

2014 - 2018

LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN



FINAL PLAN
April 2014

50TH
ANNIVERSARY
1968 - 2018

APPENDICES



APPENDIX A: PARK BOARD ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE No. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

WHEREAS, the Lake County Plan Commission has conducted a study and survey to determine the need for parks and recreational areas in Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, said study and survey has indicated a need for parks and recreational facilities in Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Lake County, Indiana is empowered to establish a County Department of Parks and Recreation, pursuant to Chapter 311, Article II of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1955:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION I

Under the provisions of Chapter 311, Article II of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1955, there is hereby established a Lake County Department of Parks and Recreation composed of a Board of Parks and Recreation and such other personnel as the Board shall determine.

SECTION II

The Board of Parks and Recreation shall be composed of four (4) members and two (2) ex officio members as follows: the county superintendent of schools and the county agriculture agent. The circuit court judge of Lake County shall select the regular members of the Board on the basis of their interest in and knowledge of parks and recreation, but not more than two (2) members shall be of the same political party. The two (2) ex officio members shall have all the rights of a member, including the right to vote.

SECTION III

Upon the establishment of a Board, the terms of the members initially appointed shall be one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4) years. Thereafter, as a term expires, each new appointment shall be for a four (4) year term. All terms shall expire on the first Monday of January, but an appointee shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

SECTION IV

At its first regular meeting in each year, the Board shall elect a president and a vice-president. The vice-president shall have authority to act as the president of the Board during the absence or disability of the president.

SECTION V

The powers, rights and duties of the Department of Parks and Recreation of Lake County, Indiana, as well as the Board of Parks and Recreation, are limited to those provided in Chapter 311, of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1955, and all Acts supplemental or amendatory thereto.

SECTION VI

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect effective June 1, 1968.

PASSED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana
this 14th day of May, 1968.

Thomas J. Gansel
Michael Blawieck
James M. Mendell
OS. Brown
Franklin Perry
Thomas M. Mc
Joseph C. Brown
 Members of the County Council
 of Lake County, Indiana

ATTEST:

Burt Zandstra
 Lake County Auditor

APPENDIX B: FACILITY INVENTORY FORMS

FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION			
Site code		Name of site Buckley Homestead	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 3606 Belshaw Road Lowell, IN 46356			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com		Site URL lakecountyparks.com
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 578.1886	Land acres 577.6196	Water acres 0.569	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS	
Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS		
Site code		
Please record "Number of" each of the following:		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Legand of Sleepy Hallow Reenactment
- War Memorial Reenactment
- Fall Festival
- Walking Trails
- Equestrian Trails

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Cedar Creek Golf Course	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 10483 West 109 th Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com		Site URL
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Golf Course</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 87.84	Land acres 80.9420	Water acres 6.898	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is there a Playground on this site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

18-hole miniature golf course.

Lighted driving range to accommodate 50 golfers at once.

Practice short course for instructional purposes.

9 hole executive course.

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

West Creek

Schrieber Ditch

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Deep River-Grist Mill	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 9410 Old Lincoln Highway Hobart, IN 46342			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com		Site URL lakecountyparks.com
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 631.403	Land acres 520.6560	Water acres 51.513	Wetlands acres 59.234

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE <i>(check, if applicable)</i>
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Vintage Deep River Grinders baseball team play at this site.
- Sugar Shack for Maple syrup making the early spring
- Leaf identification & tree pruning workshops
- Perennial plant swaps
- Grist mill art exhibits
- Photography club meetings
- Wedding gazebo & gardens
- Saw Mill
 - Horseback riding trails
- School groups and pre-school field trips and programs

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Deep River

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Deep River Water Park	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 9001 East U.S. Route 30 Crown Point, IN 46307			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com		Site URL lakecountyparks.com
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Water Park</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 585.948	Land acres 574.9490	Water acres 9.948	Wetlands acres 1.051

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Vintage Deep River Grinders baseball team play at this site.
- Sugar Shack for Maple syrup making the early spring
- Leaf identification & tree pruning workshops
- Perennial plant swaps
- Grist mill art exhibits
- Photography club meetings
- Wedding gazebo & gardens
- Saw Mill
 - Horseback riding trails
- School groups and pre-school field trips and programs

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Deep River

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Erie Lackawanna Bike Trail	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address	Site URL	
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 18	Land acres 18	Water acres 0	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
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AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

Trail heads at:

-Prairie Estates (playground at trail head)

-73rd ave and Burr Street**CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES**Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Gibson Woods/ Tolleston Ridge Nature Preserve	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 6201 Parrish Ave. Hammond, In 46323			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address	Site URL	
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir <input type="checkbox"/> Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site <input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Pool <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area			
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Township			
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres	222.682	Land acres	222.682 Water acres 0 Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
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Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Special Programs Held:

Hiking Trails

Bird and Wildflower Walks

Wild Ones Natural Landscapers

Mater Naturalist Certified Program

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Grand Kankakee Marsh	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 21690 Range Line Road Hebron, IN 46341			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address		Site URL
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 1952.2659	Land acres 1375.3059	Water acres 14.568	Wetlands acres 562.392

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

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Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Deer Hunting
- Water Fowl Hunting
- Equestrian Trails
- Wildlife & Bird Viewing
- Fishing
- Boat Launch
- Annual Voyageur Rendezvous

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

The Grand Kankakee River, and Ditches.

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code	Name of site Lake Etta		
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 4801 West 29 th Ave. Gary, IN 46406			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com		Site URL lakecountyparks.com
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir <input type="checkbox"/> Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site <input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Pool <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area			
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Township			
Time Open: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres	111.51795	Land acres	90.9750 Water acres 20.543 Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

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Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Banquet Hall
- Group pavilion
- Swimming Beach
- Fishing
- Picnic shelters
- Wedding pergola
- Volleyball

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Lemon Lake	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 6322 West 133 rd Avenue Crown Point, IN 46307			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543		Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com	Site URL lakecountyparks.com
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 402.334	Land acres 384.7300	Water acres 17.607	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
Please record "Number of" each of the following:		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Volley Ball Sand Courts
- Three 18 hole disc golf Course where world tournaments are held.
- Fishing
- Playground
- Leash-free dog area.
- Picnic areas.
- Paddle Boat Rentals

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIES

Is there a Campground on this site? Yes No

GOLF FACILITIES

Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No

SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES

Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes No

Is there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No

TRAILS

Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATER

Is there a Pool on this site? Yes No

Is there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes No

Is there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Lemon Lake
Lemon Lake Marsh

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code	Name of site Oak Ridge Prairie		
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 301 South Colfax Street Griffith, IN 46319			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com		Site URL lakecountyparks.com
Name of owner Lake Coutny Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir <input type="checkbox"/> Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site <input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Pool <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area			
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Township			
Time Open: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 735.082	Land acres 574.7760	Water acres 17.618	Wetlands acres 142.688

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE <i>(check, if applicable)</i>
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Sledding Hill
- Fishing pond
- Bike Trailhead (Oak Savannah)
- Bird watching lookouts
- Playground
- Cross country ski rental
- Hayrides that are wheelchair accessible
- Volleyball
- Open play fields
- Picnic shelters

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

- Fishing pond

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Oak Savannah Bike Trail	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code)			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address		Site URL
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 294.374	Land acres 294.374	Water acres 0	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
Please record "Number of" each of the following:		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

Trail heads at:

-51st street and Cleveland

- Liverpool street

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

-Robinson Lake

-Lake George

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code	Name of site Stoney Run		
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 9500 East 142 nd Avenue Hebron, IN 46341			
Primary telephone number (219) 945-0543	Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com		Site URL lakecountyparks.com
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve <input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir <input type="checkbox"/> Trail <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site <input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Pool <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area			
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Township			
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 316.80	Land acres 306.722	Water acres 2.094	Wetlands acres 7.984

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
Please record "Number of" each of the following:		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Group Camping
- Trails
- Horses Permitted
- XC Skiing
- Fishing
- Vietnam Memorial

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

- Smal Pond

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Three Rivers	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 2800 Kansas Street Gary, IN 46405			
Primary telephone number ()		Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com	Site URL lakecountyparks.com
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Play & Discovery Center</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 95.316	Land acres 54.823	Water acres 40.493	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Is there a Playground on this site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- Deep River & Lake
- Bellaboo's play and Discovery Center
- Fishing pound
- Picnic areas
- Walking trail

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

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FACILITY GENERAL INFORMATION

Site code		Name of site Turkey Creek Golf Course	
Address (number and street, city, state, and ZIP code) 6400 Harrison St. Merrillville, IN 46410			
Primary telephone number (219) 975-0543	Primary e-mail address info@lakecountyparks.com	Site URL lakecountyparks.com	
Name of owner Lake County Park Board		Name of manager Lake County Park Board	
Type of facility: (Please check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park / Recreation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic / Cultural Site	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing / Boating Access Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping / Trailer Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Golf Course</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Area		
Type of area: (Please check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> Township	
Time Open: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round			
Total acres 148.478	Land acres 140.2380	Water acres 8.24	Wetlands acres 0

PICNIC AND PLAYGROUND AREAS

Is there a Picnic Area on this site?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there a Playground on this site?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATHLETIC AREAS

Site code		
<i>Please record "Number of" each of the following:</i>		
AMENITY	CHECK IF THIS SITE HAS AT LEAST ONE (1) OF THE FOLLOWING	MULTI-USE (check, if applicable)
Disc Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skateboard Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fields		
Baseball / Softball Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Courts		
Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes:

- 18 Golf Course
- Pro shope with bar, clubhouse, and food concession
- Banquet hall
- Golf cart rentals

CAMPING OR LODGING FACILITIESIs there a Campground on this site? Yes No**GOLF FACILITIES**Is there a Public Golf Course on this site? Yes No**SHOOTING OR ARCHERY FACILITIES**Is there a Public Shooting Range on this site? Yes NoIs there a Public Archery Range on this site? Yes No**WINTER ACTIVITIES**Is this site open for any Winter Activity use? Yes No**TRAILS**Are there any Trails located on this site? Yes No

If Yes, please contact Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Outdoor Recreation for addition to Trails Inventory.

WATERIs there a Pool on this site? Yes NoIs there a Splash Pad, Water Park, or other Water Feature? Yes NoIs there a Pond, Lake, River, or Creek on this site with public access? Yes No

Notes:

Turkey Creek

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APPENDIX C: NEWSPAPER ARTICLES & ADVERTISING

LEAVE YOUR MARK

PARTICIPATE

Lake County Parks & Recreation Five Year Master Plan Update Public Input Meeting

January 9, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
Lake County Government Center
2293 North Main Street
Crown Point, IN

The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of updating their Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Please join us at the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting to ask questions and voice your opinions on what projects the Board and Department should focus on over the next five years.

The Plan will be submitted to the Indiana Department of Recreation in April of 2014.

Unable to attend? Visit www.lakecountyparks.com to fill out our user survey!



Questions? Contact Craig Zandstra at the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department: (219) 945-0543 or craigz@lakecountyparks.com.



Latest pastime: Help plan Lake parks futures

DECEMBER 31, 2013 6:30 PM • BY BILL DOLAN BILL.DOLAN@NWI.COM, (219) 662-5328

CROWN POINT | Lake County parks officials want to know if patrons would like to play harder, soak up more of the county's history or just quietly stroll through restored fields of prairie flowers.

Those will be some of the choices on which the Lake County Parks Board and recreation staff would like a little public guidance during a public meeting 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Lake County Government Center, 2293 N. Main St., as they mull over a new five-year master plan.

"We ask people to give us input about the long-term," Craig Zandstra, special projects coordinator for the parks department, said Tuesday.

"We have a consultant, Rachel Christensen, who will be at the meeting to present some information from the previous plan and what we are doing on the upcoming plan. We want to know whether people want to see more parks and revenue-generating facilities in the future."

The parks department already boasts more than 5,700 acres of open space and facilities ranging from the Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center, a 23,000-square-foot romper room for young children in Lake Station, which has received a quarter of a million visitors since it opened in 2009, to the Deep River Water Park in Merrillville, where more than 4 million have gone through the gates since 1995.

They also feature two golf courses and Buckley Homestead, a living history farm, in addition to more traditional parks, such as the Grand Kankakee Marsh, a serpentine section of the Kankakee River, where human visitors can mingle with migratory birds.

The parks department has survived recently proposed cutbacks in services because of declining property taxes, which provide the bulk of the parks' multimillion-dollar budget.

Lake County Council President Ted Bilski, D-Hobart, said last year that passing a local income tax likely has saved parks from closing, but officials are still discussing how to move forward from there.

A proposal by Robert Nickovich, CEO of the Lake County Parks Department, to build new slides at Deep River Water Park to boost its attendance was delayed by the county council, although some repair work at the water park and Lemon Lake Park in Cedar Lake is going forward, Bilski said.

Zandstra said they are asking the public to fill out a questionnaire, which can be found at the parks website www.lakecountyparks.com/ or at some county park facilities.

It asks the public to rate their favorite park, whether the parks provide a safe environment, provide for visitors with special needs and increase environmental awareness.

It asks whether the county should develop new parks, more fully develop its current parks or leave their open space alone, begin new land acquisition or put that off until later years, raise park-related taxes or user fees or cut expenses.

Lake County parks seek input on 5-year master plan update : Crown Point <http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/crown-point/lake-county-park...>



Lake County parks seek input on 5-year master plan update

JANUARY 08, 2014 12:00 AM • [TIMES STAFF](#)

CROWN POINT | The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public input meeting Thursday on its five-year master plan update.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at the Lake County Government Complex, 2293 N. Main St., Crown Point.

Equestrians call for more trails at Lake County parks : Cedar Lake News <http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/cedar-lake/equestrians-call-fo...>



Equestrians call for more trails at Lake County parks

JANUARY 09, 2014 10:00 PM • [BILL DOLAN](#) BILL.DOLAN@NWI.COM, (219) 662-5328

CROWN POINT | Equestrian groups trotted out plans Thursday to make Lake County parks more horse friendly.

"I'd like to see more horse trails," Stan Hatfield, of the Carriage and Sleigh Association of Northwest Indiana, said during a public hearing on what new directions the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department should take in the next five years.

Many in the audience of about 20 were horse advocates, including Lawrence Turnquist, who said Buckley Homestead east of Lowell and Stoney Run County Park east of Crown Point were two areas where existing trails could be expanded.

He said the cost of trail establishment and maintenance is low and many horse clubs would be willing to help.

However, Sandy O'Brien bridled at that idea.

"I have misgivings about willy nilly putting trails everywhere," she said.

She said parks officials should concentrate their efforts on preserving open space for Northwest Indiana butterflies, box turtles and other wildlife.

Marilyn Langbehn, of Hobart, said the county should build a recreational lodge on Big Maple Lake, an underused body of water on the boundary of Deep River County Park.

The parks department already has 6,000 acres of open space, including the Grand Kankakee Marsh park and golf courses. The department also operates facilities ranging from the Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center in Lake Station to the Deep River Water Park in Merrillville.

Craig Zandstra, special projects coordinator for the department, said the county is currently developing new parks on the south side of Cedar Lake and a wetlands area west of Crown Point. The department also recently purchased the first mile of a proposed bike trail to run east of Crown Point to Hebron on abandoned railroad right of way.

LOCAL

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TODAY: Munster police are seeking applicants for a proposed VIPS program. PAGE A7

County officials seek park master plan input

Proposal could provide more open space over next five years

CARRIE RODOVICH
Times Correspondent

CROWN POINT | The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department has drafted a five-year master plan and wants resident feedback on the vision for future development.

Craig Zandstra, special projects coordinator for the parks department, said the public input is valuable to make sure the

thoughts of the public are similar to the plans created by the county and approved by the state's Department of Natural Resources.

About two dozen people came to January's Park Board meeting, which was the first chance people had to give input about the plan, Zandstra said.

Those residents' concerns mirrored some issues that had been discussed, including expanding and adding green space.

Other suggestions included making improvements to Deep River County Park and providing more equestrian trails through all of the park system, he said.

"For the most part, the public is seeing

what we are seeing. They want more open space to balance the development we're seeing," he said. "We really value the input we get from them."

Once completed, the plan will be the blueprint for the park department's vision, and will map the borders of the existing parks, target land for expansion and provide a financial blueprint for the next five years.

Currently, the plan calls for a variety of improvements throughout the park system, including continuing to upgrade the bike trail system.

Other plans include adding splash pads at Lemon Lake and at Lake Etta, and adding a new ride to Deep River Waterpark.

Other improvements and upgrades also will be done around the water park.

Also included in the five-year plan is adding to the outdoor play area at Bella-boo's Play and Discovery Center in Lake Station.

There are land acquisition plans for several areas, including around Deep River County Park and Oak Ridge Prairie.

Residents interested in offering input into the five-year master plan can do so at 7 p.m. Thursday when the Park Board meets at the Lake County Government Complex. County residents also may go online to www.lakecountyparks.com to fill out a survey about the 2014-2019 master plan.

APPENDIX D: MEETING SIGN-IN SHEETS

VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEET

LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 9, 2014
7:00 p.m.

CARRIE MADOLEON	POST TRIBUNE
Lawrence Luningquist	trail advocate
Paul Hegin	Taxi's
Rich Hebit	TRAILS
Pam Hebit	TRAILS
Meredith Langbehn	
Bill Nolan	The Times
Amy Mahler	
Adam Christensen	
Michael CRIFE	NAWASO HORSE CLUB Lowell, IN 636-2095
BILL HASSE	
Sandy O'Brien	Duneland's Sierra Club

APPENDIX E: PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY



Lake County Parks Comprehensive Master Plan 2013 User Survey

The Lake County Parks and Recreation Board is updating their five year master plan, which will be submitted to the Indiana Department of Recreation (IDNR) and allow the Park Board to be eligible for certain state and federal grants. Based on your input, the Park Board will formulate goals and objectives that will be used to guide the development of existing and future park facilities in Lake County. Your participation in this part of the planning process is very important for the success of the master plan. Please take a few moments to complete and return the following survey.

1. In which Lake County Township do you reside? (Please check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Calumet | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobart | <input type="checkbox"/> Winfield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> North | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Ross | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in Lake County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> St. John | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hanover | <input type="checkbox"/> West Creek | |

2. Are you: (Please check one)

- | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <17 | 18-20 | 21-29 | 30-45 | 46-55 | 56-65 | >66 |
| Male | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Female | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Please indicate the number of additional family members residing in your home in each age and gender group.

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|--------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Age | <5 | 5-10 | 11-15 | 16-17 | 18-20 | 21-29 | 30-45 | 46-55 | 56-65 | >66 |
| Male | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Female | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

4. How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Deep River Visitor Center	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Deep River Waterpark	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Erie Lackawana Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Gibson Woods Environmental Awareness Center	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Grand Kankakee Marsh Duck Blinds	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Lake Etta Banquet Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Oak Savannah Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Thomas Conway Observatory	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Turkey Creek Banquet Facility	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Wood's Historic Grist Mill at Deep River	<input type="checkbox"/>					

5. Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Lake County Parks employees are courteous and professional.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lake County Parks are safe and secure.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lake County Parks employees are sensitive to the special needs of the disabled.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lake County Parks are well-maintained and in good shape.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lake County Parks staff are available and easy to find for assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lake County Parks increase area tourism.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lake County Parks increase the value of my property.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lake County Parks provide for economic development.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Lake County Parks increase the awareness of the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
In the future, new parks should be developed in the Lake County Parks System.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
In the future, parks in the Lake County Park System should be more fully developed.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
We do not need any more park facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The best way to pay for increased park operating costs is to increase user fees.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The best way to pay for increased park operating costs is to increase taxes.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The best way to pay for increased park operating costs is to reduce park services.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The best way to pay for increased park operating costs is to build revenue generating facilities at the parks.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The best way to pay for park improvements and new development is special use tax through issue bonds.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Parks are valuable even though I do not use them often.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More park land should be acquired to serve the present population of Lake County.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
We will need more park land in the next fifteen years.	<input type="checkbox"/>				

6. On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited Lake County Parks facilities, parks, or programs in the past year?

	3+ times per week	1-2 times per week	2-3 times per month	Once per month	A few times per year	Never
<i>Parks/Facilities</i>						
Buckley Homestead County Park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Cedar Creek Family Golf Center	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Deep River County Park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Deep River Waterpark	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Gibson Woods Nature Preserve	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Lake Etta County Park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Lemon Lake County Park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Oak Ridge Prairie County Park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Oak Savannah Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Stoney Run County Park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Three Rivers County Park	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Thomas Conway Observatory	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Turkey Creek Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Programs</i>						
Outdoor Education Programs (nature hikes, bird watching, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Children's Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Recreational Activities (golf, disc golf, swimming, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Sportsman Activities (fishing, hunting, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Programs for Persons with Special Needs	<input type="checkbox"/>					

7. How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?

	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Somewhat Ineffective	Not Effective	Don't Know
Pathfinder	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Internet Website	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Mailers/Fliers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Radio	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Television	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Park Department Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Friends/Neighbors/Relatives

8. For the areas in which you are familiar, please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks.

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	Never Used
<i>Programs</i>						
Youth Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Adult Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Nature Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Historic Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Senior Citizen Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Program Fees/Value	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Programs for Persons with Special Needs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Communications</i>						
Handling Problems and Complaints	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Park Department Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Staff Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Staff Customer Service	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Parks</i>						
Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Amenities (courts, benches, paths, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Natural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Maintenance (mowing, repairs)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Cleanliness (litter, garbage barrels)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
<i>Concessions</i>						
Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Food Items Offered	<input type="checkbox"/>					

9. When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?

	First Priority	High Priority	General Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority	Don't Know
Condition of Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Building New Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Funding/Finances	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Increasing Available Facility Space	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Increasing Natural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Land Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Maintaining Open Space in Existing Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Park and Facility Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Program Scheduling	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Restoration of Historic Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>					

10. Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Somewhat Unimportant	Not Important
Flood Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreational Activities (picnicking, playgrounds, golf)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for Learning About Heritage through Historic Sites and Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail Corridors (biking and hiking)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nature Preserves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation and Restoration of Prairie, Wetlands, and Forest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Access and Water Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Oriented Activities and Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. What is your level of interest in Lake County Parks adding the following?

	Highly Interested	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Low Interest	Not Interested	Don't Know
Interpretive Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Meeting Rooms/Spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Mountain Biking	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Event Space/Banquet Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>					
South County Nature Center	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Outdoor Amphitheatre (performing arts)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Campground	<input type="checkbox"/>					

12. When considering the recreational needs of your family over the next five years or more, what do you think will be your family's highest priorities? *(Please check your 5 highest family priorities)*

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open/Passive Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Football |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekend Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Running/Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In-line Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre/Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Fitness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for Persons with Special Needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | |

13. If you have any additional comments, please use the space below to convey this information. If your comments are in regard to a specific Lake County park, or a specific question within this survey, please make reference to that park or question. *(Please attach additional pages, if necessary)*

***Please return to park staff or mail to the following address:
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Crown Point, IN 46307***

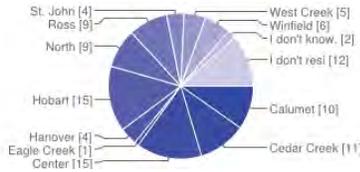
Thank you for your time and participation.

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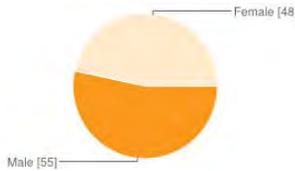
Summary

In which Lake County Township do you reside?



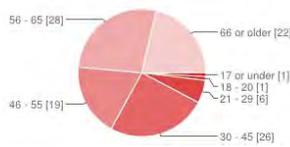
Calumet	10	10%
Cedar Creek	11	11%
Center	15	15%
Eagle Creek	1	1%
Hanover	4	4%
Hobart	15	15%
North	9	9%
Ross	9	9%
St. John	4	4%
West Creek	5	5%
Winfield	6	6%
I don't know	2	2%
I don't reside in Lake County.	12	12%

What is your gender?



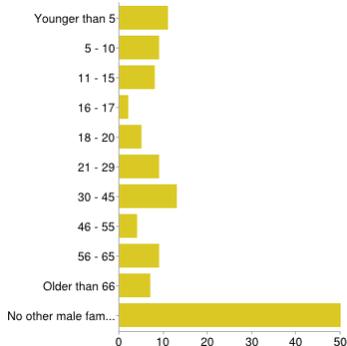
Male	55	53%
Female	48	47%

What is your age?



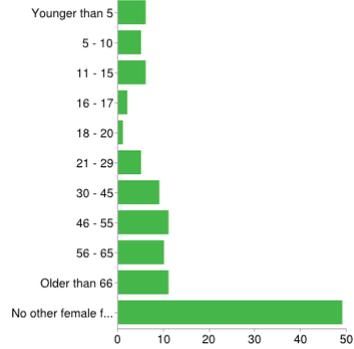
17 or under	1	1%
18 - 20	1	1%
21 - 29	6	6%
30 - 45	26	25%
46 - 55	19	18%
56 - 65	28	27%
66 or older	22	21%

Please indicate the ages of additional MALE family members residing in your home.



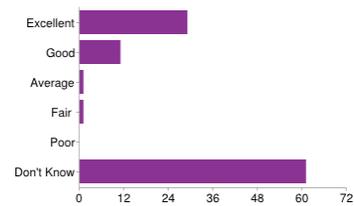
Younger than 5	11	11%
5 - 10	9	9%
11 - 15	8	8%
16 - 17	2	2%
18 - 20	5	5%
21 - 29	9	9%
30 - 45	13	13%
46 - 55	4	4%
56 - 65	9	9%
Older than 66	7	7%
No other male family members reside in my household.	50	49%

Please indicate the ages of additional FEMALE family members residing in your home.



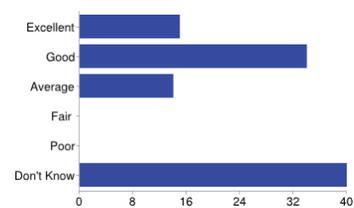
Younger than 5	6	6%
5 - 10	5	5%
11 - 15	6	6%
16 - 17	2	2%
18 - 20	1	1%
21 - 29	5	5%
30 - 45	9	9%
46 - 55	11	11%
56 - 65	10	10%
Older than 66	11	11%
No other female family members reside in my household.	49	48%

Bellaboo's Play and Discovery Center [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



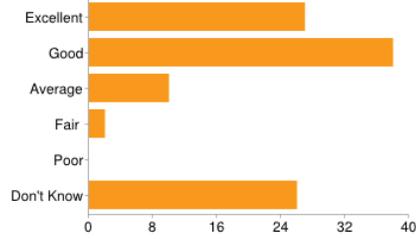
Excellent	29	28%
Good	11	11%
Average	1	1%
Fair	1	1%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	61	59%

Deep River Visitor Center [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



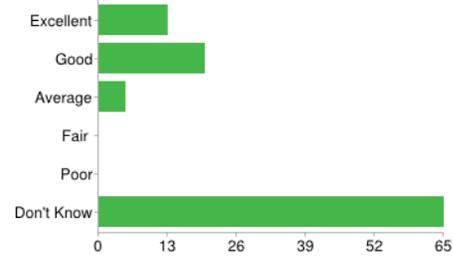
Excellent	15	15%
Good	34	33%
Average	14	14%
Fair	0	0%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	40	39%

Deep River Waterpark [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



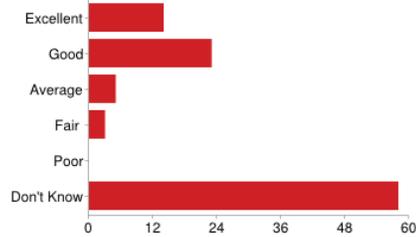
Excellent	27	26%
Good	38	37%
Average	10	10%
Fair	2	2%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	26	25%

Grand Kankakee Marsh Duck Blinds [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



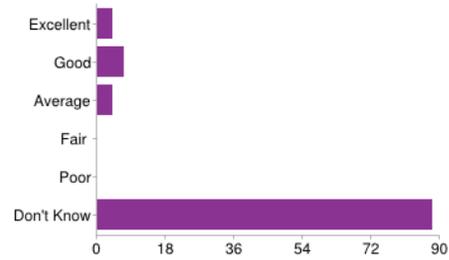
Excellent	13	13%
Good	20	19%
Average	5	5%
Fair	0	0%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	65	63%

Erie Lackawana Trail [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



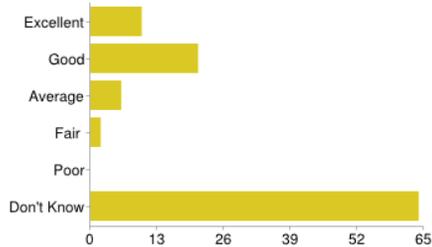
Excellent	14	14%
Good	23	22%
Average	5	5%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	58	56%

Lake Etta Banquet Hall [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



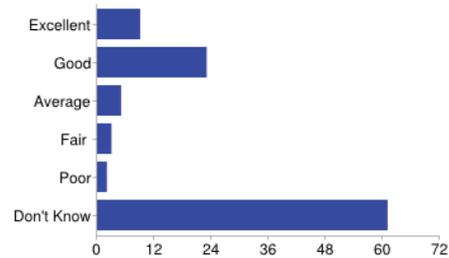
Excellent	4	4%
Good	7	7%
Average	4	4%
Fair	0	0%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	88	85%

Gibson Woods Environmental Awareness Center [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



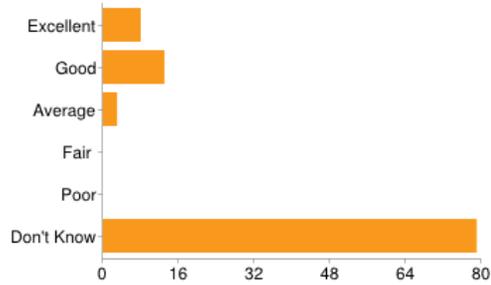
Excellent	10	10%
Good	21	20%
Average	6	6%
Fair	2	2%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	64	62%

Oak Savannah Trail [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



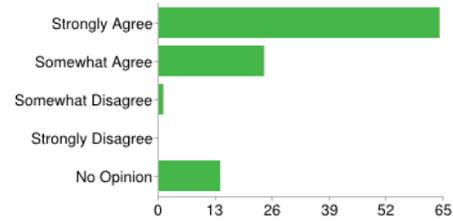
Excellent	9	9%
Good	23	22%
Average	5	5%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	2	2%
Don't Know	61	59%

Thomas Conway Observatory [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



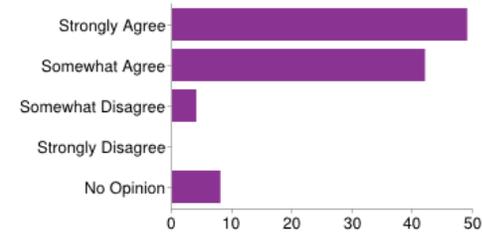
Excellent	8	8%
Good	13	13%
Average	3	3%
Fair	0	0%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	79	77%

Lake County Parks employees are courteous and professional. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



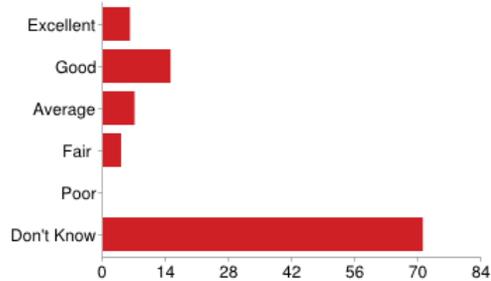
Strongly Agree	64	62%
Somewhat Agree	24	23%
Somewhat Disagree	1	1%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
No Opinion	14	14%

Lake County Parks are safe and secure. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



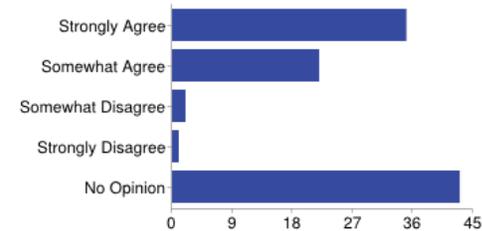
Strongly Agree	49	48%
Somewhat Agree	42	41%
Somewhat Disagree	4	4%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
No Opinion	8	8%

Turkey Creek Banquet Facility [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



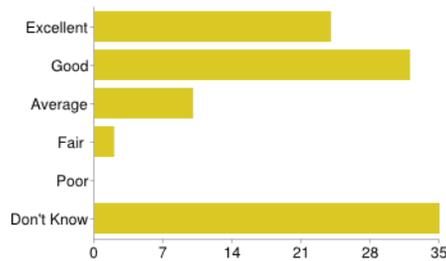
Excellent	6	6%
Good	15	15%
Average	7	7%
Fair	4	4%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	71	69%

Lake County Parks employees are sensitive to the special needs of the disabled. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



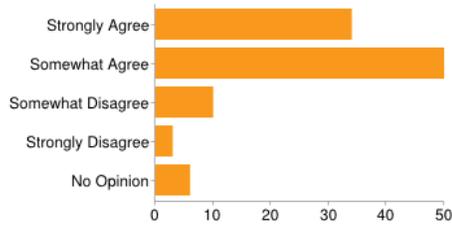
Strongly Agree	35	34%
Somewhat Agree	22	21%
Somewhat Disagree	2	2%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
No Opinion	43	42%

Wood's Historic Grist Mill at Deep River [How would you rate the quality of the following Lake County Parks amenities and facilities?]



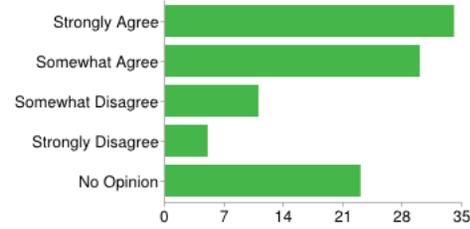
Excellent	24	23%
Good	32	31%
Average	10	10%
Fair	2	2%
Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	35	34%

Lake County Parks are well-maintained and in good shape. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



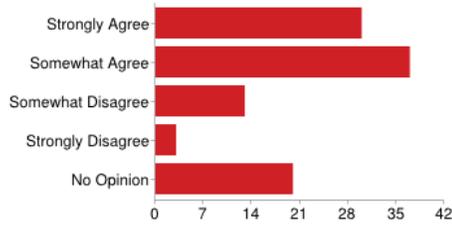
Strongly Agree	34	33%
Somewhat Agree	50	49%
Somewhat Disagree	10	10%
Strongly Disagree	3	3%
No Opinion	6	6%

Lake County Parks increase the value of my property. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



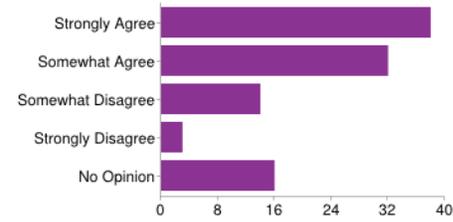
Strongly Agree	34	33%
Somewhat Agree	30	29%
Somewhat Disagree	11	11%
Strongly Disagree	5	5%
No Opinion	23	22%

Lake County Parks employees are available and easy to find for assistance. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



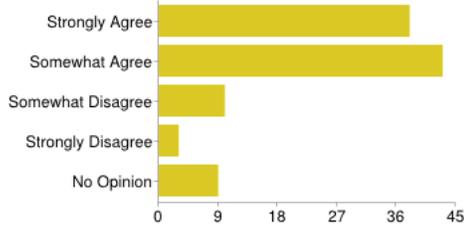
Strongly Agree	30	29%
Somewhat Agree	37	36%
Somewhat Disagree	13	13%
Strongly Disagree	3	3%
No Opinion	20	19%

Lake County Parks provide for economic development. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



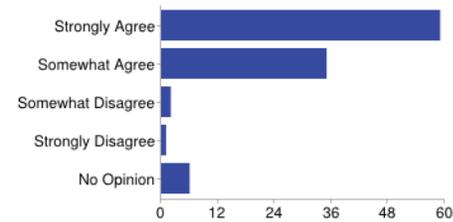
Strongly Agree	38	37%
Somewhat Agree	32	31%
Somewhat Disagree	14	14%
Strongly Disagree	3	3%
No Opinion	16	16%

Lake County Parks increase area tourism. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



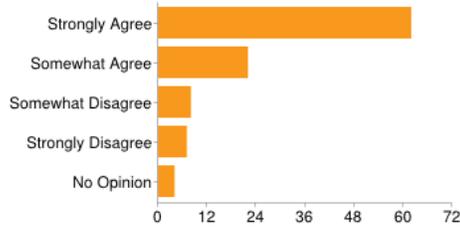
Strongly Agree	38	37%
Somewhat Agree	43	42%
Somewhat Disagree	10	10%
Strongly Disagree	3	3%
No Opinion	9	9%

Lake County Parks increase the awareness of the environment. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



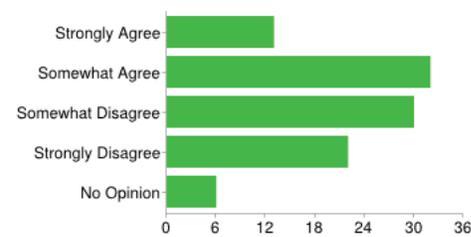
Strongly Agree	59	57%
Somewhat Agree	35	34%
Somewhat Disagree	2	2%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
No Opinion	6	6%

In the future, new parks should be developed in the Lake County Parks System. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



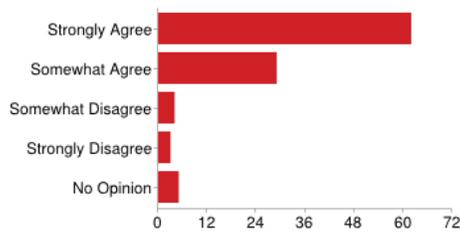
Strongly Agree	62	60%
Somewhat Agree	22	21%
Somewhat Disagree	8	8%
Strongly Disagree	7	7%
No Opinion	4	4%

The best way to pay for increased park operating costs is to increase user fees. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



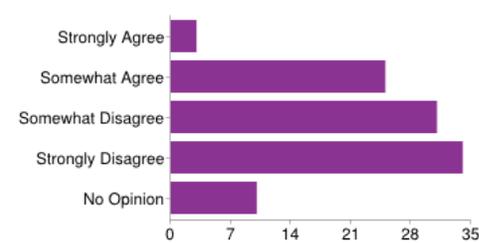
Strongly Agree	13	13%
Somewhat Agree	32	31%
Somewhat Disagree	30	29%
Strongly Disagree	22	21%
No Opinion	6	6%

In the future, parks in the Lake County Park System should be more fully developed. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



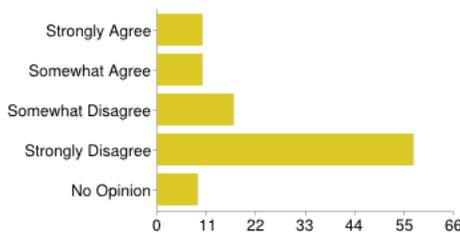
Strongly Agree	62	60%
Somewhat Agree	29	28%
Somewhat Disagree	4	4%
Strongly Disagree	3	3%
No Opinion	5	5%

The best way to pay for increased park operating costs is to increase taxes. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



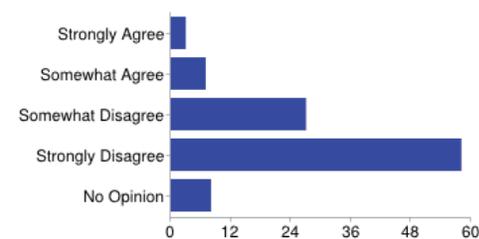
Strongly Agree	3	3%
Somewhat Agree	25	24%
Somewhat Disagree	31	30%
Strongly Disagree	34	33%
No Opinion	10	10%

We do not need any more park facilities. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



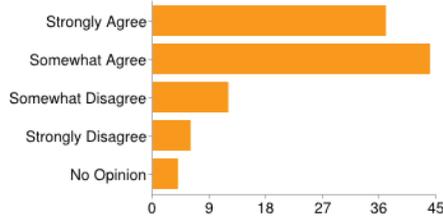
Strongly Agree	10	10%
Somewhat Agree	10	10%
Somewhat Disagree	17	17%
Strongly Disagree	57	55%
No Opinion	9	9%

The best way to pay for increased park operating costs is to reduce park services. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



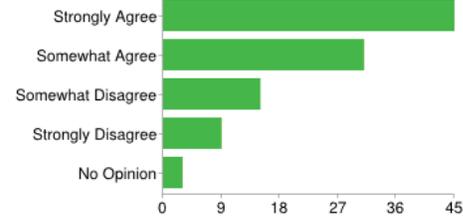
Strongly Agree	3	3%
Somewhat Agree	7	7%
Somewhat Disagree	27	26%
Strongly Disagree	58	56%
No Opinion	8	8%

The best way to pay for increased park operating costs is to build revenue-generating facilities at the parks. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



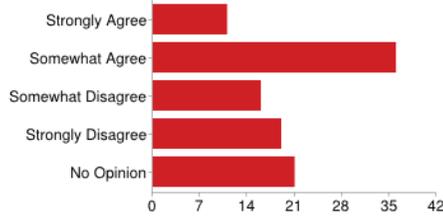
Strongly Agree	37	36%
Somewhat Agree	44	43%
Somewhat Disagree	12	12%
Strongly Disagree	6	6%
No Opinion	4	4%

More park land should be acquired to serve the present population of Lake County. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



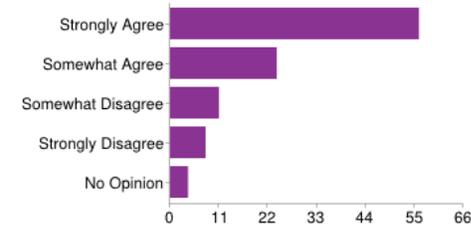
Strongly Agree	45	44%
Somewhat Agree	31	30%
Somewhat Disagree	15	15%
Strongly Disagree	9	9%
No Opinion	3	3%

The best way to pay for park improvements and new development is special use tax through issue bonds. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



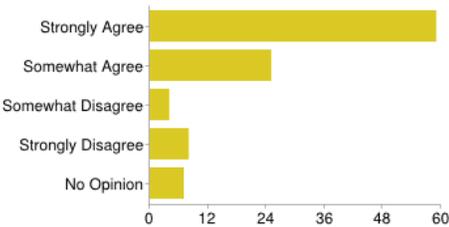
Strongly Agree	11	11%
Somewhat Agree	36	35%
Somewhat Disagree	16	16%
Strongly Disagree	19	18%
No Opinion	21	20%

We will need more park land in the next fifteen years. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



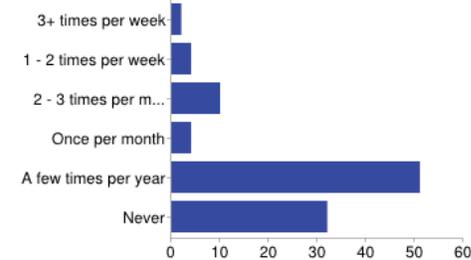
Strongly Agree	56	54%
Somewhat Agree	24	23%
Somewhat Disagree	11	11%
Strongly Disagree	8	8%
No Opinion	4	4%

Parks are valuable even though I do not use them often. [Please check one box on each line that most accurately describes your experiences and opinions about Lake County Parks.]



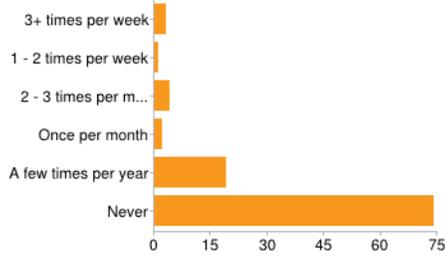
Strongly Agree	59	57%
Somewhat Agree	25	24%
Somewhat Disagree	4	4%
Strongly Disagree	8	8%
No Opinion	7	7%

Buckley Homestead County Park [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



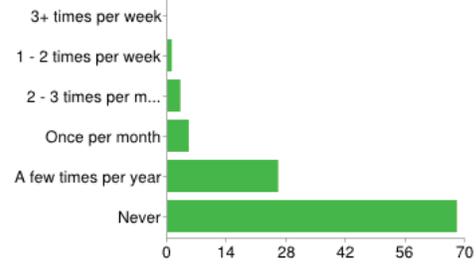
3+ times per week	2	2%
1 - 2 times per week	4	4%
2 - 3 times per month	10	10%
Once per month	4	4%
A few times per year	51	50%
Never	32	31%

Cedar Creek Family Golf Center [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



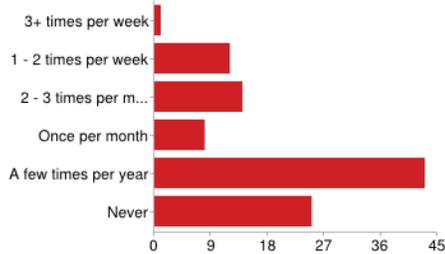
3+ times per week	3	3%
1 - 2 times per week	1	1%
2 - 3 times per month	4	4%
Once per month	2	2%
A few times per year	19	18%
Never	74	72%

Gibson Woods Nature Preserve [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



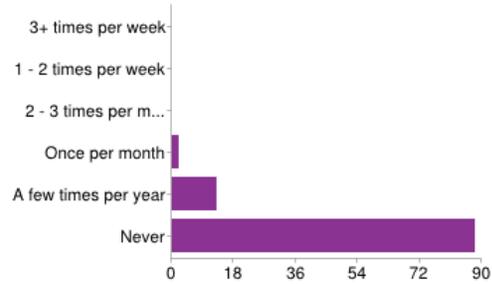
3+ times per week	0	0%
1 - 2 times per week	1	1%
2 - 3 times per month	3	3%
Once per month	5	5%
A few times per year	26	25%
Never	68	66%

Deep River County Park [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



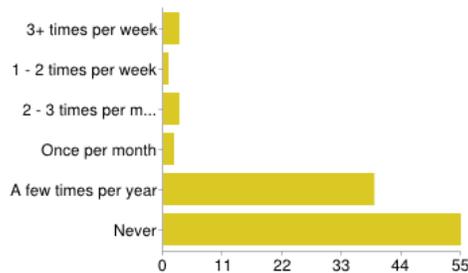
3+ times per week	1	1%
1 - 2 times per week	12	12%
2 - 3 times per month	14	14%
Once per month	8	8%
A few times per year	43	42%
Never	25	24%

Lake Etta County Park [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



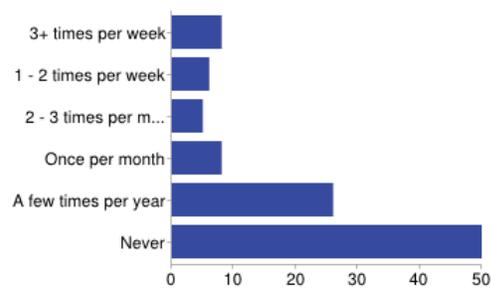
3+ times per week	0	0%
1 - 2 times per week	0	0%
2 - 3 times per month	0	0%
Once per month	2	2%
A few times per year	13	13%
Never	88	85%

Deep River Waterpark [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



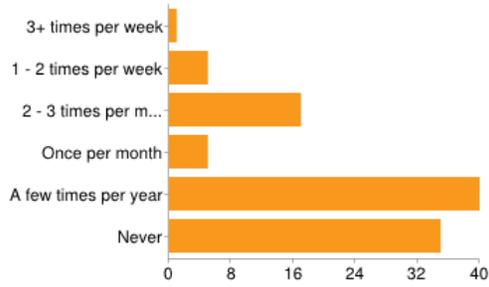
3+ times per week	3	3%
1 - 2 times per week	1	1%
2 - 3 times per month	3	3%
Once per month	2	2%
A few times per year	39	38%
Never	55	53%

Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



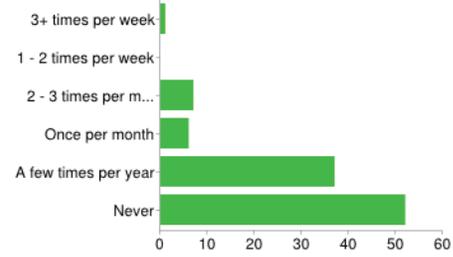
3+ times per week	8	8%
1 - 2 times per week	6	6%
2 - 3 times per month	5	5%
Once per month	8	8%
A few times per year	26	25%
Never	50	49%

Lemon Lake County Park [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



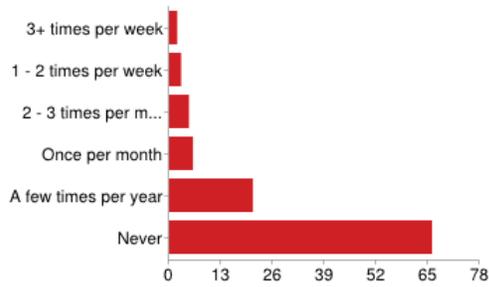
3+ times per week	1	1%
1 - 2 times per week	5	5%
2 - 3 times per month	17	17%
Once per month	5	5%
A few times per year	40	39%
Never	35	34%

Stoney Run County Park [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



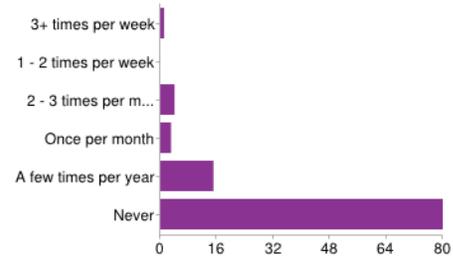
3+ times per week	1	1%
1 - 2 times per week	0	0%
2 - 3 times per month	7	7%
Once per month	6	6%
A few times per year	37	36%
Never	52	50%

Oak Ridge Prairie County Park [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



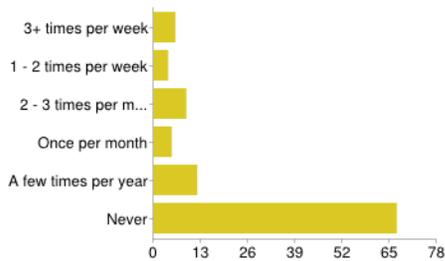
3+ times per week	2	2%
1 - 2 times per week	3	3%
2 - 3 times per month	5	5%
Once per month	6	6%
A few times per year	21	20%
Never	66	64%

Three Rivers County Park [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



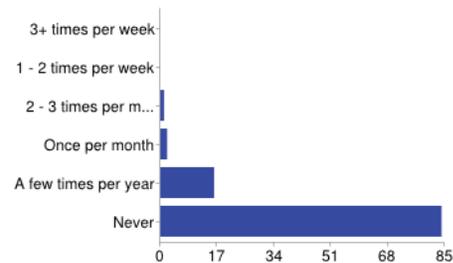
3+ times per week	1	1%
1 - 2 times per week	0	0%
2 - 3 times per month	4	4%
Once per month	3	3%
A few times per year	15	15%
Never	80	78%

Oak Savannah Trail [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



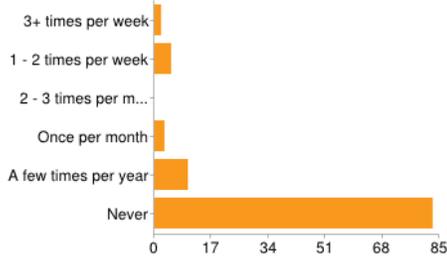
3+ times per week	6	6%
1 - 2 times per week	4	4%
2 - 3 times per month	9	9%
Once per month	5	5%
A few times per year	12	12%
Never	67	65%

Thomas Conway Observatory [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



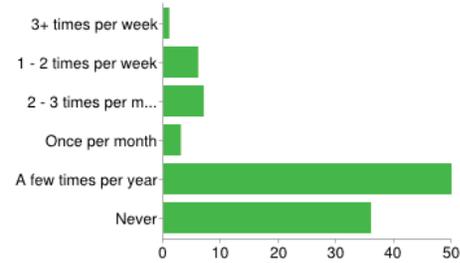
3+ times per week	0	0%
1 - 2 times per week	0	0%
2 - 3 times per month	1	1%
Once per month	2	2%
A few times per year	16	16%
Never	84	82%

Turkey Creek Golf Course [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household visited the following Lake County Parks in the past year?]



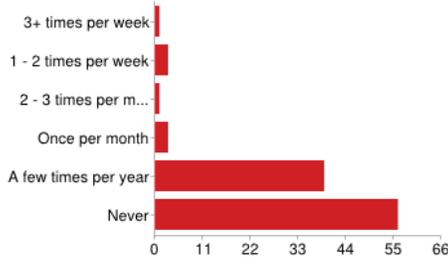
3+ times per week	2	2%
1 - 2 times per week	5	5%
2 - 3 times per month	0	0%
Once per month	3	3%
A few times per year	10	10%
Never	83	81%

Special Events [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household participated in the following Lake County Parks programs in the past year?]



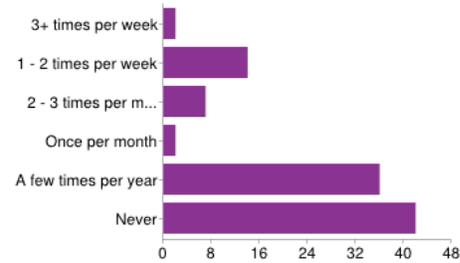
3+ times per week	1	1%
1 - 2 times per week	6	6%
2 - 3 times per month	7	7%
Once per month	3	3%
A few times per year	50	49%
Never	36	35%

Outdoor Education Programs (nature hikes, bird watching, etc.) [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household participated in the following Lake County Parks programs in the past year?]



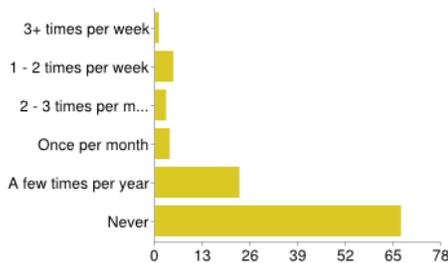
3+ times per week	1	1%
1 - 2 times per week	3	3%
2 - 3 times per month	1	1%
Once per month	3	3%
A few times per year	39	38%
Never	56	54%

Recreational Activities (golf, disc golf, swimming, etc.) [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household participated in the following Lake County Parks programs in the past year?]



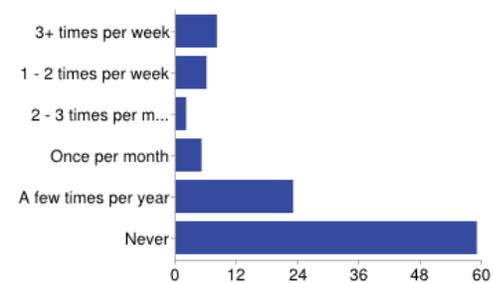
3+ times per week	2	2%
1 - 2 times per week	14	14%
2 - 3 times per month	7	7%
Once per month	2	2%
A few times per year	36	35%
Never	42	41%

Children's Programs [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household participated in the following Lake County Parks programs in the past year?]



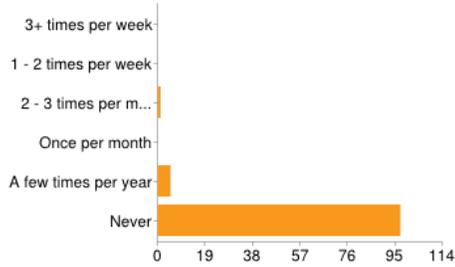
3+ times per week	1	1%
1 - 2 times per week	5	5%
2 - 3 times per month	3	3%
Once per month	4	4%
A few times per year	23	22%
Never	67	65%

Sportsman Activities (fishing, hunting, etc.) [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household participated in the following Lake County Parks programs in the past year?]



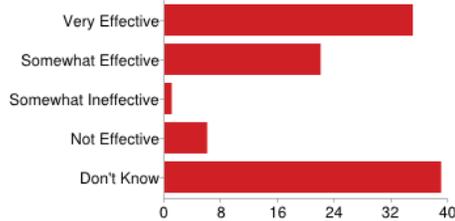
3+ times per week	8	8%
1 - 2 times per week	6	6%
2 - 3 times per month	2	2%
Once per month	5	5%
A few times per year	23	22%
Never	59	57%

Programs for Persons with Special Needs [On average during typical use seasons, how often have you and members of your household participated in the following Lake County Parks programs in the past year?]



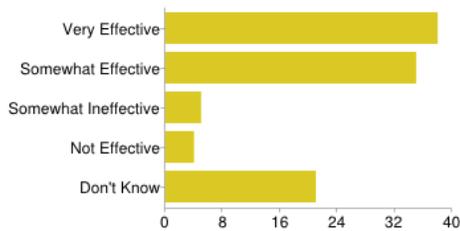
3+ times per week	0	0%
1 - 2 times per week	0	0%
2 - 3 times per month	1	1%
Once per month	0	0%
A few times per year	5	5%
Never	97	94%

Pathfinder [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



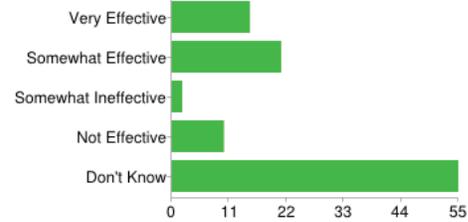
Very Effective	35	34%
Somewhat Effective	22	21%
Somewhat Ineffective	1	1%
Not Effective	6	6%
Don't Know	39	38%

Internet Website [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



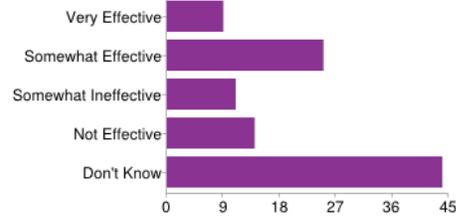
Very Effective	38	37%
Somewhat Effective	35	34%
Somewhat Ineffective	5	5%
Not Effective	4	4%
Don't Know	21	20%

Facebook [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



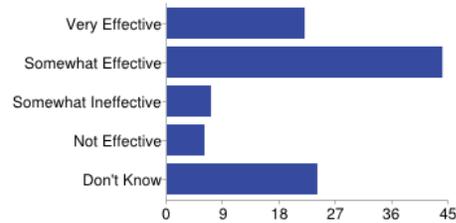
Very Effective	15	15%
Somewhat Effective	21	20%
Somewhat Ineffective	2	2%
Not Effective	10	10%
Don't Know	55	53%

Mailers/Fliers [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



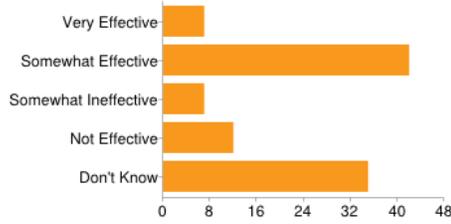
Very Effective	9	9%
Somewhat Effective	25	24%
Somewhat Ineffective	11	11%
Not Effective	14	14%
Don't Know	44	43%

Newspaper [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



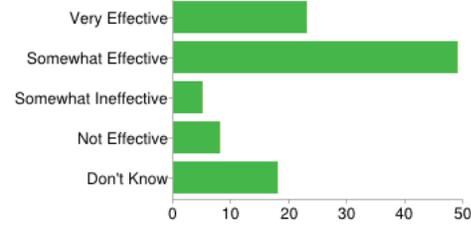
Very Effective	22	21%
Somewhat Effective	44	43%
Somewhat Ineffective	7	7%
Not Effective	6	6%
Don't Know	24	23%

Radio [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



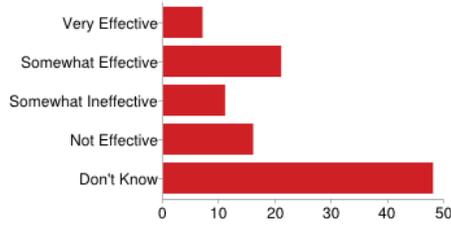
Very Effective	7	7%
Somewhat Effective	42	41%
Somewhat Ineffective	7	7%
Not Effective	12	12%
Don't Know	35	34%

Friends/Neighbors/Relatives [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



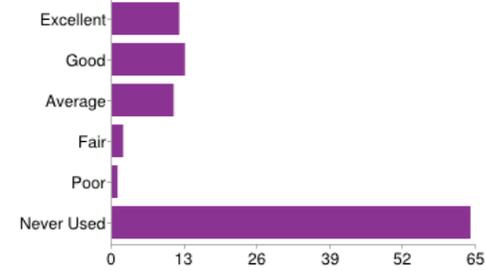
Very Effective	23	22%
Somewhat Effective	49	48%
Somewhat Ineffective	5	5%
Not Effective	8	8%
Don't Know	18	17%

Television [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



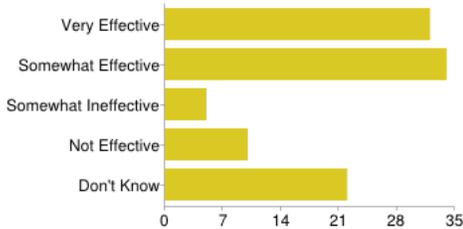
Very Effective	7	7%
Somewhat Effective	21	20%
Somewhat Ineffective	11	11%
Not Effective	16	16%
Don't Know	48	47%

Youth Programs [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following Lake County Parks programs.]



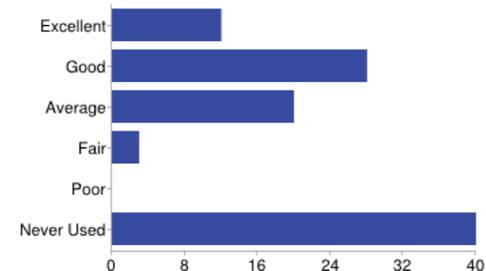
Excellent	12	12%
Good	13	13%
Average	11	11%
Fair	2	2%
Poor	1	1%
Never Used	64	62%

Park Department Staff [How effective are the following resources in providing you with information regarding Lake County Parks and its programs/services?]



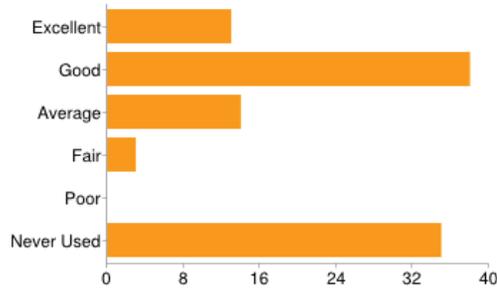
Very Effective	32	31%
Somewhat Effective	34	33%
Somewhat Ineffective	5	5%
Not Effective	10	10%
Don't Know	22	21%

Adult Programs [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following Lake County Parks programs.]



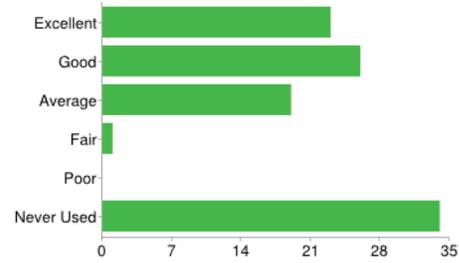
Excellent	12	12%
Good	28	27%
Average	20	19%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	0	0%
Never Used	40	39%

Nature Programs [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following Lake County Parks programs.]



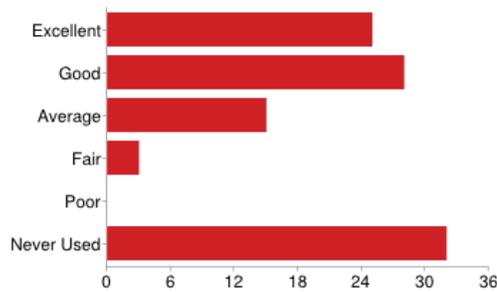
Excellent	13	13%
Good	38	37%
Average	14	14%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	0	0%
Never Used	35	34%

Special Events [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following Lake County Parks programs.]



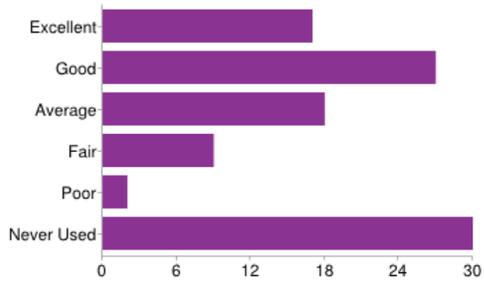
Excellent	23	22%
Good	26	25%
Average	19	18%
Fair	1	1%
Poor	0	0%
Never Used	34	33%

Historic Programs [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following Lake County Parks programs.]



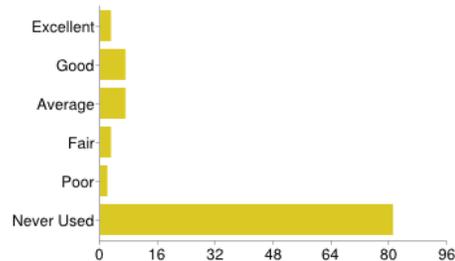
Excellent	25	24%
Good	28	27%
Average	15	15%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	0	0%
Never Used	32	31%

Program Fees/Value [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following Lake County Parks programs.]



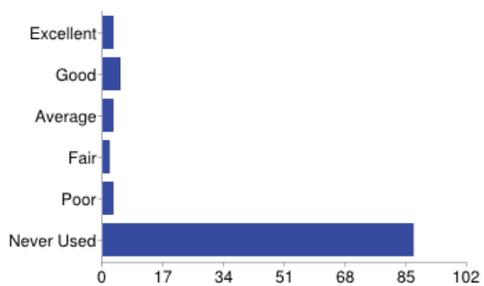
Excellent	17	17%
Good	27	26%
Average	18	17%
Fair	9	9%
Poor	2	2%
Never Used	30	29%

Senior Citizen Programs [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following Lake County Parks programs.]



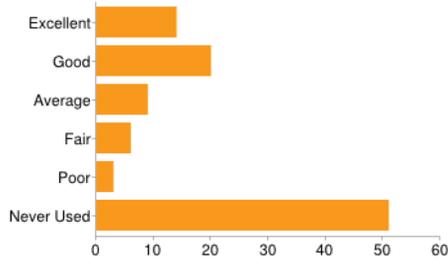
Excellent	3	3%
Good	7	7%
Average	7	7%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	2	2%
Never Used	81	79%

Programs for Persons with Special Needs [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following Lake County Parks programs.]



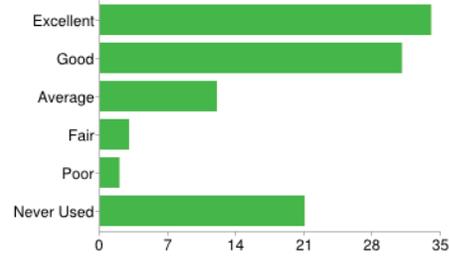
Excellent	3	3%
Good	5	5%
Average	3	3%
Fair	2	2%
Poor	3	3%
Never Used	87	84%

Handling Problems and Complaints [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks communications.]



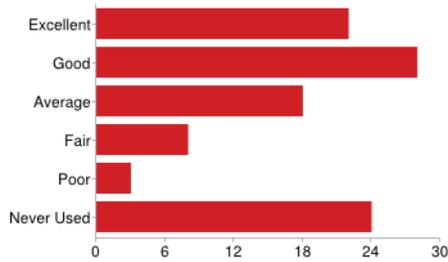
Excellent	14	14%
Good	20	19%
Average	9	9%
Fair	6	6%
Poor	3	3%
Never Used	51	50%

Staff Customer Service [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks communications.]



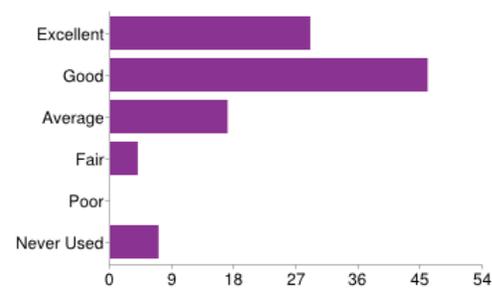
Excellent	34	33%
Good	31	30%
Average	12	12%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	2	2%
Never Used	21	20%

Park Department Publications [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks communications.]



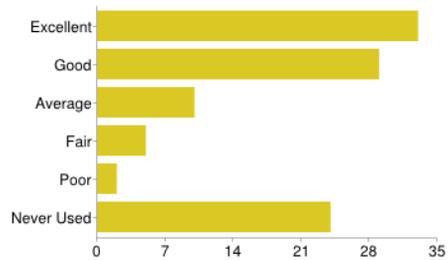
Excellent	22	21%
Good	28	27%
Average	18	17%
Fair	8	8%
Poor	3	3%
Never Used	24	23%

Quality [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following in the Lake County Park System.]



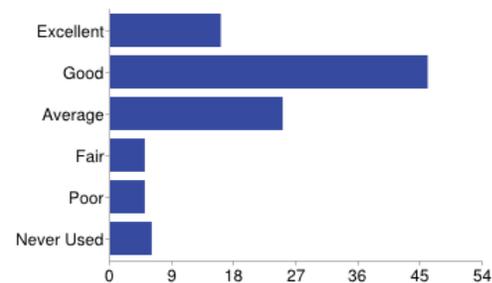
Excellent	29	28%
Good	46	45%
Average	17	17%
Fair	4	4%
Poor	0	0%
Never Used	7	7%

Staff Knowledge [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks communications.]



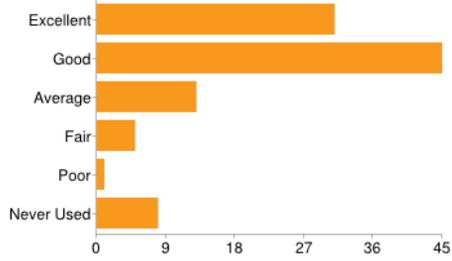
Excellent	33	32%
Good	29	28%
Average	10	10%
Fair	5	5%
Poor	2	2%
Never Used	24	23%

Amenities (courts, benches, paths, etc) [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following in the Lake County Park System.]



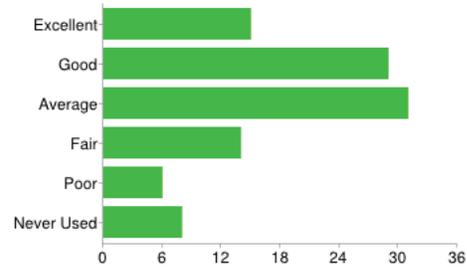
Excellent	16	16%
Good	46	45%
Average	25	24%
Fair	5	5%
Poor	5	5%
Never Used	6	6%

Natural Areas [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following in the Lake County Park System.]



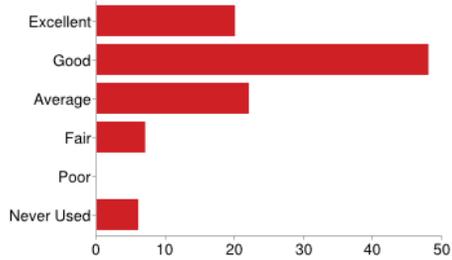
Excellent	31	30%
Good	45	44%
Average	13	13%
Fair	5	5%
Poor	1	1%
Never Used	8	8%

Restrooms [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following in the Lake County Park System.]



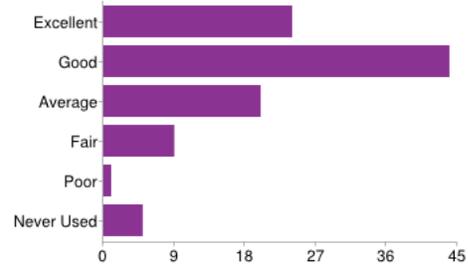
Excellent	15	15%
Good	29	28%
Average	31	30%
Fair	14	14%
Poor	6	6%
Never Used	8	8%

Safety [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following in the Lake County Park System.]



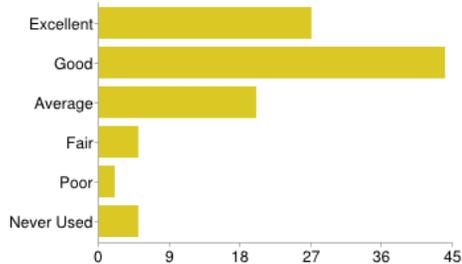
Excellent	20	19%
Good	48	47%
Average	22	21%
Fair	7	7%
Poor	0	0%
Never Used	6	6%

Cleanliness (litter, garbage barrels) [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following in the Lake County Park System.]



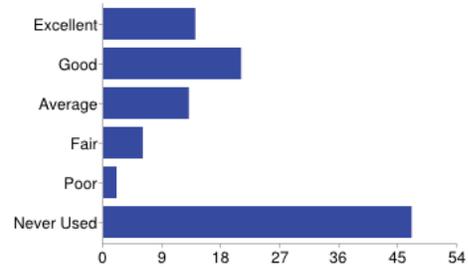
Excellent	24	23%
Good	44	43%
Average	20	19%
Fair	9	9%
Poor	1	1%
Never Used	5	5%

Maintenance (mowing, repairs) [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following in the Lake County Park System.]



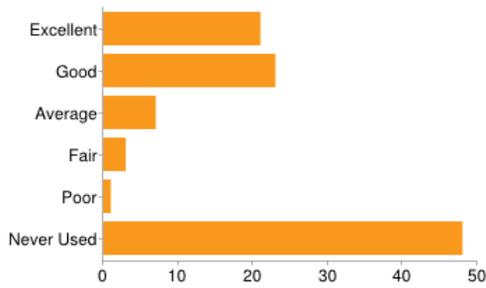
Excellent	27	26%
Good	44	43%
Average	20	19%
Fair	5	5%
Poor	2	2%
Never Used	5	5%

Quality [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks concessions.]



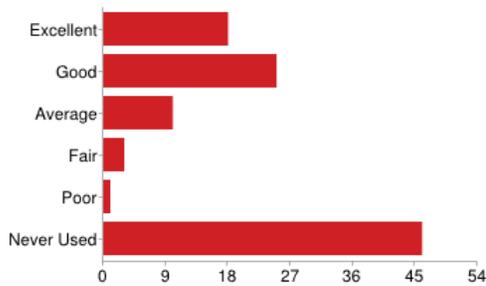
Excellent	14	14%
Good	21	20%
Average	13	13%
Fair	6	6%
Poor	2	2%
Never Used	47	46%

Staff [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks concessions.]



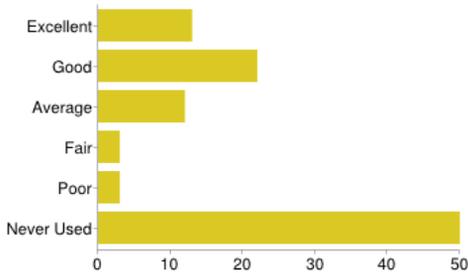
Excellent	21	20%
Good	23	22%
Average	7	7%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	1	1%
Never Used	48	47%

Cleanliness [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks concessions.]



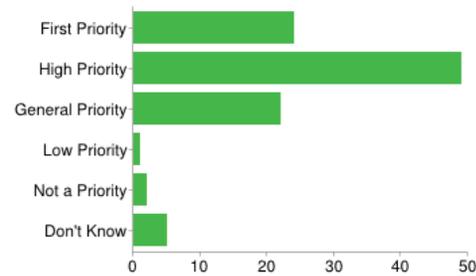
Excellent	18	17%
Good	25	24%
Average	10	10%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	1	1%
Never Used	46	45%

Food Items Offered [Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Lake County Parks concessions.]



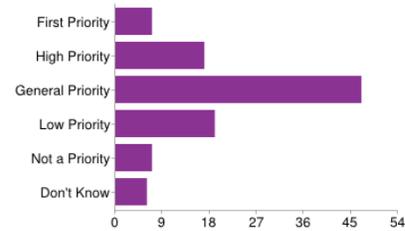
Excellent	13	13%
Good	22	21%
Average	12	12%
Fair	3	3%
Poor	3	3%
Never Used	50	49%

Condition of Facilities [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



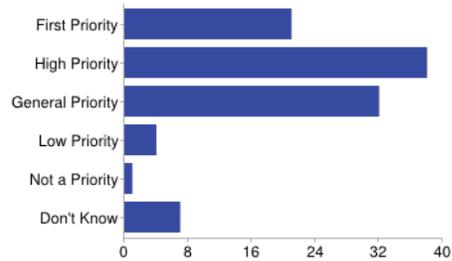
First Priority	24	23%
High Priority	49	48%
General Priority	22	21%
Low Priority	1	1%
Not a Priority	2	2%
Don't Know	5	5%

Building New Facilities [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



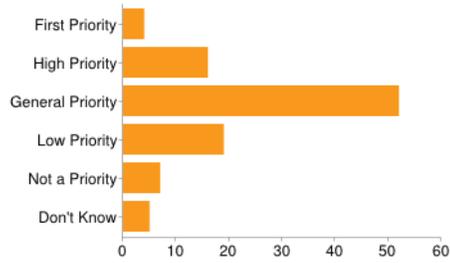
First Priority	7	7%
High Priority	17	17%
General Priority	47	46%
Low Priority	19	18%
Not a Priority	7	7%
Don't Know	6	6%

Funding/Finances [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



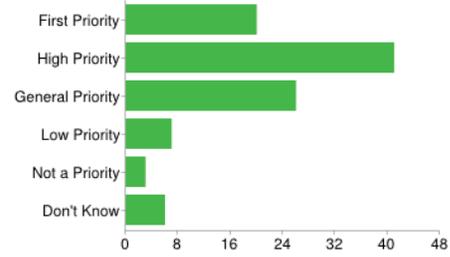
First Priority	21	20%
High Priority	38	37%
General Priority	32	31%
Low Priority	4	4%
Not a Priority	1	1%
Don't Know	7	7%

Increasing Available Facility Space [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



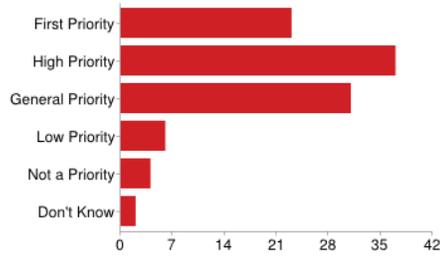
First Priority	4	4%
High Priority	16	16%
General Priority	52	50%
Low Priority	19	18%
Not a Priority	7	7%
Don't Know	5	5%

Maintaining Open Space in Existing Parks [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



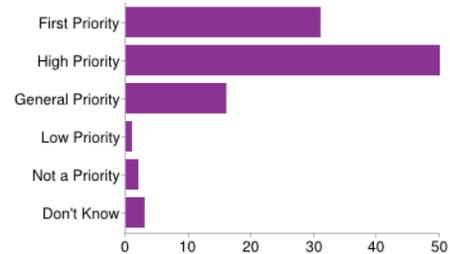
First Priority	20	19%
High Priority	41	40%
General Priority	26	25%
Low Priority	7	7%
Not a Priority	3	3%
Don't Know	6	6%

Increasing Natural Areas [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



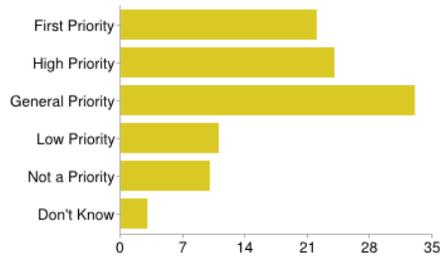
First Priority	23	22%
High Priority	37	36%
General Priority	31	30%
Low Priority	6	6%
Not a Priority	4	4%
Don't Know	2	2%

Park and Facility Maintenance [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



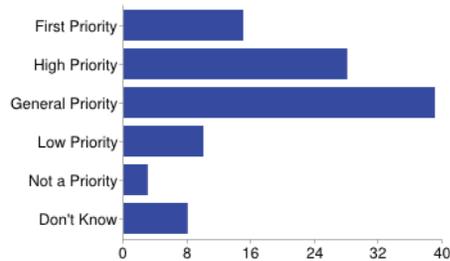
First Priority	31	30%
High Priority	50	49%
General Priority	16	16%
Low Priority	1	1%
Not a Priority	2	2%
Don't Know	3	3%

Land Acquisition [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



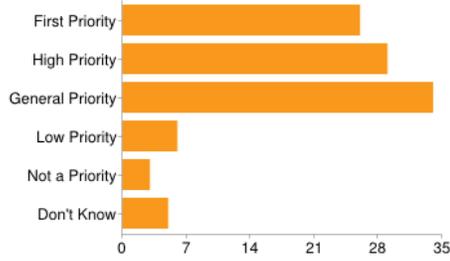
First Priority	22	21%
High Priority	24	23%
General Priority	33	32%
Low Priority	11	11%
Not a Priority	10	10%
Don't Know	3	3%

Program Scheduling [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



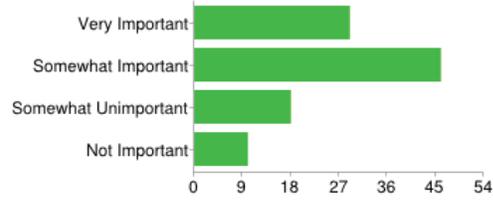
First Priority	15	15%
High Priority	28	27%
General Priority	39	38%
Low Priority	10	10%
Not a Priority	3	3%
Don't Know	8	8%

Restoration of Historic Buildings [When planning for the future, how should the Lake County Parks Department prioritize each of the following areas?]



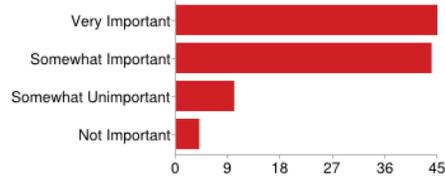
First Priority	26	25%
High Priority	29	28%
General Priority	34	33%
Low Priority	6	6%
Not a Priority	3	3%
Don't Know	5	5%

Opportunities for Learning about Heritage through Historic Sites and Events [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



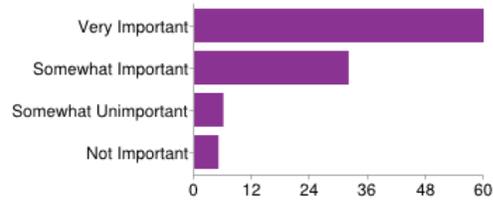
Very Important	29	28%
Somewhat Important	46	45%
Somewhat Unimportant	18	17%
Not Important	10	10%

Flood Control [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



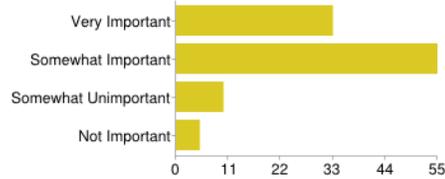
Very Important	45	44%
Somewhat Important	44	43%
Somewhat Unimportant	10	10%
Not Important	4	4%

Trail Corridors (biking and hiking) [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



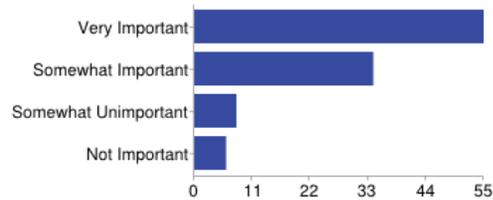
Very Important	60	58%
Somewhat Important	32	31%
Somewhat Unimportant	6	6%
Not Important	5	5%

Recreational Activities (picnicking, playgrounds, golf) [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



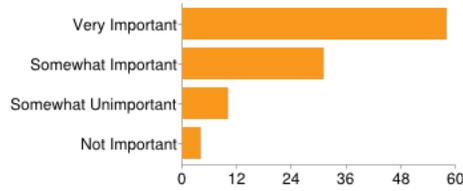
Very Important	33	32%
Somewhat Important	55	53%
Somewhat Unimportant	10	10%
Not Important	5	5%

Nature Preserves [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



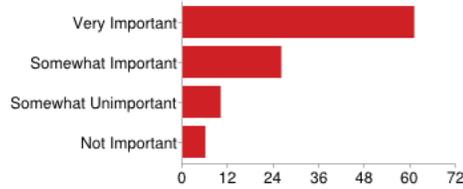
Very Important	55	53%
Somewhat Important	34	33%
Somewhat Unimportant	8	8%
Not Important	6	6%

Preservation and Restoration of Prairie, Wetlands, and Forest [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



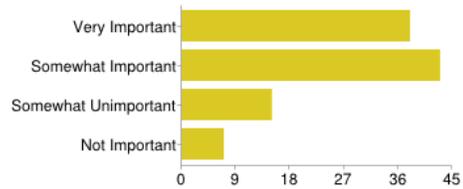
Very Important	58	56%
Somewhat Important	31	30%
Somewhat Unimportant	10	10%
Not Important	4	4%

Wildlife Preservation [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



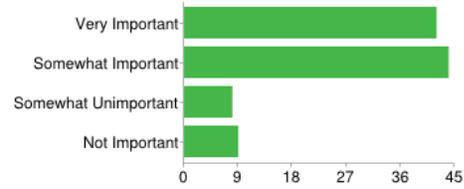
Very Important	61	59%
Somewhat Important	26	25%
Somewhat Unimportant	10	10%
Not Important	6	6%

Water Access and Water Activities [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



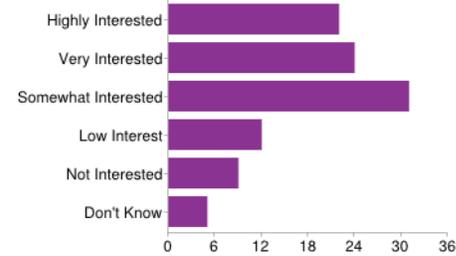
Very Important	38	37%
Somewhat Important	43	42%
Somewhat Unimportant	15	15%
Not Important	7	7%

Family-Oriented Activities and Events [Funds to purchase land, develop parks, and present programs are limited, thus priorities must be set. Please indicate the importance of each of these items.]



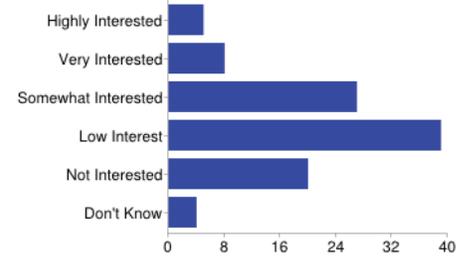
Very Important	42	41%
Somewhat Important	44	43%
Somewhat Unimportant	8	8%
Not Important	9	9%

Interpretive Trails [What is your level of interest in Lake County Parks adding the following?]



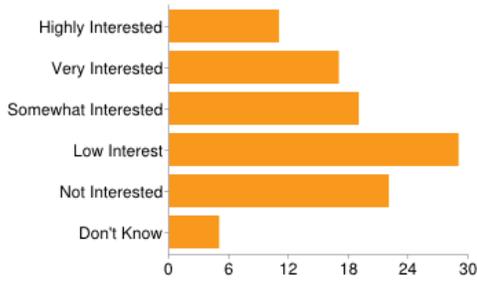
Highly Interested	22	21%
Very Interested	24	23%
Somewhat Interested	31	30%
Low Interest	12	12%
Not Interested	9	9%
Don't Know	5	5%

Meeting Rooms/Spaces [What is your level of interest in Lake County Parks adding the following?]



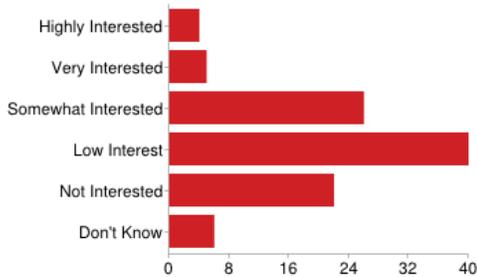
Highly Interested	5	5%
Very Interested	8	8%
Somewhat Interested	27	26%
Low Interest	39	38%
Not Interested	20	19%
Don't Know	4	4%

Mountain Biking [What is your level of interest in Lake County Parks adding the following?]



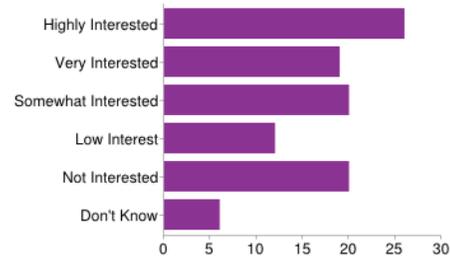
Highly Interested	11	11%
Very Interested	17	17%
Somewhat Interested	19	18%
Low Interest	29	28%
Not Interested	22	21%
Don't Know	5	5%

Event Space/Banquet Hall [What is your level of interest in Lake County Parks adding the following?]



Highly Interested	4	4%
Very Interested	5	5%
Somewhat Interested	26	25%
Low Interest	40	39%
Not Interested	22	21%
Don't Know	6	6%

Campground [What is your level of interest in Lake County Parks adding the following?]



Highly Interested	26	25%
Very Interested	19	18%
Somewhat Interested	20	19%
Low Interest	12	12%
Not Interested	20	19%
Don't Know	6	6%

When considering the recreational needs of your family over the next five years or more, what do you think will be your family's highest priorities?

Open/Passive Space	47	46%
Environmental Education	40	39%
Weekend Programs	27	26%
In-line Skating	2	2%
Crafts	9	9%
Fitness	21	20%
Golf	14	14%
Ice Skating	14	14%
Volleyball	3	3%
Skateboarding	1	1%
Cycling	32	31%
Running/Walking	50	49%
Theatre/Performing Arts	22	21%
Visual Arts	13	13%
Tennis	2	2%
Outdoor Adventure	41	40%
Basketball	3	3%
Swimming	20	19%
Soccer	1	1%
Football	4	4%
Baseball/Softball	8	8%
Lacrosse	0	0%
Senior Programs	22	21%
Family Activities	36	35%
Family Fitness	11	11%
Teen Activities	8	8%
Programs for Persons with Special Needs	9	9%
Other	31	30%

If you have any additional comments, please use the space below to convey this information. If your comments are in regard to a specific Lake County park, or a specific question within this survey, please make reference to that park or question.

Connecting and extending the great network of bike trails is critical. As well as working with towns and cities to create bike lanes on roads leading to the trails so that bikes can safely get to them, as well as commute across the county.

Additional times for children programs at Deep River Park in the summer. We have been unable to attend on Thursdays.

I use your parks for basically trail riding...would use trails shared with bikes and walkers....

My family loves Bellaboos! We feel like it is the best county park offered! We love that Lake Co has taken an interest in our future and provided a learning, safe environment for our children! I do wish there was a similar place in southern Lake Co!

More opportunities for fishing and hunting. Develop existing park facilities.

You need to have Senior Citizen pricing and passes. Thank You. :)

I would like to see the Oak Savannah Trail plowed for winter use. The city of Portage Park Department plows the Duneland Prairie path, so why can't we get this done over here, or is it the same old "Lake County Politics" garbage that we get tired of hearing. You could also get rid of the "patronage system" when you do your hiring. When you call your department you get transferred around, because nobody seems to have the answers to your questions, or they're passing the buck.

We cherish Buckley Homestead, and any expansion, improvement, etc. would make the biggest difference to us. We have little recreation time, and many interests, so we limit our visits to Buckley more than we would like. Also financial and health issues have made a difference in recent time. But our parks are so precious that we support them as much as we can. I volunteer with the Sewing Group for Buckley / Belaboo and enjoy this very much. Your wonderful staff are your most precious resource. Janet Kroll

Turkey creek golf course needs to put up a fence behind the houses along 63rd ave in ingle heart subdivision to separate the home owners property from the golf course

Open hunting in more county parks.

I guess my family is odd in comparison to the 'norm.' We aren't into organized sports and I am proud of the fact I've never been to the water park - have absolutely NO Interest in it. I am a horse person and a trail ride. Developing additional trails in the existing park system would be my #1 priority. Establishing bridle tag fees for riders would help pay for such projects - Use volunteers to design, build, and maintain the system.

I'm a duck Hunter and love GKM. I would love to see more planting. corn, millit, smart weed. also, it seems whe the ice comes the birds leave. If you could use ice eaters or bubblers I think everyone would be able to enjoy waterfowl hunting through the whole season.

upkeep of present parks is very important !

We are very pleased with Cedar Creek Golf and Turkey Creek Golf courses and use them a lot. Lemon Lake is a nice park also for family outdoor activities.

Need more connecting bike/hike trails.

Need the Oak Savanna trail connected to the E-L trail by the Park in Griffith.

More buggy (horse) trails - particularly at Buckley Homestead, Deep River, and Stony Run. Develop horse trails/ride or drive at

Access to the area of the park where the RC field is could be better. Maybe give some thought to moving it to an area that won't wash out with every hard rain.. The other bad thing about that exit is that it is VERY dangerous because the vehicles that are coming from the West are not visible until it is almost too late. They have a tendency to travel at an excessive speed too. As for the RC area itself, I think it is wonderful that the Parks support the club like they do. Any activity that will promote the younger folks getting interested in an activity like RC flying is excellent. BRAVO!! And thank you for your support!

I would like to see some public playground equipment installed as well as a hiking/biking path in the Winfield Township area.

For over 20 years the Deep River Radio-Control Club has been "franchised" to use the old sulky track area as it's flying site. A free yearly event is held to introduce model aviation. The club is recognized by the national Academy of Model Aviation as a leader club. The club president is an Assoc. V.P. for the Academy's regional area. Nowhere is our club and the flying site acknowledged by the Park Dept. It would be hard to find a passenger plane pilot who didn't have model aviation as a hobby and cornerstone for his career. Neighbors have mentioned that there isn't as much airplane noise so we must not be using the field; Not true. Model aviation has transitioned to silent electric power and the increased flying activity isn't heard. Fuel powered planes are now in the minority. The field is expertly mowed. However, the old wood benches and railings are collapsing. There are no signs to ask vehicles and equestrians to stay off the smooth grass runway. The entrance was originally planned for canoe launching access, but this is gone and the deteriorating road is in very poor condition for the horse trailers and vehicles loaded with delicate model airplanes. Thank you.

Please try and incorporate more equestrian trails. Trail riders would pay for good trails and be overall supportive of all park initiatives. Cook County Illinois does a great job sharing trails, will county is developing new trails, but Indiana is prettier! :)

An off road paved path from Oak Ridge County Park entrance to Erie Lackawanna Path; and the creation of more paved paths throughout Lake County; and especially along Hwy. 30.

Please fix the nature trails in Deep River County Park. The Trail connecting playground/picnic area on east side to Grist Mill on south. This trail has been washed out and is impassable. Also please make an effort to mark all trails in county system clearly and identifying them better. Thank You

Great things are being done within the park department, however I think it's time for another waterpark expansion. I would really like to have a world class waterpark right in my backyard.

Very little attention is given to extension of trails beyond municipalities. It seems of utmost importance to collaborate with adjoining counties and states to construct single path trails with access to facilities, nature areas, and relevant businesses. Very few governments work together on this -- they build roads and talk about airports, but not this.

Please plow the Oak Savannah Trail. A lot of senior citizens can't use it in winter

Natural area restoration could be a family activity or an outdoor adventure, and do some good in the poorly maintained natural areas. Lake County Parks and Recreation should contract out the more minor controlled burns to qualified contractors to get more of the land burned during the short burn seasons, especially now that Coco Venturin has gone from the natural area manager position.

Hi i spend a ton of time at the Grand Kankakee Marsh, Jim and Chris are AWESOME, only thing is they need more resources to keep the Hunting really good, such as a way to keep water open during the cold months...AKA "Ice Eaters" for the marsh to hold the Ducks and Geese when it freezes, also maybe more planting of Corn and Millet for the ducks and geese and maybe even a Out Pump so they can keep the spring flooding under control during the wet spring season.....again these guys are GREAT.... they take there job very serious and they care about what the people that use the park think, so wanted to let everyone know about these super guys and , a little thought about what they might need Thank you Regards, Paul Hodson

We definitely need more activities for young children - a few splashpads around Lake County would be fantastic. They are such a huge hit with toddlers and they are so much safer than a pool. Deep River waterpark is great - it just gets too wild and crazy for my 2 year old. We could also use an outdoor amphitheater - we had one down in Fishers IN and it was great for us to ride our bikes to a concert; have a picnic while listening to music, then ride home. We need more safe routes for biking around here - not shared on the street with cars, but blacktopped riding paths similar to sidewalks. There are too many accidents with cars hitting bicyclists I would never put my family on the road with them.

Would like to see a new pier at boat launch (Grand Kankakee Marsh). Would like to see more ditches, ponds, etc, cleaned (Grand Kankakee Marsh). Would like to see the use of your own boat at (3 Rivers).

The Parks Department needs to make a better effort to let northern Lake County know about these facilities.

I feel the need isn't so much for more parks rather improving the existing parks. More activities at the parks

-- finish the Erie Lackawanna/Oak Savannah connector (in conjunction with the Griffith Parks Dept) -- start building trails along the C&O corridor from Oak Ridge Prairie Park to the existing trail just east of Rt 55 in Merrillville -- construct trail access to all County Parks - both for local area residents, and via connections from the regional trails network -- assist the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission in connecting segments of the Little Cal levee trail to provide a continuous trail along the Little Calumet River -- Lake County has very few public access sites on rivers for canoeing/kayaking - such access sites need to be built

Make and mail PathFinder monthly with a lot more information/pictures. Every time I get it, I think I'd like really like to take my family to Three Rivers (we've never been) but it's far from where I live and admittedly don't know what Jon boat, trolling motor rentals, or geocoaches are, or if they are suitable for children or what they cost. I make a mental note to check the internet the internet later. And I completely forget about it until the next issue arrives months later. www.lakecountyparks.com/parks/three_rivers.html didn't tell me anything new except there are paddleboat rentals as well. I expected to at least see a picture of one of the rivers. And there's an "H" missing from the Features Heading. It reads: "Other Great Features of Tree Rivers." Several menus later I find JON BOAT RENTALS AT THREE RIVERS \$10 plus tax for four hours (available on weekends) TROLLING MOTORS AT THREE RIVERS \$5 plus tax for four (available on weekends) ROW BOATS (where available) \$5 plus tax for one hour No mention of the featured Tree Rivers paddleboats. And I'm still not sure if Jon is the type of boat or the name of a guy renting boats and trolling motors!!! Wikipedia explained it though. Even had photos. For weeks, I have been searching for something fresh and fun to do with my daughter. Geocoaching is the going to be the perfect activity. I don't believe this has been around so long and I'm only now learning about it. You see why I need monthly detailed PathFinders?

I would like to see more Horse Trails in the area, we Trail riders are a big part of the area and are running out of places to ride, we now try to keep up with the conditions of Deep River so the trails are groomed enough for us to ride . I don't think people even consider us But we do our part, to try to conserve the trails . Thank You

Help GKM get more food plots in.

The county park and other park departments need to continue their progress with building an interconnected hiking/biking trail system that connects with Illinois and Porter counties and allows a person to bike from the Kankakee river to the Lake shore and the Dunes State Park. As the price of oil continues to rise we all will need alternatives to the high price of transportation by automobile. Connecting work, schools, businesses and neighborhoods with a comprehensive walking, biking and hiking trail system gives people an alternative to using their cars. The trail system should also connect to major mass transit points like the Gary/Chicago Airport, Amtrak station and the South Shore Stations. The park department should also buy wetland areas or areas adjacent to wetlands in order to provide water storage areas for flood control purposes. Expanding any park in the system that adds to areas that can serve as potential storm water retention areas during storms or in flood conditions should be considered. I lived in Lake County most of my life and I continue to visit and use the great park system on a regular basis. It is one of the best park systems in the state of Indiana.

Our county has a severe funding deficit. LC Parks should be cut drastically. Sell off existing acquisitions such as Cedar Creek and Deep River Water Park to private owners. Put most of these properties on the tax roles and decrease personnel and especially the head of the parks department with his high salary and budget that is unnecessary.

Horse trails to ride on use buggies.

The two golf courses are a source of continued enjoyment for our family. The staff at both of them are always friendly and helpful. Keep up the good work at Cedar Creek and Turkey Creek. Plus it certainly would be great if Cedar Creek was enlarged to 18 holes! More land should be aquired along the Kankakee River before that stupid highway is constructed which is going raise the land values even more.

Some facilities starting to show their age. Explore special use tax/bond for park repairs. Set higher standards for safe, secure, and clean parks. Implementing a natural resource theme at most properties with environmental best management practices will never go out of style, especially for a county/regional scale parks dept. Each site is unique but there is potential for uniform branding and upgraded signage/wayfinding. Continue to offer programs and events that show off the scale/size of a county park and relief from day to day urban region lifestyle. Whatever fiscal/political problems the county and state may have, a visit to county parks is opportunity to forget about all that stuff. Keep up the good work.

Open a target range from 100 yds to 600 yrds and charge for the use of range. There is no long range shooting in northwest Indiana which could generate more tourism in Lake County.

Please acquire the land necessary to connect bike trails along the Marquette Trail. This bike trail will eventually connect Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan.

As a non-resident, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to take and complete this survey.

Deep River Park; The former sulky track area now used as the Deep River RC Flying Club; Thank you for the excellent mowing of the field. We also appreciate having the portapotty located near the operations since so many of the members are getting up in age and would be in distress walking too far. Some years ago there was mention about changing the entrance to the South end for easier access without going through the existing muddy dip entrance. This would be preferred.

The Lake County Parks Department has grown much too large. County government has no business running two golf courses, a water theme park, and a play and discovery center. That is a role for private enterprise! Please eliminate these amenities by selling them off to the private sector. Not having these facilities in the county system would allow for the county to lay off the employees now used for running these facilities, which in turn lowers the cost of government that we taxpayers must pay to support. Do it, and do it now!!

APPENDIX F: PUBLIC INPUT MEETING MINUTES

B. Public Hearing for 2014-2019 Five Year Open Space Plan

Mrs. Rachel Christenson introduced herself and said that she worked for Lake County Parks in 2006 and 2007 and was also an intern there when she was still in school. Work began on the new Open Space Plan during the summer of 2013. Tonight is the first public input opportunity, which is one of the larger components of the Plan. The Five Year Open Space Plan helps the Department become eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund monies. It's also good to have a plan in place when looking at other grant opportunities, since the plan reflects what the public wants and what the Department is working towards for the future.

There are several components that go into updating the Five Year Open Space Plan. One of the things looked at is demographics and how they have changed in the county over the last five years. Another component of the plan is to gather input from the public, which is the purpose of tonight's public hearing, to see what they have to say about the Parks Department, what things they would like to see in the next five years and what they think the Parks Department or the Park Board can improve upon. Another part of updating the plan is to do an inventory of all the park sites. This was completed over last summer. Staff looks at the acreage of each park, what improvements have been made and what improvements need to be made in the future. Another component is completing an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) evaluation. Each park site is evaluated for how well it satisfies or doesn't satisfy the ADA requirements. All of these components are taken into consideration and included in the Five Year Open Space Plan, along with recommendations for areas that need to be improved upon.

One of the biggest accomplishments of the last five years was Bellaboo's Play & Discovery Center, which opened in September 2009. With the downturn of the economy, there has been less funding and more strain on local government. A lot of the updates that will be included in this plan are based on the last Five Year Open Space Plan since some of those goals did not get accomplished.

Mrs. Christenson asked Mr. Zandstra if he had anything to add before opening the floor up for public comment. Mr. Zandstra stated that because of the economy and the budget cuts and staff reductions that followed, the Department has not been able to accomplish many of the goals from the last two Five Year Open Space Plans. Those goals are being carried forth into the new plan. Lake County Parks will probably be more dependent on grants and other matching sources of funds during the next five years to help with the completion of projects that will be identified in the new plan. The Department will also look more towards local partners and partnerships in the county and the metropolitan area to help out with funding and getting projects done.

The west side of Lake County is one area where there is a lack of dedicated open space. The need for more open space in Lake County will become more critical in the next five to ten years with the potential Illiana Expressway coming in and the commuter rail being extended to other parts of the county. In Illinois, Cook County Forest Preserve and Cook County itself has close to 90,000 acres of open space. Will County, Illinois has about 50,000 acres. Lake County, Indiana has about 18,000 acres of open space, which includes the 6,000 acres that the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department manages. Even Newton County, just south of Lake County, has 22,000 acres of open space with a much smaller population than Lake County.

Mrs. Christenson stated that the Open Space Plan is submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for approval. A draft of the Plan is due on January 15 and the final Plan is due on April 15. There will be another public input opportunity prior to the final draft being

submitted to the DNR. The Parks Department will do a review of what they learned through the public input process and also what the Parks Department and the Park Board have concluded should be their goals for the next five years.

Mr. Nickovich added that the Department does not have the necessary capital resources to move forward in a manner that it would like. At the same time, the Department is trying to develop a plan that can be implemented over the next five years, which is a relatively short amount of time. In this particular Five Year Open Space Plan, the Department will focus on what it can realistically expect to accomplish, specifically the needs that are identified by the public input, with the hope of being able to address the most pressing needs over that period of time.

Mrs. Christenson invited those present at tonight's public hearing to stand up, state their name and let the Park Board know what they think. She also has comment sheets that she is going to pass out for those who feel more comfortable writing their comments down instead of speaking. They will be collected at the end of the evening. There is also a survey posted on the Parks' website at LakeCountyParks.com for anyone wishing to do that, as well. Mr. Zandstra has some hard copies of the survey with him tonight that he will pass out.

Mrs. Marilyn Langbehn introduced herself and stated that years ago, Lake County Parks had an advisory board, which she felt was a good thing and would like to see happen again. The people on that board were local businessmen and women who worked gratuitously. They picked out many of the park sites that exist today. Mrs. Langbehn would like to suggest strongly that the Parks Department consider putting a lodge in at the area known as Big Maple Lake. It is Mrs. Langbehn's understanding that the property is part of Deep River Park, which includes the waterpark, the grist mill property and the property across Ainsworth Road that adjoins Big Maple Lake. This property is just sitting there, costing the Department and the taxpayers money. If a lodge is built there, it will bring money in and can be a destination place for people who live all over the country. The county could have hosted a Boy Scout jamboree that brings in thousands of people for an international meeting, but there was nowhere to house them. Mrs. Langbehn suggested that the Department work with the County's visitor's bureau and others to help with funding. She does not believe that this is an impossible goal. If there is a good plan, it will bring the money back in. The waterpark and picnic areas are nearby. Big Maple Lake is adjacent to a horse barn that could provide horseback riding opportunities. It would be a full service county park that would be better than many places in the country. The Department has to think past just acquiring land that cannot be taken care of or that is not bringing in money. This will bring in money; it can be a family vacation destination and not just a county park that people go to on a Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Langbehn would like very much for the Parks Department to consider this as part of their plan. She would also like the Department to consider having an advisory board again, which wouldn't cost them anything, but would enable them to get regular input from the public.

Mr. Stan Hatfield introduced himself, saying that he was president of the Carriage and Sleigh Association of Northwest Indiana. They have 87 families as members of the club. They have carriage drives each month. They will usually use private properties for their rides but also the county parks, mostly Buckley Homestead. They have also been to Grand Kankakee Marsh and some of the other parks at times. It is Mr. Hatfield's understanding that there is other acreage available at Buckley Homestead that could be used to add more trails. His club is looking for additional acreage for their carriage drives. Mr. Hatfield does not think that adding a trail and maintaining it would be a very costly addition to the Park Department's budget.

Mr. Mike Cripe introduced himself and said that he represents the Navajo Horse Club and Equestrians for Christ. Between the two groups, there are probably about forty to sixty families. He lives next to Buckley Homestead and he thinks it is one of the nicest parks that the Department has developed. He loves riding his horses there and would like to see more trails added. There are not that many horse-riding trails in Lake County. What trails exist are very short, offering no more than a forty-five minute horse ride. Many horse clubs are more than willing to take on the maintenance of the trails as service projects throughout the year. It would be a lot more fun if they could ride trails closer to home instead of going down to Tippecanoe State Park and other such places for longer horse rides. Mr. Cripe appreciates the trails that the Parks Department has now but would like to see more acreage set aside for longer trail rides.

Another gentleman added that he would like to see the Parks Department take advantage of the acreage that is already there. The folks at Buckley Homestead and the other parks have been great to the horse riders and they, in turn, have been able to help the parks, such as at the Woodland Indian Camp and using their horses for background during various programs. He and other riders would be happy to help in any way with the development of additional trails on existing park land.

Mr. Rick Harbit introduced himself as president of the Lake County Saddle and Bridle Club. There are about forty families in the club and they have been around for about seventy years. They have ridden at Stoney Run, Deep River, Potato Creek, Tippecanoe and all the places in Lake County where they are able to ride. They would like to ride locally as much as they can, but the trails in Lake County are limited. A forty-five minute ride is about all that they can do. The club would be willing to help out as far as taking care of some of the trails and helping with making some of the trails. If they are notified, they will help out. It would be nice to make a five-acre area or a ten-acre area a winding trail that would allow for a forty-five minute to two-hour horse ride. The Lake County Saddle and Bridle Club has a meeting coming up in March and if the Parks' Department lets them know ahead of time, they can get members together at the meeting that would be willing to help the Department expand their trails.

Mr. Lawrence Turnquist introduced himself and stated that he is a co-founder of the Northwest Indiana Trail Advocates and a member of ITRA, a state-wide organization that works mostly with the DNR on all of their properties. He is also a member of Mr. Hatfield's group and Mr. Cripe's group. He would like to thank the Lake County Parks for the horse-friendly attitude that they have had. He and the other riders have gotten surprising cooperation from Parks' staff. He also commended Lake County Parks for their foresight in acquiring some of the properties that have been made into park sites. Not to shortchange the other park sites, but Deep River, Buckley Homestead and Grand Kankakee Marsh are truly outstanding properties that the residents of Lake County are very fortunate to have. Mr. Turnquist believes that it would not be very expensive to develop more horse trails. For example, at Buckley Homestead, it would be very easy to have three times the trails than are there now. The grass sod trail that is around the "back eighty" at the park is entirely adequate for both driving and riding. The cost of putting something like that in is very low. The Carriage and Sleigh Association, the Saddle and Bridle Club and the Navajo Horse Club members would be willing to help the Department with that. The most significant cost is going to be the seed. It is Mr. Turnquist's understanding that the Parks Department has unofficially approved putting in a trail around the observatory property. It should be fairly easy to do. There are other properties at Buckley Homestead that could be developed, as well. There are 83 acres to the south and east of the observatory that the

Department owns which would be a wonderful place to put a trail. Mr. Turnquist and the Northwest Indiana Trail Advocates would really appreciate it if Lake County Parks would give some consideration to more trails in their Five Year Open Space Plan.

Sandy O'Brien introduced herself and stated that she is a botanist and a land manager with her own small business. She takes care of other people's land and public land. She speaks for the natural areas and the inhabitants that live there, such as the native birds and butterflies, salamanders, northern leopard frogs, box turtles, legless lizards and all the cool things that live out in the Lake County Parks natural areas. The native, rare species need the natural areas and they need the natural areas to be in good shape. They cannot persist if the natural areas succumb to invasive species or woody brush. Natural area management is really hard these days with the climate change and increased nitrogen deposition, which can make invasive species grow faster than they ever did before. It's not so easy to manage natural areas and it's not a model for sustainability, which is often discussed. Sustainability means managing things so that future generations have something worthwhile to inherit from the previous generations. Often it seems that nature is last when it comes to spending priorities. Mrs. O'Brien thinks that, to some extent, it's because those who set the spending priorities haven't received the environmental education they need to know that natural areas need regular maintenance. They need invasive species control and they need annual fire or close to it. They need management or northwest Indiana will succumb to woody brush and invasive species invasion. Every year, small patches of invasive species have to be managed so huge areas don't need to have herbicide applied later. When there is a major overhaul of invasive species, then so much of the native plants and animals are already lost and it's very hard to get them back; in fact, they can never be fully brought back. The idea is to keep things in as good a shape as possible and restore the small areas of the good natural areas so that they can expand and stay healthy.

Mrs. O'Brien stated that she admires the organizations of the horse riders and is glad that people are out riding their horses and enjoying the natural areas. She does have some misgivings about willy nilly putting trails just anywhere. That's something that needs to be worked out as far as the higher quality natural areas are concerned. Lake County Parks has been really good at getting things done in the natural areas, such as buying more land, getting grant money to buy land and getting grant money to do natural area restoration, such as at Gibson Woods and on the Oak Savannah Trail. Lake County Parks has done pretty well without spending any of their own money, but in the future, they need to spend their own money, too. They can use their own money as a grant match because grants always require a match. The Parks Department always does so well with land acquisition, matching state money that's not theirs with federal money that's not theirs. But for natural areas restoration grants, they need to have their own local match and they need to promise to maintain them. The Coastal Grant requires twenty years of maintenance. So the Parks Department has to have a plan to maintain the natural areas. Coco Venturin, who Mrs. O'Brien understands is no longer working in natural areas, was a really good maintenance person. Though she's sure her replacement is good, there's nobody that replaces Coco; she did the work of three people. Mrs. O'Brien would like to see the Department prioritize its natural areas. Lake County has natural areas that just aren't found anywhere else. It really has such a rich heritage. Deep River County Park and Oak Ridge Prairie have very nice natural areas. Even Buckley Homestead and Lemon Lake have some natural areas; also the Oak Savannah Trail that goes through the Hobart Marsh. It was really awesome that the Department applied for the grant that she provided the initial match for. It all does good, but they have to follow up and they have to keep at it. She's been told things like, "we can't burn the Oak

Savannah Trail because there's other priorities." She can understand that the Department doesn't want to Mickey Mouse around with a small project, but that's the kind of thing that can be offloaded to a qualified contractor. It doesn't even have to cost the Department anything. Mrs. O'Brien stated that she has done over 300 burns and is a qualified contractor if the Department can't find anyone better. She thanked the Park Board for listening to her spiel. She will continue voting for natural areas.

Mrs. Christenson asked that if anyone hasn't yet signed their name to the sign-in sheet, to please do so before they leave, because they all matter. Also, please visit the website and take the survey because all the input that the Department can get will help them with their plans. Mrs. Christenson thanked everyone for coming tonight.

F. Public Hearing for 2014-2019 Five Year Open Space Plan

Mrs. Rachel Christenson reported to the Board that tonight is the second public input meeting for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This is the final public input opportunity for the Plan. The first public input meeting was in January. There was also a public input survey done, with 125 responses. The survey was available online and in paper form at the park sites. There were 85 responses for the online survey and 40 responses for the paper survey. Administrative staff took all of the responses into consideration when they put together an action plan for the next five years and beyond. Copies of this action plan are in the Board packets. It lists improvements that should be implemented in the next five years for each park site. It also contains a vision plan for each park site that extends beyond the next five years. Mrs. Christenson asked Mr. Zandstra if he had any input that he would like to add.

Mr. Zandstra stated that there was a Board retreat held a couple of months ago to give the Board members an opportunity to go over the public input responses and the items included in the action plan. Tonight's public hearing is an opportunity for the general public to make any final comments about the Plan.

Mrs. Christenson asked if anyone from the public has any comments at this time or if the Board members have any questions. Board member, Lawrence Turnquist, asked Mrs. Christenson what her current position is. Mrs. Christenson replied that she is a certified planner. In 2005, she worked for Lake County Parks as an intern and then as a planner in the Planning and Development Division. She currently works for the town of Pendleton, Indiana as a planning and zoning coordinator, though she is not representing them here tonight. She does this type of work on the side. She wrote the Newton County Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2010. She contacted Lake County Parks and Recreation and spoke with Bob Nickovich and Craig Zandstra about working on the Department's update of their Master Plan.

Mr. Zandstra added that Mrs. Christenson and he are fairly close to getting the final Plan completed. There are a few items still to be wrapped up, such as maps and some of the wording in the Plan itself. The final Plan should be ready to send to the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) for approval in a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Christenson stated that the draft was submitted in January and everything looked good at that time. Mr. Nickovich asked if she received any comments from the DNR about the draft submittal. Mrs. Christenson replied that it was positive. There were a few things that they asked her to look at in more detail regarding demographics. They also had some comments about public input, but at the time, staff had not yet completed all of the public input surveys. Input from one public input opportunity is required to be completed and included with the draft. The comments from the public hearing on the Plan at the January Board meeting were used for that requirement. Since then, all of the public input surveys have been submitted.

Mr. Turnquist asked to which department of the DNR is the Plan submitted. Mrs. Christenson replied that the plan is submitted to Greg Beilfuss in the Division of Outdoor Recreation.

After the final Plan is approved by the DNR, the Department will be eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund money. There are two documents that require the Board's signature this evening: an Assurance of Accessibility Compliance form and Resolution No. 2014-08. Copies are included in the Board packets. The Assurance of Accessibility Compliance is an ADA requirement that must be included in the final Plan. The resolution confirms the acceptance and

adoption of the final Plan by the Park Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08

Whereas, the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board is desirous of providing a quality parks and recreation system for the citizens of Lake County, Indiana; and

Whereas, in doing so, the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board recognizes the importance of sound planning; and

Whereas, the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board has sought opinions and input from citizens of Lake County in developing a five-year parks and recreation master plan; and

Whereas, the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board desires to make itself eligible to meet certain requirements for participation in grant programs.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Lake County Parks and Recreation Board hereby accepts and adopts the 2014-2018 Lake County Parks and Recreation Master Plan as its official five-year parks and recreation master plan in accordance with guidelines set forth by the State of Indiana, on this the 8th day of May, 2014.

Jim Tonkovich, President

Janet Reed, Vice President

Hester Cannon

Christopher Dilts

George Kolettis

Lawrence Turnquist

ATTEST:

Robert J. Nickovich, CEO and Secretary to the Board

After some discussion, Mr. Kolettis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-08. Ms. Cannon seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented.

Ms. Cannon made a motion to approve the Assurance of Accessibility Compliance form. Mr. Kolettis seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented.

Mr. Tonkovich asked if there were any comments from the public. Mrs. Christenson asked that those who had not put their name on the sign-in sheet when they arrived this evening to please do so when they leave tonight.

VIII. REPORTS

APPENDIX G: PUBLIC INPUT COMMENT SHEETS



Public Comment Sheet

Lake County Parks and Recreation Board

Public Input Meeting

Lake County Government Center

January 9, 2014 7:00 pm

Sustainability - leave assets, resources of nature for future generations. That means it is a priority to acquire and manage the unique natural areas in existing + future parks. Nature should not be last in spending priorities. Once the biodiversity of native plants and animals is gone, it is often gone forever. The Park Board and Staff should become environmentally educated enough to know that this is a spending priority. Nature can't manage itself, NW IN natural areas evolved with fire - it just has to have it or it fades away. Parkland needs annual maintenance.

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