

2017 Parks and Recreation Plan



Survey Results

Data Overview

Overview

- 86 Surveys received.
- The majority (69.6%) visit Everson parks at least once per month, which includes 43.0% who visit at least once per week.
- The highest percentage of respondents have a family size of 2 (43.4%). The average family size is 3.2.
- 26.8% of respondents have children under the age 6 and 34.1% have children between the ages of 6 and 17.
- The highest percentage of respondents are somewhat satisfied with Community parks (39.5%) with maintenance a priority for 62.8%.
- The highest percentage of respondents are neutral about Neighborhood parks (40.0%), with maintenance being a priority for 55.2%.

Overview, cont.

- At Ramstead Park, nature trails, picnic areas, and nature areas received the highest average scores. Tennis, baseball, and basketball facilities received the lowest average scores.
- The highest percentage of respondents are somewhat satisfied with Everson's trail network (35.1%), with 57.0% prioritizing expansion of the system.
- When ranking preference for general recreation facilities, nature trails, natural areas, and picnic areas received the highest average scores. Skateboard, baseball, and bike facilities received the lowest average scores.

Methodology

- Surveys were mailed with utility bills to utility customers.
- Respondents were instructed to return one survey per household.
- The total number of responses vary from question to question given that some people chose not to respond to particular questions.

Survey Questions and Data Tables

Question 1

On average, which of the following best describes how often you and those in your household use City parks and trail facilities?

Frequency	Number	Percentage
At least once per week	34	43.0%
1-3 times per month	21	26.6%
1-12 times per year	17	21.5%
Less than once per year	7	8.9%
Total	79	100.0%

Question 2

How many persons are in your household?

Number in Household	Number	Percentage
1	4	4.8%
2	36	43.4%
3	14	16.9%
4	15	18.1%
5	7	8.4%
6	4	4.8%
8	1	1.2%
9	1	1.2%
12	1	1.2%
Total	83	100.0%
Average Household Size	3.2	

Question 3

Does your household include children under the age of 6?

	Number	Percentage
Yes	22	26.8%
No	60	73.2%
Total	82	100.0%

Question 4

Does your household include children between the ages of 6 and 17?

	Number	Percentage
Yes	28	34.1%
No	54	65.9%
Total	82	100.0%

Question 5

How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the City’s existing community parks?

	Number	Percentage
Very satisfied	18	22.2%
Somewhat satisfied	32	39.5%
Neutral	13	16.0%
Somewhat dissatisfied	14	17.3%
Very dissatisfied	4	4.9%
Total	81	100.0%

Question 6

Which of the following is more important in relation to community parks?

	Number	Percentage
Expand	29	37.2%
Maintain	49	62.8%
Total	78	100.0%

Question 7

Please list the new or expanded facilities that you would like added to City community parks:

Common answers:

- Restrooms
- Dog park
- More seating
- Updated playground equipment
- More trails

Question 8

How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the City’s existing neighborhood parks?

	Count	Percentage
Very satisfied	5	7.1%
Somewhat satisfied	8	11.4%
Neutral	28	40.0%
Somewhat dissatisfied	14	20.0%
Very dissatisfied	15	21.4%
Total	70	100.0%

Question 9

Which of the following is more important in relation to neighborhood parks?

	Number	Percentage
Expand	30	44.8%
Maintain	37	55.2%
Total	67	100.0%

Question 10

Please list the new or expanded facilities that you would like added to City neighborhood parks:

Common answers:

- New playground equipment at Sable Park
- Restrooms
- More seating
- Updated playground equipment
- Dog park

Question 11

On a scale of 0 to 10 (from not at all important to the most important), how important is it to you that Ramstead Park include the following?

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Average
Baseball	16	4	8	4	3	14	3	4	4	3	7	4.1
Soccer	11	1	7	3	2	14	5	6	5	4	13	5.4
Tennis	19	5	5	5	8	13	2	4	3	1	2	3.3
Basketball	12	4	5	4	3	12	6	7	4	6	6	4.8
Running Trail	4	1	1	2	4	10	4	6	8	5	26	7.2
Nature Trail	2	0	1	1	1	7	3	7	9	8	36	8.2
Nature Area	2	3	1	0	1	6	4	6	9	10	31	7.9
Picnic Area	2	0	0	0	2	9	9	8	11	10	24	7.7

Question 12

Please list other facilities that you would like to see included in Ramstead Park:

Common answers:

- Dog park/off-leash area
- Restrooms
- Playground
- Water/spray park
- Pool

Question 13

How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the City’s existing trail system?

	Number	Percentage
Very satisfied	13	16.9%
Somewhat satisfied	27	35.1%
Neutral	24	31.2%
Somewhat dissatisfied	12	15.6%
Very dissatisfied	1	1.3%
Total	77	100.0%

Question 14

Which of the following is more important in relation to the City's trail system?

	Number	Percentage
Expand	45	57.0%
Maintain	34	43.0%
Total	79	100.0%

Question 15

List locations where you would like to see new trail segments added:

Common answers:

- Along the river
- Ramstead Park

Question 16

On a scale of 0 to 10 (from no support to the strongest support), please rate your level of support for each of the following potential recreational facilities:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Average
Baseball	11	6	5	6	4	14	3	2	7	3	10	4.7
Soccer	10	2	4	4	3	18	6	3	7	5	11	5.4
Pool	16	4	3	3	2	7	2	3	6	5	18	5.3
Sprinkler	7	2	4	1	4	9	4	2	7	5	25	6.6
Picnic area	4	0	1	1	2	12	2	2	13	10	25	7.5
Skateboard	18	8	2	5	3	11	5	1	6	1	10	4.1
Bike	11	5	5	5	7	9	5	4	7	3	11	4.9
Nature trails	2	2	0	1	1	7	2	5	13	8	34	8.1
Natural areas	4	2	1	1	1	8	1	5	12	7	33	7.7

Question 17

Please list other recreational facilities you would like to see:

Common answers:

- Dog parks/off-leash areas
- Community gardens

Question 18

Please use the space below to provide any additional comments related to the City's parks, recreation and trail facilities—as they currently exist or how you would like to see them in the future:

Common answers:

- Ensure the City has a maintenance plan for parks
- Add more trails
- Add playgrounds
- Safety/security concerns at parks
- Garbage cans/picnic tables needed