not get done because we can not say no?

- We need updated restroom facilities
- Front doors at Donner Center are too heavy and difficult to open.
- Diaper changing table
- Business and maintenance plans are created but not followed.
- Constant use of facilities creates maintenance with no way to fund necessary repairs.

3. Overall desired changes and opportunities for the Department over the next 10 years.

- Allow park system to grow; build facilities and staff management plan to support growth
- As existing facilities grow and expand, they are losing their storage. Need to provide support elements and storage to support new growth.
- Recognize strengths; exploit them in managing and programming facilities
- Working smarter. Staff continually critiquing process which results in working smarter and in time and dollar savings to do other things. Need to document what we are doing.
- As we grow resources, we have to match the growth to sustain it.
- In future, will we have enough facilities to meet the growing needs?
- Eliminate hand time cards
- Streamline decision making process
- Big picture: New project facility requires a business plan, maintenance plan, funding staff positions to care for facility, before it can be funded and built. Must require accountability to enforce using the tools we create.
- Design with maintenance in mind
- Communicating park benefits
- 18 hole miniature golf
- New facility upgrades and result in need for management and resource plan
- People trails
- Ice skating
- Ice area: make it multi-use/purpose facility
- Indoor/outdoor multi purpose facilities: use of synthetic turf?
- Lacrosse, rugby, cricket, field hockey
- Mountain biking - (Columbus youth camp currently building a short trail.)
- Keep up with technology in maintenance such as lining athletic fields
- Training management plan
- Training needs:
 - o Training videos: how to use phone, email computers, new employee training; about parks
 - o Specific training for maintenance HVAC/ electric,
 - o RecTrac software training
 - o Website training - videotape training for refresher course
- Develop internal systems for organizing computers

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- Metric tool: Develop a way to measure the return on investment or when to open/close a facility based on revenue being generated on that day versus operations and maintenance costs: Ice rink in summer; The Commons being open on Thanksgiving, etc.
- Communication between management and staff
- Communication
 - o How to respond to public calls and questions - in timely fashion
 - o Set expectation for public of expected response time
 - o Set up email groups
 - o Information distribution within department
- The Commons - main level lighting software issues and directions/password

Park Board Input - December 6, 2011

Meeting was held at The Commons

Attendees:

Brian Russell, Ryan Brand, Mary Tucker, Ben Wagner, Jamie Brinegar, Katia Hatter, Deb Schmucker

Summary of questions and comments:

1. What are the Department's strengths to build on for the future?

- Leading city department in finding efficiencies
- Parks is resource to other city departments
- Department is impressive in its wide variety of offerings and facilities
- Great and knowledgeable staff
- Creative and out-of-the-box thinking
- Continuous improvement - self reflection; ability to self-evaluate
- Allowing the community to evaluate and provide input so that department can continue to improve and be innovative
- Cooperate with other city departments and community groups like schools, hospital, Foundation for Youth, Arts Council, etc
- Ability to build advocates of board members to work with and educate the community

2. Key issues facing the department?

- Budgets
- Telling the department story and building support
- Public relations of that department's story
- City funding
- Capital
- Changing community and demographics
- Five Year Capital Budget Plan - within realm - what happens to facilities like Donner: patch and repair and costs versus replacement cost of facility? When do you repair versus replace?
- Can't separate Donner building from Donner pool
- It is about thinking about a bigger vision than just you
- Quality staffing

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3. Overall desired changes for the Department over the next 10 years.
 - Viable policy statements about donated land
 - Are we set up as department to monitor capital projects to execute? Staff responded yes we are.
 - Program needs
 - Shut down year-around ice surface versus allowing lacrosse or indoor soccer to play on that surface area by covering ice. Ben commented that studies have shown it is not cost effective.
 - Hamilton Center non-reverting fund
 - Is there a process/policy in place for starting new programs? Do we need formal policy to empower staff in decision making process?
4. Any new ideas or opportunities that you would like to share? None see above
5. Additional comments? none

Park Board Meeting - December 8, 2011

Ben Wagner gave a brief update on the master plan. Things are going well and we have received a good response from the questionnaires. Deb expressed her appreciation for everyone's time in attending the input meetings held during the last month. The draft of the plan is being prepared and will be presented at the January meeting.

Park Board Meeting - January 6, 2012

Deb Schmucker presented a draft of the master plan to the Park Board. Deb went into a detailed presentation of the master plan in order to bring the new park board members and mayor up to speed which included a review of the public input process, inventory and demographics, and staff input. Additional meetings will be held over the next two months to present the draft to the public and gain additional input from staff. The action plan section is in progress and Park staff sorts through budget items for the 2012 year with the new mayor. She also thanked the board for their time and efforts to attend the various meetings. The board made a motion and approved submitting the draft to IDNR for their initial review.

During the public comment time, there were no comments from the public.

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Park Board Meeting - February 9, 2012

Ben provided a brief update from Deb on the progress of the five year park master plan. The main focus is on identifying the action items and budget over the next five years which the staff has been working on for the last month. He has also been in contact with the Mayor's office on the department's priorities related to bond projects and the action plan items.

City Hall Public Open House/Input meeting - February 27, 2012 6:00 - 7:30

Meeting location: City Hall

The Mayor, City-Council members and all department heads were available to answer questions from the public at an open house held at city hall. The intent of the meeting was to encourage public input and government transparency. Ben Wagner made a brief presentation and was available to answer questions during the open house. He indicated he had several people stop by and offer praises on the great job parks is doing. Several people commented that they were supportive of park projects that were needed at various park locations as listed in the master plan. The open house was well attended by over 200 people.

Public Input Meeting - March 7, 2012 5:00 - 6:30

Meeting Location: The Commons

There was a presentation of the final plan by Deb Schmucker. Deb and park staff were available to answer questions related to the new park master plan from the fifteen people who attended the meeting.

Attendees made the following comments:

- More flat playing fields
- Rugby is a growing sport in Columbus
- Current # of players 95, expected growth 2012 115. All age groups adult men, high school boys and girls, middle school. The international population is growing in Columbus.
- Need changing room/facilities at Parkside
- Extra lighted fields (grass not turf)
- Dedicated rugby pitch/field at Parkside - permanent posts and markers

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Park Board Meeting - March 8, 2012

Deb Schmucker presented the master plan to the park board and the general public with public comments incorporated into the final document. Deb provided a detailed presentation of the master plan reviewing the inventory, trends in the industry, a summary of public input, information from the State's five year plan and the proposed action plan. The Republic had just written a story on the infrastructure projects that had been proposed for the city bond project. There were ten citizens in attendance in addition to park staff and the board. Ben indicated that the board would plan to adopt the master plan at the April meeting.

Park Board Meeting - April 12, 2012

Deb Schmucker and Ben Wagner presented a resolution to the board for the adoption of the five year master plan giving a brief overview of the master plan process. The board passed a resolution to adopt the new five year master plan.

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❖ Section Six: Priority Action Plan & Funding

❖ **Community Needs and Issues**

The following summarizes the main strengths and areas of improvement that have been indicated by the citizens and staff. It is important to note that the Department has continued a high level of excellence over a long period, and this success is the foundation for the future.

Strengths:

The Department:

- Has great staff. They are knowledgeable, responsible, dedicated, committed, professional, creative, enthusiastic, and progressive.
- Hires knowledgeable instructors.
- Is receptive to input.
- Asks for input and willingness to listen.
- Great partner and seek partnerships.
- Has great leadership.
- Long history of success and collaboration with community partners.
- Focused, organized and have a vision.
- Has a “can-do” culture.
- Positive reputation.
- Pro-active.
- Is a community asset.
- Willingness to develop new partnerships and retain existing partners.
- Embraces diversity, culture and social-economic groups.
- Facility expertise - the “go-to” people
- They know how to leverage people and resources.
- Utilization of volunteers and building the volunteer’s experience.
- Energetic and hands-on Park Board willing to go to bat for the Department.
- Contribute to the quality of life for the citizens of Columbus.
- High quality of maintenance operations
- “Doing a lot, with a little”.
- Great brand.
- Public supports the department.
- Staff is empowered to grow, act and learn.
- Utilizing technology.

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Facilities & Programs (*Strengths continued*)

- Parks are beautiful and well-maintained.
- Diversity of facilities and programs.
- Trail system.
- Willingness to participate in community events.
- Creative uses of facilities.
- Great partners.
- Parks are the “calling card” of the community.
- Ambassadors for the city.
- High quality of maintenance operations.
- Programming for everyone.
- Sports Tourism and economic development driver.

Areas for Improvement:

- Needs more funding due to budget cuts.
- Long term maintenance of facilities and trails (great facilities which also creates maintenance needs).
- Continue to seek more partners and maintain relationships.
- Provide more programming for: lower income children, 55+ over, and young professionals.
- Expand programs for those with disabilities.
- Changes in school calendar and its impact on schedule and programming.
- Develop redevelopment plan for aging facilities: Donner Center, Hamilton Center.
- Create long range park master plans for undeveloped parks
- Tell the Park Department story more - educate public on what you do.
- Public education on on-going maintenance.
- Communication within department.
- Keep up with technology.
- Marketing.
- Vandalism.
- Lack of community pride in upkeep of parks.
- Finding new ways to engage volunteers.
- Competitive salaries for staff.
- Public awareness of on-going maintenance.
- User fees: affordability and self-sustaining.
- Downtown green space and open green space.
- Keeping up changing trends such as providing cricket, rugby and lacrosse, etc.
- Develop trails on south side.
- Ability for children to learn and experience multiple sports due to length of seasons, etc.

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❖ Recommendations

Parks:

The department will need to identify potential future park sites within the current corporate city limits and in the surrounding areas of growth. New parks may be a variety of active recreation areas, green/open space, conservation areas and trails.

In addition, renovations of parks and park facilities such as Donner Center and Hamilton Center will be important. Throughout the public input process, citizens recognized and supported the need to upgrade these facilities. Long range planning for both Donner Center and Hamilton Center will be critical to determine the best methods to utilize funds to renovate and maintain these facilities for the future.

Trails:

Pedestrian linkages are also an important element to the future success of the park system as it continues to grow over the next five years. The trail network allows citizens more mobility between public spaces and neighborhoods. The City recently released their new Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan in 2011 in order to further expand trail connections within the city and the region. There is currently a fundraising campaign being undertaken by the community to support this on-going effort.

Recreation and Programs:

Creative programs and funding will be critical to the future success of the department as the community continues to grow. The parks have become, and will continue to be, the place where citizens have a sense of community, wellness and greater purpose. Increasing and developing existing partnerships to develop and fund new programs are also important to allowing access to all citizens. The department will need to continue to provide a wide diversity of programs to embrace the community's cultural and age diversity, and to encourage healthy living. Events and programs that embrace multi-generational activities continue to be important given that 37% of the population is between the ages of 30-55. The current economic climate has also created many homes where multiple generations are living in one household.

Administrative:

The department employs full-time, part-time and seasonal staff to carry out the functions of the department. The department will need to continue to closely monitor their staff resources in order to

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maintain their goal of providing a high level of excellence at all levels of service within the department including administration, programming, recreation, maintenance and customer service. As future facilities, parks and programs are developed, staffing requirements will need to be evaluated and budgeted. The staff has proven to be creative and innovative in their abilities to meet the challenges of providing great facilities and programs and endeavors to continue these efforts.

The department has an excellent reputation as a great partner and team player within the community. They will need to continue to build on these existing relationships and look for new opportunities with new partners to maintain the department's high level of excellence in service and facilities.

Marketing & Education:

The department needs to continue to educate the public and leaders within the community of the "department's story" and how the department impacts the community. This includes reaching out to children, families, and the business community.

Resources need to be developed that can be utilized by staff, park advocates, and city leaders to tell the "department's story" about the benefits of the department to everyone. These resources can be items such as talking points, printed material, promotional items, slide presentations, videos, etc. Technology can be an excellent tool to augment communication through social media, cell phone applications, visitor sign kiosks, Web site etc.

Action & Priority Plan

The Action and Priority Plan was developed utilizing the input received during the planning process. It outlines and details a road map for the department for the next five years. The plan is meant to be flexible in order to maximize the Board's ability to respond to future opportunities such as grants, donations, and partnerships.

The first year of the Action and Priority Plan includes priority projects to be funded by the Mayor /City Council. This list is still being finalized and items which are delayed will be incorporated into the remaining four years of the action plan. Future years will be financed through department budget, council appropriations, donations, grants and partnerships.

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ACTION & PRIORITY PLAN

Year	Site	Action	Cost	Source
2012	Noblitt Park	Rerouting People Trail	\$ 65,000	Mayor/Council
	Hamilton Center	Roof Replacement	\$ 241,000	Mayor/Council
	Donner Center	Roof Replacement	\$ 18,000	Mayor/Council
	Donner Center	Locker room floor	\$ 14,000	Mayor/Council
	Rotating Locations	Court Resurfacing & Restriping	\$ 120,000	Mayor/Council
	Rotating Locations	Stream Bank Armament	\$ 100,000	Mayor/Council
	Rotating Locations	Overlay & Stripping Parking Lots	\$ 135,000	Mayor/Council
	Lincoln Park	Concrete Replacement	\$ 50,000	Mayor/Council
	Hamilton Center	Granite Wall Repair	\$ 60,000	Mayor/Council
	Morningside Park	Playground Structures and Surfacing	\$ 88,000	Mayor/Council
	Pence Park	Playground Structures and Surfacing	\$ 141,000	Mayor/Council
	Blackwell Park	Parking Lot Expansion	\$ 50,000	Mayor/Council
	Hamilton Center	Compressor Rebuild/Repair	\$ 45,000	Mayor/Council
	Hamilton Center	Studio Rink Dehumidification	\$ 50,000	Mayor/Council
	Hamilton Center	Water Heater and Gauges	\$ 24,000	Mayor/Council
	Clifty Park	Skate Park Improvement	\$ 40,000	Mayor/Council
	Rotating Locations	Fencing replacement and repairs	\$ 100,000	Mayor/Council
	Rotating Locations	Curb& Sidewalk Repair	\$ 15,000	Mayor/Council
	Rotating Locations	Trees and landscape	\$ 10,000	Mayor/Council
	Hamilton Center	Dasher Board and Glass at Hamilton	\$ 175,000	Mayor/Council
	Clifty Park	Utility Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 60,000	Mayor/Council
	Lincoln Park	Restroom Replacement	\$ 250,000	Mayor/Council
	Blackwell Park	Restroom Improvements	\$ 100,000	Mayor/Council
	Blackwell Park	Wigh Building Renovations	\$ 87,000	Mayor/Council
	Lincoln Park	Renovate Between 5 & 6	\$ 35,000	Mayor/Council
	Blackwell Park	Wigh Soccer Fencing	\$ 50,000	Mayor/Council
	Hamilton Center	Upgrade Electric System	\$ 30,000	Mayor/Council
	Hamilton Center	Concession & Restroom Renovation	\$ 200,000	Mayor/Council
	Mill Race Park	Road Overlay	\$ 78,000	Mayor/Council
	Noblitt Park	Road Overlay	\$ 25,000	Mayor/Council
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Repair	\$ 50,000	Mayor/Council
	Mill Race Park	Tower:Elevator and Utility Work	\$ 600,000	Mayor/Council

Note: Action items for 2012 are listed in order of priority due Mayor/Council funding. All other years are grouped by facility location.

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Year	Site	Action	Cost	Source
2013	Rotating Locations	Court Resurfacing and Restriping	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Fencing	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Curbs & Sidewalk Repair	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Sealing and Striping/Overlay - Parking Lots	\$ 135,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Signage and Landscaping	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Stream Bank Armament	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Tree Installation/Landscaping	\$ 10,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Shelter Repair	\$ 25,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Development	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Repair	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 250,000	Budget
	Wigh Soccer Complex	Lighting Field #2	\$ 140,000	Budget
	Clifty Baseball Fields	Light Replacement	\$ 110,000	Council
	Clifty Baseball Fields	New Restroom	\$ 150,000	Council
	Clifty Fields	Irrigation Installation #17-20	\$ 30,000	Council
	Clifty Skate Park	Repairs	\$ 10,000	Council
	Donner Pool	Playground Structure Painting	\$ 10,000	Council
		Locker Rooms: Repaint walls/refinish benches	\$ 25,000	Council
	Donner Garage	Exterior Renovation	\$ 75,000	Council
	Donner Playground	Play Structure and Surfacing	\$ 180,000	Council
	Foundation For Youth	Gym - Air Conditioner Installation	\$ 200,000	Council
	Foundation For Youth	Playground - Exterior structure and surface	\$ 175,000	Council
	Harrison Ridge	Play Structure and Surfacing	\$ 280,000	Council
	Lincoln Park	Admission Control	\$ 5,000	Council
	Lincoln Park	Dugout Covers	\$ 75,000	Council
	Lincoln Park	Netting at fields	\$ 20,000	Council
	Hamilton Center	Rubber Floor Replacement	\$ 115,000	Council
	Hamilton Center	Surge Protection	\$ 42,000	Council
	Hamilton Center	Chimney Tuck Pointing	\$ 90,000	Council
	Hamilton Center	Resurfacer Water Softener/Hot Water	\$ 10,000	Council
	Mill Race Park	Restroom - Steel Repair/Glass Block Repair	\$ 10,000	Council
	Mill Race Park	Round Pond Suction Line	\$ 25,000	Council

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Year	Site	Action	Cost	Source
2014	Rotating Locations	Court Resurfacing and Restriping	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Fencing	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Curbs & Sidewalk Repair	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Sealing and Striping/Overlay - Parking Lots	\$ 135,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Signage and Landscaping	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Stream Bank Armament	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Tree Installation/Landscaping	\$ 10,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Shelter Repair	\$ 75,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Development	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Repair	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 250,000	Budget
	Clifty Fields	Scoreboards	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Clifty Park	Road Realignment and Parking	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Blackwell Park	Freedom Field Playground Equipment	\$ 10,000	Council
	Clifty Fields	Concessions & Restroom (partner w/schools)	\$ 225,000	Council
	Clifty Park	Playground and Surfacing	\$ 80,000	Council
	Clifty Skate Park	Repairs	\$ 10,000	Council
	Columbus Gym Center	Carpet	\$ 15,000	Council
	Donner Pool	Filters (10)	\$ 40,000	Council
	Donner Pool	Heaters (2)	\$ 56,000	Council
	Donner Center	Ceiling Tile & Lights	\$ 30,000	Council
	Donner Center	Front Office Carpet	\$ 25,000	Council
	Donner Center	Restroom Upgrade	\$ 35,000	Council
	Lincoln Park	Batting Cage Netting	\$ 20,000	Council
	Lincoln Park	Batting Cage Refurbishment	\$ 15,000	Council
	Lincoln Park	4-Plex Building Awning	\$ 20,000	Sponsors
	Lincoln Park	4-Plex Building Refurbishment	\$ 25,000	Council
	Lincoln Fields	Jox Boxes - Replace	\$ 9,000	Council
	Lincoln Fields	Scoreboards	\$ 60,000	Council
	Hamilton Center	Locker Rooms - Electric Water Heater Install	\$ 15,000	Council
	Hamilton Center	Skate Shop Redesign & Upgrade	\$ 25,000	Council
	Lincoln Park	Shelter Installation	\$ 30,000	Council

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Year	Site	Action	Cost	Source
2014	Mill Race Park	Restroom - Steel/Glass Block Repair	\$ 10,000	Council
	Mill Race Park	Curbing and Gating of Entrance	\$ 15,000	Council
	Mill Race Park	Retaining Wall Repair	\$ 5,000	Council
	Noblitt Park	Curbing and Gating of Entrance	\$ 15,000	Council
	Noblitt Park	Development	\$ 40,000	Council
	Oakbrook Park	Playground and Surfacing	\$ 250,000	Council
	Park Operations	Sidewalk to Patio	\$ 17,000	Council
2015	Rotating Locations	Court Resurfacing and Restriping	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Fencing	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Curbs & Sidewalk Repair	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Sealing and Striping/Overlay - Parking Lots	\$ 135,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Signage and Landscaping	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Stream bank Armament	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Tree Installation/Landscaping	\$ 10,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Shelter Repair	\$ 75,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Development	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Repair	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 250,000	Budget
	Blackwell Park	Well Building - Restroom Addition	\$ 45,000	Partnership
	Blackwell Park	West Restroom Construction	\$ 100,000	Partnership
	Donner Pool	Circulation Pump Repair/Replacement	\$ 21,000	Budget
	Clifty Fields	Dugout Covers	\$ 140,000	Budget
	Lincoln Park	Playground Structure and Surfacing	\$ 350,000	Council
	Mill Race Park	Remove Grass at Mound Seating	\$ 10,000	Council
	Mill Race Park	Retaining Wall Repair	\$ 5,000	Council
	Mill Race Park	Playground Structure and Surfacing	\$ 80,000	Council
	Park Operations	Cold Storage Facility	\$ 200,000	Council

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Year	Site	Action	Cost	Source
2016	Rotating Locations	Court Resurfacing and Restriping	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Fencing	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Curbs & Sidewalk Repair	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Sealing and Striping/Overlay - Parking Lots	\$ 135,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Signage and Landscaping	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Stream Bank Armament	\$ 100,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Tree Installation/Landscaping	\$ 10,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Shelter Repair	\$ 75,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Development	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	People Trail Repair	\$ 50,000	Budget
	Rotating Locations	Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 250,000	Budget
	Clifty Park	Landscaping	\$ 15,000	Budget
	Donner Center	Settling Problem and Leaking	\$ 20,000	Budget
	Administrative	5 Year Park Master Plan	\$ 40,000	Budget

Hamilton Center Capital Plan 2012 - 2016

Year	Project Descriptions:	Cost
2012	Roof Replacement - Lobby & Cedar Shake/Interior Repairs	\$245,000
	Granite Wall Repair/Replacement	\$60,000
	Compressor Rebuild(#4-6)/Repairs	\$45,000
	Studio Rink Dehumidification	\$50,000
	Dasher Board Replacement/Small and Large Ice	\$185,000
	Domestic Hot Water Heater	\$14,000
	Replace Bad Control Gauges	\$10,000
	Electrical Panels and Disconnects	\$30,000
	Lobby Restroom/Concessions Renovation	\$200,000

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Hamilton Center Capital Plan (continued)

Year	Project Descriptions:	Cost
2013	Circulation Fans in both rinks	\$60,000
	Rubber Flooring Lobby	\$20,000
	Rubber Flooring Arena	\$60,000
	Lobby/Patio windows and doors-small rink doors	\$20,000
	Hot Water and Softening System for Olympia Fill Station	\$25,000
	Drainage System for both rinks	\$60,000
	Olympia Room Overhead door	\$20,000
	Event Decking	\$120,000
2014	Locker Room Renovations	\$500,000
	Arena Restroom Renovation	\$100,000
	Lobby Bench Replacement	\$25,000
	Skate Rental Remodel	\$5,000
2015	Arena Bleachers/Stadium Seating	\$75,000
	Skate Rental, Broom Ball, User Group Specific Equipment, etc.	\$15,000
	Judging Platforms w/Heating	\$15,000
	Arena Stand Heating	\$60,000
	Exhaust Fan System for Rink	\$15,000
	Ice Dump and Drainage System Updates and Repairs	\$20,000
	Electrical Circuit Repairs	\$30,000
	Window Replacement (Gable Portion of Roof)	\$50,000
	Safety Netting Large Ice	\$5,000
	Public Pay Lockers	\$15,000
2016	Brine Pumps	\$15,000
	Tower Pumps	\$15,000
	Replace Refrigeration System-refrigerant update	\$1,300,000
	Glycol to propylene	\$8,500
	Tower Water Treatment System	\$30,000
	Rink Remodel/Updates - Large scope project	\$4,000,000
	Second Sheet of Ice	\$6,000,000
	Storage building for rink based programs and maintenance	\$20,000

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Funding Opportunities

A variety of funding opportunities are available through grants and not-for-profit organizations to assist in the development and planning of programs and facilities.

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)

- **Transportation Equity Act (TEA 21)**
Federal grant administered by INDOT. Transportation systems: i.e. trails, sidewalks and street improvements are typical projects. TEA 21 funds 80 percent of construction cost with 20 percent match by applicant.
- **Safe Routes to School Fund (SRTS)**
Federal grant administered by INDOT. Non-infrastructure activities will be limited to a cost of \$75,000. Infrastructure projects will be limited to a cost of \$250,000. SRTS activities and projects must be programmed in the statewide transportation improvement program to receive federal funds. School must be within two mile radius of construction improvements project.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)- Division of Forestry

- **Arbor Day Grant:**
\$500 - \$1000 grant. Any activity that assists in promoting Arbor Day.
- **Urban Forestry Grants:**
\$2000 - \$20,000, Community projects target program development, planning and education.

IDNR Division of Outdoor Recreation

- **Recreation Trails Program:**
It is funded as a part of TEA-21. Provides funds for motorized and non-motorized trails and trails related projects. Program provides 80/20 percent reimbursement/match assistance for eligible projects (\$10,000 to \$100,000 maximum available).
- **Land and Water Conservation Fund:**
It is a matching 50 percent reimbursing federal assistance program. Program provides a minimum of \$10,000 to \$200,000 maximum available for one project per year. Maximum amount may be increased dependent on current budget at Federal level.

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■ EPA Sustainable Skylines Initiative:

The Sustainable Skylines Initiative (SSI) represents public-private partnerships, the mission of which is to ‘reduce air emissions and promote sustainability in urban environments (EPA, 2009)’. The EPA further describes the SSI as follows: They must be able to quantify initial benefits within a three year period. To develop an integrated plan to promote a culture change, communities must select *at least one activity in five* of the following seven categories:

1. Renewing community livability (e.g., decrease amount of heated surfaces, increase permeable surfaces, revitalization, addressing environmental justice issues, as well as children’s health concerns)
2. Climate change and energy efficiency (e.g., enhancing energy efficiency in public buildings, incentive programs to increase power generation from renewable energy)
3. Land use and transportation strategies (e.g., increased public transportation, reduction in vehicle miles traveled, converting parking lots to parks)
4. Fossil-fueled engine and motor sources - on and off-road/gas and diesel (e.g., reduction in idling, retrofits, small off-road equipment replacement programs)
5. Green buildings and development (e.g., link green building techniques with affordable housing initiatives)
6. Facilities and businesses (e.g., conduct pollution prevention audits for small business to reduce energy consumption and environmental impacts)
7. Innovative and sustainable practices (e.g., education and outreach programs)

Other municipal funding sources:

- Cumulative Capital Improvement Funds
- Park Impact Fee
- Non-reverting account funds
- Clean Water Act Section 319(h) grant
- Lease purchase
- General Obligation Bond
- Gifts
- Donations (land, cash, labor, materials and equipment)

Resources utilized for this report:

U.S. Census 1990, 2000 and 2010

Indiana Department of Workforce Development

Indiana University Business Research Center

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau

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Section Seven: Appendix

Columbus Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan, Community Questionnaire



1. For each of the activities listed, when was the last time you or the members of your household participated in that activity in the Columbus area? (One answer per row, please)

	During the past 12 months	1-5 years ago	Over 5 years ago	Never	Response Count
Attending a recreation or fitness program or class	40.9% (106)	16.6% (43)	12.4% (32)	30.1% (78)	259
Bicycling	67.8% (179)	9.1% (24)	7.6% (20)	15.5% (41)	264
Fishing	19.9% (50)	17.1% (43)	13.5% (34)	49.4% (124)	251
Golf	32.9% (83)	17.5% (44)	14.3% (36)	35.3% (89)	252
In-line skating or skateboarding	14.0% (35)	6.4% (16)	11.2% (28)	68.4% (171)	250
Observing nature	84.3% (220)	5.4% (14)	2.3% (6)	8.0% (21)	261
Picnicking	61.0% (158)	22.4% (58)	5.0% (13)	11.6% (30)	259
Playing organized sports in a youth league (baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, hockey, etc.)	42.7% (108)	8.3% (21)	17.4% (44)	31.6% (80)	253
Playing organized sports in an adult league (baseball, basketball, hockey, softball, soccer, etc.)	20.4% (51)	9.2% (23)	22.0% (55)	48.4% (121)	250
Running or jogging	52.9% (135)	10.2% (26)	10.2% (26)	26.7% (68)	255
Swimming at pool	50.2% (130)	15.1% (39)	15.4% (40)	19.3% (50)	259
Using children's playground/play area	65.6% (170)	11.6% (30)	12.4% (32)	10.4% (27)	259
Attending community events/concerts, festivals, etc.	82.2% (217)	12.9% (34)	1.1% (3)	3.8% (10)	264
Walking or hiking for fitness or pleasure	86.3% (226)	6.5% (17)	0.0% (0)	7.3% (19)	262
Walking to exercise your dog	43.0% (107)	8.4% (21)	4.4% (11)	44.2% (110)	249

Other (please specify)

15

answered question 268

skipped question 0

2. Are you male or female?

**Response
Percent** **Response
Count**

Male  47.4% 127

Female  52.6% 141

answered question 268

skipped question 0

3. What is your age?

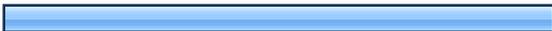
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Count**

268

answered question 268

skipped question 0

4. What is your marital status?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Single		10.1%	27
Married/Domestic Partnership		83.2%	223
Separated		0.0%	0
Divorced		4.9%	13
I prefer not to answer		1.9%	5
answered question			268
skipped question			0

5. What is your spouse's/partner's age?

	Response Count
	222
answered question	222
skipped question	46

6. Do you have children under the age of 18 in your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		57.1%	152
No		42.9%	114
answered question			266
skipped question			2

7. What are your children's ages (please select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
12 months or younger		7.9%	12
1		7.2%	11
2		11.2%	17
3		13.8%	21
4		7.9%	12
5		12.5%	19
6		15.8%	24
7		10.5%	16
8		7.2%	11
9		17.8%	27
10		12.5%	19
11		13.2%	20
12		11.2%	17
13		18.4%	28
14		10.5%	16
15		7.9%	12
16		9.2%	14
17		11.2%	17
answered question			152
skipped question			116

8. How long have you lived in Columbus? (years)

	Response Count
	261
answered question	261
skipped question	7

9. How do you receive information about programs and park facilities?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Website		49.2%	120
Email/E-Updates		59.0%	144
Park facility visits		24.6%	60
Word of mouth		50.8%	124
Newspaper		53.3%	130
Program/FUN Guide		54.9%	134
Mailings		16.0%	39
Park office		3.7%	9
Social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter)		19.7%	48
	answered question		244
	skipped question		24

10. For each park/facility listed below, indicate how many times during the past 12 months you or the members of your household have visited that park/facility.

	0	1-2	3-5	6-11	12+	Response Count
Amberly Park (undeveloped)	98.7% (220)	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (2)	223
Blackwell Park & Soccer Complex	40.1% (95)	12.7% (30)	8.9% (21)	8.9% (21)	29.5% (70)	237
City Cemetery	80.9% (186)	10.0% (23)	4.3% (10)	1.7% (4)	3.0% (7)	230
Clifty Park	45.9% (106)	23.8% (55)	10.4% (24)	4.8% (11)	15.2% (35)	231
The Commons	7.9% (19)	22.7% (55)	31.8% (77)	19.0% (46)	18.6% (45)	242
Donner Center	22.2% (52)	28.2% (66)	21.4% (50)	11.1% (26)	17.1% (40)	234
Donner Park	16.2% (38)	27.7% (65)	24.7% (58)	13.2% (31)	18.3% (43)	235
Everroad Park	92.6% (212)	4.4% (10)	0.9% (2)	0.4% (1)	1.7% (4)	229
Greenbelt Golf Course	71.3% (164)	14.8% (34)	7.4% (17)	3.5% (8)	3.0% (7)	230
Columbus Gymnastics Center	69.7% (161)	13.9% (32)	5.6% (13)	3.5% (8)	7.4% (17)	231
Harrison Ridge Park	85.2% (196)	6.5% (15)	0.9% (2)	1.7% (4)	5.7% (13)	230
IUPUC Park	79.1% (182)	10.9% (25)	4.8% (11)	2.2% (5)	3.0% (7)	230
Lincoln Park	50.4% (117)	21.6% (50)	10.8% (25)	5.2% (12)	12.1% (28)	232
Hamilton Center Ice Arena	52.8% (124)	24.3% (57)	10.2% (24)	1.7% (4)	11.1% (26)	235
McCullough's Run Park	82.6% (190)	9.1% (21)	3.5% (8)	1.3% (3)	3.5% (8)	230
Mead Village Park	91.2% (207)	4.8% (11)	2.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	1.3% (3)	227
Mill Race Park	6.3% (15)	17.2% (41)	34.9% (83)	19.7% (47)	21.8% (52)	238
Morningside Park	98.2% (222)	0.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (2)	226
Ninth Street Park	94.3% (216)	4.8% (11)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (2)	229
Noblitt Park	58.4% (136)	17.2% (40)	12.0% (28)	3.0% (7)	9.4% (22)	233
Northbrook Park	96.5% (220)	1.3% (3)	1.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (2)	228
Oakbrook Park	86.0% (197)	6.6% (15)	1.3% (3)	1.7% (4)	4.4% (10)	229

Pence Street Park	97.3% (220)	0.9% (2)	0.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (2)	226
Richards School Park	84.8% (195)	7.4% (17)	1.3% (3)	2.2% (5)	4.3% (10)	230
Rocky Ford Par-3 Golf Course	66.1% (154)	22.3% (52)	5.2% (12)	3.4% (8)	3.0% (7)	233
Tipton Park (old Senior Center)	92.1% (211)	4.8% (11)	0.9% (2)	0.9% (2)	1.3% (3)	229
People Trails	12.0% (29)	12.9% (31)	16.6% (40)	8.7% (21)	49.8% (120)	241
answered question						244
skipped question						24

11. For each park/facility listed below, indicate how SATISFIED you are with that park/facility.

	1 (Not at all satisfied)	2	3	4	5 (Very satisfied)	I do not use this park	Response Count
Amberly Park (undeveloped)	0.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (2)	0.4% (1)	2.6% (6)	95.2% (219)	230
Blackwell Park & Soccer Complex	0.8% (2)	1.7% (4)	5.9% (14)	23.3% (55)	27.1% (64)	41.1% (97)	236
City Cemetery	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	5.2% (12)	4.8% (11)	12.2% (28)	77.8% (179)	230
Clifty Park	0.4% (1)	3.4% (8)	15.1% (35)	17.2% (40)	16.4% (38)	47.4% (110)	232
The Commons	2.5% (6)	4.1% (10)	8.7% (21)	21.2% (51)	51.5% (124)	12.0% (29)	241
Donner Center	0.8% (2)	2.9% (7)	16.4% (39)	24.8% (59)	33.6% (80)	21.4% (51)	238
Donner Park	0.9% (2)	2.6% (6)	15.7% (37)	28.1% (66)	38.7% (91)	14.0% (33)	235
Everroad Park	0.0% (0)	0.4% (1)	0.9% (2)	3.1% (7)	3.1% (7)	92.6% (212)	229
Greenbelt Golf Course	0.4% (1)	1.3% (3)	8.7% (20)	12.1% (28)	8.2% (19)	69.3% (160)	231
Columbus Gymnastics Center	0.4% (1)	0.4% (1)	6.1% (14)	13.0% (30)	14.8% (34)	65.2% (150)	230
Harrison Ridge Park	0.0% (0)	1.3% (3)	1.3% (3)	5.6% (13)	9.0% (21)	82.8% (193)	233
IUPUC Park	0.9% (2)	0.9% (2)	6.1% (14)	4.3% (10)	8.3% (19)	79.6% (183)	230
Lincoln Park	0.4% (1)	0.9% (2)	7.4% (17)	17.7% (41)	22.5% (52)	51.1% (118)	231
Hamilton Center Ice Arena	0.0% (0)	1.7% (4)	8.5% (20)	14.9% (35)	20.0% (47)	54.9% (129)	235

McCullough's Run Park	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	5.2% (12)	5.6% (13)	7.3% (17)	81.5% (189)	232
Mead Village Park	0.4% (1)	1.3% (3)	1.3% (3)	2.2% (5)	4.4% (10)	90.4% (207)	229
Mill Race Park	0.9% (2)	6.4% (15)	15.0% (35)	26.1% (61)	39.7% (93)	12.0% (28)	234
Morningside Park	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (2)	1.3% (3)	2.6% (6)	94.8% (217)	229
Ninth Street Park	0.4% (1)	0.4% (1)	1.3% (3)	3.5% (8)	2.6% (6)	91.8% (212)	231
Noblitt Park	1.7% (4)	6.9% (16)	9.1% (21)	11.2% (26)	10.3% (24)	60.8% (141)	232
Northbrook Park	0.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	1.3% (3)	0.9% (2)	3.9% (9)	93.0% (214)	230
Oakbrook Park	0.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	2.6% (6)	4.8% (11)	7.4% (17)	84.7% (194)	229
Pence Street Park	1.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (1)	0.9% (2)	2.6% (6)	94.8% (218)	230
Richards School Park	0.9% (2)	0.4% (1)	2.6% (6)	5.2% (12)	7.0% (16)	83.8% (192)	229
Rocky Ford Par-3 Golf Course	1.3% (3)	1.3% (3)	7.7% (18)	12.4% (29)	10.7% (25)	66.5% (155)	233
Tipton Park (old Senior Center)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (1)	1.3% (3)	3.9% (9)	3.5% (8)	90.8% (207)	228
People Trails	0.8% (2)	1.7% (4)	8.9% (21)	24.2% (57)	50.0% (118)	14.4% (34)	236
answered question							244
skipped question							24

12. Please rate your satisfaction with the Columbus Parks & Recreation Department on each of the following:

	1 (Not at all satisfied)	2	3	4	5 (Very satisfied)	Don't know/Uncertain	Response Count
Number of parks/recreation opportunities available	0.8% (2)	3.7% (9)	11.5% (28)	25.8% (63)	53.7% (131)	4.5% (11)	244
Number of walking trail opportunities available	1.2% (3)	4.1% (10)	13.1% (32)	27.5% (67)	48.8% (119)	5.3% (13)	244
Variety of activities/programs offered	1.2% (3)	1.6% (4)	16.0% (39)	32.4% (79)	42.2% (103)	6.6% (16)	244
Convenience of park locations and facilities	0.8% (2)	3.3% (8)	10.2% (25)	32.8% (80)	51.2% (125)	1.6% (4)	244
Hours of operation of parks and facilities	1.6% (4)	2.0% (5)	12.3% (30)	32.0% (78)	48.0% (117)	4.1% (10)	244
Condition of facilities	3.3% (8)	8.2% (20)	19.3% (47)	38.9% (95)	28.7% (70)	1.6% (4)	244
Safety/security at parks & restrooms	4.5% (11)	9.8% (24)	22.5% (55)	35.2% (86)	24.6% (60)	3.3% (8)	244
Cleanliness/maintenance of park areas	4.1% (10)	8.6% (21)	19.3% (47)	39.3% (96)	26.6% (65)	2.0% (5)	244
answered question							244
skipped question							24

13. What other programs or facilities do you believe Columbus Parks & Recreation Department should add for the future? Choose from the examples given or write in your own suggestion.

		Response Percent	Response Count
Renovation of Donner Center		28.8%	63
Renovation of Hamilton Center		21.0%	46
Trails/Trail Expansion		66.7%	146
"Unstructured" play areas for children		15.5%	34
Splash pad or expanded aquatic areas		34.2%	75
Disc golf (Frisbee golf)		20.1%	44
Downtown green space		40.2%	88
Conservation/natural areas		37.9%	83
Multi-purpose fields (cricket/lacrosse/soccer)		24.2%	53
More senior programs		10.0%	22
Additional sheet of ice for skating		13.2%	29
Sand Volleyball courts		21.5%	47
	Other (please specify)		73
answered question			219
skipped question			49

14. How do you use the People Trails? (Please mark all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Commute to work		8.0%	18
Exercise/fitness		98.7%	221
Commute to business/run errands/key destinations		12.1%	27
	Other (please specify)		16
answered question			224
skipped question			44

15. Is the Department's goal to increase opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians to safely/efficiently commute and recreate by connecting parks, schools, shopping, businesses, employers and key destinations an advantage to you or your organization?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		79.0%	192
No		21.0%	51
answered question			243
skipped question			25

16. Is the Department's goal to have a trail/bike lane within three (3) blocks or 1,000 feet of 90% of City of Columbus residents important to you?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		74.9%	182
No		25.1%	61
answered question			243
skipped question			25

17. Please use this space to include any other comments or suggestions you would like to share with the Columbus Parks & Recreation Department. Thank you for your help!

	Response Count
	94
answered question	94
skipped question	174

Page 1, Q1. For each of the activities listed, when was the last time you or the members of your household participated in that activity in the Columbus area? (One answer per row, please)

1	Tennis	Apr 4, 2012 1:03 AM
2	Rotary meetings	Apr 4, 2012 12:23 AM
3	using the dog park	Dec 6, 2011 11:14 AM
4	swimming	Dec 6, 2011 9:40 AM
5	Family reunion at Donner shelter house last summer	Dec 6, 2011 12:50 AM
6	swimming at donner for 50 years..longer season please	Dec 5, 2011 5:02 PM
7	ice skating	Dec 5, 2011 3:57 PM
8	Disc golf regularly	Dec 2, 2011 11:15 AM
9	Geocaching	Nov 29, 2011 12:53 PM
10	Ice Skating	Nov 29, 2011 12:14 AM
11	Ice skate; roller skate	Nov 28, 2011 11:17 PM
12	kayak & canoe	Nov 28, 2011 8:40 PM
13	Figure skating 3-4 times per week at Hamilton Center	Nov 28, 2011 4:33 PM
14	Ultimate Frisbee at Mill Race park	Nov 28, 2011 12:44 PM
15	kayaking/canoeing-regularly	Nov 28, 2011 11:11 AM

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49	14 years	Dec 5, 2011 4:39 PM
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51	All my life (37 years)	Dec 5, 2011 4:32 PM
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60	born and raised here and then returned 10 years ago	Dec 5, 2011 3:36 PM
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62	59	Dec 5, 2011 3:29 PM
63	13.5 years	Dec 5, 2011 3:25 PM
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139	6	Nov 28, 2011 5:11 PM
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143	less than one year; accessed parks and rec for 7 years	Nov 28, 2011 4:34 PM
144	2	Nov 28, 2011 4:33 PM
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168	Live in Seymour.	Nov 28, 2011 2:10 PM
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184	47	Nov 28, 2011 12:57 PM
185	59	Nov 28, 2011 12:55 PM
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187	Never. We live in Bartholomew county.	Nov 28, 2011 12:38 PM
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211	25	Nov 28, 2011 10:53 AM
212	24	Nov 28, 2011 10:50 AM
213	6 months	Nov 28, 2011 10:47 AM
214	32	Nov 28, 2011 10:46 AM
215	41	Nov 28, 2011 10:46 AM
216	I am a Greenwood commuter that works in Columbus and am active in Columbus as well as Greenwood. I have worked in Columbus 11 years.	Nov 28, 2011 10:45 AM

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239	7	Nov 28, 2011 9:59 AM
240	26	Nov 28, 2011 9:59 AM
241	34	Nov 28, 2011 9:58 AM
242	28 years	Nov 28, 2011 9:55 AM
243	do not live in Columbus	Nov 28, 2011 9:53 AM

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1	More softball fields	Apr 4, 2012 1:37 AM
2	Outdoor skating rink, Restore the downtown athletic complex project.	Apr 4, 2012 1:01 AM
3	Trails on east side (Taylor Road), more dog parks, bigger dog park	Apr 3, 2012 9:42 AM
4	Should Parks & Rec be thinking about a performing arts center - other than our two high school auditoriums?	Apr 3, 2012 9:27 AM
5	More hockey	Feb 13, 2012 4:00 PM
6	curling on the ice rick	Dec 9, 2011 6:42 PM
7	more toddler activities through parks and rec. Team sports (soccer, tball) for under 5.	Dec 9, 2011 12:59 PM
8	trails in more rural areas	Dec 6, 2011 12:42 PM
9	Pickleball	Dec 6, 2011 12:12 PM
10	my only complant would be the connections with the people trails from downtown, not kid friendly	Dec 6, 2011 10:36 AM
11	Park on Jonathon Moore Pike	Dec 6, 2011 8:04 AM
12	Soccer has gotten to be very big, yet limited time and schedule because of weather, short season. Please expand one of Columbus' largest participated sports. Could possibly go indoor for continued training thru the winter. This option requires us to travel to Indy quite often in the winter.	Dec 6, 2011 7:38 AM
13	More picnic tables in Lincoln Park. Fix up horse shoe pits at Donner.	Dec 6, 2011 12:59 AM
14	A climbing gym!!!! It is so inconvenient to have to drive to Indy or Bloomington to get on a wall. I have many friends who would be interested in becoming members of a climbing gym. Also, local Boy Scout troops, school organisations, and other groups would be delighted to have such an opportunity to stay in town and save the gas, instead of having to spend 45 min to drive to another city.	Dec 6, 2011 12:27 AM
15	I would love to see improved access to the people trail system for residents in the north washington/US 31 area.	Dec 5, 2011 5:33 PM
16	extendendedpool season ands hours at donner pool	Dec 5, 2011 5:08 PM
17	Would like to see a Disc golf course put in to the west of the ball diamonds at Southside school out towards the BMX track and near the outside perimeter around the fair grounds.	Dec 5, 2011 4:49 PM
18	Connecting people trail to Shadowcreek Farms would be awesome. We would love to ride our bikes to westhill or even into town.	Dec 5, 2011 4:44 PM
19	Completely overhaul Mill Race Park and improve the amphitheater	Dec 5, 2011 4:22 PM
20	I think you really need to examine an indoor complex. I really hate driving to	Dec 5, 2011 4:18 PM

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	Batesville, Indy or Bloomington and giving my money to them to play indoor soccer. Cereland is not big enough. We need indoor fields here!	
21	Really concentrate of adding downtown green space. The new construction has taken so much--it's going to feel hot and dry down there, and be so ugly.	Dec 5, 2011 4:02 PM
22	bocce ball courts	Dec 5, 2011 3:49 PM
23	basketball teams for youth	Dec 3, 2011 4:05 AM
24	People Trails is a good start, but need many more miles (& a few bridges). P.T.'s not yet a NETWORK for getting around town. Tons of ball fields already, but need more nature.	Dec 2, 2011 3:51 PM
25	A more natural looking park with a splash pad/ man made creek would really benefit our parks. Zionsville has a gorgeous splash park with a creek that is beautiful. It is a working ecosystem where nature flourishes and children have fun learning, exploring and playing.	Dec 2, 2011 9:37 AM
26	Lacrosse program. Indoor soccer	Nov 30, 2011 7:20 PM
27	I'd just like to emphasize that I'd like to see a nice disc golf course. Columbus is perfect for it.	Nov 30, 2011 3:04 PM
28	pocket parts where feasible connectivity of trail system	Nov 30, 2011 9:30 AM
29	I hope that kids have places they can play softball or baseball in this town. It seems Lincoln park fields are always locked up/patrolled.	Nov 30, 2011 12:19 AM
30	We moved back to Columbus from Hamilton County and we really miss their Parks & Rec facilities. I wish Columbus had more natural trails/parks to "escape" into nature. Not too many inspiring public places here besides Mill Race.	Nov 29, 2011 2:17 PM
31	Better bike trails	Nov 29, 2011 8:07 AM
32	Indoor areas for running; soccer; places for kids 8-14 to get active energy (too young for treadmills!) in the cold months. Better (more progressive) programming of gymnastics center. Lights on some of the people trails for evening walks.	Nov 28, 2011 11:24 PM
33	Westenedge people trail addition	Nov 28, 2011 10:53 PM
34	maintenance of current facilities - ex. golf courses, playgrounds, People trails	Nov 28, 2011 9:36 PM
35	better restrooms at Blackwell park	Nov 28, 2011 8:49 PM
36	Dedicated facility for flying RC aircraft.	Nov 28, 2011 6:54 PM
37	more upgrading of existing facilities and NO more trails	Nov 28, 2011 5:57 PM
38	Cover the large playground at Parkside School	Nov 28, 2011 5:47 PM
39	Green space downtown with an outside play area for kids! Doesn't have to be big. Just a reason to entice kids into wanting to go shopping downtown.	Nov 28, 2011 5:20 PM

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40	Would like to have more trees around Lincoln park so when we have adult sball tourneys ppl have a place to hide from the sun. Also taller fences along where people park to avoid cars getting hit.	Nov 28, 2011 5:12 PM
41	Would love to see Columbus with an addition of an ice complex such as Evansville has...would be amazing for our community. The splash/aquatic area would be well received. We traveled to Plainfield's indoor area last spring...was amazing! Would be a huge draw to our community and would definitely pay for itself over time.	Nov 28, 2011 4:40 PM
42	Multi purpose fields would be great!	Nov 28, 2011 4:31 PM
43	A true connection of the current people trails from owen's bend park to mill race park would be nice. It is dangerous to ride on the street to connect from river road to noblitt park.	Nov 28, 2011 4:19 PM
44	More security at parks to keep vandalism to a minimum!!!	Nov 28, 2011 4:10 PM
45	Please work on Mill Race Park! The facilities are looking very worn-down. It appears that we don't care about it because it floods every year. The elevator-clocktower is always broken, looks ugly (but is a GREAT look out spot!!). The bathrooms are all damaged in some way. Maybe put a earthen wall around the park to reduce the possibility of flooding?? Also please improve people-trail signage. For new-comers it is very easy to miss some of the turns as the trail is poorly marked in many areas.	Nov 28, 2011 2:57 PM
46	indoor soccer	Nov 28, 2011 2:32 PM
47	more adult activites	Nov 28, 2011 2:31 PM
48	Advertise team sports better, & encourage individuals to join partially-formed teams.	Nov 28, 2011 2:30 PM
49	Basketball program for Kindergarten aged kids. Soccer program is great, but there isn't any basketball program for that age group.	Nov 28, 2011 2:15 PM
50	Leave everything be and take care of what you've got or get rid of it so you can collect taxes on it!	Nov 28, 2011 2:15 PM
51	Bocce courts	Nov 28, 2011 1:16 PM
52	Bocce Ball court	Nov 28, 2011 1:09 PM
53	Trim the trees either side of Mill Race - Festival Field to at least 10-12 feet off of ground so they are not weed and insect attractors.	Nov 28, 2011 12:53 PM
54	We need to evaluate other aspects of the city's responsibilities before we worry about the expansion of the Parks and Rec department. the current Parks status is quite good and serves many people well. Let's focus on essential services like roads, public safety, and infrastructure first.	Nov 28, 2011 12:27 PM
55	Restrooms open at Parkside Elementary/Blackwell park playground	Nov 28, 2011 12:05 PM

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56	People trails need extended to include McCullough's run Park	Nov 28, 2011 11:53 AM
57	doors on the bathroom stalls	Nov 28, 2011 11:32 AM
58	Trails need to lead to somewhere people need to go every day - grocery store, post office, mall, etc.	Nov 28, 2011 11:21 AM
59	Figure out how restrooms can be available year-round.	Nov 28, 2011 11:19 AM
60	kayaking/canoeing	Nov 28, 2011 11:16 AM
61	mountain bike trails	Nov 28, 2011 11:03 AM
62	Please consider to add trees around the parking lots at all facilities. If a small-leaf variety is selected, the maintenance is minimal and the green and beautification impacts are huge!	Nov 28, 2011 10:58 AM
63	more exercise program time slots	Nov 28, 2011 10:51 AM
64	Space for a Roller Derby team to have bouts/practices. (indoor area with flat track) Currently the team (Terrorz of Tiny Towns) is using Skateland -- however space and availability is limited. Derby teams in Indianapolis and other cities play at multi-sport-plexes and draw in considerable crowds. It would be great to see Columbus have such an area for Derby and for other indoor sports.	Nov 28, 2011 10:43 AM
65	More volleyball tournaments and a actual gym/court use. Such as a high school gymnasium.	Nov 28, 2011 10:37 AM
66	Climbing Wall	Nov 28, 2011 10:24 AM
67	Indoor soccer fields.	Nov 28, 2011 10:03 AM
68	Unstructured areas, on grass, for running. Will Parkside be used for anything besides soccer??? Lots of expense for watering system for one sport...	Nov 28, 2011 10:01 AM
69	Honestly, the biggest problem with the parks department is the quality of the parks that are currently available. For instance, Mill Race and Noblitt were completely covered in mud and sand until nearly summer this year. Rather than renovating or adding any facilities, perhaps more of the budget should go towards maintaining the parks that we already have?	Nov 27, 2011 4:23 PM
70	More classes for kids like karate or tap, etc. I'd like my kids to be able to try those things without paying the prices and making the long commitments private places want you to make.	Nov 27, 2011 12:09 PM
71	Please renovate/update the Hamilton Center Ice rink bathrooms. VeRy dated. :/ Otherwise I am SO pleased with how well it is kept now. THANK YOU PARKS AND REC!!!!	Nov 27, 2011 11:05 AM
72	Mountain Bike Trail XC ski area in winter (leave sections of People Trail unplowed)	Nov 27, 2011 11:04 AM
73	Fencing club!	Nov 27, 2011 10:56 AM

Page 5, Q14. How do you use the People Trails? (Please mark all that apply)

1	Would use more if travel from west side of Columbus were safer.	Apr 3, 2012 2:29 PM
2	use to bike to breakfast, or lunch (airport, St rd 46 W	Dec 6, 2011 10:37 AM
3	Kids walk to school	Dec 5, 2011 4:18 PM
4	Family fun	Dec 3, 2011 4:06 AM
5	Need to get across US31 & also to get across 25th St.	Dec 2, 2011 3:53 PM
6	don't use, access from east columbus is limited	Nov 29, 2011 11:40 AM
7	Haven't used yet/	Nov 29, 2011 12:21 AM
8	never	Nov 28, 2011 5:57 PM
9	Also walk the dog; use to walk to Freedom Field	Nov 28, 2011 4:52 PM
10	I don't	Nov 28, 2011 2:16 PM
11	Don't use.	Nov 28, 2011 2:15 PM
12	recreation walk	Nov 28, 2011 1:48 PM
13	Get to school	Nov 28, 2011 1:18 PM
14	None near me	Nov 27, 2011 11:32 AM
15	Working on Bicycle Architecture Tour that utilized the Trails.	Nov 27, 2011 11:05 AM
16	Get to school	Nov 27, 2011 10:57 AM

Page 6, Q17. Please use this space to include any other comments or suggestions you would like to share with the Columbus Parks & Recreation Department. Thank you for your help!

1	More and better softball facilities will allow for more regional and national tournaments. More funds for upkeep of City Cemetery.	Apr 4, 2012 1:38 AM
2	Continue to pursue outdoor sports complexes.	Apr 3, 2012 2:29 PM
3	I'd like to see the baseball program receive more attention. It just isn't flattering and it could be.	Apr 3, 2012 2:23 PM
4	Great job - but can recreation start to include more opportunities for entertainment, not culture, i.e. performing arts (music, concerts, etc.)	Apr 3, 2012 9:27 AM
5	I hope that the improvement to the people trail crossing of 25th st @ Hawcreek that has been discussed is a priority. Thank you.	Dec 18, 2011 12:23 PM
6	I think having the trails close to 90% of residents is a great goal - however I think 3 blocks is closer than needed, something like 6 blocks would IMHO a better goal.	Dec 17, 2011 6:00 AM
7	Again, we would LOVE to have trails in more rural areas so that we can use them more easily.	Dec 6, 2011 12:43 PM
8	Harrison Ridge Park should be expanded. Should have more seating and play structure and a water splash area and pickleball courts.	Dec 6, 2011 12:15 PM
9	stop light on 27th and Washington or crossing with sidewalk from Riverside to 27th to continue trail. Sidewalk on 27th from Washington to connecting sidewalk @ Sycamore and 27th all the way to the schools. St. B's, Northside, North, Schmidt	Dec 6, 2011 10:39 AM
10	The aquatics facilities do not seem to be a priority or to be managed well.	Dec 6, 2011 9:50 AM
11	Build an electrical building to house elec. boxes and underground wiring for large events in the parks, i.e. Christmas lights.	Dec 6, 2011 8:06 AM
12	There are many opportunities in Columbus for most sporting venues. Yet it seems many just touch on the surface instead of going top notch. We are very fortunate to have an excellent parks program, but would like to see continued growth in some areas. "Think outside the Box" so to speak	Dec 6, 2011 7:41 AM
13	I think it is nice that a city this size has the walking trails, etc Most are in good shape. Sometimes the restrooms at Donner and Mill Race are not in good condition.	Dec 6, 2011 1:01 AM
14	I think you guys are doing a great job! All the city needs now is a climbing gym!	Dec 6, 2011 12:30 AM
15	We enjoy the trails	Dec 5, 2011 8:49 PM
16	save the paper on the fun guide. we get 3 in a household of 2. they all hit recycling mostly unread.	Dec 5, 2011 5:09 PM
17	The last question was a little confusing. I do not believe the bike lane or people trail needs to be within three blocks of any starting point. It would be very convenient however.	Dec 5, 2011 4:46 PM

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18	Soccer complex needs update restrooms and display cases. Some people might even be willing to donate if City matched it or something creative.	Dec 5, 2011 4:19 PM
19	The restrooms in the parks should be open during the winter.	Dec 5, 2011 4:14 PM
20	The bathrooms at Hamilton Center really limit the use of the facility. We had to pass on a big ice skating competition last year, I was told, because of the limited changing areas. It would be nice to be able to highlight the ice skating facilities along with other recreational opportunities in "selling" Columbus.	Dec 5, 2011 4:04 PM
21	Everything you organize cost too much!	Dec 5, 2011 3:59 PM
22	I think we have the basic structures in place to provide first class offerings, but have not been keeping up with basic maintenance on some facilities. I also question if we really need to have the number of parks in place versus spending more on the few more populated areas? Our park system is a differentiator of Columbus and needs to be treated with the same respect (as being different and unique over any other park system).	Dec 5, 2011 3:51 PM
23	It would be nice to have a sidewalk or people trail to Richards from Rocky Ford. Not sure that's a parks & rec issue, but it would be helpful. Overall parks & rec does a fabulous job for Columbus - thanks!	Dec 5, 2011 3:49 PM
24	I have been consistently impressed with your facilities and variety of recreation opportunities since I moved cross country to Columbus in 2005. Keep up the great work!	Dec 5, 2011 9:57 AM
25	We loved Columbus Parks & Rec. You are doing a great job. Please continue expanding the people trail system.	Dec 3, 2011 3:04 PM
26	Thanks for taking the time to ask the public what they want!! Thanks for making Columbus a great place to live and great community to be a part of.	Dec 3, 2011 4:07 AM
27	With budget cutbacks, the department must focus on maintaining what it is currently responsible for and delay new projects which will require additional operational funding.	Dec 2, 2011 6:15 PM
28	1. Keep up the good work! 2. Must stay ahead of invasive exotic plants; with Public education as part of the effort.	Dec 2, 2011 3:54 PM
29	Would love to see disc golf course put in at Mill Race Park.	Dec 2, 2011 11:19 AM
30	Keep up the good work. I would love to see bus routes listed in more public spaces, maybe parks would be a great place. Wouldn't it be nice to have less traffic at soccer fields because people could ride the bus to the fields on Saturday mornings and for practices. I think more communication between Parks and Transit would be awesome!	Dec 2, 2011 9:39 AM
31	It's great to see bike lanes emerging in Columbus. You are doing a great job!	Nov 30, 2011 3:06 PM
32	Didn't know about the goal to have a PT within so many feet of 90% of community - fabulous!	Nov 30, 2011 9:31 AM

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33	I live in the county...wish I had people trails close to me up by outlet mall. Main complaint with soccer fields is walk to restroom during games. Its sad, but by the time you get back you've missed a quarter of the game.	Nov 30, 2011 12:20 AM
34	Very pleased with what is available to me and grandchildren!	Nov 29, 2011 11:00 PM
35	The play areas that are shared with the schools should be available to town people until noon. The teachers at Parkside school should not be able to force people off the playground when the posted signs state they can be there.	Nov 29, 2011 7:57 PM
36	We have too many parks and resources are spread too thick making it difficult to keep the maintenance up. Now that Liberty field has been reseeded, I hope that the Parks group will take better care of the grass and fertilize and spray for weeds regularly. Some small parks seem to have no purpose and need to be closed. I think most people would love to have fewer parks and a bigger (or maybe even a 2nd city pool). The Greenbelt and Rockyford Par 3 golf courses greens and fairways are in bad shape and the buildings are getting run down. Also, I think that there should be a crackdown on illegal aliens playing soccer at Liberty Field and camping out in trailers, driking, etc.	Nov 29, 2011 5:52 PM
37	Please reference Hamilton County Parks & Rec/Monon Center/Monon trail for excellent examples. If we had the money, we'd look into opening a restaurant/businesses on the People Trail!!	Nov 29, 2011 2:19 PM
38	Need to create pickleball courts.	Nov 29, 2011 1:49 PM
39	We need more fitness classes for working parents. It's so hard to find an exercise class that's both after work hours but not so late that your kids can't stay at day care or after school.	Nov 29, 2011 10:11 AM
40	As a parks volunteer, and a community member who has lived elsewhere, I appreciate the excellent Parks we have here in Columbus. The facilities and efforts are head and shoulders above other communities, at least in which I have lived. IUPUC Park isn't a park any longer. There are college buildings there. I'd say it's more of a campus at this point. As a parks volunteer, particularly in the baseball program, I've seen the program decline since my son has been involved. The program is declining in its instructional focus, in the quality of organization, and in its ability to attract good quality coaches and players. The kids get discouraged and go to the county or other travel leagues. Part of the reason for this, in my view, is the focus of the department is on bringing in external tournaments, rather than increasing opportunities for youngsters to play in town. I know there is a dollars equation here, but sometimes I've observed that the local players were on the outside looking in with respect to allocation of resources for fields, officials, coaches, etc. In any case, what is happening now is just not working well. So, a new strategy needs to be deployed. I appreciate many of the changes that have been made during my time as a coach, and my son's time as a player, but I think going forward there needs to be some additional thought and sweeping changes to the program. Perhaps the Babe Ruth affiliation (which I've enjoyed) is somehow a barrier to the program.	Nov 29, 2011 8:53 AM
41	1) Mill Race park is one that gets seen by visitors due to its location. This park is so unkept - it smells, there is geese poop everywhere, it needs more playground	Nov 29, 2011 7:57 AM

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	and picnic areas. 2) Communication within certain entities is poor, which may not be anything under your control. The Fun Guide will give details as to program times/dates but then the individual groups (ie: Hamilton Ice Center) change that but don't communicate it to those signed up. This has happened on more than one occasion to us. Again, this may not be under your control, but sure do wish various groups would communicate better with those signed up for their programs.	
42	need a trail to the east side of town! need rest rooms at McCullough run park, not a port a john. also need to mow at this park more often	Nov 29, 2011 1:14 AM
43	Hamilton Ice Center is in serious need of improvements. The bathrooms and floors are in horrible shape and they are embarrassing when we host major event. Soccer through parks and rec was great and very fun but Sat morning 8 and 9 am games is way too early for a weekend game. Please consider late morning or afternoon games so kids have time to get rest, eat, and wake up!. Thanks.	Nov 29, 2011 12:23 AM
44	yes i would like more places to have vollyball around. it would be great. . also a place for frisbe throwing. and more places for dog owners to go play with thier dogs -like frisbe, and a area to play and teach them the obcyle course. thanks for reading my ideas.	Nov 28, 2011 11:32 PM
45	Show the County how they can connect to people trails. Work with landowners who are wlling to donate land for expansion of people trails	Nov 28, 2011 11:26 PM
46	I have noticed the the crew that cleans the parks and park bath rooms seems to be under staffed. They do a good job, but would be able to keep on top of the cleaning if there was at least 1 more person working in the department. 4 people to cover all of the parks, and I have even seen the cleaning 46 people trail seems unfair when I have seen other crews with more help then what they need... I have also seen in the winter months 1 of the guys that I see cleaning the parks, also helping out some of the elderly in the area.	Nov 28, 2011 8:43 PM
47	Dusk to Dawn lights needed in McCullough Run Park to reduce the night time activities and the unhealthy items left in the parking lot for my grandchildren to see when I take them there. It's being used as a lovers lane and no security lights for the parking area draw that type of activity. It might also reduce the grafiti on the play equipment.	Nov 28, 2011 7:42 PM
48	NO more trails. more maintenance of existing facilities. Less administrators	Nov 28, 2011 5:58 PM
49	Content deleted due to inappropriate comments.	Nov 28, 2011 4:53 PM

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50	I love that our city is interested in this initiative and think that it will be something else that will differentiate us from other communities. Columbus has offerings for people of all demographics and income levels and parks dept. development is key in this respect.	Nov 28, 2011 5:49 PM
51	Improve the restroom facilities for the soccer fields	Nov 28, 2011 5:22 PM
52	More trees along the ballparks at Lincoln. Trail markers for the trails w/ maps. Canoe or boat rental would be an awesome idea along the river. Expand the bike/walking trails to run along the river so we have beautiful views. Or at least make dirt paths. At lincoln park it would be nice if the sidewalks coming into the park would be covered so people don't get hit by stray foul balls. Parks department needs to make sure all softball (adult) leagues are playing with yellow balls. No one uses white softballs anymore. I don't care if there was a discount. That is why there is a discount. Nobody buys them anymore. They are hard to see, especially at night and a step back into history. Come on Columbus, you charge big dollars to play league at least you could do is offer yellow balls. I would also like to see the cost to play in adult sball leagues go down. It is nearly impossible to find sponsors these days and to pass that cost onto the players who are in troubled times isn't right either. Lower the cost so you have more teams playing. Teams will come back.	Nov 28, 2011 5:21 PM
53	The services offered here are a big reason we have moved to Columbus. The only negative that I have is restrooms at most facilities are outdated and do not feel clean. Also dark inside restroom at Freedom Field makes me very nervous. Wish it had doors facing playground. Would LOVE to see a full sized rink added to Hamilton Center. it would allow more tournaments and figure skating competitions.	Nov 28, 2011 4:54 PM
54	Cleanliness and/or maintenance of Hamilton Center needs improved.	Nov 28, 2011 4:32 PM
55	You are doing a good job. Keep up the good work.	Nov 28, 2011 4:12 PM
56	We moved from Shelbyville and the people here really dont understand how family friendly this town is.. with all the parks, people trails and activities ... i just wish we were more aware of everything offered in our new town	Nov 28, 2011 2:59 PM
57	My children love The Commons. I have been somewhat disappointed that some of the vandalism from early in the summer still has not been fixed (i.e. there are still alphabet letters missing from the toddler area, for example.) We intend to use more of the Parks and Recreation services, such as exercise classes, and swimming lessons in the summer, we just haven't lived in Columbus long enough for that!)	Nov 28, 2011 2:44 PM
58	Overall, Columbus has the most established & best opportunity to improve these facilities in many cities I have visited around the world. Just keep an eye on the strategic changes needed so that each improvement is yielding benefits to residents & not just a tick on someones list of things to do. Try measuring return on the facilities by how often/how many people utilise.	Nov 28, 2011 2:33 PM
59	Upgrade locker rooms at Donner pool. Needs new showers and suit dryers.	Nov 28, 2011 2:18 PM

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60	How's about if you plan not to spend any tax dollars for the next 5 years?	Nov 28, 2011 2:17 PM
61	Disappointed in gymnastics teachers FFY gym sooo crowded for biddy/paal games Super choices for kids!! Thanks for all you do!	Nov 28, 2011 2:13 PM
62	I do not like the fact that facilities are reserved for private individuals to use as their source of income, at the expense of citizens. A glaring example is the local tennis courts that are reserved for private lessons, during prime hours that limit access to regular citizens. Private lessons, should not take place on public courts.	Nov 28, 2011 1:53 PM
63	bike trail to Nashville	Nov 28, 2011 1:30 PM
64	construct Bocce courts	Nov 28, 2011 1:17 PM
65	I love the north extension of the People Trails along River Road!	Nov 28, 2011 12:59 PM
66	Columbus Parks and Recreation Department is a very big advantage for the city. It is a worthwhile use of taxpayer dollars.	Nov 28, 2011 12:54 PM
67	We need one large dog park that is at least an acre in size - the little fenced in area near East is a joke. Or maybe if a couple of the parks had fenced in areas for dogs to run and play, if you have a few of those, even if they have the area is the same size as the one at East, that would be better than nothing. I also think you need a sign at each park reminding dog owners to pick up after their dog. One person told me that they felt like they didn't have to pick up after their dog when they are at the park. Also, speaking of picking up stuff, I am tired of picking up cigar wrappers and cigar tips at Oakbrook. I love Oakbrook. We have just moved into that area and think it is a wonderful little park but the paths behind the dam need work.	Nov 28, 2011 12:44 PM
68	I do not think it is financially responsible to the city for Parks & Rec employees to have take-home vehicles.	Nov 28, 2011 12:40 PM
69	Bike lanes are dangerous, especially the way they are currently being implemented in Columbus. Bike lanes only endanger pedestrians who do not obey traffic signals or the rules of the road. The roads and highways are meant for car traffic not bikes. Let's work on sidewalks and such avenues as ways of bike transportation.	Nov 28, 2011 12:29 PM
70	Adding a people trail to northeast Columbus would be fantastic. Connecting the people trail from Central to Mill Race Park is also critical for active commuting. Thank you for all you do!	Nov 28, 2011 12:12 PM
71	Love the new addition to the People Trail	Nov 28, 2011 12:06 PM
72	Please please please - have the Blackwell Soccer fields open and ready for the spring season. PLEASE!!! It looks great by the way but it has better parking facilities and much more convenient for people with kids that are 6 and 9. Only one way in and out at Clifty for that many people is not safe in my opinion.	Nov 28, 2011 11:27 AM
73	Need to improve crosswalks around shopping centers (Fair Oaks Mall, Target Center, Marsh) - it is impossible to ride or walk to these places.	Nov 28, 2011 11:20 AM

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74	great job-keep up the looping/connections of the people trails; more kayaking/canoeing opportunities; mountain bike trail development?	Nov 28, 2011 11:17 AM
75	PLEASE work with the county to get the people trails connected to some (nonexistant) county trails--we would love to be able to use them more	Nov 28, 2011 11:04 AM
76	Columbus is a fine example of trails done well. Please stay ahead of the pack - consider "card swipe bike loaner program" and adding trees to all the parking lots or surrounding them. - Ryan Roberts	Nov 28, 2011 11:01 AM
77	I will share these later.	Nov 28, 2011 10:54 AM
78	I would like to see the fields for youth baseball better maintained.	Nov 28, 2011 10:53 AM
79	Would love to see the People Trail completed between State Street and the old Senior Center.	Nov 28, 2011 10:49 AM
80	More lighting along trails, like the Donner trail would be appreciated -- especially in the winter time when it is dark by 6:30. For some, this is the only available time to work-out. It feels safer when there are some street-lights.	Nov 28, 2011 10:44 AM
81	Want more volleyball games and big volleyball tournaments. Thanks!!!	Nov 28, 2011 10:42 AM
82	i love the people trails, would love to see connectivity improved, especially between clifty park and haw creek and haw creek to mill race park.	Nov 28, 2011 10:41 AM
83	Donner pool is my favorite place.	Nov 28, 2011 10:34 AM
84	I would like to see a trail or side walk or bike lane down SR11 to CR 200. With a several large housing communities on CR200, Southside elementary and the County Fairgrounds, it would be nice to have access to/from Columbus. Right now, you HAVE to drive. It's not safe to walk or bike. If this were to happen, I would bike into town almost every day for errands/meetings, etc. My older kids could bike to CSA Lincoln & Central.	Nov 28, 2011 10:26 AM
85	Doing the best work out of every community I have been apart of. Great Job!	Nov 28, 2011 10:13 AM
86	Connecting the people trails throughout Columbus (schools, parks) should be the priority.	Nov 28, 2011 10:04 AM
87	Just the fact that a lot of expense went into the Parkside fields for watering and replanting and for what/whose advantage besides soccer. Will people be able to run on the fields? Will there still be a dog area?	Nov 28, 2011 10:04 AM
88	Having solar, motion detection lighting on some or all of the People Trail would make using them safer and easier during all twelve months of the year; especially when the days get shorter.	Nov 27, 2011 9:03 PM
89	Consider reduced mowing as a way to improve environmental quality and reduce fuel use and expense. Native grasses and flowers provide many benefits where appropriate. This would include returning the Front Door Project areas to the kinds of vegetation originally planned and planted, rather than mowing it all because of political pressure from folks who lived most of their lives with cheap	Nov 27, 2011 5:42 PM

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energy and lots of undeveloped land. Public properties should be giving back and setting fine examples.

90	In addition to my previous comment, I'd like to add an idea. Maybe we should make a community event out of cleaning our parks, planting flowers, and clearing the nasty sidewalks in the Spring. Mill Race needs it very badly, and Noblitt is fairly abused as well. These are just some examples.	Nov 27, 2011 4:26 PM
91	Sidewalks by Richards would be nice!	Nov 27, 2011 12:10 PM
92	Walking/biking facilities are GREAT in some areas (Donner Park) and sorely lacking in others (East 25th street, Southside area). Also need safer crosswalks where the trails cross roads and where people often commute/exercise/near schools. 17th and Washington. 7th and Central (what most people use right now since State Street is a nightmare), 31 and Home/Westenedge, 31 and Washington, 25th and Sycamore, 46 and Lindsey (should be no right on red before someone is killed or seriously injured). Those are just a few off the top of my head. I know this requires partnership with other city and state depts. good luck!	Nov 27, 2011 11:17 AM
93	Love, love, love your expansion of bike trails. We need to make it 'cool' for kids to ride their bikes to school, like Europe. We have a ways to go but I believe it CAN happen.	Nov 27, 2011 11:06 AM
94	The People Trails are Columbus' most fantastic asset. I would encourage the city to "complete the loop" by building south of downtown.	Nov 25, 2011 5:51 PM